

# PEIRCE GENEALOGY,

BEING THE

RECORD OF THE POSTERITY OF JOHN PERS,

AN EARLY INHABITANT OF

WATERTOWN, IN NEW ENGLAND,

WHO CAME FROM NORWICH, NORFOLK COUNTY, ENGLAND;

WITH

NOTES ON THE HISTORY OF OTHER FAMILIES OF  
PEIRCE, PIERCE, PEARCE, ETC.

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I love the lineage of heroes; but I love merit more.  
Patents of nobility are but phantoms; true worth is within.  
Kings are nothing but men, and all men are equal.

KING FREDERICK OF PRUSSIA.

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WORCESTER:

PRESS OF CHAS. HAMILTON,

NO. 311 MAIN STREET.

1880.



Yours Very Truly  
Frederick C. Pierce

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TO

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TO WHOSE ENTERPRISE AND LIBERALITY IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF AMPLE  
TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES THROUGH SOUTHERN AND WESTERN TEXAS,

THE PEOPLE OF THAT GREAT SECTION OF COUNTRY OWE A DEBT OF  
GRATITUDE; AND FOR WHOM

THE AUTHOR OF THIS VOLUME

ENTERTAINS THE HIGHEST PERSONAL ESTEEM FOR HIS INTEGRITY, ENTER-  
PRISE, SAGACITY AND LIBERALITY,

THIS WORK IS

Most Respectfully Dedicated

BY HIS FRIEND,

THE AUTHOR.



CONCERNING THIS NEPULAR HISTORY, THEN ;

IS IT A HUMAN INVENTION OR IS IT A

DIVINE RECORD. IS IT "A TALE TOLD BY

AN IDIOT SIGNIFYING NOTHING," OR IS IT A

PLAN OF INFINITE IMAGINATION SIGNIFYING

IMMORTALITY ?

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## AUTHOR'S PREFACE.

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For the past six years the undersigned has been engaged in compiling the genealogy of the descendants of John Pers, who was one of the early settlers in Watertown, N. E. When I first began the work my father was unable to give me the name of his grandfather and he knew nothing of his relatives back of his father, paternally or maternally. By ransacking musty old papers, records, and garrets, extensive correspondence with persons bearing the name of Pierce, Peirce, and Pearce, and with persons interested in genealogical studies, and also by extensive traveling, I have at last succeeded in putting together the data contained in this volume. The task of compiling has been an easy one compared with that of arranging and properly classifying the mass of matter which has accumulated in the six years. There were so many early settlers in New England by the name of Peirce, and so many bearing similar names, the work has been at times very perplexing and puzzling.

I take this opportunity to tender my sincere thanks and acknowledgments to all those who have so kindly furnished me with information and statistics. To Prof. James Mills Peirce of Harvard University, Hon. Edward L. Peirce, Prof. Benjamin O. Peirce of Beverly and Miss Mary F. Peirce of Cambridge, John Ward Dean, A. M., the efficient and courteous librarian of the New England Historic-Genealogical Society, my thanks are particularly due. Trusting that the work will be received by the various members of the family in America as a work of love and not of pecuniary gain,

I remain, very truly,

FREDERICK CLIFTON PEIRCE.

BARRE, MASS., *July 30, 1880.*

NOTE ON THE SPELLING AND PRONUNCIATION OF THE NAME OF  
PEIRCE, BY PROF. JAMES M. PEIRCE OF HARVARD UNIVERSITY,  
TAKEN FROM THE *Genealogical Register*.

The *spelling* of the name of Peirce is generally supposed to have no significance in determining relationships. Certainly a great variety in this regard will be found in printed and written documents from the settlement of New England until now. But my observation leads me to believe that a high degree of uniformity exists in the spelling, *as used by persons bearing the name*, in any one family connection. Thus the descendants of Robert of Woburn, and I believe nearly the whole body of the descendants of John of Watertown, from the beginning to the present day, almost everywhere use the spelling *Peirce*; though John himself appears to sign his will *Pers* or *Perss* in an antiquated hand resembling German *Script*. The spelling *Pearse* in the will of his wife Elizabeth is not written by the testator, who signs only by *mark*. On the other hand the descendants of Samuel of Charlestown and of Sergt. Thomas of Woburn most commonly employ the spelling *Pierce*, which is also, I *think*, that of the signature of the will of Thomas, senior, of Charlestown, which may, however, be *Peirce* or *Peerce*. In the old *pronunciation* of the name, according to the tradition prevalent in several branches of the family of John of Watertown, the vowel-sound was the same that we now hear in the words *pear*, *heir* and *their*; and this pronunciation is remembered by living persons as having been sometimes used by old-fashioned people. This was probably quite independent of the spelling. The same sound was, according to A. J. Ellis, used in the verb *to pierce*, in the 17th century, and by some in the 18th century. On the other hand, the verb may be occasionally heard with the pronunciation *perce* (or *purse*), which is now the prevalent pronunciation of all forms of the surname in the neighborhood of Boston.

Let me add that the great number of families of this name among the early settlers of New England makes it exceedingly difficult to trace the different lines. Savage is guilty of many omissions under this name, and has committed some decided mistakes. The perplexity in which all printed authorities leave the subject make the matter very difficult for the author.

JAMES MILLS PEIRCE.

Cambridge, Mass.

## IRISH BRANCH OF PEIRCES.

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There was one branch of the Peirce family which went into Ireland from England during the reign of Queen Elizabeth. This branch went from Northumberland County, England. Several of the members were soldiers with Oliver Cromwell, and went with him to Ireland in 1649, and settled at Glencanny on Hillywater, two miles from Enniskillen, and the farm upon which they located is still in the possession of the family—owned and occupied by William Peirce, Esq. Seven members of this family were in the battle of the Boyne, in 1690. Four or five were members of the celebrated Enniskillen Dragoons. In the old family bible at Enniskillen, translated by Beza and published by Barker, London, 1599, is the following record:—"Sarah, b. Nov. 16, 1694; Elizabeth, b. April 22, 1698; Edward, b. July 23, 1701; Henry, b. April 9, 1704; John, b. Aug. 17, 1707; William, b. Nov. 14, 1709; Mary, b. May 14, 1712; Cromwell, b. — 18, 1715; Peter, b. — 16, 1718." The early family records and also the early parish records at Glencanny I am informed were destroyed. The family were members of the Church of England. Edward, b. 1701, m. in Dublin, Frances Brassington, dau. of Marmaduke. In 1737, with his wife and three children he sailed for America—two of the children died on the passage over—and he landed in Philadelphia. He purchased a farm in Delaware County, Pa., and finally settled in Paoli, Chester County, Pa., where he died. His descendants now reside in Pa.

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## JOHN PEIRCE OF LONDON.

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The first patent granted by the Council of Plymouth, of land in New England, was to John Peirce of London, and his associates, dated June 1, 1621. This was a roaming patent granting 100 acres for each settler already transplanted and such as should be transported:

the land to be selected by them under certain restrictions. Peirce located at Broad Bay, and afterwards found one Brown at N. Harbor, with an Indian deed of the territory, and they joined their titles and continued the settlement already begun at N. Harbor and Pemaquid, which became prosperous and populous as the extensive remains at these points strongly indicate.

Thomas Weston was associated with Peirce in this enterprise, and both were doubtless men of influence in those days. John Peirce's son Richard Peirce was a resident at Pemaquid, or rather Muscongus, and married Elizabeth Brown. Richard Peirce's children were Richard, William, Joseph, Elizabeth who m. Richard Fulworth, George, Margaret who m. Nathaniel Ward, and Francis.

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## PEIRCE PROCLIVITIES.

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A prominent and distinguishing trait of character in the Peirce Family is casually exposed to view by the Historian Babson, in his description of the tumultuous proceedings occasioned by the violent party spirit that prevailed in the country after the embargo of President Jefferson in 1806. "At a town meeting held in Gloucester, the two political parties struggled for the mastery through the day and amid darkness until half-past ten at night, and the floor of the church wherein the meeting was held he describes as presenting a scene of wild confusion and discord worthy of Pandemonium itself. The leaders of each party entertained their friends with unbounded hospitality, and each had its own place of refreshment for general resort." But he adds:—"The Democrats not unreasonably expected success as they had the influence of the Peirce family." Young ducks do not take to the water more naturally than the Peirce family throughout the country to democratic principles. Indomitable perseverance is also a trait that marks their character in every department of life, and has generally crowned their efforts with ultimate success, though attained after repeated and sometimes very mortifying failures."

GEN. E. W. PEIRCE.





PEIRCE COAT OF ARMS.

Three Ravens rising sable.

Fesse-hummette.

Motto—*Dixit et Fecit*, (He said and he did).

Crest—Dove with olive branch in beak.

## A GENEALOGICAL DICTIONARY

OF THE FIRST SETTLERS IN NEW ENGLAND, BY THE NAME OF PEIRCE (HOWEVER  
SPELLED), SHOWING THREE GENERATIONS OF THOSE WHO CAME BEFORE  
MAY, 1692, ON THE BASIS OF FARMER'S AND SAVAGE'S REGISTERS.

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ABRAHAM, Plymouth, 1623, had share in the division of cattle 1627 ; one of the original purchasers of ancient Bridgewater in 1645, by wf. Rebecca had *Abraham*, b. Jan., 1638 ; *Isaac*, b. 1661 [?] ; *Rebecca* ; *Mary* ; *Alice*, bap. Barnstable, July 21, 1650, d. Duxbury, 1673. Haz. I., 326 ; Baylies II., 254. Peirce Genealogy by Gen. Peirce, p. 8. Davis, Morton's N. E. Mem., 382. 2 Coll. Mass. Hist. Soc., VII., 138.

ABRAHAM, JR., s. of the preceding, of Duxbury, ad. freeman 1670, by wife Hannah had *Abraham* ; *John* ; *Samuel*. He d. Jan., 1718.

ANTHONY, Watertown, eldest s. of John of Watertown, b. in England, ad. freeman Sept. 3, 1634, he *had two wives. Sarah and Ann*, the first d. 1633. and the second Jan. 20, 1682-3. He d. May 9, 1678. Ch. *John*, "eldest son ;" *Mary*, b. Oct. 20, 1633 ; *Mary*, b. 1636, m. Ralph Read of Woburn ; *Jacob*, b. Sept. 15, 1637 ; *Daniel*, b. Jan. 1, 1639-40, d. Watertown, 1723 ; *Martha*, b. April 24, 1641 ; *Joseph* ; *Benjamin*, b. 1649 ; *Judith*, b. July 18, 1650, m. John Sawin, 16 Feb., 1667.

AZENIKAM, or AZRAKIM, Warwick, came from Weymouth, s. of Ephraim, b. Jan. 4, 1672. Ch. *Samuel* and *Tabitha*, and perhaps others.

BENJAMIN, Scituate, s. of Capt. Michael, m. 1678, Martha, dau. of James Adams, had *Martha*, *Jerusha*, *Benjamin*, *Ebenezer*, *Persis*, *Caleb*, *Thomas*, *Adams*, *Jeremiah*, and *Elisha*, all b. between 1679 and 1699.—*Deane's Scituate*.

BENJAMIN, Watertown, s. of Anthony, b. 1649, m. Jan. 15, 1677-8, Hannah, dau. of Joshua Brooks of Concord. Ch. *Hannah*, b. Dec. 25, 1679 ; *Benjamin*, b. April 29, 1682, d. Nov., 1683 ; *Grace*, b. Jan. 4, 1685 ; *Sarah*, b. Jan. 1, 1687-8 ; *Samuel*, b. Aug. 22, 1689 ; *Lydia*, b. Oct. 3, 1692 ; *Hannah*, b. Jan. 2, 1699-1700, freeman, 1690.—*Brooks' Medford*.



BENJAMIN, Sr. of Woburn, s. of Thomas, Jr. (or John) of the same, by wf. Mary (dau. of Benjamin Reed), had *Benjamin*, b. Aug. 28, 1689, d. 27 Nov., 1713; *Mary*, b. Jan. 29, 1691-2; *Esther*, b. Oct. 25, 1696; *Rebecca*, b. Oct. 10, 1698; *Deborah*, b. Dec. 5, 1700; *Thomas*, b. Nov. 23, 1702; *Zurishaddai*, b. June 22, 1705. He d. 1739, leaving widow Mary.

DANIEL, Watertown and Newbury, blacksmith, came in the *Elizabeth* from Ipswich, Suffolk County (called of London by Coffin in History of Newbury, p. 314), in 1634, aged 23; freeman May 2, 1638, by wife Sarah had *Daniel*, b. May 15, 1642; *Joshua*, b. May 15, 1643; *Martha*, b. Feb. 14, 1648. He sw. fidel. 1652, and m. 2nd, Dec. 26, 1654, Ann (Goodale), wid. of Thomas Milward, and d. leav. good est. Nov. 27, 1677. His wid. d. Nov. 27, 1690, and wife's dau. (not his dau. as Savage says) Rebecca Milward m. a Thorpe.—*Gen. Reg.*, Vol. XXIX., No. 115.

DANIEL, Groton, afterwards of Watertown, s. of Anthony, by wf. Elizabeth had *Elizabeth* (m. Mixer), b. May 16, 1665; *Daniel*, b. Nov. 28, 1666; *John*, b. Aug. 18, 1668; *Ephraim*, b. Oct. 15, 1673; *Josiah*, b. May 2, 1675; *Joseph*; *Abigail*, b. Jan. 3, 1681; *Hannah* (m. Smith), bap. and *Benjamin*, bap. Jan. 16, 1686-7; *Mary*, who m. a Scriptor (see Daniel's will).—*Bond's Watertown*. *Butler's Groton*.

DANIEL, Newbury, s. of Daniel, same, by wife Elizabeth, had *Daniel*, b. Dec. 20, 1663; *Anne*, b. May 22, 1666; *Benjamin*, b. Feb. 20, 1668-9; *Joshua*, b. Oct. 16, 1671; *Thomas*, b. May, 1674; *Martha*, b. Feb. 26, 1676-7; *Sarah*, b. Oct. 3, 1679; *George*, b. March 5, 1682-3; *Mary*, b. April 14, 1685; *John*, b. Oct. 16, 1687; *Katherine*, b. Sept. 18, 1690; was a Captain, Rep. 1682-3, of the Council of Safety on the Rev. 1689, Col. of one of the Essex Regts., Rep. under the new charter in the import. yr. 1692, and d. April 22, 1704, accord. to his gr. Stone, and not as Farmer. Savage and Hutchinson say, viz. (Jan. 22, and April 4), *Gen. Reg.* Vol. XXIV., No. 115. His wid. d. Dec. 9, 1709, and his s. Daniel, and his wf. Joanna and dau. Joanna all d. 1690. Savage is in error about his dau. Joanna, he had none—and also the date of his wf's death (1690), for he d. 1704, and men. in will his "loving wf. Elizabeth."

EDWARD, Watertown, and Wethersfield, Conn., 1639, died in Simsbury, Conn., s. p., Conn. Pub. Rec. May, 1743.—*Bond's Watertown*.

EPHRAIM, Weymouth, prob. s. of Capt. Michael of Scituate, by

wf. Haunah, dau. of John Holbrook, had *Azrikam*, b. Jan. 4, 1672; prob. Ephraim; and perhaps others.

GEORGE, Boston, a smith, m. Mary, dau. of Richard Woodhouse, had *Mary*, b. June 20, 1661, and he d. Dec. 7, 1661.

GEORGE, Portsmouth, R. I., m. April 7, 1687, Alice, dau. of Richard Hart, had *Susanna*, b. Aug. 21, 1688; and per. others.

GILES, Greenwich, R. I., 1687.

ISAAC, Boston, tailor, s. of Samuel of Woburn, b. March 22, 1687, m. Grace, dau. of Lewis Tucker of Casco, May 5, 1708. She was b. 1680.

JAMES, Boston, killed in youth by lightning, at Plymouth, 1660.

JAMES, Woburn, s. of Thomas, Jr., b. 1659, m. Elizabeth Kendall, and had *Elizabeth*, b. Oct. 11, 1688; *James*, b. Feb. 28, 1690; *Rebecca* and *Mary*.

JEREMIAH, East Greenwich, R. I., b. in Eng. prob. Feb. 7, 1679, m. Abigail Long, and had eight ch.

JOHN, the patentee under the Pres. and Counc. for N. E., June 1, 1621, though connected with the Pilgrims of Plymouth, never came, in my opinion, to this shore, yet Willis seems contrary, I., 13. After most respectful consideration of the document referred to in his note I am constrained to express a confidence, that the London clothworker never succeeded in accomplishing, though he undertook, a voyage to Plymouth, the ship being put back in distress. My judgment seems to have confirmation by what is read in Bradford, 140, his son *Richard* came over and settled in Pemaquid, or rather Muscongus.

JOHN, Dorchester, mariner, came from Stepney, Middsx. Co., Eng., by wf. Parnell had *Joseph*, b. Sept. 30, 1631; *Abigail*, b. July 17, 1633; *John*, b. March 3, 1634, d. March 30, 1634; *Nehemiah*, b. July 12, 1637, d. Sept., 1639. His wf. Parnell d. Sept., 1639.

JOHN, Dorchester, adm. freeman 1631, selectman 1633-6-41, prop. of lands, 1656. Rep. Mar., 1639. rev. to Boston, 1642; his first wife Mary d. July 12, 1647, and he m. then, Aug. 10, 1654, Rebecca Wheeler, wid. of Thomas Wheeler. Ch. *Nehemiah*; *Samuel*; *Mchitable*; *Mary*; *Marcy*; and *Exercise*. He was a cooper and d. Sept. 17, 1651. See *Hist. Dorchester*, p. 71. Savage has these two last Johns confounded.

JOHN, Watertown, freeman, March, 1638, a man of good estate, projected settlement at Sudbury and Lancaster, d. May 9, 1661: and his will of March 4, 1658, was pro. the Oct. 1, following. In it he provides for wf. Elizabeth, eldest s. Anthony, and other ch. which he does not name; but his wid. in her will of March 15, 1666-7, pro. April 2, supplies the deficiency, naming ch. Anthony, John, Robert, Esther Morse, wf. of Joseph, Mary Coldam prob. res. in Lynn, besides gr. chil. Mary Ball, and ano. Ball, Esther Morse, and the chil. of Anthony and Robert; he also had ch. Judith, who m. Francis Wyman; and Elizabeth, who m. John Ball, Jr.; the two latter d. bef. their father.

JOHN, Boston, Woburn, Wethersfield, Conn., s. of John, Watertown, by wf. Elizabeth had *John* and *Elizabeth*, tws. b. June 16, 1643, d. young; *John*, b. Nov. 23, 1644; *Joseph*, b. Sept. 12, 1646; *Thomas*, b. May 3, 1649.

JOHN, Gloucester, husbandman, freeman, 1651, he m. Nov. 4, 1643, Elizabeth — who d. July 3, 1673, he then m. Sept. 12, 1673, Jane Stanwood who d. Aug. 18, 1706, his ch. were *Mary*, b. Sept., 1650, and *John*, b. July 14, 1653. He d. Dec. 15, 1695.

JOHN, Boston, s. of Anthony, cannot be the one adm. as an inhabt. Feb. 28, 1643, as Savage states; m. April 15, 1656, Ruth, dau. of Nathaniel and Alice Bishop, b. April 14, 1639, and had *Hannah*, b. June 30, 1660, d. July 28, 1662; *Ruth*, b. Nov. 22, 1662; *Hannah*, b. Nov. 1, 1665; *Sarah*, b. June 1, 1668, d. young; *Ell* [?], b. April 15, 1670; *Rebecca*, b. April 12, 1672, d. infant; *Nathaniel*, b. April 10, 1678; *Rebecca*, b. Feb. 15, 1679; *Sarah*, b. Sept. 9, 1682. His will is dated Oct. 21, 1682.—*Suff. Prob. VI., p. 389.*

JOHN, Hartford, Conn., 1640, a youth who prob. rev. soon.

JOHN, Charlestown, 1652. s. of Thomas, Sen., of same, but I do not think (as Savage suggests) that he is the one who had a wife Elinor and rev. to Kittery, for John and Elinor were inhabitants of the Colony as early as 1639; but it seems to me prob. that he died soon after his father (1666) and that he is the "uncle John" named in the will of Samuel, Charlestown.

JOHN, Boston, mason or bricklayer, by wf. Isabell, had *Samuel*, b. Jan. 14, 1659, d. same day; *Mary*, b. March 13, 1661, m. William Wilson; *Sarah*, b. Aug. 10, 1665; *Jacob*, and d. June 20, 1664; *Joseph*.

JOHN, Woburn, yeoman, ensign, s. of Thomas, Jr., b. 1643, m. July 5, 1663, Deborah Convers, dau. of James, had *Deborah*, b. Oct. 30, 1666; *John*, b. Jan. 26, 1671, m. Mary Parker; *Thomas*, b. Dec. 23, 1673; *James*, b. Aug. 6, 1674, d. Sept. 13, 1685; *Daniel*, b. Oct. 7, 1676, m. Dinah Holt; *James*, b. Oct. 8, 1686; *Ebenezer*, b. 1687; *Joseph*, b. Aug. 24, 1688, m. Mary ———; *Ruth*, b. 1690.

JOHN, Salem, lieut., 1675, See Felt., II., 497.

JOHN, Springfield, m. 1677, Lydia, dau. of Miles Morgan, had *Nathaniel*, b. 1679; *John*, b. 1683; *Jonathan*; rev. to Enfield, there had *Lydia*, b. 1693, and he d. Sept., 1696, leaving the wf. and these ch.

JOHN, York, 1680, took o. of alleg. next yr., had sevl. yrs. bef. m. Phebe Nash, wid. of Isaac.

JOHN, Gloucester, s. of John, same, m. Mary dau. of Robert Ratchell of Boston, had *Rachel*, *John*, *Stephen*, and *Silas*; he rev. from G. in 1682.—*Babson*.

JOHN, Woodbury, s. of John, Jr., of Wethersfield, b. 1644, m. Ann Huthwitt, the defrauded orphan, had *John*, b. Sept. 10, 1683, m. Comfort Jenner; *Elizabeth*, b. Aug. 10, 1685, he d. Nov. 19, 1731.—*Cothren*.

JOHN, Scituate, s. of Capt. Michael, same, m. 1683, Patience, dau. of Anthony Dodson, had *Michael*, *John*, *Jonathan*, *Ruth*, *Jael*, *David* and *Clothier*, b. bet. 1684 and 98.—*Deane*.

JONATHAN, Woburn, s. of Robert, of same, b. 1663, m. Nov. 19, 1689, Hannah Wilson, had *Hannah*, b. March 8, 1691, d. Sept. 13, 1693; *Jonathan*, b. May 11, 1693, d. July 7, 1694; he d. June 17, 1694.

JOSEPH, Woburn, s. of Thomas, Jr., m. June 24, 1681, Mary Richardson. He d. s. p. 1716; soldier in 1675.

JOSEPH, Watertown, s. of Anthony, had wf. Martha, and m. 2nd, 1698, Elizabeth (Kendall) Winship, freeman 1690, April 18. Ch. *Joseph*, b. 1669; *Francis*, b. 1671; *John*, b. 1673; *Mary*, b. 1674; *Benjamin*, b. 1677; *Jacob*, b. 1679; *Martha*, b. 1681; *Stephen*, b. 1683; *Israel*, b. 1685; *Elizabeth*, b. 1687.

JOSHUA, Newbury, s. of Daniel, Sen., m. May 7, 1668, Dorothy, dau. of Maj. Robert Pike, had *Sarah*, b. March 18, 1668-9, m. Dr. Humphrey Bradstreet; *Joshua*, b. Jan. 14, 1670, m. Elizabeth Hall.—*Gen. Reg.*, July, 1875, p. 278.



MARMADUKE (Percy), Salem, 1639, charged with killing his apprentice. Winthrop I., 318-19. He came, 1637, from Sandwich in Kent, with wf. Mary and servt.—*Boyd's Sandwich*, p. 752; *Felt*, I., 169; *Ib.*, II., 458.

Capt. MICHAEL, Hingham, Scituate. Ch. *Persis, Benjamin, John, Ephraim, Elizabeth, Deborah, Ann, Abia, Ruth*; he m. a second wf. Ruth, was a capt. of great bravery, in command of 50 Eng. and 20 friendly Indians from Cape Cod, in Philip's War, and was with most of them killed March 26, 1676, at Pawtucket fight in Rehoboth—*Deane's Scituate*, pp. 122, 325.

NATHANIEL, Woburn, s. of Robert of the same, was sol. in K. Philip's War and was in the memorable battle at the falls of the Coun. River, May 19, 1676; m. Dec. 27, 1677, Hannah Convers, had Nathaniel, b. Feb. 2, 1678-9; his wf. d. Mar., 1678. He m. 2nd, Elizabeth (Peirce) Foster,\* wid. of Hopestill of Charlestown and dau. of Thomas Peirce, Jr., and had *Mary, Hannah, Ichabod, Robert*.

NEHEMIAH, Boston, cooper, 1661; art. Co. 1671; m. 1684, Ann, wid. of Samuel Mosely, eldest dau. of Isaac Addington and d. 1691. Admr. was giv. Apr. 28 of this yr. to his wid.

NEHEMIAH, Boston, by wf. Phebe had *Phebe*, b. Aug. 31, 1663; *Mary*, b. Aug. 21, 1673.

RICHARD, Portsmouth, R. I., had prob. other ch. besides Susanna, who m. Dec. 4, 1673, George Brownell.

RICHARD, Pemaquid, s. of John, m. Elizabeth Brown. He was a carpenter; he is, I think, the man to whom in Jan., 1642, an Indian Sagamore made large gr. of lands and islands, as may be seen in Genal. Reg. XIII., 365; took o. of fidel. 1674. Ch. *Richard, William, Joseph, Elizabeth* who m. Richard Falmoth, *George, Margaret* who m. Nathaniel Ward, and *Francis*.

RICHARD, Boston, printer, m. Aug. 27, 1680, Sarah, dau. of Rev. Seaborn Cotton. *Thomas' Hist.* I., 282. For Benjamin Harris, bookseller, he pub. Sept. 25, 1690, the *first* No. of a newspaper, of wh. the *sec.* never appeared. See *Felt* II., 14.

RICHARD, Tiverton, R. I., m. Susannah Wright and had 12 ch. His will prov. 1677. He is the ancestor of nearly all the R. I. Pearces.

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\* She had been prev. m. to Thomas Whittemore, of Woburn.

ROBERT, Dorchester, m. Ann, dau. of John Greenway, and had *Deborah*, b. Feb., 1640, d. few wks.; was freeman May 18, 1642, and d. Jan. 6, 1665, leav. only s. Thomas, and Mary who m. Apr. 15, 1650, Thomas Hearing (not Haven), town records of Dedham see. His wid. d. Dec. 31, 1695, "the oldest person prob. that ever liv. in Dor." says the History, p. 261, aged "about 104 years." Of his will good abst. is in Gen. Reg. XIII., 154. Some of the *bread* brot. over from Eng. by him is still in the poss. of his des. in Dor.

ROBERT, Ipswich, m. Abigail, dau. of Mark Symonds of the same.

ROBERT, Watertown, s. of John, same, freeman 1650; rev. to Woburn; m. Mary Knight. Ch. *Judith, Mary, Nathaniel, Elizabeth, Jonathan, Joseph, John* and *Benjamin*.

ROBERT, Charlestown, s. of Thomas, Sen., same, m. Feb. 18, 1657, Sarah Eyre.

SAMUEL, Malden, s. of Thomas, Sen., of Chast., by wf. Mary, had *Mary*, b. June 20, 1656; *Thomas*, b. Jan. 7, 1658, m. Elizabeth Hall; *John*, b. Aug. 10, 1659, d.; *Joseph*, b. Aug., 1660, d. bef. 1678; *Jonathan*, b. 1661, m. Mary Lobdell; *John*, b. 1664, m. Elizabeth Mudge; *Elizabeth*, b. Oct. 16, 1666; *Persis*, b. Jan. 30, 1668; *Abigail*, b. Apr. 16, 1670, d. bef. 1708; *Hannah*, b. Dec. 28, 1671; *Benjamin*, b. Aug. 15, 1675, d. bef. 1678; *Samuel*, m. Mary Orton.

SAMUEL, Boston, cooper, 1672.

SAMUEL, Woburn, s. of Thomas, Jr., same, freeman 1684; m. Dec. 9, 1680, Lydia Bacon, and had *Samuel*, b. Nov. 25, 1681, m. Abigail Johnson; *Lydia*, b. May 25, 1683; *Joseph*, b. Mar. 28, 1685, d. young; *Isaac*, b. Mar. 22, 1687, m. Grace Tucker; *Abigail*, b. Feb. 27, 1689; *Sarah*, b. June 22, 1691; *Ruth*, b. Feb. 14, 1693; *Tabitha*, b. Aug. 28, 1697, d. Sept. 30, 1697; *Tabitha*, b. Mar. 10, 1700.

STEPHEN, Chelmsford, s. of Thomas, Jr., Charlestown, by wf. Tabitha Parker, had *Jacob, Benjamin, Sarah, Tabitha, Stephen*.

STEPHEN, Chelmsford, s. of Stephen, same, by wife Esther Fletcher, had *Robert, Oliver, Esther, William, Stephen, Tabitha, Remembrance, Sarah, Mary*, and *Benjamin*, the gr.-father of Pres. Franklin Peirce of the U. S.—*Gen. Reg.* VII., 10.

THOMAS, Charlestown, from England, adm. to church 1634, freeman 1635, by wf. Elizabeth had *John, Samuel, Thomas* b. 1618, *Robert, Mary, Elizabeth, Persis*, and *Abigail*. He. d. Oct. 7, 1666.

THOMAS, Charlestown Village *alias* Woburn; m. May 6, 1635. Elizabeth Cole, often styled "Sergt. Thomas," selectman, Woburn, 1660; had ch. *Ensign John*, b. Mar. 7, 1643; *Thomas*, b. June 2, 1645; *Elizabeth*, b. Dec. 25, 1646; *Joseph*, b. Sept. 22, 1648, d. Feb. 27, 1649; *Joseph*, b. Aug. 13, 1649; *Stephen*, b. July 16, 1651; *Samuel*, b. Feb. 20, 1654, d. Oct. 27, 1655; *Samuel*, b. Apr. 7, 1656; *William*, b. Mar. 7, 1658; *James*, b. May 7, 1659; *Abigail*, b. Nov. 20, 1660; *Benjamin*, m. Mary Reed.

THOMAS, Setauket, L. I., 1661, had that year a commission as a magistrate of Coun.

THOMAS, Dorchester, only s. of Robert of Dorchester, m. Mary, dau. of George Proctor, and had nine ch., of wh. were *Thomas*, bap. Oct. 26, 1662; *Mary*, b. Apr., 1665; *John*, b. Oct. 26, 1668; besides *Samuel*, killed Dec. 16, 1698, by the fall of a tree. His wf. d. Mar. 22, 1704, æ 62, and he d. Oct. 26, 1706, æ 71. He was the ancestor of the late well-beloved Rev. John Peirce, D.D., of Brookline, Harvard Coll. 1793.

THOMAS, Gloucester, had wf. Ann, who d. Jan. 26, 1668, perhaps dau. Elizabeth d. July 3, 1673.

WILLIAM, Boston, a distinguished shipmaster, made more voyages than any other person in the same years to and from Boston, was killed by the Spaniards at Providence in the Bahamas July 13, 1641. *Winthrop* II., 33. Prince says in *Annals* II., 69, he was the ancestor of Rev. James, a distinguished theologian of Exeter, Eng., who d. 1730.

WILLIAM, Boston, came in the *Griffin* and arrived Sept. 4, 1633, with Cotton, Hooker, Gov. Haynes, and other churchmen, was made freeman May 14, following; often a selectman; d. 1661. He had early m. Sarah, dau. of William Colbron, had dau. Sarah, nam. Sarah Colpit in the will of her gr.-f. But I fear that name is wrong, at least such name is not known in Boston. See the note in *Winthrop* I., 109.

WILLIAM, Barnstable, 1643.

WILLIAM, Boston, 1653, a mariner, d. 1669, leaving small property to his wid. By wf. Esther had, *William*, *Nathaniel*, *Moses*, *Mary* b. Dec. 10, 1656, d. young; *Martha* and *Mary*, tws., b. May 16, 1659, both d. young; *Ebenezer*, b. Mar. 16, 1661; *Esther*.



WILLIAM, Falmouth, 1680, on the second destruction of the town, 1690, rev. to Milton. Willis I., 163.

WILLIAM, Suffield, m. 1688, Esther Spencer, had *Thomas*, b. 1688.

WILLIAM, Woburn, s. of Thomas, Jr., m. Apr. 8, 1690, Abigail Sommers *nee* Warren; was a soldier in 1675, and d. 1720, leaving ch. *Sommers*, b. Feb. 16, 1697, m. Martha Holt of Andover, and Eve, b. Oct. 30, 1694, d. Aug. 1, 1695.

Fifteen of this name, in its various forms, had, in 1834, been gr. at Harvard, five at Yale, and ten at other N. E. Colleges.

## COLLEGE GRADUATES BY THE NAME OF PEIRCE, ETC.

### HARVARD UNIVERSITY.

NAME.	GRAD.	NAME.	GRAD.
NATHANIEL PEIRCE,	1775	GUELIEL AMBRAS PEIRCE,	1860
BENJAMIN PEIRCE,	1801	BENJAMIN MILLS PEIRCE,	1865
HENRY PEIRCE,	1808	EDWARD FOSTER PEIRCE,	1866
CYRUS PEIRCE,	1810	WARREN PEIRCE,	1869
WARREN PEIRCE,	1811	RICHARD PEIRCE,	1724
PROCTOR PEIRCE,	1814	DANIEL PEIRCE,	1728
AUGUSTUS PEIRCE,	1820	JOSIAH PEIRCE,	1735
DANIEL H. PEIRCE,	1820	CHARLES PEIRCE,	1744
BENJAMIN PEIRCE,	1829	JOHN PEIRCE,	1793
CHARLES HENRY PEIRCE,	1833	JOHN TAPPAN PEIRCE,	1831
THOMAS NELSON PEIRCE,	1836	JACOB PEIRCE,	1849
JAMES ROBINSON PEIRCE,	1838	EDWARD LILLIE PEIRCE,	1852
GEORGE WASHINGTON PEIRCE,	1846	LUDOVICUS PEIRCE,	1853
JOSHUA RINDGE PEIRCE,	1851	ALBION PEIRCE,	1860
JAMES MILLS PEIRCE,	1853	GEORGE WINSLOW PEIRCE,	1864
CHARLES SAUNDERS PEIRCE,	1859	HUMPHREY PEIRCE,	1866
BENJAMIN FRANKLIN PEIRCE,	1860	GARDNER CARPENTER PEIRCE,	1866

### YALE COLLEGE.

JOHN PEIRCE,	1777	THOMAS WILSON PEIRCE,	1868
SETH PEIRCE,	1806	DWIGHT EDWARD PEIRCE,	1875
GEORGE EDMUND PEIRCE,	1816	AMOS PEIRCE,	1783
MORRIS PEIRCE,	1816	CYRUS PEIRCE,	1802
JOHN GILKEY PEIRCE,	1825	JOHN BARNARD PEIRCE,	1861
LEONARD PEIRCE,	1826	LETHUR HILLS PEIRCE,	1858
GEORGE TABER PEIRCE,	1843	FRANKLIN WILLIAMS PEIRCE,	1876
GRANVILLE TOUCEY PEIRCE,	1855	REUBEN HENRY PEIRCE,	In College

## DARTMOUTH COLLEGE.

GEORGE PEIRCE,	1780	MARIS BRYANT PEIRCE (Indian),	1840
BENJAMIN FRANKLIN PEIRCE,	1795	EPAMINONDAS JAMES PEIRCE,	1845
PROCTOR PEIRCE,	1796	JOHN SABIN PEIRCE,	1851
WARREN PEIRCE,	1799	EDWIN PEIRCE,	1852
DAVID PEIRCE,	1811	CLAUDIUS BUCHANAN PEIRCE,	1854
CHARLES PEIRCE,	1825	GEORGE PEIRCE,	1860
SAMUEL PEIRCE,	1835	GARDNER CARPENTER PEIRCE,	1863

## WILLIAMS COLLEGE.

CHARLES PEIRCE,	1857	EDWARD ARTHUR PEIRCE,	1858
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## AMHERST COLLEGE.

NEHEMIAH P. PEIRCE of Enfield, Conn.	EDWARD WILLARD PEIRCE of North Abington.
ASA C. PEIRCE of Hinsdale.	GARDNER CARPENTER PEIRCE of North Abington.
GEORGE ALEXANDER OTIS PEIRCE of Watertown.	HENRY THOMPSON PEIRCE of Lancas- ter.
HENRY R. PEIRCE of Northampton.	OTIS PEIRCE of Stoughton.
WILLIAM MARTIN PEIRCE of Hadley.	

## PHILLIPS EXETER ACADEMY.

MARK WENTWORTH PEIRCE,	1798	JAMES PEIRCE,	1845
OLIVER P. PEIRCE,	1820	HERBERT H. D. PEIRCE,	1864
CHARLES H. PEIRCE,	1828	WILLIAM PEIRCE,	1868
SILAS S. PEIRCE,	1842	JOSHUA RINDGE PEIRCE,	—
GEORGE H. PEIRCE,	1843	ROBERT CUTTS PEIRCE,	1856
JOSHUA WINSLOW PEIRCE,	—	JOSEPH WENTWORTH PEIRCE,	—

The following is a list of places in the United States named Peirce:—

Peirce, DeKalb Co., Illinois.	Peirce City, Shoshone Co., Idaho.
Peirce, Will Co., Illinois.	Peirce City, Lawrence Co., Missouri.
Peirce, Callaway Co., Missouri.	Peirce, Goochland Co., Virginia.
Peirce, Washington Co., Indiana.	Peirce's Bridge, Grafton Co., N. H.
Peirce, Page Co., Iowa.	Peirce Station, Obion Co., Texas.
Peirce, Morrison Co., Minnesota.	Peirce-ton, Anderson District, S. C.
Peirce, Stone Co., Missouri.	Peirceville, DeKalb Co., Illinois.
Peirce, Texas Co., Missouri.	Peirceville, Ripley Co., Indiana.
Peirce, Peirce Co., Nebraska.	Peirceville, Van Buren Co., Iowa.
Peirce, Claremont Co., Ohio.	Peirceville, Wyoming Co., Pa.
Peirce, Stark Co., Ohio.	Peirceville, Kansas.
Peirce, Armstrong Co., Pa.	Peirce's P. O., New York.
Peirce, Kewance Co., Wisconsin.	

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# PEIRCE PEDIGREE.

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## NOTE ON THE ORIGIN OF THE NAME OF PEIRCE.

PETER claims our attention next. When we consider how important has been the position claimed for him it is remarkable that in an age when, so far as England was concerned, this respect was more fully exacted than any other, his name should be so rarely found, rarely when we reflect what an influence the ecclesiastics of the day themselves must have had in the choice of the baptismal name, and what an interest they had in making it popular. It is to them, doubtless, we must refer the fact of its having made any mark at all, for "Peter" was odious to English ears. It reminded them of a tax which was the one of all least liked, as they saw none of its fruits. It is to country records we must look for the "Peters" of the time. The freer towns would none of it. Among the rude peasantry ecclesiastic control was wellnigh absolute; in the boroughs it was proportionately less. I have already quoted an instance of 133 London names where Peter is discovered but once to thirty-five Johns. In the Norwich Guild already mentioned, the proportion, or rather disproportion, is the same. To 128 Johns, forty-seven Williams, forty-one Thomases, thirty-three Roberts, and twenty-one Richards, there are but four Peters. On the other hand, in Wiltshire, out of 588 names we find sixteen Peters to ninety-two Johns. This wide difference of ratio I find to be fully borne out in all other groups of early names. Thanks then to the ecclesiastics it did exist, and its relics at any rate are numerous enough. It is hence we get the shorter Parr, Piers, Pierce, Pears, Pearse, and Peers. It is hence with the patronymic added we get Parsons, Pearsons, Pierson, and the fuller Peterson. It is hence once more with the pet desinences attached we get our Perrins and Perrens, our Perrets, Perretts, Parrots, and Parrets, our Peterkins, Perkins, Parkins and Parkinsons, besides our Perks and Perkes innumerable. [*English surnames, their sources and significations, by Charles Wareing Bardsley, A. M., 1875*], pp. 88-9.

1. JOHN PERS of Norwich, Norfolk County, England, weaver, emigrated to this country in the year 1637, bringing with him his wife Elizabeth ———, and four children. He came to New England in either the "John and Dorethey" of Norwich, or the "Rose" of Yarmouth. Mr. William Andrews, Sen., was master of the former, and his son of the latter vessel. Among the gleanings of Judge Savage, for New England History [Mass. Hist. Coll., 4th Series, Vol. 1, p. 96] is the

following extract from a register of certain emigrants to New England preserved in the English Exchequer. "April the 8th 1637. The examinacion of John Pers of Nōwch in Nōff [Norwich in Norfolk] weavear aged 49 yeares and Elizabeth his wife aged 36 yeares with 4 children John Barbre Elizabeth and Judeth and one sarvant John Gedney aged 19 yeares are desirous to passe to Boston in New Eng, land to inhabitt."

I agree with Bond and Savage in identifying this John Pers with John Pers of Watertown, who was a weaver, and appears to have come over about 1637, and who had a wife Elizabeth, and children John, Elizabeth, and Judith (since I consider Judith Wyman to have been quite certainly his daughter). If this identification is correct, some of his children must have come to New England before him, and the four here named were probably the youngest of the family. Elizabeth was doubtless ten years or more older than she is here represented. She is said in the County records to have been "aged about 79" at the time of her death in 1667.

John Pers\* was grantee of one lot in Watertown, and purchaser of three lots, before 1644, one of which was his homestall of twelve acres; being the land now bounded north by Belmont street; south by R. Beach; west by W. Parker; east by B. Pierson; this was made up of two lots in the town plot, six acres granted to J. Smith, Sen., and the same to W. Barsham.

He was born in 1588 (?), and died 19 Aug., 1661. His wife was born in 1601 (? 1591?), and died 12 March, 1666-7. He was admitted freeman in March, 1638-9. Children:

2. i. ANTHONY, b. in England, 1609, m. Sarah ——— and Ann ———.
- ii. ESTHER, b. in England. m. 1636, Joseph Morse, Jr., and had Joseph, b. April 30, 1637, m. Susanna Shattuck; John, b. Feb. 28, 1638-9, m. Ann Smith and Abigail Stevens; Jonathan, d. May, 1643; Jonathan, b. Nov. 7, 1643, m. Abigail Shattuck; Esther, b. May 7, 1646, m. Jonathan Bullard; Sarah, m. Timothy Cooper; Jeremiah, m. Abigail Woodward and Sarah Woodward; Isaac. Joseph Morse, Jr., came in the "Elizabeth" in 1634, æ 24, from Ipswich, County Suffolk, and was made freeman May 6, 1635. He d. May 4, 1691. (See Morse Genealogy).
- iii. MARY, b. in England, m. Clement Coldam of Lynn and Gloucester, and died Jan. 26, 1704-5. Ch. Judith, d. Feb. 28, 1650; Elizabeth, m. Francis Norwood. Clement Coldam, b. 1624, d. Dec. 18, 1703.
3. iv. ROBERT, b. in England, ab. 1620, m. Mary Knight.
4. v. JOHN, b. in England, m. Elizabeth ———.
- vi. BARBRE, b. in England, may have died on the passage over as nothing farther is known of her. The reading of this name in the document mentioned above has been recently verified at the Exchequer Office by C. S. Peirce, Esq.
- vii. ELIZABETH, b. in England, m. 1643, John Ball, Jr. Ch. John, b.

\* John Peirce of Watertown, freeman in 1638, and a man of "Very good Estate," was one of the original proprietors of this town. He died on the 19th of August, 1661, leaving several children; but they are not found in the succeeding history of the town. *Marvin's History of Lancaster, Mass.*

He prob. never res. in Lancaster.



1644, m. Sarah Bullard; Mary; Esther; Sarah, b. 1655; Abigail, b. April 20, 1658. Mrs. Elizabeth Ball became insane and died before Oct., 1665, for at this time John m. again. He was killed by Indians at Lancaster, Sept. 10, 1675.

- viii. JUDITH, b. in England, m. Jan. 30, 1644-5, Francis Wyman. She died s. p. before Oct. 2, 1650, for he then married Abigail Read. Francis res. in Woburn. He was b. 1617, and d. Nov. 30, 1699.

### JOHN PERS'S WILL.

[Most of the Middlesex and Suffolk wills cited in this book have been copied directly from the originals, preserved in the Probate Offices. The deeds have been taken from the copies in the official Record Books. The body of the will or deed has generally no authority in regard to the spelling of the surname: because the original has not, in most cases, been written by the hand of the signer. But the signature, when not made by mark, is worthy of notice in this regard].

In the name of God amen the fourth (?) day of the i mo Anno Dom 1657-8 I John Perse of Watertowne in the County of Middlesex in New England weaver, being through the [Lords] mercy in good health, sound mind, and of good understanding, do make and ordaine this my last will and testam<sup>t</sup>. My poore imortall soule I do desire freely and humbly to leave it in the everlasting Armes of the mercies (?) of God the father in Christ Jesus, my body I comitt to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executrix,— And as for my outward estate w<sup>ch</sup> the Lord hath been pleased of his goodnes to blesse me with all, and for a short time to make me Steward of, my will is that (my funerall expenses and all other my just debts being first payd and fully sattisfied) my loveing wife Elizabeth Perse shall freely have and enjoy the same, i. e. my dwelling house, outhouses, and all my lands, cattle, corne, and all other my goods and chattels, debts and dues of what n<sup>r</sup> and kind soever, out of w<sup>ch</sup> my will is that shee the said Elizabeth with in one yeare next coming after my decease shall pay or cause to be payd unto my Eldest sonne Anthony Perse Twenty shillings, and to the rest of my children ten shillings a peece, to be payd in country pay. Also I do hereby nominate & appoynt the abovesaid Elizabeth sole executrix of this my last will and Testam<sup>t</sup>. In witness whereof I the said John Perse have here unto put my hand and seale the day and yeare first above written.

JOHN PERS. [i. s.]

In p'sence of  
EDWARD TYNGE,  
PETER JEFF. (Jett in Record Book).

The will was proved Oct. 1, 1661. The inventory of the estate amounted to about £271—7—0.



## ELIZABETH PEARSE'S WILL.

The last will and Testament of Elizabeth Pearse. In the name of god Amen I Elizabeth Pearse of wattertowne in the county of Middlesex in New England doo make and ordaine this my last will and testament in maner and forme following, viz I being aged and sicke and weake of body but of good and perfect memory blessed and praysed be god first I recommend my soule and spirit into the handes of god that gave it hoping through the merrits of Jesus Christ to have eternall life: and my body to the earth whereof itt was made and to be buried at the discretion of my executor hereafter mentioned Imr<sup>s</sup> I give and bequeath to my son Robt Pearse all my meadow or sixteene pound Sterling at the Liberty of my executor: also I give and bequeath to my son John Pearse 2 of my cowes now in the hands of John Ball Ju<sup>r</sup> when ther time comes out with him: also I give and bequeath to my dauther Ester Moss one of my fether beds wch she shall make choice of and one bolster one pillow one covering one grene blanket and my yoke of oxen now in the hands of John Ball Ju<sup>r</sup> when ther time comes out with him: also I give and bequeath to my dauther Mary Coldum my best green Ruge and one paire of Sheets and my bigest brass keatle and all my wearing clothes and my great looking glass and my cob irons: also I give and bequeath to my two grandchildren Mary and Ester Ball six pound to each of them to be payd by my executor two yeare after my decease and then to be improved for and to ther use by the discretion of my executor untill the time of their maridge or the age of eightene yeares and then to come into ther hands with the p<sup>d</sup>uce further I give and bequeath to my grandchild John Pearse son to my son Anthony Pearse twenty shill also I give and bequeath to my grandchild Mary Pearse dauther to my son Anthony twenty shill also I give and bequeath to my grandchild Judah Sawen twenty shill: also I give and bequeath to my grand child Ester Moss dauther to Joseph Moss twenty shill: also I give and bequeath to my grand child Judah Pearse dauther to my son Robt Pearse twenty shill: and all the rest of my estate both houses lands goods cattle chattles debtes or whatever is mine I do hereby give and bequeath to my son Anthony Pearse and I doo hearby make and ordain my Aforesaid son Anthony Pearse my full and sole executor of this my last will and testament requiring him to perform all and every part hearof according to the true intent and meaning therof in witness wherof I have hearunto anexed my hand and seale this 15th of the first month in the yeare 1666-7.

ELIZABETH PEARSE,

hir XA marke [L. s.]

Sealed and subscribed in the p<sup>r</sup>sents of

JOSEPH TAYNTOR and MARY TAYNTOR, hir mark, M. T.

Will proved April 2, 1667. Inventory £124-08-02 appraised by Joseph Tayntor and Samuel Sternes, presented by Anthony Peirce.

*Inventory of the Estate of John Pers.*

Various wearing apparel . . . . .	5—10—00
A homestall of dwelling-house, 2 barns, other outhousing and 12 acres of land . . . . .	90—00—00
Nine acres of meadow in Chesters meadow . . . . .	10—00—00
[two?] acres of meadow at Mr. Samuels farm . . . . .	2— ——00
a pcell of meadow near Mr. Samuels farm . . . . .	2—10—00
a pcell of meadow near west meadow . . . . .	1—00—00
24 acres of upland neare west meadow . . . . .	12—00—00
3 acres of plowland in the litle plaine . . . . .	2—00—00

Real Estate abt. 119—

Property in the house (given in detail) . . . . . 62—14—00

" English graine in the barne . . . . .	4—00—00
" hay in the barne and in stacks . . . . .	7—00—00
" two oxes 12lb 3 cowes 10lb 2 heifers 4lb 1 mare 12lb . . . . .	38—00—00
other farming property . . . . .	27—08—00
Debts (due from Joseph Bemmis, Richard Gale, Samuell Garfield, . . . . .	7—05—00

Total £271—7—00

Appraised by John Wincoll, John Sherman and Ric. Beers.

2. ANTHONY<sup>2</sup> PEIRCE (*John*<sup>1</sup>). b. in England in 1609, m. in England for his first wife Mary ——— and came to America previous to his father. He settled in Watertown\* and owned land in that portion of the town near the Cambridge line. His homestall was on the north side of the road from Cambridge, immediately west of the homestall of John Stowers, which was afterwards the parsonage occupied by Rev. Mr. Angier. It was afterwards the residence of his sons Joseph and Benjamin. Anthony Perse, according to the *Watertown Record Book*, owned a homestall of ten acres bounded on the south and west by the highway, on the east by land of John Stowers, and on the north by land of John Biscoe; also owned a farm of 86 acres of upland in the third Division. He was admitted freeman Sept. 3, 1634. His first wife died in 1633, and the same year, 1633, he married Ann ———, who died Jan. 20, 1682-3. "He was a grantee of two lots in Watertown, one of which was four acres bounded south by Belmont street; east by John Stowers; north by John (Nathaniel) Bisco. He afterwards purchased six acres adjoining it on the west, a grant to his father. It was the third lot west of Lexington street."—*Bond*. He was the ancestor of nearly all the families bearing the name afterwards in Watertown, Waltham, Weston, Lincoln, Lexington and Concord. He died May 9, 1678. His will was dated Sept. 6, 1671. "March 14, 1682-3. Administration on estate of Anne, widow of Anthony Peirce, granted to (sons) Joseph and Benjamin Peirce, and Lieut. Richard Way, attorney in behalf of widow and children of John Peirce deceased."—*Bond*, p. 869. Children:

5. i. JOHN, "eldest son," m. Apr. 15, 1656, Ruth Bishop.
- ii. MARY, b. 28 Dec. ? 1633; d. young.
- iii. MARY, b. 1636, m. Ralph Read, b. 1630. He was brought to this country from England in 1635, he being at that time 5 years

\* Savage said, in 1849, he was of Salem in 1634.

of age. He settled in Woburn, where a grant of land was made to him by the town in 1654 and where he was taxed in 1666. A memorable fatal accident happened to William, the eldest son, which is stated in the records of Deaths of the town of Woburn as follows: "William Read dyed by a shott November 7th, 1688; his brother Timothy at unawares in the Woods Shot him in Stedd of a Dear." He d. Jan. 11, 1714. She d. Feb. 18, 1700. Ch. William, b. 1658, m. Eliza ———; John, b. 1660, m. Eliza Holden and Abigail Baldwin; Joseph; Daniel; Timothy, b. Feb. 14, 1665, m. Martha Boyden; David; Jonathan, b. May 5, 1710; Mary, m. Benjamin, s. of Sergt. Thomas Pierce.

- iv. JACOB, b. Sept. 15, 1637. (Jared?)\* living 1683, (*Bond's Watertown*).
6. v. DANIEL, b. Jan. 1, 1639-40, m. Elizabeth ———.
- vi. MARTHA, b. Apr. 24, 1641.
7. vii. JOSEPH, b. not recorded, m. Martha ——— and Elizabeth Winship.
8. viii. BENJAMIN, b. 1649, m. Jan. 15, 1677-8, Hannah Brooks.
- ix. JUDITH, b. July 18, 1650, m. Feb. 16, 1666-7, John Sawin. She d. s. p. June 20, 1723, in Weston. He was born in Boxford, Eng. and was admitted freeman May 26, 1666-7. He d. (suicide) Sept. 2, 1690. Inventory Oct. 7, 1690. £67, 10.

*Extract from the Inventory of Anthony's Estate.*

A homestall with a dwelling-house and barne and outhouses with	
six accers of Land and An Orchard on it . . . . .	55-00-00
and ten accers and a halfe of land mor to the homestall . . . . .	40-00-00
five accers of ineadadow commonly called chesters meadow on	
the east side of chesters broke . . . . .	10-00-00
seven accers mor on the west side of chesters meadow . . . . .	17-10-00
one accer and a halfe of meadow on the east side of Prospect	
hill . . . . .	3-00-00
fourteene accers of remote meadow lying in severall places . . . . .	28-00-00
twenty-five accers of upland called Devident land . . . . .	20-00-00
six accers of upland called Devident land . . . . .	6-00-00
A farme of about fifty accers . . . . .	5-00-00
three coves . . . . .	9-00-00
and an old horse . . . . .	1-00-00
In the roome called the parller, etc., etc . . . . .	— — —
Total,	£303-11-1

Signed by John Sheriman, William Bond, Joseph Tayntor.

Sworn in court 18 June 1678, by John Peirce, Daniel Peirce, and Benjamin Peirce.

3. ROBERT<sup>2</sup> PEIRCE (*John*<sup>1</sup>), b. in England ab. 1620, came to America before his father, and very probably with his brother Anthony. He seems to have first settled in Watertown: for Robert P. of Watertown bought a house and land in that town, of Ira Waterbury, of the same, 16 Oct. 1646, (Suffolk Reg., L. 1., F. 78). He is undoubtedly the same Robert Peirce who was afterwards of Woburn: and this is the opinion of Savage, Bond, and Sewell. Robert of Watertown is not again heard of; while Robert of Woburn was a weaver, like John of Watertown; and he had a daughter Judith,

\* In a letter written by Dr. Henry Bond, author of *Watertown Genealogies*, in 1849, he is not sure whether this is Jacob or Jared.

undoubtedly the "Judah" named in Elizabeth's will. He seems to have moved to Woburn in 1650, and it is probably this Robert who was admitted freeman 22 May 1650. The following references to him occur in the Woburn town records:—"March 14, 1651. ——— are appointed a committee to lay out seven acres to Robert Perce and four acres to Joseph Knight as their whome lots and this to bee their full proportion for all lands formerly granted them by the towne." 1657, Robert Peirce and Joseph Knight are contented to take gown (seven) acres of meadow apiece, that is, fourteen acres in the whole; taking it in such place as they shall choose, so they take it together and what remains of that parcell more than fourteen acres is at the town's disposal. June, 1658. Robert Peirce granted two acres of land "adjoining his house plot." 1665. Robert Peirce was chosen selectman. In 1668, he was numbered among those who were entitled to an interest in the common lands of the town. 1670. Mr. John Carter and Wm. Johnson being app. a com. to see that Robert Perce and Joseph Knight have their thirty acres of land made up to each of them according to a town grant; "wee have done the same not allowing those four acres at home any of it." 1673. In the division of lots Robert Peirce had five acres on the "Billerica line." June 8, 1674. Robert Peirce was permitted to keepe that piece of land which he hath enclosed which was part of ——— acres formerly laid out by the selectmen—and to leave a highway on the west end if they require it between the upland and meadow. The which he is willing to do." In 1674, he was chosen constable and tithingman, and in 1675 and 1680, surveyor of highways. May 10, 1677, at a general town meeting of the inhabitants they did agree to draw lots for the division of 4000 acres and lot No. 2, fell to Robert Peirce. March 1, 1678. The selectmen met and appointed a committee to lay out a highway going through Robert Peirce's land and John Gagens." "Robert Peirce rated two pence to much in his towne tax and it was multiplied in the minister's Rate which is to be deducted the next year."

Various references to Robert Peirce of Woburn are found in the Middlesex Registry of Deeds. He is generally described as "yeoman," but twice as "weaver" (L. 10. F. 282; L. 22. F. 311; 3 and 4 July 1693). We have already seen that he had land granted him in Woburn as early as 1651. He derived other land from his father-in-law, John Knight (probably in conformity with town orders cited above) in 1654 and 1663. With his w. Mary, he made a conveyance to his s. Jonathan, 20 Feb. 1686-7, of land in Woburn (10 A. at Longmeadow, 2 A. in Pine Plains, &c.) See *Middlesex Registry*, L. 10. F. 220. 3 July 1693 (L. 10. F. 219), he made a conveyance of 45 A. to his s. Joseph, his w. not joining; and the same 3 July 1693 (L. 10. F. 224) he, with his w. Mary, conveyed to his s. Benjamin "all my houseing and Lands seittuate in Woburn afores", excepting what I have already given away to my other sonnes as also Several Chatels & other moveables." This deed was made on the condition of Benjamin's supporting Robert and his wife during the remainder of their lives. The estate conveyed amounted to about 110 A. besides swamp land, and was comprised in eleven lots, as follows:—



1. Dwelling House in the West End of the town, called Hap<sup>u</sup> End, with barn and other outhouses, a new house not yet finished and adjoining land, 30 A.

2. A lot of 30 A. on the great meadow plain,—of which 20 A. were purchased of Robert Peirce's "father in law (6 1st mo. 1663) John Knight late of Charlestown deceased,"—the other 10 A. were granted by the town of Woburn.

3.  $3\frac{1}{2}$  A. in Round Meadow.

4. A Plow Lot containing  $4\frac{1}{2}$  A., bought of Wm. Johnson.

5. A piece of meadow (6 A.) on south side of brook, partly bought of Wm. Johnson.

6. A lot in great meadow, west of brook, part (4 A.) purchased of John Johnson.

7. 12 A. of Wood land lying near Longmeadow, bought of John Lock 11 May 1686.

8. 12 A. near Hodge's Hole, bought of Samuel Carter, 13 June 1682.

9. Small plow lot by Shawshin path near Sandy Bridge, ab. 5 A.

10. Small plow lot, ab. 5 A., at Maple Meadow Plain.

11. Tract of Swamp near John Walker's at a place called Ashon Swamp.

The above conveyance cannot have included the whole of Robert's property, for the very next day (L. 22, F. 311) he conveyed land in Woburn to Benjamin Johnson of Woburn. The lot numbered 3, in the above enumeration was conveyed by Benjamin Peirce and his w. Hannah to Richard Gardner, 8 Dec. 1693 (L. 10 F. 282), and is there said to have been received through his father Robert from his gr. father John Knight, sen<sup>r</sup>. Lots 1, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, together with a lot of 11 A. of upland and 6 A. of meadow bought "by me, the said Benjamin Peirce of my brother John Pierce, lying at a place called Long Medow" and with certain stock and other property was deeded 25 April 1696 (L. 12. F. 87) by Benjamin and Hannah to Jacob Kendall, in consideration of £70, and of Kendall's maintaining B. P.'s "aged father and mother" for their natural life.

Robert Peirce m. (prob. bef. 16 Oct. 1646) Mary, dau. of John Knight, senior, of Charlestown. This is proved by the will of John Knight, sen., (14 Feb. 1672-3), which names testator's "son in law Robert Peirse of Woburn" and "daughter his wife," and by deeds already cited (*Midd. Reg.*, L. 10, F. 224; F. 282). We find from the Woburn records that Mary w. of Robert Peirce died 18 March 1701-2, and "Old Robert Peirce" 10 Sep. 1706.

In the Middlesex County Court records for 1658, Robert Peirce is described as aged about 38. We may therefore assume that he was born about 1620, and died at the age of 86. Children:—

- i. JUDITH, b. 30 Sep. 1651, d. 30 May 1689, leaving an illegitimate dau. Miriam, b. 17 May 1689.
- ii. MARY, b. 21 Jan. 1653-4, m. 14 Oct. 1672, John Walker of Woburn, who was b. 1644, d. 3 Jan. 1723. She d. 8 Nov. 1695. Ch.: Benjamin, b. 25 Jan. 1673-4, d. 17 Nov. 1675; Mary, b. Dec. 27, 1675, d. 24 Jan. 1675-6; John, b. 27 Dec. 1677. John

Walker, m. 13 Aug. 1696, Bethiah Simonds by whom he had two ch.

9. iii. NATHANIEL, b. 4 Dec. 1655, m. 27 Dec. 1677, Hannah Converse, and 2nd. 23 March 1680-1, Elizabeth Foster.
- iv. ELIZABETH, b. 6 March 1658-9, m. 24 Feb. 1681-2, Samuel, s. of John Wilson, sen., who was b. 29 Dec. 1658, d. 21 Nov. 1729. Ch.: Elizabeth, b. 28 Jan. 1682-3; Mary, b. 10 April 1685; Samuel, b. 2 Feb. 1687-8, d. 7 Feb. 1687-8; Hannah, b. 24 Dec. 1688; Rebeckah, b. 5 March 1693, d. 29 Nov. 1694; Samuel, b. 21 Nov. 1695, m. Sarah Simonds; Rebeckah, b. 5 July 1698.
10. v. JONATHAN, b. 2 Feb. 1662-3, m. 19 Nov. 1689, Hannah Wilson.
- vi. JOHN, not named by Savage, nor birth found in town records, but mentioned in Jonathan's will, and also in Benjamin's deed of 25 April 1696. He must have been either b. between Jonathan and Joseph or else the eldest child, and b. in Watertown. I am unable to find further trace of him. But I think he was the John Peirce who resided in Springfield in 1687, where the following ch. were b. to him and his wf. Lydia: Nathaniel, b. 1687, m. Mary —; Mary, d. young; John, b. 1689; m. Rebecca Pease. After the birth of these ch. he rem. to Enfield and Somers, Conn. in which latter place his drs. still res.
11. vii. BENJAMIN, not named by Savage, nor birth found in town records, but fully proved to be s. to Robert by evidence of deeds, b. prob. between 1666 and 1669, m. 3 April 1693, Hannah Bowers.
12. viii. JOSEPH, b. 1 May 1672, m. Ruth —.

4. JOHN<sup>2</sup> PEIRCE (*John*<sup>1</sup>) was b. in England and married in this country Elizabeth —. He came to America with his father. He was taxed in Woburn in the rate for the country, Feb. 23. 1644-5, and in the town rate, 1646. March 12, 1647, "The committee chosen to mesur the medows mett on the day and yere expressed and agreed as followeth:—Impris—that John Peerce and Daniel Bacon shall have that pece of medow now lying in our Bounds, by the last Runing Reding line in hope medow it being equally divided between them."

1647. "John Perce a grant this side of Maple Medow River."—[*Woburn Town Records*].

The last mention of him in Woburn is in 1649.

The want of room appears from some cause to have been peculiarly felt in Watertown; and on several occasions the inhabitants emigrated and formed new settlements. The first of these was in 1635, at the place afterwards called Wethersfield, in Connecticut, where, as we are told, some people of Watertown, before they had obtained leave to go beyond the jurisdiction of the Massachusetts government, "took the opportunity of seizing a brave piece of medow," which it seems was also coveted by their neighbors of Cambridge. This Watertown plantation at Weathersfield, was for a long course of years a scene of dissension within and without. In the course of three or four years the church at that place fell into such a state of discord that the plantation divided, and a part removed and settled in combination with New Haven.—[*Barber's His. Mass.* p. 438].

He res. in Boston, Woburn and Wethersfield, Conn.

Children:—

- i. JOHN, } Twins, b. June 16, 1643; both died young.  
 ii. ELIZABETH, }  
 12. iii. JOHN, b. Nov. 23, 1644, m. Ann Huthwitt.  
 iv. JOSEPH, b. Sept. 12, 1646. v. THOMAS, b. May 3, 1649.

5. JOHN<sup>3</sup> PEIRCE (*Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. prob. in England, m. April 1656, Ruth, dau. of Nathaniel and Alice (Mattocks) Bishop; Boston, b. 14 April 1639. He was of Boston, but can hardly be, as Savage supposes, the John who was adm. inhabitant in 1643, freem. 1648. He was perhaps he who was adm. inhab. in 1657; also the John Pearse, weaver, who bought land in Boston 1 Feb. 1658, of Thomas Wells of Boston, carpenter; Nathaniel Bishop, John Maverick, Joseph Bishop, and William Pearse being witnesses. (*Suffolk Reg. Deeds*, L. 13, F. 151.) His will, signed John Peerce, was dated 21 Oct. 1682, and proved 7 Nov. 1682. (*Suffolk Probate*, L. 6, F. 389; L. 9, F. 95.) He leaves "all my estate here in Boston" to his w. Ruth; "and also what estate my father Anthony Peirce hath given me by will at Watertown, or as shall appear to be my inheritance by my father or grandfather, I being my father's eldest sonne, the whole I give to my wife for to bring up my children withall." His widow is said to have m. William Fuller, but she is named as "John's widow Ruth Peirse" in a deed of 1 Nov. 1683. (*Midd. Reg. Deeds*, L. 8, F. 407.) Children:—

- i. HANNAH, b. June 30, 1660; d. July 28, 1662.  
 ii. RUTH, b. Nov. 22, 1662. iii. HANNAH, b. Nov. 1, 1665.  
 iv. SARAH, b. June 1, 1668; d. young, bef. 1682.  
 v. ELL. [?], b. Apr. 15, 1670.  
 vi. REBECCA, b. Aug. 12, 1672; d. infant.  
 vii. NATHANIEL,\* b. Apr. 10, 1678. Not mentioned by Savage.  
 viii. REBECCA, b. Feb. 15, 1679. ix. SARAH, b. Sept. 9, 1682.

6. DANIEL<sup>3</sup> PEIRCE (*Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Jan. 1, 1639-40, m. Elizabeth ———, b. 1642. He settled in Groton, where five of his children were born. He returned to Watertown in 1681 on account of the Indian hostilities. He owned the covenant, Jan. 16, 1686. He was a weaver by occupation. His will in Watertown was proved in 1723, the year of his death. At the time he owned the covenant his wife and three youngest children were baptized.

Daniel Pears of Watertown, weaver, aged and infirm of body (will dated 22 Feb. 1723, presented 19 April 1723), names his wife Elizabeth, the children of his s. Daniel, deceased, his s. Ephraim, his s. Joseph, his dau. Abigail (unmarried), his dau. Hannah Smith, his dau. Mary Scripser, his dau. Elizabeth Mixer, his s. John Pierc, executor.

Witns. William Brown, Ebenezer Brown, Hannah Brown.

John admitted exec. 20 Aug, 1723, giving bonds in £100 current money of N. E. with Samuel Stearns.

Children:—

- i. ELIZABETH, b. May 16, 1665; m. Oct. 17, 1684, Isaac Mixer, Jr. He d. s. p. Will proved 1725-6. The will of his widow Elizabeth, dated Feb. 12, 1736-7, mentions her father Daniel Peirce; her brother Joseph Peirce; Elizabeth, wife of Ebenezer Gale

\* Did he die in Halifax, N. S., Jan. 26, 1755?



of Oxford; and "my cousin (nephew) Isaac Peirce who now dwells with me," whom she made executor and residuary legatee.

14. ii. DANIEL, b. Nov. 28, 1666; m. Abigail ———.
- iii. JOHN, b. Aug. 18, 1668; bap. in Watertown Jan. 16, 1686.
15. iv. EPHRAIM, b. Oct. 15, 1673; m. Mary Whitney.
- v. JOSIAH, b. May 2, 1675. Probably died young and unm. as he is not mentioned in his father's will.
16. vi. JOSEPH, m. Dec. 30, 1698, Mary Warren. ✓
- vii. ABIGAIL, b. Jan. 3, 1681; d. unm. in 1723.
- viii. HANNAH, bap. Jan. 16, 1686; m. ——— Smith.
- ix. BENJAMIN, bap. Jan. 16, 1686. Probably died bef. 1723; not mentioned in his father's will.
- x. MARY, m. ——— Scriptor.

7. JOSEPH<sup>3</sup> PEIRCE (*Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*). b. not recorded, probably in 1647; m. Martha ———; m. 2d, June 15, 1698, Mrs. Elizabeth (Kendall) Winship of Cambridge, dau. of Francis Kendall of Woburn and widow of Ephraim Winship of Cambridge, b. in Woburn, Jan. 15, 1652. Mr. Winship resided at Cambridge Farms. He was one of the pioneers of the Farms, and his situation as well as that of his associates, is faintly shadowed in a memorandum connected with the settlement of his estate: "His honored father-in-law, Mr. Francis Kendall of Woburn, in said county, demands these following debts, viz: that his son-in-law, Ephraim Winship, in the time of the former war, called King Philips, came to his house for shelter, for fear of the Indians, because his living was then in the woods, remote from neighbors; and he brought with him his ancient mother-in-law Reigner, a widow of whom he was to take care; and that the said Francis Kendall did keep the said widow Reigner for said Ephraim Winship with provisions, more than a year and a half, at eight pounds per year," etc. *Midd. Prob. Files*. Dec. 22, 1713, Elizabeth Peirce, widow, of Watertown, and Jacob Peirce (a son) of Weston, admitted to administer estate of Joseph Peirce late of Watertown, deceased, intestate; giving bonds in £400 with Joseph Sherman of Wat. and Joseph Peirce of Lexington. Inventory £316—10—0. Appraised by John Hasting, Joseph Sherman and Samuel Stearns. Elizabeth, w. of Joseph Peirce, late widow of Ephraim Winship, rendered her account as administrator of estate of latter June 23, 1701. They res. in Watertown. Joseph was admitted Freeman Apr. 18, 1690. Children:—

17. i. JOSEPH, b. Oct. 2, 1669; m. Ruth Holland, Hannah Monroe, and Mrs. Beriah Child.
18. ii. FRANCIS, b. July 27, 1671; m. Hannah Johnson.
19. iii. JOHN, b. May 27, 1673; m. Elizabeth Smith.
- iv. MARY, b. Nov. 26, 1674.
20. v. BENJAMIN, b. Mar. 25, 1677; m. Elizabeth Hall and Hannah Ash.
21. vi. JACOB, b. Dec. 25, 1678; m. Hannah Lewis.
- vii. MARTHA, b. Dec. 24, 1681; m. May 17, 1705, William Whitney—ch. William, b. Jan. 11, 1706, m. Mrs. Jacob Pierce; Judith, b. Nov. 15, 1708; Amity, b. Oct. 6, 1712; Martha, b. Apr. 14, 1716, m. Timothy Mossman; Samuel, b. May 23, 1719, m. Abigail Fletcher.
22. viii. STEPHEN, b. Oct., 1683; m. Sept. 16, 1708, Abigail Bemis.
- ix. ISRAEL, b. Oct. 7, 1685; m. Jan. 14, 1717-18, Sarah Holland of Cambridge, b. Aug. 12, 1688. He rem. to Camb. Apr., 1721.

His will is dated Sept. 22, 1732, of Lunenburg, cordwainer. It mentions his wife Sarah and no children. He prob. d. s. p. *Wor. Prob. Rec.*

- x. ELIZABETH, b. Sept. 9, 1687; m. Oct. 15, 1706, Joseph Benis, Nov. 17, 1684, d. 1738—ch. Elizabeth, b. July 11, 1707, m. James Barnard and Daniel Bond; Mary, b. Jan. 11, 1709, m. Joseph Priest; Sarah, b. Nov. 11, 1711, m. Bezaleel Flagg; Susan, b. Jan. 13, 1714; Dinah, b. Apr. 23, 1718, m. Jonathan Stratton; Abigail, b. Apr. 3, 1720; Joseph, b. Apr. 10, 1723; Benjamin, b. Apr. 19, 1725, m. Sarah Bright; Kezia, b. Aug. 7, 1726, m. Samuel Parkhurst.

8. BENJAMIN<sup>3</sup> PEIRCE (*Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. 1649, m. Jan. 15, 1677–8, Hannah Brooks of Medford, dau. of Joshua and Hannah (Mason) Brooks of Concord. He was admitted freeman Apr. 18, 1690. By a deed dated Aug. 24, 1697, Noah Brooks, Daniel Brooks, senior, Joseph Brooks, senior, Benjamin Peirce of Watertown, and Benjamin Whittemore, and Judah Potter of Concord, sold to "our brother Hugh Brooks" all right in estate of our brother Hugh Brooks, "had of our father Joshua Brooks, deceased." Children:—

- i. HANNAH, b. Dec. 25, 1679.
- ii. BENJAMIN, b. Apr. 29, 1682; d. Nov., 1683.
- iii. GRACE, b. Jan. 4, 1685.
- iv. SARAH, b. Jan. 1, 1687.
23. v. SAMUEL, b. Aug. 22, 1689; m. Rebecca Converse.
- vi. LYDIA, b. Oct. 3, 1692; m. July 22, 1708, Thomas Eaton of Reading.
- vii. HANNAH, b. Jan. 2, 1700.

9. NATHANIEL<sup>3</sup> PEIRCE (*Robert*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. 4 Dec. 1655, m. 27 Dec. 1677 (not 1671) Hannah (b. 13 Mar. 1660, d. 23 Mar. 1679), dau. of Allen Converse of Woburn; m. 23 Mar. 1680, Elizabeth Foster, who was prob. dau. of Sergt. Thomas Pierce of Woburn, and widow of Thomas Whittemore and of Hopestill Foster. He was a tailor. He was a soldier in King Philip's war, and was engaged in the memorable battle of the falls of the Connecticut River, 19 May, 1676. He was made freeman 31 Oct. 1684. (Mass. Rec. L. 6, F. 543). His will, dated 2 May 1691, proved 13 Dec. 1692, signed "Nathanell Peirce," names his w. Elizabeth, his eldest s. Nathanell (not of age), "all" his children, "that is to say Mary, Nathanell, Ichobod, and Robart," makes his w. and s. Nath. execs., and desires his "dere freinds Danell Boldwin and Benjamin Peirce Junor my owne brother" to be overseers. Wit.: William Johnson, James Burbeen, Joseph Polly. It is to be noted that Benjamin Peirce *senior* of Woburn was probably the brother of Nathaniel's w. Elizabeth. This explains the phrase "owne brother", applied to B. P. Jr.

Feb. 27, 1677. "Aaron Cleveland and Nathl. Peirce are granted ether of them a pece of land upon Lakin's hill for ether of them a Dwelling house and a shops with what conveniences may be it not wronging the highways—provided they sell it not but build and live on it themselves." 1681. "Laid out to Robert Peirce his son Nathaniel Peirce five acres and a half." 1683. Nathaniel Peirce granted two acres at Long's meadow (in the centre of Woburn) "next his own land." May 4, 1685. The selectmen next laid out to Nathaniel Peirce

piece of land to set his Dwelling house on (the land was voted Feb. 1684-5). 1686. Nathaniel Peirce was "restrained from fencing in the town common"; this year he held the office of constable and tithing-man. He is credited for "glazing and nayls" in the town records. Thos. Parker is granted the house plot that was formerly granted to Nathaniel Peirce at Lakin's hill to be laid out as formerly granted." Children:—

24. i. NATHANIEL, b. Feb. 2, 1678; m. June 2, 1701, Lydia Francis.
- ii. MARY, b. July 31, 1682; m. [?] Jan. 17, 1705, Thomas Dill and d. bef. 1713.
- iii. HANNAH, b. Apr. 24, 1684; d. Nov. 14, 1688.
25. iv. ICHABOD, b. Jan. 23, 1686; m. Dec. 24, 1706, Sarah Waters.
- v. ROBERT, b. May 14, 1689; [d. May 14, 1689. ?]

Dec. 12, 1693, Nathaniel Peirce of Woburn being fatherless and motherless, about fifteen years of age, chooses his uncle John Holden of Woburn to be his guardian. Sept. 15, 1701, Nathaniel Peirce renounces executorship of the will of his father, Nathaniel Peirce of Woburn, "not having intermeddled with the estate." This first entry indicates that Sarah Peirce who m. John Holden, June 19, 1690, was probably a dau. either of Robert or of Thomas. [?]

Allen Converse of Woburn (will Apr. 14, 1679) gives 10 pounds to my sonn Pierces child borne of my daughter Hannah" to be paid when he comes of age; speaks of deceased s. Zechariah, wife Elizabeth, Samuel, and two daughters Sarah and Mary, and lastly speaks of his children as being three in number. Inventory £ 370—12—00.

10. JONATHAN<sup>3</sup> PEIRCE (*Robert<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. 2 Feb., 1663, was of Woburn and a husbandman. He m. 19 Nov., 1689, Hannah (b. 31 May, 1672, d. 27 Feb., 1726), dau. of John Wilson, sen. of Woburn.

15 June 1682. "Laid out to Jonathan Peirce the east side of Long Meadow, nine acres and a half of land, in lieu of swampbottom, five acres and a half of it being the right of his uncle Joseph Knight."—(*Woburn Town Records*). Jonathan Peirce d. 17 June 1694. His will, dated 2 June 1694, proved 13 Aug. 1694, signed "Johnathan Peirce" (signature resembling that of his bro. Benjamin, Charlestown, 1715) names his w. Hannah (exec.), his "only son Jonathan," his "loving brother John Peirce," to whom he bequeaths the lands left to Jonathan, in case of the latter's dying under age; also his "good friends En<sup>s</sup>. Edward Johnson and my brother Samuell Wilson" (overseers). Witness: Josiah Parker, Joseph Peirce, Hannah Craggen, James Convers. Inventory, £165—10—00.

The s. Jonathan in fact died July 7, 1694, 20 days after the death of his father. The bro. John is also named in a deed of Benjamin and Hannah Pierce, 25 Apr., 1696.

Children:—

- i. HANNAH, b. Woburn 8 Mar., 1691; d. 13 Sep., 1693.
- ii. JONATHAN, b. Woburn 11 May, 1693; d. 7 July, 1694.

11. BENJAMIN<sup>3</sup> PEIRCE (*Robert<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), not mentioned by Savage, prob. in 1667, was first of Woburn (where he was called

*junior*, in contradistinction to the Benjamin, who was probably the s. of Thomas), but moved to Charlestown in 1701. He was at first a tailor, afterwards a shopkeeper. He m. 3 April 1693, Hannah Bowers, who was dau. to Jerahmeel (often called Jerathmeel) Bowers of Chelmsford, and granddau. to George Bowers of Cambridge and his second w. Elizabeth. See wills of George Bowers of Cambridge (3 Nov. 1656), Elizabeth Boutell of Chelmsford (13 Mar. 1669), Henry Boutell of Cambridge (13 July 1677) and Jerathmeel Bowers of Groton (5 Mar. 1724). He d. in Sept. or Oct. 1715. He seems never to have joined the church. His widow, Mrs. Hannah Peirce, was adm. to full communion at Charlestown 11 Nov. 1716. She m. 18 Dec. 1718 Capt. William Wilson of Concord. He d. in 1741; and she d. in Oct. or Nov. 1746. Children:—

- i. HANNAH, b. in Woburn, 28 Dec. 1693; d. in Woburn in 1700.
- ii. JONATHAN, b. in Woburn 20 March 1695-6. In Sept. 1715, his father appointed him joint executor with his mother of the father's will; and he is perhaps the one adm. to church 11 Sept. 1715. In 1717, he, with his mother, sold an estate to James Cutler. In 1718, his mother conveyed to him (describing him as her eldest son, a joiner) an estate in Charlestown valued at £80. In 1746, his mother (then Hannah Wilson) appointed him sole executor of her will; but when the will was presented in the same year for probate, it appeared that the executor was "out of the province" and proof was suspended, to await his coming. In 1747-8, the estate of Benjamin and Hannah was divided by commissioners; and Jonathan, though named as living, seems to have disposed of his rights, and had probably removed from the neighborhood. I have not been able to find further trace of him.
- iii. ELIZABETH, b. in Woburn 8 March 1697-8; d. unm. 6 Dec. 1749. Her estate was valued at £924 17s (Old Tenor?) including a bond from Mr. Jonathan Williams for £550. Her bro. Jerahmeel appointed administrator. She was described as "late resident of Boston."
- iv. BENJAMIN, b. in Woburn 8 Jan. 1699-1700; d. in Charlestown 17 Dec. 1710.
- v. HANNAH, b. in Charlestown 21 March 1701-2. She is named in her father's will, Sept. 1715; but not in her mother's, Oct. 1746; and 29 June 1747, she is expressly declared (as also xii. Benjamin) to be "deceased, leaving no children." She is therefore not the Hannah Peirce to whom Abraham Bateman was pub. 20 May 1749.
- vi. JOSIAH
- vii. MARY } twins, b. Charlestown 10 Oct. 1704; d. in infancy.
- viii. MARY, b. Charlestown 6 June 1706, m. 23 Oct. 1728 Thomas Crosswell of Charlestown; b. Feb. 1706-7, s. of Caleb and Abigail Crosswell, and gr. s. of Thomas and Priscilla Crosswell (Priscilla being a d. of deacon John Upham, and sister to Elizabeth w. of Thomas Welch). She was notified at Jeremiah Evans's in 1730, and d. of a fever 23 Mar. 1730-1, leaving Mary, b. 30 June (bapt. 5 July) 1730. The last-named Mary m. Capt. Hammond Going (Gowing, or Gowen), and had William (of Medford, goldsmith), Joseph (of Boston, physician) b. ab. 1751, Hammond, Mary, b. ab. 1755 (m. David Vinton), Elizabeth, Abigail, and John (of Medford, goldsmith), b. ab. 1761; d. 1783. Capt. Going d. of apoplexy 14 June 1762, leaving est.



valued at £2754 4s 2d. His widow m. ab. 31 Aug. 1763 Nathan Sergeant of Malden, by whom she had two children who d. s. p. : and she d. before 9 Oct. 1771.

73. ix. JERAHMEEL, b. Charlestown 22 Nov. 1708; m. 31 May 1733 Rebecca Hurd; d. 1751.
- x. ABIGAIL, b. Charlestown 7 Jan. 1710-11; m. 27 July 1732 Edward Sheaffe, b. Oct. 1711. She was adm. to church 1 Ap. 1733. and he 24 March 1750-1. Children: Edward, b. 15 (bapt. 20) May 1733, d. 28 June 1734; Abigail, b. 2 May 1735; Edward, b. 21 Nov. 1736, d. 1 Sept. 1741; William, b. 28 Mar. 1740, d. 24 Sept. 1741; Mary and Elizabeth, b. 17 (18) Aug. 1745 (Eliz. d. 26 March 1746); Elizabeth, bapt. 5 Ap. 1747; Elizabeth, bapt. 26 March 1749; Hannah, bapt. 8 July 1750; Edward, bapt. 12 Ap. 1752; Abigail, bapt. 24 Feb. 1754, who was 8 May 1771 the only surviving child, but d. before 19 Nov. 1772. The mother was living 18 April 1757, but d. before 8 May 1771. Edward Sheaffe's will was dated 8 May 1771. and presented for probate 3 June 1771. The inventory amounts to £981 17s 11½ d.; but the estate was declared insolvent 16 Sept. 1771. See Frothingham's Hist. Charlestown, pp. 284, 285.
- xi. SARAH, b. 26 Feb. 1713-14, d. before 1 Sept. 1715 (not being mentioned in her father's will of that date.)
- xii. BENJAMIN, b. 10 June 1715, d. 11 April 1716.

We find the following references to Benjamin Peirce; and they will be seen to furnish abundant evidence as to his family relations and his career:—

3 July 1693, B. P. of Woburn, tailor, receives fr. his father Robert P., yeoman, and mother Mary a dwelling-house and various lots of land in Woburn. (*Midd. Reg.*, L. 10, F. 224. See also above under Robert.) 8 Dec. 1693, B. P. of Woburn and w. Hannah convey to Richard Gardner 3½ A. of the above named land. (*Midd. Reg.* L. 10, F. 282.) 25 April 1696, B. P. of Woburn, tailor, and w. Hannah convey to Jacob Kendall of Woburn, yeoman, the house and the greater part of the land received by deed of 3 July 1693, for £70 and on consideration that Kendall would take care of and maintain B. P.'s aged father and mother, Robert Peirce and Mary Pierce "for their natural life. (*Midd. Reg.* L. 12, F. 87.) 18 July 1696, B. P. Jun. of Woburn, tailor, receives for £145 from Francis Wilson and w. Ruth of Woburn a house and five lots in Woburn. (*Midd. Reg.* L. 10, F. 514.) 8 Aug. 1701, B. P. of Charlestown, tailor, receives of E. Phillips, victualler, "all that his messuage or tenement \* \* \* \* in Charlestown containing one Barn and part of a Dwelling House with a yard and land belonging \* \* \* \* butting and bounded as followeth: viz. West Northerly by the Market Place, Southwesterly by the House and Land late in the possession of Henry Phillips Dece'd. now in the Tenour of Alexander Logan, South Easterly by ye Land of John Soley Dece'd. Easterly by the land of said Soley which he said Ebenezer Phillips bought of John Swet, and East Northerly by the estate of Joseph Batchelder, late of Charlestown Dece'd." (*Midd. Reg.* L. 17, F. 401.) 10 Sept. 1701, B. P. late of Woburn, now of Charlestown, tailor, and w. Hannah convey to Haynes Cooke a house and land in Woburn, being the greater part of that bought of Francis Wilson. (*Midd. Reg.* L. 13, F. 48.) 6 Nov. 1708, B. P.,



shopkeeper, and Ebenezer Austin, saddler, both of Charlestown, receive from Robert Hale of Beverly, physician, and his w. Elizabeth, certain pasturing land, which is divided between Peirce and Austin 22 July 1709.) *Midd. Reg.* L. 15, F. 119.) 30 Oct. 1710, B. P. of Charlestown, shopkeeper, receives from Isaac Mirick a house and land in Charlestown. (*Midd. Reg.* L. 15, F. 345.) 22 Oct. 1711, B. P. of Charlestown, shopkeeper, and Stephen Hall, painter, receive from Col. Henry Smith of St. Georges, N. Y., and w., "all that their messuage or tenement situate lying and being in Charlestown aforesaid adjoining to the market place, butted and bounded as followeth. South East by ye Market place, measuring on that Line 128 ft., Southwest partly by Lt. Ebenezer Austin and partly by Land in the possession of Simon Bradstreet, measuring on that line 308 ft., and Northerly on the Towns land or way, measuring on that Line 29 ft., North East on the commons Land called Town house Hill, that Line going bowing and measuring in Length 232 ft., and Easterly on Gravell Lane, measuring on that Line 105 ft." (*Midd. Reg.* L. 15, F. 594.) This land was divided 15 Jan. 1712-13, Peirce taking the westernmost half. (L. 16, F. 187.) 26 Feb. 1711-12, B. P. of Charlestown, shopkeeper, and w. Hannah convey to John Logan the house and land bought of Mirick: In nearly all these deeds, the surname is spelled "Peirce."

Mar. 4, 1693-4. "He petitioned the s<sup>d</sup> town [Woburn] with reference to a highway that was formerly laid out for the use of the Town between Rand meadow and his land. It was his father Robert Peirce's land and none of the neighbors present desiring the continuance of the same, it being a thing of no use, the inhabitants released the said Benj. Peirce for his own use in fee and to his heirs and assigns for ever." (*Woburn Town Records*).

### BENJAMIN PEIRCE'S WILL.

In the name of God Amen. I Benjamin Pierce of Charlestown, in the County of Middlesex, in his majesties province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England, Shopkeeper, being infirme in Body, but of good, and perfect memory. Thanks be to Almighty God, Do make, constitute, ordain and declare this my last Will and Testament, in manner & fforme following, hereby revokeing and utterly annulling all, and every Testament, and Testaments, Will, and Wills heretofore by me made, and declared either by word, or Writeing, and this to be taken only for my last Will and Testament. And first I comend and comitt my Soul unto Almighty God my Saviour & redeemer, in whome, and by the meritts of Jesus Christ his Death & passion I trust, and believe assuredly to be saved, to have the remission of all my Sins, and inherit everlasting life, And my Body I comitt unto the Earth to be buried at the Discretion of my Executors, hereafter named. And as touching such Estate as it hath pleased God to bestow upon me, I do order, give and dispose of the same in manner and fforme following. First I will that all those Debts, and Duties w<sup>ch</sup> I ow in Right or Conscience, to any manner of person, or p<sup>sons</sup> whatsoever, shall be well, and truely contented and paid, or ordained to be paid

within convenient time after my decease by my executors hereafter named:

Item I give and bequeath unto my loving wife Hannah Peirce, the whole Improvement, benefit & use, of all my Estate, both reall and personall, Dureing her naturall life, ffarther I do hereby grant, her Liberty, and full power and authority to sell, and dispose of at her own pleasure, the house I now dwell in, with all the land thereunder, and thereto adjoining with all y<sup>e</sup> Edifices thereupon, and all my personall Estate w<sup>thout</sup>. She Supporting maintaining, and bringing up my children out of the Same: my will and desire is that my Son Jerahmael may be educated, till he is qualified for an apprentice to a Physician; and bound out to one.

Item I give, and bequeath unto my children, namely Jonathan, Elizabeth, Hannah, Mary, Abigaile, Jerahmael, and Benjamin [the residue of] my [Estate] hereby undisposed of, to be equally divided amongst them, or their legall Representatives, after the Death of my said wife: Unless my Daughter Elizabeth be then living; if my said Daughter Elizabeth should be living at the death of my said wife, then I do hereby give unto my said wife full Liberty, power & authority of disposing the aforesaid residue of my Estate amongst my children, or their legall Representatives as she shall see meet, making good provision for the maintainance and support of my s<sup>d</sup> Daughter Elizabeth, ffarther I leave it wholly to the prudence and discretion of my s<sup>d</sup> wife to bestow upon my s<sup>d</sup> children, as they shall arrive to marriage state or full age: I do also hereby ordain, constitute, and appoint my said wife, and Son Jonathan to be the Ex<sup>rs</sup> of this my last Will, and Testament: In Witnesse Whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and Seale, declaring the within written to be my last Will & Testament, this first day of September, Anno Dom. one thousand seven hundred, and fifteen. Anno gz. R. B's Georgy magnæ Britaniæ &c. Secundi.

[L. S.]

BEINJA PEIRCE.

*Witnesses:* Eben. Austin, Joseph Austin, Sam<sup>l</sup> Burr. Will lodged Oct. 1715; proved 10 Nov. 1715.

The estate appears to have remained unsettled till 1747, after the death of the widow.

23 April 1717, James Cutler of Lexington, weaver, and w. Alice, convey certain property in Lexington and Charlestown to Hannah Peirce. (*Midd. Reg. L.* 19, F. 126). The Charlestown lot seems to have been that which Benjamin Peirce received from E. Phillips, and was conveyed to Cutler 13 April 1717, by Hannah Peirce, widow, and Jonathan Peirce, Jun., they being "the true sole and lawful owners." (*L.* 20, F. 28). 5 May 1718, Hannah Peirce of Charlestown, shopkeeper, Relict widow of B. P. late of said C. decd, quit claims to James Cutler of Cambridge, all right to the whole of the

abovenamed property, (L. 20, F. 69). The property was mortgaged to Hannah Peirce by Cutler 7 May 1718 (L. 20, F. 74) and the mortgage was discharged 28 Oct. 1724, by Hannah Wilson, formerly Peirce. 28 July 1718, Hannah Peirce conveyed to Jonathan Peirce (her eldest son, a joiner) a certain piece of land in Charlestown, belonging to the estate of Benjamin Peirce and valued at £80. "the same being to be \* \* reckoned as part share \* \* of in and to his s<sup>d</sup> father's estate," (L. 20, F. 81).

### WILL OF HANNAH WILSON.

In the Name of God Amen. I, Hannah Wilson of Charlestown, in the County of Middlesex, and province of Massachusetts Bay, in New England, widow, being of a sound mind, etc., etc., etc., make and ordain this my last Will and Testament.

Imps My Will is that my just Debts and funeral Charges be paid by my Executor out of my Estate as soon as may be after my Decease.

Item. I do by this my last Will Discharge my son Jerahmeel Peirce from all Rents and Debts owing to me from my Said Son having good Reason for so doing.

Item I give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Abigail Sheafe and grand Daughter Mary Croswell, twenty Shillings each old Tenor.

Item I give and bequeath unto my two Sons Jonathan and Jerahmeel Peirce all my Estate to be equally Divided between them after my just Debts funeral Charges and Legacies above mentioned are paid and discharged but upon this Condition and for the performance of which they shall give Secruity that if my Daughter Elizabeth Peirce be necessitated that they supply her out of my Estate as she shall have Occasion as far as one third part of my Estate will go.

Lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my Son Jonathan Peirce abovenamed to be the executor of this my last Will and Testament revoking etc., etc., etc., in Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this Eighteenth Day of October Anno Dom<sup>i</sup> 1746 in the twentieth year of the Reign of his Maj<sup>y</sup> King George the Second.



[L.S.]

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Wit: Hannah Hill, Samuell Austin, Catharine Phipps.

Lodged by Jerathmiel Peirce 27 Nov. 1746.

All the witnesses sworn 18 Dec. 1746. Kath. Phipps testified that the testatrix used to sign Receipts etc., with only H. W. Executor out of the Province. Proof to be suspended till he comes.

June 29, 1747, S. Danforth, J. Prob. appointed the Hnble. Ezekiel Cheever, Joseph Lemman, Richard Foster, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, Messrs. Joseph Phillips and Thomas Symmes, all of Charlestown, and sufficient freeholders to divide the residue of the estate of Benjamin Peirce, late of

and town shopkeeper deceased, equally among the surviving four children of the said deceased, viz., Jonathan, Jerathmiel, Elizabeth, and Abigail, and the heir of Mary deceased; reciting that Benjamin and Hannah are deceased, leaving no children.

The commissioners made return Sept. 30, 1747, reciting that Jerathmiel one of the children and heirs, and Edward Sheaff—who married to Abigail, another of the Children and heirs of the deceased have signified to us that they each have right to two fifths parts of the said Estate by purchase and inheritance." To Jerathmiel they gave (as two fifth parts of Estate) the northerly half of the dwelling-house and land, together with half an acre and ten rods of pasture land; to Edward Sheaff the southerly part of the dwelling-house and land, and shop in the front, with a piece of land at the upper part fronting the street; to Mary Crosswell, a minor, in right of her mother Mary deceased, three acres of pasture land near the training field.

Approved by the court, March 12, 1747-48.

The division of this estate does not contain a description of the boundary of the land on which the house stood, but only of the line of division, and of the pasture land. Edward Sheaff's portion was sold by "Vendue" after his Death, which took place in 1771. Jerathmiel's portion was sold to David Wait by Benjamin Peirce, the son of Jerathmiel, in 1763.

Dec. 1, 1746, Jerathmiel Peirce cordwainer was appointed guardian of Mary (a minor in her 17th year) dau. of Thomas Crosswell. Deceased, bonds £300, Jacob Hurd joining with Jar. P. March 17, 1748, in guardian's account, we find, "Mary Crosswell (now Mary Gowing)"—Her Husband Hammond Gowing."

12. JOSEPH<sup>3</sup> PEIRCE (*Robert*,<sup>2</sup> *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. May 1, 1672, m. Ruth ———. He res. in Woburn. His wife d. Jan. 17, 1712; he m. 2nd Mary ———. He d. May 16, 1749. Children:—

- i. ABIGAIL, b. Oct. 3, 1702. ii. RUTH, b. June 14, 1704.
- iii. PHEBE, b. May 2, 1709; m. Dec. 26, 1728, Isaac Burrell.
- iv. JOSEPH, b. April 24, 1714; m. Susanna Gleason, and res. in Woburn and Weston, to which latter place he removed in May, 1768, with his wife and two children Esther and Mary.
- v. JONATHAN, b. Aug. 4, 1716; d. Jan. 11, 1736.
- vi. MARY, b. March 4, 1721; d. July 14, 1795.
- vii. ELIZABETH, b. July 5, 1723; m. Amos Wyman.

13. JOHN<sup>3</sup> PEIRCE (*John*<sup>2</sup> *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Nov. 23, 1644. He removed with his father to Weathersfield, Conn., m. here, Ann Hathwitt and rev. to Southbury. He d. Nov. 19, 1731.

John Peirce settled in the village of White Oak, and the West or lower road was first laid out and built upon; he owned all the land east of it; the land adjoining the road being so sidehilly it was deemed unsuitable to build upon. He laid out another road on the top of the hill on which he erected his dwelling which remained standing until 1850. The land between the roads which now constitutes that beautiful avenue, he deeded to the King as will appear on the



land records at Woodbury. He died Nov. 19, 1731, and was interred in the North burying-ground. John Huthwitt came from Stratford to Woodbury, Conn. The legend is, that he and his sister Ann. were "of gentle blood," and left orphans at an early age, under the guardianship of an uncle. The latter being an avaricious man and desirous of securing their fortune to himself, sent them to New England, under the pretence of giving them an education: after which he squandered their property, and left them destitute. The Ann above referred to became the wife of John Peirce. Ann was admitted to the church Oct. 3, 1697, and John May 9, 1708. Children:—

27. i. JOHN, b. Sept. 10, 1683; m. March 21, 1716, Comfort Jenner.
- ii. ELIZABETH, b. Aug. 10, 1685.

14. DANIEL<sup>4</sup> PEIRCE (*Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Nov. 28, 1666; m. Abigail ———. He settled in Groton, and d. bef. 1723. Children:—

28. i. DANIEL, b. Feb. 18, 1698; m. Dec. 19, 1719, Ellenor Boynton.
29. ii. ISAAC, b. Feb. 25, 1701; m. March 23, 1725, Eunice Sanderson.

15. EPHRAIM<sup>4</sup> PEIRCE (*Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Oct. 15, 1673; m. Mary Whitney, b. July 1, 1675, d. Dec. 29, 1749. He settled in Groton, and d. Feb. 27, 1740-1. Ephraim Peirce was one of the first settlers in Lunenburg, and in the first division of land there he was assigned lot number sixty-eight. He was chosen one of the first selectmen of the town in 1728. Children:—

- i. MARY, b. Aug. 9, 1696; m. March 17, 1719-20, Josiah Farnsworth. 10 children.
- ii. ELIZABETH, b. July 24, 1698; m. Dec. 24, 1723, Thomas Farwell. Ch.:—Thomas, b. July 26, 1725; d. Sept. 8, 1725.
30. iii. EPHRAIM, b. Nov. 12, 1700; m. Esther Shedd and Mrs. Huldah Weatherbee.
- iv. SARAH, b. March 8, 1702; m. Oct. 27, 1720, Jonathan Parker. Ch.: Jonathan, b. Jan. 1, 1722; m. Eleanor Hunt. Sarah and her husband both d. Sept. 21, 1723.
31. v. DAVID, b. May 23, 1704; m. June 15, 1725, Elizabeth Bowers.
- vi. JONATHAN, b. April 15, 1706; d. Sept. 23, 1723.
- vii. SIMON, b. Oct. 15, 1707; m. May 26, 1737, Susanna Parker. They res. in Groton. Ch.:—Simon, b. March 4, 1738; Susannah, b. April 17, 1739; Deborah, b. Feb. 26, 1741; Mary, b. March 29, 1743; Ephraim, b. Dec. 30, 1745; Samuel, b. Nov. 11, 1747; Solomon, b. Sept. 27, 1750, d. young; Lemuel, b. July 5, 1752; Solomon, b. Nov. 7, 1754; Nehemiah, b. Aug. 1, 1756; Sarah, b. May 9, 1758.
- viii. ABIGAIL, b. Nov. 20, 1710; m. abt. 1735, Ezra Farnsworth, his 2nd wf.
- ix. LYDIA, b. Nov. 20, 1713; d. Sept. 24, 1723.

16. JOSEPH<sup>4</sup> PEIRCE (*Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), m. Dec. 30, 1698, Mary Warren,\* b. May 25, 1675. He was selectman in Woburn, 1738, '39, '42, and was called Weaver. He d. in Waltham in 1747. Children:—

32. i. ISAAC, b. Sept. 19, 1700; m. Sept. 7, 1722, Susanna Bemis.
- ii. MARY, b. Feb. 28, 1702; m. June 24, 1725, Capt. Thomas Fiske.

\* Dau. of Capt. John Warren of Watertown.



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iii. ELIZABETH, b. Feb. 23, 1703; m. Phineas Gleason.  
iv. SARAH, b. Sept. 11, 1705; m. ——— Allen.  
v. LYDIA, b. March 11, 1706; m. bef. 1747, but husband deceased.  
vi. EUNICE, b. Feb. 11, 1708; m. July 2, 1729, Isaac Child, b. March 5, 1699. Children:—Phineas, b. April 26, 1730, m. Lois Dakin and Ruth Wheeler; Isaac, b. Jan. 26, 1732; m. Sarah ———; Eunice, b. April 6, 1734; Thaddeus, b. April 13, 1739, m. Hepzebah Warren; Abijah, b. April 23, 1739, m. Sarah Cutler; Abraham, b. Aug. 12, 1741, m. Rebecca Stowell—he was Capt. in the Jerseys in the Rev. War in 1776; David, b. May 4, 1746, d. June 21, 1767; Lucy, b. June 14, 1749. Eunice, d. Sept. 19, 1793, and her husband, Feb. 7, 1789.  
vii. GRACE, b. April 27, 1711; d. bef. 1747, not mentioned in her father's will.  
viii. PRUDENCE, b. Aug. 2, 1713; m. ——— Merriam.  
ix. LOIS, b. Jan. 21, 1715; m. ——— Muzzey.  
x. RAHUMAH, b. Jan. 12, 1717; m. Aug. 15, 1758, John Child. He was b. Dec. 2, 1713.

17. JOSEPH<sup>4</sup> PEIRCE (*Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Oct. 2, 1669; m. May 20, 1688-9. Ruth Holland, b. Feb. 17, 1666, d. soon after m. a. p.: m. 2nd, Dec. 21, 1692, Hannah Munroe; m. 3rd, Aug. 12, 1736, Mrs. Beriah (Bemis) Child, b. June 23, 1681. He d. March 12, 1753, and she m. Nov. 28, 1754, John Whitney of Westford, b. June 15, 1694. Joseph's father's will, Joseph Senior, dated March 19, 1709, mentions "Weaver," for "divers good considerations me thereunto moving and more especially for the good affection I bear unto my beloved son, Joseph of Cambridge, 'Weaver'—gives lands." Signed Joseph and Elizabeth Peirce, witnessed by John Mason, Samuel Speck and John Comax. Joseph Jr., was selectman in Watertown, 1708, '13, '22, '36, and '37, and in Waltham, 1738, '39, '42. They res. in Waltham. Children b. in Lexington—*Hudson*:—

33. i. JOSEPH, b. Feb. 5, 1693; m. Abigail ———.  
34. ii. GEORGE, b. Feb. 2, 1695-6; m. Hannah ———.  
35. iii. JOHN, b. March 11, 1698; m. Rachel ———.  
iv. MARIHA, b. June 2, 1702.  
v. MARY, b. March 28, 1705; m. June 24, 1725, Thomas Fiske, b. Sept. 12, 1701, d. Sept. 28, 1778. Ch.:—Hannah, b. Sept. 29, 1727, m. William Smith, Jr.; John, b. April 24, 1728, m. Elizabeth Harrington; Abijah, b. March 12, 1729, m. Elizabeth Upham; David, b. Oct. 8, 1731, m. Elizabeth Mansfield and Rebecca Garfield; Mary, b. May 20, 1733; Jonathan, b. May 14, 1735, m. Abigail Lawrence; Lydia, b. May 2, 1737, m. Jonathan Wellington, Jr.; Abigail, b. Aug. 16, 1739, m. Jonathan Fiske; Lois, b. Oct. 16, 1741, m. Joseph Hagar, Jr.; Eunice, b. Dec. 4, 1743, m. Daniel Mansfield; Sarah, b. Sept. 19, 1745, m. John Lawrence.  
26. vi. WILLIAM, b. July 10, 1707; m. Abigail ———.  
vii. RUTH, b. April 8, 1710.  
viii. DAVID, b. April 16, 1713; m. May 29, 1734, Sarah Piper of Concord. David Peirce of Leominster, his will dated June 26, 1759, mentions his wife Sarah and no children. His estate was inventoried at £223-8-10. *War. Prob. Rec.*

18. FRANCIS<sup>4</sup> PEIRCE (*Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. July 27, 1671; m. Dec. 17, 1697, Hannah Johnson of Lexington. "a good girl" whom "I love" says Mr. Bailey, living at Mr. Bond's, bap. and owned

the covenant, Feb. 27, 1686-7. He was one of the original members of the Weston church. Nov. 6, 1697, John Johnson of Cambridge executed a deed of gift to his dau. Hannah of Watertown of the houses and lands in Cambridge Farms (Lexington). He died in Weston and d. there April 22, 1728. His will was dated April 13, 1728, presented May 18, 1728, proved June 10, 1728, names eldest son Francis, sons William, Jacob, Thomas, and daus. Hannah. Wife Hannah exec.

Witness: Joseph Lovewell, Joseph Lovewell, Jr., and Deborah Lovewell. John Mirick app. guardian of Jacob, in his 17th year, Feb. 3, 1728. His widow m. May 5, 1730, Joseph Lovewell, b. 1659, d. Oct. 9, 1732. Children:—

- i. FRANCIS, b. Feb. 14, 1698; m. (pub.) July 23, 1722, Ruth Graves. Res. Sudbury.
- ii. HANNAH, b. Sept. 3, 1702; d. young.
37. iii. THOMAS, b. Oct. 4, 1705; m. Mary Huse.
38. iv. WILLIAM, b. May 1, 1708; m. Sarah Whitney.
- v. MARY, b. July, 1711; d. Aug. 1711.
39. vi. JACOB, b. Aug. 9, 1712; m. Mary Chadwick.
- vii. EBENEZER, bap. and d. Nov. 1714.
- viii. HANNAH, b. March 8, 1715-6; pub. Nov. 5, 1743, Joseph Locke of Lexington.
40. ix. JONAS, b. 1717; m. April 30, 1743, Mary Adams.

19. JOHN<sup>4</sup> PEIRCE (*Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. May 27, 1673; m. Nov. 5, 1702, Elizabeth Smith, b. Jan. 15, 1673, d. in Watertown, Sept. 20, 1747. He d. 1743-4. They res. in Waltham. Children:—

41. i. JOHN, b. Sept. 1, 1703; m. Rebecca Fenno.
42. ii. JONAS, b. Dec. 20, 1705; m. Jan. 4, 1727, Abigail Comee.
- iii. EZEKIEL, b. March 8, 1708; m. Nov. 17, 1731, Mercy Wellington, b. May 26, 1711. Res. Watertown. Ch.:—Jacob, b. 1732; Ezekiel, b. 1734; Sarah, bap. April 13, 1740; Ebenezer, bap. Sept. 17, 1742.
43. iv. SAMUEL, b. July 3, 1712; m. Abigail Stearns.
- v. ELIZABETH, b. Jan. 3, 1715; d. bef. 1743-4, not mentioned in father's will.
- vi. DANIEL, b. Oct. 21, 1719; m. Martha ———. Ch.:—Henry, b. March 1, 1753; Martha, bap. Dec. 22, 1754; Anna, bap. July 27, 1768.
44. vii. JONATHAN, b. Sept. 28, 1724; m. Dec. 25, 1745, Abigail Blanchard.

20. BENJAMIN<sup>4</sup> PEIRCE (*Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. March 25, 1677; m. Sept. 7, 1705, \*Widow Elizabeth Hall, widow of John Hall, Jr., of Dover, N. H.; m. 2nd, May 30, 1714, †Hannah (Chesley) Ash of Oyster River. They res. in Dover, N. H. Children:—

45. i. BENJAMIN, b. Dec. 11, 1706; m. ———.
- ii. JOSEPH, b. Oct. 22, 1709.
- iii. JOHN, b. May 19, 1715.
- iv. ELIZABETH, b. May 17, 1717.
- v. HANNAH, b. Jan. 10, 1718.
46. vi. EBENEZER, b. Feb. 2, 1720-1; m. ———.
47. vii. ISRAEL, b. Feb. 16, 1723-4; m. Elizabeth Curtis.

\* They were married in Oyster River Parish, Dover, by Rev. John Buss. He of Watertown. She of Dover.—*Rea, A. H. Quint, D. D.*

† At his second marriage he is called Sen.

1. JACOB<sup>4</sup> PEIRCE (*Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Dec. 25, 1678; Nov. 13, 1702. Hannah Lewis. He d. Dec. 8, 1739-40. He res. in Weston. Children:—

i. THOMAS. ii. SUSANNA, bap. Oct. 4, 1713.

Jan. 5, 1740.—Hannah Peirce admitted admx. to estate of her late husband Jacob Peirce of Weston, giving bonds in £135, with Benjamin Brown and Braddyll Smith.

22. STEPHEN<sup>4</sup> PEIRCE (*Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Oct. 1683; Sept. 16, 1708. Abigail Bemis, b. Jan. 10, 1686. They res. in Weston, and were dismissed Jan. 13, 1733-4, from the church there to "Windham Canada."\* [*Bond's History of Watertown*]. She is admitted to the Weston church, April 17, 1715.† Children:—

i. MARTHA, b. March 29, 1709. ii. STEPHEN, b. Dec. 8, 1711.  
iii. ISAAC, b. April 16, 1713. iv. TIMOTHY, b. Oct. 8, 1716.  
v. JAMES, b. July 9, 1719. vi. LYDIA. vii. HULDAH.  
viii. ELIZABETH.

23. DANIEL<sup>4</sup> PEIRCE (*Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Aug. 22, 1689; m. Rebecca Converse. He resided in Watertown, and was selectman there in 1731, '32, '34, '35, '36 and '37. He d. Nov. 7, 1737, and she deceased, March 4, 1737. March 27, 1738, John Hoar, admitted administrator of the estate of Samuel Peirce, late of Watertown, deceased, intestate, giving bonds in £1000. Inventory 1738—05—8 (I suppose old Tenor). Guardians appointed to Lucy (in her 16th year), Hannah (in her 12th year), Ruth (in her 9th year), and Rebecca and Esther Hoar, children of John by his wife Esther, deceased. Children:—

- i. ESTHER, b. June 22, 1714; m. June 13, 1734. John Hoar. He resided successively in Lexington, Watertown and Lex. and Lincoln. This was partly owing to his changing the place of his residence, and partly from alterations of town lines, which annexed a part of Lex. to Lin. What time he became an inhabitant of Lex. is unknown. He was taxed in town both for personal and real estate in 1729, and had a seat assigned him in the meeting-house in 1731, when they re-seated the house. He was chosen one of the committee to provide for the schools in 1743. He subsequently filled the office of constable, assessor, and selectman. He d. May 16, 1786. Ch.:—Rebecca, b. July 1, 1735, m. Joseph Cutler; Esther, b. Jan. 28, 1738, m. Edward Bowman; Hoar m. 2nd, Aug. 2, 1740, Elizabeth Cooledge by whom he had 9 ch. one, Hon. Samuel, m. Susanna Peirce. [459].
- ii. BENJAMIN, b. Feb. 10, 1716; d. Nov. 19, 1737.
- iii. SARAH, b. June 5, 1721; d. Nov. 21, 1737.

\* This was the former name of the Second Society in Windham, Conn., in the town of Hampton, Conn.

† Sult in Court of Common Pleas in Middlesex County, in 1732, between Stephen Peirce of Windham, Conn. vs. Ebenezer Ward, to whom he bound his son Stephen, at Watertown, May 20, 1730. Jan. 13, 1733-4, Stephen Peirce and wife Abigail, dismissed from Waltham church to Windham Village Church Canada.—*Bond*, p. 871.

- iv. LUCY, b. March 6, 1722; m. Aug. 22, 1745. Thomas Harris, *see* *over*  
Oct. 10, 1725.
- v. HANNAH, b. Nov. 1, 1724.
- vi. RUTH, b. Nov. 21, 1728; m. James Thomas.
- vii. SAMUEL, b. Feb. 12, 1730; d. young prob., not mentioned in Pro-  
bate Papers.
- viii. MARY, b. Nov. 6, 1736-7; d. young prob., not mentioned in Pro-  
bate Papers.

24. NATHANIEL<sup>4</sup> PEIRCE (*Nathaniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Robert*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Feb. 2, 1678; m. June 2, 1701, Lydia Francis, "Nathaniel and his wife Lydia then belonging to the Church of Christ in Cambridge, were among those persons who were organized into a church at Medford." [*Brook's His. of Medford*, p. 533.] He d. in M. April 4, 1719. Nathaniel Peirce of Medford, tailor, (will dated Feb. 7, 1718-19, proved May 15, 1719), names his wife Ledia (exec. with advice of Lieut. Stephen Hall and William Willis of Medford, overseers), his son Francis, his daug. Hannah P., Ledia P., Abigail P., Mary P., Rebecca P., and "my child that is yett unborn." Witnesses Thomas Willis, Stephen Frances, Jonathan Watson (?). Inventory £236—18—00. Jan. 13, 1723, Samuel Francis of Medford, husbandman, appointed guardian to Lydia (dau. of above) in her 17th year. Will (or inventory?) speaks of land in Charlestown. Children:—

- i. HANNAH, b. April 27, 1702.
- 48. ii. FRANCIS, b. Sept. 24, 1704; m. Deborah ———.
- iii. LYDIA, b. Feb. 24, 1707. iv. ABIGAIL, b. Feb. 5, 1710.
- v. BENONI, b. Feb. 24, 1712, d. Oct. 3, 1712.
- vi. MARY, b. March 2, 1714. vii. REBECCA, b. Aug. 5, 1716.
- 49. viii. NATHANIEL, b. June 29, 1719; m. Dec. 25, 1740, Patience Totman.

Estate—Buys of R. Mousal 3½ acres in 1709. Inventory, 3½ acres woods £4, &c.

Widow Lydia sells John Whitmore 2½ acres marsh, ½ of 5 acres formerly of Abraham Hill, sold by A. Boardman to Stephen and John Francis, 4 ft. wide more than the other—E, River; S, H. Green; W, George Blanchard; m. other ½ now of John Francis, 1722.

25. ICHABOD<sup>4</sup> PEIRCE (*Nathaniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Robert*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Jan. 23, 1686; m. Dec. 24, 1706, Sarah Waters. They res. in Medford. She d. Feb. 28, 1757. He d. Jan. 13, 1721; and she m. 2nd, 1724, Dudley Bradstreet. Children:—

- i. SARAH, b. July 14, 1709.
- ii. ROBERT, b. Nov. 29, 1711; m. Oct. 28, 1736, Eunice Wyman, b. Nov. 16, 1710; d. Apr. 15, 1755.
- 50. iii. NATHANIEL, b. Aug. 2, 1713; m. Dec. 19, 1735, Mary Teal.
- iv. REBECCA, b. Aug. 5, 1715.
- v. JONATHAN, b. Oct. 8, 1717; d. Jan. 16, 1721.
- vi. ELIZA, b. Apr. 30, 1719; d. Jan. 21, 1721.

Apr. 15, 1726—Sarah Peirce was appointed guardian to Robert Peirce, in his 15th year, s. of Ichabod, giving bonds with Jonathan Nutting. Dec. 4, 1727—Sarah Peirce of Medford, widow, was appointed guardian to Nathaniel Peirce, s. of Ichabod, in his 15th year.



26. JERAHMEEL<sup>4</sup> PEIRCE (*Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Robert<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Nov. 22, 1708; m. May 31, 1733, Rebecca Hurd, b. Mar. 30, 1707; d. Mar. 4, 1751. He d. Mar. 23, 1751.\* April 29, 1751, Rebecca Peirce of Charlestown was appointed admr. of the Estate of her late husband Jerathmael Peirce. Apr. 18, 1757, admn. of Estate of Jerathmael Peirce, cordwainer, granted to Thomas Welch, joyner, as the orphan's "nearest kinsman that will undertake it." Mrs. Rebecca appears to have Died in March, 1757. All the children sign Peirce (Benjamin, Rebekah, Jerathmael, Elizabeth, Hannah, all minors). May 13, 1757, Jerathmael Peirce's inventory, Total £2121—01—06 old Tenor: including Negro Man valued at £300, and Dwelling house and barn at £1300. Nov. 12, 1759, Jerathmael Jr. chose his bro. Benj. as his guardian. Benjamin Hurd, leatherdresser, was appointed guardian to Elizabeth and Hannah (over 14). In the Division of the property Benj. Peirce, baker, had the house and barn (valued at £213—6—8 lawful money),—and Rebecca had the pasture land (valued at £20 lawful money).—Benjamin to pay certain sums to Jerathmael, Elizabeth, and Hannah. In 1765, we find the account of Eliza. P. "now Elizabeth Floyd" her guardian Benj. Hurd, also the account of Hannah P. "now Manning", now Deceased, "through Isaac Manning her husband" with Benj. Hurd. Apr. 29, 1751, Rebecca P. gave bonds in £500 with Samuel Wait of Charlestown, yeoman and Jacob Hurd of Boston, goldsmith. Among payments made by Thomas Welch was one to Mrs. Abigail Sheaff. Children:—

- i. BENJAMIN, b. June 7, 1734; d. Feb. 2, 1735.
- ii. REBECCA, b. Feb. 4, 1735; m. Nov. 26, 1770, Joseph Adams. He d. s. p. bef. 1796.
51. iii. BENJAMIN, b. June 10, 1738; m. Aug. 28, 1760, Mary Wait.
- iv. JONATHAN, b. Nov. 6, 1740; d. infant.
- v. ELIZABETH, b. Jan. 10, 1743; m. June 27, 1765, Joseph Floyd of Malden.
- vi. HANNAH, b. Dec. 10, 1744; m. Dec. 8, 1763, Isaac Manning. She d. Aug. 26, 1764. They had one child, Isaac, who d. Aug. 10, 1765.
52. vii. JERAHMEEL, b. Jan. 22, 1747; m. Feb. 6, 1772, Sarah Ropes.

#### *Estate.*

*Admin.* to T. Welch Apr. 11, 1757. Left Rebecca  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre; to Benjamin, the house on Main Street, and 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  rear, 5, 150, 3, 39, 1, 21 ft. bounds.

*Inventory.* House  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre, pew, negro woman £1860.

Rebecca—(dau.) sells F. Dizer  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre, 1760.

#### *Inventory.*

An inventory of all the estate of which Mr. Jerathmael Peirce late of Charlestown dyed seized, taken May 13, 1757, contained:

Doctors Dreggs in Shop . . . . .	22—14—00
Red wood wgt 11 lb . . . . .	11—00
Log wood wt 70 lb . . . . .	60—00
Stone Morter and Pestil . . . . .	9—00

\* He was a cordwainer, served time with J. Chamberlin, 1729. Admitted to the church March 17, 1728-9.



Pew in meeting-house . . . . .	£120
Negro Man . . . . .	300
half acre land in Nichols' field so called . . . . .	140
Dwelling house land and barn . . . . .	1300

Dec. 8, 1759, a committee of five was appointed to appraise his Real Estate and distribute the same among his children. Endorsed:—

House, Barn and land adjoining . . . . .	£1600:00:00
The Pasture $\frac{1}{2}$ acre & 10 pole . . . . .	150:00:00

Feb. 23, 1760, this committee made a Division, which was Dececd by the court Apr. 14, 1760, on condition that Benjamin should pay certain fees, also to Jerathmael, Elizabeth, and Hannah, each £38—15—9 $\frac{1}{4}$  & to Rebecca £18—15—9 $\frac{1}{4}$  with interest at 5 per cent. counted from Feb. 23, 1760. Oct. 21, 1763, Samuel Wait and David Wait gave bonds in £200 for the fulfillment of these conditions.

27. Sergt. JOHN<sup>4</sup> PEIRCE (*John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*). b. Sept. 10, 1683; m. Mar. 21, 1716, Comfort Jenner, b. Apr. 11, 1698, d. Aug. 23, 1757. They res. in South Britain, Conn., and were admitted to the church in Woodbury, July 17, 1726. He d. Dec. 1, 1757. He served in the Colonial Militia at one time as sergeant. Children:—

53. i. JOHN, b. Apr. 4, 1718; m. Apr. 13, 1749, Hannah Twitchell and Mary Edmonds.
- ii. ELIZABETH, b. Aug. 19, 1720; m. Ebenezer Hinman, b. Oct 10, 1715; d. Nov. 16, 1807—ch. Hannah, b. Feb. 12, 1744, m. Gideon Hicock; Betty, b. Apr. 6, 1746, m. Seth Wheeler; Annis, d. young; Comfort, b. Oct. 28, 1750; Daniel, b. Sept. 22, 1752, m. Annis Hinman; Annis, b. Feb. 16, 1753, m. Lieut. Asa Hinman; Esther, b. Oct. 23, 1757; Jonathan, b. Feb. 22, 1761, d. young; Jonathan, b. May 23, 1764; Elizabeth, d. Feb. 9, 1805.
54. iii. JOSEPH, b. April 26, 1723; m. Feb. 22, 1750, Mary Johnson.
- iv. SAMUEL, b. Jan. 5, 1723; d. unm. Mar. 17, 1788.
55. v. DAVID, b. Dec. 20, 1727; m. July 13, 1751, Eunice Strong.
56. vi. ABRAHAM, b. Mar. 14, 1737; m. Ann Hubbell.
57. vii. NATHAN, b. May 19, 1732; m. Dec. 10, 1763, Mable Wheeler.
58. viii. JUSTUS, b. May 29, 1734; m. July 13, 1783, Hannah Johnson and Molly Norton.
- ix. ANN, b. Mar. 13, 1730; m. Apr. 22, 1754, Ebenezer Squire, Jr., of Lanesboro, Mass., b. Oct. 10, 1730—ch. Mary, b. Feb. 20, 1755; Ann, b. Mar. 5, 1757; Lois, b. July 30, 1759; Ebenezer, b. Apr. 18, 1762; Mercy, b. July 3, 1764.
59. x. ELIJAH, b. Jan. 13, 1740; m. Feb. 8, 1770, Esther Downs.

28. DANIEL<sup>5</sup> PEIRCE (*Daniel<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*). b. Feb. 18, 1698; m. Dec. 19, 1719, Ellenor Boynton. They res. in Groton. Children:—

- i. JOHN, b. Oct. 4, 1720.
- ii. ISAAC, b. Dec. 9, 1722.
- iii. DANIEL, b. Feb. 4, 1724.
- iv. HANNAH, b. Mar. 4, 1726—7.
60. v. SAMUEL, b. June 15, 1729; m. Dec. 4, 1764, Lucy Wallingford.
- vi. ELIZABETH, b. Nov. 9, 1732.

29. ISAAC<sup>5</sup> PEIRCE (*Daniel<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*). b. Feb. 25, 1701; m. Mar. 23, 1725, Eunice Sanderson, b. July 1, 1707. d. Sept. 14, 1803. Children, b. in Waltham:—

- i. DANIEL, b. Jan. 9, 1726; m. June 4, 1752, Martha Gooding, b. June 30, 1732. Res. in Watertown and Cambridge—ch. Henry, bap. Mar. 4, 1753.

- ii. ELIZABETH, b. Apr. 10, 1729; m. Oct. 5, 1749, Benjamin Harrington, b. Sept. 29, 1725, d. Dec. 31, 1788—ch. Benjamin, b. Apr. 29, 1750, m. Eunice Garfield; Paul, b. June 28, 1752, d. June 24, 1771; Joel, b. Oct. 31, 1754, m. Abigail Fiske; Eunice, b. Aug. 3, 1758, m. Eliphlet Warren; Solomon, b. July 3, 1765, m. Hannah Peirce. Elizabeth d. Oct. 22, 1794.
- 61. iii. ISAAC, b. Oct. 11, 1731; m. Oct. 22, 1753, Martha Graves.
- 62. iv. ABRAHAM, b. Jan. 5, 1733; m. Sept. 11, 1760, Abigail Harrington, Grace Harrington, and Deborah Garfield.
- v. EUNICE, b. July 6, 1736.
- vi. ABIGAIL, b. Mar. 26, 1739; m. in Weston, June 8, 1775, James Mallard. (?)
- vii. SARAH, b. Sept. 20, 1740.
- 63. viii. JOSHUA, b. July 1, 1744; m. Mary Flagg.
- ix. BENJAMIN, b. July 26, 1746.

30. EPHRAIM<sup>5</sup> PEIRCE (*Ephraim<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Nov. 12, 1700; m. Oct. 30, 1721, Esther Shedd, d. June 28, 1768; m. 2d Jan. 12, 1773, Mrs. Huldah (Martyn) Weatherbee. He res. in Lunenburg and was Deacon of the Congregational church for a number of years. He d. 1781. Children:—

- i. ESTHER, b. May 29, 1722; m. Oct. 17, 1740, Benjamin Gould—ch. Benjamin, b. Jan. 31, 1741, m. Sarah Foster.
- 64. ii. JONATHAN, b. Nov. 29, 1724; m. Feb. 4, 1745, Sarah Dodge.
- 65. iii. EPHRAIM, b. Mar. 13, 1726; m. Sarah Norcross and Olive Goodridge of Lincoln.
- iv. AMOS, b. July 8, 1729; d. Jan. 11, 1741.
- v. SARAH, b. Nov. 27, 1731; m. Jan. 25, 1749, John Lovejoy, b. 1725, d. 1795—ch. John, b. Dec. 22, 1749, m. Mary Gallop; Sarah, b. Apr. 3, 1753, m. George Lake; Jonathan, b. Jan. 17, 1757, d. Apr. 19, 1776; Susannah, b. Aug. 17, 1759; Prudence, b. Apr. 22, 1762; Oliver, b. Jan. 19, 1766; Esther, b. Oct. 2, 1768, m. Edward E. Colburn; Asa, b. June 3, 1771, m. Maria Priest; Benjamin, b. Mar. 22, 1774, m. Ruth Wood.
- vi. MARY, b. Mar. 5, 1733; m. Nov. 28, 1754, Phineas Hartwell of Lunenburg.
- vii. BENJAMIN, b. June 3, 1736; d. Dec. 23, 1757.
- viii. PRUDENCE, b. Feb. 6, 1738; m. Sept. 6, 1762, Reuben Smith.
- 66. ix. OLIVER, b. July 17, 1741; m. May 19, 1768, Mary Smith.
- x. KEZIA, b. Dec. 4, 1743; d. Sept. 18, 1746.
- xi. ELIZABETH, b. Nov. 25, 1748; m. Nov. 19, 1766, Jacob Steward.

31. DAVID<sup>5</sup> PEIRCE (*Ephraim<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. May 23, 1704; m. Elizabeth Bowers. They res. in Groton and Lunenburg. He d. Sept. 19, 1746. His will is dated Sept. 8, 1746, mentions wife Elizabeth; son David; son Samuel, to whom he gives his westerly house lot; son Joshua, who has the easterly house lot; daus. Elizabeth Peirce, Hannah Witherbee and Esther Peirce. His estate was inventoried in Nov., 1746, at £264—13—0. He was a cooper and his widow discharged from admn. Mar. 20, 1748. [*Worcester Co. Prob.*] Children:—

- i. DAVID, b. in Groton July 19, 1726; m. Apr. 20, 1746, Ann Ritter.
- ii. LYDIA, b. in Lunenburg Jan. 21, 1728; d. Sept. 3, 1746.
- iii. ELIZABETH, b. Apr. 7, 1730; m. Feb. 14, 1750, John Fitch; d. Apr. 8, 1795—ch. Molly, b. Nov. 23, 1752; Sarah, b. June 11, 1755.
- iv. HANNAH, b. Mar. 9, 1731; m. June 11, 1746, Paul Witherbee.
- v. SOLOMON, b. Jan. 28, 1733; d. June 20, 1740.

67. vi. SAMUEL, b. Mar. 25, 1737; m. May 17, 1761, Mary Steward.  
 vii. ESTHER, b. Feb. 26, 1744; m. May 5, 1768, Joseph Gibson, b. S  
 16, 1738—ch. Jonas, b. May 11, 1769.  
 viii. JOSHUA, b. Jan. 13, 1745; m. Nov. 23, 1769, Molly Foss.

32. ISAAC<sup>5</sup> PEIRCE (*Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Sept. 19, 1700; m. Sept. 7, 1722, Susanna Bemis of Lexington. He d. in 1773. They res. in Waltham; he was selectman 1744, '45 and '53. Children, b. in Lexington—*Hudson*.—

68. i. JOSIAH, b. Feb. 13, 1723; m. March 14, 1744, Sarah Gale.  
 \* 69. ii. JOSEPH, b. March 24, 1724; m. Jan. 2, 1748, Ruth White.  
 70. iii. ABELIAH, b. May 23, 1727; m. Sept. 3, 1751, Thankful Brown.  
 71. iv. EPHRAIM, b. Aug. 12, 1729; m. Lydia White and Mrs. Lydia Parker.  
 v. SUSANNA, b. May 22, 1732; d. bef. 1773, not mentioned in father's will.  
 vi. MARY, b. June 22, 1735; m. April 22, 1757, Moses Harrington, b. Oct. 22, 1733.  
 72. vii. ISAAC, b. March 24, 1738; m. 1764, Hannah Mason.

33. JOSEPH<sup>5</sup> PEIRCE (*Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Feb. 5, 1693; m. Abigail ———, d. 1755. Res. in Watertown and Lexington, and Lincoln. He d. in Lexington, Feb. 12, 1737.—(*Hudson*).

Probate Records say of Weston, where he died 1750, mentions ch. of his s. Ebenezer, and his sons Jonas and Joseph.

Abigail Peirce of Lincoln, spinster (will dated 18 Nov. 1755), no note of probate, names her s. Jonas and his daus. Mary and Eunice, her s. Joseph, her two gr. daus. Abigail and Joanna, ch. of her s. Ebenezer, her dau.-in-law Joanna, her female negro servant (Florah), and her gr. chil. Ebenezer, Joseph and Nathan, ch. of her s. Ebenezer, speaks of her provisions, with cask that contains the same, and her malt; appoints her s. Jonas. exec.

Witn. :—Ephraim Flint, Woods Lee and Ebenr. Cutler. Children :—

- i. EBENEZER, b. Sept. 18, 1715. He d. bef. 1750, and left ch. Abigail, Ebenezer, Joseph, Nathan and Joanna.  
 ii. JONAS, b. Oct. 15, 1717. He had ch., Mary and Eunice.  
 iii. JOSEPH, b. Feb. 3, 1719; m. April 2, 1741, Lydia Walker.

34. GEORGE<sup>5</sup> PEIRCE (*Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Feb. 2, 1695; m. Hannah ——— of Lexington, and rev. to Lincoln. He also res. in Weston and Groton, and d. Dec. 22, 1750. His wid. m. Dec. 20, 1753, John Parker of Newton.

"Through the goodness of God being of a sound and disposing mind, but apprehensive of the frailty of my mortal body, do make this my last will and Testament." "First of all, I give and recommend my precious and immortal soul into y<sup>e</sup> hands of my merciful Creator, hoping for the merits of my Redeemer to obtain the remission of all my sins, and a glorious resurrection at the last day, and my body to the earth from whence it was taken, to be buried in a decent Christian burial."

"George Pierce of Weston in the County of Middlesex and Province of Massachusetts Bay, in his will, gives first to his dutiful son

son one hundred acres of land in Winchester, in the Province of Hampshire, and to his Four younger sons to be equally divided between them, and other property to be divided amongst his children except Mary Wheeler, she having received a certain amount previous: also gives his wife a certain amount, and appoints son Simon Peirce his Executor. Date Dec. 7, 1750." The will was presented to Probate Court by Simon Peirce, and Hannah Peirce widow, Jan. 21, 1750.

21 March, 1759. Power of Attorney of Hannah Parker (formerly the wife of George Peirce) wife of John Parker, "spinster" of New-  
ton, appoints "my dutiful son and trusty friend George Peirce of Groton 'Housewright' my true and lawful attorney." Signed by "Hannah Parker" and "John Parker." Witnessed by "Thomas Greenwood" and "Amos Peirce."

Oct. 18, 1758. Settlement of Estate.

"	Mr. George Peirce's Real Estate sold for . . . .	£250 13 4
"	His personal Propt appraised at . . . . .	41 14 6
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		£292 7 10
"	Debts due from said estate . . . . .	76 10 2
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"	Remains to be divided . . . . .	£215 17 8
"	Mary Wheeler has received . . . . .	26 13 4
"	Divided as follows:—	
"	To Simon Peirce . . . . .	40 8 6
"	" George Peirce . . . . .	40 8 6
"	" Joshua Peirce . . . . .	40 8 6
"	" Amos Peirce . . . . .	40 8 6
"	" Anna " . . . . .	40 8 6
"	" Mary " . . . . .	13 15 2
"	" Hannah . . . . .	40 8 6

"An inventory of the estate of Mr. George Peirce, late of Weston, deceased testate upon the 22 Dec. 1750."

One of the earliest taverns in the old town of Groton, was kept by a Mr. Peirce just before and during the Revolution. It appears by an almanac for the year 1773, that he kept a public house at that time, and his name is continued in the series of almanacs till 1784, when it is dropped. In the *Boston Gazette* of September 30, 1773, one George Peirce advertises for sale at public auction, November 3, "a valuable farm in Groton, in the County of Middlesex, pleasantly situated on the great County Road, leading from Crown Point and No. 4 [Charlestown, N. H.] to Boston: said farm contains 172 acres of upland and meadow, with the bigger part under improvement, with a large Dwelling House and Barn and Outhouses, together with a good Grist Mill and Saw Mill, the latter new last Year both in good Repair, and on a good Stream and within a few Rods of the House. . . . . Said House is situated very conveniently for a Tavern, and has been improved as such for Ten Years past, with a number of conveniences, to many to enumerate." November 18, appears a notice adjourning the Sale to December 1: and November 23, according to the record in the Middlesex Registry of Deeds, George Peirce conveyed some land to Abram Ausden, which is described as lying



"Easterly of my Dwelling House and Easterly of the brook called Coicus Brook and Bounds Westerly by said Brook. Northerly by Thomas Parks Land. Easterly by the County Road leading to Lubburg, and Southerly by or near the path that leads by said Peirce's Mills so as to include the Barn and Yard before the Barn."

This house is still standing though it has turned yellow with age. It was purchased by the late Calvin Fletcher of Groton, forty-five years ago, and was then reputed to be more than one hundred years old. It is now thought to be more than one hundred and fifty years old.

Children:—

- i. SIMON, b. March 21, 1727. He prob. d. in 1755-6, unm. as his estate was settled by his brother, and no mention is made of wife or widow. Feb. 23, 1756, George Peirce was admitted administrator of the estate of Simon Peirce, late of Lincoln. The inventory taken Sept. 8, 1755, amounted to £54. "Letter of administration to George Peirce of Groton, housewright, on the estate of Simon Peirce, late of Lincoln, deceased. Dated Probate Court, Cambridge, Feb. 23, 1756."
- ii. MARY, b. Oct. 11, 1730; m. Dec. 30, 1749, Zachariah Wheeler of Concord.
- iii. ELIZABETH, b. Oct. 10, 1732; m. Jan. 30, 1775, Josiah Blanchard.
73. iv. GEORGE, b. Feb. 14, 1734; m. Jan. 17, 1757, Deborah Tarbell and Joana Gibbs.
- v. HANNAH, b. Oct. 28, 1736; d. July, 1756, in Lincoln.
- vi. SAMUEL, b. Sept. 15, 1738; d. Aug. 16, 1754, in Lincoln.
- vii. SARAH, b. April 7, 1740, d. July, 1754, in Lincoln.
- viii. JOSHUA, b. Oct. 19, 1742. ix. AMOS, b. Jan. 31, 1744.

35. JOHN<sup>5</sup> PEIRCE (*Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. March 11, 1698; m. Rachel ———. He rev. from Lex. in 1728, as he was not taxed in 1729, or after. Children, b. in Lexington:—

74. i. ANTHONY, b. Sept. 13, 1720; m. ———
75. ii. JOHN, b. Feb. 11, 1722; m. Hannah ———.
- iii. LUCY, b. Jan. 28, 1727.

36. WILLIAM<sup>5</sup> PEIRCE (*Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. July 10, 1707; m. Abigail ———; m. 2nd Mary ———. He was admitted to the church in Lexington, June 29, 1733. He probably left Lexington in 1735. or thereabouts, as his name does not appear in the tax bills after this date. Nov. 17, 1743, he purchased land in Stow, of Daniel Mason of Sudbury, for £560, and at this time he was a resident of Stow. Children:—

- i. ABIGAIL, b. May 7, 1729.
- ii. BRIDGET, b. Oct. 23, 1730.
- iii. ABNER, bap. Jan. 6, 1733.
- iv. ZEBULON, bap. Dec. 15, 1734.
- v. PHEBE? b. Aug. 21, 1737.
- vi. HANNAH, b. Dec. 16, 1739.
76. vii. GAD, b. June 10, 1741; m. Mary Foster.
- viii. MARCY, b. June 17, 1743. ix. ELIPHELET K., b. June 19, 1745.
- x. MARY, b. March 30, 1747. xi. SARAH, b. Nov. 3, 1750.

37. THOMAS<sup>5</sup> PEIRCE (*Francis<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Oct. 4, 1705; m. June 5, 1728, Mary Huse. Children:—

- i. MARY, b. April 13, 1729; m. April 7, 1748, Daniel Carter, Jr., bap. May 5, 1728.



- ii. MOSES, b. Aug. 16, 1730; m. Jan. 17, 1752, Mehitable Rice.
- iii. DANIEL, b. April 6, 1733; d. young.
- iv. HANNAH, b. Oct. 15, 1734; m. Dec. 20, 1753, John Parker, b. Feb. 16, 1722.
- v. EPHRAIM, b. March 5, 1736; d. young.
- vi. LYDIA, b. May 6, 1739; d. Oct. 25, 1740.
- vii. LYDIA, b. July 22, 1741; d. Jan. 7, 1755.
- viii. EPHRAIM, b. March 31, 1743; m. Dec. 31, 1765, Lois Brown, b. Aug. 16, 1748. Children b. in Westou—Walter, b. July 20, 1766; Lois, b. Jan. 26, 1769; Ephraim, b. Sept. 5, 1770.
- ix. DANIEL, b. July 3, 1749, killed at sea.

38. WILLIAM<sup>5</sup> PEIRCE (*Francis<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. May 1, 1708; m. April 18, 1729, Sarah Whitney, b. 1707, d. Feb. 27, 1788. He d. June 17, 1779. They res. in Southboro, Hopkinton, and Sutton. He was born in Westou; in 1758, he purchased land of Widow Sarah Hawding of Boston, formerly owned by her husband, for £28 and 4s., situated in Hopkinton, containing seventy and one half acres, bounded as follows, viz: Southerly on his own land, westerly on Westboro' land, northerly on Kelly and easterly on the said Hawding's land.—[*Middlesex Registry of Deeds, Hopkinton Land, Book L. 5, F. 4*].

In Sutton they resided with their son, Jonathan, and were interred in his lot on "Leland Hill." Children:—

- 78. i. FRANCIS, b. July 18, 1729; m. Dec. 8, 1759, Lydia Ball.
- ii. EBENEZER, b. Feb. 6, 1731; d. unm. 1753 (see Probate Court Records at Cambridge).
- iii. WILLIAM, b. Dec. 31, 1741; m. May 28, 1763, Abigail Walker. Children:—Henry, b. July 31, 1764; Josiah, b. April 25, 1767; Sarah, b. Aug. 5, 1770; Sophia, b. March 4, 1773; Submit, b. Oct. 8, 1776.
- 79. iv. JONATHAN, b. June 10, 1736; m. Eunice Leathe and Mary Goodale.
- v. SARAH, b. Aug. 30, 1744; d. unm. in Mendon.
- vi. AARON, b. Aug. 15, 1746.
- vii. HANNAH, b. Aug. 30, 1731; m. Aug. 6, 1764, Isaac Greene of Mendon.
- viii. SETH, b. Nov. 9, 1738.

"TO ALL PEOPLE TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME.

*Greeting*:—Know ye that we William and Sarah Peirce of Hopkinton in the County of Middlesex and Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England husbandman & Spinstress for and in Consideration of the Sum of Twenty Six pounds to us in Hand before the *Ensealing* hereof well and truly Paid by Jonathan Peirce of Sutton, in the County of Worcester and Province aforesaid yeoman, the Receipt whereof we Do hereby acknowledge and am our Selves therewith fully Satisfied and Contented and thereof and of every Part and Parcel thereof Do acquit and Discharge to him the said Jonathan Peirce his Heirs Executors and Administrators forever by these Presents Do freely fully and absolutely give grant bargain Sell Convey and Confirm unto him the Said Jonathan Peirce his heirs and Assigns forever. All our Moveable or Personal Estate Consisting of Live Stock farmers Tools Household furniture Provisions. And all What-

soever Belonging to the Moveable Estate of us the Said 77<sup>th</sup> ap.  
& Sarah Peirce."

39. JACOB<sup>5</sup> PEIRCE (*Francis<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Aug. 9, 1712; m. June 19, 1735, Mary Chadwick. He res. in Weston and was a blacksmith. He d. Sept. 26, 1738, and she m. March 30, 1742, William Whitney of Weston, b. Jan. 11, 1706. She b. Oct. 16, 1713, and d. Feb. 23, 1756. Children:—

- i. THANKFUL, b. Nov. 1, 1736. ii. JACOB, b. March 7, 1738.

Oct. 16, 1738.—Mary Peirce, widow, and John Jackson were admitted administrators of the estate of Jacob Peirce, Jr., blacksmith, of Weston, giving bonds in £795, with Jacob Peirce, and John Walker, guardians appointed for his children (William and Thankful) under 14, in 1744.

Oct. 15, 1753.—John Chadwick of Housatonick (Great Barrington), appointed guardian to Jacob, in his 16th year, s. of the late Jacob Peirce of Weston.

40. JONAS<sup>5</sup> PEIRCE (*Francis<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. 1717; m. April 30, 1743, Mary Adams of Lexington, b. Feb. 27, 1722, and who d. Aug. 19, 1806. He d. in Lincoln Jan. 6, 1805. Children:—

80. i. BENJAMIN, b. May 30, 1744; m. Sarah Garfield, Phebe Willard and Judith Metcalf.  
ii. MARY, b. Sept. 25, 1745; m. Aug. 15, 1771, Isaiah Bullard, b. July 8, 1750.  
iii. EUNICE, b. July 18, 1747; m. April 11, 1765, Henry Smith, b. Feb. 16, 1740-1. Ch. Edwin, b. April 11, 1766; Henry, b. May 18, 1768.  
iv. JONAS, b. April 12, 1749; d. May 18, 1749.  
81. v. JONAS, b. Sept. 19, 1750; m. Anna Garfield and Lavina Pool.  
vi. JOSEPH, b. March 13, 1753, m. March 17, 1778, Mehitable Peirce, d. soon, and m. 2nd, July 25, 1780; Lucy Parks, res. in Lincoln. Ch. Joseph, b. Feb. 24, 1781; Mary, b. Feb. 3, 1782.  
82. vii. ABRAHAM, b. Sept. 2, 1755; m. Phebe Towne.  
viii. ISAAC, b. Nov. 17, 1757; m. March 20, 1786, Anna Sanderson, b. April 13, 1762, in Waltham.  
ix. JACOB, b. May 13, 1762; m. Olive ———. Res. Lincoln. Ch. John, b. April 25, 1789; Hannah, b. Nov. 11, 1794; Levi, b. June 6, 1804.

41. JOHN<sup>5</sup> PEIRCE (*John<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Sept. 1, 1703; m. March 4, 1731, Rebecca Fenno. He was a weaver; res. Watertown; purchased of Preserved Tucker,\* for £75, 27 acres of

\* Deed of Preserved Tucker of Stoughton, yeoman, to John Peirce, Jr., of Watertown, weaver, dated March 4, 1731, Suffolk Registry of Deeds Book 45, folio 216, consideration £75.

"A certain piece or parcel of upland and swamp or meadow bottom in Stoughton aforesaid, containing by estimation twenty-seven acres more or less, beginning at an old stump and heap of stones on the north side of Marshapog Brook below the bridge by Leonard's works so called, and from thence to a great rock, and then bounded westerly on Leonard's land until it comes to a heap of stones which is the corner bound of said land on the northwest part, from thence easterly to a black oak tree marked with a heap of stones at the bottom, then running easterly to a heap of stones by a

John Stoughton, whither he removed after the birth of his second son. This land is within the present limits of Canton, and it passed to his son Seth, then to his grandson, Jesse; great-grandson, Col. Jesse: gt.-gt.-grandsons, Hon. Edward L. and Hon. Henry L. His will is dated March 13, 1774, and proved in Suffolk County, March 15, 1774. In this he makes bequests to his wife Rebecca, to his sons Eliphlet, Seth and John, to his daughter Abigail Tilden, and to the children of his daughter Elizabeth Smith.—[*Suffolk Reg. Prob., No. 5,599*].

In Registry of Deeds Suffolk County, Liber 115, Folio 130, is a deed dated Feb. 10, 1762, by which John Peirce and his wife Rebecca (he joining as grantor) convey 50 acres in Stoughton to their son John, it being land which fell "to us in the division of the estate of our father John Fenno." This shows that Rebecca was dau. of John Fenno, a Canton family, and this probably accounts for John Peirce, Jr., of Watertown, moving to Canton (Stoughton). Children:—

- i. ELIPHLET, b. July 29, 1728; m. July 9, 1757, Patience Copp.
83. ii. SETH, b. Nov. 5, 1730; m. Aug. 19, 1756, Angelette Clark.
- iii. ELIZABETH, b. April 13, 1734; m. Jan. 8, 1753, Ephraim Smith.
- vi. ABIGAIL, b. March 27, 1737; m. Oct. 25, 1753, Stephen Tilden of Stoughton (Canton). He died in Aug. 1766. She became the admx. of his estate and gave as sureties the names of her two brothers, Seth and John. In 1794, 28 years after his death, Stephen Tilden's estate was divided and his wife Abigail, who had married Samuel Holmes of Sharon, received dower. This seems a long time after a person dies to divide his estate, though it may happen. It is possible that it is a Stephen Tilden of a younger generation who had a wife Abigail, but these papers are filed in the Probate Office with the administration papers of Stephen Tilden who died in 1766.
- v. JOHN, b. April 30, 1740.

Dr. Bond in his History of Watertown, vol. 2, says: Abigail, b. April 30, 1740, and mentions no John. This is prob. an error of his.

42. JONAS<sup>5</sup> PEIRCE (*John<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*). b. Dec. 20, 1705; m. Jan. 4, 1727, Abigail Comee. Res. Lexington and Westminster. Children:—

84. i. JONAS, b. July 7, 1730; m. Sarah Bridge and Lydia Gregory.
85. ii. NATHAN, b. Dec. 15, 1732; m. Dec. 26, 1753, Sarah Mead.
- iii. ELIZABETH, b. May 31, 1735; m. Nov. 15, 1753, Timothy Fessenden, b. May 6, 1731, d. Mar. 1, 1805. She d. Jan. 18, 1808—ch.

small walnut tree, then running easterly until it comes to a white oak tree with a heap of stones at the bottom, then turning southerly to a heap of bones on the rock mountaneous so called, then running southerly to a heap of stones on the north side of Modesley's land, till it comes to Mr. Danforth's land, and westerly on Mr. Danforth's land and Daniel Pettingill's land, until it comes to a great white oak tree marked by the brick yard being the northerly bound of said Pettingill's land, thence bounded southerly on Pettingill's land till it comes to the bounds first mentioned, excepting two acres of land in the Clay Swamp a sold Daniel Pettugill in the southwesterly part thereof and one quarter of an acre to my honored father Joseph Tucker, as also the one-half of the remaining part of said swamp to myself and my heirs forever to be divided between said Tucker and Peirce."

Timothy, b. May 23, 1754, d. Oct. 10, 1756; John, and 14<sup>th</sup> Apr. 1756, m. Eunice Merriam; Timothy, b. June 26, 1756, child, b. 1772; Reuben, b. Dec. 25, 1759, d. Jan. 4, 1782; Sarah, b. Jan. 15, 1762, m. Elizabeth Tucker; Elizabeth, b. June 14, 1764, m. Samuel Merriam; Molly, b. Aug. 25, 1766, d. Nov. 2, 1772; Hannah, b. Sept. 5, 1768, d. Dec. 17, 1772; Joseph and Benjamin, twins, b. Feb. 23, 1772, d. Mar. 3 and 18, 1772; Timothy, b. June 6, 1773, m. Submit Hunt; Benjamin, b. Aug. 26, 1774, m. Elizabeth Salisbury; Jonas, b. July 26, 1776, m. Abigail Walker.

- 86. iv. JOHN, b. July 14, 1736; m. Abigail Demport and — Beard.
- v. THADDEUS, b. May 14, 1739; d. Dec. 14, 1760, [per W. R. Cutter.]
- 87. vi. SOLOMON, b. June 15, 1742; m. Dec. 15, 1763, Amity Fessenden.
- vii. ABIGAIL, b. Aug. 3, 1744; m. Mar. 30, 1762, Nathan Derby of Westminster.
- viii. MARY, b. Feb. 7, 1747.

43. SAMUEL<sup>5</sup> PEIRCE (*John<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. July 3, 1712; m. June 3, 1739, Abigail Stearnes, bap. Jan. 1, 1715, d. July 25, 1796. He d. Mar. 30, 1772. Res. Watertown. Children:—

- i. ABIGAIL, b. May 25, 1740; d. Sept. 1747.
- 88. ii. SAMUEL, b. Nov. 1, 1741; m. Dec. 1, 1768, Ruth Lee.
- iii. ELIZABETH, b. Sept. 30, 1743; m. Dec. 17, 1761, Timothy Flagg, b. Mar. 10, 1740—ch. Nathaniel, b. June 28, 1762; Lois, b. June 8, 1765, m. William Turner; Abigail, b. Apr. 26, 1767, m. Joseph Hagar; Silas, b. July 14, 1769, m. Dorcas ———; Ephraim, b. Feb. 12, 1772; Elizabeth, b. June 8, 1774; Eunice, b. Nov. 3, 1776, m. Isaac Colby; Grace, b. Dec. 22, 1779; Joel, b. July 31, 1787, m. Eunice Park. Elizabeth was burned to death, Mar. 18, 1803.
- iv. DANIEL, b. and d. 1746.
- v. NATHANIEL, b. 1748, d. 1749.
- vi. ABIGAIL, b. Apr. 12, 1750; m. Apr. 4, 1771, Jeremiah Knowlton of Lexington.
- vii. JUDITH, b. Mar. 8, 1753; m. Nov. 26, 1778, her cousin, Elisha Stearnes, b. Aug. 8, 1756, d. Aug. 30, 1789. She d. Aug. 30, 1805—ch. Hannah, b. Sept. 30, 1780; Polly, b. Sept. 24, 1782; Elisha, b. Feb. 7, 1784; Abigail, b. Aug. 1, 1785, d. Oct. 11, 1805; Matilda, b. Mar. 23, 1787, d. Oct. 16, 1805; Lydia, b. June 29, 1789.
- viii. EZRA, b. Dec. 24, 1755; d. Aug. 6, 1795.
- ix. BEULAH, b. July 8, 1764; m. Sept. 30, 1784, John Coburn of Lincoln. They had 13 ch.

44. JONATHAN<sup>5</sup> PEIRCE (*John<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Sept. 28, 1724; m. Dec. 25, 1745, Abigail Blanchard, b. 1726, d. Feb. 6, 1764. Res. Waltham. Children:—

- i. JONATHAN, b. Nov. 15, 1749.
- ii. MARY, b. Sept. 17, 1750; d. June 23, 1814, unm.
- iii. ABIGAIL, b. Aug. 13, 1757; m. Jan. 27, 1785, Nathan Fiske of Reading, Vt.
- iv. ANNA, b. Apr. 6, 1759; m. Dec. 4, 1784, Silas Robinson.
- 89. v. WILLIAM, b. Dec. 6, 1760; m. May 21, 1789, Phebe Manning.

45. BENJAMIN<sup>5</sup> PEIRCE (*Benjamin<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Dec. 11, 1706; m. in Dover, N. H.

Of this family I am unable to obtain any correct data. The church,



state, and town records of Dover are very incomplete. He had a

90. i. ANDREW, who removed to Annisquam, Mass., married Lucy Davis, and finally returned to Dover, where he died.

46. EBENEZER<sup>5</sup> PEIRCE (*Benjamin<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Feb. 2, 1720-1; m. and resided in Dover and Portsmouth, N. H. He d. June 13, 1759. Children:—

91. i. BENJAMIN, b. Mar. 5, 1743; m. Mary Tebbetts.

ii. NOAH, b. July 26, 1744. iii. DANIEL, b. Mar. 8, 1746.

47. ISRAEL<sup>5</sup> PEIRCE (*Benjamin<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Feb. 16, 1723-4; m. Elizabeth Curtis. He d. Aug. 19, 1801. They res. in Barrington, N. H. Children:—

92. i. THOMAS, b. 1748; m. Mary ———.

93. ii. ISRAEL, b. Sept. 1750; m. Elizabeth Brown.

48. FRANCIS<sup>5</sup> PEIRCE (*Nathaniel<sup>4</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>3</sup>, Robert<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Sept. 24, 1704; m. Deborah ———, and res. a short time after m. in Medford. Children:—

i. DEBORAH, b. July 13, 1728; d. July 13, 1747.

49. NATHANIEL<sup>5</sup> PEIRCE (*Nathaniel<sup>4</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>3</sup>, Robert<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. June 29, 1719; m. Dec. 25, 1740, Patience Totman, d. Aug. 20, 1759. He d. May 8, 1761. They res. in Medford. Children:—

i. NATHANIEL, b. Nov. 18, 1741; d. Nov. 19, 1741.

ii. EUNICE, b. Oct. 17, 1743. iii. WILLIAM, b. Nov. 16, 1745.

iv. HENRY, b. Feb. 16, 1748. v. NATHANIEL, b. Oct. 1, 1750.

94. vi. RICHARD, b. Jan. 6, 1754; m. Anna Dickson.

vii. REBECCA, b. June 23, 1756; d. Sept. 10, 1761.

50. NATHANIEL<sup>5</sup> PEIRCE (*Ichabod<sup>4</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>3</sup>, Robert<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Aug. 2, 1713; m. Dec. 19, 1735, Mary Teal of Medford, b. Mar. 30 (April 5), 1713. He d. and she m. Nov. 30, 1749, John Rumrill. They res. in Medford and Charlestown. Child:—

95. i. NATHANIEL, b. Apr. 3, 1736; m. Sept. 6, 1759, Phebe Brooks.

51. BENJAMIN<sup>5</sup> PEIRCE (*Jerahmeel<sup>4</sup>, Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Robert<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. June 10, 1738; m. Aug. 23, 1760, Mary Wait, b. Sept., 1739, d. 1828. He d. April 19, 1775, and she m. 2nd, Joseph Penniman. He was a baker and sold his property in Charlestown Oct. 22, 1763, for £373:6:8 to Daniel Wait, and moved first to a farm at Paxton then to Salem. Here he was a baker again. He had seven children, but only two sons, Samuel, whose four sons died s. p., and Benjamin. It is well known that the Essex Regiment did not reach the scene of the fight April 19, 1775, and Col. Pickering was much blamed therefor. Benjamin Peirce however for some reason did go forward. He was on horseback, and perhaps with the Danvers Company which was engaged. He was killed in a field from which he had been firing on the enemy's troops. Children:—

i. MARY, b. Feb. 9, 1762; m. Nathaniel Batchelder of Beverly and had 10 ch.



- ii. BETSEY, b. Jan. 27, 1764; m. Paul Upton of Salem.
- iii. REBECCA, b. Feb. 22, 1766; m. Paul Upton of Salem.
- iv. HANNAH, b. July 6, 1768.
- 96. v. SAMUEL, b. Mar. 30, 1771; m. June 22, 1794, Lydia Goodridge<sup>4</sup> Beverly.
- vi. SARAH, b. May 21, 1773; m. ——— Hearly.
- 97. vii. BENJAMIN, b. Sept. 2, 1775; m. Feb. 28, 1797, Rebecca Ome.

ESTATE—"Living with S. Conant; tax abated, 1757; taxed, 1761, 1762, 1764. Mort. to S. Wait and S. Swan, one end of house near meeting-house, 1760, dis. 1763. Sells D. Wait for £373, house, part occ. by me, part the widow Bosquet had of father—s. e. Main Street; s. w., Capt. Sheafe; with bake house; 1763."

ESTATE advertised, May 1775, by Jerathmael Peirce, attorney for the adx. *Wyman*.

52. JERAHMEEL<sup>5</sup> PEIRCE (*Jerahmeel<sup>4</sup>, Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Robert<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Jan. 22, 1747; m. Feb. 6, 1772, Sarah Ropes, b. Oct. 18, 1752, d. Aug. 17, 1796. He d. Aug. 20, 1827. He was at the head of the firm of Peirce & Waite of Salem, which was at one time the largest house in the India trade in the country. The firm failed in 1826. He erected in 1782 the house in Federal street which is now (1878) occupied by the family of the late George Nichols. Children:—

- i. BENJAMIN, b. Dec. 6, 1772; d. Dec. 16, 1772.
- ii. JOSEPH A., b. Apr. 5, 1774; d. Nov. 29, 1793.
- iii. BENJAMIN, b. Dec. 13, 1776; d. Sept. 7, 1778.
- 98. iv. BENJAMIN, b. Sept. 30, 1778; m. Dec. 11, 1803, Lydia R. Nichols.
- v. SARAH, b. Nov. 24, 1780; m. Nov. 22, 1801, George Nichols. She d. June 22, 1835. They had nine ch.—four sons and five daus.
- vi. ELIZABETH, b. Feb. 4, 1783; d. July 31, 1783.
- vii. ELIZABETH, b. Apr. 14, 1785; d. Sept. 7, 1785.
- viii. ELIZABETH, b. Mar. 23, 1787; m. Sept. 1836, George Nichols and d. July 19, 1864.
- ix. HENRY, b. Aug. 11, 1789; gr. Harvard College, 1808; m. Oct. 23, 1838, Catherine C. Ainsworth. He d. Oct. 31, 1863, s. p.

ESTATE—May 13, 1773,—Alice Blaney of Salem, wid. of Thomas Blaney, late of Salem. shoreman, deceased, to Jerathmael Peirce of Salem, leather dresser, for £59—7s—2d lawful money, part of Deceased's homestead, 47 $\frac{8}{10}$  poles of land, bounded s. on the new street (so called) 3 poles 21 links; then running northerly on land of Nathanael Barber's 10 poles, then westerly on the North river 5 poles 18 links; then s. on land of Joseph Brown 10 poles.—*Essex Registry, Vol. 131, fol. 211.*

May 23, 1773—Thomas Frye of Salem, mariner, in consideration of £15 to Jerathmael Peirce of Salem, leather dresser, a shop or warehouse standing on land of the heirs of James Odell, late of Salem, deceased, by road running on to North River Bridge being the same building which I (i. e. T. F.) removed from off my land by the church.—*Ibid.* 132—7.

March 6, 1779—Margaret Gerrish, widow, Samuel Gerrish, shopkeeper, Abigail Gerrish, singlewoman, Benjamin Carpenter, mariner, and Esther, his wife, Samuel Mather, late of Boston. Esq., and Margaret, his wife, in consid. of £1133, to Jerathmael Peirce of Salem,

herdresser, a certain piece of land in Salem, bounded S. on the new lot, then measuring 6 poles, W. on Peele's land 10 poles 6 links, N. flats by North River and running as the wall stands 6 poles 17 links. E. on land of Lindal's heirs 11 poles 15 links, being part of real estate of Benjamin Gerrish, Esq., late deceased.

May 12, 1780—Comm. of Mass. for £117—18s.—9d. (at auction Apr. 5) to Jerathmael Peirce of Salem, merchant, a confiscated estate of about 3 A. 30 rods, bounded westerly on land of Col. Israel Hutchinson 24 poles, s. on cove  $5\frac{1}{2}$  poles, s. w. on creek  $18\frac{1}{2}$  poles, n. on road (new lane) that leads down on the point 16 poles, then running s. 16 poles from Hutchinson's land, etc.

May 13, 1782—David Cheever, Esq. of Salem and wf. Elizabeth in consideration of £52 to Jerathmael Peirce of Salem, merchant, a small piece of land ( $4\frac{1}{2}$  poles) adjacent to Peirce's land viz. that conveyed to him in last Deed, I think.

53. Dea. JOHN<sup>5</sup> PEIRCE (*John<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Apr. 4, 1718; m. Apr. 13, 1749, Hannah Twitchell, b. 1721, d. July 16, 1770; m. 2nd. Jan. 23, 1778, Mary Edmonds, b. 1723, d. Feb. 10, 1811. He was Deacon of the church at South Britain, Conn., a number of years, and d. July 26, 1788. Children:—

- i. JOHN, b. Mar. 5, 1750; d. Jan. 10, 1826, unm.
99. ii. SAMUEL, b. Feb. 26, 1752; m. Jan. 9, 1777, Martha Edmonds.
100. iii. TITUS, b. Mar. 3, 1755; m. Mary Norton and Abiah Platt.
- iv. HANNAH, b. Feb. 6, 1757; m. Dec. 21, 1787, Benjamin Andrews, and d. May 2, 1836, leaving John P., Noble, Hervey, Amos. They res. in S. Britain.
- v. AMOS, b. Aug. 9, 1763. He was graduated at Yale College in the class of 1783; afterwards studied law and practiced in Philadelphia, Penn., d. unm., 1803.

54. JOSEPH<sup>5</sup> PEIRCE (*John<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. May 15, 1725; m. Feb. 22, 1750, Mary Johnson, b. Oct. 13, 1727, d. Nov. 20, 1826. He d. in S. Britain, Conn., Aug. 20, 1811. Children:—

- i. MARY, b. Jan. 20, 1751; m. Feb. 10, 1774, Benjamin Hicock, b. Apr. 20, 1744, d. 1829. She d. 1832—ch. Benjamin, b. Feb. 13, 1775, d. 1829; Amos, b. Aug. 13, 1776, d. 1846; Aaron, b. Jan. 18, 1779, d. young; Simeon, b. Nov. 17, 1780, m. Anna L. Wakeley; Aaron, b. July 19, 1785; Mary, b. Dec. 11, 1788, m. Roswell Skelton.
- ii. SARAH, b. Jan. 21, 1758; m. Apr. 27, 1775, David Mitchell, b. Nov. 6, 1748, d. Aug. 26, 1810—ch. David, b. July 2, 1776; Aaron, b. Jan. 8, 1779; Sarah; Peirce, m. Nabby Burr; William, m. ——— Lewis; Truman, b. Jan. 2, 1790, m. Sophia Hinman.
101. iii. JOEL, b. Sept. 29, 1755; m. Sept. 5, 1782, Avis French.
- iv. OLIVE, b. Feb. 26, 1758; m. Dec. 12, 1784, David Stiles.
- v. ANN, b. 1760; m. June 15, 1788, Simeon Mitchell, b. Apr. 10, 1757, d. Apr. 26, 1826. She d. Feb. 17, 1833—ch. Ann, b. Oct. 22, 1789, m. William Johnson; Phanna, b. Sept. 30, 1791, m. Frederick Hinman; Polly, b. Oct. 25, 1797, d. Sept. 15, 1798; Mitchell S., b. Jan. 24, 1801, m. Fanny Brown.
- vi. JOSEPH, b. Aug. 15, 1762; m. Feb. 27, 1786, Sarah Hicock, b. Sept. 8, 1765—ch. Lauren, b. Sept. 2, 1786; Sally, b. Jan. 7, 1788; Joseph, b. Apr. 8, 1790; Noble, b. May 11, 1792; Polly, b. Mar. 20, 1794; Joshua, b. July 22, 1798, d. Jan. 27, 1799.

- vii. BENJAMIN, } m. Lucy Beers—ch. Sterling, m. J<sup>na</sup>  
 } twins, b. 1765; 25, 1825, Sally Hunt of Roxb  
 } Conn; Chloe; Edwin.  
 viii. AARON, } d. Apr. 5, 1777.  
 ix. RUTH, b. Aug. 17, 1767; m. Sept. 10, 1786, Newton Tuttle.  
 x. HANNAH, b. Sept. 1, 1769; d. Apr. 5, 1777.

55. DAVID<sup>5</sup> PEIRCE (*John<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Dec. 20, 1727; m. July 13, 1751, Eunice Strong, b. Aug. 14, 1731, d. Nov. 10, 1820. He d. Jan. 6, 1796, in S. Britain, Conn. Children:—

- i. EUNICE, b. June 1, 1752; m. April 8, 1776, Phineas Barnes.
- ii. COMFORT, b. Oct. 5, 1753; m. Dec. 7, 1775, John Edmonds. She d. 1799. Ch. Eunice, b. Sept. 27, 1776, d. March 10, 1781; David P., b. July 13, 1781, m. Clara Peirce; John, b. June 4, 1783, m. Lucy Park; Molly, b. March 15, 1787, d. Nov. 1, 1791.
- iii. CURRENCE, b. March 22, 1755; m. Jan. 24, 1781, John Platt.
- iv. PATIENCE, b. Jan. 20, 1762; m. May 6, 1784, Samuel Botsford, and d. May 19, 1792. He m. 2nd, March 27, 1793, Currence Peck.
- v. MERCY, b. Nov. 18, 1756; m. Mar. 29, 1791, William Platt.
- vi. BETTY, b. July 23, 1758, d. Sept. 28, 1779.
- vii. MARY, b. April 15, 1760, d. May 28, 1778.

56. ABRAHAM<sup>5</sup> PEIRCE (*John<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. March 13, 1737; m. Ann Hubbell. They res. in S. Britain, Conn., and rev. to Bristol, R. I., in 1799. Children:—

- i. CALVIN, } bap. Sept. 3, 1769.
- ii. NOBLE A. } " " " d. June 21, 1775.
- iii. ANNIS, b. June 15, 1771, m. ——— Powers.
- iv. SALLY,
- v. NANCY, } bap. Oct. 2, 1778; m. ———.
102. vi. ~~ABRAHAM~~,
- vii. EDWIN, b. July 3, 1785, d. infant.

57. NATHAN<sup>5</sup> PEIRCE (*John<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. May 19, 1732; m. Dec. 1, 1763, Mable Wheeler, b. 1735, d. March 1, 1819. He d. Sept. 7, 1805, res. S. Britain, Conn. Children:—

- i. REBECCA, b. Sept. 1, 1764; m. Benjamin Skelton.
103. ii. NATHAN, b. March 23, 1766; m. Rachel St. John.
104. iii. SIMEON, b. 1768; m. Thankful Hunt.
- iv. REUBEN, b. Oct. 29, 1771; d. 1853, unm.
- v. ASA, b. Feb. 7, 1773, d. 1853, unm.
105. vi. TRUMAN, b. Nov. 27, 1774; m. Ann ———.
- vii. ELISHA, b. Oct. 20, 1776; m. April 28, 1799, Rhoda Hinman. Res. South Britain, Conn. Ch. Russell, d. Feb. 3, 1802; Betty; Jane.
- viii. CYRUS, b. April 11, 1782. He was graduated at Yale College in the class of 1802, and d. Nov. 14, 1802.

58. JUSTUS<sup>5</sup> PEIRCE (*John<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. May 29, 1734; m. July 13, 1758, Hannah Johnson, b. Sept. 2, 1736, d. May 15, 1759; m. 2nd, June 21, 1770, Molly Norton. He d. prob. 1789. Justus Peirce was executed in Canada, it was supposed at the time, for some attempt to smuggle cattle through the lines, but nothing definite was

own about it at his home: his age at his death was probably 55.  
 wife moved to Bristol, Conn., with her children. Children:—

- i. JUSTUS J., b. May 9, 1759. He was graduated from Yale College and going to the West Indies d. there quite young of yellow fever.
- ii. HANNAH, b. Sept. 20, 1772; m. Benjamin Mitchell and d. Dec. 3, 1847.
- iii. MARY, b. Sept. 10, 1775.
- iv. DAVID, b. Oct. 29, 1778. He was Captain of and part owner in a privateer engaged in the war of 1812. His skull was fractured in battle with a British vessel by a splinter struck from the side of his vessel by a cannon ball, and he lived but a few hours after the accident; d. unm.
- v. JUSTUS, b. April 11, 1782. He went to the West Indies to trade and was there taken prisoner by the British, and after his release he removed to Charleston, S. C., where he d. of yellow fever.
- vi. MARY A., b. June 8, 1783.
- vii. OLIVE, m. ——— Cowles.
- viii. SHADRACH, b. July 2, 1786; rem. to Bristol.
- xi. ANDREW, b. Sept. 14, 1788. He went to Canada and after a few years of heavy speculations in the real estate of that country, failed. He soon left and nothing farther was known of his whereabouts.

59. ELIJAH<sup>5</sup> PEIRCE (*John<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Jan. 13, 1740; m. Feb. 8, 1770, Esther Downs, b. 1747, d. Jan. 23, 1831. He 1817, in S. Britain, Conn. Children:—

- i. CURRENCE, b. Feb. 16, 1775; m. May 18, 1793, Bennet French. She d. April 21, 1809.
- ii. BETSEY, m. Israel Bradley. Ch. Noble and Esther. She d. Aug. 6, 1825.
- iii. ELIJAH, b. Jan. 7, 1778; d. Jan. 7, 1780. iv. ESTHER, b. Sept. 5, 1781; d. Sept. 12, 1783. v. CHILD, d. Nov. 4, 1772.

60. SAMUEL<sup>6</sup> PEIRCE (*Daniel<sup>5</sup>, Daniel<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), June 15, 1729; m. Dec. 4, 1764, Lucy Wallingford. Res. Groton. Children:—

- i. LUCY, b. Jan. 14, 1766.
- ii. ISAAC, b. Nov. 14, 1767; d. Jan. 29, 1829.
106. iii. SAMUEL, b. Dec. 31, 1769; m. Feb. 12, 1794, Sally Farmer.
107. iv. ELIJAH, b. Dec. 1771; m. Rebecca Ransford.
- v. EZEKIEL, b. Aug. 13, 1773. Did he d. in 1790 in Groton?
- vi. MOLLY, b. Sept. 3, 1775.

61. ISAAC<sup>6</sup> PEIRCE (*Isaac<sup>5</sup>, Daniel<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), Oct. 11, 1731; m. Oct. 22, 1755, Martha Graves. They res. in Waltham and Sutton, Mass. Children:—

1. EUNICE GRAVES *alias* PEIRCE, dr. of Martha Graves, b. Weston, Feb. 24, 1755; m. ——— Cole of Royalton, Vt.
108. ii. ISAAC, b. Oct. 10, 1757; m. June 17, 1779, Esther Garfield.
109. iii. AMOS, b. Aug. 8, 1761; m. Molly Weston and Mercy Stearns.
110. iv. JESSE, b. March 4, 1764; m. March 6, 1784, Lydia Gale.
111. v. JOSHUA, b. Nov. 3, 1765; m. Joanna Perham and Betsey Bathrick.
- vi. ABRAHAM, b. March 4, 1769, d. 1784.



- vil. MARY, b. April 7, 1771; m. Edward Ellison of Chester, Vt. Nahum; Josiah; Adolphus; Cook, m. ——— Bruce; R Lucy, m. James Paine; Mary, m. ——— Gassett; Almira Willard Bailey.

viii. ELIZABETH, b. Nov. 2, 1775; d. Washington, N. H.

62. Capt. ABRAHAM<sup>6</sup> PEIRCE (*Isaac<sup>5</sup>, Daniel<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Jan. 5, 1733; m. Sept. 11, 1760, Abigail Harrington, b. May 6, 1738; m. 2nd, Nov. 18, 1784, Grace Harrington, b. July 20, 1756; m. 3rd, April 28, 1791, Deborah Garfield,\* b. 1760, d. Oct. 4, 1802. He was captain in the militia during the Revolutionary War and was selectman of Waltham for eighteen years from 1776 to 1796. "East of Moody street stood formerly an ancient house, the home of the Peirce family, taxed in 1798, as the property of Abraham Peirce, and occupied by his father before him. The farm of this family included the premises of John Boies and extended to those of the Widow Hoar on Main street, and the Gale farm on the west, and east to the property of Warham Cushing, including the common, factory grounds, and other lands on the river. This property has increased in value more than any other in the town. In 1798, the valuation was \$3,983.50. Capt. Abraham Peirce died in 1802."—*Nelson's Waltham Past and Present*. Children:—

112. i. ABRAHAM, b. Nov. 17, 1785; m. Mary Hagar and ———.
- ii. GRACE, b. Jan. 17, 1788; d. Aug. 5, 1788.
- iii. ABIGAIL, b. Jan. 6, 1792.

63. JOSHUA<sup>6</sup> PEIRCE (*Isaac<sup>5</sup>, Daniel<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Oct. 19, 1742; m. May 9, 1767, Mary Flagg, b. Jan. 14, 1747. Children, b. in Weston:—

113. i. JACOB, b. July 23, 1767; m. April 8, 1796, Polly Goodhue.
- ii. SARAH, b. Sept. 18, 1769; m. Dec. 8, 1796, Jedediah Warren, b. April 11, 1759. Ch. Ezra, b. Sept. 15, 1797; Sarah, b. Jan. 22, 1799; Anna M., b. Dec. 17, 1800; Nahum Peirce, b. Aug. 12, 1802.
- iii. EUNICE, b. Oct. 28, 1771.
- iv. NATHAN, b. Feb. 7, 1774.
- v. POLLY, b. July 2, 1776.
- vi. ABIGAIL, b. Nov. 1, 1778.
- vii. ICHABOD, b. May 3, 1781; m., and d. Dec. 11, 1871.
- viii. LYDIA, b. Dec. 11, 1783.
- ix. JOEL, b. Dec. 28, 1785; m. ——— Jennison. He was a farmer and res. in Natick. Ch. dau. m. William Greenwood; dau. m. Enoch I. Train; dau. m. Franklin Stevens; Asa T. (adopted son).
- x. GRACE, b. Jan. 18, 1790, d. May 14, 1852.

64. JONATHAN<sup>6</sup> PEIRCE (*Ephraim<sup>5</sup>, Ephraim<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Nov. 29, 1724; m. Feb. 4, 1745, Sarah Dodge. They res. in Lunenburg. Children:—

114. i. JONATHAN, b. Oct. 27, 1747; m. Sarah Chaplin and Mary Dakin.
- ii. SARAH, b. April 13, 1750; m. Feb. 6, 1770, David Beaman of Leominster.
- iii. ESTHER, b. Feb. 4, 1752; m. Luke Wheelock, Dec. 10, 1776.
- iv. PRUDENCE, b. Nov. 14, 1753; m. Feb. 8, 1774, David Chaplin.
- v. MARY, b. May 21, 1756.

\* The Widow Deborah (Garfield) Peirce committed suicide, 1802.



- vi. TABITHA, b. March 28, 1758; m. May 20, 1783, David Houghton.
- vii. BENJAMIN, b. March 8, 1760.
- 15. viii. JOSIAH, b. Oct. 28, 1761; m. Nov. 14, 1782, Azubah Howard or Heywood.
- ix. SUSANNA, b. Dec. 30, 1763; m. May 30, 1781, David Pushee, b. Dec. 14, 1759, d. Sept. 21, 1840. She d. Sept. 4, 1831. Ch. Nathau, b. Aug. 5, 1784, m. Dolly Holt; David, b. March 6, 1787, m. Amy Carpenter; Susanna, b. Jan. 24, 1789, m. Ebenezer Kendrick; Abraham, b. Aug. 13, 1791, m. Clara Cook; Lucy, b. May 3, 1794, m. Benjamin Ropes; Jonas, b. Oct. 4, 1798, d. Sept. 22, 1800; Polly, b. Oct. 18, 1800, m. Abiel Mitchell; Harvey, b. Jan. 13, 1805, m. Nancy Peirce. They res. in Fitzwilliam and Lyne, N. H.
- 116. x. ABRAHAM, b. Dec. 20, 1765; m. Ann Going.
- xi. LUCY, b. Aug. 31, 1767; m. Jan. 1, 1789, Timothy Fessenden.
- 117. xii. NAHUM, b. May 4, 1770; m. Nabby Stone and Polly Carey.

65. EPHRAIM<sup>6</sup> PEIRCE (*Ephraim*<sup>5</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. March 13, 1726; m. Jan. 3, 1760, Sarah Norcross, b. Feb. 5, 1735; m. 2nd, Dec. 15, 1774, Olive Goodridge of Lincoln. Res. Lunenburg. Children:—

- i. EPHRAIM, b. Oct. 31, 1760.
- ii. SARAH, b. May 26, 1762; m. Nathan Tyler.
- iii. RELIEF, b. Aug. 9, 1767; m. March 4, 1790, Nathan Tyler.
- 118. iv. ELIJAH, b. Sept. 15, 1769; m. Salome Batchelor.
- 119. v. PHINEAS, b. March 22, 1773; m. Betsey McClave.
- vi. AMOS, b. Sept. 19, 1775; d. unm. 1809.
- vii. LEVI, b. March 24, 1777; d. Oct. 11, 1778.

66. OLIVER<sup>6</sup> PEIRCE (*Ephraim*<sup>5</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. July 17, 1741; m. May, 19, 1768, Mary Smith, b. 1751, d. 1827. He d. March 6, 1815; res. Lunenburg. Children:—

- 120. i. OLIVER, b. March 8, 1769; m. Oct. 27, 1791, Hannah Davis.
- ii. POLLY, b. May 5, 1771; m. Feb. 11, 1790, Nathan Adams, Jr.
- iii. NATHANIEL, b. June 1, 1773; d. young.
- iv. BENJAMIN, b. May 19, 1775; m. Abigail Divoll. He d. in Leominster, June 3, 1846. His only ch. was Abigail who d. unm.
- 121. v. NATHANIEL, b. Oct. 8, 1778; m. Judith Kendall, Zebiah G. Smallpeace, and Visa (Clark) Knight.
- 122. vi. JOHN, b. Sept. 18, 1787; m. Esther Smith.
- vii. BETSEY, b. Nov. 9, 1789; m. ——— Billings of Lunenburg.

67. SAMUEL<sup>6</sup> PEIRCE (*David*<sup>5</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. March 25, 1737; m. May 17, 1761, Mary Steward. In 1764, Samuel Peirce resided in Fitchburg in the house with his father-in-law, William Steward, the house in which Capt. James Cowdin resided in 1865. They res. in Fitchburg. Children:—

- i. SARAH, b. June 7, 1762.
- ii. SAMUEL, b. April 22, 1765; m. 1786, Annis Perry.
- iii. BENJAMIN, b. April 5, 1767; m. 1788, Abigail Moors.
- iv. MOLLY, b. Sept. 5, 1769.
- v. AMANA, b. Dec. 9, 1771.
- vi. PATTY, b. Feb. 19, 1774.

68. JOSIAH<sup>6</sup> PEIRCE (*Isaac*<sup>5</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Feb. 13, 1723; m. March 14, 1744, Sarah Gale, b. Nov. 30, 1726. He moved from Waltham to Worcester, and m. his wife there. We find March 7, 1774, that Josiah Peirce was one of the committee of

three chosen by the town "to take into consideration the acts of the British Parliament for raising revenue from the colonies." In March of the same year he reported instructions to the Representative in the General Court by order of the town. Prior to and during the struggle with Great Britain, Josiah Peirce was one of the most important and influential citizens of the then town of Worcester. He was one of the board of selectmen in 1765, 1774 and 1775. At his death in 1806, he left fourteen children, seventy-seven grandchildren and thirty-five great-grandchildren.—[*Lincoln's History of Worcester*] Children:—

123. i. JOHN, b. Oct. 12, 1745; m. Lydia Jones.
124. ii. OLIVER, b. March 12, 1746; m. Abigail Howe, Lydia Gates, and Sarah (Gates) Earle.
- iii. SUSANNAH, b. Oct. 2, 1747; m. Sept. 15, 1768, Dr. Isaac Cheney, and d. Jan. 27, 1821. Ch. Nathan, d. infant; Thaddeus, b. April 27, 1769, d. Sept. 25, 1856; Zilla, b. July 12, 1771; John, b. Nov. 12, 1779; Isaac, b. March 29, 1781, d. March 10, 1842; Leonard, b. April 27, 1794; Susannah, b. Feb. 5, 1785; Aloney, b. Jan. 27, 1788, d. Dec. 12, 1863.
- iv. SARAH, b. July 26, 1750; m. ——— Stephens.
125. v. JOSIAH, b. May 7, 1752; m. Lucretia Bigelow.
- vi. MARY, b. April 20, 1754; d. April 22, 1754.
- vii. MOLLY, b. Dec. 15, 1755; m. Nov. 21, 1776, Daniel Heywood.
126. viii. JOSEPH, b. March 6, 1757; m. Oct. 10, 1782, Eleanor Crawford.
- ix. LYDIA, b. Nov. 28, 1759; m. May 18, 1780, Calvin Glazier.
127. x. LEVI, b. Sept. 15, 1761; m. Persis Robinson.
- xi. AZUBA, b. Sept. 25, 1762; m. ——— Morse, and May 30, 1804, Luther Fiske.
128. xii. BYFIELD, b. Jan. 30, 1764; m. Mary Hamilton and Betsey Small.
- xiii. ABIJAH, b. Sept. 22, 1765; m. March 30, 1789, Sarah Bond; m. 2nd, March 6, 1797, Nancy Gay, and m. 3rd, April 25, 1804, Chloe Merrifield. Ch. born in West Boylston:—Cloissey, b. Dec. 24, 1797; B. Franklin, b. Feb. 11, 1798; Dexter, b. April 14, 1799; Abigail, b. Jan. 23, 1801; Caroline, b. April 7, 1805; Abijah, b. July 4, 1806; Joseph, b. Jan. 31, 1810; Isaac C., b. Aug. 27, 1811; William D., b. Feb. 18, 1813; Francis S., b. Jan. 11, 1815; Addison, b. Oct. 16, 1817; Sarah, b. March 14, 1792; Mary, b. April 4, 1790.
129. xiv. JOEL, b. Aug. 27, 1767; m. Lucy Davis.
- xv. HANNAH, b. Jan. 7, 1770; m. April 19, 1792, John Ball, Jr., of Northboro. She d. June 12, 1812.
- xvi. JERVIS, b. Nov. 8, 1771; m. and removed to Springfield, Ill. He had ch.:—Almira, Eliza, Porter, Julia, Jervis.

\* 69. JOSEPH<sup>6</sup> PEIRCE (*Isaac<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. March 24, 1724; m. Jan. 2, 1748, Ruth White of Woburn, b. March 17, 1727. Children:—

- i. MARY, b. Nov. 10, 1750; d. Dec. 20, 1750.
- ii. ESTHER, b. Sept. 17, 1751; m. June 17, 1778, John Hastings. Ch. Ruth, b. March 12, 1779; Esther, b. Jan. 7, 1784; Sally, b. Sept. 30, 1786.
- iii. MARY, b. March 20, 1752.

70. COL. ABIJAH<sup>6</sup> PEIRCE (*Isaac<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. May 23, 1727; m. Sept. 3, 1751, Thankful Brown. Born in Middlesex County, and brought up as he had been in its militia, he was

fitted to perform the part which he did in the great struggle for American Independence, as one of its leaders; of commanding personal presence, and strong individuality. Colonel Peirce would have been a man of mark in any community. He was for a series of years the magistrate of the town of Lincoln, and repeatedly filled offices of trust and honor with great fidelity to his constituents. He was greatly respected by his fellow-citizens, and died much lamented.

"Major Abijah Peirce of Lincoln, who had just been elected Colonel of a Regt. of minute-men, came with only his walking-stick and had to wait until a gun had been captured from the enemy. In a few hours he was armed and equipped and ready for action. Duty officers as well as privates, were armed with muskets in this an initial engagement."—[*Harper's Monthly*, from an article relating to the Battle of Wexington]. He d. Sept. 18, 1800. Children:—

- i. SUSANNA, b. May 9, 1752; m. Hon. Samuel Hoar. She d. July 9, 1830. Ch. Susanna, b. Feb. 22, 1774, m. Rev. Robert Gray; Thankful, b. April 6, 1776, m. Dr. Grosvenor Tarbell; Samuel,\* b. May 18, 1778, m. Sarah Sherman;† Elizabeth, b. July 25, 1780, d. Jan. 14, 1811; Abijah Peirce,‡ b. Sept. 1, 1782, m. Sarah Hartwell; Nathaniel Peirce, b. Sept. 2, 1784, d. 1820; William Peirce,|| b. Sept. 16, 1786, m. Maria Bemis; John, b. April 2, 1789, m. Hannah Brooks; Polly F., b. July 11, 1791, m. Capt. James Farren; Livina, b. Jan. 17, 1794.
- ii. NATHANIEL, b. Sept. 27, 1754; m. Polly Fiske and Elizabeth Cheever. He entered Harvard University at the age of sixteen and was graduated in the class of 1775. He d. in Watertown, Dec. 3, 1783, s. p. His widow m. John Derby of Boston, and d. quite aged.

Hon. Samuel Hoar, LL.D., was born in Lincoln, Mass., May 18, 1778, the son of Hon. Samuel and Susanna (Peirce) Hoar, and was graduated at Harvard University in the class of 1802. After leaving college he spent two years as a private tutor in the State of Virginia; arriving home he entered, as a student of law, the office of Hon. Artemas Ward of Charlestown, afterwards and for many years, the learned Chief Justice of the Court of Common Pleas. He was admitted to the Bar in September, 1805, and the same month opened an office in Concord, Mass. Here he attained a very high rank and for forty years he was the most eminent and successful practitioner in the County of Middlesex. The last few years of his life were withdrawn from that activity of legal service to which from early manhood to late maturity he had devoted his energies and the people of Middlesex County were deprived of the forensic talents and experience of one of the veteran leaders, who for more than a generation had been engaged in most of the important cases tried at their bar. To the neighboring bars of Worcester, Essex and Suffolk he had been no stranger, nor was his voluntary surrender of the excitements of the more public and conspicuous positions of his honorable profession, unnoted or unregretted by them. He was counsel for one of the Crowningshields, acquitted in the celebrated case of the Commonwealth vs. Crowningshield, and the brothers Knapp, indicted for the murder of Capt. White in Salem, in 1830. He was repeatedly honored by being elected to offices of trust, honor, and importance. He was a member of the convention for revising the constitution of the State in 1820; was elected a Senator in the

\* Father of Hon. E. Rockwood and Hon. George Frisbie Hoar. [See sketch].

† A daughter of Rev. Roger Sherman of Conn.

‡ and || Had their names changed by the Legislature from Hoar to Peirce.

State Legislature in 1825 and 1833; was a member of the executive council in 1845 and 1846. He was representative from Middlesex in the twelfth and fourteenth Congress of the United States in 1836-7. He was also a representative in our State Legislature in 1850. In 1844\* he was appointed by Gov. Briggs in accordance with a resolve passed by the legislature of Massachusetts, a commissioner to proceed to Charleston, S. C., to test in the Court of the United States, the constitutionality of an act passed by the legislature of South Carolina, of the 20th of December, 1835, legalizing the imprisonment of colored persons who should enter their boundaries. Mr. Hoar accepted this new duty, and left home accordingly in November, 1844, for Charleston; reaching that city on the 28th of that month. So utterly unsuspecting was he of giving offense, or provoking violence, that his young daughter accompanied him. On his arrival at Charleston and making known the object of his visit, such was the excitement against him on account of his mission being deemed by the people of the place an unwarrantable interference with their State rights that he was obliged to leave the city and he returned to Massachusetts without fulfilling the object of his appointment. Just previous to his departure from Charleston, Mr. Hoar stated that there was a report in circulation that he had consented to leave the city, which was not true. If he left, it would be not because he *would*, but because he *must*. A gentleman remarked that there was a misunderstanding; that he had understood that Mr. Hoar had consented to leave for the sake of preserving (or restoring) the peace of the city; but that if he refused they had no power to order him away; all they could do was to warn him of the consequences of remaining. Mr. Hoar repeated his language at a preceding interview, which the gentleman did not deny to be accurate, but said that he had understood Mr. H. as consenting to leave. Finding that he had but the choice between walking to the carriage which was to convey him to the boat, and being dragged to it, he called his daughter from her room, and entered with her the carriage. He was thus taken to the boat, which was very soon bearing him on his homeward way. Such was the manner in which South Carolina, with the hearty approval of her slaveholding sisters, received and repelled the attempt of Massachusetts to determine and enforce the rights while protecting the liberties of her free citizens as guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States. He was a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, of the Massachusetts Historical Society, and of the New England Historio-Genealogical Society. At the time of his death he was one of the Board of Overseers of Harvard University, and the college conferred upon him in 1838, the honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws (LL.D.) In 1812, he married Sarah, dau. of the celebrated Roger Sherman of Conn. His sons, now living, are Judge Ebenezer Rockwood Hoar of Concord, and Hon. George Frisbie Hoar of Worcester, our present United States Senator in Congress.

Ebenezer Rockwood Hoar, LL.D., gr. at Harvard in 1835, and was admitted to the bar in 1840; was 1849-55 a judge of the Court of Common Pleas; a judge of the Superior Court 1859-69; U. S. Attorney-General 1869-70; joint high commissioner on the Washington treaty of 1871; member of Congress from Mass. 1873-75.

George Frisbie Hoar, gr. at Harvard in 1846; was admitted to the bar in 1849, and settled in Worcester, Mass. He was elected to the 41st Congress, and re-elected to the 42nd, 43rd, and 44th; and has held various other public offices of trust and honor; at present U. S. Senator for Mass.

71. EPHRAIM<sup>6</sup> PEIRCE (*Isaac<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Aug. 12, 1729; m. May 8, 1753, Lydia White. b. Aug. 14, 1733, d. May 16, 1777; m. 2nd, Nov. 5, 1778, Mrs. Lydia Parker, widow of Capt. John Parker. She was admitted to the church Oct.

\* For a full report of this mission, see *Greeley's American Conflict*, Vol. I., pp. 178-185.





Yours very truly  
Geo F Hoar



1756. Her husband John Parker was an assessor 1764, '65, '66 and '74. But he was most distinguished for the part he acted at the opening of the Revolution. He commanded the company of minute-men who stood firmly at their post on the 19th of April, 1775, when ordered to disperse by the impetuous Pitcairn, backed up, as he was, by eight hundred British regulars. He must have been a man of admitted character, to have been selected to command that Spartan band, containing, as it did, within its ranks, several veteran soldiers among whom was Solomon Peirce, who was wounded), and even officers who had seen service on the "tented field." It is said he served in the French War, but his name is not found on the rolls. At Lexington Common on that trying occasion, he showed great coolness and bravery, ordering his men to load their pieces, but not to fire unless fired upon. And in the very face of the British regulars, when one of his men seemed to falter, he announced in a firm voice, that he would cause the first man to be shot down, who should quit the ranks or leave his post without orders. And though eight of his men were killed in the morning, and several were severely wounded, true to the spirit of freedom, he collected his company and marched to meet the enemy on their return from Concord, and poured a deadly fire into their ranks. While his health was feeble, and the disease which proved fatal in September of that year, was making a steady inroad upon his constitution, he obeyed the calls of patriotism, and marched with a portion of his company to Cambridge on the 6th of May, and with a still larger detachment of them on the 17th of June. But though he performed a noble part in the opening scene of that glorious struggle, he did not live to witness its happy termination. He died Sept. 17, 1775, aged 46, and his widow m. Ephraim Peirce. His dau. m. m. Ephraim Peirce, Jr. He d. June 16, 1790. They res. in Lexington. Children:—

- i. LOIS, b. Feb. 2, 1754; m. Oct. 8, 1772, Joshua Stearnes, b. July 10, 1748—ch. Lois, b. Feb. 18, 1773, d. 1795; Elizabeth, b. Apr. 13, 1776, m. Joel Smith; Lydia, b. Apr. 19, 1778, m. Elijah Smith; Nancy A., b. May 13, 1780, m. Nehemiah Wellington; Sarah, b. Sept. 16, 1782, m. Converse Bemis; Priscilla, b. Mar. 12, 1784, m. Moses Holden; Susanna, b. Mar. 24, 1786, m. Capt. Francis Wheeler; Avis, b. Aug., 1788; Lucy, b. Jan. 1, 1792, m. William Bemis; Cylinda, b. May 2, 1794, m. Elijah Sauderson; Ephraim, b. June 15, 1797, m. Rachel Learoyd.
- ii. LUCY, b. Nov. 27, 1755; m. Dec. 24, 1772, George Wellington, b. Oct. 21, 1749. She d. Apr. 29, 1793—ch. Ephraim, b. Sept. 29, 1773; Lydia, b. Nov. 28, 1775; Lucy, b. Sept. 18, 1777; Leonard, b. Mar. 5, 1780; John; Joel. They res. in Jaffrey, N. H., and Cavendish, Vt.
1190. iii. EPHRAIM, b. Sept. 27, 1757; m. Mar. 16, 1780, Ann Parker, dau. of Capt. John.
121. iv. REUBEN, b. Mar. 18, 1760; m. Oct. 8, 1785, Susannah Smith.
122. v. AMOS, b. Mar. 27, 1761; m. Betsey Hobbs.
- vi. LYDIA, b. Apr. 15, 1763; m. Samuel Smith of Salem.
123. vii. ELIJAH, b. Jan. 1, 1765; m. Dilley Monroe.
124. viii. ABNER, b. Sept. 17, 1766; m. July 22, 1792, Grace Harrington.
- ix. AVIS, b. Jan. 17, 1768; m. ——— Cummings.
- x. JANE, b. Feb. 18, 1769; m. William Smith.

135. xi. JONAS, b. July 2, 1771; m. Feb. 23, 1797, Eunice Brown.  
 xii. SUSANNA, b. June 24, 1773; m. Jacob Smith of Lexington and d. Apr. 9, 1835.
136. xiii. LORING, b. Sept. 18, 1775; m. Dec. 8, 1806, Sybil Wellington.  
 xiv. DAU., b. May 10, 1777; d. May 30, 1777.
72. ISAAC<sup>6</sup> PEIRCE (*Isaac<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Mar. 24, 1738; m. 1764, Hannah Mason of Watertown, b. Apr. 20, 1744, d. 1822. They res. in Waltham; he was selectman, 1781 and 1782. Children:—
137. i. CHARLES, b. Nov. 24, 1765; m. Aug. 14, 1791, Sally Sanderson.  
 ii. HANNAH, b. Nov. 26, 1767; m. Aug. 18, 1785, Abraham Sanderson, b. Oct. 11, 1763—ch. Isaac, b. Feb. 20, 1786, m. Nancy Travis; Hannah, b. Dec. 4, 1787; Clarissa, b. Sept. 29, 1790; Susanna, b. Dec. 13, 1791; Thankful, b. Sept. 6, 1795; Sarah, b. Apr. 27, 1800; Abraham, b. May 1, 1808.  
 iii. RELIEF, b. July 15, 1770; m. Feb. 4, 1795, Jonas Brown, Jr., b. Jan. 29, 1767. He was selectman in Waltham 1802, '03, '07, '08, '11, '19—ch. Hannah, b. Dec. 5, 1795; Mary A., b. Nov. 2, 1797; George, b. Jan. 5, 1801, m. ——— Kendall; Elizabeth M., b. June 17, 1805; Jonas, b. July 26, 1812, m. ——— Kendall.  
 iv. THANKFUL, b. Dec. 2, 1772; m. May 4, 1796, Gad Whitehead of Northfield—ch. Cynthia, m. Elisha Alexander; Thankful, m. Fordice Alexander; Lucinda, b. June 30, 1815; Franklin, b. Feb. 16, 1818.
138. v. ISAAC, b. Feb. 6, 1775; m. Polly Monroe and Lydia Smith.  
 vi. SUSANNA, b. Nov. 5, 1777; d. of small-pox in 1778.  
 vii. SUSANNA, b. June 30, 1779; m. Aug. 18, 1799, William Simonds, b. Aug. 18, 1774. She d. Feb. 4, 1847, and he d. 1858. Eleven children.
139. viii. WASHINGTON, b. Feb. 8, 1782; m. Nancy Smith, Hannah Kendall and Fanny Hatch.  
 ix. ALICE, b. Feb. 29, 1784; m. Oct. 30, 1808, Andrew Newhall, d. s. p.  
 x. SALLY M., b. Nov. 6, 1785; m. Oct. 2, 1806, Elijah Lamson, b. Jan. 13, 1780, d. 1820—ch. Isaac, b. Sept. 20, 1809, m. Louisa P. Crossett; George, b. June 1, 1812, m. Mary L. Maynard; Sally M., b. Feb. 23, 1819, unm.[?] She m. 2nd, 1826, Calvin Brown, b. Jan. 31, 1797, d. May 12, 1850—ch. Elizabeth, b. June 12, 1828, m. Fred'k M. Stowe and res. in Waltham.
140. xi. JOSEPH, b. Oct. 1, 1787; m. Nelly Van Nest.  
 xii. CYRUS, b. Aug. 15, 1790; m. Apr. 1, 1816, Harriet Coffin, b. June 26, 1794.

Rev. Cyrus Peirce died at West Newton, Mass., Apr. 5, 1860. æ 69. He was the youngest of twelve children, five sons and seven daughters, of Isaac and Hannah (Mason) Peirce, and was born in Waltham, Mass., Aug. 15, 1790. He began his preparatory studies for college at Framingham Academy and completed them under the instruction of Rev. Chas. Stearns, D. D. (H. C. 1773), of Lincoln, Mass. While in college he maintained the reputation of a pure, upright young man, a faithful and indefatigable student, an accurate though not brilliant scholar. During his sophomore year in the winter of 1807-8 he began his labors as a school-teacher in the village of West Newton in the same town, and not far from the very spot, where he closed his life upwards of fifty-three years afterwards. Immediately after leaving



*Yours truly,  
C. Sumner*

lege he accepted an invitation to take charge of a private school in Nantucket. Here he taught two years with great fidelity and success. During that time he determined to study for the ministry and in 1812 returned to Cambridge to pursue his theological studies. After two years spent there he was persuaded to return to Nantucket and resume his work as a teacher, where he remained three years. In 1818 he left and began preaching. He was ordained pastor of a church in North Reading, Mass., in 1819. Here he remained a most faithful and discrete preacher of the gospel for eight years, but having come to the conclusion that he was not called to preach so much as to teach he resigned his pastoral charge in 1827 and returned to school-teaching as that which should thenceforth be the business of his life. In company with a relative, Mr. Simeon Putnam (H. C. 1811), he took charge of a school in North Andover, Mass. Here he remained four years, when at the earnest solicitation of his former friends, in 1831 he returned to Nantucket. His return was most cordially welcomed and he immediately found himself at the head of a large and lucrative school. This school he continued to teach six years, during which time he was occasionally blessed with able assistants, and among them was Miss Maria Mitchell who had been his pupil, and who has since obtained world-wide fame as an astronomer. In 1837 he relinquished his private school and became the Principal of the Nantucket High School. This school he kept two years. In 1839, when the first Normal School on this continent was established at Lexington, Mass., he was at the earnest solicitation of the late Horace Mann induced to take charge of it and entered upon his labors in 1839. He began with only three scholars. The contrast between the full and flourishing establishment he had just left at Nantucket and the "beggarly account of empty boxes" which was daily before him for the first three months was very disheartening. However he had put his hand to the plow and of course the furrow must be driven through. The number of his pupils steadily increased, and at the end of the first three years' service forty-two had graduated. At this time he was obliged to resign on account of ill health and he returned to Nantucket. At the end of two years he recovered and resumed the charge of the school which was at that time located at West Newton. He continued in charge of the school until 1849, when he was again compelled to resign on account of his health. He retired with the highest recommendations of the Board of Education and others for his fidelity and success. A purse containing \$500, was contributed by his pupils and their friends and was presented to him to enable him to go to Europe as a delegate to the Peace Congress, to be held shortly in Paris. This was almost the only recreation he had allowed himself to take after leaving college in 1840. He spent several months in travelling in England and on the Continent. Soon after his return he became an associate with Mr. Nathaniel T. Allen, a young, ardent and successful teacher, in the management of an academy in West Newton. Here he labored with all the zeal of his younger days until his death. He lived away calmly and serenely with the love and respect of all who



knew him. He married in 1816 Harriet Coffin of Nantucket, but had no children.

73. GEORGE<sup>6</sup> PEIRCE (*George<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Feb. 14, 1734; m. Jan. 17, 1757, Deborah Tarbell, b. 1730; d. June 1, 1801; m. 2nd, Joanna Gibbs. He moved from Groton, Mass., to Otisfield, Maine, in 1768. He was called "Housewright," and died on a farm in Naples, Me., in Nov., 1807, aged 76 years. His wife had pre-deceased him, June 1, 1801, at the age of 71. Mr. Peirce owned lots 50, 57 and 65 on Crooked River in Otisfield, and erected a mill on lot 65, then known as "Peirce's Falls," now the village of Edes' Falls, and resided there for many years. These mills were taken away by freshet. Mr. Peirce was Proprietors' Agent of the town of Otisfield for many years. He was a real business man of the old school, and distinguished himself in his day for his enterprise, honesty and suavity of manners. He was capable of transacting any business in legal form; acted among the early settlers as a physician and surgeon, and could write as plain as print. A shadow fell over his pathway in after years. While engaged upon the frame of a building, a Scotchman named MacIntosh became enraged because Mr. Peirce opposed his associating with his daughter, and attacked him with an axe; and Mr. Peirce, in self defence, struck him with a heavy mallet and killed him. In consequence of this tragedy, Mr. Peirce was thrown into "Portland Gaol," in 1789, and after a while was tried for murder and acquitted. A book was written by him while in prison, the composition of which gives evidence of a master mind. Mr. Peirce was intrusted with the sale of the proprietors' lands, and carried forward several heavy suits-at-law for trespass, for them. He had issue four children, viz:—

- i. TARBELL, b. Aug. 29, 1759; m. Willoby Scribner of Harrison, Me.
- ii. SARAH, b. Mar. 5, 1760; m. Benjamin Patch of Otisfield, Me.
141. iii. OLIVER, b. July 22, 1762; m. Sukey Haskell.
- iv. LEVI, d. quite young; was drowned at Peirce's Falls, Me.

74. ANTHONY<sup>6</sup> PEIRCE (*John<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Sept. 13, 1720; m. ————. Children:—

142. i. EBENEZER; m. Nov. 24, 1763, Elizabeth Gilson.
143. ii. NATHAN.
144. iii. JOSEPH; m. Deborah Wood.

75. JOHN<sup>6</sup> PEIRCE (*John<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Feb. 11, 1722; m. Hannah ————. They res. in Shirley, Mass. Children:—

145. i. JOHN, b. May 12, 1753; m. Sally Farnsworth.
- ii. HANNAH, b. Apr. 27, 1756.
- iii. SOLOMON, b. Nov. 18, 1759.

76. Capt. GAD<sup>6</sup> PEIRCE (*William<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. June 10, 1741; m. Mar. 2, 1763, Mary Foster, b. Sept. 27, 1743, d. Jan. 27, 1827. He d. Jan. 15, 1811. They res. in Royalston, Mass. Children:—

146. i. JOHN; m. Hannah Sibley.
- ii. GAD, b. Dec. 31, 1763; d. Jan. 19, 1768.
147. iii. JONATHAN, b. July 14, 1766; m. Huldah Sibley.



- iv. MOLLY, b. Jan. 10, 1770; m. Josiah Piper.
- 48. v. WILLIAM, b. Mar. 4, 1772; m. Sally Work and Mercy C. Hosmer.
- vi. SUSANNAH, b. Mar. 5, 1774; m. Archibald Chase and d. Jan. 23, 1803.
- vii. ESTHER, b. Feb. 10, 1776; m. Sept. 1, 1795, Robert Nichols, b. Aug. 2, 1773, d. Dec. 18, 1834. She d. Jan. 6, 1856—ch. Esther, b. Feb. 21, 1797, m. Asher Williams; Gad P., b. Jan. 27, 1799, m. Harriet Chapman; Priscilla, b. Mar. 26, 1813, m. John M. Brittery, res. Suspension Bridge, N. Y.
- viii. DELIGHT, b. Mar. 19, 1778; m. William Sweetser, and she d. May 2, 1854.
- 49. ix. JOSEPH, b. Aug. 23, 1782; m. Patty Sherwin.
- x. SILAS, b. Sept. 14, 1784; m. Annie Chubb. He d. in Oswego, N. Y., Nov. 6, 1829—ch. Mary; Salem; Otis; Royal; Joseph; Ann.
- 50. xi. GAD, b. Jan. 12, 1768, m. Ann Piper and Sally Towusend.
- xii. HANNAH, b. Apr. 24, 1780.
- xiii. MARY A., b. Aug. 8, 1770; m. Elkanah Whipple, and d. Nov. 5, 1802.
- 7. MOSES<sup>6</sup> PEIRCE (*Thomas*<sup>5</sup>, *Francis*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *An*<sup>1</sup>), b. Aug. 16, 1730; m. Jan. 17, 1752, Mehitable Rice of Worcester. He res. in Sudbury and Weston and was in the Revolutionary War. He d. 1777. She was b. Sept. 10, 1731; d. 1779. Children:—
  - i. MEHITABLE, b. May 2, 1752; m. May 1, 1777, Jonas Lamb of Spencer, b. June 24, 1755, d. Sept. 3, 1823. They had eight children and he m. for second wife, Aug. 25, 1803, Mrs. Lucretia Dunbar.
  - ii. MARY, b. Mar. 28, 1754.
  - iii. THOMAS, b. Aug. 12, 1756; m. Dec. 11, 1782, Lydia Underwood, d. s. p.
- 51. iv. ABEL, b. Jan. 28, 1761; m. April 1, 1784, Susanna Spring.
- v. LYDIA, b. Nov. 2, 1758; m. Nov. 30, 1780, Elijah Travis, and d. Aug. 7, 1841—ch. Lydia, b. Aug. 19, 1781, m. Samuel Fiske; Sally, b. Feb. 25, 1783, m. Nathan Hagar, Jr.; Elijah, b. Apr. 23, 1785, m. Susan Martin; Lucy, b. Sept. 17, 1787, m. James Martin; Henry, b. Jan. 3, 1791, m. Sally Stevens and Hannah Kendall; Nancy, b. May 16, 1793, m. Isaac Sanderson; Maria, b. Jan. 6, 1796, m. William Coburn and Nathan Hagar, Jr.; Luther, b. May 23, 1798, m. Sally Morse; Calvin, b. June 22, 1801, m. Eliza Marshall, Mary —, and Irene Leonard; Ruth P., b. Aug. 4, 1804, m. John Williams.
- 52. vi. ELIAKIM, b. July 30, 1763; m. Mar. 30, 1788, Elizabeth Mills.
- vii. HANNAH, m. Sept. 9, 1786, Samuel Greenwood.
- viii. ESTHER, m. Mar. 20, 1794, Aaron Pease.
- 53. FRANCIS<sup>6</sup> PEIRCE (*William*<sup>5</sup>, *Francis*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *An*<sup>1</sup>), b. July 18, 1729; m. Dec. 8, 1759, Lydia Ball, b. Feb. 27, 1737. Res. in Hopkinton.
- \* About the year 1746, twelve men and a boy were enlisted in this town (Hopkinton), by Capt. Prescott of Concord, to go upon an expedition to Cuba. They went, and all died there except the boy, Francis Peirce; he returned, and it was remarked by the old people that they were twelve of the most robust young men in the town. — *Barber's His. Coll.*] Children:—
  - i. AARON, b. March 16, 1760; m. Aug. 17, 1796, Sarah Wesson. They res. in Hopkinton. Ch. Abel, b. Jan. 13, 1797; Aaron, b. Nov. 17, 1798; Lydia, b. Dec. 8, 1800.

153. ii. SAMUEL, b. Aug. 19, 1762; m. Sarah Scott and Hittie Bailey.  
 154. iii. EBENEZER, b. May 1, 1764; m. Feb. 20, 1792, Anna Spring.  
 155. iv. SETH, b. Feb. 8, 1766; m. Oct. 7, 1795, Patience Spring.  
 v. ELI, b. Oct. 9, 1767; m. Lucy ———. Ch. Abigail, b. in Hopkinton, Feb. 24, 1797.  
 156. vi. ABRAHAM, b. May 8, 1770; m. Rachel McFarland and Beulah Miller.  
 vii. JOHN, } m. Rachel Hawkes, and had a son John who d. at [see]  
                   } twins, b. Sept. 3, 1772.  
 157. viii. BENJAMIN, } m. Sarah Walker.  
 ix. ABRAHAM, b. June 24, 1775.  
 x. LOIS, b. June 27, 1761; m. 1791, Daniel White of Fitzwilliam, N. H. She d. Feb. 13, 1845. Ch. Noah; Polly, b. March 9, 1797, d. Oct. 7, 1869; Huldah, b. Feb. 2, 1792, d. May 20, 1798. Daniel, b. Nov. 12, 1802; Huldah, b. Aug. 1, 1799, d. Jan. 5, 1858.  
 158. xi. FRANCIS, b. Oct. 9, 1779; m. Nov. 26, 1801, Lucy Wood.  
 xii. LYDIA, b. Dec. 29, 1780; m. Dec. 28, 1802, Elijah Norcross of Hopkinton. Ch. Chapin, Lovell, and Joel. She m. 2nd, Ebenezer Stevens and had no issue.

79. JONATHAN<sup>6</sup> PEIRCE (*William<sup>5</sup>, Francis<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. June 10, 1736; m. July 14, 1760, Eunice Leathe of Grafton. She d. s. p.: m. 2nd, Feb. 2, 1764, Mary Goodale, sister of the mother of Robert B. Thomas, the founder of the *Farmers' Almanack*, b. 1742, d. Nov. 17, 1808; on her gravestone partially obliterated: "Relict of Jono. Peirce. She bid adue to time and 8 sons and 4 daughters." Jonathan Peirce enlisted in Edmund Brigham's company, in Col. Job Cushing's regiment, Sept. 1, 1777; discharged Nov. 29, 1777. The following is a copy of an old paper found in the Secretary of State's office, at the State House: "This may certify that we, the subscribers, have engaged to serve nine months in the Continental service, after surviving the camp, for the town of Sutton, in Capt. Andrew Elliot's company, June 8, 1778. Signed Jonathan Peirce and William Harback." Res. in Grafton and Sutton.

ESTATE.—July 4, 1757.—Jonathan Peirce of Hopkinton, purchased of Artemas Bruce of Westborough, for £58, fifty-seven acres of land in Sutton, formerly belonging to the farm of Elijah Allen, and a dwelling-house. The land was bounded by land of Thomas Leland, Mr. Sherbon, Elijah Allen and Moses Leland. Nov. 23, 1773, Jonathan Peirce of Sutton, purchased of Moses Leland of Sutton, for £60, a tract of land adjoining his own. Jan. 23, 1776, Jonathan Peirce of Sutton, purchased of Benjamin Whitney of Westboro' for £80, another parcel of land near his own. Dec. 6, 1781, Jonathan Peirce of Sutton, purchased of Solomon, Ebenezer, Phineas and Samuel Leland, for £114—2s—9½d, twenty-five acres of land. May, 1784, Jonathan Peirce of Sutton, purchased of William Batchelder of Sutton, for £120, nineteen acres of land.

He died June 22, 1800. Children:—

159. i. JONATHAN, b. June 10, 1765; m. July 6, 1788, Phebe Chamberlin.  
 159½ ii. DAVID, b. May 12, 1779; m. Lavina Peckham, res. in Dana and rem. to New York State.  
 160. iii. WILLIAM, b. June 10, 1774; m. Lydia Lincoln.

- iv. EUNICE, b. Jan. 21, 1766; m. Reuben Walker, b. May 22, 1742. She d. April 6, 1822, in Jamaica, Vt.
- v. MARY, b. Sept. 1, 1768; m. May 21, 1789, Joseph Park, b. Feb. 25, 1753, d. May 17, 1807. Ch. John, b. Aug. 9, 1795, m. Betsey Harback; Asa, m. Persis Wood. Mary, m. 2nd, Oct. 2, 1811, Daniel Harback, b. April 21, 1766, d. June 10, 1839, s. p.
- vi. AMOS b. Oct. 13, 1770; m. March 6, 1800, Annie Hicks.
- vii. EBENEZER, b. July 6, 1772; d. May 2, 1790.
- viii. SARAH, b. Nov. 24, 1775; m. March 8, 1798, Timothy Johnson, and d. 1838. Ch. Polly, b. Jan. 27, 1799, m. Charles Chase; Betsey, b. May 31, 1801, m. John Aldrich; Orin, m. Sarah ———; Leonard, m. Mary Burden and Louisa Hagar.
- ix. JOHN, b. Aug. 31, 1777; m. Nov. 25, 1802, Lucy Carroll.
- x. JOEL, b. March 31, 1781; m. Oct. 9, 1805, Reconcile Crossman.
- xi. JACOB, b. Feb. 27, 1783; m. 1808, Azubah Glazier.
- xii. LYDIA, b. Oct. 12, 1785; m. Lewis Slocumb. Ch. Lovina, b. Dec. 31, 1814, m. Sarah Scofield; Louisa, b. Aug. 18, 1812, m. David Dunn and Richard Aldrich.
- xiii. EZEKIEL, b. Nov. 1, 1787; m. May 1, 1811, Ruth Perry.

“NOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS :—

That I Jonathan Peirce of Sutton in the County of Worcester and Province of the Massachusetts Bay, in New England yeoman for and in consideration of that tender affection Which I have and Do Bare towards my honoured Parents William and Sarah Peirce of Hopkinton in the County of Middlesex and Province afore said Husbandman and Spinsteress and also in Consideration of the Sume of one hundred Pounds to be paid at the forfeiture of this Bond by me my heirs Executors or Administrators Whereas by these Presents I the said Jonathan Peirce Do Bind myself my heirs Executors or Administrators to live at home to my own Dwelling house my honoured Parents afore said and there Decently and honourably to maintain them at my expence During their Natural Lives Either in Sickness or Health. Furthermore I the said Jonathan Peirce for myself my heirs Executors or Administrators Do Covenant and Engage to Secure and Defend Either my Brethren or Sisters or any other Person or Persons from all Debt or Charge of What nature Soever arising from or by Reason of any maintainence of my honoured Parents afore Said from the Date hereof.

In Witness Whereof I the Said Jonathan Peirce have hereunto Set my hand and Seal this Seventeenth Day of January Anno Domini 1786.

JONATHAN PEIRCE.”

JOHN BENJAMIN<sup>6</sup> PEIRCE (*Jonas<sup>5</sup>, Francis<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. May 30, 1744; m. Oct. 7, 1771, Sarah Garfield, b. June 19, 1740, d. s. p.; m. 2nd, 1773, Phebe Willard, d. 1785; m. 3rd, Dec. 1786, Judith Metcalf, b. 1764, d. Sept. 16, 1851. He res. in Rindge, N. H., and d. there Nov. 12, 1825. Children :—

- i. SALLY, b. May 3, 1774; d. 1791.
- ii. BETTY, b. Oct. 3, 1777; m. Ellis Coburn of Woodstock, Vt.

- iii. PHEBE, b. Nov. 17, 1781; m. Feb. 5, 1805, Silas Warner, Jr., of Mt. Holly, Vt.
- iv. LUCINDA, b. June 1, 1784; m. Jan. 2, 1805, Benjamin Wood.
- 166. v. BENJAMIN, b. Oct. 28, 1787; m. Lucinda Allen, Sarah Raymond and Mary C. Perkins.
- vi. ESTHER, b. March 2, 1789; m. Jan. 21, 1807, Aaron Warner of Mt. Holley, Vt.
- vii. JUDITH, b. June 9, 1791; m. Nathan Underwood of Rindge, d. July 14, 1860. She d. Feb. 8, 1871. Ch. Joel, b. 1812, d. June 1, 1855; Sophronia, m. Jonathan Peirce; Martin S., b. 1816, d. Oct. 18, 1837; Nathan, b. 1817, d. Aug. 2, 1817; Benjamin, b. 1822, d. Aug. 2, 1827; Marinda, b. 1824, d. July 30, 1827; Jaybrinda, b. 1831, m. Benjamin H. Sheldon; Laommi B.; Warren.
- 167. viii. JOEL, b. April 21, 1793; m. Irene Hardy.
- ix. JULIA, b. Sept., 1796; m. Daniel Priest of Mt. Holly, Vt.
- x. SOPHIA, b. Aug. 23, 1799; d. Nov. 26, 1810.
- xi. AMITY, b. April 12, 1802; d. Dec. 4, 1810.
- xii. MARY, b. Aug. 2, 1805; m. Derostus W. Emory, b. Feb. 22, 1807. Ch. George A., b. March 28, 1828, m. Martha J. Bass and Maria E. Stearnes; Julia A., b. Sept. 24, 1830, m. Charles F. Stearnes; Derostus P., b. March 27, 1832, m. Augusta Davis; Jane E., b. Feb. 13, 1835, m. Rodney A. Hubbard; Warren W., b. Feb. 12, 1837, m. Caroline Lake and Abbie T. Lake; Albert A., b. July 7, 1842, m. Mary A. Wilder; Marianna, b. Sept. 18, 1847, m. William B. Robbins.
- xiii. JOANNA, b. Sept. 7, 1807; m. April 13, 1834, Laommi Kendall of Chelsea.

81. JONAS<sup>6</sup> PEIRCE (*Jonas<sup>5</sup>, Francis<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Sept. 19, 1750; m. April 3, 1780, Anna Garfield, b. Dec. 2, 1757, d. June 22, 1808; m. 2nd, 1811, Lavina Pool, res. in Shrewsbury and Wardsboro, Vt., and d. in the latter place Dec. 24, 1840.

Children:—

- 168. i. JONAS, b. Sept. 25, 1781; m. Susannah Pitts.
- 169. ii. THOMAS D., b. April 11, 1787; m. Hannah Sanderson.
- iii. SUSANNA, b. June 23, 1785.
- 170. iv. ELISHA, b. Nov. 2, 1790; m. Elizabeth Smith.
- 171. v. ABIJAH, b. May 29, 1792; m. Lydia Gray.
- vi. ENOCH, b. April 18, 1794; m. Sept., 1820, Malinda Minot, b. April 11, 1793, res. Wardsboro, s. p.
- vii. ANNA, b. April 14, 1796; m. Dec. 11, 1814, John Watson, b. 1793. Ch. Rebecca, b. 1820; John D., b. 1822; Isaac P., b. 1824; Lydia G., b. 1827; Ann G., b. 1829; Mary, b. 1832; James W., b. 1834; Ginery, b. 1838; Abby G., b. 1840.
- viii. LUCY, b. April 12, 1798; m. ——— Allen, res. Stratton, Vt.
- ix. BENJAMIN, b. April 11, 1812. He went West; m. and d. s. p.
- 172. x. JACOB, b. Aug. 20, 1829; m. March 19, 1858, Emily Skinner.

82. ABRAHAM<sup>6</sup> PEIRCE (*Jonas<sup>5</sup>, Francis<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Sept. 2, 1755; m. Phebe Towne,\* b. April 6, 1763, d. Jan. 16, 1824. He d. Sept. 12, 1802, in Rindge, N. H. Children:—

- 173. i. ELIPHA, b. June 17, 1780; m. Phebe Streeter and Anna Henry.
- ii. ABRAHAM, b. Feb. 13, 1789; m. ——— and Laurena Rugg,

\* She m. 2nd, Dec. 31, 1806, Lieut. Nathaniel Thomas, b. Aug. 4, 1787, d. April 10, 1818. He was in the Revolutionary War in a Lexington company.



b. Jan. 28, 1807, d. April, 1874. Ch. Sarah Cordelia.

- iii. SALLY, b. April 18, 1795; m. April 10, 1833, Jasper Rand, b. Aug. 11, 1791, d. Nov. 14, 1837. Ch. Caroline A., b. Oct. 10, 1833, m. Augustus Rugg; Sally, m. 2nd, Christopher Smith, d. Jan. 26, 1862, in Rindge, N. H.

83. SETH<sup>6</sup> PEIRCE (*John<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Nov. 5, 1730; m. Aug. 19, 1756, Angelette Clark, res. Stoughton. Children:—

174. i. NATHANIEL, b. Sept. 23, 1757; m. Anna Hemenway and Tryphena Barber.  
 175. ii. JESSE, b. Aug. 25, 1761; m. May 19, 1788, Catherine Smith.  
 176. iii. SETH S., b. Dec. 12, 1764; m. March 21, 1786, Alice Gay.  
 iv. ANGELETTE, b. Jan. 16, 1769; m. Nov. 25, 1784, Luther Crane of Stoughton. Ch. Angelette, m. ——— Kingsbury; Polly, m. George Jackson; Rebecca, m. ——— Bingham; Luther; Jephtha; Silas.

84. JONAS<sup>6</sup> PEIRCE (*Jonas<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. July 7, 1730; m. Sarah Bridge, d. Sept. 17, 1772; m. 2nd. Feb. 11, 1773, Lydia Gregory, b. Oct. 29, 1736, res. Weston, Mass., and Springfield, Vt. He d. June 27, 1819. Children:—

177. i. MATTHEW, b. Oct. 15, 1755; m. Sally Tainter and Ruth Robinson.  
 178. ii. JONAS, b. Feb. 18, 1759; m. Feb. 13, 1787, Lois Clark and Susanna Allen.  
 iii. ASA, b. Jan. 25, 1762; m. May 11, 1783, Betsey Pike (?)  
 179. iv. THADDEUS, b. May 10, 1764; m. March 30, 1787, Susanna Smith.  
 v. MOLLY, b. Feb. 17 1767. vi. ANNA, b. May 31, 1769.  
 vii. CHILD, b. Feb. 12, 1771; d. same day.  
 viii. ISAAC, b. Oct. 11, 1773; m. Sept. 17, 1797, Nabby Clark of Medfield. Ch. Mery, b. Aug. 30, 1798.  
 ix. ABIGAIL, b. Nov. 16, 1775. x. JONAS, b. Sept. 25, 1781. (?)

85. NATHAN<sup>6</sup> PEIRCE (*Jonas<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), Dec. 15, 1732; m. Dec. 26, 1753, Sarah Mead, b. Aug. 14, 1732, res. Lexington. Child:—

- i. SARAH, b. Oct. 28, 1754; m. Nov. 21, 1771, Samuel Fessenden of Lexington.

86. JOHN<sup>6</sup> PEIRCE (*Jonas<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. July 14, 1736; m. Abigail Demport; m. 2nd, ——— Beard. He was in Lexington, and moved shortly after his second m. to Westminister, where he d. in 1826. Children:—

- i. MARY; m. Oliver Jackson.  
 180. ii. JOHN, b. Feb. 28, 1766; m. Lucy Graves.  
 181. iii. BENJAMIN, b. Sept. 5, 1768; m. ———.  
 iv. ELIZABETH; m. Nathaniel Sawyer.  
 182. v. ELISHA, b. Aug. 26, 1772; m. Deborah Partridge and Mrs. Cynthia Whitney.  
 183. vi. JONAS, b. March 21, 1777; m. Achsah Haynes.

87. Capt. SOLOMON<sup>6</sup> PEIRCE (*Jonas<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. June 15, 1742; m. Dec. 15, 1763, Amity Fessenden, b. June 15, 1743; d. Feb. 18, 1811. Solomon Peirce from church in Lexington was admitted to second precinct church in Cambridge (now Arlington), with wife Amity, June 15, 1788. He was present and

participated in the battle of Lexington, and was wounded in the engagement, April 19, 1775. He d. in Arlington, Oct. 16, 1821.

Children:—

- i. AMITY, b. Aug. 26, 1765; m. ——— Goodwin, and d. 1829.
- ii. ARIAL or ABEL, b. Sept. 22, 1768. Nothing of him on Arlington town records.
184. iii. JONAS, b. Nov. 16, 1766; m. Lydia Prentiss.
- iv. SOLOMON, b. Sept. 10, 1770; m. and d. in Boston.
- v. ELIZABETH, b. Jan. 8, 1777; m. Dec. 20, 1793, Amos Russell.
- vi. LUCY, b. March 10, 1779; m. April 5, 1797, Josiah Ditson, d. 1854.
- vii. LEONARD, b. March 17, 1783. He d. in Danvers, Sept. 5, 1844, and left ch. William; Oliver; Leonard; Mahala; Benjamin; Mary Ann; Betsey; Elijah.
185. viii. SAMUEL, b. Jan. 10, 1772; m. Sophia Stedman.
186. ix. ABIGAIL, b. March 11, 1775; m. Lucy Emery.
187. x. THADDEUS, b. April 8, 1781; m. Lucy Learned.
188. xi. WILLIAM, b. Jan. 2, 1786; m. Elizabeth Floyd, Sarah Perslins and Caroline M. Mansfield.

88. SAMUEL<sup>5</sup> PEIRCE (*Samuel<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Nov. 1, 1741; m. Dec. 1, 1768, Ruth Lee, b. Oct. 25, 1745. He d. March 30, 1806. Children, b. in Waltham:—

- i. AMASA, b. Aug. 28, 1769; m. June 10, 1802, Lucy Smith. A child of his d. Aug., 1804, æ 6 mo. He d. March 30, 1804, in Waltham.
- ii. HANNAH, b. Feb. 7, 1771; m. April 26, 1796, Solomon Harrington. Ch. Lydia, b. Oct. 24, 1797; Ruth, b. June 26, 1799, m. Levi Gurney; Hannah, b. April 19, 1804, m. Michael Gay Brackett.\*
- iii. RUTH, twin, b. May 30, 1773; m. May 26, 1793, Jonas Fiske, b. April 12, 1768. She d. Jan. 19, 1799, and he m. March 27, 1800, Abigail, her sister. Ch. Henry, b. Jan. 10, 1795; Nancy, b. July 7, 1797, m. William Viles; Abigail, b. Feb. 4, 1802, m. John Jones; Ruth S., b. Sept. 27, 1803, m. Isaiah Dunster; Emily, b. Aug. 13, 1806, m. Evi Weston; Rebecca A., b. April 16, 1808, m. Charles Bigelow; Susan, b. Feb. 20, 1812, m. Francis Brooks; Jonas, b. March 14, 1817, m. Charlotte Harrington; Mary L., b. Jan. 14, 1823, m. Parker Mudge Brown. Abigail Peirce Fiske, m. 2nd, ——— Howard of Westford. She d. Oct. 4, 1875, s. p. by 2nd m.
- iv. SAMUEL, twin, b. May 30, 1773; d. March 24, 1801.
- v. LUTHER, b. Aug. 17, 1775; d. April 10, 1795.
- vi. ABIGAIL, b. Dec. 30, 1780; m. Jonas Fiske and ——— Howard.
- vii. SALLY, b. April 4, 1782; m. Cyrus Haywood of Concord.
- viii. LYDIA, b. Dec. 7, 1784; m. Nov. 29, 1804, John Viles, bap. Aug. 11, 1776. Ch. Luther, b. Dec. 9, 1805. She d. bef. 1810.

89. WILLIAM<sup>6</sup> PEIRCE (*Jonathan<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Dec. 6, 1760; m. May 21, 1789, Phebe Manning, b. Nov. 10, 1766; d. Oct. 13, 1851. He was educated at the common schools, and was a farmer and stone mason. He was a private and corporal for three years in the Revolutionary War. He was but fifteen years of age when the war broke out, and was stationed during his term of service among other places at Cambridge, West Point, and Philadel-

\* Name changed by Legislature to Henry Gay Brackett.

ia. He underwent in common with others many hardships and was honorably discharged, receiving for many years a pension. He was a patriotic, liberal minded man; honorable in all his engagements and loved and respected by those who knew him. He d. in Waltham, Sept. 4, 1825. Children:—

189. i. WILLIAM, b. Nov. 1, 1789; m. Harriet E. Elliott.
- ii. MARY, b. March 4, 1792; m. May 23, 1813, Ephraim Allen, b. April 10, 1789, d. Jan. 15, 1879. She d. June 10, 1864.\* Ch.:—Ephraim, b. March 17, 1814, m. Elsie P. Rowland; Mary Peirce, b. Jan. 3, 1816, d. Sept. 14, 1817; William E., b. Dec. 30, 1817, m. Esther Parmenter; Mary P., b. Dec. 29, 1819, d. Sept. 17, 1820; Grosvenor, b. April 14, 1821, m. Harriet E. Drew and Lydia Peirce; Washington, b. March 21, 1823, m. Margaret P. Read; Lafayette, b. Sept. 5, 1824, m. Mary Gardiner; Henry C., b. Aug. 20, 1826, m. Emma F. Briggs; Elizabeth P., b. Dec. 5, 1828, m. William Peirce; Bernard W., b. May 30, 1831, d. April 13, 1832; Mary F., b. Dec. 19, 1833.
- iii. JONATHAN, b. April 18, 1793; m. Matilda Corey. He d. s. p. in Boston, Nov. 4, 1841, and she died before this.
- iv. PHEBE, b. Aug. 22, 1796; d. Sept. 10, 1796.
190. v. FRANCIS, b. Feb. 15, 1798; m. Nov. 30, 1826, Betsey Broomer.
191. vi. ISAAC M., b. June 14, 1800; m. Susan Ross.
- vii. GEORGE, b. Feb. 19, 1802; m. Dec. 13, 1833, Sophia Hersey, b. March 4, 1807. He d. s. p. in Boston, Sept. 10, 1853.
- viii. ELIZABETH, b. June 4, 1805; d. Oct. 10, 1821.
192. ix. HENRY, b. Oct. 2, 1807; m. Jan. 21, 1833, Louisa A. Bayley.
- x. EDGAR, b. Aug. 20, 1810; m. Nov. 23, 1852, Caroline Hersey, b. July 11, 1821. Ch.:—Harriet F., b. Nov. 18, 1853. He d. Oct. 14, 1875, in Boston.

The life of the plain New England mother affords few points of interest to the general observer. There are few dramatic effects in her life to catch the attention of the world, or to enlist the pen of the historian. But measured by the higher standard of Christian duty, there is a beauty and even splendor in her life of simple untiring devotion to others, her forgetfulness of self which should inspire our highest admiration. In sickness, in sorrow and trial, her sympathy is always enlisted, and her lifelong labor freely bestowed. She asks no reward and expects no praise.

Mary Peirce, the subject of this sketch, was a worthy example from this class, who have done so much to form what is best in our New England character. She was born in Waltham, March 4th, 1792, and was the second child among ten born to William Peirce and his wife Phebe Manning. She was well educated in all the branches then considered necessary for girls, and when she was still young (seventeen) commenced a private school for the children of her neighborhood. Her teaching days continued until her marriage to Ephraim Allen, which took place when she was twenty-one. Rev. Samuel Ripley officiated at the ceremony, on May 23, 1813. There were born to them eleven children, eight boys and three girls. Two girls died while infants, of fevers, and one boy from the result of an accident. After this last death, which occurred in 1822, the next which followed was the mother, who died in June, 1864. In person she was about the medium size, light complexion, blue eyes. In youth she was considered quite handsome, but being of a constitution not robust, the care of her large family deprived her early of the appearance of health. In this respect she improved during her later years. She died in Boston, to which place the family removed from Waltham about eighteen years before. The Rev. Sylvanus Cobb officiated at her funeral. She was buried at "Grove Hill" Cemetery, Waltham, where so many generations of her family had preceded her.

90. Ensign ANDREW<sup>6</sup> PEIRCE (*Benjamin<sup>5</sup>, Benjamin<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. June 11, 1761; pub. Dec. 27, 1785, and m. by Rev. Eli Forbes, Lucy Davis, dau. of Kinnacom and Lucy (Stacy) Davis, b. in Gloucester, June 26, 1766. She d. Nov. 2, 1818.

He was b. in Dover, N. H., and at an early age removed to Gloucester, in that part called "Squam" where in 1792, July 2d. he purchased for £60 land in "Lobster Cove," "Annisquam," of Daniel Green, Daniel Hubbard and wife. The following year, 1793, he purchased for £120, a mansion house and twenty-four acres of land of George and William Cabot. The next year he sold for \$8 a small gore of land to Jonathan Kimble. Feb. 9, 1804, he purchased for £261 land in "Squam," of Amos Phips. In 1806, Oct. 24, he sold all his lands with buildings thereon including the mansion house to Ezra Leonard, for \$3,000, and returned to Dover, N. H. These items are taken from the *Essex Reg. of Deeds*, and in each case Andrew is called "yeoman." He died in Dover, March 28, 1809. Children:—

- i. LUCY, b. Nov. 22, 1786; m. March 17, 1807, Capt. Eps. Griffin, and d. April 26, 1823.
- ii. NANCY, b. Feb. 15, 1788; d. Nov. 2, 1842.
193. iii. ANDREW, b. Feb. 14, 1792; m. Betsey Wentworth.
- iv. JAMES W., b. July 23, 1794; d. March 12, 1820.
- v. DAVID, b. July 5, 1796; d. in Dover, N. H., April, 1861.
- vi. WILLIAM, b. Sept. 6, 1798; d. July 9, 1822.
- vii. MARY, b. Sept. 7, 1800; d. Sept. 7, 1802.
- viii. HENRY, b. Sept. 1, 1803; d. July 22, 1823.
- ix. MARCY D., b. Sept. 26, 1807; d. April 17, 1824.

91. BENJAMIN<sup>6</sup> PEIRCE (*Ebenezer<sup>5</sup>, Benjamin<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*) b. March 5, 1743; m. May 26, 1767, Mary Tebbetts, b. Feb. 7, 17—; d. Dec. 10, 1823. He d. Sept. 12, 1823, in Dover, N. H.

He was a prominent citizen of Dover, and deacon of the old church. He was chairman of the board of selectmen in 1798—'99—1800—1801; sealer of weights and measures 1803; and surveyor of lumber 1807. Children:—

- i. JOSEPH, b. May 3, 1768; d. Sept. 22, 1799.
- ii. ELIZABETH, b. Sept. 12, 1769; d. May 24, 1856, unm.
- iii. DANIEL, b. Oct. 7, 1771; d. Jan. 19, 1849, unm.
- iv. MEHITABLE, b. Aug. 28, 1773; d. Feb. 15, 1855, unm.
- v. MARY, b. Sept. 8, 1775; d. Sept. 10, 1850, unm.
- vi. SARAH, b. April 28, 1777; d. Aug. 18, 1862, unm.
- vii. TOMSON, b. June 6, 1779; m., and d. Jan. 28, 1858, s. p.
- viii. JOHN, b. June 22, 1781; m. twice, and d. Nov. 9, 1855, s. p.
- ix. LYDIA, b. Jan. 7, 1784; d. Sept. 20, 1801.
194. x. ANDREW, b. Dec. 18, 1785; m. Abigail S. Osborne.

The above family of ten children were all born in Dover, all lived in Dover with the exception of two, who for a few years, lived in other places. All but three died in the same house they were born in, and the whole family, parents and children, now lie side by side in one cemetery in Dover; average age over 70 years; rather a remarkable circumstance. Of this family only three were married.

92. THOMAS<sup>6</sup> PEIRCE (*Israel<sup>5</sup>, Benjamin<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>*).



*John*<sup>1</sup>). b. 1748; m. Mary —, b. 1755; d. Feb. 10, 1838. He d. June 22, 1817. Res. Barnstead, N. H. Children:—

95. i. ALPHEUS, b. Nov. 4, 1781; m. Rebecca Horn and Rebecca Felker.
- ii. HIRAM, rev. to Georgetown, Mass. iii. WILLIAM.
- iv. ABIAH, b. 1798; m. Richard Colony and d. March 19, 1860.
- v. BETSEY. vi. NANCY. vii. POLLY, b. 1791; d. April 8, 1858.
- viii. HANNAH. ix. DEBORAH.

96. 93. ISRAEL<sup>6</sup> PEIRCE (*Israel*<sup>5</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Sept. 1750; m. July 13, 1771, Elizabeth Brown, b. Jan. 19, 1751, d. Mar. 11, 1815. He d. Jan. 17, 1816. They res. in Barrington, N. H. Children:—

96. i. ISRAEL, b. Oct. 19, 1772; m. Abigail Hall.
97. ii. CURTIS, b. Oct. 27, 1777; m. Olive Woodhouse.
- iii. ELIZABETH, b. July 26, 1774; m. Phineas Wentworth, and died May 18, 1832.
- iv. SUSANNA, b. June 23, 1779; m. Daniel Ham, and d. July 29, 1858.

98. 94. RICHARD<sup>6</sup> PEIRCE (*Nathaniel*<sup>5</sup>, *Nathaniel*<sup>4</sup>, *Nathaniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Robert*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Jan. 6, 1754; m. in Camb., Oct. 21, 1784, Anna Dickson, b. Oct. 1, 1752, d. in Charlestown July 1, 1810, s. p. He was drowned Aug. 16, 1797. They res. in Medford and Jan. 14, 1788, rem. to Charlestown, in census here 1789. Child:—

- i. HARRY, b. Aug. 2, 1787; d. young. Prob. papers say mother d. s. p.

99. 95. NATHANIEL<sup>6</sup> PEIRCE (*Nathaniel*<sup>5</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>4</sup>, *Nathaniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Robert*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Apr. 3, 1736; m. Sept. 6, 1759, Phebe Brooks, b. 1740, d. Apr. 22, 1808. He d. in Medford, 1776. Children:—

100. 98. i. NATHANIEL, } m. Oct. 8, 1786, Nancy Woodbury.  
                              } twins, b. Apr. 3, 1760;
- ii. JONATHAN, } m. Abigail Batchelder, and d. Dec. 9, 1796, s. p.
- iii. PHEBE, b. Nov. 17, 1766; d. 1785.
- iv. ESTHER, b. Apr. 2, 1769; m. Richard Smith, b. Feb. 5, 1766, d. June 5, 1846. She d. Nov. 12, 1849, in Sterling. Ch. Phebe, b. Sept. 14, 1789, m. — Moore; Esther E., b. Oct. 10, 1791, m. John Dudley; Lucy, b. Aug. 9, 1793, m. Elias Danforth; Sarah, b. July 7, 1795, m. Edmund Lewis; William L., b. Oct. 30, 1797, m. Hannah Lane; Nathaniel Peirce, b. May 7, 1800, m. Phebe Bancroft; Phelina, b. Aug. 20, 1804, d. Aug. 26, 1806; Velina, b. Apr. 8, 1807, m. Charles Newmau.

101. v. JOHN, b. Nov. 12, 1762; m. Feb. 1, 1798, Lydia Batchelder.

102. 96. SAMUEL<sup>6</sup> PEIRCE (*Benjamin*<sup>5</sup>, *Jerahmeel*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Robert*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Mar. 20, 1771; m. June 22, 1794, Lydia Goodridge of Beverly, Sept. 18, 1773, d. Aug. 23, 1859. He d. June 13, 1818. Res. Beverly. Children:—

- i. SAMUEL, b. Jan. 13, 1795; d. Aug. 4, 1808.
- ii. BENJAMIN, b. Mar. 9, 1797; d. unm. Aug. 16, 1820.
- iii. HANNAH, b. Dec. 15, 1799; d. Aug. 5, 1802.
- iv. SAMUEL, b. Nov. 12, 1807; d. unm. Aug., 1848.
- v. HANNAH, b. July 26, 1809; m. Joseph Gerrish, had seven ch., and d. Jan. 2, 1844.
- vi. ANDREW, b. Oct. 10, 1811; m. Apr. 29, 1838, Clara Weld, and d. s. p., Nov., 1866.

- vii. LYDIA, b. Nov. 21, 1813; m. Nov. 15, 1835, Nathaniel Martin, b. March, 1810, d. Aug. 17, 1861. She d. at Brighton, Feb. 6, 1879. They had five ch.

97. BENJAMIN<sup>6</sup> PEIRCE (*Benjamin*<sup>5</sup>, *Jerahmeel*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Robert*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Sept. 2, 1775; m. Feb. 28, 1797, Rebecca Ome, b. Oct. 12, 1775, d. June 16, 1860. He d. in Beverly, Sept. 10, 1850. Children:—

- i. REBECCA, b. Nov. 28, 1797; m. 1816, John Bennett of Beverly, and d. July 4, 1840. They had five ch.
  - ii. MARY, b. April 4, 1800; d. June 1, 1803.
  - iii. BENJAMIN, b. Apr. 6, 1803; d. Sept. 19, 1805.
  - iv. MARY A., b. Nov. 11, 1806; m. Aug. 10, 1822, Phineas F. Spofford, b. Mar. 31, 1802; d. Dec. 21, 1824. Ch. Rebecca E., b. Aug. 10, 1823, d. Sept. 10, 1828. Mary A. m. 2nd, Dec. 7, 1826, Elijah Foster, D. D., b. June 12, 1799, d. Sept. 29, 1834. Ch. Elijah P., b. March 9, 1828, m. Lydia F. Gerrish; Charles, b. Sept. 23, 1830, d. Oct. 10, 1833; John H., b. Apr. 23, 1833, d. Nov. 21, 1846; Emily E., b. Apr. 28, 1835, m. Albert Farnsworth. Mary A. m. 3d, Apr. 6, 1845, Joseph Gerrish, b. Dec. 27, 1803, d. Dec. 27, 1877, in Beverly. Ch. Mary P., b. Nov. 18, 1846, d. Aug. 22, 1849. Mary A. now (1879) res. in West Lebanon, Me.
  - v. CAROLINE, b. Oct. 25, 1809; m. March 7, 1827, Joseph Wallis. She d. July 5, 1870. They had three children; and one son, Osgood P., res. in Salem, Mass.
200. vi. BENJAMIN O., b. Sept 26, 1812; m. June 15, 1841, Mehitable O. Secomb.
- vii. JOSEPH, b. Aug. 14, 1815; d. Nov. 13, 1819.

98. HON. BENJAMIN<sup>6</sup> PEIRCE, A. M. (*Jerahmeel*<sup>5</sup>, *Jerahmeel*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Robert*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Sept. 30, 1778; m. Dec. 11, 1803, Lydia R. Nichols, b. Jan. 3, 1781; d. Nov. 1867. Mr. Peirce was a native of Salem in this State. He graduated at Harvard University in the year 1801. While an undergraduate he was eminently distinguished among his fellow-students for his zealous and untiring pursuit of knowledge, and for those habits of literary labor which have been so conspicuous during his late connection with that Institution. It is a satisfactory proof of the rank which he held as a scholar, in the judgment of his instructors, that he graduated with the highest honors of his class. His own inclination would, perhaps, have led him to pursue one of the learned professions; but circumstances, which too often direct our course without control, induced him to embark in commercial business with his much respected father, one of the principal merchants of Salem; and he continued in that occupation for many years. During this part of his life he received, at different times, the most gratifying proofs of the confidence which his fellow-citizens reposed in him, by being elected, at an earlier age than usual, a Senator for the County of Essex in our State Legislature in 1811, and afterwards, for several years, a Representative of his native town. He was not a professed debater in that public body; but his sound judgment and solidity of principle had their just influence on those who were his friends and associates in the public measures of that day. Through his whole life he was uniformly distinguished for that first of all social virtues—integrity—

and never was a man, in his various relations to society and the individuals around him, more steadily actuated by strict moral rectitude. In the stormy periods of our politics, and particularly on the complicated and delicate question of the rights and duties of foreign nations towards us, this inflexibility of principle not unfrequently exposed him to sharp opposition from those politicians who, "in the corrupted currents of this world" are swayed by other considerations than the mere right and wrong of a given case. But he never shrunk from the expression of his well matured opinions on the various trying questions of the day; opinions which he always maintained with the sound logic of a well-disciplined and investigating mind, and the correctness of which was justified by events.

His love of letters continued through life; and, notwithstanding the avocations of business, few persons in this country have made themselves so familiar as he was with the classical authors in English literature. This consideration, doubtless, had its weight with the members of the corporation of Harvard University, when they selected him, in 1866, to fill the honorable and responsible office of Librarian to the University—an office of much greater importance in its various relations than is generally supposed: and which, in all countries where science and literature are respected, is not limited to the mere duty of keeping an account of the delivery and return of books, but is reserved for men of talents and learning, who are capable of using a library for the benefit of the community, while they personally give distinction and character to the establishment with which they are connected—for such men as Posson in London, Hase in Paris, and Heyne in Göttingen. With how much ability and fidelity the duties of that station were discharged, has long been well known to the governors of the University; and the public, generally, have now also the means of forming some judgment, in his ample and invaluable *Catalogue of the University Library*, lately published in four octavo volumes, the last of which was just completed and was in course of distribution, while he was confined to his house by that malady which so unexpectedly proved fatal to him. The value of this laborious and accurate work can be estimated by those only, who know how to appreciate the Herculean labor of executing it. Various efforts had been made, by the government of the College, to obtain a good catalogue before the library had attained to its present increased size; and materials had been in part collected for that purpose by different persons. But those materials, valuable as they would have been in the hands of the individuals who had made the collections each with a view to his own plan and conception of such a work, were but partially used by Mr. Peirce, as we have understood, in the construction of his Catalogue. In addition to this important publication, Mr. Peirce had begun, and brought to a considerable degree of forwardness, another work, in which every son of Harvard in particular, will take a most lively interest—the *History of the University*, from its foundation; with notices of its distinguished sons, who have been ornaments to our country as well as to the place of their education. A great body of new and

highly interesting matter will be taken as early as circumstances permit, for the completion and publication of this work—in itself, the most appropriate monument to the memory of a devoted son of our *Alma Mater*, and one whose deep interest in her welfare, and intense application to the duties of his office, have contributed to hasten the catastrophe we now lament.

But we admonish to refrain from indulging ourselves in the feelings which this event naturally calls forth. His associates in office at the University, and all others who knew the real worth of this valuable public officer and excellent man, feel and lament the loss sustained in his death. But by no one can this be more deeply felt than by him, who, in justice to departed worth and as a solace to his own feelings, has attempted this faint memorial of the character of a highly valued and cherished friend.

“Multis ille bonis flebilis occidit:  
Nulli flebilior quam mihi ———”

CAMBRIDGE, July 30, 1831.—[*From History of Harvard University.*

He d. quite suddenly, July 26, 1831. Children:—

- i. CHARLOTTE E., b. Nov. 9, 1804.
- ii. JOHN N., b. Sept. 18, 1806; d. Oct. 5, 1810.
201. iii. BENJAMIN, b. Apr. 4, 1809; m. July 23, 1833, Sarah H. Mills.
- iv. CHARLES H., b. Jan. 28, 1814. He was graduated at Harvard in the class of 1833; M. D., 1836; d. unm. June 16, 1855. Dr. Peirce died in Cambridge. He studied medicine and established himself as a physician at Salem, but subsequently removed to Cambridge. For a few years he held the office of special examiner of Drugs in the Boston Custom House.

99. SAMUEL<sup>6</sup> PEIRCE (*John*,<sup>5</sup> *John*,<sup>4</sup> *John*,<sup>3</sup> *John*,<sup>2</sup> *John*,<sup>1</sup>), b. Feb. 26, 1752; m. Jan. 9, 1777, Martha Edmonds, b. July 6, 1758; d. Jan. 3, 1847. He d. Feb. 24, 1816, in South Britain, Conn.

Children:—

- i. EDMOND, b. May 16, 1778; d. April 10, 1802.
- ii. MARY, b. Feb. 6, 1780; m. ——— Seeley. She d. June. 9, 1851. Ch. Patty, m. Gerry French and Henry B. Stiles.
202. iii. WILLIAM, b. July 13, 1785; m. Polly Botsford.
203. iv. JOHN, b. Oct. 30, 1789; m. Jan. 1, 1818, Olive Platt.
204. v. GEORGE C., b. Sept. 9, 1794; m. Susan Rockwell.

100. TITUS<sup>6</sup> PEIRCE (*John*,<sup>5</sup> *John*,<sup>4</sup> *John*,<sup>3</sup> *John*,<sup>2</sup> *John*,<sup>1</sup>), b. March 21, 1755; m. June 21, 1770, Mary Norton, d. Aug. 4, 1777; m. 2nd, Feb. 3, 1780, Abiah Platt, b. 1752; d. Feb. 24, 1816. He d. Nov. 29, 1826, in S. Britain, Conn. Children:—

- i. HANNAH, b. Oct. 24, 1780; m. Benjamin Mitchell, and d. Dec. 3, 1847.
205. ii. AMIAL P., b. April 19, 1782; m. May 14, 1806, Electa Blackman.
- iii. ABIGAIL, b. July 5, 1788; m. ——— Barnes.
- iv. PHEBE, b. Aug. 4, 1790; d. May 3, 1807.
- v. TITUS, b. July 5, 1792; m. Oct. 16, 1836, Adaline Blackman, b. Oct. 15, 1802; d. Feb. 23, 1837; m. 2nd, Ann Judd, b. Dec. 21, 1800. He d. June 19, 1879, in South Britain, Conn., s. p.



- vi. AMOS, b. July 6, 1796; m. Susanna Bell and Mrs. Brown, and died in Wakeman, Ohio, May 10, 1875, s. p.
01. JOEL<sup>6</sup> PEIRCE (*Joseph<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Sept. 1755; m. Sept. 5, 1782. Avis French, b. Dec. 24, 1766; d. April 1858. He d. in Westville, Conn., Oct. 31, 1832. Children:—
- i. CLARA, b. Sept. 5, 1783; m. April 2, 1799, David P. Edmonds, and d. Oct. 2, 1868. Ch. Charles and Harriet.
  - ii. ERASTUS, b. Oct. 19, 1785; d. Feb. 20, 1791.
  - iii. AARON, twin, b. Nov. 27, 1788; m. twice, and d. in Monroe, Conn., s. p.
  - iv. ANN, twin, b. Nov. 27, 1788; m. April 28, 1818. Charles Tomlinson of Westville, Conn. Ch. Nelson, b. Jan. 20, 1819, m. Charity M. Drew; William, b. May 7, 1821, m. Ruth E. Drew; Ann M., b. Feb. 22, 1824, m. John Hall; Caroline A., b. Jan. 1, 1829, m. John Shermau; Mary E., b. April 27, 1833, m. Ledyard Stone.
  - v. CHARLOTTE, b. June 21, 1791; m. Dec. 23, 1812, Cryus Mitchell Ch. Ann J.; Betsey; Mary: Warren; Leroy.
06. vi. JOEL, b. June 7, 1794; m. May 9, 1814, Nancy A. Sherman.
07. vii. ERASTUS, b. Feb. 26, 1797; m. Feb. 13, 1833, Elsoie Platt.
- viii. MINERVA, b. Oct. 27, 1799; m. Louis Skelton, and d. Jan. 29, 1866. 4 ch.
- ix. CAROLINE, b. Feb. 14, 1804; m. Eli Mallroy of Monroe, Conn. Ch. Aaron and George.
- x. NELSON, b. May 15, 1806; d. March 3, 1807.
02. ~~ABRAHAM~~<sup>6</sup> PEIRCE (*Abraham<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Oct. 2, 1778; m. ———. Res. Bristol, R. I. Children:—
08. i. NOBLE A.; m. Lydia Gridley. *THESE ARE CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM (S), AS WELL AS THOSE ON P. 54. SEE PARA. 56, P. 54.*
09. ii. PHILO, b. 1774; m. Sally Norton.
- iii. SALLY; m. Nov. 16, 1800, Salmon Norton.
- iv. ANNA; m. ——— Powers.
03. NATHAN<sup>6</sup> PEIRCE (*Nathan<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Feb. 23, 1766; m. 1796. Rachel St. John, d. 1816. He d. in South Main, Conn., 1820. Children:—
- i. SALLY, b. 1797; m. Alvin Hine.
  - ii. ANNA, d. unm.  $\approx$  21 years.
10. iii. JUSTUS, b. 1801; m. April 21, 1831, Olive Mallroy.
- iv. POLLY, b. 1803; m. Thomas Root.
- v. OLIVE, b. 1805; m. Abel Holbrook.
11. vi. NATHAN, b. May 9, 1809; m. Nov. 6, 1834, Susan E. Bloss.
12. vii. ELY, b. Nov. 6, 1810; m. Augusta Hurlburt.
- viii. ELLEN, b. 1812; m. Auson Bray.
- ix. LOUISA, b. 1817.
04. SIMEON<sup>6</sup> PEIRCE (*Nathan<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. 1788; m. Thankful Hunt, b. 1776; d. May 2, 1836. He d. in South Main, Conn., June 2, 1836. Children:—
- i. PHILO. ii. PARNELLA; m. ——— Andrews.
  - iii. FANNIE; m. ——— Sturtevant. iv. CYRUS; m. Jane Miner.
  - v. NATHANIEL; m. June 24, 1839, Minerva L. Sanford. They res. in Tahnage, Ohio.
05. TRUMAN<sup>6</sup> PEIRCE (*Nathan<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. May 27, 1774; m. Ann ———, b. 1780; d. Jan. 25, 1862.

They res. in South Britain, Conn. Cothren in 2nd vol. of Ancient Woodbury calls him "Truman Percy." Children:—

- i. DEBORAH, b. Dec., 1797. ii. POLLY, b. 1798.
- iii. THADDEUS M., b. Oct., 1800. iv. JERUSHA, b. 1802.
- v. MARIA, b. 1803. vi. ASENETH, b. 1805.
- vii. NANCY, b. June 29, 1808.
- viii. CLEMENT, b. Feb. 16, 1810; m. Louisa W. ———. Ch. Seth W., b. April 30, 1834; Harriet E., b. April 19, 1835; Sarah J., b. Dec. 22, 1836; Nancy M., b. July 22, 1838; Frank J., b. Aug. 28, 1840; Charles H., b. Feb. 1, 1843; Julia E., b. Dec. 8, 1844; Samuel R., b. Feb. 3, 1848; George E., b. Jan. 8, 1850.
- ix. TRUMAN, b. Jan. 5, 1812. x. HARRIET N., b. 1814.
- xi. ISRAEL, b. April 19, 1816. xii. JANE, b. March 11, 1819.

106. SAMUEL<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Samuel<sup>6</sup>, Daniel<sup>5</sup>, Daniel<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*). b. Dec. 31, 1769; m. Feb. 12, 1794, Sally Farmer, b. Dec. 19, 1771; d. Dec. 10, 1846. He d. in Groton, April 13, 1843. Children:—

- i. SALLY, b. Dec. 6, 1794; m. William Kimball, b. March 12, 1792; d. Aug. 19, 1861, in Holliston. She d. Oct. 21, 1855. Ch. Sarah A. M., b. Dec. 8, 1822, m. Cyrus Bemis; William, b. July 18, 1835, d. s. p.
- ii. SAMUEL, b. July 7, 1800; d. Sept. 8, 1803.
- iii. LEVI, b. July 7, 1803; d. April 14, 1836.
- 213. iv. OLIVER, b. Oct. 30, 1804; m. Nov. 5, 1834, Elizabeth D. Vinton.
- v. MARY, b. Sept. 20, 1807; m. Salmon Comstock of Westboro'.
- vi. RUFUS, b. May 8, 1810; m. Elizabeth Nutting, d. s. p. March 31, 1845.

107. ELIJAH<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Samuel<sup>6</sup>, Daniel<sup>5</sup>, Daniel<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Dec. 2, 1771; m. Feb. 19, 1797, Rebecca Ransford, b. 1772; d. 1804. He d. Nov. 28, 1818. Children:—

- 214. i. DEXTER L., b. Sept. 27, 1797; m. Dec. 6, 1821, Maria Vinton.
- 215. ii. THOMAS R., b. April 9, 1799; m. April 1, 1824, Sarah Burgess.
- iii. REBECCA, b. March 10, 1802; unm., res. 123 Myrtle street, Boston.

108. ISAAC<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Isaac<sup>6</sup>, Isaac<sup>5</sup>, Daniel<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Oct. 10, 1757; m. June 17, 1779, Esther Garfield. Res. Shrewsbury. Children:—

- i. ESTHER, b. May 23, 1780.
- ii. ISAAC, b. Dec. 28, 1781; d. July 8, 1805.

109. AMOS<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Isaac<sup>6</sup>, Isaac<sup>5</sup>, Daniel<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Aug. 8, 1761; m. March 21, 1785, Molly Weston, b. 1770; d. June 2, 1815; m. 2nd. Feb. 24, 1816, Mercy Stearnes, b. 1774; d. April 24, 1844. He d. in Millbury, March 11, 1845. He served in the Revolutionary Army. Res. Grafton Gore, near Worcester line. Children:—

- i. ELIZA; d. three years old.
- 216. ii. AMOS; m. Nov. 25, 1813, Mary Sibley.
- iii. AZUBA, b. Dec. 31, 1786; m. Obadiah Newton and John Gray. Newton d. Nov. 29, 1821. She d. Jan. 6, 1864. Ch. Luther; Lucinda; Eli; Eliza, b. Oct. 13, 1808, m. George Poppleton; Julia, b. 1811; Lucy, b. 1814; Mary A., b. 1816; George N., b. Jan. 18, 1819, m. Eliza F. Allen, Agnes Alexander, and Sarah M. Stevens; Alexander, b. March 25, 1821.

- iv. SALLY, b. Oct. 7, 1787; m. Joseph Rogers of Burlington, N. Y. Ch. Leonard; Joseph; Harvey; Fanny; Mary A.; Marinda, Lucy.
  - v. POLLY, b. May 6, 1790; m. Jan. 10, 1815. Jonas Hastings, b. Jan. 10, 1790, d. Sept. 27, 1857. She d. June 1, 1851. Ch. Eliza, b. Oct. 12, 1815, m. Joseph Carpenter; George, b. May 1, 1818, m. Lucinda Shepardson; William, b. Feb. 21, 1820, m. Martha A. Parmer; Jonas, b. Feb. 5, 1825, m. Volina Smith; Anna, b. Nov. 14, 1821, m. Charles Fuller.
  - vi. ANNA; m. 1829, Lucius Parker. b. Nov. 4, 1797. She d. March 15, 1854, in Paris. N. Y. Ch. Sophia, m. Martin Hosmer, and Maria, m. George Howard, twins, b. May 14, 1832; Amos, b. May 12, 1831, m. Sarah E. Kellogg.
  - vii. HARVEY, b. Oct. 1809; d. Dec. 4, 1869, unm.
  - viii. ELIZA, b. Feb. 14, 1817; m. Jan. 16, 1858, John Fish, b. June 5, 1817. Ch. Jonathan, b. Oct. 16, 1858; res. Worcester.
  - ix. RELIEF, m. Jan. 27, 1826, Solomon West, b. Dec. 11, 1799; d. April 26, 1872, in Marion, N. Y. Ch. Solomon B., b. Nov. 28, 1826, d. Feb. 10, 1847; Caroline, b. July 11, 1828, d. June 6, 1829; Charles B., b. April 15, 1830, d. Aug. 2, 1830; GERRY, b. Oct. 4, 1832, m. Delia S. Langdon; Albert A., b. Feb. 12, 1836, m. Kate E. Winslow; James, b. Sept. 4, 1841.
  - x. JOHN, d. infant.
10. JESSE<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Isaac<sup>6</sup>, Isaac<sup>5</sup>, Daniel<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, n<sup>1</sup>*), b. Mar. 4, 1764; m. Mar. 6, 1784, Lydia Gale, b. 1765. He served in the Revolutionary Army as Orderly for Gen. George Washington and named his youngest son in honor of his commander. He d. Millbury, Nov. 13, 1820. Children:—
- i. BETSEY, b. Sept. 7, 1784; m. Nov. 1, 1805, Eli Hewett of Sutton—ch. Eli, b. 1805, m. Mary Harwood, ——— Clifford and Honora Sullivan; Valentine; Jesse, m. Almira Towne and ——— Keech; Orin, m. Alvira Benton; Christopher, m. Maria Ludden; Mary, m. Brigham Batchelder; Eliza, m. ——— Hewett.
  - ii. LYDIA, b. Aug. 28, 1785; m. Jan. 31, 1808, Hammond Hewett of Sutton. Ch. Rebecca; Martha, m. Russell Titus; Orison; Josiah, m. Emily Parker; Frances, m. ——— Taylor; Moses.
  - iii. MARTHA, b. Apr. 29, 1787; m. Nov. 6, 1811, Moses Dunton of Sutton. She d. Mar 15, 1812, s. p.
17. iv. JESSE, b. Jan. 28, 1790; m. Sept. 14, 1837, Sarah Flanders.
- v. JOSHUA, b. Nov. 25, 1791; d. July 23, 1811.
  - vi. ISAAC, b. Aug. 28, 1792.
  - vii. ZOA, b. Dec. 27, 1794; m. Moses Dunton, her sister's husband. Ch. Austin; Martha; Mary; William; Silas.
18. viii. JOSIAH, b. Feb. 11, 1797; m. Lydia Bancroft.
19. ix. ABRAHAM, b. Jan. 23, 1800; m. Almira Cole.
20. x. AMOS, b. Aug. 27, 1803; m. Aug. 15, 1830, Helen Spencer.
21. xi. JANE, b. June 16, 1806; m. Sally Joslin.
22. xii. GEORGE W., b. Dec. 9, 1809; m. Eunice Fuller.
11. JOSHUA<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Isaac<sup>6</sup>, Isaac<sup>5</sup>, Daniel<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, n<sup>1</sup>*), b. Nov. 3, 1765; m. Joanna Perham, d. Sept. 29, 1795; m. Betsey Bathrick. He d. in Upton. Children:—
- 23. i. JOSHUA, b. Feb. 4, 1800; m. Jan. 15, 1824, Sally Brooks.
  - ii. BETSEY, b. July 22, 1797; m. Daniel Cole. Ch. Eunice, m. George Dorr; Nelson; Granville.
  - iii. JOANNA, b. Feb. 20, 1802; m. Jan. 25, 1823, John Garfield. Ch. Emery; John; Moses.

- iv. MARTHA, b. Oct. 22, 1806; m. Smith Cushman of Milford. Ch. Dexter; Ann E.; Henry; Juliett.
- v. JASON B., b. Nov. 30, 1810; d. Sept. 18, 1813.

112. ABRAHAM<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Abraham*<sup>6</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>5</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Nov. 17, 1785; m. Nov. 3, 1808, Mary Hagar b. Oct. 6, 1783. Child:—

- i. MARTHA, b. Sept. 23, 1809.

113. JACOB<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Joshua*<sup>6</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>5</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. July 23, 1767; m. Apr. 8, 1796, Polly Goodhue. They res. in Weston. Children:—

- i. WILLIAM,
- ii. MARY, b. 1803; m. Myrick Upham, b. Feb. 2, 1805. She d. Feb. 29, 1860. Ch. Mary E., b. May 31, 1835, m. John A. Lamson, d. Sept. 13, 1854, s. p.; James M., b. Oct. 22, 1844, m. Aug. 16, 1870, Emma Cooper.
- iii. ELIZABETH, m. July 21, 1833, Rev. Sereno Fiske of Weston, b. Feb. 21, 1802. He was a Methodist minister.

114. JONATHAN<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Jonathan*<sup>6</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>5</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Oct. 27, 1747; m. Jan. 5, 1769, Sarah Chaplin, b. 1729, d. Dec. 4, 1814; m. 2nd, Apr. 9, 1815, Mary Dakin. He res. in Lunenburg, and d. Nov. 20, 1827. Children:—

- 224. i. STEPHEN, b. 1779; m. 1804, Drusilla Patterson.
- ii. JONATHAN; d. unm.
- 225. iii. BENJAMIN, b. Nov. 8, 1775; m. Hannah Dunsmore.
- 226. iv. JOHN, b. Apr. 8, 1785; m. Drusilla (Patterson) Peirce, and Nancy Crumbe.
- v. BRAZILLA, m. Lucy ———. Ch. Stephen, b. July 21, 1809, d. Oct. 13, 1809; Rexford; Greenleaf. Res. N. H.
- vi. SALLY, b. Sept. 10, 1782; m. Jan. 30 1800, Jacob Caldwell, b. May 12, 1778, d. Apr. 19, 1843. She 1 Dec. 4, 1814. Ch. Jacob, Jr., D. D., b. July 26, 1805, m. Mary A. Patch and Sarah Hastings; Nancy, b. Aug. 23, 1800, m. John Howard; Fannie, b. Nov. 1, 1801, d. Nov. 12, 1865; Jonathan P., b. Mar. 13, 1810, m. Almira Bodertha; James, b. May 2, 1813, d. Mar. 5, 1814. Jacob m. 2nd, Mrs. Mary Harrington.

115. JOSIAH<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Jonathan*<sup>6</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>5</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Oct. 28, 1761; m. Nov. 14, 1781, Azubah Howard, b. Feb. 18, 1764, d. May 30, 1827; m. 2nd, Dec. 26, 1827, Polly Rugg. He d. Oct. 10, 1834, in Rindge, N. H. Children:—

- i. NANCY, b. Nov. 20, 1782; m. Mar. 29, 1803, Levi Bixby; m. 2nd, J. R. Goodspeed. She d. Feb. 3, 1846, in Rindge.
- ii. SUSANNA, b. Feb. 20, 1784; m. Jonathan Davis. Ch. Sally, m. Samuel Tarbell. The mother d. Jan. 7, 1829, in Rindge.
- 227. iii. NAHUM, b. Nov. 11, 1785; m. Mary Hildreth.
- 228. iv. JOSIAH, b. Oct. 30, 1787; m. Susan Hatstat.
- 229. v. JOSEPH H., b. Mar. 16, 1789; m. Mar. 5, 1813, Rosanna Hatstat and Sophronia Abbott.
- 230. vi. STEPHEN, b. June 14, 1791; m. Adeline Pike.
- 231. vii. JOHN, b. Dec. 12, 1792; m. Rebecca Ormsby.
- viii. SALLY, b. Sept. 28, 1794; m. Mar. 10, 1822, Benjamin Pike, b. Apr. 16, 1794, d. Jan. 9, 1848. She res. in Duxbury, Mass. Ch. Benjamin C., b. June 31, 1825, d. Mar. 24, 1826; Andrew J., b. Dec. 6, 1827, m. Harriet P. Heywood; Benjamin F., b. May



9, 1829, d. Mar. 10, 1845; Henry H., b. Feb. 7, 1832; Angeline, b. Oct. 20, 1834; Maria P., b. June 9, 1836; Theodore L., b. May 29, 1838; Josiah W., b. Oct. 10, 1841.

ix. LUCY, b. May 19, 1796; m. Bixby Nutting.

x. MARY, b. Mar. 8, 1798; m. Sewell Phillbrook.

xi. BETSEY, b. Aug. 24, 1800; m. Mar. 11, 1822, Calvin Tarbell, b. Jan. 11, 1800. She d. Mar. 17, 1872. Ch. Stephen H., b. Dec. 24, 1822, m. Clarissa W. Ide; Harriet J., b. May 19, 1827, m. Sylvester Stone; Sarah S., b. Sept. 9, 1831, m. George Souther; Emma C., b. Jan. 7, 1845. They res. at 107 Tyler street, Boston.

xii. LEONARD, b. Apr. 12, 1802; m. Dec. 31, 1829, Caroline Goodspeed.

xiii. THOMAS, b. Oct. 18, 1803; m. Martha J. Stevens. Res. 1961 N. 11th St., Philadelphia, Penn.

xiv. JONATHAN, b. Aug. 1, 1805; m. Apr. 12, 1833, Laura Platts; m. 2nd, June 27, 1839, Sophronia Underwood.

xv. ABRAHAM, b. Apr. 19, 1807; m. Feb. 16, 1831, Eunice B. Fassett.

16. ABRAHAM<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Jonathan<sup>6</sup>, Ephraim<sup>5</sup>, Ephraim<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Dec. 20, 1765; m. Nov. 22, 1791, Ann Gung, b. 1765, d. Nov. 16, 1839. They resided in Lunenburg. Children:—

i. MARY, b. July 14, 1795.

ii. LUCY, b. May 8, 1798; d. July 6, 1798.

iii. ABRAHAM, b. Mar. 25, 1800; m. Mary Turner.

iv. SALLY, b. Sept. 29, 1802; d. Jan. 13, 1803.

v. JOSIAH, b. Feb. 26, 1804; m. Oct. 19, 1826, Nancy Tyler.

vi. JONATHAN G., b. Nov. 15, 1806; d. young, unm.

17. NAHUM<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Jonathan<sup>6</sup>, Ephraim<sup>5</sup>, Ephraim<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. May 4, 1770; m. Nabby Stone, b. Aug. 11, 1775, d. June 5, 1802; m. 2nd, Polly Carey. They resided in Lyme, N. H., and near the St. John river in N. B. Children:—

i. SYLVESTER, b. Sept. 2, 1796; d. young.

ii. CALISTA, b. Sept. 7, 1798; d. young.

iii. CAROLINE, b. June 25, 1802; m. Sept. 6, 1826, Samuel C. Allen, b. Sept. 6, 1800. She d. July 1, 1876. Ch. Calista P., b. Nov. 7, 1838, m. Cyrus B. Skinner and Ezekiel Martin; Abbie C., b. Apr. 24, 1846, m. Elisha Bullock.

18. ELIJAH<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Ephraim<sup>6</sup>, Ephraim<sup>5</sup>, Ephraim<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Sept. 15, 1769; m. Salome Batcheller, b. Feb. 1, 1780. They resided in Lyme, N. H. Child:—

i. NANCY, b. June 22, 1808; m. Dec. 18, 1827, Harvey Pushee, her cousin. She d. March 1, 1873. Ch. Frank H., b. Aug. 17, 1831; Adna P., b. July 4, 1834; Clara M., b. Oct. 21, 1836; George A., b. Sept. 26, 1844.

19. PHINEAS<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Ephraim<sup>6</sup>, Ephraim<sup>5</sup>, Ephraim<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. March 22, 1773; m. Sept. 9, 1800, Besta McClave, b. March 3, 1769; d. Nov. 10, 1831. He d. in Saybrook, Ohio, Oct. 4, 1832. He was born in Lunenburg, Mass. By the death of his mother, at an early age, he was placed under the guardianship and care of his eldest sister, Sarah, with whom he remained until he attained his majority. In 1795, he removed to Lyme, N. H., where he engaged in mercantile business until 1816, when he removed to

Western Ohio; here he began pioneer life in earnest, erecting a small log-house; this was in time superseded by a substantial frame one, and when the farm passed into the ownership of his eldest son John, a fine residence and magnificent barns took the place of the old ones. He died in Saybrook, Ohio, and was one of Ohio's Western Reserve Pioneers. Children:—

- i. PHEBE, b. Sept. 14, 1801; m. Dec. 16, 1824, George Loveland, b. July 16, 1800. Ch. b. in Ashtabula, Ohio, Eliza A., b. Oct. 12, 1825, m. Orrin B. Hall; Phebe, b. July 3, 1827, m. George H. Bissel; Henry, b. May 8, 1831, m. Julia M. Dickiusion; Amos Peirce, b. Dec. 19, 1836, m. Calista Selby; Mary J., b. Feb. 7, 1834, m. George M. Dickinson; George E., b. Dec. 7, 1840, m. Jessie A. Wagar; Susan A., b. Oct. 14, 1843, m. Albert Benham; Emily C., b. Feb. 27, 1846, m. Frank W. Seeley.
- ii. ELIZA, b. Dec. 1, 1802; m. Jan. 1, 1826, Orinil Hastings of Ashtabula, b. June 11, 1795. Ch. Lucia, b. Oct. 25, 1827, unm.; Charles, b. Sept. 29, 1832, unm.; Edwin, b. Oct. 10, 1835, d. Nov. 9, 1863; Orinil Peirce, b. Jan. 20, 1841, m. Susan Rosa.
237. iii. JOHN, b. Aug. 31, 1804; m. Nov. 14, 1832, Lucy Loveland.
238. iv. PHINEAS, b. 1807; m. Jane Bissel.
- v. AMOS, b. Aug. 9, 1808; d. Sept. 29, 1844.
- vi. ELIJAH, b. July 10, 1810; d. Aug. 1, 1860.
- vii. RACHEL, b. March 20, 1815; m. Feb. 16, 1847, Stephen Hall, b. March 30, 1804. She d. July 21, 1877, in Ashtabula, Ohio. Ch. Susan A., b. Jan. 29, 1848; Helen R., b. Aug. 15, 1850.
- viii. SUSAN, b. Oct. 1, 1816; m. Dec. 3, 1852, William T. Simonds of Saybrook, Ohio, b. Nov. 9, 1809. Ch. Charles, b. Oct. 7, 1853; Mary, b. Sept. 4, 1857.
- ix. ALMOND, b. July 7, 1820; d. July 14, 1836.

120. OLIVER<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Oliver*<sup>6</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>5</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. March 8, 1769; m. Oct. 27, 1791, Hannah Davis of Lunenburg, b. Oct. 21, 1770. They first settled in New Ipswich and afterwards in Weathersfield, Vt. Children:—

- i. HANNAH, b. Nov. 13, 1794; d. unm.
239. ii. SAMUEL, b. Aug. 10, 1796; m. Esther Ranstead and Almira Witt.
240. iii. ARTEMAS M., b. Dec. 25, 1797; m. Hannah Burrage and Lydia G. Fisher.
- iv. DEXTER, b. Nov. 10, 1799; unm.
- v. MARY E., b. Sept. 21, 1801; d. April 13, 1831.
- vi. LOUISA P., b. March 5, 1806; unm.
- vii. WILLIAM R., b. May 28, 1809; m. Nov. 27, 1831, Adaline Johnson. He res. in Springfield, Vt., s. p.

121. Dr. NATHANIEL<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Oliver*<sup>6</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>5</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Oct. 8, 1778; m. Jan. 11, 1807, Judith Kendall, b. June 21, 1778; d. Aug. 27, 1828; m. 2nd, April 18, 1832, Zebiah G. Smallpeace, b. Dec. 26, 1785; d. June 2, 1843; m. 3rd, Oct. 16, 1844, Visa Clark, b. April 4, 1791. They res. in Ashburnham. He d. Sept. 3, 1862.

Dr. Nathaniel Peirce was born in Lunenburg, in the year 1778, on the farm settled by his grandfather, Dea. Ephraim. His grandfather was one of the first settlers of Lunenburg. Nathaniel remained at home working on the farm, having only common school advantages. When old enough he followed teaching school in winter and laboring on the farm in summer. Having a desire for an education to prepare

him for some profession, he commenced a course of study at Appleton Academy, New Ipswich, N. H. At this school he prepared for college and commenced his collegiate course at Harvard University. But on account of ill health was obliged to give up the honors of a graduation diploma. He commenced, however, very soon the study of medicine, and soon after receiving his medical diploma commenced practice at Weathersfield, Vt. He went from there to Ashburnham, Massachusetts, about the year 1823, and lived there till his death in 1862, in the 40th year of his age.

For many years he gave his time and his best efforts to his profession, and secured a very large practice; but a few years after he came here he purchased a large village farm, one of the best in town. He became a practical farmer and endeavored for years to give up his medical practice, but his old tried friends would not give him up, and kept on visiting the sick from house to house, many years after he told them he would not go again. When the Doctor said no on any other subject there was no appeal, but when his old friends where he lived came for him he could not resist, and would harness his horse into the old gig and ride off; and when he became so aged and infirm that he could not leave home, many of his old patients came to his house to obtain Dr. Peirce's medicines,—his "Black Bitters" especially, which was the "cure-all" in some families.

But the Doctor loved farming better than anything else, and made many improvements and was ahead of most farmers of his day, in introducing and carrying out new methods of farming. Dr. Peirce held for years many of the town offices and represented the town in the Massachusetts Legislature in the years 1831 and 1832. He was an uncommonly large man—average weight 240 lbs., his height about 6 feet 4 inches.

He was a good neighbor and possessed a kind, sympathetic, benevolent heart. He possessed one very noble trait of character. He was just as ready and we thought sometimes would sooner visit the poor, where he did not expect to get a farthing, than to go to the calls of the wealthy. He was a man of very strong prejudices, his likes and dislikes were very strong. He was frank and outspoken and never hesitated to speak his mind at all times. He was himself honest and upright in all his dealings with his fellow-men, and he detested dishonesty and unkindness, and never hesitated to tell any man to his face of his mean acts, and any such man might think himself fortunate if he did not receive from the Doctor the most severe anathemas. If a man was mean the Doctor wanted such a man to know that he knew he was mean. He was what some would call a *blunt man*, and very set in his ways.—*W. T. Ellis, of Ashburnham.* Children:—

i. JOSEPH B., b. June 9, 1809; d. March 6, 1818.

ii. NATHANIEL (adopted), his nephew, son of his brother John.

122. JOHN<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Oliver<sup>6</sup>, Ephraim<sup>5</sup>, Ephraim<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Sept. 18, 1787; m. Nov. 28, 1816, Esther Smith, b. 1782; d. March 10, 1830; m. 2nd, July 13, 1831, Sarah (Tiler)

Smith, b. 1794 ; d. May 27, 1860. He d. Nov. 12, 1867. They res. in Lunenburg. Children :—

- i. BETSEY, b. Feb. 2, 1818 ; d. unm. in Lunenburg.
- ii. MARY, b. May 2, 1819 ; m. April 21, 1853, David S. Jewett, and d. in Fitchburg in 1860, having had two children who died young.
241. iii. BENJAMIN, b. July 27, 1820 ; m. ————.
242. iv. JOSEPH, b. May 17, 1822 ; m. Almira Russell.
- v. NATHANIEL, b. March 20, 1824 ; m. Sept. 23, 1874, Melinda Wil-  
lard, b. March 22, 1828. Res. Ashburnham, s. p.
243. vi. OTIS, b. Nov. 16, 1826 ; m. Mary King.
- vii. MARTHA A., b. 1832 ; d. unm. July 3, 1863.
244. viii. GEORGE F. ; m. Mary B. Houghton.

123. Capt. JOHN<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Josiah*<sup>6</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>5</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Oct. 12, 1745 ; m. Aug. 16, 1770, Lydia Jones, d. Dec. 30, 1804. He was a surveyor by occupation and assisted Charles Baker, Esq., in 1793, in surveying Worcester County and compiling a map of the same for Rev. Peter Whitney's History of Worcester County. He was captain of the local militia for a number of years. He was corporal in Col. Timothy Bigelow's company which marched from Worcester to Cambridge on the alarm of April 19, 1775. He d. March 2, 1803. They res. in Worcester, Mass., and in Burlington, Vt. Children :—

- i. LAURINDA, b. Feb. 15, 1771 ; d. March 15, 1771.
245. ii. LYMAN, b. March 28, 1772 ; m. Lucinda Clark.
- iii. B. FRANKLIN, b. Dec. 3, 1774. He graduated at Dartmouth College in the class of 1795, and was drowned while skating on Lake Champlain, near Burlington, Vt., Dec. 30, 1797.
- iv. CLARISSA, b. Jan. 8, 1795.

124. OLIVER<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Josiah*<sup>6</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>5</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. March 12, 1746 ; m. Abigail Howe ; m. 2nd, Lydia Gates ; m. 3rd, Mrs. Sarah (Gates) Earle. He res. in W. Boylston, and d. there June 4, 1813. Children :—

246. i. HOLLIS, b. Jan. 8, 1775 ; m. Lucinda Merrifield and Mercy Merrifield.
- ii. DOLLY, b. Jan. 12, 1777 ; m. Joel Howe.
247. iii. JAMES, b. Feb. 24, 1779 ; m. April 1, 1807, Sally Fiske.
- iv. ABIGAIL, b. Feb. 12, 1781 ; m. Timothy Parker.
- v. LYDIA, b. April 25, 1784 ; m. Samuel Dudley.
248. vi. LEVI, b. Jan. 17, 1787 ; m. Hannah Osgood.
249. vii. OLIVER, b. Feb. 18, 1789 ; m. Dec. 1, 1814, Polly Crossman.
- viii. JOSIAH, b. June 21, 1791 ; m. 1843, Susannah Gale of Holden.
- ix. SALLY, b. Dec. 12, 1792 ; bap. Apr. 7, 1822, d. unm., a cripple.
- x. HANNAH, b. Oct. 29, 1794 ; m. Nov. 1, 1831, Hezekiah Gibbs.
- xi. AZUBAH, b. Jan. 11, 1800 ; m. Sept. 5, 1819, Francis Flag.

125. JOSIAH<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Josiah*<sup>6</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>5</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. May 7, 1752 ; m. March 3, 1780, Lucretia Bigelow, b. April 3, 1762, d. 1807. He was a member of Col. Timothy Bigelow's company which marched from Worcester to Cambridge on the alarm of April 19, 1775. He d. in Shrewsbury, Jan. 4, 1820. Children :—

- i. LUCRETIA, b. Feb. 10, 1781 ; m. April 28, 1808, Silas Harrington.
- ii. POLLY, b. April 29, 1783 ; m. Aug. 10, 1804, Washington Thomp-



son, b. July 6, 1774; d. July 8, 1845. She d. in Grand Blanc, Mich., June 12, 1844. Ch. Caleb S., b. April 23, 1805, m. Clarinda Perry and Emina C. Wilson; Alexander H., b. March 14, 1807, m. Lulu Roberts; Francis D., b. Oct. 11, 1809, m. Sarah Anabel and ———; Phineas, b. July 8, 1811, m. Eliza Perry; Lucretia A., b. Aug. 23, 1813, m. John Hamilton; Harriet M., b. June 3, 1821, m. Barry Hamel; Timothy Peirce, b. Oct. 22, 1823, m. Ellen Brokenshaw.

iii. ANNIE, b. July 20, 1785; m. Oct. 10, 1805, Richard Holyoke of St. Albans, Vt., b. Jan. 8, 1777, d. Aug. 11, 1857. She d. Feb. 27, 1877. Ch. Martin, b. June 12, 1811, m. Matilda Rice; Almira, b. Sept. 15, 1821, m. Haskell Lewis; Silas G., b. April 30, 1816, m. Mrs. Flavilla Lawrence.

iv. LYDIA, b. May 10, 1789; m. ——— Wellington of Oxford.

v. CHANCEY, b. July 10, 1791; m. and rev. to Princeton, Ind. Ch. John, b. June 6, 1828; Berlin, b. March 2, 1831; Josiah, b. July 14, 1834.

vi. LUTHER F., b. March 4, 1799; m. Sept. 22, 1823, Cornelia S. Patterson.

26. JOSEPH<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Josiah<sup>6</sup>, Isaac<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Mar. 6, 1757; m. Oct. 10, 1782, Eleanor Crawford. He was in the Revolutionary War as sifer in Col. Timothy Bigelow's Co., and marched to Cambridge from Worcester Apr. 19, 1775. He was for many years Deputy Sheriff and afterwards Justice of the Peace in Athol. His residence there is now owned by Jonathan Drury, and his family vault is in the old burying-ground in that town. The father of his wife was a Tory and during the War of the Revolution went to England; his farm was confiscated, but he was reimbursed by the British Government. Children, b. in Athol:—

i. PATTY, b. Apr. 8, 1783.

ii. SAREPHINA, b. Mar. 20, 1786.

iii. LYDIA, b. May 12, 1789.

iv. FRANKLIN, m. ———.

v. ELEANOR, b. May 20, 1797; m. Nov. 22, 1822, Levi B. Clark, b. Feb. 6, 1797. She d. in St. Louis, Mo., at 1329 Morton St., June 21, 1849. Ch. Theodore, b. Apr. 3, 1824, m. Ellen Ross; Ellen C., b. Nov. 7, 1825, m. Bradley Clement; Sophia S., b. Feb. 2, 1827, m. Frederick H. Harrison; Albert, b. Oct. 20, 1837; Edward J., b. Jan. 28, 1840, m. Ellen Temple.

vi. POLLY, b. Mar. 11, 1791; m. Jan. 18, 1816, Benjamin Davis, b. Dec. 25, 1791, d. Dec. 22, 1844. She d. in Shrewsbury, Mass., Mar. 18, 1855. Ch. Jonas S., b. Oct. 29, 1817, m. Louisa Cogle; William G., b. Jan. 13, 1824, d. July 17, 1825; Frederic A., b. Jan. 6, 1819, m. James E. Cheney; Mehitable L., b. Aug. 27, 1828, m. Andrew J. Marsh; Adaline H., b. Sept. 10, 1825, m. James Crandell.

27. LEVI<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Josiah<sup>6</sup>, Isaac<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Sept. 15, 1761; m. Apr. 9, 1789, Persis Robinson. They lived in W. Boylston. Children:—

28. i. JOHN, b. Jan. 23, 1790; m. Martha Buck.

ii. NANCY, b. Aug. 15, 1792; m. Samuel Dorrisson.

29. iii. LEVI, b. Oct. 14, 1794; m. Polly Merriam and Mrs. Roxanna Wilcox.

30. iv. JOSIAH, b. Sept. 13, 1796; m. Sally Merriam and Mrs. Hannah Walker.

v. ALMIRA, b. June 24, 1804; m. Nathaniel Johnson.

255. vi. EZRA B., b. Feb. 7, 1807; m. Sept. 14, 1834, Mary S. Bigelow.  
viii. PERSIS, b. Aug. 11, 1809; m. ——— Pollard.

128. BYFIELD<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Josiah*<sup>6</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>5</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Jan. 30, 1764; m. Mary Hamilton, b. 1767, d. Apr. 1, 1811; m. 2nd, 1813, Betsey Snell, by whom he had no issue. She d. Mar. 20, 1852. He d. in Burlington, Vt., July 4, 1852. Children:—

- i. SALLY, b. Jan. 14, 1789; m. Apr. 11, 1810, Newell Conant, b. Nov. 5, 1782, d. Apr. 29, 1844. She d. July 1, 1849, in Craftsbury, Vt. Ch. Horace H., b. Oct. 13, 1812, m. Susan Stinson; Eliza A., b. Sept. 1, 1814, d. Oct. 30, 1833; William A., b. Nov. 3, 1816, m. Maria L. Weade; Frank Peirce, b. Jan. 8, 1822, m. Mary J. Russell; Mary H., b. Mar. 20, 1825, d. Sept. 25, 1826.
  - ii. MARY, b. Mar. 10, 1791; m. Sept. 28, 1808, Benjamin Rogers of Holden.
  - iii. ELIZA, b. Aug. 21, 1796; m. 1817, Jedediah Stowe, b. 1791, d. Jan. 10, 1859. She d. in Milford, N. H., Mar. 31, 1871. Ch. Charles B., b. 1821, m. Betsey Pillsbury; Mary E., b. 1823, m. Jeremiah McDaniels; Oscar Peirce, b. Dec. 7, 1824, m. Susan A. Blake; Harriet, b. Feb. 14, 1827, m. Mason K. Goodell; Sarah L., b. 1829, m. Zelots Kendall; Hamilton, b. 1831, d. 1832; Laura L., b. Jan. 18, 1835, m. Rev. Hector Canfield; Hamilton S., b. Mar. 24, 1837, m. Blanche Nelson.
256. iv. JOHN S., b. Dec. 30, 1799; m. Louisa P. Scott and Ann H. Hill.

129. JOEL<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Josiah*<sup>6</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>5</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Aug. 27, 1767; m. Apr. 1, 1791, Lucy Davis. They res. in Northboro and Rutland. Children:—

257. i. HORACE, b. Sept. 18, 1792; m. Sally Thwing.
258. ii. HARVEY, b. Mar. 28, 1794; m. Cynthia Allen.
- iii. NABBY, b. May 3, 1797; m. May 3, 1817, Leonard Hartwell. Ch. Harriet M., b. Dec. 1, 1819; Chauncey Peirce, b. May 20, 1821; Lucy A., b. Aug. 3, 1822; George E., b. Mar. 24, 1824; Louisa A., b. July 3, 1827; Emily P., b. June 27, 1829; Charles H., b. Jan. 28, 1831; Mary J., b. June 15, 1833; Daniel P., b. May 13, 1835.
259. iv. JOHN B., b. Jan. 19, 1800; m. Feb. 21, 1819, Harriet Moore.
260. v. B. FRANKLIN, b. Apr. 30, 1803; m. Cynthia O. Stowe.
261. vi. JOEL, b. Jan. 18, 1805; m. Mary Jane Hawes.
- vii. LOUISA, b. Oct. 20, 1807; m. ——— Gardner, and d. soon after.
- viii. LUCY, b. Nov. 16, 1809; d. unm.
- ix. MARTHA, b. Oct. 2, 1801; d. Feb. 1, 1802.
- x. ALMIRA, b. Oct. 17, 1811; d. Dec. 20, 1812.
262. xi. GEORGE W., b. Oct. 11, 1815; m. Cynthia Richards and Louise Hunnewell.

130. EPHRAIM<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Ephraim*<sup>6</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>5</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Sept. 27, 1757; m. Mar. 16, 1780, Ann Parker, dau. of Capt. John, b. Jan. 11, 1759, d. He was Selectman in 1810. He d. Dec. 12, 1811. Res. Waltham. Children:—

- i. LYDIA, b. July 28, 1780; d. unm.
- ii. EPHRAIM, b. Oct. 1, 1782; d. Jan. 9, 1796.
- iii. NANCY, b. Nov. 22, 1784; m. May 29, 1808, Leonard Smith, b. Apr. 27, 1783. Ch. Ann A., b. Oct. 12, 1808, m. Edward Bond; Jane I., b. Nov. 16, 1810, m. Fred'k Lawrence; Leonard, b. Sept. 23, 1813, d. Mar. 15, 1814; Eunice, b. Mar. 19, 1815, m. Horace Hammond; Leonard P., b. Aug. 6, 1818, m. Maria

Crehore and Mary J. Hale; Ellen R., b. Aug. 30, 1821, m. Edward L. Bond; Lydia P., b. June 10, 1825, d. Aug. 9, 1825.\*

13. iv. JOHN, b. Aug. 13, 1787; m. Sarah Tewksbury.

v. SYBIL, b. Jan. 11, 1790; m. May 10, 1812, Horatio Bird, b. Jan. 18, 1784. Ch. Sybil, b. Oct. 12, 1812; Perry; Boy.

31. REUBEN<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Ephraim*<sup>6</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>5</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Mar. 18, 1760; m. Oct. 8, 1785, Susanna Smith, b. 1717, d. Mar. 22, 1819. He d. Oct. 30, 1824. Res. in Lexington. Children:—

i. REUBEN, b. Dec. 5, 1786; d. Jan. 15, 1860, aged 73, unm.

ii. NATHANIEL, b. Sept. 22, 1789; m. Abigail Wellington.

iii. EBENEZER, b. Apr. 18, 1792; m. Nabby Brown.

iv. SUSANNAH, b. Apr. 30, 1794; d. Dec. 18, 1796.

v. PELATIAH P., b. Mar. 13, 1806; m. Paulina Burbank.

32. AMOS<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Ephraim*<sup>6</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>5</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Mar. 27, 1761; m. Sept. 9, 1784, Betsey Hobbs; 2nd. Nov. 26, 1812, Mrs. Anna Dutton of Westford; he was then Waltham. He d. in Weston or Westford, Oct. 5, 1819. Children:—

i. AMOS, b. Aug. 6, 1789; m. Martha Greene.

ii. NATHAN, b. Sept. 30, 1786; m. and rem. to Detroit, Mich.

iii. BETSEY, b. Apr. 16, 1791; m. June 5, 1808, James Searles of Westford.

iv. DANA, b. Apr. 24, 1794.

v. LORING, b. May, 25, 1797; m. and rem. to Buffalo, N. Y.

vi. LORENZA, b. June 9, 1800; m. Dec. 3, 1818, Daniel G. Fish of Southboro.

33. ELIJAH<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Ephraim*<sup>6</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>5</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Jan. 1, 1765; m. Jan. 29, 1789,† Dilley Monroe of Woburn, b. Nov. 18, 1769, d. He d. 1819. Res. Woburn and Lexington. Elijah Peirce and his wife Dilley were admitted members of the First Church Lexington (she was baptized) March 14, 1790. Their confession‡ being accepted. Ch.:—

i. LYDIA, b. June 22, 1789; m. John Fiske.

34. ABNER<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Ephraim*<sup>6</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>5</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Sept. 17, 1766; m. July 22, 1792, Grace Harrington, b. 1770, d. Aug. 27, 1842. He d. Sept. 12, 1837. They began housekeeping in Lexington, afterwards they moved to Medford,

Leonard Smith kept the Green Tavern in Waltham for several years; he afterwards built the Prospect House which he kept until his decease.

† Lexington Town Records say Jan. 29, 1789, and Hudson's Lexington, Jan. 28, 1788.

‡ "These confessions, quite common on the Lexington church records, were generally of married couples who got themselves with child before the ceremony of wedlock. We do not consider this peculiar sin more common to Lexington than to other places in that vicinity. Bastard children are occasionally met on all old records, but children born under the above circumstance of connection before marriage are numerous before and since the Revolutionary period. I presume it is due in part to the now extraordinary practice of 'bundling' which once prevailed extensively in Lexington and elsewhere."

Dr. B. Cutler, of Lexington.

where they resided fourteen years, and then moved to Chelsea, where they remained the same length of time; after an absence of twenty-eight years they returned to Lex. and resided in the Capt. Larkin Turner house. Children:—

- i. HARRIET, b. Nov. 23, 1792; bap. Mar. 4, 1798; d. July 8, 1809.
- ii. LUCY, b. Oct. 12, 1794; d. Sept. 25, 1796.
268. iii. ABNER, b. Feb. 25, 1797; m. Sarah C. Buckman and Eliza Tufts.
- iv. LARKIN, b. May 10, 1798, bap. May 20, 1798; d. July 12, 1801.
- v. LUCY P., b. July 26, 1803; bap. July 31, 1803; m. May 23, 1832, Capt. Larkin Turner, b. Dec. 7, 1781, d. Feb. 2, 1861.

Capt. Turner was born in Grafton, Mass. He was the architect of his own fortune. With limited early advantages, he entered upon a sea-faring life at the age of sixteen years, and passed through all grades. At the age of twenty-one he took command of a vessel fitted out by that prince of merchants, William Gray, Esq. During nearly forty years he followed the seas, and there were but few parts of the commercial world to which he had not navigated, with unusual success. Though he began his career with a limited education, by industry and application he so informed himself, as to be enabled, as a merchant and shipmaster, to take a high rank in his calling. By his modest and gentlemanly bearing he gained many friends. In 1831, John Randolph, then minister to Russia, did him the honor to make him his confidential agent and friend—Capt. Turner at that time being at the Russian capital. During his voyage he made Charlestown the place of his residence, and in 1836 and 1837 he represented that town in the Legislature. About 1840 he removed to Lexington, where he spent the remainder of his days. Ch. Sarah E., b. June 22, 1810, m. Isaac W. Smith; Thomas L., b. Aug. 17, 1812, m. Elizabeth E. Whiton; Lydia D., b. Feb. 20, 1820, m. George I. Brown; Helen G., b. July 18, 1826; Josephine M., b. Sept. 6, 1831, d. July 26, 1834; Harriet J., b. July 18, 1834, m. Edward L. Nicoll; Grace A., b. July 1, 1838, m. H. B. Sampson; Eugene D., b. Dec. 30, 1842, d. Nov. 4, 1843. The last three were by his second wife, Lucy P. Peirce.

135. JONAS<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Ephraim*<sup>6</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>5</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. July 24, 1773; m. Mar. 23, 1797, Eunice Brown, b. Jan. 1, 1773, d. Mar. 30, 1840. He d. in Quincy, Mass., Feb. 16, 1828.

Jonas Peirce moved to Quincy, Mass. (then Braintree), soon after his marriage in 1797. There he lived upon the estate of Moses Black (now occupied by Peter Butler, Esq.), where he filled the position of foreman upon his extensive farm, being a farmer by occupation. While living here, their then only child (Jonas 2d), accidentally fell into a kettle of hot water and was scalded to death.

Jonas Brown Peirce was probably born here, for about 1804 he moved to the Minot Thayer farm, now situated in Braintree, near the Old Colony Railroad bridge. While living there he assisted in building what is now known as the Weymouth and Quincy Turnpike. George Minot Peirce was born on the Minot Thayer farm and from Mr. Thayer took a portion of his name.

Sometime previous to or about 1809, Jonas moved to and carried on the farm of the late George Beales, near the Adams Estate in Quincy,



and while living there Charles Lloyd was born. From this farm he moved to what was known in its day, as "The Red House," which formerly stood where the Methodist Church subsequently stood, and the Reform Club building now stands, on the corner of Canal and Chestnut streets in Quincy. About the year 1817 he bought and moved to the present Peirce homestead, corner of Canal and Washington streets, where he passed the remainder of his days. He was a very smart and active man, throwing his whole energy into anything he undertook to perform. As an illustration of his activity it is related that he was once the unconscious participator in a "mowing match," which happened in this wise: He was an intimate friend of Col. James Thayer, who in his day was landlord of the tavern then situated where the Hancock House later, and the "Adams Academy Boarding-House" now stands. Col. Thayer owned and cultivated considerable land back of his hostelry. One day a stranger accosted him, and boasted of the many things he could do,—among them, of his mowing abilities. The Colonel informed the stranger that he had a piece of land ready to be mowed, and that he could furnish a man to mow with him that afternoon who would surpass him—the Colonel having Mr. Peirce in mind as the competitor. Accordingly he was summoned, and without knowing any conditions, quietly went to work, and within an hour it is said the stranger gave up, saying he could not mow with *that* man." He was withal a most genial man, never using a curse or harsh word, and was liked by everybody for his open disposition and friendly jokes, he being a ready wit. Children:—

- i. JONAS, b. Mar. 20, 1798; d. June 15, 1800.
- ii. JONAS B., b. Nov. 24, 1802; d. July 17, 1830.
269. iii. GEORGE M., b. Aug. 8, 1805; m. Nov. 1, 1849, Maria E. Sawyer.
270. iv. CHARLES L., b. Aug. 25, 1809; m. Oct. 23, 1836, Lucretia S. Spear.
- v. LYDIA A., b. Aug. 26, 1811; m. Dec. 25, 1844, James W. Hayden. She d. in North Cohasset May 27, 1875. Ch. Abigail A., b. Nov. 29, 1845, d. Aug. 16, 1846; Lydia A., b. May 27, 1847, d. Aug. 9, 1847; Annie M., b. June 20, 1851, m. Gardner S. Langton, and d. Mar. 1, 1875.

136. LORING<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Ephraim<sup>6</sup>, Isaac<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Sept. 18, 1775; m. Dec. 18, 1806, Sybil Wellington, b. Sept. 24, 1787. He d. Oct. 11, 1856, in East Lexington. Children:—

- i. CATHERINE, b. Oct. 28, 1807; m. July 3, 1831, Phineas Lawrence, b. Sept. 4, 1810; he d. and she is now living a widow. Ch. Leander; William W.; and Sophia.
- ii. SYBIL, b. Sept. 6, 1811; m. Amos Russell of West Cambridge, and d. March 17, 1837.
- iii. ALMIRA, b. Jan. 1, 1814; d. July 18, 1847, unm.
- iv. LORING, b. Jan. 13, 1816; d. Jan. 26, 1816.
271. v. LORING S., b. March 1, 1817; m. Francis A. Harrington.
- vi. LOIS S., b. Nov. 11, 1819; m. Amos Russell, late husband of her deceased sister.
- vii. ELEANOR J., b. Sept. 14, 1823; m. William P. Locke of West Cambridge.

137. CHARLES<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Isaac<sup>6</sup>, Isaac<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. March 24, 1765; m. Aug. 14, 1791, Sally Sanderson, b. April 22, 1769. They res. in Rindge, N. H., and rem. to Troy, N. Y. Children :—

- 272. i. ISAAC S., b. May 24, 1799; m. Matilda Babcock.
- ii. MARSHALL, b. Feb. 10, 1801.
- iii. SELINDA, b. Dec. 9, 1810; m. John P. Fessenden of Boston, and had Charles; Philander; John M.; Anna M.; and Ferdinand S., who res. in Ballena, San Diego Co., Cal.
- iv. LEONARD, b.
- 273. v. WILLIAM; m. Sarah Palmer.
- vi. MARY A., m. Sept. 8, 1835, David Stone. She died Aug. 8, 1840, and had Charles R.; Albert O., b. Aug. 7, 1838, res. Charleston, S. C.; and Emerson, b. in Montgomery, Ala., May 11, 1840, res. Spencer, P. M., Captain and leading citizen.

138. ISAAC<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Isaac<sup>6</sup>, Isaac<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Feb. 6, 1775; m. Dec. 25, 1804, Polly Monroe, b. Feb. 19, 1772; d. Aug. 31, 1805, s. p.; m. 2nd, Dec. 10, 1807, Lydia Smith. They res. in Waltham on the old homestead. Children :—

- i. EBENEZER, b. May 9, 1809.
- ii. SYLVANUS, b. 1811; d. 1813.
- iii. MARTHA, b. April 24, 1813.

139. WASHINGTON<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Isaac<sup>6</sup>, Isaac<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Feb. 8, 1782; m. March 28, 1809, Nancy Smith, b. Jan. 29, 1783; d. April 29, 1818; m. 2nd, March 11, 1820, Hannah Kendall; m. 3rd, Jan. 1, 1824, Fanny Hatch, d. Nov. 28, 1879. They res. in Weston and in Wrentham. Children :—

- 274. i. MASON, b. Dec. 12, 1810; m. Betsey W. Fairfield.
- ii. GEORGE W. S., b. Jan. 28, 1813; d. 1833, unm.
- iii. SAMUEL K., b. June 26, 1816; d. 1833, unm.
- iv. EDWIN H., b. May 30, 1824; m. May 10, 1874, Harriet E. Watson, b. June 21, 1837, s. p. Res. Wrentham, Mass.

140. JOSEPH<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Isaac<sup>6</sup>, Isaac<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Oct. 1, 1787; m. 1821, Nelly Van Nest, b. June 12, 1800, d. March 13, 1879. He d. Sept. 4, 1860. Res. Coldwater, Mich. Child :—

- 275. i. ISAAC W., b. Dec. 4, 1825; m. Elizabeth Van Antwerp.

141. HON. OLIVER<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE\* (*George<sup>6</sup>, George<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. July 22, 1762; m. Sukey Haskell of Gorham, Me., b. 1775; d. Aug. 26, 1849. He was b. in Groton and rev. with his parents to Otisfield, Me., in 1768, and settled on the "twin lots" in that part of Otisfield which is now in Harrison. He attended school only six months, and learned to write on "pieces of birch bark;" he however acquired a practical education by reading and a business intercourse with men of learning, and became a man of considerable note. He was land surveyor, justice of the Peace, and selectman for many years; was Representative when the Maine Legislature

\* "The Peirces were Senators, Land Surveyors and Esquires."—*Ridlon's History of Harrison.*

assembled in Boston, and acted a prominent part, especially in those matters related to the development of his own State. He also represented his town in the Legislature at Portland, and subsequently at Augusta. Mr. Peirce was a Master Mason, and Knight Templar. He died Jan. 5, 1849, aged 84 years. Children:—

- i. MARY, b. Sept. 18, 1797; m. Shepard Hawks of Oshkosh, Wis.
- ii. HON. GEORGE, b. July 2, 1799; m. Nov. 22, 1824, Caroline F. Farnsworth of Harrison, Me., s. p. She was daughter of "old Doctor Farnsworth"—a distinguished family in Bridgeton, Me., d. Sept. 15, 1871,—and settled in Otisfield, Me., on the farm left him by his father. Mr. Peirce was adjutant of the old militia, and also Brigade Quartermaster; a justice of the Peace forty years; a Coroner five years, on Governor's Council in 1857-8; Representative in 1861, and Senator in 1865-6. He was a land surveyor, and was six years employed as agent for Alford H. Haven and D. H. Treadwell of Portsmouth, N. H., as lumberman on the head waters of the Kennebec and Penobscot rivers; and during all this time, thirty-five years, had charge of matters pertaining to the township of Dunmer, in New Hampshire. Mr. Peirce was for some time engaged in lumbering business on Crooked river in Waterford, Me., transporting his lumber to Portland on canal boats; he also engaged in the lumber business in Gorham, Me. He is now (1876) a resident of Harrison, Me. (a widower), living in a beautiful residence erected by him in 1834—a man widely known, highly respected, a Deacon of the Congregational church, and withal a gentleman of pleasant and refined deportment. His mind is a storehouse of useful knowledge, and had he the powers of a free communication would probably have been governor of his State. Mr. Peirce is still very public spirited, and continues to act a prominent part in the interests of town and State.

iii. DEBORAH, b. Aug. 8, 1801; m. Henry Robie of Harrison, Me.

78. iv. HASKELL, b. Sept. 28, 1803; m. Beulah Burnell and Margaret Remick.

v. OLIVER, b. May 2, 1820; d. infant.

77. vi. BENJAMIN F., b. May 10, 1813; m. Abby Burnham.

78. vii. THOMAS T., b. Sept. 5, 1817; m. Lydia J. Pratt.

142. EBENEZER<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Anthony*<sup>6</sup>, *John*<sup>5</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>); m. Nov. 24, 1763, Elizabeth Gilson. They lived in Westmoreland, N. H., and Putney, Vt. He was shot by a British soldier just before the battle of Bennington, in the Revolutionary War. The widow afterwards m. a Fuller and d. very aged at the son Reuben Peirce's house. Children:—

79. i. REUBEN, b. Sept. 14, 1766; m. Arvilla Gilson.

80. ii. ROYAL; m. Azubah Davenport.

81. iii. ROSWELL, b. Dec. 18, 1764; m. Elizabeth Morton.

82. iv. RUFUS, b. June 27, —; m. Thankful Lindsey.

v. ELIZABETH; m. Samuel Chadwick.

vi. MELICENT; m. ——— Bunday and ——— Crosby.

vii. ANNA; m. ——— Marsh.

143. NATHAN<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Anthony*<sup>6</sup>, *John*<sup>5</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>); m. ——— m. 2nd, ———. They lived in Stoddard, N. H., and Rockingham, Vt. Children:—

83. i. MOSES; m. Arvilla Peirce.

ii. NATHAN; rem. to Charleston, S. C.

- iii. JONATHAN; rem. to Boston.
- iv. JAMES; m. Jerusha Gilson. v. JOHN; d. unm. vi. ASA.
- vii. ASAPH. viii. SAMUEL. ix. REBECCA. x. ELIZA.
- xi. SALLY; d. unm.

144. JOSEPH<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Anthony<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*); m. Deborah Wood of Mendon. She d. in Utica, N. Y. He d. in St. Johnsbury, Vt., in 1814. They res. in Winchester, Mass., and St. Johnsbury and Putney, Vt.

Children:—

- 284. i. JOSEPH, b. June 9, 1780; m. Ruth Steele.
- 285. ii. NATHAN, } twins, b. 1775.
- 286. iii. ISRAEL; } m. Orpha Peirce.
- iv. LIBERTY; m. ——— Stone.
- v. DEBORAH; m. Jonas Rugg.
- vi. ROXANNA; m. John Sanderson.
- vii. ABIGAIL; m. John Gilson.

145. JOHN<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*John<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. May 12, 1753; m. Sally Farnsworth, b. April 12, 1755; d. Aug. 1833. He served in the Revolutionary Army during the war, and was stationed at or near Boston. He first resided in Shirley, Mass., then Westmoreland, N. H., then in Vermont, then in Maine, then in Vermont, then in New Hampshire, and died in Syracuse, N. Y., in Jan., 1827. Children:—

- 287. i. JOHN, b. March 31, 1777; m. Hannah Warner.
- 288. ii. SOLOMON, b. March 15, 1779; m. Polly Farnsworth.
- iii. SALLY, b. March 25, 1781; m. Oct. 26, 1800, Tisdale Cobb.
- iv. NANCY GREEN, b. July 27, 1783; m. July 14, 1817, Jonathan Andrew, b. Sept. 10, 1782; d. Dec. 27, 1849. She d. March 7, 1832. Ch. John Albion, b. May 31, 1818, m. Eliza J. Hersey; Isaac W., b. Aug. 11, 1819, m. Eliza O. Peabody; Sarah E., b. Sept. 6, 1822; Nancy A., b. May 21, 1824.

Governor John Albion Andrew was descended from a respectable Anglo-Saxon ancestry, and was of the fifth generation from Robert and Grace Andrew, who settled in Rowley Village, now Boxford, Mass., about the middle of the seventeenth century. Mr. John Andrew, the grandfather, removed from Salem, near the close of the Revolutionary War, to a frontier settlement at a place on the left bank of the Presumpscot River, originally named from the home of the first settlers, New Marblehead, but subsequently Windham; and resided in a house which stood near the fort from which the celebrated Indian Chief Poland, the last of the Rocomeca tribe, whose daring exploits have been so graphically described by Mr. Charles P. Ilsey, in his story of "The Scout," was shot, May 24, 1756.

On the death of Mr. John Andrew, who was killed by the accidental discharge of his musket in 1791, the family returned to Salem, where Jonathan, born Sept. 10, 1782, was educated in the public schools, and where he subsequently became a trader. His health, however, failing, he made a visit to his brother-in-law, John Chute, Esq., of Windham, and finally determined to purchase a house, and settle near the home and the grave of his father.

Mr. Andrew stopped one day at a tavern in Naples, Me., and learned that a young woman who had been teaching a school in the romantic town of Fryeburg, had fallen from her horse, and was, in consequence, detained as an invalid at the inn. Miss Nancy Green Peirce, the young lady referred to, was the daughter of Mr. John and Sally (Farnsworth) Peirce. She had large, beaming blue eyes, a light delicate complexion, and was of medium height.





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She was well educated, prepossessing in her manners, quick in her precepts, of fine colloquial powers, with a voice so soft, so sweet,

"The listener held his breath to hear."

Mr. Andrew, now some thirty-five years of age, was captivated by her charms. He pointed to his vacant house; then made a fair proposal, which she graciously accepted; and in 1817, they were married by Rev. Nathan Church, at the house of the bride's maternal uncle, Dr. Samuel Farnsworth, an eminent physician of the neighboring town of Bridgeton. [See genealogy of Hon. Geo. Peirce, on page 91 of this book]. Her conversational ability, brightened by the serene and the sweetest temper in the world, rendered that humble household of theirs the appropriate nursery of such as Heaven, indulgent to our sorrows, sends at intervals to sway mankind towards virtue by the regal power of love.

He was the primal teacher of her children, especially John Albion. From his gentle lips he early learned to read the New England Primer and the Bible; and then was sent in company with his younger brother to the public school, when, in his sixth brief summer, he had come to read fluently the fine specimens of literature. In 1828, he began the study of Latin. Subsequently he was a pupil in the Academy at North Yarmouth, and in 1834, entered the Freshman class in Bowdoin College, one term in advance, from which institution he was graduated. In the autumn of 1837, the Andrew family removed from Salem to Boxford, the home of their ancestors in Massachusetts; and John Albion entered the office of Henry H. Fuller, Esq., as a student at law. Mr. Andrew had his lodgings at this time in an attic, which was nearly opposite the Athenæum in Howard street, in Boston. He took an active part in the Presidential campaign of 1840. In 1844, he delivered an eloquent oration before the Athenian Society of Bowdoin College. Having dissolved his connection with Mr. Fuller in 1846, he entered the law office of Josephus P. Chandler, Esq., the following year. In 1848, his keen, prophetic foresaw the inability of the Whig party to meet the exigency of the country; and he openly allied himself to the rising political organization, in which he ever continued in the liveliest and most cordial sympathy.

Christmas eve, December, 1848, he was married to the beautiful and accomplished Miss Eliza Jones Hersey of Hingham. From this period he resided chiefly in this ancient, sea-bound town.

In the autumn of 1857, the sixth ward of Boston sent him to the House of Representatives where he served on the committee on Matters of Probate and Chancery, and where he came to be the acknowledged leader of the Republican party.

Appointed delegate to the Chicago Convention May, 1860, Mr. Andrew drew the whole weight of his influence in favor of Abraham Lincoln. At this time in our nation's history to the sons of Massachusetts the question came up. Whose sure and steady hand shall lead our ancient commonwealth, with unsullied flag, triumphant through the coming tempest? The response came from city, town, and distant hamlet, reverberating from old Barnstable to Berkshire, was JOHN ALBION ANDREW, the intrepid Boston lawyer. He was elected by a majority of 39,445 over the three other candidates. On the fifth day of January, 1861, Massachusetts inaugurated him as her twenty-first Governor from the adoption of the Constitution; and she never did a nobler or a wiser thing; he was the God-sent minister for the crisis and the passion. His record during the later civil war is well known. He died October 30th, 1867, and thus passed away one of the illustrious men of Massachusetts.—[From Obituary delivered in Music Hall, Boston].

v. PERMELE, b. Jan. 18, 1786; res. in Maine.

vi. POLLY, b. March 18, 1788.

vii. ALFRED, b. Nov. 12, 1790; M. D., res. in Maine.

viii. ALBION, b. March 12, 1793; d. at Hanover, N. H., a student in college.

146. JOHN<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (Gad<sup>6</sup>, William<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>,

*John*<sup>1</sup>), m. Hannah Sibley. He d. July 9, 1852. They res. in Royalston, Mass., and Rochester, N. Y. Children :—

- i. HANNAH, b. Dec. 7, 1787; m. Nathan Reed and ——— Arthur, and d. 1863.
- ii. JOHN, b. Oct. 17, 1789; m. Nancy Divol and Mary Last, and d. Feb. 24, 1852.
289. iii. CYRUS, b. Oct. 12, 1791; m. Martha Beals.
- iv. SALLY P., b. Oct. 29, 1793; m. ——— Bragg, and d. March 11, 1833.
290. v. JAMES, b. May 30, 1796; m. Mary Whipple.
- vi. EUNICE, b. July 2, 1798; m. Chauncy Ray, and d. Aug. 14, 1824.
- vii. HARRIET, b. Nov. 12, 1800; m. Nov. 6, 1819, Thomas Hanna, and d. March 15, 1862.
- viii. SULLIVAN, b. March 5, 1803; m. Delia Worden, and d. Aug. 23, 1852.
- ix. ASA, b. Nov. 6, 1804; d. April 27, 1834.

147. JONATHAN<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Gad*<sup>6</sup>, *William*<sup>5</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. July 14, 1766; m. Huldah Sibley. He d. 1840. They res. in Royalston. Children :—

- i. JONATHAN S. ii. CYNTHIA. iii. SUMNER. iv. HORACE.
- v. SUSANNAH. vi. PAUL. vii. COLUMBUS. viii. CHARLOTTE.
- ix. EUNICE.

148. WILLIAM<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Gad*<sup>6</sup>, *William*<sup>5</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. March 4, 1772; m. Jan. 10, 1791, Sally Work, b. Nov. 17, 1773, d. Jan. 24, 1811; m. 2nd, Aug. 28, 1811, Mercy C. Hosmer, b. Jan. 24, 1783. He m. a third wife, and d. March 19, 1845. Children :—

- i. ELIZABETH, } twins, b. Nov. 6, 1791. { m. Ashel Goddard.
- ii. SALLY, } { m. Nahum Goddard.
- iii. WILLIAM, b. April 19, 1794; d. April 15, 1827.
- iv. MARTHA, b. April 1, 1795; m. Jonathan Gale.
291. v. JONAS, b. Feb. 18, 1798; m. Fanny Earle.
- vi. MARY, b. March 5, 1800; m. Leonard Turner.
- vii. ROYAL, b. March 25, 1802; d. Aug. 28, 1803.
- viii. ROYAL, b. March 25, 1804; d. April 5, 1804.
292. ix. GEORGE, b. Aug. 25, 1805; m. Delia Peck.
- x. JAMES, b. Oct. 2, 1807; m. Lois Reed. Ch. Arba and Watson.
- xi. DWIGHT, b. Aug. 31, 1813. xii. MARCY, b. April 11, 1815.
- xiii. DELIGHT, b. June 16, 1818. xiv. SILAS, b. July 6, 1820.
- xv. FIDELIA, b. April 16, 1823. xvi. WILLIAM, s. of third wf.

149. JOSEPH<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Gad*<sup>6</sup>, *William*<sup>5</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Aug. 23, 1782; m. March 18, 1801, Patty Sherwin, b. May 9, 1783, d. June 27, 1847. He d. Jan. 1808. They res. in Royalston. Children :—

- i. LOUISA, b. Aug. 25, 1802; m. William Hammond and Capt. Israel Houghton.
- ii. HANNAH, b. April 10, 1804; m. Daniel Preston and Col. Eben Stevens.
- iii. SILAS, b. May 16, 1806; d. Dec. 15, 1809.
- iv. GAD, b. April 24, 1808; m. Sally Peirce.
- v. SARAH, b. June 1, 1810; m. William Wright and John Heald.
293. vi. FOSTER, b. July 29, 1812; m. Catherine A. Beaman.

- vii. JOSEPH, b. Feb., 1820; m. ——— Goddard and Mary Goodale.
- viii. LUCY, b. Aug. 31, 1817; m. Alpha Richardson, res. Stoneham.
- ix. JEROME, b. Nov. 11, 1831; m. Sept. 10, 1857. Albena Jaquith. Ch. Lucy S., b. Dec. 26, 1859. He res. in Billerica, and was killed in the battle of Spottsylvania, Va., May 12, 1864, a member of the 36th Regt. Mass. Vols.
- x. MARTHA, b. Nov. 3, 1814; m. Gustavus E. Haines, res. Milton Lower Mills.
- xi. EBENEZER, b. Oct. 16, 1822; m. Ethlinda Whitton, s. p.
- xii. WILLIAM, b. June 27, 1826; d. Jan. 15, 1827.

50. GAD<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Gad<sup>6</sup>, William<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Jan. 12, 1768; m. April 9, 1788, Ann Piper; m. 2nd, Jan. 9, 1831, Sally Townsend. He d. Aug. 9, 1847. They res. at Suspension Bridge, N. Y. Children:—

- i. GAD, d. Nov. 27, 1812.
- ii. SAMUEL.
- iii. ASA, d. Jan. 26, 1792.
- iv. MARY; m. Dec. 4, 1811, Josiah Fish. Ch. Harriet S., b. Nov. 4, 1812, m. C. C. Spooner; Heman C., b. Jan. 31, 1815, d. April, 13, 1815; Cyrus P., b. Oct. 6, 1816, d. Sept. 16, 1830; Anson P., b. Aug. 18, 1819, m. Dorcas Mead; Asa P., b. Feb. 10, 1822, m. Esther Williams; Ann E., b. May 4, 1824, m. F. D. Backley; Effie A., b. April 19, 1826, m. Elijah Loomis; Wm. J., b. May 26, 1828, m. M. T. Bowman; Edward P., b. Sept. 14, 1831, m. Althea D. Trask; Lucian J., b. Oct. 19, 1834, m. Lucy E. Derwolf; Chas. H., b. Dec. 2, 1836, m. Mary Brown.
- v. DWIGHT.
- vi. JOSIAH; m. Alice Porter.
- vii. SALLY, b. June 1, 1812; m. Gad Peirce.
- viii. ASA; res. Suspension Bridge, N. Y.
- ix. ANN; d. Jan. 11, 1795.

51. ABEL<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Moses<sup>6</sup>, Thomas<sup>5</sup>, Francis<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Jan. 28, 1761; m. April 1, 1784, Susanna Spring, b. Oct. 22, 1761. Abel was in the Revolutionary War and was said to have been the shortest man in Washington's Brigade. They res. in Weston. Children:—

- i. SUKEY, b. Jan. 21, 1786; d. unm.
- ii. NANCY, b. Jan. 24, 1787; m. Elisha Ford.
- 55. iii. MOSES, b. Oct. 14, 1789; m. Sarah Dillaway and Mehitable J. Nye.
- 56. iv. SEWELL, b. Jan. 6, 1792; m. Mary Stowers.
- 57. v. JOHN H., b. Aug. 18, 1794; m. Charlotte M. Cutter.

52. ELIKIAM<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Moses<sup>6</sup>, Thomas<sup>5</sup>, Francis<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. July 30, 1763; m. March 30, 1788, Elizabeth of Needham. They res. in Weston. Children:—

- i. LYDIA; d. unm.
- 58. ii. AMOS.
- 59. iii. JOHN; m. ——— Parker.
- iv. NAHUM; d. unm.
- v. ELIZA.

53. SAMUEL<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Francis<sup>6</sup>, William<sup>5</sup>, Francis<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Aug. 19, 1762; m. Nov. 25, 1784, Sarah Scott, d. Nov. 21, 1806; m. 2nd, Dec. 19, 1808, Hittie Bailey, d. Nov. 1850. d. May, 1835-6. They res. in Hopkinton. Children:—

- i. POLLY, b. Feb. 8, 1786; m. Seth Gassett. Ch. Aretas, res. in Holliston.



- ii. BETSEY, b. Jan. 20, 1789; m. ——— Bragg of Boston, and had two ch.
- iii. REBECCA, b. July 8, 1791; m. ——— Ames.
- iv. SALLY, b. June 17, 1793; m. Amos Maynard of Brookfield, and had three ch.
- v. ABIGAIL, b. July 30, 1795; d. 1810.
- vi. LORINDA, b. Dec. 19, 1797; m. Sept. 27, 1818, Silas Sibley, b. July 26, 1785; d. Jan. 28, 1873. Ch. William Henry, b. April 2, 1821, m. Jane E. Gibson; Francis, b. Feb. 6, 1827, m. Jane L. White and Mrs. Charlotte M. Bellows; Leonard, b. April 12, 1831, m. Sarah W. Reynolds.
- 300. vii. THOMAS, b. Dec. 16, 1799; m. Marcia Mason and Mrs. Eliza Abels.
- viii. HANNAH T., b. June 17, 1804; m. Jan. 8, 1821, Asa Miller, b. March 26, 1799; d. in Westboro', Oct. 13, 1858. Ch. Asa P., b. Oct. 9, 1821, m. Ellen Clark; Seth P., b. Dec. 30, 1822, m. Judith Randall; Marian L., b. Jan. 14, 1824, m. Lemuel Long; Sarah E., b. Jan. 25, 1826, m. Aaron Bemis and Samuel Brigham; George, b. Dec. 19, 1828, m. Mary Hawlin and Jane Kilgore; Albert, b. Nov. 14, 1831, m. Julia Miller; Andrew J., b. Sept. 10, 1834, m. Sophronia Baker; Charles P., b. Dec. 31, 1836, m. Maria, b. March 13, 1838, m. Charles P. Braley; Addison, b. April 15, 1840, m. Ann White; Emeline A., b. March 14, 1842, m. Albert Oliver; William A., b. Feb. 2, 1846, m. Cynthia Higgins; Frank E., b. Dec. 22, 1829, m. Jennie Snell.
- ix. MERIAM; m. George W. Powers.
- x. RUSSEL, b. April 21, 1817; m. Betsey Sheffield, b. 1800, d. Feb. 8, 1872, s. p. Res. Holliston.
- xi. JOHN APPLETON, b. 1814; m. Mary Ward.
- xii. SUSAN, b. May 27, 1810; m. Oct. 27, 1835, James Morse, b. Aug. 21, 1813. She d. Nov. 24, 1864. Ch. Charles M., b. May 6, 1843, m. Marrian L. Lennox; E. Frank, b. Jan. 29, 1841, m. Lizzie P. Nichols; Elbridge G., b. April 23, 1836, d. Jan. 23, 1849; Abbie M., b. Nov. 4, 1838, m. John F. Bodge and Charles A. Durfee; Addie E., b. Aug. 24, 1849, m. Thomas Osborne; Eliza B., b. Aug. 25, 1851, m. Asa Osborne.

154. EBENEZER<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Francis*<sup>6</sup>, *William*<sup>5</sup>, *Francis*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. May 1, 1764; m. Feb. 20, 1792, Anna Spring. They res. in Hopkinton. Children:—

- i. NANCY, b. Sept. 18, 1792; m. Nov. 17, 1833, Gilbert D. Jones.
- 301. ii. LAMBERT, b. April 22, 1796; m. Comfort Rockwood.
- iii. ABIGAIL, b. Aug. 24, 1807; m. Oct. 7, 1832, Elbridge Comee. Ch. Armanda, b. Dec. 20, 1833, d. Nov. 9, 1857; Aratus, b. Oct. 27, 1844, m. Anna Leland; Henry W., b. March 4, 1841; Mary, b. Nov. 26, 1846, m. George Gibson; Perley, b. Jan. 14, 1852, m. Marion Jones; Manlius, b. March 19, 1843, d. Dec. 20, 1866; Elbridge G., b. April 14, 1835, d. March 7, 1837.

155. SETH<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Francis*<sup>6</sup>, *William*<sup>5</sup>, *Francis*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Feb. 8, 1776; m. Oct. 7, 1798, Patience Spring, b. July 2, 1769, d. March 7, 1854. He d. Nov. 8, 1847. He was by occupation a stone cutter and farmer. For several years in his earlier life, after he was 21 years of age, he owned and managed a saw and grist-mill. He lived on the old homestead, part of which was in Hopkinton and part in Westboro'. In 1815, he removed the old house and erected a new one on the opposite side of the street which brought it in the Westboro' limits. In the new house he resided until his

deceased. The farm is now owned by Deacon William E. Tidd.  
Children:—

- i. ROSANNA, b. Sept. 10, 1796; m. April 10, 1827, Otis Claffin, b. Aug. 2, 1796, d. April 5, 1859. She d. June 21, 1859. Ch. Francis O., b. Sept. 19, 1830; Fanny R., b. Aug. 2, 1833; Lucy, b. Feb. 10, 1836, d. Feb. 10, 1842; Louisa L., b. June 26, 1839.
- ii. BETSEY, b. Aug. 10, 1798; m. May 25, 1818, James Cochrane, b. Nov. 19, 1792, d. in Westboro', Nov. 7, 1874. Ch. Mandania, b. Sept. 9, 1819, d. Jan. 18, 1848; James L., b. June 29, 1822; Lutheria A., b. May 17, 1827.
- iii. LUCY, b. Nov. 2, 1802; m. Sept. 7, 1823, Harvey Chamberlin of W. Killingly, Conn., b. March 5, 1802. Ch. Cordelia, b. Dec. 11, 1824, d. Dec. 21, 1833; Alfred, b. July 27, 1826, d. Jan. 3, 1834; Addie, b. Feb. 11, 1830; Lucinda, b. Feb. 6, 1833, d. April 15, 1846; Permelia, b. Sept. 11, 1837, d. May 25, 1846; Charles H., b. May 16, 1845, d. Oct. 14, 1873.
- iv. MELICENT, b. Sept. 26, 1809; m. Nov. 26, 1829, Nehemiah Carter, b. July 26, 1808, d. Aug. 20, 1869. Ch. Penelia A., b. Oct. 26, 1830, d. Oct. 30, 1852; Cordelia M., b. April 24, 1833; Henrietta M., b. March 6, 1835, d. Sept. 20, 1836; Andrew P., b. Aug. 6, 1838; Ellen M., b. Sept. 29, 1840, d. Nov. 24, 1840; John G., b. April 28, 1842; Mary J., b. Feb. 9, 1845; Ella L., b. Sept. 6, 1847.
- v. FANNY; m. March 4, 1821, John Gibbs, b. May 30, 1801, d. Jan. 19, 1842. She d. April 27, 1878. Ch. William, b. March 4, 1822, d. Aug. 23, 1867; Jackson, b. Sept. 5, 1823; John, b. Aug. 3, 1826; Homer, b. Dec. 8, 1828; Lawson, b. May 16, 1831; Alfred, b. June 21, 1834; Cordelia E., b. Dec. 22, 1836; Abbie A., b. Oct. 26, 1839.

156. ABIAH<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Francis<sup>6</sup>, William<sup>5</sup>, Francis<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. May 8, 1770; m. Aug. 6, 1795, Rachel McFarland, b. Nov. 10, 1772, d. March 20, 1800; m. 2nd, Oct. 9, 1800, Mah Miller, b. April 14, 1769, d. Feb. 1, 1867. He d. Jan. 22, 1846. They res. in Grafton and Brimfield, Mass. Children:—

- i. EMERY, b. July 4, 1796; m. Eliza Blodgett.
- ii. RACHEL, b. Feb. 19, 1800; m. Feb. 19, 1831, Reuben P. Whitney, and d. Nov. 7, 1847. Ch. George P., d. 1855; Arthur P., b. Jan. 20, 1842, m. Margaret J. Milburn.
- iii. MERANDY, b. July 18, 1801; m. April 16, 1820, Edward Blodgett, b. March 5, 1798. She d. in Brimfield, March 21, 1871. Ch. Adelia M., b. May 12, 1821, m. Emmons S. Kenney; Edward P., b. Feb. 7, 1824, m. Fidelia E. Humes; Freeman B., b. March 27, 1831, m. Laura E. Towne; Boy, b. Dec. 19, 1832, d. Jan. 9, 1833.
- iv. MARTHA M., b. Feb. 5, 1804; unm., res. Holland, Mass.
- v. ELIZABETH, b. Feb. 2, 1808; unm., res. Holland, Mass.

157. BENJAMIN<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Francis<sup>6</sup>, William<sup>5</sup>, Francis<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Sept. 3, 1772; m. April 30, 1797, Sarah Walker, b. March 28, 1778, d. Feb. 16, 1851. He d. Dec. 10, 1831. They res. in Westboro'. Children:—

- i. CHARLOTTE, b. Sept. 26, 1798; m. Phineas Warren.
- ii. POLLY, b. Oct. 22, 1802; m. David Cladin.
- iii. ELESIC D., b. July 31, 1804; d. March 30, 1841.
- iv. JOHN H., b. Aug. 19, 1807; m. Oct. 31, 1829, Eliza Wheelock.

304. v. BENJAMIN, b. March 11, 1809; m. Nov. 28, 1832, Mahala A. Mixer.  
vi. FANNY W., b. Feb. 2, 1813; m. Charles Boynton.

158. FRANCIS<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Francis*<sup>6</sup>, *William*<sup>5</sup>, *Francis*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Oct. 9, 1779; m. Nov. 26, 1801, Lucy Wood, b. June 20, 1781, d. Dec. 24, 1858. He d. Feb. 20, 1847. They res. in South Woodstock, Conn. Children:—

- i. SUSAN, b. Aug. 29, 1802; m. Oct. 28, 1821, Horatio W. Hastings d. 1833; m. 2nd, Oct. 4, 1862, Gardner Wright.
- ii. LUCY, b. Dec. 11, 1804; m. July 24, 1823, Jesse Robinson b. 1797, d. Dec. 22, 1869. She d. Dec. 8, 1841.
- iii. SETH, b. April 23, 1808; m. Feb. 17, 1834, Eliza A. Stark, b. Jan. 14, 1812, d. Dec. 14, 1875. He d. Dec. 10, 1875, leaving one daughter.
- iv. LOIS, b. Oct. 14, 1810; m. Sept. 1, 1834, Daniel Young.
- v. MARY A., b. June 17, 1814; m. Sept. 1, 1839, Harding Fenner b. 1800, d. Jan. 13, 1863.
- vi. BETSEY, b. Nov. 12, 1816; m. Oct. 4, 1835, William D. Ware, b. 1813, d. June 18, 1852, in S. Woodstock.
- vii. FRANCIS H., b. Dec. 2, 1819; m. May 27, 1844, Julia R. Wilson. Ch. William L., b. Nov. 9, 1848.
- viii. JOSEPH W., b. Jan. 9, 1825; m. Aug. 14, 1853, Clarissa A. Clark.

159. JONATHAN<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Jonathan*<sup>6</sup>, *William*<sup>5</sup>, *Francis*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. June 10, 1765; m. July 6, 1788, Phebe Chamberlin. They res. in that part of Worcester called "the Gore, Petersham and Homer, N. Y. "May 7, 1806, I, Jonathan Peirce of Petersham, yeoman in consideration of \$70 paid me by Amos Peirce of Sutton, cordwainer, do quit claim to him and his heirs all the interest I have in the estate of my late honored father Jonathan Peirce, late of said Sutton, deceased." Children:—

- 304-1. i. SERAL, b. Sept. 21, 1788; m. Betsey Peckham and Sally —
- 304-2. ii. EBENEZER, b. Sept. 17, 1792; m. Hannah Spooner.
- iii. POLLY, b. Dec. 17, 1794; m. Nov. 30, 1823, Jabez Rice. They res. in Worcester, near the W. Boylston line. Ch. Harriet A., b. May 9, 1824, m. Seth Cheney; Ezra B., b. Oct. 14, 1825, m. Almira Worcester, Susan E. Wood and Martha Boutelle; Rodney M., b. March 17, 1827, m. Annie S. Wingate; Mary E., Jabez M., b. Aug. 15, 1831; George C., b. Jan. 13, 1833; Caroline C., b. Nov. 13, 1834; Francis, b. Jan. 7, 1837, d. Sept. 9, 1855.
- iv. LUCINDA, b. April 25, 1797; m. Charles Edmonds and William Jackson.
- v. LUCY C., b. July 19, 1799; m. Dec. 16, 1820, John H. Knight. Ch. Samuel; Bangs; Frank, b. May 13, 1824; Otis H.; Alden B.; Willard P.; Daniel W.; Lucy W.
- 304-3. vi. WILLARD, b. Dec. 6, 1801; m. Jan. 24, 1830, Charlotte Hastings.
- 304-4. vii. JOHN, b. Jan. 15, 1805; m. Nancy Marble.

159½. DAVID<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Jonathan*<sup>6</sup>, *William*<sup>5</sup>, *Francis*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. May 12, 1779; m. Lavina Peckham. They res. in Petersham and Veronia, N. Y. Children:—

- i. DAVID.
- ii. SYLVESTER, } twins.
- iii. SYLVINA, }

30. WILLIAM<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Jonathan*<sup>6</sup>, *William*<sup>5</sup>, *Francis*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. June 10, 1774; m. May 31, 1797, Lydia Lincoln, b. Feb. 13, 1779, d. May 3, 1866. He d. Nov. 18, 1828. He was an extensive farmer and resided in Wendell. Children:—

- i. LYDIA L., b. April 1, 1798; m. Aug. 27, 1823, Francis Walkup, d. Sept. 21, 1839. Ch. Harriet, b. Aug. 7, 1824, m. Francis Bowker; Sarah A., b. July 4, 1826, d. Dec. 10, 1826; Otis, b. Aug. 28, 1827, m. Aurilla Spaulding; Francis E., b. Dec. 15, 1829, d. 1835; Francis M., b. Dec. 30, 1833, m. Cyuthia Holt; William, b. Sept. 4, 1838, m. Ella Simmons. LYDIA L. m. 2nd, Dec. 18, 1846, Isaac Bigelow, by whom she had no issue. She d. Aug. 31, 1865.
- ii. MAHALA G., b. Sept. 11, 1799; m. Dec. 3, 1823, Ezra Thompson, d. Nov. 12, 1870. She d. Dec. 30, 1856. Ch. Sarah, b. Oct. 4, 1824, m. Josiah Olds; Laura A., b. Dec. 2, 1825, m. Hiram Stevens; Willard, b. July 25, 1827; James, b. May 11, 1829; Sylvester, b. May 6, 1831; Lydia A., b. March 23, 1833, m. George Partridge; Charles, b. April 18, 1838. Res. Spencer.
- iii. HARRIET, b. Sept. 15, 1801; m. Nov. 2, 1825, Willard Thompson; he d. s. p. May 30, 1829; m. 2nd, April 13, 1837, John Partridge, \* b. June 1, 1797, d. Aug. 9, 1872. She d. s. p. Dec. 5, 1873. Res. Paxton.
- iv. SALLY B., b. Dec. 15, 1803; m. Dec. 2, 1830, Jabez Sawyer, b. May 1, 1799, d. April, 1880. Ch. Emily, b. Oct. 23, 1831, d. Dec. 13, 1831; Maria, b. May 18, 1833, m. Rev. Charles Forbes; Asahel, b. July 14, 1835, m. Angelia Robbins and Almada Freeman, res. Littleton; William, b. Oct. 8, 1837, res. unm. Arlington; Charles O., b. March 11, 1842, m. Mary Gunn. Res. Ill.
35. v. EZEKIEL L., b. Aug. 15, 1805; m. Sept. 2, 1837, Mary Willard Walker.
- vi. SALOME, b. March 23, 1807; m. Feb. 3, 1830, George W. Garey, d. July 2, 1838. Ch. Benjamin, b. Oct. 2, 1830, d. March 23, 1853; Sarah A., b. Feb. 2, 1833, m. Charles H. Leonard and B. Williams, res. Chagrin Falls, Ohio; m. 2nd, Jan. 30, 1845, William McCune, d. Oct. 12, 1850. Ch. Harriet E., b. March 25, 1845, m. C. M. Taylor; Helen S., b. Jan. 6, 1850, m. William L. Stacy; m. 3rd, Sept. 6, 1855, Worthy Taylor of Aurora, Ill. No issue. She res. Chagrin Falls, Ohio.
- vii. EDIE, b. Dec. 11, 1809; d. May 14, 1829.
- viii. SUSANNA S., b. May 11, 1811; m. Sept. 16, 1833, Mark Miller, d. Aug. 5, 1837, leaving dau. Susan, b. July 26, 1835, in Galena, Ill.

John Partridge was born in Paxton, Mass., June 1, 1797, and was, for over a century, engaged in manufacturing boots and shoes in his native town. His business continued very good, and customers increased rapidly until the year 1834-5, when the removal of the deposits from the United States Bank interrupted business for a time, and prices of work and stock fell off materially. Mr. Partridge had made his bargains with his journeymen (as was the custom of the time) for the year in advance, and at an increased rate of wages. He made no complaint, but the workmen understood the matter, and exerted themselves to get out a good, smooth and substantial boot. He got up a pump, and put his name on the bottom of each boot, and this was the origin of what is still known as the "Partridge boot." From 1837 to 1861 he manufactured about \$20,000 worth of calf, kip and buck boots annually, and it was his boast, that, during his entire business life, he never failed or suspended payment. In April, 1861, he took in his eldest son, G. W. Partridge, as partner, and they manufactured at the old stand in Paxton, until Mr. Partridge's death in 1872, goods amounting to about \$10,000 a year.



306. ix. WILLIAM A., b. Jan. 12, 1813; m. Nov. 8, 1837, Maria Loring.  
 x. EMILY, b. Dec. 28, 1814; m. April 1, 1836, Henry E. Howe, d. Feb. 12, 1845, leaving one son, Leonard, b. June 16, 1837, res. Galena, Ill.
307. xi. CHARLES M., b. March 5, 1817; m. Nov. 24, 1841, Clarinda Brown, ing and Charlotte Clapp.  
 xii. AUGUSTUS, b. Aug. 21, 1820; d. March 30, 1841.  
 xiii. MARCUS W., b. Oct. 26, 1826; m. Dec. 25, 1851, Samantha Wilder, Res. Buckland, s. p.
308. xiv. LEONARD L., b. Aug. 12, 1825; m. Emily Duncan and Jeannie W. Smead.

161. AMOS<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Jonathan*<sup>6</sup>, *William*<sup>5</sup>, *Francis*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Oct. 13, 1770; m. March 6, 1800, Annie Hicks, b. June, 1776, d. April 13, 1851. He d. Sept. 12, 1822. He resided in Sutton on the old Peirce place, which he inherited from his father, and was a cordwainer and quite an extensive farmer. He is buried in the Cemetery on "Leland Hill." Children:—

- i. NANCY, b. March 24, 1801; unm. res. Grafton.  
 ii. SILENCE, b. Feb. 6, 1803; m. Nov. 20, 1823, Silas Bigelow, b. Aug. 10, 1801. Ch. Adeline, b. Aug. 9, 1824; m. Curtis Green, Harriet, b. Feb. 13, 1826, m. Albert Mann; Mary, b. July 5, 1828, m. Stephen Sawyer; Edward and Emily, b. July 5, 1830. He m. Mary Paterson, and she d. Feb. 19, 1833; Austin, b. Oct. 22, 1832, d. March 26, 1843; Charles, b. Oct. 3, 1834, m. Mary Patch; Luther, b. Dec. 30, 1838, m. Helen Lovell; James, b. Sept. 8, 1840, m. Helen (Lovell) Bigelow. They res. in Worcester.
309. iii. LEWIS, b. Nov. 23, 1804; m. Marandi Benson.  
 iv. ELIZA, b. Sept. 10, 1806; d. unm. April 3, 1878, in Grafton.  
 v. JOHN ANDREW, b. Aug. 28, 1815; d. um. Jan. 27, 1874, in Grafton.
310. vi. CHARLES A., b. Dec. 10, 1811; m. Elizabeth Sibley.  
 311. vii. SILAS AUSTIN, b. Sept. 10, 1818; m. Maria N. Smith.

ESTATE.—Oct. 31, 1798, Amos Peirce of Sutton, cordwainer, purchased of Abel Rogers of Petersham for \$175.50, a tract of land in the north part of Petersham, on the road leading to New Salem, containing about twenty-seven acres. This land was purchased in company with John Goodale of Sutton, who quitclaimed to Amos Peirce, Sept. 26, 1800, his half for \$87.75. June 13, 1801, Amos Peirce of Sutton, purchased of Benoni Wilmarth of Sutton, gentleman, for \$73, seven acres of land in Sutton. Jan. 18, 1803, Amos Peirce of Sutton, purchased of Sardias Cooper of Northbridge, yeoman, for \$100, five acres of land with buildings thereon. April 11, 1804, Amos Peirce of Sutton, purchased of John Peirce, Jr., for \$1500, seventy-five acres of land with his part of the buildings thereon, "which was set to me, the said John Peirce, by the committee appointed by the Honorable Judge of Probate." June 22, 1818, purchased at auction of the First Congregational Society of Sutton, pew number sixty-five for \$5.80.

162. JOHN<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Jonathan*<sup>6</sup>, *William*<sup>5</sup>, *Francis*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>) b. Aug. 31, 1777; m. Nov. 25, 1802, Lucy Carroll, b. March 14, 1784, d. April 7, 1851. He d. Jan. 9, 1827. They res. in W. Boylston, and owned one of the finest farms in the town. Children:—

- i. LUCY, b. May 10, 1803; m. David Prescott, res. Oakdale.

- 12. ii. JONATHAN, b. April 28, 1805; m. Fidelia Beaman.
- iii. OLIVE, b. April 27, 1807; m. Barnabas Howell, and died June 17, 1840, leaving one child, John F., who res. in Worcester.
- iv. SOLOMON, b. April 12, 1809; d. Oct. 1, 1832.
- 13. v. JOHN W., b. July 14, 1811; m. Mary D. Knight.
- vi. SARAH C., b. March 20, 1815; d. Sept. 4, 1849.
- 14. vii. WILLIAM N., b. Nov. 9, 1823; m. Mary A. Dickinson.
- viii. SETH W., b. Aug. 17, 1826; killed by the accidental discharge of his gun while climbing over a wall, Oct. 23, 1845.
- ix. SUSAN E., b. Aug. 29, 1819; m. Artemas Parker, and had a dau. Susan E.
- x. EMILY, b. Aug. 29, 1821; m. May 7, 1856. L. G. Dickinson.
- 14½ xi. ASA H., b. Aug. 27, 1817; m. Lucretia Kelley.
- xii. MARY, b. July 14, 1813; m. ——— Stone and Calvin Warner.
- xiii. ELIZA, b. Aug. 11, 1819.

63. JOEL<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Jonathan*<sup>6</sup>, *William*<sup>5</sup>, *Francis*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. March 31, 1781; m. Oct. 9, 1805, Reconcilee. They res. in Montague. Children:—

- 15. i. DEXTER, b. March 6, 1806; m. Mary A. Fisk.
- ii. CANDACE, b. Dec. 10, 1809; m. Jonathan Carpenter. Ch. Mary A., m. ——— Tapley, m. 2nd, G. W. Taft. Ch. Julia, m. ——— Noble; Charles. She d. Sept. 18, 1850.
- iii. BETSEY, b. Sept. 10, 1811; m. Feb. 22, 1836, Moses Burden, b. April 29, 1811. Ch. Emily, b. Aug. 23, 1838, d. Nov. 22, 1853; James T., b. June 10, 1845, d. Oct. 4, 1845. She d. in Oxford, June 10, 1846.
- 16. iv. HARRISON, b. Dec. 23, 1813; m. Louisa Dean.
- 17. v. SCOTT, b. Sept. 3, 1818; m. Cornelia Bodman and Lavina Shaw.
- 18. vi. CHAUNCEY, b. June 13, 1816; m. Jane W. Allen and Florilla C. Smith.
- vii. HELEN, b. May 10, 1833; m. 1854, Dorman T. Warren. Ch. Albert, b. 1858; Henry, b. 1856. She d. 1861.

64. JACOB<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Jonathan*<sup>6</sup>, *William*<sup>5</sup>, *Francis*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Feb. 27, 1783; m. 1808, Azubah Glazier, b. June 5, 1787, d. Feb. 3, 1874. He was b. in Sutton, and settled in Boylston; he worked at blacksmithing with his bro. Ezekiel until they dissolved in 1823, when he purchased in 1824, the farm in North-  
boylston, known as the "Rev. Peter Whitney farm." Children:—

- 19. i. GILBERT, b. Jan. 24, 1809; m. Rhoda Smith.
- 20. ii. WALKER H., b. March 14, 1813; m. Frances A. Heywood and Ruhumah Young.
- iii. MARY; m. Nov. 11, 1839, Willard Warren, b. 1818, d. 1861. Ch. Mary, b. Jan. 15, 1843, m. Robert Chamberlin; Lucy, twin of Mary, m. Henry Streeter; Willard, b. Sept. 6, 1848; James, b. April 23, 1855; Edward, b. Sept. 5, 1857.
- iv. LUCY, b. Aug. 24, 1823; m. Nov. 26, 1846, Samuel Russell, in Shrewsbury, b. Nov. 20, 1824. Ch. Ella, b. Sept. 26, 1847, m. Lucius Cook; Henry, b. Jan. 20, 1849; Walker and Walter, b. Aug. 6, 1853; Emily, b. May 15, 1855; Frank, b. Jan. 8, 1858.

65. EZEKIEL<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Jonathan*<sup>6</sup>, *William*<sup>5</sup>, *Francis*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Nov. 1, 1787; m. May 1, 1811, Ruth Perry, b. 1792, d. Sept. 10, 1869. He d. in W. Boylston, Aug. 13, 1865. He was a blacksmith by occupation and worked at this until he had acquired a competence, after which he owned one of the best farms in

W. Boylston. He was public spirited and much respected by his fellow-citizens. Children :—

- i. ESTES, b. Feb. 7, 1812; m. May 28, 1835, Catherine Lovering, b. March 28, 1814. They res. in W. Boylston, s. p.
- ii. EMILY, b. May 14, 1814; m. Sept. 1, 1834, Charles Merrifield, b. March 31, 1811. Ch. Charles, b. March 23, 1836, d. April 29, 1836; Emily, b. June 18, 1837, d. June 30, 1839; Harriet, b. Feb. 14, 1844, m. James Harrington; Charles E., b. Nov. 2, 1852.
321. iii. JOHN Q. A., b. March 4, 1817; m. Delia P. Bliss, Eliza C. Whitaker, Caroline S. Burdett and Abbie F. Tarlton.
- iv. HARRIET, b. Dec. 24, 1831; m. Nov. 1, 1855, Nathan Daggett, b. April 18, 1825. They res. in W. Boylston, s. p.

166. BENJAMIN<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Benjamin*<sup>6</sup>, *Jonas*<sup>5</sup>, *Francis*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Oct. 28, 1787; m. Dec. 8, 1813, Lucinda Allen, b. Feb. 7, 1794, d. June 25, 1820; m. 2nd, Sarah Raymond, b. Jan. 28, 1789, d. Feb. 9, 1851; m. 3rd, Feb. 3, 1852, Mary (Coffin) Perkins, b. Mar. 12, 1790, d. July 10, 1856. He d. in Rindge, N. H., Jan. 8, 1858. Children :—

- i. BENJAMIN W., b. 1819; d. Jan. 18, 1843, unm.
- ii. SARAH G., b. Dec. 18, 1823; m. Jan. 31, 1844, Joel Page of Fitchburg. She d. Aug. 1, 1858. Ch. Lelia M., b. Feb. 26, 1846; Warren B., b. Apr. 8, 1848; Walter F., b. Nov. 23, 1850; Elsie A., b. Nov. 19, 1851, m. J. Stanley Perry; Herbert E., b. May 30, 1853.
- iii. AUGUSTA M., b. Sept. 15, 1829; m. June 10, 1852, Willard G. Jones, b. Mar. 17, 1823. She d. Oct. 20, 1861, s. p., in Rindge, N. H.

167. JOEL<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Benjamin*<sup>6</sup>, *Jonas*<sup>5</sup>, *Francis*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Apr. 21, 1793; m. Dec. 5, 1822, Irene Hardy, b. Apr. 5, 1803. He d. Sept. 23, 1856. Res. Watertown, Mass. Children :—

- i. JOEL A., b. Dec. 10, 1823; unm; res. Watertown.
- ii. BENJAMIN H., b. Sept. 12, 1826; unm.

168. JONAS<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Jonas*<sup>6</sup>, *Jonas*<sup>5</sup>, *Francis*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Sept. 25, 1781; m. May 28, 1803, Susannah Pitts, b. Apr. 24, 1779, d. Feb. 23, 1834. He d. Feb. 13, 1867. He was Ensign and afterwards Lieut. in the Light Infantry Company in the 3rd Regt. 1st Brigade and 1st Division of the Vt. Militia, in 1822. They res. in Jamaica, Vt. Children :—

- i. NANCY G., b. Apr. 13, 1806; d. Dec. 30, 1833.
- ii. CLARISSA, b. Nov. 15, 1807; m. Nov. 2, 1826, Ezra Livermore.
- iii. LYDIA, b. July 15, 1809; m. Sept. 27, 1835, David Eddy, and d. Sept. 9, 1866.
- iv. JONAS, b. Mar. 8, 1811; d. Feb. 10, 1834.
- v. NARCISSA M., b. Dec. 3, 1812; m. May, 1834, Leland H. Stockwell, and d. Apr. 7, 1843.
- vi. KATHERINE, b. Oct. 26, 1814; m. Sept. 14, 1840, Albert F. Allen. Ch. Susan A., b. Sept. 14, 1841, m. William F. Knowlton; Phineas C., b. Oct. 7, 1843, m. Matilda S. Doaty; Viola J., b. Feb. 19, 1845, d. Jan. 25, 1846; Milton E., b. Oct. 3, 1847, m. Amanda Pike; Isadore A., b. Dec. 14, 1849, d. Nov. 26, 1877. Res. in Jamaica, Vt.
- vii. SUSANNA, b. Jan. 2, 1819; d. Aug. 2, 1868.

9. THOMAS D.<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Jonas*<sup>6</sup>, *Jonas*<sup>5</sup>, *Francis*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Apr. 11, 1787; m. Feb. 4, 1810, Hannah Sanderson, b. Dec. 4, 1797, d. July 13, 1841. He d. Nov. 9, 1853. Children:—

- i. HANNAH S., b. Nov. 7, 1811; d. Apr. 2, 1865.
- ii. ABRAHAM S., b. May 24, 1814; d. Feb. 19, 1860.
- iii. SARAH, b. Mar. 5, 1824; m. Mar. 5, 1843, George Lawton, and d. Apr. 19, 1849.
- iv. THOMAS, b. June 17, 1819.
- v. THANKFUL, b. Oct. 30, 1822; m. Aug. 30, 1847, Miles Moulton, b. Dec. 14, 1824, d. May 31, 1878. Ch. Francis M., b. July 10, 1850, d. Aug. 24, 1850; Nellie M., b. June 16, 1848. Res. Armory Hill, Springfield.

10. ELISHA<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Jonas*<sup>6</sup>, *Jonas*<sup>5</sup>, *Francis*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Nov. 2, 1790; m. Jan. 14, 1816, Elizabeth Smith, b. May 3, 1788, d. Nov. 12, 1856. He d. Oct. 10, 1867. They res. in Jamaica, Vt. Children:—

- i. CHARLES H., b. Mar. 23, 1818; m. Apr. 4, 1844, Jane C. Farr, b. June 18, 1818; res. Jamaica. s. p.
- ii. JOHN W., b. Feb. 17, 1820; m. Achsah Smith.
- iii. ELISHA G., b. Jan. 15, 1822; m. ————, 2nd ————, and 3rd, Mary E. Fish. Res. s. p. Jamaica, Vt.

11. ABELIAH<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Jonas*<sup>6</sup>, *Jonas*<sup>5</sup>, *Francis*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. May 29, 1792; m. Mar. 21, 1821, Lydia Gray, b. Nov. 27, 1795, d. Dec. 30, 1867. They res. in Jamaica, Vt. Children:—

- i. LUCIA C., b. Jan. 16, 1823; m. Jan. 1, 1850, Emmons D. Barber, b. Mar. 23, 1825. She d. Nov. 25, 1867. Ch. Lilla G., b. Dec. 11, 1850, d. June 23, 1875; Orion M., b. July 13, 1856; Ada E., b. June 22, 1858.
- ii. METCALF R., b. July 26, 1824; m. Augusta R. Orcutt.
- iii. NEWTON G., b. May 15, 1827; m. Sarah Brooks.
- iv. MERRITT T., b. Mar. 27, 1831; m. Rosella A. Young.

12. JACOB<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Jonas*<sup>6</sup>, *Jonas*<sup>5</sup>, *Francis*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Aug. 20, 1829; m. Mar. 19, 1858, Emily Skinner, b. Apr. 14, 1827. They res. in Townshend, Vt. Children:—

- i. AUGUSTA, b. Mar. 9, 1854.
- ii. FRANK H., b. Apr. 2, 1858.
- iii. ADDIE M., b. May 7, 1862.
- iv. FRED. I., b. Aug. 20, 1866.
- v. MARY, b. July —, 1859.
- vi. MINNIE, b. May 18, 18—.

13. ELIPHA<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Abraham*<sup>6</sup>, *Jonas*<sup>5</sup>, *Francis*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. June 17, 1780; m. Aug. 30, 1799, Phebe Streeter, b. Aug. 21, 1780, d. Feb. 21, 1814; m. 2nd (pub.) Apr. 12, 1815, Anna Perry, b. 1793, d. Jan. 24, 1855. He d. Jan. 14, 1849. They res. in Kindge, N. H. Children:—

- i. ELIZA, b. Nov. 10, 1800; m. Dec. 29, 1818, Moses Towne, b. July 21, 1796. She d. 1870. Res. Townshend, Vt.
- ii. MELINDA, b. May 6, 1803; m. Samuel W. Kimball, b. Mar. 28, 1801. Ch. Samuel D., b. Nov. 23, 1821, d. Nov. 17, 1824; Elipha S., b. July 13, 1823, m. Sarah M. Stickney; Mary M., b. Aug. 13, 1826, m. Edmund Bemis; Susan H., b. Oct. 12, 1829, m. Elijah Bemis; Charles D., b. June 4, 1832, m. Maria M. Colburn and Martha J. Bowen; George E., b. June 20, 1833, m.



- Charlotte A. Adams; Samuel W., b. Dec. 31, 1835, m. Emily P. Davis; Harriet E., b. Feb. 21, 1843, m. Ambrose Butler; Martha J., b. Apr. 17, 1844, d. Feb. 21, 1864.
- iii. ROXANNA, b. Dec. 7, 1805; m. Dec. 31, 1829, Abel W. Wood. Res. in Cambridge, Vt., and had ten ch.
- iv. PHEBE, b. Apr. 8, 1809; d. unm.

174. NATHANIEL<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Seth<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Sept. 23, 1757; m. May 28, 1782, Anna Hemenway, b. Nov. 26, 1765, d. Aug. 12, 1785; m. 2nd, May 24, 1786, Tryphene Barber, b. Feb. 23, 1761, d. June 1, 1840. He d. Mar. 8, 1832. They res. in Holliston. Children:—

- i. ANGELETTE, b. Sept. 12, 1782; m. Jan. 9, 1803, John Hoar, b. Sept. 2, 1773, d. Sept. 16, 1862. She d. in Poultney, Vt., Feb. 5, 1846. Ch. Hiram, b. Nov. 4, 1803, m. Susan Smith; Sarah, b. Sept. 24, 1807, d. Mar. 18, 1872; Eliza, b. Apr. 7, 1810, m. Elijah Hawes; Lucius A., b. June 23, 1812, m. Isabella Roby.
- ii. SARAH, b. Mar. 8, 1785; d. Aug. 29, 1785.
- iii. JAMES, b. Oct. 5, 1786; d. June 10, 1791.
- iv. SALLY, b. Feb. 17, 1788; m. May 8, 1809, George Garfield, b. July 1, 1785, d. Oct. 8, 1825; m. 2nd, Samuel Montgomery, and d. Jan. 21, 1862. Ch. Moses, b. May 29, 1810, m. Martha S. Rice; Rebecca A., b. Dec. 23, 1811, d. Jan. 8, 1819; Hector, b. Sept. 8, 1813, d. Feb. 6, 1814; George W., b. May 27, 1815; Edwin, b. Apr. 17, 1817, m. Ella Barlow; Willard, b. Aug. 8, 1819, m. Miss King; Eleanor, b. Sept. 8, 1821, m. Cyrus S. Merrill.
326. v. JOHN, b. Jan. 4, 1798; m. Sarah B. Griswold.
327. vi. JAMES, b. Mar. 22, 1792; m. Polly Gay.
- vii. KEZIAH A., b. Oct. 20, 1793; m. Calvin Hunting of Cambridge. Ch. George B.
- viii. POLLY, b. May 27, 1795; m. Apr. 1, 1823, Chester Clark of Milford, b. 1797, d. May 29, 1841. Ch. Chester, b. Aug. 24, 1824, d. July 3, 1833; Willard F., b. Dec. 5, 1830, m. Sarah Cheney, Amelia Rockwood and Lizzie Tucker; Emily, b. Oct. 31, 1836, m. M. T. Tucker.
328. ix. GEORGE B., b. Apr. 19, 1800; m. Sarah Fisher.
329. x. NATHANIEL, b. Nov. 4, 1790; m. Lois Parker.
- xi. KEZIAH, b. Mar. 30, 1791; d. Apr. 22, 1791.

175. JESSE<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Seth<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Aug. 25, 1761; m. May 19, 1788, Catherine Smith, b. 1767, d. Nov. 23, 1810. He d. Mar. 5, 1832. They res. in Stoughton. Children:—

330. i. JESSE, b. Nov. 7, 1788; m. Elizabeth S. Lillie.
331. ii. OTIS, b. Apr. 17, 1790; m. Sarah D. Fisk.
332. iii. JOHN, b. Apr. 21, 1792; m. Mary Page.
- iv. JOEL, b. Dec. 23, 1793; unm.
333. v. NATHAN, b. Feb. 22, 1796; m. Clarinda Trafton.
334. vi. MASON, b. May 26, 1798; m. Lucinda Prescott.
- vii. ANNA, b. Feb. 4, 1800; d. Feb. 6, 1800.
- viii. ANNA, b. Jan. 11, 1801; m. Dec. 5, 1824, Lewis Morse, b. Aug. 27, 1771, d. Dec. 18, 1855. She d. Dec. 14, 1873. By industry and frugality they amassed so large a property that at his decease he possessed the largest estate of any person in the town of Sharon or in Norfolk County. Ch. Sarah E., b. Jan. 30, 1827, m. Charles Hixson, res. Sharon; Lewis W., b. Jan. 27, 1829, m. Sophia E. Pratt, res. Sharon; Annie P., b. Feb. 27, 1832; m. Esrom Morse, res. Sharon; Lucinda, b. Sept. 28, 1834, m.

Charles F. Richards, Rockport, Maine; Elizabeth, b. Feb. 16, 1839, m. Sanford W. Billings, res. Sharon.

- ix. CATHARINE, b. Feb. 8, 1803; m. Jan. 1, 1829, John Selee, b. June 28, 1792, d. Oct. 6, 1855. She d. May 30, 1842. Ch. Nathau P., b. Sept. 25, 1829, m. Annie M. Case; Leonard, b. Oct. 19, 1834, m. Margaret J. Dorety and Frances M. Cox; Rebecca P., b. Nov. 3, 1827; Edward, b. May 2, 1831, d. June 28, 1860; Richmond, b. June 29, 1833, d. Jan. 2, 1866; Hannah C., b. July 7, 1840, d. Jan. 28, 1841.

x. WILLIAM, b. Feb. 6, 1805; m. Abigail Briggs.

xi. REBECCA, b. May 4, 1807; d. Sept. 22, 1827.

xii. RELIEF, b. May 11, 1809.

6. SETH S.<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Seth*<sup>6</sup>, *John*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Dec. 12, 1764; m. Mar. 21, 1786, Alice Gay, b. Aug. 10, 1741, d. Mar. 29, 1815. He d. July 23, 1825. They res. in Stoughton. Children:—

i. THACHER, b. Aug. 17, 1787; m. Polly Stone.

ii. WILLARD, b. Mar. 15, 1790; m. Elenor W. Everett.

iii. CLARISSA, b. Sept. 23, 1793; m. July 17, 1811, Salmon Turner, b. Oct. 13, 1787, d. Oct. 14, 1853. She d. in Foxboro, Aug. 23, 1868. Ch. Russell, b. Apr. 6, 1812; Elbridge G., b. Apr. 18, 1813; Willard P., b. Apr. 18, 1815, m. Catherine E. Bird and Jane A. Chambers; Salmon, b. June 21, 1817, m. Clementina L. Bird and Maria Grover; Calvin K., b. June 6, 1822, m. Caroline Read and Hannah Wilson; Clarissa P., b. May 28, 1829, d. May 22, 1831.

iv. HARRIET, b. July 3, 1796; m. Levi Hawse, and d. Feb. 10, 1820. Ch. Harriet; Simon; Jason.

v. PRISCILLA, b. Sept. 30, 1798; m. James Pickens, d. Oct. 23, 1821. Ch. Ezra, b. Sept. 10, 1818, m. Anna E. Bird and Mary Page; James O., b. Apr. 23, 1820, d. 1873; Priscilla, b. June 3, 1822, m. Arthur Lowman; she m. 2nd, Mar., 1824, Thomas Sheppard, d. Dec. 23, 1853. Ch. Thomas; John; Rebecca. She d. in Foxboro, Apr. 6, 1831.

vi. ROXA, b. July 15, 1802; m. Abraham Shaw, b. Dec. 6, 1788, d. Nov. 10, 1822. Ch. Hannah M., b. Dec. 30, 1820, m. Hartley A. Sparrow; Abraham, b. Mar. 28, 1822; m. 2nd, Mar. 24, 1824, Jacob Cushman, b. July 27, 1797, d. Nov. 25, 1858. Ch. Harriet P., b. Sept. 26, 1824, m. Calvin Marshall; Sarah H., b. Apr. 8, 1828, d. June 8, 1830; George H., b. Mar. 11, 1830, m. Helen M. Brownell; Sarah E., b. Feb. 29, 1832, d. Sept. 26, 1837; William J., b. Mar. 1, 1838, d. June 20, 1838; Florella G., b. Jan. 22, 1847, m. Walter F. Howland; James C. I., b. June 8, 1826, d. Sept. 8, 1827.

vii. HARRIS, b. May 27, 1807; d. Nov. 26, 1825.

viii. SERH, b. Mar. 19, 1812; d. July 6, 1815.

7. MATHEW<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Jonas*<sup>6</sup>, *Jonas*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Oct. 15, 1755; m. Sally Tainter, b. 1759, d. June 2, 1820; m. 2nd, Dec. 21, 1820, Ruth Robinson, b. Feb. 10, 1781. He d. June 16, 1835. They res. in Springfield, Vt. Children:—

i. SARAH, b. Apr. 3, 1776; m. Nathaniel Hudson and d. Apr. 14, 1847.

ii. LYDIA, b. Apr. 12, 1782; m. Mar. 10, 1804, David Chaplin, and d. Aug. 29, 1867. Ch. Matthew, b. Apr. 1, 1809, m. Lorinda Howe; Prada and Sally, twins, b. June 8, 1807, s. d. Sept. 11, 1808, and P. m. Lyman Litch; Sally, b. 1811, d. Aug., 1813; Betsey, b. Nov. 8, 1815, m. Socrates Hastings.

337. iii. NATHANIEL, b. Apr. 9, 1784; m. Anna Davis.  
 iv. HANNAH, b. Oct. 19, 1789; m. Dec. 6, 1810, Luther Heywood and d. 1870. Ch. Mary E., b. June 10, 1811; Luther M., b. July 10, 1813; Nathaniel B., b. July 25, 1815; Calvin, b. Mar. 5, 1817, d.; David E., b. Dec. 20, 1819; Sarah A., b. Sept. 1, 1821; Ira X., b. Apr. 13, 1823; Eunice C., b. Jan. 6, 1825, d.; Caroline H., b. Apr. 11, 1828, d. Aug. 24, 1840; Charles M., b. Aug. 16, 1833.  
 v. NANCY, b. Apr. 20, 1791; m. Jan. 19, 1815, Jonathan Smith, and d. 1874. Ch. George; Mary; Ira; Louisa.  
 338. vi. JOHN, b. Aug. 29, 1794; m. Abigail Haywood.  
 vii. MARY, b. Nov. 30, 1796; m. Daniel Bixby, and d. 1868. Ch. Adaline; Harriet; Lorenzo.

178. Capt. JONAS<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Jonas*<sup>6</sup>, *Jonas*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Feb. 18, 1759; m. Feb. 13, 1786, Lois Clark; m. 2nd, Oct. 18, 1792, Susanna Allen, b. 1770, d. Oct., 1845. He d. Dec., 1835. They res. in Weston and E. Sudbury. He enlisted in the Revolutionary Army as a soldier when but sixteen years of age and served throughout the period of the war until it was ended. He was much respected by his fellow-citizens. Children:—

- i. SALLY, b. May 20, 1787; m. a Daniels.  
 ii. HENRY, b. Dec. 28, 1788; d. unm.  
 iii. ESTHER, b. Feb. 25, 1791.  
 339. iv. HARRY C., b. Sept. 14, 1793; m. Cynthia Lovering.  
 340. v. NICANOR, b. Oct. 8, 1794; m. Emily Brown of Westboro'.  
 vi. DEBBY, b. Aug. 8, 1796; m. June 13, 1819, Isaac Holmes of Hopkinton, and had five ch. Hannah; Isaac D.; Emily B.; Almira; ———.  
 341. vii. JONAS, b. Sept. 25, 1797; m. Mary Fairbanks.  
 viii. NABBY, b. April 1, 1799; m. June 1, 1823, Hezekiah Marshall, b. Aug. 10, 1787, d. Sept. 10, 1849. She d. July 4, 1869. Ch. Miranda B., b. May 2, 1824, d. Feb. 22, 1825; Lydia H., b. Nov. 30, 1825; Abigail A., b. July 16, 1827; Edwin L., b. March 26, 1830; Charles H., b. April 8, 1832, d. Sept. 20, 1870; George H., b. Oct. 16, 1834; Horatio P., b. Aug. 1, 1836, d. June 2, 1865; Eliza A., b. March 10, 1839; Amanda M., b. June 6, 1842, res. Milford, Mass.  
 ix. POLLY, b. Dec. 4, 1800; m. April 21, 1821, Otis Bullard, b. Aug. 6, 1797, d. April 1, 1858; m. 2nd, Oct. 11, 1860, T. P. Kendall. She d. Jan. 14, 1873. Ch. Mary M., b. April 23, 1822, m. ——— Loker, res. Cochituate; Ira O., b. March 31, 1836.  
 x. MARIA, b. July 30, 1804; m. June 11, 1833, Moses L. Buck, b. May 17, 1811. She d. Oct. 7, 1875. Ch. Edward N., b. Nov. 12, 1834, m. Ellen F. Phipps and Margaret J. Trishet, res. Hopkinton; Almira H., b. Jan. 10, 1837, m. James LeBaron; Sarah M., b. Nov. 2, 1841, d. Oct. 29, 1845; Martha W., b. Oct. 12, 1843, d. March 3, 1848; Melville L., b. Oct. 4, 1847, d. Oct. 8, 1855.  
 xi. IRA; unm.

179. THADDEUS<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Jonas*<sup>6</sup>, *Jonas*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. May 10, 1764; m. March 30, 1787, Susanna Smith, b. 1768, in Woburn, d. May 14, 1852. (Town Records). He d. July 9, 1848. They res. in Weston. Children:—

- i. SUSANNA, b. Jan. 27, 1788; m. April 1, 1810, Zebediah Adams, and d. Jan. 3, 1865. Ch. Augusta, d. 1860.  
 ii. NABBY, b. July 17, 1790; m. March 27, 1816, Francis Hastings, b. 1789, d. Sept. 16, 1832. She d. Jan. 3, 1817. Ch. Francis

and Abigail, b. Jan. 3, 1817. He m. Mary Dickinson. She m. Francis R. Gourgas.

- iii. LAOMI, b. July 27, 1792; m. Nancy Powers.
  - iv. THADDEUS, b. Oct. 12, 1794; m. Harriet Winship.
  - v. SALLY, b. Nov. 11, 1796; m. June 27, 1817, Francis Hastings. Ch. Edwin, b. Dec. 3, 1819, m. Arabella Fowle and Eliza Robbins; Sarah M., b. April 3, 1827, m. Joseph T. Pratt.
  - vi. ABIJAH, b. March 10, 1799; m. May 18, 1857, Mary Donlon, and d. Sept. 10, 1858, in Weston, leaving one dau. Mary, b. Feb. 5, 1859 (posthumous). d. Oct. 14, 1859 (cholera infantum).
  - vii. MARY, b. July 11, 1802; m. 1823, William Hastings, and d. June 26, 1826. Ch. William, b. June 26, 1826, m. Jennie J. Whitney; Mary P., b. July 12, 1824, m. George B. Cutter.
  - viii. MARIA, b. Sept. 11, 1804, m. Feb. 10, 1827, William Hastings, and d. Sept. 30, 1869. Ch. Charles A., b. Oct. 6, 1832, m. Sarah Kelly.
  - ix. SOPHIA, b. July 6, 1806; m. Sept. 8, 1833, Albert Hobbs of Weston.
  - x. ELIZA, b. April 6, 1808; d. June 15, 1810.
  - xi. ELIZA, b. Feb. 4, 1811; m. May 12, 1832, Luther P. Viles of Weston. Ch. Parkman; Henry, m. — Hart; Parkman.
80. JOHN<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*John<sup>6</sup>, Jonas<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Feb. 28, 1766; m. Lucy Graves, b. June 24, 1768, d. July 7, 1839. He d. April 1, 1853. They res. in Westminster, Gardner, and Ashburnham. Children:—

- i. NATHAN, b. Aug. 19, 1788; m. and left no issue. He d. July 31, 1811.
- ii. LUCY, b. Dec. 8, 1790; m. John Gates. They had a son, Ezra, who res. in Baltimore. She d. 1879.
- iii. PETER, b. Sept. 9, 1792; m. Sophia Anderson.
- iv. ABIGAIL, b. July 28, 1795; m. Joel Oakes. They had a dau. Abbie, m. — Allen of Williamsville, Vt.
- v. JOHN, b. June 1, 1799; m. Sarah Oakes and Rebecca Cushman.
- vi. SUSANNA, b. Feb. 17, 1802; m. John Ball, had a son, John, and d. 1879.
- vii. BETSEY, b. April 12, 1811; m. Thomas White, and died Sept., 1838. Their s. Thomas res. Cleveland, O.
- viii. JOEL, b. Dec. 19, 1806; m. Hannah F. Rowe.

81. BENJAMIN<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*John<sup>6</sup>, Jonas<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Sept. 5, 1768; m. ————. They res. in Westminster and Fitchburg. Child:—

- i. BENJAMIN, b. March 10, 1792; m. Louisa Newton.

82. ELISHA<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*John<sup>6</sup>, Jonas<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Aug. 26, 1772; m. Aug. 28, 1796, Deborah Partridge, April 29, 1775, d. Oct. 22, 1846; m. 2nd, Mrs. Cynthia Whitney, d. July 1, 1860. He d. April 1, 1858. They res. in South Gardner and Westminster. Children:—

- i. NANCY, b. Nov. 6, 1798; m. July 12, 1818, Andrew Beard, and d. Sept. 28, 1843.
- ii. AMOS, b. Nov. 8, 1804; m. Olive Kinsman and Mary Merriam.
- iii. ELISHA, b. Dec. 11, 1806; m. Thursba Whitney and Mahala Kinsman.
- iv. ROXANNA, } twins, b. Feb. 28, 1809, { m. Feb. 10, 1829, Joshua H. Holden.
- v. DEBORAH, } { d. March 1, 1809.



- vi. HANNAH, b. March 28, 1812; m. April 27, 1830, Luther Baker, and d. Oct. 24, 1834.

183. JONAS<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*John*<sup>6</sup>, *Jonas*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. March 21, 1777; m. Achsah Haynes, b. June 29, 1781; d. Jan. 12, 1863. He d. Jan. 16, 1824. They res. in Westminster. Children:—

- i. BETSEY, b. March 28, 1802; m. John Taylor, res. Preston, N. Y. Ch. John; Harriet; Alfred; Mary; Emily; and Charles.
- ii. ACHSAH, b. Dec. 28, 1805; m. John Sawin, and d. Oct. 17, 1832, leaving one dau. Frances.
- iii. MARY, b. Nov. 4, 1808; m. John Sawin, and d. April 1, 1845, leaving Caroline; Addie; Harrison and Emily.
349. iv. JONAS, b. Sept. 12, 1811; m. July 23, 1832, Martha Edgell, Sarah Nichols, and Betsey Stiles.
- v. LORENZA, b. Nov. 18, 1816; m. Abraham Sawin, b. Sept. 28, 1813. Ch. Addie S., b. June 11, 1835, m. Laban W. Wright; Jonas P., b. July 23, 1842, m. Sarah Metcalf; Alfred S., b. May 11, 1850, m. Celia A. Bigelow.
350. vi. SYLVESTER K., b. April 11, 1820; m. Susan Jackson and Nellie L. West.
351. vii. BENJAMIN F., b. Oct. 12, 1822; m. Edna Coleman, Rebecca Adams and Almira Davison.

184. JONAS<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Solomon*<sup>6</sup>, *Jonas*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Nov. 16, 1766; m. Lydia Prentice, b. April 17, 1771. d. Sept. 6, 1865. He d. Jan., 1833. They res. in Lexington and joined the precinct church in Cambridge (now Arlington). They outlived their covenant in this church Oct. 20, 1805, and on this date the wife Lydia was again baptized. They were both admitted to the precinct church, Aug. 28, 1808. He was precinct assessor 1805-07. Children:—

- i. ANNA D., b. Oct., 1792; m. April 14, 1814, Alfred Locke.
352. ii. JONAS, b. Sept., 1794; m. Mary T. Livingston.
353. iii. GEORGE, b. Aug., 1796; m. Harriet Russell.
- iv. ROXA, b. Aug., 1799; m. Sept. 30, 1821, Alfred Brooks of Lexington.
354. v. EBENEZER P., b. Aug., 1802; m. Elizabeth R. Brown.
- vi. SARAH P., b. Jan., 1804; m. Aug. 29, 1824, Daniel Grant of Lowell.
355. vii. THOMAS P., b. May 28, 1806; bap. June 15, 1806; m. Emeline Locke and Harriet Locke.
356. viii. JOHN A. P., b. April 1, 1810; bap. May 27, 1810; m. Mary A. Locke.
- ix. AMANDA, b. May 20, 1813; m. ——— Morton of Arlington.
- x. ELIZABETH M., b. June, 1816; bap. Sept. 29, 1816, m. Nov. 24, 1836, Thomas Ramsdell, res. Arlington.
- xi. LYDIA, b. Dec. 25, 1790; m. Thomas Gould, b. 1785.

185. SAMUEL<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Solomon*<sup>6</sup>, *Jonas*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Jan. 10, 1772; m. March 20, 1796, Sophia Stedman, d. Aug. 3, 1841. They res. in W. Cambridge, Woburn and Medford, in which latter place he d. May 28, 1861. Children:—

357. i. CHARLES, b. Oct. 3, 1796; m. Charlotte Townsend and Ann Lunt.
- ii. CHARLOTTE, b. Oct. 2, 1798; d. March 22, 1832.
- iii. SOPHIA, b. Aug. 4, 1800; d. June 21, 1834.
- iv. MARY, b. Nov. 4, 1802; d. Oct. 5, 1831.

- v. SAMUEL, b. Jan. 17, 1805.
358. vi. JOHN L., b. March 26, 1807; m. Lydia ———.
- vii. SUSAN, b. May 4, 1810; m. Joshua G. Floyd.
- viii. ANNA, b. April 13, 1812; m. Dec. 5, 1831, William Metcalf of Medford. Ch. William and Andrew.
359. ix. JAMES, b. May 1, 1815; m. Mary A. Sawyer, Almira J. Sawyer and Malvina F. Whitman.
360. x. OLIVER, b. Feb. 28, 1817; m. Mary A. Small.
- xi. ELMIRA, b. July 3, 1822; m. June 5, 1842, Edward Stover. Ch. Sarah, b. Sept. 1, 1844, d. Jan. 13, 1853; Rosella, b. Oct. 31, 1845, m. Edward E. Upham; Edward H., b. Nov. 24, 1847, d. May 2, 1864; George W., b. May 4, 1850, m. Louisa Russell; Nelson, b. Feb. 19, 1855, d. March 28, 1855; Charles, b. Jan. 4, 1859, d. May 1, 1859; Ella, b. Aug. 27, 1860. Res. Arlington.
361. ABELIA<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Solomon<sup>6</sup>, Jonas<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, Ann<sup>1</sup>*). b. March 11, 1775; m. Lucy Emery of Winchendon. He d. Oct. 11, 1843. They res. in Winchendon. Children:—
- i. ROSANNA A., b. Oct. 9, 1826; d. Nov. 22, 1865.
  - ii. LUCY A., b. Sept. 4, 1828.
  - iii. FRANCES E., b. Aug. 22, 1830; d. Jan. 15, 1867.
  - iv. SUSAN M., b. Nov. 4, 1832; d. Aug. 31, 1833.
361. v. WILLIAM L., b. June 27, 1834; m. Alice Danielson.
- vi. JOHN O., b. Sept. 5, 1836; d. Jan. 26, 1858.
  - vii. SUSAN M., b. Sept. 2, 1838; d. Oct. 4, 1869.
  - viii. SELINA H., b. Feb. 8, 1841; unm. Res. Milford, N. H.
  - ix. HELEN E., b. Oct. 9, 1843; d. Oct. 5, 1867.
362. THADDEUS<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Solomon<sup>6</sup>, Jonas<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*). b. April 8, 1781; m. Sept. 2, 1804, Lucy Learned, b. Apr. 14, 1780, d. July 2, 1837. They owned the covenant May 19, 1805. He d. April 5, 1838. They res. in Arlington. Children:—
- i. LUCY, b. May 19, 1805; d. unm. Nov. 2, 1878.
  - ii. MARY H., b. March 29, 1807; m. Hiram Welch, b. Oct. 31, 1802, d. Feb. 3, 1866. Ch. Mary E., b. May 9, 1830, m. Charles D. Folsom; Sarah E., b. April 18, 1841, d. March 6, 1845; Lucy A., b. July 16, 1835, d. Feb. 13, 1838.
362. iii. ROYAL, b. May 6, 1811; m. Mary Hall.
- iv. ELSIE A., b. March 25, 1809; m. May 5, 1831, Oliver Dickson, b. Aug. 29, 1805. She d. Oct. 5, 1839. Ch. Oliver, b. Jan. 26, 1832; Thaddeus P., b. Jan. 21, 1834, res. 26 Cambridge street, Charlestown; Elsie A., b. Aug. 24, 1837, d. Feb. 4, 1868.
363. v. THADDEUS, b. Aug. 17, 1814; m. Sarah Sparrow.
- vi. JOHN B. L., b. July 7, 1820; res. Malden.
  - vii. CHARLOTTE, b. Nov. 29, 1818; m. a Vinton, and she d. Oct. 29, 1861.
  - viii. JOSEPH C., b. Jan. 16, 1826; d. Jan. 29, 1856.
364. 188. WILLIAM<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Solomon<sup>6</sup>, Jonas<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*). b. Jan. 2, 1786; m. 1808, Elizabeth Floyd, b. 1778, July 3, 1816; m. 2nd. Apr., 1817, Sarah Perslins, b. 1789, d. May 3, 1859; m. 3rd. Feb. 28, 1860, Caroline M. Mansfield. He d. Mar. 9, 1878. William Peirce celebrated his 90th birthday in 1876. His original farm was situated between Malden and Everett, and known as the "Dexter Farm," embracing one hundred acres, and cost \$5,000. He sold parcels of it for \$40,000, and his taxes on the remainder for 1875 were \$1230. The original tax, including the minister's tax, in

1813, was \$127. In 1876 he had living four children, eleven grand-children, and eight great-grandchildren. It is said that Mr. Peirce paid toll over the Charlestown and Malden bridges to the amount of \$5,000. They res. in Malden and Medford. Children:—

- i. ELIZA A., b. Mar. 1, 1809; m. Feb. 7, 1837, William Baldwin, b. 1808, d. Oct. 29, 1851.
- ii. SUSAN, b. Nov. 3, 1811; m. Nov. 3, 1835, Samuel H. Clapp, b. Nov. 5, 1813. Ch. b. in Everett, Edward Everett, b. 1837, lived in Pittsburgh, Pa. In the War of the Rebellion he was Captain in a Pennsylvania Regiment, and was killed on one of the battlefields.\* He was first shot in the wrist, and was urged to go to the rear, but he refused, saying that his post of duty was with his company; very soon after a ball passed through his head, killing him instantly. He was greatly beloved by his associates—business and social, and, on his departure with his regiment, a military outfit was presented to him by his Sunday-school scholars; Sarah E., b. Apr. 17, 1839, m. George Whittier; Adeline P., b. July 5, 1841, m. F. W. Atkins; Lucy J., b. Mar. 12, 1844; Abby F., b. Dec. 21, 1845, m. J. E. Mann.
364. iii. WILLIAM, b. Dec. 21, 1813; m. Elizabeth Baldwin and Elizabeth Arnold.
- iv. ADELINE, b. June 3, 1816; m. Sept. 6, 1849, Lewis P. True. Ch. Louisa A., b. Dec. 21, 1850, m. Samuel Freeman; Edward L., b. July 28, 1852.
- v. JACOB P., b. Jan. 13, 1818; d. Nov. 13, 1835.
- vi. WILLIAM S., b. Sept. 11, 1819; d. Sept. 14, 1819.
365. vii. GEORGE W., b. Aug. 3, 1820; m. Eliza Wiley and Esther Wiley.

189. WILLIAM<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*William<sup>6</sup>, Jonathan<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Nov. 1, 1789; m. Aug. 26, 1816, Harriet E. Elliott, b. Apr. 13, 1792. She m. 2nd, July 20, 1823, Caleb Drew, d. Mar. 4, 1842, æ 62. She d. Nov. 27, 1850. He d. Aug. 27, 1819. They res. in Boston. Children:—

- i. WILLIAM, b. Nov. 26, 1817; d. Sept., 1818.
366. ii. WILLIAM W., b. Jan. 5, 1819; m. Emma (Mumler) Abbott.

190. FRANCIS<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*William<sup>6</sup>, Jonathan<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Feb. 15, 1798; m. Nov. 30, 1826, Betsey Broomer, b. July 7, 1805, d. Aug. 18, 1846. He d. in Boston Feb. 24, 1877. He was educated in the common schools. Learned the trade of blacksmith of Daniel Emerson of Waltham; was in the market business in Boston a short time; kept a store in Tiverton, R. I., for about a year; was a machinist in Fall River for several years. He moved with a young wife and two small children to Mina, Chautauqua Co., New York, going to New York city and up the Hudson by sloop, and thence by canal and teams to a farm in Mina. After a brief stay here, about 1832 he removed to Elk Creek, Erie Co., Penn. Here he lived until 1846 as farmer, blacksmith, schoolmaster, temperance lecturer and country merchant, when he moved to Clarksville, Pa., where he was a partner for a short time in a firm engaged in mining coal and selling merchandise. About the year 1849 he went with his eldest son to the Menowinee Country, Wis. Here he took up land as

\* Battle of Spottsylvania Court-House, May 8, 1864.

pioneer and helped make what is now Pine River a habitable abode for a civilized man. He died in 1877 and his simple monument now stands on a beautiful ridge, used less than thirty years ago by the red man as a chosen road for safety and observation. Nearly eighty years Francis Peirce had of this life, and nature had wonderfully fitted him to enjoy it. Convivial in his disposition, ardent in his temperament, quick in mind and person, alive to friendship and to love, passionately fond of literature, a worshipper at the shrine of nature; under more favorable circumstances, or with a mind more concentrated or better fitted to achieve wealth or distinction, Francis Peirce would have made an enduring mark upon his time. He was a natural orator, and many good judges are now alive who could testify to his eloquence; "chill fury," although she ever had her hand upon him, never "repressed his noble rage" or "froze the genial current of his soul." He fought to the last, a strong type of the American free citizen, who felt his worth in every drop of his blood, and though in poverty and comparative obscurity he passed a long life, still those who come after him are better that he has lived, and this must be his only fame.

Children:—

367. i. OLIVER, b. Jan. 4, 1828; m. Sarah E. Kimball.
368. ii. WILLIAM, b. Aug. 30, 1829; m. Elizabeth P. Allen.
- iii. JAMES, b. Aug. 11, 1831; d. 1838.
- iv. LYDIA, b. June 25, 1833; m. Aug. 31, 1871, Grovenor Allen, and d. July 25, 1872, s. p.
- v. MARY, b. Feb. 16, 1835; d. Sept. 8, 1866.
- vi. GEORGE, b. Mar. 25, 1838; d. Aug. 31, 1838.
- vii. CAROLINE, b. July 4, 1839; m. Sept. 10, 1865, Ezra F. Stuntz, b. Oct. 8, 1838. Ch. b. in Lundy's Lane, Pa., Sarah E., b. Aug. 2, 1866; Mina, b. Jan. 16, 1868; Mary P., b. July 2, 1870; George F. S., b. July 7, 1877.
- 369 viii. EDGAR, b. May 6, 1841; m. Mary M. Wells.
- ix. HARRIET, b. Sept. 6, 1843; m. May 14, 1868, Alexander McDowell, b. Apr. 8, 1841. Ch. Edgar P., b. Feb. 23, 1869, d. May 6, 1869; William O., b. Apr. 23, 1870; John E., b. Oct. 23, 1871; Edgar, b. Apr. 25, 1875. Res. Ashland, Ohio.

191. ISAAC M.<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*William*<sup>6</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. June 14, 1800; m. May 11, 1825, Susan Ross. d. Aug. 24, 1834. They res. in E. Boston. Children:—

- i. GEORGE H., b. Oct. 8, 1826; m. Sept. 10, 1850, Sophia J. Harville; res. Concord, Mass.
- ii. MARY A., b. Sept. 19, 1828; m. William Wooley; res. E. Boston.
- iii. MARIA M., b. Nov. 25, 1830; m. Dec. 10, 1859, James L. Wiggins; res. E. Boston.
- iv. SARAH E. L., b. Mar. 10, 1832; d. young.

192. HENRY<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*William*<sup>6</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Oct. 2, 1807; m. Jan. 21, 1833, Louisa A. Bayley, Mar. 1, 1807. His ancestors were among the first settlers of Waltham, from which Waltham was taken. He was of the seventh generation of his family who had made their home on Massachusetts soil. For more than two hundred years the smoke of their dwellings could be seen from Beaver Brook, the bright stream which winds along the eastern edge of Waltham Plain. They did their part in subduing the



savage wilderness and still more savage red man ; and when the fire of the Revolution broke out, William, the father of Henry, shouldered his musket and gave his best efforts for the cause of the colonies. The mother of Henry was a fugitive with her parents from the flames of burning Charlestown. She was a woman of a light type. Never rich, she had a firm and independent mind, full of probity and self-reliance. Abhorring shams, she was what she seemed to be, and, respecting herself, she gave others that measure of respect which belonged to them for their merits. She gave her years to her large family and lived to see her stout sons grow up to regard her with the veneration due her virtues.

The subject of this sketch was her sixth son and is the last now (1878) living of her children. The old church-going freeholders of his race in early times had not in all their line a more perfect representative of staunch, steadfast, manly integrity than he. His education was of the common school. His knowledge has been gained and his character formed in the conflicts of the world of business. He began his labors with George Murdock, a grocer of his native town. For seven years he performed the duties of his place. In 1828 he went to Lowell, a town then rising in importance, and engaged in the baking business. There, for nearly nine years as partner in an enterprising and successful firm, he exercised his abilities and industry. He came to Boston in 1837, entered into partnership with Elbridge Wason and began business as a wholesale grocer at 61 Chatham street, where he has remained to the present time (1880). For more than forty years Henry Peirce has kept the even tenor of his way. Not exempt from losses, at times large, nor from all the countless stringencies and struggles incident to the prosecution of a widely extended business, he has always labored on, meeting every engagement, fulfilling every obligation, and wherever he is known meeting that confidence and respect that purity of life and honesty of purpose must ever inspire. He removed his residence from Charles street to Brookline in 1860, where he now lives, filled with good will towards all honest men ; content to claim only for himself the merit that belongs to good intentions and manly effort. His numerous friends hope he may live long to enjoy that competence he has so fairly and honorably earned.

Before closing this sketch, it may be well for all who read these lines, to reflect how large a volume might be made in recording the career of a man like Henry Peirce, who is only a type of the straightforward, high minded Boston merchant. Such as he, labor not for wealth alone nor for business reputation. They have not the hope of the brilliant prizes of public life to sustain them in their struggles through the dark days of business adversity. More or less consciously, they work because they feel it to be a duty. They have too much self-respect to waste their time in frivolous pursuits. Long after they have obtained a pecuniary independence they labor on, feeling that the world must somehow be better for their labor. And what burdens such men bear ! Who that has not experienced can fitly portray them ? Sneered at often by those they help the most, they rally in times of distress and

the fruits of their toil to lift the world to a higher plane, knowing that the approval of the "still, small voice" must be their sole reward. They res. in Brookline. Children:—

- i. HENRY, b. Oct. 25, 1833; d. Nov. 30, 1833.
- ii. HENRY E., b. Apr. 13, 1835; m. Ann E. Holt.
- iii. WILLIAM O., b. Sept. 4, 1837; unm.
- iv. HELEN L., b. Feb. 21, 1843; d. Apr. 6, 1855.

93. Hon. ANDREW<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Andrew*<sup>6</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>5</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>). b. Feb. 14, 1792; m. Aug. 11, 1811, Betsey Wentworth. b. April 7, 1791, d. Dec. 22, 1864. Mrs. Betsey Wentworth Peirce, a descendant of Governor Wentworth, of New Hampshire, was a remarkable woman. The following is taken from the *Dover Gazette*, of Jan. 1, 1865. "Mrs. Peirce was widely known and more eminent in all those qualities of mind and heart and life which give an endearment, a charm, and a sacredness to home; and in the capacities of wife, mother, sister and friend, her life-ministry has been blessed above the ordinary measure which is accorded to the excellent of earth. Endowed largely by nature with those varied gifts which combine the excellency of the character of woman, she bore them nobly yet sweetly through all the duties of a protracted and varied life. Supereminently hers was 'the adorning of a meek and quiet spirit, which in the sight of God is of great price;' and by its hallowing power she moved in the circle of home, in the neighborhood, and through the range of her acquaintance, in a mission of sympathy and beneficence which was never weary of well-doing."

He d. March 29, 1850. Hon. Andrew Peirce was born in Gloucester, Mass. In early years he was a mariner and became master of a ship. In 1827, he became a merchant, and was engaged in trade and navigation till his death. At this time Dover was largely the distributing business place of Eastern New Hampshire, of Western Maine, and Southeastern Vermont and the Canadas. Mr. Peirce was a man of remarkable energy of character, and distinguished for sound and practical judgment. He was an efficient member of the State Senate, and he filled with honor to himself and usefulness to the public other important trusts. An article was published in the *Dover Gazette*, April 6, 1850, at the time of his decease, from which the following is taken:—

No death has occurred in our village for many years, which has been more generally and more deeply deplored, than will be that of the person whose death we record. For few indeed have exerted a milder or more kindly influence in the social relations of life, than he; and wherever he moved, it was to be respected and honored by those who knew him. Mr. Peirce was a native of Gloucester in Massachusetts; from an ancestry of strong and vigorous minds, the freest and most active qualities of which was his to inherit in an eminent degree. He had, however, been for many years a resident of this town; and has left the impress of his active business habits, and the common energy of his character, enstamped on the social relations and prosperity of the place. Possessed of a quick and keenly discern-

ing mind, he was ever wont to pursue whatever he deemed was right, with a firm and persevering step by which his aims were successfully accomplished; and his example as a man of promptness, probity, and honor, will be regarded as a rich legacy to the community in which he lived, while the poor and the suffering ever found in him a ready sympathy and a liberal hand.

As a public man Mr. Peirce had been called to fill various offices of honor and trust, and among them that of Senator in the Legislature of the State, all the duties of which were discharged with an aim to public good, and to the entire satisfaction of those who clothed him with official power. In his domestic relations Mr. Peirce enjoyed the highest respect and honor, because there he was most intimately known. As a husband and father, no man could live more highly prized. His interest in the welfare of his family was tender and intense through all circumstances; and the loss which they have suffered in his death, will be regarded by them as beyond repair."

He was educated in the Christian faith, and his devotion to the cause of religion was an example of liberal and cheerful faithfulness worthy to be followed. They res. in Dover, N. H. Children:—

- i. MARY A., b. June 8, 1812; m. Capt. William Robinson, d. Oct. 4, 1840.
371. ii. ANDREW, b. July 31, 1814; m. Rebecca W. Dunnaway and Mary F. Gilman.
- iii. MAHALA J., b. Aug. 8, 1816; d. July 20, 1818.
372. iv. THOMAS W., b. Aug. 16, 1818; m. Mary Curtis and Catherine C. Cook.
- v. JAMES W., b. Nov. 11, 1820; d. May 3, 1844, unm.
- vi. WILLIAM, b. April 7, 1823; d. Jan. 17, 1824.
- vii. WILLIAM, b. Dec. 19, 1824; m. Eliza J. Twombly, res. Topsfield, Mass., and d. Jan. 13, 1861.
- viii. ELIZABETH J., b. July 21, 1827; m. July 15, 1851, Benjamin F. Vittum, b. Sept. 5, 1827. Ch. Frank P., b. Oct. 23, 1852; Ellen A., b. July 3, 1867; Jeannie F., b. Dec. 3, 1858; George H., b. June 29, 1864. Res. Dover, N. H.
373. ix. GEORGE H., b. Feb. 15, 1829; m. Sarah J. Niles.
- x. LUCY D., b. Oct. 17, 1830. Res. Topsfield, and d. Nov. 18, 1872, unm.
- xi. MAHALA, b. Nov. 9, 1833; d. Aug. 21, 1835.

194. Hon. ANDREW<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Benjamin*<sup>6</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>5</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Dec. 18, 1785; m. Aug., 1808, Abigail Smith Osborne, b. Feb. 7, 1792, d. March 5, 1875. He d. in Dover, N. H., Sept. 14, 1862.

"Col. Peirce has at one time and another filled almost every office in the gift of the people of this place. For a period of years he was town clerk, afterwards for a time one of the selectmen, again he represented the town in the General Court. He was chosen to this office a greater number of times than any other citizen, with one exception. For two years, 1823-4, he was elected speaker of the house. Col. Peirce has also served as Senator from this district and also been a member of the Governor's Council. In 1840, was one of the candidates of the Whigs for Presidential elector, and about that time nominated by them as candidate for governor declining however to



Yours Truly  
Andrew Peiser



accept. In 1850, was a member of the State Convention to revise the Constitution. When this city was incorporated, Col. Peirce, as an honor especially due to him, was elected its first mayor. As respects minor capacities, Col. Peirce was for eighteen years the clerk of the courts of Strafford County (then embracing what is now Carroll and Benning Counties). For a long term of years he was president of the old Dover Bank, and afterwards for many years its cashier. In short, an honor that his fellow-townsmen and associates in business could do him, he has received. Of the first Congregational church in Deer, he was Deacon for twenty-four years. In politics, he was originally a democrat, and with that ardent love for his country that marked his life, and was breathed in his last prayers, he as captain led his company to the field on the occasion of Portsmouth being threatened in 1812. Subsequently until its dissolution he was a consistent member of the Whig party, and since then an earnest Republican. As a Christian he has been earnest and sincere; his Christianity has ever been the operative principle in his public life, which has been characterized by no less ability than honest patriotism and most ardent devotion to public good. As a neighbor it is only necessary to say, that his neighbors are all mourners, and his name is spoken with affection by the widow and orphan. To say after all this, that he was the kindest of husbands and fathers, would be but to multiply words. Peace to his ashes. When shall we see his like again."—[*Obituary by Rev. Elias H. Richardson of Dover, N. H.*] Children:—

- I. REBECCA E. W., b. Dec. 31, 1809; m. April 30, 1828, John H. White, res. Dover, N. H.
- II. ABIGAIL S., b. July 9, 1811; m. Sept. 5, 1832, Abraham Folsom, b. Sept. 19, 1805. Ch. Simeon P., b. Oct. 11, 1833, m. Eliza A. Millett and Lucia W. Nason; Mary A., b. Aug. 10, 1835, d. young; Lydia E., b. Sept. 2, 1837; Mary L., b. Oct. 22, 1839; Abraham W., b. Aug. 3, 1842, d. young; Isaac L., b. March 6, 1846, d. young; George B., b. March 24, 1848, d. young; Grace O., b. Aug. 2, 1853. Res. Boston.
- III. MARY A., b. April 7, 1813; d. Aug. 25, 1814.
- IV. CLARISSA W., b. Nov. 7, 1814; m. Sept. 6, 1836, John B. Hanson, res. St. Paul, Minn.
- V. LYDIA R., b. Jan. 5, 1817; m. Sept. 6, 1836, Caleb Duxbury, res. Lancaster, Mass.
- VI. JOSEPH A., b. Dec. 18, 1818; m. Ann E. Drew and Lucy Waldron.
- VII. JOHN O., b. Feb. 23, 1821; m. Harriet W. Wentworth.
- VIII. ELIZABETH J. B., b. June 21, 1823; m. Oct. 12, 1847, William Knox, res. Dover.
- IX. BENJAMIN P., b. Sept. 9, 1825; m. Elizabeth A. Twombly.
- X. JACOB K., b. May 28, 1827; m. Ann Wakeham and Fanny Macy, res. Dover, s. p.
- XI. OLIVE B., b. May 30, 1829; m. Nov. 27, 1845, Josiah B. Folsom, res. Dover.
- XII. MARY L. O., b. Jan. 29, 1832; m. June 14, 1854, John R. Rust, res. St. Johnsbury, Vt.
- XIII. HARRIET N., b. Dec. 15, 1838; m. John Kitteridge, res. Dover.
15. ALPHEUS<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Thomas<sup>8</sup>, Israel<sup>5</sup>, Benjamin<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Nov. 4, 1781; m. Rebecca Horn, b. June 20,

1780, d. Jan. 9, 1821; m. 2nd, Rebecca Felker, b. 1789, d. May 31, 1841. He d. Dec. 24, 1854. Res. Barnstead, N. H. Children:—

- i. WILLIAM H., b. July 6, 1813; m. Feb., 1839, Charlotte Langley, b. 1810, d. May 27, 1874, leaving Julia A., b. Jan. 31, 1840, m. Henry O. Huntress, res. Barnstead; Addie O., b. Jan. 22, 1844, m. Charles A. Hodsdon, res. Barnstead.
- ii. GEORGE, b. March 20, 1815; m., had three ch., and d. in Quincy, Mass.
- iii. MARK, b. April 5, 1818; m. April, 1843, Betsey Colbarth, b. 1815, d. April, 1865. Res. in Dover, N. H., and had three girls.
- iv. THOMAS H., b. April 20, 1820; d. July 18, 1844.
- v. ALPHEUS, b. March 5, 1822; d. Dec. 24, 1847, in Liverpool, Eng.
- vi. REBECCA H., b. June 8, 1824; m. Hiram Peirce of Georgetown, and d. Oct. 5, 1847.
- vii. BETSEY J., b. June 21, 1825; d. Dec., 1851.
- viii. SIMON W., b. Sept. 1, 1828; d. Dec., 1858, in Memphis, Tenn.
- 376½ ix. JOSEPH, b. Aug. 31, 1831; m. Miss Chick.

196. ISRAEL<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Israel<sup>6</sup>, Israel<sup>5</sup>, Benjamin<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Oct. 19, 1772; m. Nov. 13, 1800, Abigail Hall, b. March 13, 1782, d. May 1, 1859. He d. April 2, 1855. They res. in Barrington, N. H. Children:—

377. i. JOHN D., b. Feb. 28, 1811; m. Tamson H. Hall.
378. ii. HALL, b. Sept. 3, 1813; m. Sally Hall and Mrs. Sarah A. Woodman.
379. iii. MOSES, b. Oct. 8, 1819; m. Martha F. Young and Susan E. Dunton.
- iv. ABIGAIL, b. Sept. 2, 1801; m. May, 1818, Benjamin Church, and d. May 14, 1865.
- v. PLUMMER, b. June 21, 1817; d. Oct. 18, 1826.
- vi. ELIZA B., b. June 27, 1808; d. April 23, 1860.
- vii. ALFRED, b. July 14, 1823; m. Feb. 23, 1857, Mary A. Downs, b. 1830, d. 1862, res. Boston.
- viii. TAMSON H., b. Sept. 16, 1803; d. in Boston unm. March 29, 1867.
- ix. ALICE A., b. March 19, 1806; m. Daniel Peirce, and d. Sept. 17, 1849.

197. CURTIS<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Israel<sup>6</sup>, Israel<sup>5</sup>, Benjamin<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Oct. 27, 1777; m., 1799, Olive Woodhouse, b. Nov. 22, 1782, d. May, 1844. He d. 1837. They res. in Barrington, N. H. Children:—

- i. SALLY, b. Sept. 7, 1800; m. April 19, 1819, Mark Hill, and d. April 29, 1867. He d. March 31, 1879.
- ii. MARY D., b. Jan. 14, 1804; m. Nov. 29, 1821, Warren Langley, and d. Feb. 20, 1863. He d. April 26, 1864.
- iii. OLIVE W., b. Feb. 14, 1809; m. Sept. 28, 1831, Samuel Demeritt. He d. Aug. 25, 1862. She res. in Lee, N. H.
- iv. ELIZABETH B., b. Sept. 3, 1815; m. Oct. 22, 1850, Rufus Ham. and she d. Feb. 2, 1858. She res. in Somersworth, N. H.
- v. SUSAN J., b. July 7, 1821; m. Nov. 7, 1841, Samuel T. Buzzell. He d. April 27, 1867. She res. in Dover, N. H.
- vi. ALMIRA, b. July 2, 1823; res. unm. in Barrington.
- vii. JAMES B., b. May 21, 1807; m. Nov. 25, 1854, Mary A. (Geer) Bodge, b. 1817, d. April 27, 1856. He res. s. p. in Barrington.
380. viii. WILLIAM, b. May 28, 1813; m. Sarah Hanson.
381. ix. JOHN I., b. Oct. 2, 1818; m. Phebe H. Ham.
- x. ANDREW D., b. Oct. 16, 1826; m. March 5, 1857, Sarah A.

Demeritt, b. April 17, 1832, res. in Barrington, N. H., and d. s. p. July 24, 1870.

xi. JOHN W., b. Dec. 10, 1805; d. April 17, 1806.

xii. CURTIS, b. Aug. 13, 1811; d. Oct. 15, 1811.

98. NATHANIEL<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Nathaniel<sup>6</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>5</sup>, Ichabod<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Robert<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. April 3, 1760; m. Oct. 8, 1786, Nancy Woodbury, b. 1768, d. July 23, 1823. He d. June 17, 1813. They res. in Beverly. Children:—

i. NANCY, b. June 15, 1789; d. Jan. 5, 1809.

ii. HULDAH, b. June 27, 1791.

iii. PHEBE, b. April 26, 1793; d. Sept. 1, 1834.

iv. ELIZA, b. Feb. 6, 1796; d. Sept. 12, 1805.

v. SALLY, b. June 25, 1798; m. Israel Sheldon.

vi. IRENE, b. Oct. 21, 1800; d. Jan. 11, 1847.

vii. LUCINDA, b. Oct. 24, 1804; m. May 17, 1829, Edwin Sheldon, and d. June 29, 1834.

viii. NANCY, b. Sept. 28, 1812; m. April 28, 1836, Edwin Sheldon, and d. April 9, 1847.

99. JOHN<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Nathaniel<sup>6</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>5</sup>, Ichabod<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Robert<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Nov. 12, 1762; m. Feb. 1, 1798, Lydia Batchelder, b. Jan. 1, 1775, d. Oct. 10, 1855. He d. Nov. 10, 1848. They res. in Havers. They adopted their nephew:—

100. I. JOHN B., b. Nov. 26, 1803; m. Sarah A. Hollowell and Mehitable C. Hollowell.

John Batchelder was the adopted son of John and Lydia (Batchelder) Peirce (her nephew), John was born Nov. 26, 1803, the son of Andrews and Ruth (Putnam) Batchelder. His mother died of consumption and he took the name of Peirce. At the age of 14 he went into a grocery store to learn the business. Is at present (1878) head of the firm of Peirce, Dana & Co., wholesale grocers on Broad street, Boston, (since retired).

100. Prof. BENJAMIN O.<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Benjamin<sup>6</sup>, Benjamin<sup>5</sup>, Jeremiah<sup>4</sup>, Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Robert<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Sept. 26, 1812; m. June 15, 1841, Mehitable O. Seccomb, b. May 3, 1821. They res. at 413 Broadway, Cambridge, Mass.

The subject of this sketch was born in Beverly, Mass., where he was educated at the public schools and fitted for college. He entered Colby University at Waterville, Maine, and was graduated in the class of 1835. From the spring of 1835 to the fall of 1837 he was engaged in teaching in the New Hampton Literary and Theological Institute. Disease of the throat and lungs, with hemorrhage at this time incapacitated him for work in a northern climate, and in the winter of 1837 he went to Georgia and took charge of a Seminary for Young Ladies in Madison. In 1840 he received the appointment of Professor of Chemistry and Natural Philosophy in Mercer University, with which institution he remained connected for some years, when in 1849 the failing health of his family made it necessary that he should return north. After a little interval he gave his attention to mercantile matters, with which the larger part of his time has since been occupied. During a seven years' residence in Cambridge he busied himself as opportunity offered, in gathering such information concerning the genealogy of the Watertown Peirces as the various public records in

the vicinity afforded, communicating freely with Prof. James Mills Peirce of Harvard College, who (as well as his brother Charles), had before interested himself in the same work. The results of these researches so far as regards our common ancestry the author has fully learned from him. He removed from Cambridge to Beverly in 1879, where he now resides.

Children:—

- i. EMILY R. O., b. Penfield, Ga., Apr. 8, 1842.
- ii. MARY O., b. Jan. 3, 1849; d. Sept. 18, 1849.
- iii. BENJAMIN O., b. Feb. 11, 1854. He was graduated at Harvard University in the class of 1876, and is now (1880) pursuing his studies in Berlin, Germany.

201. Prof. BENJAMIN<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE, LL.D., F.R.S. (*Benjamin<sup>6</sup>, Jerahmeel<sup>5</sup>, Jerahmeel<sup>4</sup>, Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Robert<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Apr. 4, 1809; m. July 23, 1833, Sarah H. Mills. Benjamin Peirce, senior, the first scholar in the class of 1801, was the son of one of the principal merchants of Salem (a place of leading commercial importance half a century ago), and was himself a merchant in that city for many years. "Through his whole life he was uniformly distinguished for that first of all social virtues—integrity." He took an active interest in public affairs, and was for a considerable time a member of the General Court. A devoted love of letters and a deep attachment to the place of his instruction always distinguished him; and in 1826, having had reverses in business, he gladly availed himself of the opportunity of indulging his cherished tastes, presented in his appointment as Librarian to the University. He discharged the duties of that office with ability and zeal, and issued, during the years 1830–31, a Catalogue of the Library in four octavo volumes, a very important publication in its day. He died in July, 1831, leaving, in manuscript, a History of Harvard University down to the period of the Revolution, which appeared in 1833, under the editorship of the author's intimate friend, the distinguished John Pickering.

"The subject of this notice was prepared for college, which he entered in 1825, at private schools,—first under the instruction of Mr. Walsh, at Salem, and afterwards at Rev. Mr. Putnam's academy, at North Andover. In College he devoted himself deeply to Mathematics, carrying his study far beyond the then narrow limits of the college course. Thus, he attended the lectures of Francis Grund in the higher mathematics, and he was a frequent visitor to Dr. Bowditch, from whom he received most valuable instruction in geometry and analysis, as well as important direction in the development of his scientific powers. After his graduation, in 1829, he took the position of mathematical teacher at the Round Hill School, at Northampton, then under the charge of Joseph G. Cogswell and George Bancroft. In 1831 he returned to Cambridge, having been appointed Tutor in Mathematics in Harvard College, where he was at once entrusted with the full charge of that department. In 1833 he was appointed University Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy; and on





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the 23d. of July of the same year he was married to Sarah Hunt Mills, daughter of Hon. Elijah Hunt Mills, of Northampton, United States Senator from Massachusetts from 1820 to 1827. In 1842, on the establishment of the Perkins Professorship of Mathematics and Astronomy, Professor Peirce was appointed to that chair, which he still occupies. From the time of his first coming to Cambridge as a Tutor, Mr. Peirce exerted himself to improve, modernize, and extend the teaching of mathematics in the College: to give it a form which should promote the development of real mathematical power and the serious pursuit of mathematics as a living science; and to secure the necessary condition of the attainment of these objects and of the advancement of higher learning in all its branches, in the establishment and extension of the elective system, of which he has always been one of the warmest advocates.

On the foundation of the American Ephemeris and Nautical Almanac by the United States Government, in 1850, Professor Peirce was made the director of the theoretical department of that work, with the title of Consulting Astronomer, a charge which he continued to hold till 1867. The office of the Almanac was, during the greater part of that period, at Cambridge, first under the superintendency of Lieutenant (now Admiral) Davis, and afterwards under that of Professor Winlock. From 1852 to 1867 he had the direction of the longitude determinations of the United States Coast Survey. He was also frequently consulted concerning the whole scientific conduct of that great work, and he was appointed its Superintendent, on the death of Professor Bache, in the spring of 1867. The survey made important progress under his administration. In March, 1874, he resigned the office of Superintendent, and was appointed Consulting Geometer to the Survey.

Professor Peirce has published a 'Treatise on Sound' (1836), a 'Course of Pure Mathematics' in five volumes (1835-46), 'Tables of the Moon' (1853), 'Analytic Mechanics' (1855), 'Linear Associative Algebra' (lithographed, 1870), and many contributions to scientific periodicals and to the publications of learned societies. Among these may be specified his memoirs on the discovery of Neptune, the investigations of the orbit and mass of that planet by Professor Peirce and M. S. C. Walker, several papers on the constitution of Saturn's rings, and those on the constitution of comets, and on the criterion for the rejection of doubtful observations.

In 1847 the University of North Carolina conferred on Professor Peirce the degree of LL.D.; and he received the same distinction from Harvard University in 1867. He is also an Honorary Fellow of the University of St. Wladimir, at Kiev. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the American Philosophical Society, the American Association for the Advancement of Science (of which he was President for 1853, the fifth year of its existence), the Royal Societies of London, Edinburgh, and Göttingen, and the Royal Astronomical Society."

[From the "*Harvard Book*" (published 1875). Vol. I. pp. 12-73.]

They res. in Cambridge. Children :—

- i. JAMES M., b. May 1, 1834; unm.

"James Mills Peirce, eldest son of Professor Benjamin Peirce, was born at Cambridge, May 1, 1834. He was prepared for college at the Hopkins Classical School (E. B. Whitman, principal), and was graduated in 1853.\* He was a Tutor in Mathematics in this University from 1854 to 1858, and was a proctor (occasionally serving as a tutor) from 1858 to 1861. During the year 1853-54, he was a member of the Dane Law School; and for the three years 1856-9, he was a member of the Divinity School. He was made Assistant Professor of Mathematics in 1861, and in 1869 was appointed to the office which he now holds, of University Professor of Mathematics."

—[*"The Harvard Book,"* Vol. I, p. 193.]

Author of *A Text-book of Analytical Geometry* (Cambridge, 1857), *Elements of Logarithms, Three and Four Place Tables*.

- ii. CHARLES S., b. Sept. 10, 1839; m. Zina Fay.†

He was graduated at Harvard University in the class of 1859; author of *The Logic of Relatives* in the *Memoirs* of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences for 1870; of various papers on logic, published in the *Proceedings* of that Academy and in the *Journal of Speculative Philosophy*; and of courses of lectures on logic and the scholastic philosophy, delivered before the Lowell Institute, at Boston, and at Harvard University about 1869; also of a *Memoir on Observations of the Light of the Fixed Stars*, presented to the American Academy in 1875. He is now (1876) in the Service of the United States Coast Survey, engaged in pendulum experiments to determine the density of the earth. *App. Enc.*

- iii. BENJAMIN M., b. Mar. 19, 1844; gr. H. C. 1865; d. unm. Apr. 22, 1870.  
iv. HELEN M., b. Nov. 30, 1845; m. Jan. 10, 1870, William R. Ellis; they have had five children, three of whom are now living.  
v. HERBERT H. D., b. Apr. 11, 1849.

202. WILLIAM<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Samuel*<sup>6</sup>, *John*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>4</sup>, *John*<sup>3</sup>, *John*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. July 13, 1785; m. Jan. 8, 1811, Polly Botsford, b. 1786, d. Oct. 2, 1852. He d. July 5, 1852. Children :—

383. i. DAVID, b. Jan. 29, 1815; m. Mary Etta Lewis.

- ii. MARY E., b. Jan. 4, 1823; m. March 1, 1848, Samuel L. Bloss of Bethlehem, Conn., and died May, 1861.

\* It appears that Harvard, like Yale, has in one respect a "famous class" of 1853. This class has furnished to the college more officers than any other class—President Eliot, John Quincy Adams of the corporation, Adams S. Hill, professor of rhetoric; James M. Peirce, professor of mathematics; James C. White, professor of dermatology, and Justin Winsor, librarian. Two other members have been officers—Ellis Peterson, assistant professor of philosophy, now supervisor of the public schools of Boston, and Elbridge J. Cutler, who died in 1870, while in office as assistant professor of modern languages.

† Mrs. Zina Fay Peirce, who gained some celebrity a few years ago by a series of articles on "Cooperative Housekeeping," has written a pretty severe review of "Daniel Deronda." She dislikes George Eliot's no-religion. Mrs. Peirce was once an intense Democrat, and refused to sit on the platform of a meeting of women with Horace Greeley. She is the daughter-in-law of Professor Peirce of Harvard College.—*New York Graphic*.

- iii. SAMUEL, b. 1814; d. Nov. 6, 1815.
- iv. CATHERINE, d. Nov. 6, 1815.
- v. WILLIAM J., b. 1820; d. Oct. 3, 1846.

33. JOHN<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Samuel<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Oct. 30, 1789; m. Jan. 1, 1818, Olive Platt, b. May 5, 1799, d. Dec. 10, 1869. They res. in South Britain, Conn. Children:—

- i. JOHN, b. Nov. 26, 1831; d. March 9, 1838.
- ii. JOHN, b. May 31, 1839; m. Caroline E. Gurlick.

34. Rev. GEORGE E.<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Samuel<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Sept. 9, 1794; m. Dec. 1, 1824, Susan Rockwell, b. Feb. 28, 1802, d. March 4, 1875. He d. May 28, 1871. They res. in Hudson, Ohio. An extract from the minutes of the Board of Trustees of the Western Reserve College, at their meeting June 27, 1871:—

"WHEREAS, The death of Rev'd Dr. Peirce has occurred since the last meeting of the Board, and whereas the event affords suitable occasion for the Board, some of whom were his associates for years in the management of the college, to express their estimate of his work; therefore,

Resolved, That the following minute be recorded as a testimonial of our personal respect and high appreciation of his character, ability and services during his long life among us.

Resolved, also, That a copy of these proceedings be presented to the family of Dr. Peirce, as an expression of sincere sympathy with them in their great affliction."

George Edmond Peirce was born in Southbury, Conn., Sept. 9, 1794, and died in Hudson, Ohio, May 28, 1871. He was graduated at Yale College in 1816, at the age of 22, taught an academy two years in Newfield, and afterwards pursued theological studies three years in Andover, Mass., Theological Seminary.

He was ordained and installed at Harwinton, Conn., July 10, 1822, where his ministry of twelve years was eminently successful. He received the degree of Doctor of Divinity from Middlebury College in 1838. He became President of Western Reserve College in 1834, and retired in 1855. Twenty-one years of the vigor of his manhood were given to the service of the college. His work for it was self-sacrificing, arduous, faithful, patient, and successful. Under his administration the college took its place for thoroughness and completeness among the best of the land. He associated with himself an able faculty, ample grounds were secured, buildings erected, apparatus obtained and a fund of \$60,000 established for the permanent support of the institution. In the later years of his life he manifested great interest in the prosperity of the college. Whatever clouds had been over his mind with regard to it, had passed away. He rejoiced in its progress, and in the assurance thus afforded that his main life-work had not been in vain. Substantial foundations had been laid, on which his successors might build, and the college remain a permanent blessing to the church and the world. (A true copy, Wm. PETTINGELL, Recording Secretary). Children:—

- 35. i. CHARLES R., b. Dec. 23, 1825; m. Orriell C. Treat.
- 36. ii. JOHN, b. May 10, 1829; m. Frances S. Moffatt.
- iii. GEORGE E., b. Sept. 17, 1832; unm. Res. Denver, Col.



- iv. SAMUEL, b. March 12, 1834; d. March 29, 1834.
  - 387. v. WILLIAM H., b. Jan. 17, 1838; m. Emma Grout.
  - vi. CHARLOTTE R., b. May 1, 1842; m. June 1, 1871, Avery Gallop.  
Ch. George Peirce, b. June 14, 1872, d. May 27, 1873; Frederick  
Cushman, b. Nov. 7, 1873. They res. in Denver, Col.
205. AMIAL P.<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Titus*<sup>6</sup>, *John*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>4</sup>, *John*<sup>3</sup>, *John*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. April 19, 1783; m. May 14, 1806, Electa Blackman, b. 1788, d. Jan. 10, 1847. He d. Oct. 24, 1863. They res. in Wakeman, Ohio. Children:—
- 388. i. LEMUEL B., b. Sept. 17, 1807; m. Eunice Buss and Marietta Hyde.
  - 388½ ii. BENNET, b. May 9, 1810; m. Nancy Maria Clary.
  - 389. iii. MINOT, b. June 2, 1813; m. Susan L. Curtis.
  - iv. DAVID A., b. April 20, 1819; d. Oct. 2, 1822.
  - v. ANNE A., b. July 6, 1816; m. Dr. H. Johnson, and res. in Oberlin, Ohio.
  - 390. vi. DAVID S., b. May 11, 1824; m. Julia A. Bruce.
  - vii. FANNY M., b. Jan. 18, 1826; m. Horace Beecher, and d. May 31, 1874. They res. in Wakeman, Ohio.
  - viii. WILLIAM P., b. Nov. 18, 1828; d. June 27, 1831.
206. JOEL<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Joel*<sup>6</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>4</sup>, *John*<sup>3</sup>, *John*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. June 7, 1794; m. May 9, 1814, Nancy A. Sherman, b. Dec. 24, 1789, d. March 13, 1846. He d. Aug. 7, 1847. They res. in Ottawa, Ill. Children:—
- i. MARIETTE, b. Dec. 9, 1815; m. Oct. 15, 1837, Garwood Bishop, b. June 14, 1814. Ch. Julia E., b. Aug. 1, 1838, m. Coley James; Grace A., b. June 3, 1848. Res. Salisbury, Conn.
  - ii. ELIJAH S., b. Nov. 24, 1817; d. July 17, 1822.
  - iii. JOEL F., b. Feb. 8, 1822.
  - iv. CHARLOTTE, b. Aug. 19, 1820; d. Jan. 21, 1821.
  - v. CHARLOTTE A., b. May 5, 1824; m. Henry Vader.
  - vi. NANCY A., b. Nov. 26, 1826; m. June 8, 1851, F. W. Rowe, b. Jan. 27, 1828. Ch. Ella J., b. June 17, 1852, m. A. T. Bartels; George P., b. June 29, 1854, d. Nov. 5, 1863; Effie A., b. Aug. 21, 1856. Res. Ottawa, Ill.
  - vii. AARON, b. May 2, 1831; d. Sept. 22, 1848.
  - 391. viii. ELIJAH S., b. Feb. 28, 1829; m. Nov. 28, 1850, Elizabeth S. Main, b. July 9, 1831.
  - ix. EMILY A., b. Nov. 20, 1835; m. Judson S. Langdon, of Schenectady, N. Y.
  - 392. x. GEORGE W., b. April 15, 1833; m. March 28, 1856, Amanda E. Beers.
207. ERASTUS<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Joel*<sup>6</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>4</sup>, *John*<sup>3</sup>, *John*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Feb. 26, 1797; m. Feb. 13, 1833, Elsoie Platt, b. Sept. 2, 1804, d. Feb. 16, 1875. He res. in South Britain, Conn., and d. there June 30, 1879. He was Representative to the General Court, selectman, justice of the Peace, and assessor, each for a number of years. Children:—
- 393. i. GRANVILLE T., b. Sept. 28, 1834; m. Henrietta Judson, gr. Yale College, 1851.
  - 394. ii. DAVID F., b. April 27, 1840; m. Eliza Bradley.
208. NOBLE A.<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Abraham*<sup>6</sup>, *Abraham*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>4</sup>, *John*<sup>3</sup>,

*John*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), m. Lydia Gridley, b. 1783, d. May 29, 1874. They res. in Bristol, R. I. Children:—

- i. EDWARD N.; m. Henrietta L. Thompson.
- ii. SOPHRONIA; m. March 10, 1839, Jared Goodrich.
- iii. ANTOINETTE.

96. iv. JULIUS E.; m. Huldah Botsford.

99. PHILO<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (~~Abraham<sup>6</sup>~~, *Abraham*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>4</sup>, *John*<sup>3</sup>, *John*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. 1774; m. Sally Norton, b. 1778; d. Aug. 20, 1856. He d. Sept. 8, 1861. They res. in Bristol, R. I. Children:—

i. HUBBELL. ii. ISAAC. iii. ~~SARAH~~ <sup>SARAH</sup>.

iv. JULIETTE; m. March 20, 1830, Theodore Tenney.

10. JUSTUS<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Nathan*<sup>6</sup>, *Nathan*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>4</sup>, *John*<sup>3</sup>, *John*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. 1801; m. April 21, 1831, Olive Mallroy. They res. in Conn. Children:—

97. i. REUBEN; m. Helen A. Gathrie. ii. ANN.

11. NATHAN<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Nathan*<sup>6</sup>, *Nathan*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>4</sup>, *John*<sup>3</sup>, *John*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. May 9, 1809; m. Nov. 6, 1834, Susan E. Bloss. They res. in South Britain, Conn., where he d. Children:—

- i. MARY D., b. Dec. 9, 1835; d. Oct. 12, 1846.
- ii. SUSAN E., b. Nov. 1, 1838. iii. GEORGE E., b. April 22, 1840.
- iv. LUCY L., b. April 20, 1842.
- v. NATHAN F., b. Nov. 20, 1847; d. Nov. 21, 1848.
- vi. MARY D., b. Nov. 14, 1851.

12. ELY<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Nathan*<sup>6</sup>, *Nathan*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>4</sup>, *John*<sup>3</sup>, *John*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Nov. 6, 1810; m. Sept. 3, 1835, Augusta Hurlburt, b. June 1808. They res. in Southbury. Children:—

- i. RACHEL A., b. Aug. 24, 1841. ii. LUCY L., b. March 4, 1845.

13. OLIVER<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Samuel*<sup>7</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>6</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>5</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Oct. 30, 1804; m. Nov. 5, 1834, Elizabeth D. Vinton, b. Dec. 4, 1807, d. Dec. 30, 1872. They res. in Ayer, Mass. Children:—

98. i. OLIVER K., b. Jan. 27, 1835; m. Martha Durgin.
99. ii. GEORGE B., b. Sept. 4, 1836; m. Harriet A. Parkhurst.
- iii. SARAH E., b. Mar. 26, 1838; d. Mar. 12, 1842.
- iv. MARY D., b. Sept. 10, 1839; m. Jan. 1, 1866, Henry P. Boutelle, b. Sept. 1, 1840. Ch. Lilla P., b. Apr. 3, 1867; William P., b. Apr. 4, 1869; Ida F., b. Sept. 5, 1870; Harry C., b. June 21, 1875. Res. Fitchburg.
- v. LUCY S., b. June 21, 1841; m. June 8, 1870, O. B. Richardson, b. May 25, 1835. Ch. Charles A., b. Mar. 17, 1871; d. Oct. 18, 1877; Gracie A., b. Oct. 23, 1875, d. Oct. 20, 1877. Res. Ayer.
- vi. CHARLES H., b. Feb. 15, 1846; m. Martha M. Brown.
- vii. EMMA E., b. Aug. 29, 1854.
- viii. JAMES. ix. ANNIE.

14. DEXTER L.<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Elijah*<sup>7</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>6</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>5</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Sept. 27, 1797; m. Dec. 6, 1821, Maria Vinton, b. June 15, 1803, d. Dec. 20, 1875. He d. May 25, 1835.

in New York city, and she then m. Oct. 1, 1835, David A. Holbrook.  
Children:—

- 400. i. THOMAS D., b. Aug. 25, 1822; m. Elizabeth Marston.
- 401. ii. SAMUEL F., b. June 11, 1825; m. Mary F. Richards.
- 402. iii. HIRAM J., b. Nov. 27, 1828; m. Mary J. Barrows and Carrie Simmons.
- 403. iv. HENRY A., b. Jan. 26, 1830; m. Eliza J. Wildman.

215. THOMAS R.<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Elijah*<sup>7</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>6</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>5</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Apr. 9, 1799; m. Apr. 1, 1824, Sarah Burgess, b. Dec. 28, 1799, d. Mar. 7, 1842. He has been a Freemason nearly fifty-five years and in the granite business for sixty-two years. He never used liquor or tobacco. He has had six children, six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. They res. at 7 Norwich St., Boston. Children:—

- i. EDWIN B., b. May 5, 1825; d. June 2, 1852.
- ii. SARAH E., b. June 1, 1828; m. May 4, 1851, James Cook, b. May 5, 1829. Ch. Charles A., b. Dec. 8, 1851, d. Jan. 24, 1852; James F., b. Apr. 12, 1852; Emma L., b. Oct. 23, 1855; Edwin J., b. Oct. 1, 1857.
- iii. CHARLES A., b. Sept. 26, 1830. Drowned in Norfolk, Va., while bathing in the harbor, near the vessel on which he had shipped for three years.
- iv. ANDREW VAN B., b. Oct. 26, 1835; d. Apr. 1, 1857.
- v. MARY E., b. Sept. 21, 1838; m. Jan. 29, 1861, George Blodgett of Dunstable, b. July 31, 1826. Ch. Mary, b. Mar. 4, 1862; John Z., b. June 30, 1863; Willie F., b. Feb. 2, 1867.

216. AMOS<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Amos*<sup>7</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>6</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>5</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), m. Nov. 25, 1813, Mary Sibley; d. Apr. 24, 1844. He d. Dec. 22, 1848. They res. in West Winsted, Conn. Children:—

- 404. i. WHEELER, b. Sept. 8, 1814; m. Elneline Morse.
- ii. MARY, b. Nov. 11, 1816; m. May 29, 1838, Sylvester Stockwell.
- 405. iii. LORENZO, b. Aug. 16, 1822; m. Celia B. Powers.

217. JESSE<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Jesse*<sup>7</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>6</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>5</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Jan. 28, 1790; m. Sept. 14, 1837, Sarah Flanders. They res. in Millbury. Children:—

- i. SARAH, b. Aug. 5, 1838; m. George Warren and Benjamin Spaulding.
- ii. HARRIET, b. May 26, 1841; d. Apr. 17, 1858.
- iii. CAROLINE, b. Feb. 17, 1845; m. Charles Bunker.

220. AMOS<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Jesse*<sup>7</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>6</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>5</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Aug. 27, 1803; m. Aug. 15, 1830, Helen Spencer, b. Apr. 23, 1805, d. May 29, 1869. They res. in West Winsted, Conn. Children:—

- i. HORACE, b. July 14, 1831; d. Feb. 8, 1833.
- ii. MARY M., b. May 27, 1834.
- iii. ISABELL, b. Aug. 2, 1837; d. Apr. 2, 1839.
- iv. HARRIET I., b. Dec. 1, 1840; m. Sept. 22, 1863, Charles L. Horsford of W. Winsted. Ch. Helen S., b. Aug. 5, 1864, d. Feb. 17, 1865; Alice S., b. Dec. 7, 1865; Howard W., b. Sept. 7, 1869; Mary P., b. Oct. 28, 1871; Frank B., b. Sept. 17, 1876.

- v. ABBIE E., b. Sept. 24, 1848; m. Oct. 2, 1867, Charles B. Holmes of W. Winsted, b. Jan. 25, 1846. Ch. Russell B., b. Sept. 23, 1870; Lula S., b. Aug. 9, 1875.
- vi. SPENCER G., b. May 2, 1846.

221. JUNE<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Jesse*<sup>7</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>6</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>5</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. June 16, 1806; m. June 17, 1827, Sally Joslin, b. Feb. 13, 1803. He d. July 27, 1879. They res. in Claremont, N. H. Children:—

- i. JUNE, b. Mar. 17, 1832; d. June 18, 1832.
- ii. SOPHRONIA, b. June 15, 1828; m. Oct. 4, 1852, Lorin A. Webster, who was killed by the explosion of a steam boiler Jan. 23, 1857. Ch. Carroll, b. Oct. 7, 1854; d. Aug. 8, 1855; Lorin, b. July 29, 1857. She m. 2nd, Nov. 26, 1865, Hon. Daniel W. Adams; s. p. Res. W. Springfield, N. H.
- iii. EMMA, b. July 18, 1830; d. Feb. 27, 1845.
- iv. MARANDA, b. Jan. 12, 1834; d. Nov., 1839.
- 106. v. JUNE A., b. Mar. 12, 1836; m. Delano M. Walker.
- 107. vi. ANDREW J., b. Aug. 8, 1842; m. Nancy J. Neal.

222. GEORGE W.<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Jesse*<sup>7</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>6</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>5</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Dec. 9, 1809; m. Apr. 12, 1838, Eunice Fuller, b. Oct. 22, 1818, d. Oct. 13, 1875. He d. Apr. 2, 1877. They res. in Millbury. Children:—

- i. AUGUSTA, b. Apr. 1, 1843; m. Feb. 10, 1863, Edmund W. Andrus, b. Sept. 16, 1839. Ch. Belle F., b. Aug. 18, 1864, d. Dec. 16, 1867; Lillie N. G., b. July 22, 1871. Divorced Apr. 16, 1877; m. 2nd, June 30, 1877, A. D. Metcalf, b. Aug. 7, 1847.
- ii. CHARLES W. H., b. Feb. 11, 1845; m. June 6, 1872, Lydia A. Wilkinson, b. Sept., 1854; s. p.
- iii. JAMES B. F., b. Mar. 31, 1848; m. Nov. 10, 1872, Nellie M. Kies, b. June 6, 1852; s. p.
- iv. GEORGE F., b. Dec. 20, 1840; d. Dec. 10, 1848.

223. JOSHUA<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Joshua*<sup>7</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>6</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>5</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Feb. 4, 1800; m. Jan. 15, 1824, Sally Brooks, b. July 22, 1807. They res. in Upton, Mass. Children:—

- 108. i. CLARENDON J., b. Aug. 22, 1824; m. Emeline Daniels and Merena Stone.
- ii. MARTHA, b. Aug. 28, 1825; m. Nov. 11, 1849, Allen Salisbury, and d. Feb. 10, 1856. Ch. Samuel, b. 1864; Isora, d. Oct. 15, 1863.
- iii. SARAH, b. Aug. 21, 1827; m. Aug. 19, 1849, Eli H. Cummings of S. Framingham, b. Dec. 27, 1825. Ch. Sadie A. J., b. Sept. 2, 1853, m. Nov. 1, 1871, Frank H. Butterworth.
- 109. iv. HARRISON, b. Oct. 20, 1828; m. Harriet Clark.
- v. SUSAN M., b. May 7, 1830; m. Jan. 1, 1846, John Q. Mason, b. Apr. 14, 1823, d. Dec. 9, 1875. Ch. John J., b. Oct. 13, 1847, d. Jan. 24, 1857; Rose M., b. Mar. 20, 1855; Susan M., b. Feb. 4, 1858. She res. in Milford.
- vi. DELIA, b. Sept. 2, 1831; m. Aug. 19, 1849, A. F. Ballou, b. Jan. 6, 1828. Ch. Orin, b. Sept. 4, 1850; Aaron, b. Mar. 22, 1852, m. Emma Billington; Delia, b. Apr. 3, 1854, m. Charles Welch; Joshua, b. Sept. 26, 1857; Carrie H., b. June 29, 1859; Mary, b. Mar. 4, 1862; Ella, b. Jan. 3, 1865; Mary, b. Aug. 1, 1868. Res. Upton.
- vii. ANGELINE, b. Oct. 19, 1837; m. Dec. 5, 1858, Henry Hatch, b. Sept. 27, 1833. Ch. Fred., b. Apr. 30, 1860; Lina, b. Apr. 30, 1862; Della, b. June 9, 1869; Gracie, b. Nov. 23, 1872.



410. viii. ISAAC E. H., b. Feb. 15, 1840; m. Sophia Streeter.  
 ix. GEORGIE, b. Oct. 31, 1841; m. Dec. 24, 1868, William Cole. Ch. Georgie.  
 x. AMOS, b. Mar. 10, 1843; d. Mar. 20, 1843.  
 xi. ELLEN, b. Apr. 5, 1844; m. Sept. 23, 1868, Curtis Follett. Ch. Fred., b. Apr. 21, 1873, res. Upton.  
 xii. ELDORA, b. Jan. 5, 1846; d. Jan. 6, 1846.

224. Lieut. STEPHEN<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Jonathan*<sup>7</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>6</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>5</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. 1779; m. 1804, Drusilla Patterson. He d. July 31, 1809. They res. in Lunenburg.

Children:—

- i. SUSANNA P., b. Sept. 19, 1805; d. Sept. 20, 1806.  
 ii. SUSANNA C., b. Jan. 31, 1807; m. Sept. 30, 1829, Daniel Emory, b. Jan. 16, 1809, d. Mar. 31, 1858. Ch. Charles A., b. Apr. 21, 1831, m. Nancy C. Peirce; Sydney P., b. Feb. 28, 1835, m. Cynthia E. Osborn and Sarah Newton; William C., b. June 23, 1836, m. Georgianua F. Leavitt; Caroline F., b. July 5, 1838, d. May 9, 1840; Edward F., b. Apr. 28, 1841, m. Mary M. Colby; Fred'k P., b. Apr. 29, 1843, d. May 12, 1844; Sarah E., b. Apr. 7, 1845, m. Henry D. Yerxa (of Cobb, Bates & Yerxa); Abbie S., b. Oct. 16, 1847, d. Aug. 24, 1848; Herbert A., b. Feb. 3, 1851, d. Aug. 30, 1876.

Herbert A. Emory was drowned at Salisbury's beach, Aug. 20, 1876, while bathing. He was engaged to a young lady who was spending a week or two there. Mr. Emory left Boston on Saturday evening and intended to return on Monday. Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock he went into the water and ventured out so far, either his strength failed or the undertow drew him in, possibly both. The beach at the time was crowded with people, but few realized he was drowning. He made no outcry, but finally a boat was shoved off with one man in it, who threw a rope to the young man, which was washed away from his grasp, and he sank never to rise again. His body was recovered in forty minutes, and the next day arrived in Fitchburg, where it was interred. Just one month to a day preceding his death he attended the funeral of his nephew, Henry D. Yerxa, Jr. At the time of his death he was employed by his brother-in-law in the store of Cobb, Bates & Yerxa.

- iii. JAMES P., b. Apr. 17, 1808.

225. BENJAMIN<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Jonathan*<sup>7</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>6</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>5</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Nov. 8, 1775; m. Nov. 20, 1794, Hannah Dunsmore, b. May 12, 1776, d. Feb. 26, 1861. He d. Jan. 12, 1855. They res. in Charlestown, N. H.

Benjamin Peirce resided in Lunenburg, Fitchburg and Townsend, Mass., for a number of years. He then moved to Hanover, N. H., subsequently moving to North Charlestown, N. H., where he resided a number of years, carrying on the business of tanning and currying. In 1848, he removed to Northfield, Vt., residing with his eldest daughter, Eliza. He subsequently moved to Wallingford, Vt., where he died in 1855. He was a very pleasant man, always sociable and interesting in conversation. Wherever he resided or had any business transactions he made friends. He was noted for his honesty and punctuality. He was a friend of the sick and needy to whom he gave

fre. He had a large number of friends and as is stated, "did not have an enemy in the world." Children:—

- i. HANNAH S., b. Feb. 23, 1795; d. Sept. 13, 1800.
  - ii. ELIZA, b. Nov. 24, 1796; m. Jan. 25, 1821, Ezra Dean, d. Nov. 11, 1851; m. 2nd, Sept. 17, 1857, John Mosley, d. Feb. 19, 1871. She d. July 19, 1866, s. p.
  - iii. SALLY, b. Oct. 26, 1798; d. Sept. 23, 1800.
  - iv. SALLY C., b. Dec. 26, 1800; m. June 28, 1817, Caleb Miller, b. Aug. 8, 1796, d. July 23, 1863. She d. in Northfield. Vt., Aug. 10, 1851. Ch. Maranda B., b. Dec. 8, 1817, m. Nehemiah Hart; Nancy C., b. Nov. 19, 1819, m. William P. Cochrane; Lavina D., b. Dec. 19, 1821, m. Elliott H. Bradford; George N., b. Dec. 14, 1825, m. Mary Peirce and Mrs. Mary Foss; Benjamin P., b. April 1, 1828, m. Maria T. Newman; Oscar O., b. Aug. 12, 1830, m. Mary A. Benson; Ellen M., b. Nov. 13, 1840, d. Nov. 10, 1850.
  - v. ASHEL, b. Jan. 15, 1803; d. Feb. 15, 1872.
  - vi. MARY K., b. June 5, 1804; m. Oct. 3, 1832, Christy G. Wheeler, b. March 20, 1806, d. March 28, 1842. She res. in Emporia, Kansas. Ch. James M., b. Sept. 2, 1833, m. Huldah M. Whitman; Francis B., b. July 23, 1835, m. George M. Smith; Ellen A., b. Dec. 7, 1837, d. Sept. 30, 1838; Ellen A., b. Aug. 26, 1839, d. June 25, 1840; Edna C., b. April 9, 1842, m. Orson Kent.
  - vii. DRUSILLA, b. March 16, 1807; m. Aug. 26, 1827, Hiot Glidden of Northfield, Vt., b. June 18, 1803. Ch. Andrew J., b. April 13, 1828, d. Sept. 12, 1838; Malvina A., b. Feb. 28, 1838, m. E. W. Calver; George F., b. Jan. 18, 1841, m. Mary Hedges.
  - viii. PAULINA, b. March 12, 1809; d. Aug. 9, 1832.
  - ix. BENJAMIN, b. Sept. 8, 1812; d. Aug. 24, 1854, unm.
  - x. CHESTER, b. Oct. 19, 1814; m. Jan. 8, 1839, Eliza K. Herrick.
  - xi. DIANA, b. March 13, 1817; d. Oct. 22, 1819.
  - xii. ANN R., b. May 28, 1822; m. Dec. 22, 1844, James Caldwell, b. April 16, 1820. They res. at Broadway, Chelsea, Mass. Ch. Chester P., b. Nov. 13, 1846, d. Sept. 20, 1848; Charles S., b. July 4, 1848, d. Dec. 25, 1870; Martha A., b. July 3, 1856, m. William H. Proctor.
16. Dr. JOHN<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Jonathan*<sup>7</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>6</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>5</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. April 8, 1785; m. Mrs. Drusilla (Patterson) Peirce, his sister-in-law, b. 1785, d. Feb. 15, 1819; m. 2nd, Sept. 24, 1820, Nancy Crumbie, b. April 7, 1795, d. Feb. 5, 1848. He d. March 13, 1848.

John Peirce was born in Lunenburg, Mass., he was educated at the public schools of his native town, and at Groton Academy. At the age of sixteen, after recovering from a severe attack of fever, which left him in very poor health, he was sent to Dr. Thomas Jewett of Rindge, N. H., to be treated; it was here while under the Doctor's care that he first conceived the idea of studying medicine. After a course of treatment, which greatly benefited his health, he began the study of medicine under the care of Dr. Jewett, with whom he remained until he had acquired a thorough knowledge of the same, when he returned to his native town and began practice which he followed until his death in 1848, of typhoid fever.

Dr. Peirce was greatly respected by his fellow-citizens for his sterling integrity and uprightness,—though at times eccentric. He was a

member of the Universalist church. They res. in Lunenburg, Mass.  
Children :—

- i. Rev. JOHN, b. March 18, 1814; d. unm. Aug. 31, 1840. John Peirce, D. D., was born March 18, 1814, at Lunenburg, Mass. His father was both physician and farmer. Mr. Peirce had a strong, powerful and penetrating mind, which was preparing for a work that was not discoverable to the world while in childhood. He worked on his father's farm until 17 years of age, when he was sent to Boston to live with one Osgood, a merchant. Here he remained a short time, subsequently engaging himself to Levi Lewis of Lancaster, Mass., where he remained until he was 21 years of age. In 1835, he went to Boston, and upon the advice of Rev. Thomas Whittemore, began to pursue the study of the English language preparatory to acquiring a more literary education and a study for the ministry. He entered the academy and in 1836 he preached his first sermon in his native town to the astonishment and gratification of all who heard him. In 1837, he preached in Hardwick, and in Dana the following year. In 1839, he preached in Lunenburg and Shirley Village. In 1840, he engaged to labor with the societies in Lunenburg and Townsend. He soon faltered under disease and died Aug. 31st. The funeral was held in the church of which he was pastor at the time of his death, and was very largely attended.
- ii. SALLY, b. Dec. 11, 1815; m. Aug. 23, 1835, Samuel Wilbur, b. April 2, 1813, d. Sept. 10, 1852, in Westboro. Ch. Louis, b. Sept. 2, 1836, m. Mary Kincheloe; Elizabeth, b. April 29, 1837, m. Charles D. Cobb, of Cobb, Bates & Yerxa; Sarah F., b. April 18, 1840, m. Dr. J. G. Porteous; William R., b. Sept. 22, 1844; Henry A., b. Sept. 8, 1848, m. Helen I. Pickard; Clara A., b. Sept. 28, 1850, d. Feb. 17, 1852.
- iii. FANNY C., b. May 15, 1818; m. April 5, 1843, Horace C. Wilbur, b. June 16, 1817. They res. in Jamaica Plain. Ch. Ellen E., b. Jan. 21, 1844; Fanny M., b. Nov. 19, 1848, d. March 19, 1849; Flora A., b. Aug. 15, 1850, m. Thomas F. Patterson.
- iv. NANCY C., b. March 18, 1829, m. June 20, 1854, Charles A. Emory of Fitchburg. Ch. Nellie F., b. July 24, 1855, d. March 27, 1863; Minnie L., b. March 20, 1859, d. April 9, 1863; Charles L., b. March 15, 1861, d. March 22, 1863; Frank E., b. Jan. 19, 1866; Bertram Peirce, b. Aug. 26, 1868.
- v. ABBY A., b. Jan., 1840; m. Sept. 5, 1860, Charles A. Brick of Fitchburg, and res. in Philadelphia.

227. NAHUM<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Josiah*<sup>7</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>6</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>5</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Nov. 11, 1785; m. 1815, Mary Hildreth, b. May 4, 1800, d. Oct. 25, 1858. He d. Jan. 5, 1857. They res. in Rindge, N. H. Children :—

412. i. LEVI H., b. March 12, 1817; m. Almira Enos.
413. ii. FRANCIS D., b. March 3, 1820; m. Ann Enos.
414. iii. JAMES R., b. Sept. 21, 1824; m. Elizabeth ———.
- iv. ELIZABETH A., b. June 13, 1827; m. ——— Cook, res. Hornellsville, N. Y.
415. v. DAVID M., b. Feb. 14, 1829; m. Eliza Baalham.
- vi. JOSIAH W., b. Aug. 3, 1822; d. March, 1837.
- vii. MARY J., b. Dec. 22, 1831; m. Charles Loree, res. Almond, N. Y.
- viii. CAROLINE, b. March 12, 1834; m. James Cranson, and d. Nov. 23, 1861.

228. JOSIAH<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Josiah*<sup>7</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>6</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>5</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>4</sup>,

*Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Oct. 3, 1787; m. Susan Hatstat. He d. 1819. Children:—

- i. GEORGE; d. at sea. ii. SARAH. iii. ALBERT; res. Penn.
- iv. CHARLES T.; res. Somerville. v. ADALINE.

21. JOSEPH H.<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Josiah<sup>7</sup>, Jonathan<sup>6</sup>, Ephraim<sup>5</sup>, Ephraim<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. March 14, 1789; m. March 5, 1813, Rosanna Hatstat, b. March 25, 1797; m. 2nd, Sophronia Abbott. They res. in Fitzwilliam, N. H. Children:—

- i. ROSANNA E., b. Nov. 9, 1813; d. 1813.
- ii. HARRIET A., b. July 6, 1814; m. Henry Brodston of Boston, and had five ch.
- 41 iii. JOSEPH E. R., b. Feb. 22, 1816; m. Ann E. Ross.
- iv. ELIZA A., b. March 19, 1817; d. May, 1817.
- v. ELIZA A., b. Nov. 26, 1818; m. William Barth; res. Worcester, on Benefit street.
- vi. WILLIAM W., b. Nov. 28, 1820; d. Jan., 1821.
- 41 vii. STEPHEN D., b. Oct. 18, 1822; m. Adelia Fifield.
- viii. ANDREW J., b. Oct. 10, 1824; d. 1825.
- ix. ELIAS S., b. May 14, 1826. He rev. to Philadelphia, Pa., unm.
- x. JOSEPHINE M., b. March 10, 1828; m. Caleb Thompson of Maine.
- xi. AZUBA; d. unm. xii. HORACE; res. Minn. xiii. AZUBA.
- xiv. CLARA. xv. HELEN. xvi. BELLE; m. a Bigelow.
- xvii. BENJAMIN F.; res. Chicopee Falls, Mass. xviii. ORPHA.

22. STEPHEN<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Josiah<sup>7</sup>, Jonathan<sup>6</sup>, Ephraim<sup>5</sup>, Ephraim<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. June 14, 1791; m. Adaline Pike. He resided in Rindge, N. H., and rev. to Salt Lake City, Utah. Child:—

- i. DAU., m. George Coney, res. in Corry, Penn.

JOHN<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Josiah<sup>7</sup>, Jonathan<sup>6</sup>, Ephraim<sup>5</sup>, Ephraim<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Dec. 12, 1792; m. Feb. 8, 1819, Rebecca Ormsby, b. Nov. 16, 1794; d. Oct. 3, 1866. He d. July 19, 1851. They res. in E. Boston. Children:—

- i. GILBERT E., b. Jan. 28, 1820; m. Flora Merrill.
- ii. JOHN F., b. Oct. 18, 1822; d. Jan. 19, 1823.
- iii. JOHN F., b. March 29, 1824; d. April 21, 1825.
- iv. EMELINE A., b. April 28, 1825; m. Oct. 8, 1849, Dr. M. B. Leonard of E. Boston, b. Feb. 8, 1821. She d. July 11, 1870. Ch. Eva L., b. Nov. 2, 1850. He graduated at Harvard Medical College.
- 41 v. EDWIN R., b. Nov. 28, 1830; m. Juliette J. Merrill.

LEONARD<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Josiah<sup>7</sup>, Jonathan<sup>6</sup>, Ephraim<sup>5</sup>, Ephraim<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. April 12, 1802; m. Dec. 31, 1829, Caroline Goodspeed, b. April 8, 1809; d. Jan. 5, 1878. They res. in Fitzwilliam, N. H. Children:—

- i. JOSIAH R., b. May 3, 1831; d. Sept. 22, 1856.
- ii. SARAH A., b. Jan. 3, 1833; m. Dec. 25, 1865, F. Wm. Stone, b. Sept. 28, 1823. She d. Sept. 25, 1870. He res. in Boston.
- iii. LIZZIE G., b. Jan. 11, 1835; m. May 30, 1858, George Parks, b. Sept. 21, 1829. She d. s. p. in Winchendon, Jan. 16, 1875.
- iv. CARRIE H., b. May 22, 1840; m. Jan. 18, 1859, Wm. Bent, b. Jan. 18, 1828. Ch. b. in Fitzwilliam, N. H. Irving P., b. Nov. 26, 1862; d. Dec. 11, 1876; Geo. S., b. June 9, 1871.

JONATHAN<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Josiah<sup>7</sup>, Jonathan<sup>6</sup>, Ephraim<sup>5</sup>, Ephraim<sup>4</sup>*,



*Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Aug. 1, 1805; m. Apr. 12, 1833, Laura Platts, b. Nov. 13, 1809, d. Nov. 17, 1837; m. 2nd, June 27, 1839, Sophronia Underwood. He d. Dec. 14, 1873. She res. at 27 Tyler street, Boston. Children:—

- i. LAURA A., b. Apr. 22, 1834; m. Nelson Day.
- ii. MARTIN, b. Sept. 25, 1840; d. Oct. 1, 1841.
- iii. NATHAN J., b. Nov. 21, 1842; d. Aug. 1, 1852.
- iv. FLORA C., b. Nov. 17, 1844; m. David Cheney.
- v. JULIUS B., b. July 24, 1846; d. Oct. 4, 1847.
- vi. MENELLA J., b. Sept. 13, 1848.
- vii. BENJAMIN F., b. Oct. 9, 1851; d. June 1, 1853.
- viii. JOSIAH, b. June 1, 1853; d. Oct. 1, 1853.
- ix. CLARENCE A., b. Feb. 21, 1856.
- x. HERBERT, b. Dec. 25, 1859; d. Nov. 15, 1864.

234. ABRAHAM<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Josiah*<sup>7</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>6</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>5</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Apr. 19, 1807; m. Feb. 16, 1831, Eunice B. Fassett, b. Feb. 11, 1821. They res. in Winchendon. Children:—

420. i. HENRY S., } b. Jan. 15, 1843; { m. Susie A. Saunders.
- ii. HATTIE S., } { m. Oct. 12, 1865, Rufus P. Hardy  
She d. Mar. 31, 1876.

235. ABRAHAM<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Abraham*<sup>7</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>6</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>5</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Mar. 25, 1800; m. Dec. 6, 1821, Mary Turner, b. 1799, d. Dec. 20, 1845; m. 2nd, Apr. 13, 1847, Henrietta J. Ellis. They res. in Lunenburg. Children:—

- i. MARY A., b. Nov. 9, 1822.
- ii. MARTHA A., b. Mar. 13, 1824.

236. JOSIAH<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Abraham*<sup>7</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>6</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>5</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Feb. 26, 1804; m. Oct. 19, 1826, Nancy Tyler. They res. in Lunenburg. Children:—

- i. WILLIAM H., b. Feb. 26, 1840; d. Jan. 27, 1868, in Leominster.
- ii. JOSIAH; res. Leominster.

237. JOHN<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Phineas*<sup>7</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>6</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>5</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Aug. 31, 1804; m. Nov. 14, 1832, Lucy Loveland, b. Aug. 10, 1809, d. July 21, 1870. They res. in Saybrook, Ohio. He was born in Lyme, N. H., where he obtained his early education. He studied Theology quite extensively, and emigrated with his father to Ohio, whom he succeeded in his estate. He is Deacon of the Unitarian church, a great reader, a man of great thought and of wide-spread reputation. His estate is situated on Munson Hill, in the township of Saybrook, Ashtabula Co., Ohio, one of the most beautiful and healthy prominences of the third ridge, so called, running parallel with Lake Erie at a distance of six miles from the blue waters of the lake, commanding a view of the same, where can be seen during the summer months the white winged sails of commerce, bearing their burdens of wealth to the Eastern and Foreign Countries of the broad universe, swelling the purse-strings, and gladdening the hearts of the inhabitants thereof. Children:—

421. i. JOHN H., b. Sept. 12, 1833; m. Josephine Hartsook.
422. ii. EDWARD G., b. Feb. 2, 1836; m. Nancy Harris.

23. iii. THOMAS M., b. Jan. 18, 1839; m. Lucella Hotchkiss.  
 iv. LUCY M., b. Jan. 31, 1841; m. Dec. 25, 1862, Theodore Hall, b. Aug. 29, 1838. They res. in Ashtabula, Ohio. Ch. Edward P., b. May 5, 1864; Ruth B., b. Jan. 18, 1866.  
 v. SUSAN E., b. Feb. 7, 1847; m. Sept. 10, 1866, Edgar Hall, b. Sept. 16, 1841. Ch. John, b. Oct. 11, 1867, d. Aug. 29, 1868; Edgar, b. May 2, 1869; d. Sept. 16, 1870; Theodore, b. Aug. 10, 1876.  
 vi. ELLIJA A., b. Jan. 21, 1849. Lawyer in Ashtabula, Ohio; unm.

He was born in Saybrook, Ohio, where he resided until he enlisted, at the age of fifteen, as a member of Company K, 196th Regiment Ohio Vols. Infantry, in which he served until the close of the war. In 1868, while travelling by rail and just at his journey's end, while dismounting from the cars, a sudden start of the train caused him to be thrown under the cars, the train passing over one foot, crushing it so badly that amputation was necessary. This happened at Ashtabula, Ohio, within three hundred feet of the great Bridge disaster of Dec. 29th, 1876. Thus he, as well as hundreds of others, have good cause for a remembrance of that city.

238. PHINEAS<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Phineas*<sup>7</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>6</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>5</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. 1807; m. Jane Bissel, b. Aug. 1, 1816. He d. in Ohio, Feb. 23, 1853. Children:—

- i. CAROLINE A., b. Mar. 27, 1841; m. Feb. 9, 1864, Alexander McMillan, b. Oct. 26, 1837. Ch. b. in Washington, D. C. Robert F., b. May 1, 1869; Margaret, b. June 22, 1874.  
 239. ii. ARTHUR H., b. Nov. 27, 1843; m. Ella M. Peirce.  
 iii. SARAH J., b. Mar. 27, 1846; m. Sept. 25, 1867, John F. Wildman. They res. in Indianapolis, Ind. Ch. John F., b. July 8, 1874.  
 iv. SCOTT, b. Jan. 20, 1848; d. Aug. 7, 1852.

239. SAMUEL<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Oliver*<sup>7</sup>, *Oliver*<sup>6</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>5</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Aug. 10, 1796; m. Mar. 16, 1822, Esther Raustead, d. Oct. 14, 1830; m. 2nd, Almira Witt. They res. Drewsville, N. H. Children:—

- i. CHARLES R., b. Feb. 4, 1823.  
 ii. EMILY L., b. July 24, 1825.  
 iii. MARY A., b. July 21, 1829.

240. ARTEMAS M.<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Oliver*<sup>7</sup>, *Oliver*<sup>6</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>5</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Dec. 25, 1797; m. Jan. 1, 1826, Hannah H. Burrage, b. July 8, 1797, d. June 26, 1846; m. 2nd, Oct. 2, 1848, Lydia G. Fisher, b. June 19, 1807. He d. June 11, 1869. They res. in Weare, N. H. Children:—

- i. JOSEPH B., b. June 27, 1831; m. Oct. 22, 1878, Susan A. Sawyer, b. Dec., 1850. Res. N. Weare, N. H., s. p.  
 ii. JAMES B., b. Mar. 5, 1834; d. Mar. 29, 1835.  
 iii. FRANCES A., b. June 5, 1835; m. May 12, 1851, Augustus R. Spinney, b. Mar. 14, 1828. Ch. Edwin A., b. July 3, 1852, m. Mrs. Ellen M. Low; Hattie A., b. Dec. 31, 1854; Charles F., b., Oct. 9, 1856; Ida F., b. Nov. 21, 1858, m. Charles S. F. Goodwin. They res. in Chelsea.  
 iv. SYLVIA J., b. Feb. 21, 1838; m. May 30, 1863, John T. Hutchins of N. Weare, N. H., b. July 14, 1835, d. May 12, 1869, s. p.

241. BENJAMIN<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*John*<sup>7</sup>, *Oliver*<sup>6</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>5</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>4</sup>,

*Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. July 27, 1820: m. ———  
He d. 1875. They res. in Chattanooga, Tenn. Children:—

- i. ARTHUR J. ii. MARY E. iii. AMINE E. iv. JOSEPH B.

242. JOSEPH<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*John*<sup>7</sup>, *Oliver*<sup>6</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>5</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. May 17, 1822; m. Almira Russell.  
They res. on the old Dea. Peirce farm in Lunenburg. Children:—

- i. MERRILL. ii. MARY. iii. GEORGE C. iv. ARTHUR.

243. OTIS<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*John*<sup>7</sup>, *Oliver*<sup>6</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>5</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Nov. 16, 1826; m. 1854, Mary A. E. King.  
Mar. 28, 1825. They res. in North Leominster. Children:—

- i. ABBIE M., b. Mar. 31, 1856; m. Oct. 5, 1875, William M. Campbell, b. Oct. 16, 1849; res. Winchester.  
ii. CHARLES F., b. Feb. 12, 1858.  
iii. JOHN W., b. May 13, 1860.

244. GEORGE S.<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*John*<sup>7</sup>, *Oliver*<sup>6</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>5</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), m. Mar. 22, 1872, Mary B. Houghton.  
They res. in Fitchburg. Children:—

- i. JONAS S. ii. GEORGE E.

245. LYMAN<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*John*<sup>7</sup>, *Josiah*<sup>6</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>5</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. March 28, 1772; m. Lucinda Clark who d. in Montpelier, Vt., 1842, aged 61. He was a soldier of the war of 1812, and died at Fort Independence, Boston Harbor. Children:—

- i. BENJAMIN F., b. 1798; d. in Danville, Vt., 1810.  
425. ii. AUGUSTINE C., b. April 11, 1801; m. Sarah Rumford Carter, Hannah Taylor Hutchins and Martha C. Hutchins.  
426. iii. JOHN F., b. March 27, 1805; m. Mary C. Beckwith and Elvira Beckwith.

246. HOLLIS<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Oliver*<sup>7</sup>, *Josiah*<sup>6</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>5</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Jan. 8, 1775; m. Nov. 13, 1801, Lucinda Merrifield, b. 1785, d. Jan., 1819; m. 2nd, April, 1824, Mercy Merrifield. He d. July, 1832. They res. in W. Boylston and Fowlerville, N. Y. Children:—

427. i. THOMAS J., b. Feb. 3, 1806; m. Lucy Jennison and Mrs. Kellogg.  
iii. ALONZO L., b. 1826; res. Saranac Lake, N. Y.  
ii. JOSEPH W., b. May 23, 1814; m. Apr. 1, 1840, Louisa M. Goodale. Res. So. Orange, and d. April 28, 1857.  
iv. MARY ANN, bap. Aug. 23, 1821; m. ——— Cheney.

247. JAMES<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Oliver*<sup>7</sup>, *Josiah*<sup>6</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>5</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Feb. 24, 1779; m. April 1, 1807, Sally Fiske, b. Oct. 17, 1785, d. Dec. 7, 1871. He d. Sept. 28, 1844. They res. in West Boylston. Children:—

- i. ELIZA, b. Feb. 29, 1808; m. Dec. 3, 1829, Aaron C. Winter, and d. April 25, 1830, s. p.  
ii. DORATHY H., b. Sept. 24, 1809; d. Nov. 7, 1814.  
iii. CHARLES F., b. March 3, 1812; res. Creighton, Neb.  
428. iv. JAMES R., b. May 4, 1815; m. Maria L. Stowell.  
v. JERVIS, b. May 9, 1817; d. Nov. 1, 1841.  
429. vi. LYMAN, b. June 13, 1819; m. Louisa Vinton.

- vil. NANCY W., b. Jan. 25, 1823; m. Jan. 13, 1847, Charles A. Dinsmore, and d. s. p.
- viii. ABIGAIL, b. June 25, 1825; m. Nov. 9, 1849, Otis H. Knight, b. Dec. 8, 1825, d. July 21, 1864. Ch. Lucy, b. May 2, 1856. She res. in Worcester.
48. LEVI<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Oliver<sup>7</sup>, Josiah<sup>6</sup>, Isaac<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Jan. 17, 1787; m. Hannah Osgood. He d. Dec. 25, 1843. They res. in W. Boylston and Jamaica Plain. Children:—
- i. EMILY, b. March 11, 1821; m. Nov. 13, 1842, Alfred Williams, b. Jan. 23, 1820. Ch. b. in Chelsea, Benjamin P., b. May 14, 1844; Alfred S., b. Nov. 14, 1845; Maria A., b. May 9, 1849; Levi P., b. Feb. 19, 1851. Res. Jamaica Plain.
  - ii. HANNAH D.; m. George Burton. Res. Jamaica Plain.
49. iii. LEVI L., b. Aug. 14, 1831; m. Jennie Walker.
- iv. SARAH R., b. Nov. 16, 1817; m. Nov. 10, 1839, Isaac Curtis of Roxbury, d. April 27, 1875. Ch. Sarah H., b. Aug. 14, 1840; Isaac, b. March 14, 1846; Charles D., b. May 28, 1848. Res. Lamartine street extension, Jamaica Plain, Mass.
- v. LUCY, b. 1820; m. Daniel S. Smalley. Res. Jamaica Plain.
  - vi. GEORGE W. L.; res. San Francisco, Cal.
  - vii. ROXANNA; m. Paul Lincoln of Jamaica Plain.
49. OLIVER<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Oliver<sup>7</sup>, Josiah<sup>6</sup>, Isaac<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Feb. 18, 1789; m. Dec. 1, 1814, Polly Cross-land, b. June 27, 1794. He d. June 17, 1865. They res. in Boylston. Children:—
51. i. WILLIAM A., b. Sept. 17, 1815; m. Eliza S. Batchelor.
  52. ii. CHARLES L., b. Oct. 31, 1818; m. Orinda Meutzer and Sarah J. Martin.
  - iii. MARY E., b. Dec. 15, 1821; m. May 14, 1842, Jonathan Wheeler. Ch. Mary E., b. Feb. 22, 1843; William H., b. Feb. 15, 1845; George R., b. March 13, 1847; Hiram E., b. June 27, 1848; Edgar M., b. Sept. 23, 1852; Emma J., b. May 1, 1854; Marcy L., b. Jan. 29, 1857; Edgar L., b. April 13, 1859; Albert G., b. Sept. 14, 1863.
53. iv. HENRY W., b. April 12, 1825; m. Mary A. Roach.
54. v. GEORGE W., b. May 3, 1829; m. Harriet N. Blake and Lois C. Cameron.
- vi. LYMAN G., b. Aug. 18, 1832; m. Oct. 17, 1860, Harriet A. Deets, divorced April, 1877. He res. in Alstead Centre, N. H. s. p.
  - vii. SARAH M., b. May 2, 1838; m. May 28, 1859, George F. Gill. Ch. Theodore B., b. May 23, 1861; Helen F., b. May 21, 1865. She m. 2nd, April 20, 1872, Arthur W. Collier.
50. LUTHER F.<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Josiah<sup>7</sup>, Josiah<sup>6</sup>, Isaac<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. March 4, 1799; m. Sept. 22, 1823, Cornelia S. Peterson, d. Nov. 16, 1865. He d. May 15, 1847. They res. in W. Boylston. Children:—
- i. CAROLINE, b. May 20, 1825; m. John Hoey, and d. Dec. 16, 1866, in Carrollton, La.
  - ii. WILLIAM, b. Sept. 7, 1826; d. 1855.
  - iii. MARION B., b. Dec. 4, 1827; m. Dec. 31, 1846, Harmon DeGraff Jones. They res. in New Orleans, La. Ch. Livingston G., b. Sept. 18, 1847; Harmon W., b. Aug. 23, 1849.

MYSTERY OF THE SCHOONER "FLORINDA."—Recent revelations have excited intense and growing interest in the fate of the fifteen or twenty men who



more than a quarter of a century ago, chartered the schooner *Florinda*, and set sail for the golden shores of California. For twenty-six years the families of the adventurers have mourned them as lost.

The last news of the *Florinda* was received in the year 1849, from Rio Janeiro; she had put in at that port sometime previous, and then proceeded on her way leaking badly, it was said. A vessel touching at Rio Janeiro shortly afterwards reported having spoken the *Florinda* in the Pacific, south beyond Cape Horn.

From that time forward nothing more was ever heard of the *Florinda*, and it became an accepted theory that she had been cast away, and her crew lost somewhere on the South Pacific coast. No tidings reached the families of the ill-fated argonauts, and twenty-six years slipped by without a word or whisper, to disturb the melancholy convictions which had sealed the record of their lives.

Their children had grown to manhood and womanhood with scarcely the memory of a father's love. The hopes that clustered around them have long ago been given to that other world in which they were believed to be. Such is the story as it has passed current all this time with the general public, and with the greater number of the relatives of the *Florinda* company; at first, of course, there were doubts and fears, more or less reluctantly resigned for certainty; but to this conclusion all eventually came, and the loss of the schooner, with all on board, has for fully a quarter of a century been regarded as a fact about which there could be no sort of question. The unfortunate men have been as utterly given up as though their burials had taken place in the presence of the whole community, and to have told any of their families, that they were still alive, would have been to ask them to believe that the dead had risen after twenty-five years of sepulture, and walked forth once more among the living. The strange and startling statement has transpired that Harmon Jones and his fellow voyagers were not lost as we thought; but are now alive on some nameless and undiscovered island in the lower Pacific. About a month ago, a friend of Mrs. Harmon (Peirce) Jones read in an English paper an account of some British vessel having been driven out of her course in a storm, and sighted an unknown island; much to the surprise of the crew, the island turned out to be inhabited, and still more astonishing by men who spoke the English language. The rest of the story, as given in the paper referred to, is that the castaway told the ship's company that they were the *Florinda* party, who had sailed from New Orleans in 1849, bound for California; that they had been wrecked on the island, and had dwelt there ever since; it being then more than twenty-five years that they had not seen a human face or a sign of the world from which they were so utterly eliminated. The paper gave the names of several, all of whom are known to have been of the *Florinda's* crew, and in many other ways according to the version of Mrs. Jones's friend, the identity of the party was established as none but themselves could have established it. It was further stated that the British vessel offered to take the men on board, but they declined, saying they had been lost for a quarter of a century, that they knew not in what situation they would find the families they had left, and that they preferred staying and spending their days there, rather than venture back to such a doubtful and uncertain future. This paper was four months old when Mrs. Jones's friend saw it one month ago, and the events narrated were described as having occurred four months previous to the issue of the paper. It is nine months then since the island was discovered by the British vessel, and at that time all, or nearly all, of the *Florinda* party appear to have been alive. It need not be said that this news has aroused the deepest interest. To the community at large it recalls the familiar occurrence of the *Florinda* sailing from New Orleans with its adventurous company; to the families of the ill-fated men, it comes like a message from another world; and is as though it were the announcement of a resurrection. Within the past few days the relatives have been living in a state of constant excitement, especially the sons of Harmon Jones, Jno. A. Sidney and Capt. Keenure, the skipper of the

*Florinda*, and have devoted themselves to the task of following the clue given by the friend, who saw the English paper. Extensive inquiries are now on foot, and the British Consul has kindly interested himself in the affair so far as to agree to forward to the war office in London, a full statement of the circumstances so that the name of the vessel which touched at the castaways' home can be ascertained, and the bearings of the island taken from her log. It would greatly facilitate this end however, if a copy of the paper giving the original account were found, and it is still hoped that some one who sees this publication may have noticed the paper, and be able to tell us where a number can be had. On that contingency depends much that will simplify and expedite the quest, but it is certain that in any case the friends of *Florinda's* crew will never rest again until the mystery is fathomed to its utmost depth. The common impression has already been that the schooner, being a very small craft used previously in the lake and sound trade between here and Pinarcola, had made a coasting voyage altogether, but this is evidently an incorrect impression. Since on the 27th of September, 1849, Capt. Kenmure wrote to his wife from Port Prago, Isle St. Jago, Cape de Verd Islands, Africa, where after having been six days out from the Balize they had put in for water. This island is in the same latitude as Hayti and about two thousand miles due east. It is directly in the track of vessels from Europe to South America and the Cape, and Capt. Kenmure, no doubt, sailed for it direct after leaving the Balize so as to take advantage of the North Equatorial stream to that point and the Brazil stream. They were heard from as we have already stated, once at Rio Janeiro where the schooner put in and again just beyond the Cape where a vessel bound to Rio spoke them. After that throughout the weary lapse of twenty-six years no breath or rumor has ever reached the world until there came this story of the British vessel and the unknown island. Circumstances conspire to give that story strange and romantic though it be an air of reality which cannot be ignored. In the first place it is difficult to believe that such a narrative could have been manufactured, no matter how strong the disposition. The parties had long since been forgotten, even by their few surviving contemporaries, and the names could not have been given so correctly by any but some of their respective families. Farther still, this the fact that it was a vessel of the British navy from which the narrative came forbids the idea of any deception so wanton and heartless as this would be. It seems perfectly reasonable to suppose that the statements are correct, and we can very readily appreciate as we shall very gladly assist the efforts of the relatives of the hapless men to trace them and solve the mystery of their fate. The episode has created a profound impression in New Orleans, and certainly appearances justify the belief that the history of the *Florinda* company is destined to be enrolled high among the wild and wonderful romances of human vicissitude and human suffering.—[*New Orleans Picayune*, June 27th, 1875].

iv. SUSAN, b. Dec. 14, 1829; d. Dec. 20, 1835.

51. FRANKLIN<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Joseph*<sup>7</sup>, *Josiah*<sup>6</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>5</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>); m. ———; d. Aug., 1841. He d. Sept., 1853. They res. in Athol. Children:—

i. CRAWFORD, b. May 1, 1820; m. Mrs. Ruth Cook, b. Mar. 1, 1816. Res. Milford; s. p.

5. ii. JOSEPH R., b. May 29, 1825; m. Charlotte P. Jones.

52. JOHN<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Levi*<sup>7</sup>, *Josiah*<sup>6</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>5</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>). b. Jan. 23, 1790; m. Mar. 2, 1815. Martha Buck, b. Feb. 2, 1787, d. Nov. 29, 1873. He d. Oct. 9, 1868. They res. in Milboro and Princeton. Children:—

1. SARAH A., b. Aug. 23, 1815; m. June 11, 1836, Samuel H. Pratt, b. June 13, 1814. She d. June 22, 1864.

- ii. PERNIS R., b. Mar. 24, 1824; m. Nov. 2, 1844, Silas A. Reed of Princeton, b. Mar. 22, 1821, d. Jan. 17, 1852; m. 2nd, Mar. 2, 1865, Samuel H. Pratt. They now res. in Springfield.
- iii. ROBERT B. T., b. Dec. 1, 1816; m. and res. in Lynn.
- iv. MARY, b. July 29, 1818; m. Ephraim Whitcomb of Rutland, Vt.
- v. NANCY, b. Sept. 15, 1820.
- vi. ADELINE B., b. Nov. 7, 1826.
- vii. MARTHA A., b. Nov. 7, 1828; m. (pub.) Apr. 13, 1850, Flavel W. Smith; res. Princeton.

253. LEVI<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Levi<sup>7</sup>, Josiah<sup>6</sup>, Isaac<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Oct. 14, 1794; m. Dec. 24, 1818, Polly Merriam, b. Apr. 20, 1796, d. Dec. 21, 1841; m. 2nd, May 26, 1846, Mrs. Roxanna Wilcox. He d. Mar. 24, 1867. He resided in West Boylston and was much respected; he was Representative, Captain of the Militia, Assessor, Selectman, and held various other offices of trust, honor and importance. Children:—

- 436. i. GEORGE W., b. Oct. 15, 1819; m. Demarius Balch and Mrs. Charlotte A. Carter.
- 437. ii. WILLIAM, b. July 26, 1821; m. Eliza Henderson.
- iii. MARCIA A., b. Mar. 20, 1823; m. Nov. 29, 1843, George Park, b. Sept. 9, 1815. Ch. Henry L., b. Sept. 18, 1844, killed in the battle of North Anna River, May 24, 1864; William C., b. June 19, 1846, wounded and taken prisoner at the battle of Petersburg, Aug. 30, 1864, and d. in Rebel Prison at Danville, Va., Jan. 6, 1865; Francis A., b. Mar. 10, 1848; Emma J., b. Mar. 23, 1850, d. Apr. 7, 1856; George Arthur, b. Dec. 11, 1855; Charles S., b. Nov. 28, 1857; Theresa M., b. Jan. 3, 1861; Cora A., b. Mar. 10, 1867.
- iv. MARY, b. June 16, 1825; d. June 26, 1825.
- 438. v. HENRY, b. Aug. 27, 1826; m. Theresa Adams and Carrie E. Holt.
- vi. JANE, b. Oct. 4, 1828; m. Mar. 25, 1845, Leonard Newton, b. Feb. 11, 1818. Ch. Ella A., b. July 21, 1847, d. Nov. 2, 1877; Mary J., b. Nov. 6, 1854; Adeline Lizzie I., b. July 19, 1856. They res. in Pittsfield.
- vii. ADELIA, b. Feb. 18, 1831; m. Sept. 14, 1853, Dr. Chauncey A. Wilcox of Uxbridge, b. Mar. 10, 1826. Ch. Chauncey, b. Oct. 17, 1854, d. Oct. 18, 1855; Lucius A., b. Aug. 17, 1856, d. July 14, 1876\*; Henry A., b. June 11, 1860. Res. Uxbridge.
- 439. viii. LEVI M., b. June 21, 1833; m. Mary H. Foster.
- 440. ix. JAMES E., b. Dec. 20, 1834; m. Eliza Lovell.

\* Lucius Adams Wilcox, son of Dr. C. A. Wilcox, who died July 14th, 1876, after a most painful sickness of eight days, was a most worthy and promising young man. In childhood he exhibited a most genial and amiable temper, ever affectionate and dutiful in his home and a choice companion among his associates. Neighbors who have seen and known him from infancy, testify to the kindness of his heart, the truthfulness of his words and purity of his deeds. As he grew in years these qualities were developed and strengthened and made for him friends in every relation and marked him as the favorite of every circle. In school he held himself to good discipline, close application and accurate investigation, so that in morals and in studies he had a high standing and merited and received the promotion which such industry and virtue are sure to win. He had completed two years of his college course and looked forward with noble aspiration and ambition to the time when he should graduate with college honors. Beyond *this* he had planned for his medical studies; not limiting himself to this country, but taking advantage of the best Institutes in Europe, he proposed to qualify himself for his profes-

54. JOSIAH<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Levi<sup>7</sup>, Josiah<sup>6</sup>, Isaac<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Sept. 13, 1796; m. Sally Merriam, d. Apr. 4, 1866; m. 2nd, Dec. 14, 1847, Mrs. Hannah Walker, by whom he had no issue, d. Sept. 10, 1865. He d. Jan. 10, 1874. They res. in West Boston and Rutland. Children:—

- i. JAMES, b. Sept. 7, 1831; d. May 6, 1833.
- ii. CHARLES, b. Apr. 20, 1826; m. Louisa A. Keyes.
- iii. Andrew J., b. Apr. 17, 1827; m. Eunice A. Colding.
- iv. CHARLOTTE, b. Nov. 6, 1828; m. June 24, 1846, Otis L. Larkin of Berlin, and d. Oct. 28, 1850.

55. EZRA B.<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Levi<sup>7</sup>, Josiah<sup>6</sup>, Isaac<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Feb. 7, 1807; m. Sept. 14, 1834, Mary S. Bigelow, b. Sept. 12, 1819. They res. in West Boylston. Children:—

- i. JULIETTE A., b. June 21, 1839; m. May 20, 1857, Sparrow Higgins. Ch. Fanny, b. June 10, 1860, d. June 20, 1860; Elenor F., b. Jan. 21, 1862; Lilla, b. Oct. 18, 1865; Ada, b. Oct. 19, 1867; Walter E., b. Nov. 25, 1871.
- ii. MARION L., b. Apr. 18, 1842; m. May 5, 1862, Henry Tyler. Ch. Edwin, b. Aug. 4, 1862.
- iii. MARTHA E., b. Sept. 7, 1845; m. Oct. 10, 1865, George Kimball; m. 2nd, Sept. 30, 1874, William Bishop. Ch. Allie E., b. July 10, 1875.
- iv. ALBERT B., b. Mar. 22, 1848; m. Sept. 20, 1873, Mary Whiteside; s. p. Res. West Boylston.
- v. EMMA S., b. Dec. 25, 1850; m. Jan. 7, 1871, Erastus Ware. Ch. Albert, b. May 17, 1871; Frank, b. May 18, 1873.
- vi. MARY, b. Oct. 14, 1854; d. Dec. 26, 1863.
- vii. CYNTHIA E., b. Jan. 19, 1857.
- viii. IDA R., b. July 9, 1862.

56. JOHN S.<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Byfield<sup>7</sup>, Josiah<sup>6</sup>, Isaac<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Dec. 30, 1799; m. Dec. 2, 1827, Louisa P. Scott, b. Oct. 19, 1804, d. Sept. 18, 1829; m. 2nd, Dec. 9, 1830, Ann Hill, b. Aug. 8, 1802, d. 1880. They res. in Burlington, Vt. Children:—

- i. WILLIAM J., b. Aug. 15, 1829; m. Harriet E. Seavey.
- ii. ALBERT G., b. Sept. 10, 1833; m. Delia J. Benjamin.

57. HORACE<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Joel<sup>7</sup>, Josiah<sup>6</sup>, Isaac<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Sept. 18, 1792; m. Apr. 10, 1817, Sally Wing, b. Aug. 19, 1794, d. Mar. 6, 1864. They res. in Brighton. He went to Little Cambridge (now Brighton) when he was twelve years of age, to live with his maternal uncle, Samuel Davis, and has remained there since. He is now in perfect health and full of activity. In the latter part of the year 1878, then in his eighty-sixth year, he

was called to the medical practice according to the most advanced course prescribed. While living he was an honor to youthful manhood, and now that he is dead he has left a good name that will ever be precious to the memory of friends. A large assembly was in attendance at his funeral, filling the Congregational Church in every part, a most emphatic testimonial of his worth, and deep sympathy with the greatly afflicted family. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Biscoe of Holliston, formerly pastor of the Congregational Church, Uxbridge, and Rev. Mr. Tilton of the Baptist Church, North Andover, who took the part and place designated for him.



erected a carriage-house and stable. He was once asked for a receipt for long life, and his reply was: "Rise early and black your boots before breakfast." Children:—

445. i. HORACE W., b. Feb. 12, 1821; m. Louisa H. Swallow and Mary Swallow.
- ii. GEORGE F., b. Dec. 19, 1823; d. May 2, 1826.
- iii. LOUISA T., b. Feb. 15, 1826; m. Nov. 16, 1848, Cephas H. Brackett, b. Jan. 19, 1826. Ch. Dexter, b. Nov. 30, 1851, m. Sept. 21, 1875, Josephine Dame. Res. Brighton.
- iv. JOHN H., b. Feb. 12, 1828; d. Dec. 3, 1832.
- v. SARAH A., b. Oct. 20, 1829; m. May 14, 1856, Henry H. Hastings. Ch. Horace Peirce, b. May 6, 1861; Albert H., b. July 13, 1862, d. June 5, 1877. Res. Brookline.
- vi. MARY O., b. Feb. 14, 1832; unm.

258. HARVEY<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Joel*<sup>7</sup>, *Josiah*<sup>6</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>5</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Mar. 28, 1794; m. Sept. 9, 1818, Cynthia Allen, b. Oct. 29, 1784, d. May 15, 1875. He d. Dec. 19, 1863. They res. in Lancaster. Children:—

446. i. SAMUEL H., b. Jan. 31, 1820; m. Charlotte S. Houghton.
- ii. CHARLES H., b. Feb. 27, 1825; d. Feb. 15, 1831.

259. JOHN B.<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Joel*<sup>7</sup>, *Josiah*<sup>6</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>5</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Jan. 19, 1800; m. Feb. 21, 1819, Harriet Moore. They res. in Putney, Vt. Children:—

- i. EUNICE A., b. July 3, 1820; m. Nov. 4, 1839, Elisha H. Roundy, b. May 12, 1814, d. June 19, 1863. Ch. Ellen M., b. Sept. 15, 1845, m. Charles W. Puffer; Ella J., b. Mar. 23, 1850, d. Aug. 26, 1852. She m. 2nd, ——— Kathan. Res. Brattleboro, Vt.
- ii. ABIGAIL F., b. July 24, 1824; m. Aug. 4, 1845, Alexis B. Hewett, b. Nov. 29, 1822. Ch. Mary J., b. June 9, 1846, m. Leroy Shilley.
447. iii. JOHN C., b. Apr. 7, 1827; m. Ellen S. Page.
- iv. ADALINE L., b. Sept. 13, 1830; m. Nov. 5, 1848, Emery Knowlton, b. Mar. 12, 1828; s. p.
- v. HARRIET M., b. Dec. 21, 1833; m. Aug. 28, 1850, Emory A. Wilder, b. Dec. 13, 1828. Ch. Alice V., b. Dec. 17, 1855, d. July 18, 1861; Cora E., b. June 20, 1860, m. Herbert M. Wood. Res. Brattleboro, Vt.
448. vi. GEORGE L., b. Dec. 8, 1836; m. Nettie M. Fisher.
- vii. LUCY A., b. Mar. 13, 1840; m. Apr. 4, 1859, John D. Moore, b. Nov. 5, 1838. Ch. John, b. Sept. 17, 1867. Res. Bellows Falls, Vt.

260. BENJAMIN F.<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Joel*<sup>7</sup>, *Josiah*<sup>6</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>5</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Apr. 30, 1803; m. Sept. 6, 1827, Cynthia O. Stowe, b. Aug. 12, 1805, d. Feb. 12, 1876. They res. in Brighton. Children:—

- i. GEORGE F., b. Sept. 23, 1832; d. June 8, 1858.
- ii. CYNTHIA L., b. Jan. 22, 1834; d. July 23, 1853.
- iii. HANNAH A., b. Mar. 4, 1836; d. Aug. 25, 1837.
449. iv. EDWARD A., b. Apr. 4, 1838; m. Ellen F. J. Baxter. Res. Brighton.
450. v. JOHN H., b. Apr. 8, 1840; m. Flora L. Peirce [262—iii].
- vi. CHARLES W., b. June 15, 1843; m. Aug. 26, 1871, Emma I. Gooch, b. Jan. 16, 1849. Res. Brighton, s. p.

21. JOEL<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Joel*<sup>7</sup>, *Josiah*<sup>6</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>5</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Jan. 18, 1805; m. May 1, 1846, Mary J. Hayes, b. Oct. 9, 1820. He d. Apr. 22, 1869. Children:—

- i. LUCY A., b. June 30, 1847; m. May 11, 1870, Edward Davis, b. Oct. 10, 1844. Ch. Florence M., b. May 16, 1872; Herbert C., b. Aug. 3, 1875. Res. Grove street, Worcester.
- ii. CHARLES A., b. Apr. 2, 1851; unm.
- iii. JOSEPH H., b. May 25, 1854; d. Sept. 16, 1870.

22. GEORGE W.<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Joel*<sup>7</sup>, *Josiah*<sup>6</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>5</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Oct. 11, 1815; m. Cynthia Richards; m. 2nd, Aug. 17, 1845, Louise Hunnewell. They res. in Boston at the Highlands at 8 Millmont street. Children:—

- i. GEORGE A., b. Jan. 12, 1842; d. Feb. 11, 1860.
- ii. MARIETTA H., b. Nov. 25, 1847.
- iii. FLORA L., b. July 4, 1850; m. March 22, 1870, John H. Peirce.

23. JOHN<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Ephraim*<sup>7</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>6</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>5</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Aug. 13, 1787; m. March 28, 1813, Sarah Teaksbury, b. Nov. 18, 1790, d. Oct. 8, 1834. He d. April 28, 1861. They res. in Waltham. Children:—

- i. EPHRAIM, b. June 16, 1813; d. June 2, 1833.
- ii. SARAH A., b. Nov. 14, 1814.
- iii. JOHN P., b. March 26, 1818; m. Adeline A. Putnam.
- iv. LYDIA M., b. Jan. 12, 1821; m. Jan. 1, 1841, Joseph Fenn, d. May 20, 1863. Ch. b. in Revere, Thomas L., b. Oct. 1, 1841, m. Addie E. Tucker; Edward A., b. Aug. 26, 1842, m. Sarah J. Derby; Charles F., b. July 30, 1844, m. Emma C. Tucker; Sarah P., b. Feb. 22, 1847, m. Fred. E. Proctor; Walter P., b. May 20, 1850, d. Jan. 12, 1860; Fred. A., b. Feb. 5, 1853; Morton, b. July 6, 1855; Herbert, b. Aug. 17, 1858; Parker, b. May 10, 1862.
- v. ALMIRA L., b. July 11, 1823; m. Oct. 29, 1844, Robert A. Vinal, b. March 16, 1821. Ch. b. in Somerville, Louisa A., b. Feb. 6, 1846; Robert A., b. Sept. 12, 1847, d. Oct. 18, 1875; Marie A., b. Nov. 8, 1849, m. Arthur T. Kidder; Arthur P., b. June 14, 1854; Alice M., b. Oct. 29, 1856; Charles W., b. Aug. 18, 1861.
- vi. ELIZABETH P., b. June 25, 1827; d. June 28, 1827.
- vii. HENRY A., b. Nov. 29, 1828; d. Feb. 21, 1863, in a military hospital at Washington, D. C. He was a member of Company H, First Massachusetts Volunteers, mustered and sworn into the service of the United States, May 23, 1861. He participated in every battle and skirmish in which his regiment was engaged, sixty-seven in number, from Bull Run July 21, 1861, to Fredericksburg, Nov. 20, 1862.
- viii. AUGUSTA S., b. Sept. 26, 1830; m. Oct. 26, 1853, Quincy A. Vinal, b. Sept. 23, 1846. Ch. b. in Somerville, Ann P., b. Aug. 12, 1854; Mary L., b. June 16, 1856; Martha A., b. Jan. 6, 1858; Quincy P., b. April 2, 1860; Josephine, b. Oct. 30, 1861; Sarah A., b. Jan. 12, 1863; Edward L., b. April 21, 1865, d. March 5, 1874; Lenora, b. Dec. 15, 1866; Isabelle W., b. July 26, 1868, d. Jan. 28, 1874; Bertha R., b. Jan. 9, 1870, d. May 6, 1871; Eva W., b. Nov. 20, 1871, d. Jan. 22, 1874; John H., b. April 28, 1873, d. Aug. 7, 1873.
- ix. EPHRAIM, b. Feb. 20, 1834; d. July 1, 1865. Ephraim Peirce went to Minnesota in 1854, was a member of the first State Legislature in 1857; sergeant in Company B, Third Minnesota

volunteers, Sept. 30, 1861; orderly sergeant June, 1862; surrendered at Murfreesboro'. Tenn., July 13, 1862; paroled and sent to fight against the Indians in Minnesota, where he was wounded; exchanged and made second lieutenant May 11, 1863; was present at the siege and capture of Vicksburg, July 4, 1863; first lieutenant and adjutant June 14, 1864; captain of company F, Third Minnesota Volunteers, May 19, 1865.

264. NATHANIEL<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Reuben<sup>7</sup>, Ephraim<sup>6</sup>, Isaac<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Sept. 22, 1789; m. Nov. 25, 1827, Abigail Wellington, b. Feb. 11, 1806. They res. in Lexington.

Children:—

- i. HARRIET R., b. April 9, 1828; d. July 15, 1830.
- ii. SUSAN, b. Oct. 27, 1829; m. May 8, 1854, Charles Muon of West Roxbury. Ch. Charles P., b. April 14, 1855; Leah A., b. July 4, 1857; Nathaniel, b. Feb. 23, 1859. Res. Lexington.
- iii. NATHANIEL, b. Aug. 26, 1831; m. April 13, 1865, Clara Sullivan, s. p. Res. East Lexington.
- iv. ABBIE, b. Nov. 15, 1835; m. Dec. 25, 1856, George Conant of Somerville. She d. suddenly Nov. 27, 1857.
- v. ELIZABETH, b. Dec. 31, 1837; unm. Res. East Lexington.
- vi. EMMA I., b. Nov. 26, 1840; d. July 19, 1843.
- vii. WILLARD E., b. March 17, 1843; unm. Res. E. Lexington.
- viii. EMMA I., b. July 8, 1847; m. May 22, 1870, Alfred Cutler. Ch. Abbie Maria, b. Feb. 10, 1871; Bell Blodgett, b. Nov. 13, 1873, d. Nov. 28, 1875; Peirce, b. July 5, 1878. They res. in San Francisco, Cal., at 507 Powell street.

265. EBENEZER<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Reuben<sup>7</sup>, Ephraim<sup>6</sup>, Isaac<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. April 18, 1792; m. Jan. 5, 1814, Nabby Brown, b. June 27, 1795, d. July 2, 1869. He d. March 7, 1862. They res. in East Lexington. Children:—

452. i. HARRISON, b. Dec. 26, 1813; m. Harriet F. Perry.
- ii. ELBA, b. April 18, 1815; unm.
- iii. DANIEL, b. June 27, 1817; d. Sept. 12, 1852.
- iv. SUSAN, b. Oct. 28, 1819; d. Oct. 23, 1822.
- v. SUSAN, b. Sept. 10, 1823; m. Jonas Harrington, b. 1810, d. July 5, 1857. She d. April 16, 1856; Emma J., b. 1845; Oren C., b. May 31, 1851.
- vi. HIRAM, b. May 1, 1826; unm. Res. Watertown.
- vii. OPHELIA, b. 1829; d. Oct. 10, 1831.

266. PELATIAH P.<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Reuben<sup>7</sup>, Ephraim<sup>6</sup>, Isaac<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. March 13, 1806; m. Dec. 25, 1833, Paulina Burbank, b. Dec. 27, 1809. He d. June 12, 1878. They res. in East Lexington. Children:—

- i. SULLIVAN, b. Nov. 6, 1834; drowned while skating, Dec. 15, 1849.
- ii. ELLEN, b. April 27, 1836; unm. Res. East Lexington.
- iii. PAULINA, b. Nov. 5, 1838; unm. Res. East Lexington.
- iv. EMILY R., b. 1841; d. Sept. 14, 1843.
- v. EMILY A., b. Feb. 20, 1845; unm. Res. East Lexington.
- vi. FRANK D., b. June 2, 1851; unm. Res. East Lexington.

267. AMOS<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Amos<sup>7</sup>, Ephraim<sup>6</sup>, Isaac<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Aug. 6, 1789; m. Martha Green, b. 1790, d. Sept.

13. 863. He d. March, 1841. They res. in Chelsea. Children :—

- i. AMOS, b. Aug. 6, 1815; m. Delaney A. Robinson.
- ii. SARAH, b. 1813; d. March, 1838, unm.
- iii. MARTHA; m. David Leet.
- iv. THOMAS P., b. Aug. 30, 1820; m. Aseneth R. McPherson.
- v. NATHAN H., b. May 15, 1825; m. Margaret W. Dodge.
- vi. ANDREW J., b. May 10, 1824; d. unm.

14. 864. ABNER<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Abner*<sup>7</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>6</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>5</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Feb. 25, 1797; bap. March 4, 1798, m. Sarah C. Guckman, b. 1799, d. May 27, 1824; m. 2nd, Nov. 2, 1826, Eliza Tins. They res. in Arlington. Children :—

- i. HARRIET A.; bap. March 19, 1820; d. June 16, 1842, æ 22, unm.
- ii. ABNER G.; bap. July 1, 1821.
- iii. SARAH L.; bap. July 27, 1823.

15. 865. GEORGE M.<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Jonas*<sup>7</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>6</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>5</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Aug. 8, 1805; m. Nov. 1, 1849, Maria E. Sawyer, d. Sept. 28, 1859. He d. Dec. 20, 1859. They res. in North Cohasset. Child :—

- i. GEORGE M., b. May 17, 1854; d. March 8, 1857, in Chicago, Ill.

16. 866. CHARLES L.<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Jonas*<sup>7</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>6</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>5</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Aug. 25, 1809; m. Oct. 23, 1836, Lucretia S. Spear, b. Jan. 29, 1813.

Charles Lloyd Peirce was born, brought up and has always lived in Quincy, Mass. He was educated in the district schools, and when fifteen years of age (in 1824) went to learn the trade of a bookmaker, with Beth Burrell of Quincy, with whom he served an apprenticeship of nearly three years, continuing to work at the trade until 1873, being four years of thirty years in the employ of one manufacturer, Benjamin Curtis, Esq., always receiving the credit of turning out good and perfect work.

Since 1873, he has not confined himself to any particular business, though always busy. He has always lived on the old homestead, corner of Canal and Washington streets, since it was purchased by his father in 1817, he purchasing it from his father's estate after the latter's death.

He was always interested in pomology, and one season raised nearly fifty bushels of quinces on his small place. Be the amount raised more or less, on account of the beauty and fairness of the fruit, they were always engaged by neighbors and many people at a distance before being picked.

Mr. Peirce is of a quiet, even and retiring disposition, always attending his own business. He has never contracted any vices, but possesses many virtues. In all his dealings with others he has ever been honest and upright. Children :—

- i. LUCRETIA A., b. Sept. 19, 1837.
- ii. DANIEL B., b. March 18, 1839; d. March 2, 1840.
17. 867. iii. CHARLES E., b. Sept. 17, 1841; m. Eurdice A. Roberts and Emma L. Goodwin.
- iv. LYDIA A., b. Jan. 22, 1844; m. July 7, 1867, William B. Worster of Weymouth. Ch. Mary A., b. May 22, 1868; William N., b.



Dec. 13, 1871; Annie L., b. May 5, 1874, d. Feb. 15, 1875.  
They res. in Quincy.

v. AMOS H., b. May 31, 1846; d. June 19, 1849.

vi. GEORGE L., b. Nov. 14, 1851; m. Jan. 16, 1878, Annie M. Brooks,  
s. p.

271. LORING S.<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Loring*<sup>7</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>6</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>5</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. March 1, 1817; m. April 23, 1846, Frances A. Harrington. They res. in East Lexington. He has filled several town offices of trust and honor in his native town. Children:—

457. i. GEORGE L., b. Feb. 22, 1847; m. Sarah J. Hanscom.

ii. GERTRUDE, b. April 2, 1853; unm.

iii. ALFRED L., b. Feb. 10, 1858; unm.

iv. FRANK W., b. Oct. 31, 1860; d. Jan. 12, 1877.

272. ISAAC S.<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Charles*<sup>7</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>6</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>5</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. May 24, 1799; m. Jan. 21, 1821, Matilda Babcock, b. Mar. 6, 1798, d. Sept. 8, 1873. He d. June 8, 1874. They res. in Union Center, Broome Co., N. Y. Children:—

458. i. EDMOND, b. June 22, 1823; m. Susan H. Sloan.

ii. HANNAH C., b. Jan. 11, 1828; res. unm. in Union Center, N. Y.

273. WILLIAM<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Charles*<sup>7</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>6</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>5</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>); m. Sarah Palmer. They res. in N. Y. State. Children:—

i. SETH W.

ii. MARY A.; m. George A. Birch, res. Albany, N. Y., and d. 1855.

iii. HELEN. iv. MATILDA. v. COLLINS. vi. DAVID B.

274. MASON<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Washington*<sup>7</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>6</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>5</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Dec. 12, 1810; m. Dec. 1, 1844, Betsey W. Fairfield, b. Apr. 2, 1821, d. Jan. 19, 1873. He res. in Walpole, Mass. Children:—

i. ELIZABETH W., b. Apr. 10, 1849; m. Dec. 1, 1878, J. W. Blackburn; res. Walpole.

275. ISAAC W.<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Joseph*<sup>7</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>6</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>5</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Dec. 4, 1825; m. Apr. 6, 1851, Elizabeth Van Antwerp. They res. in Coldwater, Michigan. Children:—

i. CHARLES C., b. Aug. 15, 1852.

ii. GEORGE D., b. Jan. 7, 1855; d. July 12, 1855.

iii. WILLIS I., b. May 13, 1856. iv. MARY H., b. Aug. 31, 1860.

v. ELLA P., b. Oct. 5, 1867.

vi. CORA E., b. Dec. 18, 1868; d. Apr. 18, 1872.

276. HASKELL<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Hon. Oliver*<sup>7</sup>, *George*<sup>6</sup>, *George*<sup>5</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Sept. 28, 1803; m. 1827, Beulah Burnell, dau. of Dr. Burnell, b. 1805, d. Dec., 1834; m. 2nd, 1845, Margaret Remick, s. p. They settled in Harrison, Me. He was a Colonel in the old militia. Representative to the State Legislature in 1837-8, and soon after became deranged. He was a man of superior intellect, and possessed of great executive ability. Had he not been so unfortunate as to become impaired in mind, he would have risen high in official capacities. Children:—

i. S. MARIA, b. Apr. 28, 1829; d. Aug. 19, 1847.

- ii. CYRUS H., b. May 17, 1831; m. Josephine Strickland.
- iii. PASCHAL B., b. 1833; d. 1835.

77. BENJAMIN F.<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Hon. Oliver<sup>7</sup>, George<sup>6</sup>, George<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. May 10, 1813; m. May 14, 1840, Abby Burnham. b. July 7, 1818. They res. in Harrison, Me., at rev. to Reno, Nevada. Mr. Peirce's days have been mostly spent in agricultural and lumbering pursuits, having passed eleven winters in the woods of Maine and New Hampshire. He has held several important offices, was at one time Quartermaster-General of the Maine Militia. Children:—

- 50. i. FREDERICK R., b. Apr. 1, 1841; m. Harriet O. Faruham.
- ii. HESTER A., b. Jan. 11, 1843; m. Sept. 20, 1864, Robert P. M. Greeley, b. Mar. 8, 1835.
- iii. ROBERT O., b. Jan. 5, 1845; m. May 8, 1875, Julia A. Lemont, b. Aug. 31, 1846, s. p.; res. Boston, 1389 Washington street.

78. THOMAS T.<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Hon. Oliver<sup>7</sup>, George<sup>6</sup>, George<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Sept. 5, 1817; m. Aug. 6, 1840, Lydia Pratt, b. May 16, 1822. He d. Jan. 8, 1875, at Dead Coon Lake, Minn. He long resided in Harrison, Me., where he served as town clerk many years, and in other responsible official positions. He moved to Lynd, Lion Co., Minn., several years ago, and engaged in lumbering. He perished in a severe snow storm, while following his traps as a hunter, during the winter of 1875, and was not found for some time. Children:—

- 561. i. HENRY L., b. Nov. 4, 1841; m. Anna Fitz Simmons.
- ii. PARKER J., b. Nov. 17, 1843; unm.
- iii. GEORGE, b. Feb. 6, 1846; unm.
- iv. THOMAS T., b. Oct. 16, 1860; d. Nov. 9, 1864.

279. REUBEN<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Ebenezer<sup>7</sup>, Anthony<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Sept. 14, 1766; m. Mar. 2, 1790, Abigail Gilson, his cousin, b. Apr. 4, 1770, d. Feb. 24, 1854. He d. Mar. 31, 1860. They res. in Westminster, Vt. Children:—

- i. ANNAH, b. Oct. 13, 1800; d. 1870.
- ii. HOLLAND, b. Nov. 5, 1808; d. Apr. 15, 1815.
- 462. iii. MORRIS, b. Jan. 17, 1813; m. Caroline H. Cook and Louisa J. Fletcher.
- iv. ARVILLA; m. Moses Peirce [283].
- 463. v. REUBEN; m. Mary Frink.
- 464. vi. EBENEZER; m. ———.

280. ROYAL<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Ebenezer<sup>7</sup>, Anthony<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), m. Feb. 5, 1792, Azubah Davenport. They res. in Putney, Vt., and rev. to N. Y. State. He was a soldier in the war of 1812. They had seven children.

281. ROSWELL<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Ebenezer<sup>7</sup>, Anthony<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Dec. 18, 1764; m. Oct. 25, 1787, Elizabeth Morton, b. Mar. 18, 1765. They res. in Putney, Vt. Children:—

- i. POLLY, b. Aug. 14, 1788; m. Jonathan Blanchard. and d. Sept. 21, 1872.

- ii. BETSEY, b. July 6, 1793; d. Mar. 6, 1794.
  - 465. iii. ROSWELL, b. Dec. 26, 1794; m. Sophia Floyd.
  - iv. BETSEY, b. Jan. 26, 1797; d. July 6, 1822.
  - v. ORPHA, b. July 25, 1798; m. July 24, 1810, Halaway Floyd; m. 2nd, Nov., 1830, Aaron Graves.
  - vi. CAROLINE, b. Aug. 15, 1803; d. Apr. 2, 1855.
  - vii. EMELINE, b. June 2, 1805; m. Micah Anderson; res. Willson, N. Y.
  - viii. ALMANDA, b. July 13, 1811; m. Benjamin Anderson; res. Wallingford, Vt.
282. RUFUS<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Ebenezer<sup>7</sup>, Anthony<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. June 27, —; m. Aug. 5, 1799, Thankful Lindsey, b. Feb. 18, 1771, d. July 26, 1849. He d. Apr. 5, 1845. They res. in Putney, Vt. Children:—
- i. LEVINA, b. May 13, 1791; m. Samuel Derby, and d. Jan. 25, 1822.
  - ii. THANKFUL, b. Sept. 16, 1792; m. Daniel Fisher.
  - iii. VILETTA, b. Feb. 2, 1794; m. Leland Whitney.
  - iv. BETHANA, b. Sept. 28, 1795; m. Alvin Closon, and d. Mar. 17, 1827.
  - v. RUFUS, b. July 13, 1797; d. Oct. 10, 1798.
  - vi. SARAH, b. May 25, 1799; d. Nov. 2, 1833.
  - vii. MARTHA, b. Feb. 5, 1801; d. Nov. 20, 1819.
  - 466. viii. RUFUS, b. Aug. 28, 1802; m. Betsey Stoddard, Eliza Black, Eliza Gilbert, and Sarah Clark.
  - 467. ix. LEROY, b. July 14, 1804; m. Fanny Allen.
  - 468. x. MARK, b. Apr. 7, 1806; m. Mary A. Fisher.
  - xi. MELINDA, b. Dec. 9, 1807; m. Emery Bragg, and d. Oct. 1, 1831.
  - 469. xii. LEMON, b. July 16, 1810; m. Elizabeth Fisher.
  - xiii. CLARK, b. Dec. 13, 1812; d. Feb. 12, 1829.
283. MOSES<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Nathan<sup>7</sup>, Anthony<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*); m. Jan. 2, 1810, Arvilla Peirce [279-iv.], d. June 16, 1814. He d. July, 1815. They res. in Stillwater, N. Y. Children:—
- 470. i. NATHAN G., b. Aug. 19, 1810; m. Malissa Keach and Roxanna Keach.
  - ii. BOY, d. young.
  - iii. GIRL, b. July 16, 1814; d. Mar., 1840.
284. JOSEPH<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Joseph<sup>7</sup>, Anthony<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. June 9, 1780; m. May 25, 1809, Ruth Steele, b. June 9, 1788. He d. May 2, 1851. They res. in Springfield, Vt., and Claremont, N. H. He was a miller by trade and resided most of his lifetime in the former place. Children:—
- 471. i. JOSEPH W., b. Oct. 24, 1810; m. Mandana Buckman.
  - ii. HARRIET M., b. April 15, 1814; d. March 9, 1815.
  - 472. iii. ASHBEL F., b. Dec. 31, 1815; m. Luciuda Buckman.
  - iv. HARRIET A., b. Feb. 12, 1816; d. March 14, 1818.
  - 473. v. GEORGE S., b. March 16, 1819; m. Mary J. Schollar.
  - vi. ABIGAIL M., b. May 5, 1821; m. June 24, 1841, Thomas Dart, b. Jan. 25, 1818. They res. in Claremont, N. H., and have ch. Emma F., b. June 30, 1843; Edward F., b. March 21, 1845. m. Mahala A. Parks; Stella R., b. Feb. 3, 1847, m. Alonzo Whitney; Georgianna M., b. May 21, 1849, m. Edward J. Fildes; Ellen A., b. June 21, 1851, m. Walter H. Ainsworth; Julia A., b. Nov. 6, 1853, m. George H. Baker; Addie E., b. April 5,

1856, m. Levi W. Bartlett; Hattie L., b. June 25, 1859, d. Aug. 28, 1859; Charles W., b. Oct. 22, 1860; Willie P., b. Nov. 29, 1863.

vii. MARTHA E., b. Sept. 12, 1824; unm.

viii. RUTH S., b. Dec. 24, 1829; d. Dec. 26, 1829.

ix. MARY E., b. July 18, 1831; d. Feb. 12, 1832.

5. NATHAN<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Joseph<sup>7</sup>, Anthony<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. 1775. He d. 1853. They res. in Madison Co., N. Y. Child:—

i. CHARLES M.; m. ——— and ———.

6. Major ISRAEL<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Joseph<sup>7</sup>, Anthony<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. 1775; m. Orpha Peirce, b. 1777, d. Nov. 15, 1854. He d. Dec., 1829. They res. in St. Johnsbury, Vt. Children:—

i. LUCIUS, b. Feb. 9, 1802. Res. Iowa City, Iowa.

ii. LOVINUS, b. Dec. 6, 1803; m. Alma Burnam.

iii. LOUISA, b. May 11, 1808 (adopted); d. unm.

iv. SHUBEL, b. Oct. 11, 1810; rev. to Shipton, Canada.

v. ABIGAIL, b. June 15, 1813; m. Abel Flint, and d. April, 1858, in Claremont, N. H., leaving four children.

vi. GEORGE, b. Feb. 1, 1817; res. Boston, has one daughter living.

vii. MARTHA, b. April 18, 1820; m. March 3, 1844, Dennison S. Wheeler, and res. in St. Johnsbury.

viii. SALLY, b. Jan. 11, 1824; m. Oct. 22, 1848, Alonzo Brown, and d. May 8, 1859, in Claremont, N. H., s. p.

7. JOHN<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*John<sup>7</sup>, John<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. March 31, 1777; m. Hannah Warner. He d. 1842. Children:—

i. SALLY, b. Sept. 8, 1800; m. Dec. 31, 1823, John H. Stoddard, b. Feb. 21, 1796. Ch. John P., b. June 18, 1829, m. Lizzie Kathan; H. Maria, b. April 8, 1832, m. Royal Bliss; Willard A., b. July 23, 1834, m. Cora M. Perry; William B., b. Sept. 10, 1837, d. April 30, 1875; J. Frank, b. Jan. 18, 1839; George A., b. April 18, 1842, m. Nellie M. Woods.

ii. JERUSHA, b. Jan. 11, 1803; d. April 5, 1816.

75. iii. CHARLES P., b. Nov. 11, 1805; m. Achsa P. Miller.

76. iv. GEORGE W., b. March 4, 1807; m. Hannah E. Bruce.

v. JAMES A., b. June 7, 1813; res. Bennington, Vt.

vi. WILLIAM C., b. April 7, 1811; M. D., res. Alton, Ill.

77. vii. WILLARD W., b. July 5, 1809; m. Mary Cobb.

8. SOLOMON<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*John<sup>7</sup>, John<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. March 15, 1779; m. Oct. 25, 1800, Polly Farnsworth, b. April 1, 1782, d. 1844. He d. Nov. 30, 1863. They res. in Coventry and Richmond, Vt. Children:—

i. LUDOSKI, b. May 10, 1801; m. Thomas Bryant.

ii. AVARANTHA, b. Jan. 28, 1803; m. Martin Barber.

iii. MARY, b. Nov. 27, 1805; m. Nathan Tyler; res. Essex, Vt.

iv. NANCY, b. July 28, 1807; m. Elihu Bates.

v. ALMIRA, b. Sept. 11, 1809; m. Samuel Douglass.

478. vi. CHARLES F., b. Dec. 24, 1811; m. Mary M. Bates.

479. vii. SOLOMON, b. Nov. 9, 1814; m. Sarah Jewell.

viii. JERUSHA, b. Feb. 9, 1818; m. Kendall Williams.

ix. LUCY, b. Feb. 14, 1816; m. Milo Kelor.



480. x. ALBION, b. March 6, 1820; m. Hannah Williams and Eliza Bates.  
 xi. MALINDA, b. June 4, 1822; m. Samuel Conant.  
 481. xii. ALFRED, b. March 11, 1824; m. Martha Williams and Minerva T. Brownell.  
 xiii. RANSON C., b. Sept. 6, 1826; m. Maria Caswell; res. Huntington, Vt.

289. CYRUS<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*John<sup>7</sup>, Gad<sup>6</sup>, William<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Oct. 12, 1791; m. 1814, Martha Beals, b. 1790, d. May 8, 1860. He d. July 20, 1861. They res. in Winchendon and Dracut, Mass. Children:—

- i. MARTHA, b. Sept. 14, 1815; m. Oct. 14, 1833, Stephen Dole; res. Lebanon, N. H.
- ii. MARY, b. Aug. 15, 1817; m. Elias Evans, and d. Jan. 22, 1876.
- iii. ABIGAIL, b. Aug. 16, 1819; m. L. L. Knowles; res. Worcester, Mass.
- iv. JOANNA T., b. April 18, 1821; m. Thomas L. Evans; res. Lowell.
- v. CYRUS H., b. Aug. 16, 1823; m. Abby Berry, and d. in Dover, N. H., Aug., 1870.
- vi. JOHN H., b. Aug. 25, 1825; m. Elizabeth Sisson; res. Charlestown.
- vii. GEORGE S., b. Sept. 4, 1827; res. California.
- viii. JAMES A., b. Oct. 21, 1829; d. in California, 1860.
- ix. CHARLES E., b. Sept. 4, 1831; m. Abbie Dolloff; res. Meredith, N. H.
- x. ALBERT P., b. Oct. 21, 1834; m. May 21, 1853, Rosanna Newton, s. p.; res. Hartland Four Corners, Vt.
- xi. SARAH M., b. June 20, 1837; m. Thomas Varnum; res. Dracut.

290. JAMES<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*John<sup>7</sup>, Gad<sup>6</sup>, William<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. May 30, 1796; m. Mary Whipple. He d. April 20, 1863. Children:—

- i. SILAS N., b. March 9, 1818; d. Sept. 30, 1831.
- ii. JAMES M., b. Dec. 1, 1819; m. Jennie ———. Ch. James W., b. May 30, 1854; Sallie F., b. Nov. 5, 1856.
- iii. MARY A., b. Feb. 9, 1822; m. Aug. 23, 1846, William Brown. Ch. Mary E., b. Feb. 23, 1850; Silas F., b. March 26, 1848; Charles C., b. Dec. 26, 1851.
- iv. EUNICE, b. May 5, 1825; d. Dec. 31, 1830.
- v. SALLY, b. May 11, 1829; d. May 29, 1829.
- vi. CHARLES C., b. June 2, 1832; m. Josephine Chaplette. Ch. Charles C., b. Jan. 20, 1860; Otis W., b. Feb. 2, 1862; James E., b. Nov. 14, 1863.

291. JONAS<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*William<sup>7</sup>, Gad<sup>6</sup>, William<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Feb. 18, 1798; m. Fanny Earle. They res. in Royalston. Children:—

- i. WILLIAM.
- ii. HARRIET E., b. Nov. 14, 1830; m. March 1, 1859, Dwight H. Hayward, b. April 19, 1826. Ch. Fanny B., b. Dec. 17, 1864; Dwight H., b. Jan. 10, 1869. Res. Denver, Col.
- iii. JAMES.
- iv. BLAKE.
- v. CHARLES.
- vi. SOPHIA; m. C. Stockwell.
- vii. GEORGE.
- viii. WILLARD.

292. Capt. GEORGE<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*William<sup>7</sup>, Gad<sup>6</sup>, William<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Aug. 25, 1805; m. May 5, 1834, Delia Peck, b. Jan. 14, 1815. They res. in Royalston. Children:—

- i. GEORGE E., b. Feb. 17, 1835.

- ii. L. ELLIOTT, b. Nov. 17, 1837; m. Aug. 14, 1861, Ann E. Kirkpatrick, b. Oct. 15, 1840, s. p.; res. Boston.
- iii. EDWIN F., b. July 5, 1839; m. Jan. 7, 1868, Elnora E. Barrett, b. June 25, 1844; res. Boston. s. p.
- iv. WARREN A., b. Nov. 28, 1840; m. July 16, 1868, Mrs. Fanny A. Lay; res. s. p. Chicago. Ill.
- v. DELIA M., b. Sept. 4, 1845; m. Lucien Lord; res. Athol.
- vi. LEONARD T., b. 1849; m. Aug. 16, 1870, Anna Stoue. Ch. Nellie, b. 1871, d. 1875; George, b. June 1, 1875, d. Sept. 1, 1875; res. Fitchburg.
- vii. WEBSTER E., b. Feb. 4, 1852.

93. FOSTER<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Joseph<sup>7</sup>, Gad<sup>6</sup>, William<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. July 29, 1812; m. April 27, 1837, Catherine A. Beaman, b. Oct. 22, 1816. They res. at No. 21 Worcester street, Boston. He was born in Royalston, and at an early age engaged in the chair manufacturing business in Orange; here he remained but a short time and moved to Boston in 1838, and continued in active business until 1878, when he retired. He was for the term of six years a member of the common council, and for a term of years president of the American Rattan Company at Fitchburg, whose business he conducted very successfully for the stockholders. Children:—

- i. MARTHA C., b. Oct. 18, 1839; d. Nov. 7, 1839.
- ii. KATIE B., b. Oct. 12, 1840; d. July 10, 1851.
- iii. ELIA B., b. March 22, 1842; m. June 21, 1864, Seth A. Ranlett.
- iv. EDWARD F., b. Oct. 25, 1844; res. Boston, unm.
- v. HENRY S., b. Jan. 12, 1849; res. Boston, unm.
- vi. GEORGE W., b. May 22, 1854; res. Boston, unm.
- vii. ALICE F., b. July 6, 1858; res. Boston, unm.

94. JOSIAH<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Gad<sup>7</sup>, Gad<sup>6</sup>, William<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*); m. March 20, 1825, Alice Porter. He d. March 20, 1843. Children:—

- i. JOSIAH A., b. June 24, 1826; d. Oct. 3, 1828.
- ii. HENRIETTA J., b. Jan. 26, 1828; d. Oct. 4, 1828.
- iii. ANNA A., b. Oct. 24, 1829; m. Nov. 25, 1859, Peter S. Oliphant. Ch. R. E. T., b. Nov. 12, 1865; Cora M. A., b. Jan. 27, 1869.
- 182. iv. ALONZO B., b. Sept. 26, 1831; m. Sarah A. Smith.
- v. HENRIETTA A., b. June 23, 1833; m. Dec. 24, 1850, William Robinson. Ch. Charles W., b. Nov. 16, 1851, m. Mary L. Fisher; Theodosea E., b. July 2, 1853, m. Alton Lake; Wilber M., b. Aug. 11, 1855; William H., b. Dec. 19, 1857; Emma J., b. Oct. 10, 1858, m. Wm. Collins; Martin L., b. May 10, 1860; Mary H., b. Jan. 3, 1862; Albert N., b. Sept. 10, 1863; Ed. P., b. Jan. 3, 1864; Benjamin T., b. Nov. 8, 1865; Elias C., b. March 20, 1874; Cora A., b. Sept. 13, 1875.
- vi. JOSIAH E., b. Aug. 30, 1835; m. Sarah Schoonmaker.
- 488. vii. EDWARD P., } twins, b. March 26, 1837, { m. Susan Rose.
- 484. viii. EDWIN P., } { m. Cornelia S. Sage.
- ix. CYRUS M., b. July 5, 1840; m. March 31, 1869, Paulina Le Van. Ch. Alice E., b. Jan. 19, 1870; Frank E., b. Feb. 25, 1874.
- x. SARAH J., b. Nov. 13, 1842.

295. MOSES<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Abel<sup>7</sup>, Moses<sup>6</sup>, Thomas<sup>5</sup>, Francis<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Oct. 14, 1789; m. Sarah Dillaway, d. 1835, s. p.; m. 2nd, Apr. 22, 1837, Mehitable J. Nye, b. Sept. 14, 1803, d. Mar.

10, 1873. He d. Feb. 11, 1865. They res. in Medford. Children:—

- i. GEORGE T., b. Nov., 1837; d. Sept., 1841.
485. ii. ELISHA N., b. Aug. 21, 1839; m. Susan M. Wyman.
486. iii. AUGUSTUS B., b. Oct. 7, 1840; m. Agnes ———.
- iv. CHARLES C., b. July 2, 1842; m. Apr. 23, 1865, Dora T. Brown, s. p. He served in the army during the war of the late Rebellion, in the 5th Regt. Mass. Vols.
- v. JANE S., b. Sept. 5, 1845; m. Oct. 24, 1871, Edwin Howard Brigham, b. in Boston, Sept. 27, 1840. He served in Company A, 13th Mass. Vols., and also in regular Army. He graduated from Harvard Medical College in 1868. Ch. Percy, b. July 14, 1874, d. June 2, 1875; Ethel, b. June 23, 1878. Res. Boston, 19 Boylston Place.

296. SEWELL<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Abel*<sup>7</sup>, *Moses*<sup>6</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>5</sup>, *Francis*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Jan. 6, 1792; m. Dec. 10, 1818, Mary Stowers, b. Mar. 6, 1797, d. Apr. 16, 1868. He d. May 17, 1873. They res. in Medford and Woburn. Children:—

487. i. ANDREW J., b. Dec. 7, 1820; m. Betsey Flagg.
- ii. MARY, b. Sept. 14, 1822; m. May 5, 1842, Henry Tidd; res. Westboro. Ch. Mary A., b. Apr. 28, 1848; Lewis T., b. June 24, 1852; Henry, b. July 23, 1854.
488. iii. SAMUEL A., b. Mar. 19, 1825; m. Cyrine M. Pearsons.
- iv. GEORGE W., b. Mar. 12, 1828; d. Apr. 23, 1828.
489. v. JOHN H., b. Sept. 29, 1829; m. Prudence B. Small.
490. vi. JOSEPH, b. Sept. 19, 1832; m. Mary O'Brien.
491. vii. JAMES, b. Jan. 20, 1837; m. H. Louisa Hodgkins.

297. JOHN H.<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Abel*<sup>7</sup>, *Moses*<sup>6</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>5</sup>, *Francis*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Aug. 18, 1794; m. Charlotte M. Cutter, d. Feb. 10, 1850. He d. Jan. 17, 1853. They res. in Medford. Children:—

- i. ERSKINE.
- ii. GEORGE W.; d. Aug. 20, 1859.
- iii. MARIA J., b. June 9, 1837; m. B. Frank Hatch.
- iv. WILLIAM P., b. July 5, 1839.
- v. CAROLINE, b. Mar. 8, 1847.
- vi. ELIZA J.; d. Aug. 11, 1849.
- vii. SUSAN; m. ——— Gould; res. Batavia, N. Y.

298. AMOS<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Elikiam*<sup>7</sup>, *Moses*<sup>6</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>5</sup>, *Francis*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>). They res. in Newlon. Child:—

- i. ALMIRA; m. Flavel Cooledge of Waltham.

299. JOHN<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Elikiam*<sup>7</sup>, *Moses*<sup>6</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>5</sup>, *Francis*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>); m. ——— Parker. They res. in Needham. Children:—

- i. ENOCH.
- ii. LEONARD.

300. Major THOMAS<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Samuel*<sup>7</sup>, *Francis*<sup>6</sup>, *William*<sup>5</sup>, *Francis*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Dec. 16, 1799; m. Apr. 12, 1825, Marcia Mason, b. Dec. 15, 1803, d. Sept. 22, 1851; m. 2nd. Dec. 24, 1851, Mrs. Eliza Abels, b. Oct. 26, 1807, d. Jan. 15, 1873, s. p. He d. June 2, 1878. At the age of fourteen he was apprenticed to Col. Joseph Davis of Northboro to learn the trade of tanning and currying. He remained in Northboro until the year 1823, when he



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Thomas Levice



removed to and began business in the town of Spencer. In the affairs of Spencer he took an active interest, was a member of the Spencer Light Infantry, was commissioned and served as Major in the State Militia, and for a number of years was a member of the board of Selectmen. In the Spring of 1850 he removed with his family to Worcester, and engaged in the manufacture of boots and shoes. He was ever an earnest politician, always casting his vote with the Whig and Republican parties. He served the city in the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, and for several years as one of the Overseers of the Poor. He was one of the first to enroll his name in the formation of the State Guards, which performed such excellent home service during the late Rebellion. Children:—

- i. GEORGE B., b. Jan. 7, 1826; d. Mar. 10, 1850.
- ii. ADDISON S., b. May 9, 1829; m. Oct. 10, 1855. Anna B. Allen. Ch. Herbert A., b. Oct. 9, 1857; Cora B., b. Jan. 30, 1859; Anna A., b. March 17, 1860, d. Sep. 7, 1861; Maud M., b. Oct. 14, 1862; Florence A., b. March 25, 1867. Res. Chicago, Ill.
- iii. ELLEN E., b. Oct. 17, 1830; m. Jan. 6, 1853, Major Dexter F. Parker. He was a member of the Massachusetts Senate from Worcester in 1859 and '60. He was born in 1829 and in 1863 he was commissioned Major of the 10th Mass. Regt. Vols. He d. May 30, 1864, from wounds received in the battle of the Wilderness. Ch. Lizzie J. T., b. Jan. 24, 1856, m. Oct. 15, 1875, Curtis P. Tappan; Frank M., b. Feb. 21, 1858, d. Feb. 12, 1861; Nettie M., b. Apr. 12, 1862. She res. in Worcester.
- iv. JULIA A., b. Mar. 29, 1832; m. May 6, 1851, Nelson R. Scott, the well known Druggist in Franklin Square, b. July 12, 1823. Ch. Charles N., b. Apr. 6, 1846; \* George T., b. Oct. 30, 1853; m. Oct. 28, 1879, Emma E. Longley. They res. in Worcester.
- v. JOSEPH T. M., b. Feb. 11, 1835; m. Feb. 15, 1865, Mary J. Sibley. Ch. Archie T., b. Nov. 21, 1873. Res. Worcester, Mass.
- vi. JOHN D., b. Feb. 15, 1838; m. June 14, 1865, Delia E. Waite. Ch. John T., b. March 17, 1866. He d. Jan. 14, 1866.
- vii. MARY ELIZA, b. June 28, 1841; m. Feb. 15, 1865, Edward H. Stark, an extensive boot and shoe manufacturer of Worcester, where they now reside. Ch. Edward Houghton, b. May 23, 1868, d. Jan. 7, 1876; William Niles, b. Sept. 21, 1871; Fred. Mason, b. Nov. 11, 1876, d. Nov. 19, 1877.
- viii. LAMBERT<sup>2</sup> PEIRCE (*Elenczer*<sup>7</sup>, *Francis*<sup>6</sup>, *William*<sup>5</sup>, *Francis*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>). b. Apr. 22, 1796; m. June 17, 1820, Comfort Rockwood, b. Mar. 3, 1795. He was a soldier of the war of 1812. He d. Apr. 9, 1878. They res. in Upton and Milford, Mass.

Children:—

- i. ELIZABETH, b. Mar. 17, 1822; d. Feb. 3, 1831.
- ii. ABIGAIL, b. Mar. 17, 1824; m. Mar. 27, 1867, Henry N. Bowers of Worcester, s. p.
- iii. LAMBERT, twin, b. Dec. 19, 1829, m. June 6, 1853, Priscilla Lackey, b. 1833, d. Jan. 10, 1872; m. 2nd. Apr. 11, 1876, Almira A. Perry, b. Aug. 31, 1842, s. p. Res. Milford.
- iv. ALBERT, twin, b. Dec. 19, 1829, m. Clarissa Rockwood.
- v. PERLEY, b. Jan. 28, 1831; d. June 11, 1852.
- vi. EMERY<sup>3</sup> PEIRCE (*Abijah*<sup>7</sup>, *Francis*<sup>6</sup>, *William*<sup>5</sup>, *Francis*<sup>4</sup>,

Child by first wife.

*Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. July 4, 1796; m. Eliza Blodgett, d. Sept. 26, 1876. He d. Nov. 13, 1848. They res. in Brimfield.

Children:—

496. i. ALFRED E., b. Sept. 3, 1819; m. Margaret W. Dunn.

497. ii. GEORGE A., b. Apr. 30, 1830; m. Clarissa E. Brown.

303. JOHN<sup>8</sup> II. PEIRCE (*Benjamin*<sup>7</sup>, *Francis*<sup>6</sup>, *William*<sup>5</sup>, *Francis*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Aug. 19, 1807; m. Oct. 31, 1829, *Ellen* Wheelock. They res. in Westboro. Children:—

498. i. CHARLES H., b. Aug. 1, 1832; m. Mary F. Hemenway.

ii. JOHN A., b. Sept. 28, 1830; d. Oct. 30, 1831.

304. BENJAMIN<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Benjamin*<sup>7</sup>, *Francis*<sup>6</sup>, *William*<sup>5</sup>, *Francis*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Mar. 11, 1809; m. Nov. 28, 1832, Mahala A. Mixter. They res. in Westboro. Children:—

i. FRANCIS A., b. Mar. 31, 1839.

ii. MARIA A., b. Nov. 11, 1834; d. Oct. 8, 1853.

iii. ELLEN A., b. Aug. 23, 1837; m. Charles A. Stackpole.

iv. MARY E., b. July 11, 1845; m. S. S. Tidd.

304-1. SERAL<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Jonathan*<sup>7</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>6</sup>, *William*<sup>5</sup>, *Francis*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Sept. 21, 1788; m. Betsey Peckham; m. 2nd, Sally ——. They res. in Petersham, Mass., and Hinsdale, N. Y. He d. 1865. Children:—

i. PHEBE; m. and went West.

ii. URSULA; m. and went West.

304-2. EBENEZER<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Jonathan*<sup>7</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>6</sup>, *William*<sup>5</sup>, *Francis*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Sept. 19, 1792; m. Hannah Spooner. They res. in Petersham, Mass., and Groton, N. Y. He d. March, 1858. Children:—

i. MOSES.

ii. STILLMAN.

iii. OTIS.

iv. PRESCOTT.

v. HARRISON.

vi. ZENO.

vii. SUSAN.

viii. PHEBE.

304-3. WILLARD<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Jonathan*<sup>7</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>6</sup>, *William*<sup>5</sup>, *Francis*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Dec. 6, 1801; m. Jan. 24, 1830, Charlotte Hastings, b. Apr. 25, 1801. He d. Nov. 22, 1850. They res. Harrison, Penn. Children:—

i. HELEN, b. Mar. 23, 1832; m. Jan. 22, 1850, Edward Hotchkiss; res. Wellsville, N. Y.

ii. HANNAH, b. Aug. 9, 1833; d. 1842.

iii. HARRIET, b. Apr. 4, 1835; m. Simon C. Graves; res. N. Y.

iv. MARY, b. July 31, 1838; m. July 6, 1862, Henry M. Smith; res. Hinsdale, N. Y.

v. ALMIRA, b. Jan. 21, 1841; m. June 24, 1865, Thomas E. Coleman; res. Templeton.

vi. FRANCES, b. Sept. 17, 1844; m. Horace Bean; res. Harrison, Penn.

304-4. JOHN<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Jonathan*<sup>7</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>6</sup>, *William*<sup>5</sup>, *Francis*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Jan. 15, 1805; m. Nancy Marble. He d. Dec., 1840. They res. in Union, N. Y. Children:—

i. CHARLES; res. W. Union, N. Y.

ii. GEORGE; res. Wellsville, N. Y.

iii. JOHN; d. unm.

iv. ELNORA; m. ——— Bowker.

15. **EZEKIEL L.<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE** (*William<sup>7</sup>, Jonathan<sup>6</sup>, William<sup>5</sup>, Francis<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Aug. 15, 1805; m. Sept. 2, 1830. Mary Willard Walker, b. Oct. 30, 1817.

Ezekiel L. Peirce, born in Petersham, resided in Barre and died there June 18, 1876. The following we clip from the *Daily Press* of Worcester:—"The funeral of Ezekiel L. Peirce took place from the Unitarian church last Tuesday, and was largely attended by the members of King Solomon Royal Arch Chapter, of which Mr. Peirce was a member. Delegates were present from Athol, Ware, Orange and Hubbardston. Prayers were said at his late residence, after which the body was taken in charge by the Masons, over one hundred in number, who marched to the Unitarian church, where the funeral services were held. Mr. Peirce was much respected by his townspeople for his honesty and strict integrity. For a term of about ten years he was one of the selectmen and had also been one of the overseers of the poor and assessors. He was a prominent Democrat and always worked for the best interests of the party. He leaves a large circle of friends and acquaintances to mourn his loss." Children:—

i. **NELSON**, b. May 19, 1838; m. May 10, 1869, Mattie E. Hastings, b. Mar. 22, 1848.

ii. **GEORGE**, b. Aug. 13, 1843; d. Mar. 4, 1845.

iii. **EMMA J.**, b. Jan. 12, 1845; m. May 9, 1864, John D. Hamilton, b. June 3, 1840. Ch. Minnie L., b. Oct. 31, 1870. They res. in Rockford, Ill.

iv. **LIZZIE D.**, b. Jan. 24, 1857; m. Nov. 19, 1877, Frederick C. Peirce [311—ii].

16. **WILLIAM A.<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE** (*William<sup>7</sup>, Jonathan<sup>6</sup>, William<sup>5</sup>, Francis<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Jan. 12, 1813; m. Nov. 8, 1837. Maria King. She m. 2nd, William I. Ross. He d. Dec. 15, 1848. They res. in West Boylston. Children:—

i. **ELLEN**, b. May 8, 1844; m. Aug. 20, 1867, Melville Davenport, b. March 10, 1833. She m. 2nd, 1878, Lemeut Upham. Res. Spencer.

ii. **MARTHA**, b. April 12, 1848; m. June 2, 1870, Louis Handy, b. Sept. 24, 1842. Ch. Ina L., b. April 29, 1871. They res. in East Orange, N. J.

17. **CHARLES M.<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE** (*William<sup>7</sup>, Jonathan<sup>6</sup>, William<sup>5</sup>, Francis<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. March 5, 1817; m. Nov. 2, 1841. Clarinda J. Browning, b. May 10, 1817, d. Oct. 18, 1847; m. 2nd, May 24, 1848, Charlotte Clapp, b. March 4, 1830. They res. in Morris, Ill., where he is an extensive farmer. Children:—

i. **EDWIN L.**, b. Dec. 19, 1842. ii. **ADELADE S.**, b. Oct. 4, 1844.

iii. **CLARINDA**, b. Sept. 12, 1847; d. Jan. 11, 1848.

iv. **MARY**, b. May 4, 1849; m. Fred. Green.

v. **ELLA**, b. June 22, 1850; d. June 27, 1865.

vi. **HARRIET**, b. June 2, 1851; d. vii. **George A.**, b. May 10, 1852.

viii. **WALTER M.**, b. May 30, 1861. ix. **CHARLES M.**, b. Oct. 11, 1866.

x. **MINNIE**, b. Oct. 3, 1868.

18. **LEONARD L.<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE** (*William<sup>7</sup>, Jonathan<sup>6</sup>, William<sup>5</sup>, Francis<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Aug. 11, 1825; m. April

18, 1850, Emily Duncan, b. Apr. 22, 1827; d. Jan. 18, 1876; m. 2nd. Sept. 12, 1878. Jennie W. Sinead, b. Jan. 17, 1839. He res. in Worcester, and is engaged in the boot and shoe business. Children:—

- i. HATTIE, b. Dec. 21, 1859; d. Aug. 25, 1860.
- ii. CHARLES, b. May 9, 1863.
- iii. WILLIE, b. April 18, 1866.
- iv. CARIE, b. June 27, 1869; d. Feb. 7, 1875.
- v. EMMA, b. Jan. 25, 1871; d. July 21, 1872.

309. LEWIS<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Amos<sup>7</sup>, Jonathan<sup>6</sup>, William<sup>5</sup>, Francis<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Nov. 23, 1804; m. Jan. 20, 1842. Marandi Benson, b. May 31, 1809; d. July 8, 1880. He d. Feb. 21, 1865. He was a farmer and resided on the old homestead in Sutton. Children:—

- i. SARAH B., b. Jan. 2, 1845; d. Jan. 2, 1845.
- ii. SARAH JANE, b. Feb. 12, 1849; unm. Res. on the old place with her mother.
499. iii. GEORGE B., b. April 6, 1846; m. Ellen Dodge.
- iv. CHARLES, b. April 10, 1852; d. unm. Feb. 16, 1878.

310. CHARLES A.<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Amos<sup>7</sup>, Jonathan<sup>6</sup>, William<sup>5</sup>, Francis<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Dec. 11, 1811; m. April 1, 1859. Eliza Sibley, b. May 15, 1816. They res. in Grafton where he was postmaster for several years. Children:—

- i. HARRIET, b. Sept. 15, 1840; d. Sept. 30, 1841.
- ii. CHARLES, b. July 29, 1842; d. June 25, 1843.
- iii. GEORGE, b. Nov. 15, 1843; d. Aug. 30, 1845.
- iv. HELEN, b. Feb. 12, 1849; d. Jan. 22, 1853.
- v. AUBURY, b. Sept. 7, 1855; d. July 22, 1859.
- vi. FRANK T., b. Oct. 4, 1851; unm. res. Pawtucket, R. I.
- vii. ANNA, b. July 13, 1856; unm. res. Pawtucket, R. I.

311. SILAS A.<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Amos<sup>7</sup>, Jonathan<sup>6</sup>, William<sup>5</sup>, Francis<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Sept. 10, 1818; m. Oct. 18, 1849. Maria N. Smith, b. Nov. 3, 1829. They res. in Grafton. He was formerly a large boot and shoe manufacturer, occupying the building known as "Hancock's Block" now owned by Forbush & Brown of Buffalo, N. Y. He was postmaster under the administrations of Presidents Frank Peirce, James Buchanan and Andy Johnson. During the years the *Worcester Daily Press* was in circulation, he managed the subscription department. He was also, at one time a member of the firm of J. H. Wood & Co.—[*History of Grafton*]. Children:—

- i. KATE AROLINE, b. May 4, 1853; d. Sept. 6, 1854.
- ii. FREDERICK CLIFTON, b. July 30, 1855; m. Nov. 19, 1877, Lizzie D. Peirce [305-iv.], b. Jan. 24, 1857. They res. in Barre, Mass. He was for several years on the reportorial staff of the *Worcester Daily Press*, and later city editor of the *Rockford, Ill., Gazette*, which position he resigned when married in '77. Since this time he has written a history of his native town (Grafton), which is spoken of as "the very best town history yet published;" a history of Barre, and compiled various family genealogies, including his own; s. p.
- iii. LOU MARIA, b. July 17, 1857; unm.
- iv. WALTER WILTON, b. Jan. 2, 1866.

312. JONATHAN<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*John<sup>7</sup>, Jonathan<sup>6</sup>, William<sup>5</sup>, Francis<sup>4</sup>*).



*Josh<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*). b. April 28, 1805; m. Oct. 28, 1821, Fidia Beaman, b. 1808, d. March 10, 1866. He res. in West Boylston and there July 13, 1862. She m. 2nd, April 27, 1865, Reuben P. Whitney. Children:—

- i. CHARLES I., b. Nov. 11, 1831; m. Lucy Waterman.
- ii. WALTER W., b. Dec. 12, 1833; d. unm. June 13, 1861. Walter W. Peirce died in Clinton, Mass., June 13, 1861. The following is taken from the *Clinton Courant*:—"Seldom in any town or village is a young man removed by death whose absence will be more generally felt and regretted. His business relations of nine years standing, together with his winning social qualities, had brought him into acquaintance with a large number of people, and of this entire number, it may confidently be said that no one knew him but to respect and love him. The large circle of young people among whom he was a most acceptable companion have lost a true brother. He remembered them and spoke of them in his last hours with warm and unfailing interest. His daily intercourse with his partner in business was most harmonious and confiding. Perhaps no similar connection was ever more happy. As a son in whom the hearts of his parents trusted with peculiar fondness—in that family circle where almost as a son and brother he has long been affectionately received—in the church all his relations were dear to him—in the choir where one voice of rare sweetness will no more be heard—in the Sabbath School, the scene of his constant interest and labor for many years, and especially in the class of boys which his own lovely and attractive disposition had gathered around him—in these several relations of life his memory will long be cherished with tender affection and tears. Frequent and severe attacks of illness from early childhood had made him familiar with suffering. He bore all with surprising patience. He never complained. 'It is all right,' was his ready remark. He died with calm and confident trust in that Saviour whom as a meek and loving disciple, he had for several years endeavored to follow. Walter is gone! Genial, affectionate, guileless! We shall hear his voice no more. No more shall we meet his pleasant smile as we pass the large windows or enter the door of his store. But we will not murmur. His life-work was not left undone. Though taken early to Heaven a precious and undying fragrance remains to the living."
- iii. DELIA, b. Oct. 16, 1835; m. Jan. 17, 1856, Frank C. Hardy, b. Dec. 20, 1829. Ch. Nellie M., b. Dec. 24, 1861; Minnie Delia, b. March 27, 1871; Bertha M., b. June 25, 1874. Res. Worcester.
- iv. SARAH, b. Sept. 24, 1837; m. April 24, 1855, John D. Moore, b. May 13, 1833. Ch. Fanny J., b. Dec. 15, 1857; Walter D., b. Aug. 24, 1862. Res. Worcester.
301. v. JOHN M., b. Oct. 13, 1839; m. Harriet S. Chandler.
- vi. SUSAN E., b. May 11, 1842; d. Dec. 15, 1844.
- vii. THEODORE, b. Aug. 6, 1844; d. Nov. 8, 1844.
302. viii. HARLAN B., b. Sept. 22, 1847; m. Marion E. Pratt.

313. Rev. JOHN W.<sup>6</sup> PEIRCE (*John<sup>7</sup>, Jonathan<sup>6</sup>, William<sup>5</sup>, Francis<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. July 14, 1811; m. Aug. 30, 1841, Mary D. Knight, b. Oct. 15, 1814.

Rev. John Walter Peirce died at Highgate, Vt., March 2, 1872, aged 60. He was a native of Sutton, Mass. He became a Christian while young, under the ministry of Rev. John Maltby; it was

through his influence that he was induced to commence to study for the ministry. He graduated from Bangor Seminary in 1840. He commenced his work as a minister in the service of the A. H. M. society, at Hudson, Mich., where he labored with fidelity and success two or three years, when the climate being deemed unfavorable to the health of his family, he removed to Harpersville, N. Y. After a short ministry there, his own health gave way, and he was obliged for a season to suspend ministerial labor.

For some time he was engaged in a secular agency: but at length his health was so far recovered that he resumed the duties of his chosen calling with the Congregational church at East Westminister, Vt., in 1851.

In 1853, he accepted an invitation to Jericho, Vt., where he remained four years; during his ministry here a precious revival was enjoyed. He next removed to Highgate, Vt., for one year, and then to St. Albans' Bay, where he labored but a few months, when the health of his family required him to seek a home upon the sea coast. Accordingly in 1859, he removed to Tremont, Mt. Desert Island, where after a ministry of five years his own health failed, so that he was again obliged to suspend preaching.

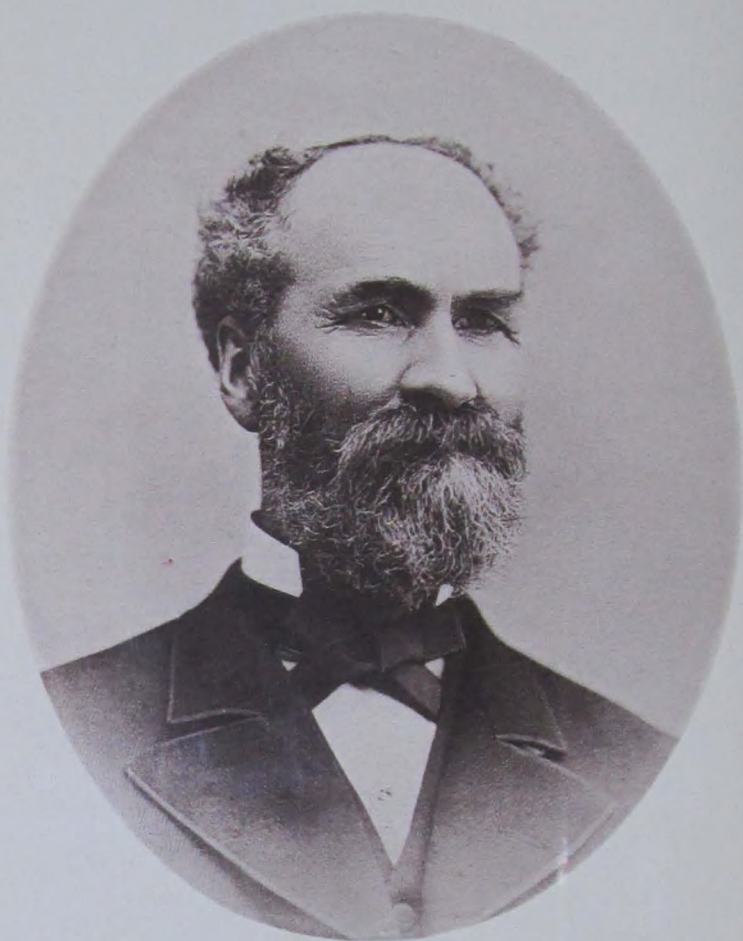
From Mt. Desert he removed to Clinton, Mass., where he lived four years, preaching only occasionally. Though to be laid aside from the ministry was to him a severe trial; as he would not be idle, he again engaged in secular business; but with less satisfaction than success. He had acquired some property, and having previously purchased a house in Highgate, Vt., in March, 1868, he removed his family there. His health had for some time seemed to be improving, and in January his physician pronounced his lungs well, and judged that he might, with safety, resume the duties of the ministry. Rejoicing at the thought, he made an engagement with the church at West Townshend, Vt., where he preached for a few Sabbaths, and then left for Highgate, intending soon to return, and if suitable arrangements could be made to remove his family thither. He reached his home at Highgate, quite ill, from the effects, as he supposed, of a severe cold. He was confident that he should soon recover, but alas! his work as a minister was done. Consumption had taken fast hold upon him; alternating periods of comparative comfort with days and nights of weakness and suffering, measured out a year or more when his spirit was released and he entered upon his reward.

Mr. Peirce was a good man, and a good preacher: sound in the faith, clear in his theological views, nobly earnest and self-sacrificing in his Master's cause. In his last protracted sickness, he was patient, submissive, trustful, and in peace he fell asleep—

“Asleep in Jesus! blessed sleep,  
From which none ever wake to weep.”

Soon after entering the ministry, Mr. Peirce married Miss Mary D. Knight of Bangor, who survives him with three of their six children. Mrs. Peirce having sold her house in Highgate, the family have just removed (March, 1874), to Jericho, Vt. Children:—

1. MARY A. L., b. May 1, 1849.



W. A. Pierce



ii. HENRY M., b. April 20, 1847; res. in Jericho, Vt.

iii. JOHN W., b. March 19, 1852; d. Dec. 20, 1874.

14. WILLIAM N.<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*John*<sup>7</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>6</sup>, *William*<sup>5</sup>, *Francis*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Nov. 9, 1823; m. Feb. 4, 1851, Mary A. Dickinson, b. Apr. 20, 1826. They res. in Clinton.

Children:—

i. JULIA A., b. Jan. 20, 1852; d. Sept. 23, 1852.

ii. HELEN E., b. Nov. 10, 1853; d. Sept. 22, 1855.

iii. WILLIE D., b. July 4, 1856; d. June 9, 1872.

ED.—In Leicester, June 9th, 1872, Willie Dickinson Peirce, only son of William N. and Mary Ann Dickinson Peirce, aged fifteen years, eleven months and five days. He had suffered for four years by a rheumatic affection during which time he had three severe rheumatic fevers, and for about seven months previous to his death the disease had approached the region of the heart and caused him at times intense suffering. He was a young man of great promise, and in his early death his afflicted parents, and a younger sister, the only remaining one of seven children, will have the sympathy of all who knew him. As a child he was ever obedient, respectful and affectionate; as a companion genial, amiable and intelligent. His many young associates in the academy and Sabbath school will greatly feel the loss of one whose virtuous life and moral deportment was worthy of imitation. During the last months of his severe and painful sickness, he exemplified the graces of Christian character by patience under suffering which could scarcely have been expected in one of his tender years.—*Worcester Spy*.

iv. WALTER N., b. July 30, 1858; d. Sept. 4, 1860.

v. GEORGE, } b. May 13, 1861; { d. May 16, 1861.

vi. EMMA, } b. May 13, 1861; { d. Aug. 27, 1863.

vii. ANNIE C., b. Apr. 21, 1864.

15. ASA H.<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*John*<sup>7</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>6</sup>, *William*<sup>5</sup>, *Francis*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Aug. 27, 1817; m. Lucretia Kelley. Res. in Brookfield. Child:—

i. MARY JANE; unm.; res. Brookfield.

16. DEXTER<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Joel*<sup>7</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>6</sup>, *William*<sup>5</sup>, *Francis*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Mar. 6, 1806; m. Oct. 13, 1829, Mary Fisk, b. Dec. 23, 1802; d. Jan. 14, 1872. He d. July 8, 1860. They res. in Montague. He was a very peculiar man and his eccentricities created much comment among his fellow-citizens. At his death he requested that his body be taken to the grave in a lumber wagon and not in a hearse; also that large stones be placed on his coffin. Children:—

i. SARAH, b. Feb. 1, 1831; m. Apr. 9, 1855, George Field, and d. s. p. Feb. 23, 1859.

ii. JANE, b. June 8, 1832; m. Sept. 6, 1854, Orson Mortou, and d. s. p. May 22, 1855.

iii. HORACE H., b. Feb. 25, 1834; d. Dec. 8, 1834.

iv. HORACE H., b. Oct. 22, 1835; d. Nov. 23, 1835.

v. MARY, b. Nov. 19, 1836.

vi. MARTHA A., b. May 6, 1839; unm.; res. Brattleboro, Vt.

17. HARRISON<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Joel*<sup>7</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>6</sup>, *William*<sup>5</sup>, *Francis*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Dec. 23, 1813; m. May 2, 1837, Louisa Jerne, b. Oct. 18, 1813. They res. in Haydenville. Child:—

i. HENRIETTA, b. Dec. 15, 1840; m. July 30, 1861, James W. Went-



worth, b. June 13, 1838. Ch. Harry H., b. Dec. 24, 1866; Dorman D., b. Jan. 10, 1868. Res. Providence, R. I.

317. SCOTT<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Joel*<sup>7</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>6</sup>, *William*<sup>5</sup>, *Francis*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Sept. 3, 1818; m. 1842, Cornelia Codman, b. 1818, d. 1857; m. 2nd, Lavina Shaw. He d. Sept. 10, 1859. They res. in Northfield, Mass. Child:—

- i. BELLE F., b. Jan. 10, 1852; m. Jan. 22, 1873, Don Carlos Newton of Rockingham, Vt. They res. in Montpelier, Vt.

318. CHAUNCEY<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Joel*<sup>7</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>6</sup>, *William*<sup>5</sup>, *Francis*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. June 13, 1816; m. Nov. 29, 1837, Jane W. Allen, b. Nov. 15, 1819, d. Sept. 20, 1839; m. 2nd, June 18, 1840, Florella C. Smith, b. Feb. 20, 1809. He d. June 18, 1849. They res. in Montague. Children:—

- i. CHARLES D., b. June 15, 1839; d. 1868.
  - ii. JANE W., b. Feb. 7, 1842; d. May 10, 1854.
  - iii. EDWIN H., b. Feb. 22, 1843; unm.; res. Springfield.
  - iv. ELLEN M., b. Feb. 13, 1845; m. Ira A. Harvey; res. Springfield.
503. v. CHAUNCEY H., b. May 16, 1848; m. Isabella Lewis.

319. GILBERT<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Jacob*<sup>7</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>6</sup>, *William*<sup>5</sup>, *Francis*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Jan. 24, 1809; m. July 27, 1837, Rhoda Smith, b. Aug. 22, 1808, d. Aug. 27, 1872. He now res. in Worcester. They res. in Berlin. Children:—

- i. FRANCES M., b. May 6, 1838; m. Jan. 29, 1859, T. Fay Hastings, b. July 23, 1836. Ch. Nellie L., b. Nov. 28, 1859, m. Nov. 21, 1878, Frank E. Holt; Carrie F., b. Nov. 19, 1865.
504. ii. Rev. GEORGE J., b. Aug. 27, 1840; m. Martha Barnard and Hattie E. Swett.
- iii. EDA B., b. July 29, 1844; unm.
  - iv. LUCY L., b. Mar. 12, 1848; m. June 24, 1867, Alonzo P. Brewer. Ch. Gertrude A., b. June 13, 1868; Mable R., b. Nov. 13, 1870; Alonzo G., b. Nov. 21, 1873; Maud E., b. July 21, 1876, d. Dec. 27, 1876. He d. Apr. 24, 1879.
  - v. LOUISA B., b. May 25, 1854; unm.
  - vi. EDWARD S., b. July 29, 1842; d. Feb. 22, 1843.

320. WALKER H.<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Jacob*<sup>7</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>6</sup>, *William*<sup>5</sup>, *Francis*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Mar. 14, 1813; m. Mar. 14, 1837, Frances A. Heywood, d. 1857; m. 2nd, June 14, 1873. Mrs. Ruhunah (Russell) Young.

He res. at one time in Northboro, where he held various town offices, such as town clerk, assessor, etc. He res. in Fitchburg, and d. May, 1880. Children:—

- i. EDWIN W., b. Dec. 31, 1842; d. unm. Dec. 26, 1864. He worked at cabinet-making in Worcester till the war broke out, when he enlisted in the 15th Reg., Co. C. In about one year he blistered his hand doing fatigue duty, and had an abscess and was off duty for six months, when he was discharged and came home. His hand got well at once and he went to work in Worcester again, subsequently enlisted in Co. D, 34th Regt., and was wounded in the knee at the battle of Cedar Creek, 1863, was a prisoner nineteen days, and died in two months. His body was brought home and is buried in Northboro.

- ii. EMMA, b. Sept. 9, 1844; m. Feb. 10, 1864, George Hitchcock. Ch. George, b. 1866, d. 1867. She was divorced from her husband on account of his dissolute habits. She is now leading lady in the Rochester, N. Y., Opera House. On one occasion while walking on the street she saw a small child which would have been run over but for her presence of mind in rescuing it. For this she was presented by the father of the girl with a handsome pair of ponies and a phaeton.

321. JOHN Q. A.<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Ezekiel<sup>7</sup>, Jonathan<sup>6</sup>, William<sup>5</sup>, Francis<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*). b. Mar. 4, 1817; m. Apr. 9, 1840, Delia P. Bliss, b. Jan. 30, 1817, d. May 24, 1848; m. 2nd, Mar. 8, 1849, Eliza C. Whittaker, b. July 30, 1824, d. July 14, 1862; m. 3d, Jan. 2, 1863, Caroline S. Burdett, b. Apr. 16, 1828, d. July 21, 1874; m. 4th, Oct. 19, 1876, Abbie F. Tarlton, b. May 1, 1832.

John Quincy Adams Peirce was born in West Boylston, Mar. 4, 1817. He resided on the old farm, owned by his father, from 1838 to 1844, at the end of which time he removed to Leominster and engaged in mercantile business, residing there for twenty-five years. In 1861 he was elected a Representative to the General Court from Leominster. He held several important and trustworthy offices, and for five years was assistant United States assessor of the towns of Sterling and Leominster, and selectman for six years. He now resides in Watertown and is engaged in the wholesale boot and shoe business in Federal street in Boston. Children:—

- i. CHARLES Q., b. Jan. 25, 1841; m. Dec. 12, 1865, Julia A. Davis, b. Jan. 9, 1848. Res. Watertown, s. p.
- ii. HENRY B., b. Mar. 11, 1842; unm. Res. San Francisco, Cal.
- iii. DELIA M., b. Sept. 22, 1843; d. Mar. 24, 1847.
505. iv. MYRON E., b. Apr. 1, 1848; m. Emma Bearse.
- v. WILLIAM T., b. Nov. 12, 1854; unm. Res. Watertown, Mass.
- vi. EDWARD B., b. Oct. 29, 1858; d. Mar. 20, 1865.
- vii. ALFRED B., b. June 1, 1870; d. Oct. 5, 1870.

322. JOHN W.<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Elisha<sup>7</sup>, Jonas<sup>6</sup>, Jonas<sup>5</sup>, Francis<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*). b. Feb. 17, 1820; m. Apr. 13, 1843, Achsah Smith, b. Dec. 7, 1822. They res. in Jamaica, Vt.

Children:—

- i. ALMIRA E., b. Sept. 2, 1845; m. July 3, 1873, Leroy Allen; res. Stratton, Vt.
- ii. ISABEL G., b. Jan. 6, 1848; d. Apr. 6, 1848.
- iii. ELLEN E., b. May 20, 1849; m. Feb. 14, 1869, Harvey E. Howard.
- iv. CLARA R., b. Dec. 22, 1857; res. Jamaica.
- v. NELL F., b. Sept. 3, 1861; res. Jamaica.

323. METCALF R.<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Abijah<sup>7</sup>, Jonas<sup>6</sup>, Jonas<sup>5</sup>, Francis<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*). b. July 26, 1824; m. Oct. 29, 1857, Augusta R. Orcutt. He was born in Jamaica, Vt., where his early years were passed, after which he went to Boston, where he resided a few years, and then removed to Greenfield, where he is at present engaged in the hardware business. Child:—

- i. AUGUSTA, b. Nov. 3, 1860.

324. NEWTON G.<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Abijah<sup>7</sup>, Jonas<sup>6</sup>, Jonas<sup>5</sup>, Francis<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*). b. May 15, 1827; m. Nov. 18, 1854,

Sarah Brooks, b. Aug. 30, 1832. They res. in Groton and Greenfield.  
Children:—

- i. SUSAN F., b. Sept. 10, 1856. ii. ABIJAH N., b. June 20, 1862.

325. MERRITT T.<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Abijah*<sup>7</sup>, *Jonas*<sup>6</sup>, *Jonas*<sup>5</sup>, *Francis*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Mar. 27, 1831; m. Dec. 2, 1868, Rosella A. Young, b. May 29, 1846. They res. in Jamaica, Vt.

Children:—

- i. LYDIA D., b. Aug. 7, 1870.  
ii. ARABELL A., b. Oct. 29, 1871.  
iii. WALLACE M., b. Mar. 3, 1876.

326. JOHN<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Nathaniel*<sup>7</sup>, *Seth*<sup>6</sup>, *John*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Jan. 4, 1798; m. Sarah B. Griswold. He d. May 5, 1844. They res. in East Cambridge. Children:—

- i. JOHN G., b. 1843; d. Aug. 31, 1844. ii. MARY E.

327. JAMES<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Nathaniel*<sup>7</sup>, *Seth*<sup>6</sup>, *John*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. March 22, 1792; m. March 17, 1821, Polly Gay. He d. July 27, 1879. They res. in Braggville, Mass. Child:—

506. i. WILLIAM M., b. Nov. 16, 1821; m. Amelia Darling.

328. GEORGE B.<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Nathaniel*<sup>7</sup>, *Seth*<sup>6</sup>, *John*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. April 19, 1800; m. April 23, 1826, Sarah Fisher, b. March 12, 1805. He d. Sept. 18, 1878. They res. in Milford.

Children:—

- i. MARY E., b. Oct. 10, 1829; unm. Res. Milford.  
ii. GEORGE A., b. July 10, 1836; d. Nov. 23, 1858.  
iii. ABIGAIL F., b. Sept. 28, 1838; d. July 23, 1840.  
iv. JAMES A., b. Nov. 19, 1842; d. Aug. 19, 1844.

329. NATHANIEL<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Nathaniel*<sup>7</sup>, *Seth*<sup>6</sup>, *John*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Nov. 4, 1790; m. Jan. 17, 1813, Lois Parker,\* d. Oct. 24, 1873. He d. Oct. 13, 1849. They res. in Holliston.

Children:—

- i. EMILY, b. Jan. 19, 1814; m. May 1, 1831, Wainwright Wales, d. Nov. 1, 1877, in Preble, N. Y. Ch. Sarah J., b. Oct. 20, 1831, d. Nov. 13, 1831; Harriet P., b. July 10, 1833; Albert W., b. July 21, 1835; George H., b. Sept. 4, 1838, d. Dec. 4, 1853; Emily M., b. March 31, 1841; Clara J., b. Aug. 16, 1843; Mary E., b. Aug. 6, 1845; Charles H., b. Oct. 3, 1848; Joseph W., b. April 30, 1851; Emmons L., b. May 1, 1856, d. Aug. 14, 1857; Edwin L., b. June 13, 1859, d. Aug. 28, 1862. EMILY died Dec. 19, 1879.  
ii. HARRIET, b. Nov. 1, 1815; m. Sept. 25, 1841, David G. Wallace. They res. in Fitchburg. Ch. Harriet A., b. July 10, 1842; Mary A., b. June 1, 1848; Jenny F., b. July 8, 1852, d. Sept. 14, 1873.  
507. iii. NATHANIEL, b. July 8, 1817; m. Bethsheba Allen.  
iv. TRYPHENA B., b. May 10, 1819; m. Feb. 1, 1844, Joseph Emerson; m. 2nd, Dec. 27, 1853, Benjamin Clark, d. May 30, 1870; m. 3rd, Feb. 20, 1878, Harrison Morse of Upton, Mass.

\* Hopkinton Town Records say Nathaniel Peirce, Jr., m. Nov. 27, 1812, Lois Ranken.

108. v. LUCIUS, b. July 7, 1821; m. June 5, 1845, Nancy Leland, Charlotte (Metcalf) Thayer, Sarah Jane (Hixon) Coolidge.
- vi. JANE, b. Nov. 13, 1823; m. Aug. 4, 1857, Joseph D. Wilcomb of Gilmanston, N. H. She d. Sept. 14, 1859. Ch. Ella M., b. May 15, 1852, d. May 30, 1852; Ada M., b. Sept. 18, 1853; George A., b. Nov. 9, 1855, d. 1868; John E., b. Dec. 25, 1857. They res. in Hammond, La.
- vii. GEORGE W., b. March 27, 1827; d. Oct. 13, 1855.

380 Col. JESSE<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Jesse<sup>7</sup>, Seth<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*). b. Nov. 7, 1788; m. Sept. 9, 1824, Elizabeth S. Lillie, b. July 30, 1786, d. Nov. 1, 1871. He d. Feb. 3, 1856.

Col. Jesse Peirce was born in Stoughton, November 7, 1788. His birthplace was in that part of the town which a few years later was incorporated as Canton, his father's home being then in what is now South Canton. From the age of seven to twenty-one he lived with his maternal uncle, Lemuel Smith, a Revolutionary soldier, upon a farm on the Bay road in the western part of Stoughton. In youth he followed an earnest purpose to gain knowledge, and having learned all that could be taught him in the public school of his district, he took in 1807, while yet a minor, the charge of a school, and from that year to 1814, served as the teacher of public schools in Stoughton and South Dedham (now Norwood), teaching during the winter, and working on his uncle's farm at other seasons. For the purpose of learning better modes of instruction, he attended for a short time Taunton Academy, then under the charge of Simeon Daggett. From 1814 to 1819, he taught public schools in Milton, one at Brush Hill and another at Milton Hill.

In 1819, he opened a private school at Milton Hill which he kept for five years. Some who attended it, have become well known citizens, among whom were Robert B. and John M. Forbes, and Fletcher Webster. At this period, he took an active part in the militia, serving in the second regiment, second brigade and first division, and was commissioned as an ensign in 1810, captain and major in 1813, lieutenant-colonel in 1815, and colonel in 1816. This last commission he resigned in 1818. Traditions of his fidelity and success in the instruction and drill of the officers and men under his command are still preserved. Marrying in 1824, Eliza S. Lillie, daughter of Captain John Lillie,\* who was the aid of Major General Knox in the Revolutionary war, he returned to Stoughton and became the owner of his uncle's farm on which he had been brought up. He opened at once at his home a private boarding school for boys, chiefly of Boston families, and receiving also day scholars from the neighborhood. As a teacher, he made a lasting impression on his pupils for his earnestness, thoroughness and fidelity, and particularly his patience in teaching those who had less than the average gift of acquiring knowledge. He had a genuine sympathy with the young which he kept fresh through life.

In 1829, he gave up the occupation of teacher, which he had followed

\* Sketches of Captain Lillie may be found in Drake's "Memorials of the Massachusetts Society of the Cincinnati," and in Bradford's "New England Biography."



for twenty years, and from that time was occupied with the care of his farm and miscellaneous work, such as conveyancing, the settlement of estates, the administration of town offices, and the education of his two sons which he personally directed for some years. His advice was often sought in a community where his good sense and practical knowledge were highly valued. He represented his town in the legislature for six years, viz., 1832—1836 and 1840, serving also the last named year on the State valuation committee. He was a democratic candidate for presidential elector in 1840, and for State Senator in 1844, and also a Free Soil candidate for the latter office in 1848. Governor Morton offered him in 1843, the appointment of sheriff for Norfolk County, which he declined. In the legislature he engaged in debates upon important questions, and his remarks were in some instances reported at length in the public journals. He spoke in favor of restricting the sale of spirituous liquors, and upon the appointment of representatives, favoring a reduction in the number, and a town rather than a district system. His most elaborate speech was made February 26, 1840, upon the militia system, which, as then existing, he thought injurious to public morals, and of no public advantage. He urged a reduction of the force, a better discipline, and the discontinuance of encampments. (See *Norfolk Democrat*, March 28, 1840). He was as legislator and citizen a strenuous supporter of the causes of education and temperance. Hon. Robert C. Winthrop who was speaker in 1840, wrote in 1876: "Colonel Jesse Peirce of Stoughton, comes back vividly to my remembrance as one of the five or six hundred over whom I was privileged to preside nearly forty years ago. He was a most intelligent and estimable person whom I was glad to count among my friends."

At the period of 1835—1840, he became much interested in the anti-slavery cause. He voted for James G. Birney in 1844, although sustaining at that election the State nomination of the democratic party, and joined four years later the Free Soil party, then first organized. He was in sympathy with the anti-slavery secession from the Methodist church which took place in 1840. He was an active member of that church for many years, joining it while a teacher in Milton, but during the later years of his life he attended the services of an Orthodox Congregational church. He was a devout person, and his reading was largely in religious books, as Clarke's and Scott's Commentaries. He was often sought to perform the services which peculiarly belong to clergymen at funerals and weddings, and in the chambers of the sick. He took a deep interest in the religious instruction of the young, and while a teacher gathered children for this purpose in his school-house on Sundays.

Colonel Peirce was a person of average height, five feet and eight or nine inches. He had no self-assertion, but while gentle in manner was firm in purpose, particularly where a question involved any moral element. In conversation, while very genial, he weighed well his words, and was in a marked degree considerate of the feelings and reputations of others. His tenderness to neighbors who were in grief,



*Lem Pierce*

kindness to the young, to domestics of his household and laborers on his farm, and to all who were less fortunate in life than himself are all freshly remembered. He was widely known and bore through life with all who knew him the character of a thoroughly upright and great man.

Removing in 1849, from Stoughton to the Lower Mills Village of Dorchester (now Boston), he passed the rest of his life among those who had known him in youth as a teacher, occupying the house which is now the residence of his eldest son. The newspaper of his county announcing his death, which took place February 3, 1856, wrote of him, "He was for many years a distinguished teacher, and numbers among his pupils many men who now occupy prominent positions in public life. He was a man of strict integrity, high minded and honorable, and universally beloved and respected in all the various relations of life." Children :—

509. i. Hon. HENRY LILLIE, b. Aug. 23, 1825.\*

### ERRATA.

PAGE 161. After Hon. Edward Lillie, for May read MARCH.

In paragraph 331, same page, the 14th line, for Authentic read ASSISTANT.

lived in Dorchester, and was the authentic master of the Fiske School, Boston, from 1826 to 1838. He continued to be a teacher until 1848, having at different times private schools in Boston, Chelsea, and Watertown. He died in Roxbury and was buried in Worcester. He married Sarah D. Fiske, daughter of Dr. Oliver Fiske of Worcester, who was his assistant in the Young Ladies' School which he kept in Dorchester. She was also buried in Worcester.

Children :—

511. i. GEORGE A. O., b. Apr. 25, 1826; m. Alice Cunningham.

512. ii. FRED'K O., b. Apr. 8, 1834; m. Frances C. Dewey.

332. JOHN<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Jesse*<sup>1</sup>, *Seth*<sup>6</sup>, *John*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Apr. 21, 1792; m. Nov. 17, 1829, Mary Page, b.

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\* Major John Lillie was presented with a sword by Gen. Washington, and also with one by Gen. Lafayette, which are now (1878) in the possession of his grandson, Hon. Henry Lillie Peirce, Mayor of Boston.

July 20, 1808, d. June 8, 1850. He d. July 20, 1869. They res. in Stoughton. Child:—

- i. SARAH J., b. Sept. 16, 1831; m. Mar. 9, 1852, Samuel Clapp, b. Sept. 26, 1826. Ch. Albert L., b. Dec. 18, 1853; Ellery P., b. Jan. 29, 1857; Willie C., b. Sept. 11, 1859; Hattie F., b. Mar. 27, 1864.

333. NATHAN<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Jesse<sup>7</sup>, Seth<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Feb. 22, 1796; m. Sept. 24, 1820, Clarinda Trafton, b. Aug. 20, 1798. He d. Feb. 26, 1868. They res. in Stoughton. Children:—

513. i. NATHAN, b. Sept. 14, 1822; m. Mary F. Simonds.
- ii. ALBERT T., b. Apr. 18, 1826; m. Feb. 3, 1858, Ella V. Temple, b. Apr. 18, 1835. He d. June 22, 1871, s. p.

334. MASON<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Jesse<sup>7</sup>, Seth<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. May 26, 1798; m. Oct. 12, 1821, Lucinda Prescott, b. Sept. 20, 1797, d. Dec. 4, 1878. They res. in Watertown.

Children:—

514. i. JESSE, b. Nov. 24, 1823; m. Mary Jane Austin.
- ii. JOHN, b. Dec. 4, 1825; m.

335. WILLIAM<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Jesse<sup>7</sup>, Seth<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Feb. 6, 1805; m. Jan. 19, 1826, Abigail Briggs, b. Aug. 2, 1803. He d. Apr. 18, 1856. They res. in Stoughton. Children:—

515. i. WILLIAM S., b. Mar. 19, 1827; m. Mary A. Taylor and Mary F. Chick.
- ii. ABIGAIL B., b. Nov. 15, 1830; m. July 18, 1847, Isaiah W. Packard b. Apr. 19, 1826. Ch. Fred. W., b. Jan. 7, 1848, d. Nov. 24, 1858; Lewis F., b. Nov. 12, 1850; Deldon A., b. Aug. 14, 1853; d. Aug. 23, 1854; Abby F., b. Oct. 15, 1856, m. Alphonso D. Beal; Cora A., b. Oct. 18, 1861; Fred'k A., b. Aug. 15, 1864; Mary A., b. Nov. 11, 1867.
- iii. GEORGIANNA B., b. Oct. 12, 1839; m. Nov. 25, 1864, Francis M. Ellms, b. Feb. 19, 1836. They res. in Stoughton, s. p.

335½. THACHER<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Seth S.<sup>7</sup>, Seth<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Aug. 17, 1787; m. Nov. 8, 1813, Polly Stone, b. June 25, 1791, d. Oct. 24, 1853. He d. Sept. 23, 1838. They res. in Brockton. Children:—

- i. CHESTER P., b. June 20, 1815; d. Aug. 29, 1815.
- ii. POLLY S., b. Aug. 29, 1816; m. Aug. 29, 1838, Isaac B. Barrows, b. Nov. 24, 1811, d. June 23, 1860. Ch. Henry, b. July 28, 1839, d. Feb. 9, 1877; Thacher, b. July 16, 1843, d. Feb. 26, 1844; Mary A., b. Dec. 29, 1844, d. Nov. 16, 1863; m. 2nd, Nov. 15, 1864, Daniel Leonard, b. Sept. 2, 1798, d. 1870. They had no issue. She res. in Amherst, on E. street.
516. iii. THACHER, b. Apr. 17, 1819; m. Betsey M. Heywood.
- iv. MIRIA, b. Aug. 23, 1830; m. Aug. 22, 1848, Leander Sears, b. July 12, 1822, d. Oct. 4, 1854. Ch. Chester P., b. Feb. 12, 1849, m. Flora M. Merritt and Alice B. Ames; Flora A., b. Aug. 29, 1851, m. Augustus H. Peterson; Frank P., b. Aug. 29, 1854, d. Dec. 13, 1865; m. 2nd, Nov. 9, 1862, John Stone, b. Jan. 29, 1815. Ch. Henry E., b. Dec. 28, 1864, d. Mar. 13, 1865; Mira A., b. Feb. 3, 1867; Lilly M., b. July 31, 1869. They res. in Brockton.



336. REV. WILLARD<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Seth*<sup>7</sup>, *Seth*<sup>6</sup>, *John*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Mar. 15, 1790; m. Feb. 10, 1825, Elenor W. Everett, b. Mar. 26, 1805. He d. Apr. 26, 1860. Rev. Willard Peirce was born in Stoughton, Mass., Mar. 15, 1790. Being of a large family of children, and of parents not abundant in "goods," he left home before eleven years of age to win his own support. His only wealth was a mind richly stored with the Assembly's Catechism, Watts' Cradle Hymns, and what was of more value, followed by a pious mother's prayers. Not only did he get his own living, but, while a mere lad, and before he began his apprenticeship, he remitted a hundred dollars to his parents. Soon after learning his trade—a carpenter—he fell and broke his arm. He returned home in discouragement, with his arm slung to his neck, and having nothing else to do, he attended a religious meeting. A revival was commencing, and one of its early fruits was the disabled carpenter. By advice of Rev. Dr. Strong of Randolph, where he learned his trade, he was advised to commence a course of study; and the Dr. offered to instruct him at twenty-five cents per week, and be remunerated in carpenter's work at one dollar per day. The plan was agreed to, with pecuniary prosperity on the part of the student sufficiently dark to appal the stoutest heart. He took three days' work weekly to pay his board and tuition, and the rest was given to study, as labor engagements permitted. Yet he kept pace with a classmate, who studied all the time, and at the close was admitted to college, while the student was rejected. Dr. Strong had a large number of private students, and but one rule of tuition, to charge each for the whole week, whether present or absent. Such a settlement in the present case was very onerous upon a poor youth who had spent half his time, to work for the other half. The Dr. wished to favor his poor pupil, but then the rule, it could not be broken. An ingenious solution of the difficulty was proposed by the student, in the present case: viz. to settle both bills by the same rule, of charging for the whole week whether he had studied or worked but a part of it, which with tuition would evidently make a sensible difference in the settlement. Mr. Peirce graduated at Brown University in 1818, and A. M. He was ordained over the church in Foxboro, Nov. 17, 1824, and was dismissed Oct., 1839. Installed in Abington Apr. 8, 1840, and dismissed in feeble health May 1, 1850. In 1854 he published a volume of sermons containing 408 pages. Children:—

- i. ELENOR, b. Nov. 26, 1825; d. Nov. 5, 1827.
- ii. ELLEN W., b. Oct. 16, 1827; m. Dec. 12, 1849, John A. King, b. Aug. 16, 1822. She d. July 22, 1856. Ch. Alice P., b. Sept. 20, 1850, d. Sept. 23, 1850; Henrietta T., b. June 16, 1852; Fannie S., b. Aug. 7, 1854.
- iii. ANNA, b. Aug. 20, 1829; d. Mar. 12, 1832.
- iv. ALEX. EVERETT, b. July 27, 1831; unm.
- v. HARRIET A., b. Aug. 16, 1833; m. May 12, 1859, Horatio F. Sayles, b. May 11, 1832, d. June 9, 1864, s. p.; m. 2nd, July 31, 1867, Dr. Jubal C. Gleason, b. Nov. 9, 1837. Ch. Everett H., b. July 1, 1870, d. Mar. 23, 1876; Emma W., b. Mar. 14, 1872. Res. Rockland, Mass.
517. vi. Hon. EDWARD W., b. Dec. 1, 1835; m. Emma F. Clafin.

518. vii. Dr. GARDNER C., b. Feb. 22, 1838; m. Phebe H. Pope.  
 viii. JOHN M., b. Aug. 2, 1842; unm. Res. Chicago, employed in the  
 U. S. Pension office.

337. NATHANIEL<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Mathew<sup>7</sup>, Jonas<sup>6</sup>, Jonas<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Apr. 9, 1784; m. Dec. 18, 1805, Anna Davis, b. Sept. 6, 1781, d. July 10, 1846. He d. Mar. 15, 1865. They res. in Ascutneyville and Springfield, Vt. Children:—

- i. LOUISA, b. Nov. 2, 1806; unm.
519. ii. NATHANIEL B., b. Mar. 18, 1808; m. Eliza A. Fiske.
- iii. LORINDA P., b. Mar. 10, 1810; m. a Bowen; res. Windsor, Vt.
- iv. ABIGAIL, b. June 11, 1812; d. 1858.
- v. LUCIUS M., b. Mar. 15, 1815; unm. Res. Cavendish, Vt.
- vi. WILLARD D., b. Apr. 26, 1817; d. unm. Mar. 27, 1848.
520. vii. GEORGE E., b. Apr. 28, 1820; m. Sophronia E. Dake.
- viii. JOHN W., b. Oct. 14, 1822; d. Mar. 4, 1832.
- ix. NANCY A., b. Apr. 5, 1825; m. William Hawley; res. Windsor, Vt.

338. JOHN<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Mathew<sup>7</sup>, Jonas<sup>6</sup>, Jonas<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Aug. 29, 1794; m. Jan. 26, 1815, Abigail Haywood, b. July 11, 1793, d. Dec. 10, 1855. He d. Mar. 19, 1861. They res. in North Springfield, Vt. Children:—

- i. EUNICE A., b. Nov. 14, 1821; m. Feb. 23, 1842, Parkman Davis, b. Apr. 16, 1816. Ch. Arvilla M., b. Aug. 8, 1844, m. Henry A. Austin; Harlan J., b. Feb. 8, 1848, m. Lucy H. Norton; Leroy P., b. Mar. 18, 1855; Isaline A., b. June 4, 1857. Res. Baltimore, Vt.
521. ii. EDSON X., b. Aug. 11, 1823; m. Mary Barrett.
- iii. JOHN C., b. Oct. 26, 1816; d. May 23, 1835.
- iv. MARY J., b. Oct. 7, 1832; m. Feb. 14, 1863, Henry O. Wright. Ch. Walter M., b. May 12, 1863; Henry C., b. Feb. 22, 1865.

339. HARRY C.<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Jonas<sup>7</sup>, Jonas<sup>6</sup>, Jonas<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Sept. 14, 1793; m. Jan. 31, 1822, Cynthia Lovering, b. July 18, 1803, d. March 1, 1866. He d. Feb. 20, 1868. They res. in Milford, Mass. Children:—

- i. JOHN A., b. Jan. 27, 1824; m. March 9, 1843, Sarah A. Williams, b. Nov. 23, 1824; res. Milford, s. p.
- ii. GEORGE H., b. Oct. 7, 1826; d. Jan. 12, 1833.
- iii. URI C., b. Dec. 1, 1830; res. in Chester, N. H., s. p.
- iv. EZRA B., b. March 25, 1838; res. 372 Clinton St., Milwaukee, Wis., s. p.

340. NICANOR<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Jonas<sup>7</sup>, Jonas<sup>6</sup>, Jonas<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Oct. 8, 1794; m. March 2, 1823, Emily Brown, b. Sept. 14, 1800. He d. Dec. 21, 1851. They res. in Holliston. Children:—

- i. HARRIET R., b. March 2, 1824; d. Aug. 25, 1828.
- ii. EZRA B., b. Oct. 2, 1825; d. Sept. 1, 1828.
- iii. GEORGE E., b. Jan. 25, 1828; d. Dec. 17, 1832.
- iv. CHARLES H., b. Feb. 13, 1830; d. 1832.
- v. HARRIET M., b. Oct. 14, 1832; m. Henry Plympton of Westboro', and d. 1852.
- vi. WILLIAM H., b. Nov. 14, 1834; d. Sept. 25, 1842.
- vii. GEORGE E., b. June 2, 1836; d. Oct. 1, 1842.

341. JONAS<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Jonas<sup>7</sup>, Jonas<sup>6</sup>, Jonas<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>*,

*Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*). b. Sept. 25, 1797; m. Nov. 9, 1824, Mary Fairbanks. b. March 5, 1803, d. March 13, 1879. He d. March 25, 1870. They res. in Holliston. Children:—

522. i. ELBRIDGE F., b. July 10, 1825; m. Martha Dorr.  
 ii. MARY J., b. April 10, 1828; m. Samuel H. Dickenson, b. April 17, 1825. Ch. Clara J., b. June 29, 1851, d. Sept. 17, 1851; Edward D., b. Sept. 20, 1853, d. Dec. 10, 1870; Henry P., b. June 24, 1856; Mary S., b. May 10, 1859, d. Jan. 21, 1860. They res. in Holliston.  
 iii. DANIEL W., b. Jan. 26, 1830; unm.  
 523. iv. CHARLES E., b. Dec. 13, 1832; m. Viola Campbell.  
 v. ELIZA D., b. Jan. 1, 1838; m. June 17, 1862, George M. French, b. Dec. 26, 1836. Ch. b. in Holliston, Annie E., b. Oct. 9, 1865; Jennie, b. Jan. 9, 1870, d. Jan. 12, 1870.

342. THADDEUS<sup>6</sup> PEIRCE (*Thaddeus<sup>7</sup>, Jonas<sup>6</sup>, Jonas<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Oct. 12, 1794; m. Harriet Winship, b. May 17, 1799. They res. in Weston, Mass. and Troy, Vt. Children:—

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| i. MARY A., b. April 19, 1820.    | ii. SUSAN S., b. June 2, 1822.     |
| iii. WILLIAM, b. Oct. 30, 1825.   | iv. HARRISON H., b. June 1, 1839.  |
| v. EDDIE A., b. Nov. 8, 1841.     | vi. HARRIET A., b. April 21, 1834. |
| vii. ALBERT, b. Aug. 16, 1830.    | viii. JANE N., b. Nov. 30, 1836.   |
| ix. ELIZABETH, b. March 21, 1838. | x. LOUISA.                         |

343. PETER<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*John<sup>7</sup>, John<sup>6</sup>, Jonas<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Sept. 9, 1792; m. Dec. 13, 1814, Sophia Anderson, b. Aug. 29, 1795, d. Nov. 5, 1870. He d. Sept. 24, 1836. They res. in Winchendon. Children:—

524. i. PETER, b. Oct. 17, 1817; m. Mary Burney and Mary F. Hanson.  
 ii. LUCY A., b. Feb. 10, 1815; m. April 20, 1837, Jonathan G. Goldsmith of Templeton, b. March 15, 1807, d. Oct. 15, 1873, s. p. Res. Otter River, Mass.  
 iii. NATHAN, b. Jan. 21, 1821; d. Feb. 19, 1821.  
 iv. SOPHIA A., b. March 15, 1823; d. Oct. 7, 1838.  
 v. NATHAN, b. June 19, 1826; d. Nov. 30, 1826.  
 vi. EDWARD, b. Oct. 23, 1836; d. July 31, 1838.

344. JOHN<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*John<sup>7</sup>, John<sup>6</sup>, Jonas<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. June 1, 1799; m. June 1, 1824, Sarah Oakes, d. July 9, 1828; m. 2nd, June 3, 1829, Rebecca Cushman, d. May 18, 1876. John Peirce was born in Gardner, Mass., June 1, 1799. His father removed to Petersham, when he was twelve years of age, and resided there seven years, when the family removed to Templeton. John remained here two years with his brother and acquired the trade of chairmaking. He then went to Bethlehem, N. H., to work for Josiah Hosmer. After a short time he went into business for himself and purchased a saw, clapboard and shingle-mill. He continued in this business for some time dealing largely in real estate. In 1866, he removed to Littleton, N. H. He has in his possession a silver spoon said to have belonged to the first John who came to this country.

Children:—

- i. JOHN, b. March 20, 1825; m. Oct. 27, 1852, Mary C. Blanden, b. Dec. 17, 1827, s. p. Res. Peirce's Bridge, N. H.  
 525. ii. EDWARD O., b. Nov. 13, 1826; m. Kate C. Smith.

- 526. iii. FRANKLIN H., b. Oct. 22, 1841; m. Mary E. Lamond.
- iv. ELIZA J., b. Nov. 8, 1831; m. 1856, Horace Woodward; res. Coldwater, Mich.
- v. SARAH O., b. Feb. 22, 1830; m. Feb. 24, 1849, ——— Sawyer.
- vi. REBECCA, b. Oct. 13, 1834; m. 1859, John S. Blanden; res. Bethlehem, N. H.
- vii. MARY, b. April 9, 1837; m. 1869, John G. Sinclair; res. Bethlehem, N. H.

345. JOEL<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*John*<sup>7</sup>, *John*<sup>6</sup>, *Jonas*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Dec. 19, 1806; m. Aug., 1828, Hannah F. Rowe, b. Feb. 5, 1811, d. Feb. 7, 1851. He d. Dec. 12, 1876. They res. in Compton, N. H. Children:—

- 527. i. JOEL, b. Nov. 17, 1830; m. Nancy Leavitt and Helen M. Tourtellott.
- ii. NATHAN, b. July 17, 1832; m. Dec. 30, 1858, Caroline M. Foss, b. Oct. 18, 1847, s. p. Res. Comptonville, N. H.
- iii. GEORGE F., b. June 4, 1835; d. Aug. 28, 1856, unm.
- iv. EDITH A., b. Nov. 28, 1836; m. Bradbury T. Cheney; res. Overton, Neb.
- 528. v. BENJAMIN F., b. Oct. 2, 1838; m. ——— ———.
- vi. SARAH J., b. June 16, 1843; m. Elisha Winslow; res. Camden, N. J.
- vii. CLARA C., b. March 6, 1847; m. Ira Huckins, Jr.; res. Camden, N. J.
- viii. EMMA A., b. Feb. 23, 1849; m. Benjamin Atkinson; res. Plymouth, N. H.

346. BENJAMIN<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Benjamin*<sup>7</sup>, *John*<sup>6</sup>, *Jonas*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. March 10, 1792; m. July 14, 1819, Louisa Newton, b. Oct. 23, 1800. He d. April, 13, 1852. They res. in Fitchburg. Children:—

- i. LOUISA, b. June 11, 1820; m. May 7, 1840, and d. June 10, 1841.
- ii. MARTHA A., b. April 29, 1823; m. May 14, 1851, E. B. Stevens.
- iii. WILLIAM R., b. May 28, 1825; res. Sterling, unm.
- iv. JULIA A., b. Jan. 1, 1828; d. July 21, 1830.
- v. HARRIET, b. Feb. 22, 1830; d. Nov. 28, 1831.
- 529. vi. ALBERT, b. April 2, 1832; m. Hannah L. Whitcomb.
- vii. SARAH M., b. May 8, 1834; m. July 27, 1853, Watson Brown of Clinton.
- viii. CHARLES B., b. Sept. 28, 1840; m. and res. in Boston.
- ix. CAROLINE, b. Aug. 6, 1841; m. 1871, Joseph M. Adams.

347. AMOS<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Elisha*<sup>7</sup>, *John*<sup>6</sup>, *Jonas*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Nov. 8, 1804; m. Oct. 28, 1830, Olive Kinsman, b. April 2, 1804, d. Nov. 9, 1845; m. 2nd, May 7, 1846, Mary Merriam, b. April 27, 1821, d. Aug. 27, 1868. He d. Aug. 17, 1873. They res. in Fitchburg. Children:—

- i. HANNAH M., b. Aug. 24, 1831; m. Nov. 10, 1851, Charles F. Everett, b. Feb. 13, 1829. Ch. Francis E., b. June 24, 1855; Ida J., b. Dec. 20, 1856; Minnie M., b. Dec. 5, 1865, d. March 30, 1866. She d. in Walpole, Mass., Feb. 6, 1866. Mrs. Charles F. Everett was a victim of that disease before which so many in New England have fallen, consumption. Her last days were additional pages of that long history of Christian life, which bears its testimony to the beauty, value, and comfort of the Christian hope. She had felt that in not numbering herself





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with the people of God by a public profession of her faith she had neglected her duty, and desirous of performing this duty and dedicating her three little ones to God in the ordinance of baptism, she requested to be received into the church. Her request was granted, and on the Sabbath preceding her death she united with the church of her own home, dedicated her children in baptism and partook of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. It was a delightful and impressive christian scene. It seemed that the door of Heaven had been opened and its glory streamed into the room. Her heart's participation in the exercise, her expressions of love to Jesus, her joyful anticipation of Heaven, her requesting and uniting as her feeble voice permitted her in singing "My Heavenly home is bright and fair," made all present feel the truth and beauty of that utterance of Holy Writ which says: "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" Truly as we stand in the midst of such triumphs we can say: "Blessed are the dead, which die in the Lord from henceforth."—*By Rev. Mr. Thurber of Walpole.*

- ii. GEORGE W., b. Dec. 26, 1832.
- iii. HENRY O., b. July 14, 1844; d. Feb. 2, 1863. He enlisted in Co. D, 2nd Regt. of Mass. Militia, served two years and died one month after his return home.
- iv. HERBERT A., b. March 1, 1848.
- v. ARTHUR E., b. Jan. 24, 1850; d. July 21, 1854.

348. ELISHA<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Elisha<sup>1</sup>, John<sup>6</sup>, Jonas<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Dec. 11, 1806; m. Jan. 20, 1833, Thursba Whitney, i. May 6, 1815, d. Jan. 24, 1864; m. 2nd. Dec. 7, 1865, Mahala Kinsman, b. June 13, 1814. He d. March 2, 1868. They res. in Fitchburg. Children:—

- i. MARY F., b. Dec. 16, 1834; m. Sept. 19, 1852, George K. Ray of Westminster.
- ii. NELSON J., b. March 3, 1839; m. May 17, 1870, Mary A. Putney, b. Nov. 10, 1848. They res. in Reading, s. p.
- iii. FRANKLIN W., b. Aug. 29, 1845; d. Oct. 16, 1846.
- 530. iv. LEONARD W., b. Oct. 29, 1836; m. Laura L. Stoddard and Lydia A. Matterson.
- v. FRANKLIN W., b. May 4, 1849; unm. Res. Reading, Mich.

349. JONAS<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Jonas<sup>1</sup>, John<sup>6</sup>, Jonas<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Sept. 12, 1811; m. July 23, 1832, Martha Edgell, b. May 12, 1812, d. Feb. 13, 1838; m. 2nd, March 21, 1839, Sarah Nichols, b. March 25, 1809, d. April 6, 1860; m. 3rd, June 5, 1861, Betsey Stiles, b. Aug. 5, 1826. They res. in Westminster. Children:—

- 531. i. CALVIN, b. July 7, 1833; m. Cordelia Lockwood.
- ii. CATHERINE, b. Aug. 12, 1836; d. Dec. 9, 1837.
- iii. ERASTUS N., b. June 11, 1840; m. Sept. 18, 1861, Henrietta J. Kidder, b. 1838. He d. Oct. 14, 1868, s. p.
- iv. GEORGE H., b. Oct. 27, 1867.

350. SYLVESTER K.<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Jonas<sup>1</sup>, John<sup>6</sup>, Jonas<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. April 11, 1820; m. June 11, 1845, Susan Jackson, b. Aug. 7, 1820, d. Jan. 6, 1876; m. 2nd, Jan. 23, 1878, Nellie L. West, b. Nov. 6, 1850. They res. in South Gardner.

Sylvester Knowlton Peirce, son of Jonas and Achsah H. Peirce, was born in Westminster, April 11, 1820. His father died when he was

three years old, and he remained with his mother on the homestead till eleven years of age, when he went to live with John Sawin, (who married a sister) in Westminster; he remained with Sawin three years. At the age of fourteen he went to live with Abraham Sawin, who married another sister, at Ashburnham, and lived with him one year. At fifteen he commenced work for Elijah Putnam, at Gardner, to learn the trade of making chairs; he remained with Putnam two years, and then he went to work for Joel Fairbanks of Ashby, making chairs. Fairbanks moving to Ashburnham he continued in his employ one year. Leaving Ashburnham at the age of twenty, he was employed by Stephen Taylor, making chairs at South Gardner for five years when he bought Taylor out and has continued the manufacture of chairs (at the same place) from that time to the present.

"Mrs. S. J. Peirce, wife of S. K. Peirce, a prominent chair manufacturer in the south village, died at her home on Thursday morning, Jan. 6, 1876, after a brief illness. Mrs. Peirce was a very benevolent and kind-hearted woman, and many poor families in this town will miss her. During the past year Mr. Peirce has erected a costly and splendid residence on the corner of South Main and Union streets; he moved into his new house only three or four weeks ago."—*Spy*.

Child:—

- i. FRANK, b. June 13, 1856.

351. BENJAMIN F.<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Jonas*<sup>7</sup>, *John*<sup>6</sup>, *Jonas*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Oct. 12, 1822; m. Nov. 30, 1843, Edna Coleman, d. Feb. 19, 1861; m. 2nd, May 25, 1863, Rebecca Adams, d. Dec. 30, 1872; m. 3rd, Jan. 28, 1874, Alinira Davison. They res. in Hubbardston. Children:—

- i. ROXANNA, b. Sept. 4, 1844; d. June 2, 1867.
- ii. CHARLES F., b. March 27, 1851; m. March 3, 1877, Ada E. Haskins, b. July 8, 1850. Res. Waterbury, Conn., s. p.
- iii. VALNETTE A., b. June 17, 1857; m. Aug. 4, 1875, George B. Wood, b. June 11, 1853. Ch. Alice M., b. Sept. 5, 1876; Eda F., b. Dec. 31, 1877. Res. Westminster.
- iv. MARY O., b. July 4, 1848; d. Oct. 30, 1849.
- v. LUCY W., b. July 8, 1864.

352. JONAS<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Jonas*<sup>7</sup>, *Solomon*<sup>6</sup>, *Jonas*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Sept., 1794; m. May 4, 1817, Mary T. Livingston of Charlestown. They owned the covenant Sept. 28, 1823. He d. Sept. 10, 1840. They res. in Arlington. Children:—

- i. JONAS L.; bap. Sept. 28, 1823.
- ii. JAMES A.; bap. Sept. 28, 1823; res. Arlington.
- iii. MARY E.; bap. Sept. 28, 1823.
- iv. JANE M., b. 1835, d. May 31, 1842.

353. GEORGE<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Jonas*<sup>7</sup>, *Solomon*<sup>6</sup>, *Jonas*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Aug., 1796; m. March 29, 1819, Harriet Russell. They owned the covenant Nov. 19, 1820, she with her dau. Harriet were baptized Nov. 19, 1820. They res. in Arlington. Children:—

- i. HARRIET A.; bap. Nov. 19, 1820, m. March 7, 1839, Lemuel Pitts of Charlestown.



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- ii. ELMIRA; bap. Nov. 3, 1822, m. Dec. 22, 1840, William W. Cotting.
- iii. LOUISA; bap. Sept. 26, 1824.

354. EBENEZER P.<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Jonas*<sup>7</sup>, *Solomon*<sup>6</sup>, *Jonas*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Aug. 9, 1802; m. May 3, 1827, Elizabeth R. Brown, b. June 21, 1804. He d. April 20, 1870. They res. in Arlington and Townsend. Children:—

- 532. i. EBEN, b. Nov. 9, 1835; m. Susan M. Fleming.
- ii. SUSAN L., b. March 18, 1828; res. unm. in Townsend.
- iii. THOMAS B., b. Oct. 28, 1837; res. unm. in Townsend.
- iv. ELIZA, b. Sept. 18, 1829; m. Nov. 13, 1848, Charles Keniston, b. Nov. 11, 1827. He d. May 7, 1874. Ch. Charles E. and Henry O., b. Dec. 1, 1849.
- v. EMILY, b. July 21, 1831; m. Nov. 14, 1852, Benjamin D. Swain, b. May 20, 1826. She d. Aug. 30, 1856. Ch. Elmer D., b. June 11, 1854; Frank A., b. July 31, 1856.
- vi. FRANCES A., b. Nov. 21, 1833; m. May 15, 1860, Benjamin D. Swain. Ch. Otis W., b. July 12, 1863; Harrie P., b. Sept. 27, 1867, d. Aug. 10, 1868.

355. THOMAS P.<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Jonas*<sup>7</sup>, *Solomon*<sup>6</sup>, *Jonas*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. May 28, 1806; m. Apr., 1829, Emeline Locke, b. Dec. 26, 1809, d. June, 1842; m. 2nd. Jan., 1844, Harriet Locke, b. June 16, 1814. They res. in Arlington. Children:—

- 533. i. THOMAS W., b. June 27, 1831; m. Helen Hall.
- ii. EMELINE L., b. July 27, 1833; m. June 10, 1858, William F. Wellington, b. 1827, d. Jan. 17, 1872. She d. Sept. 5, 1877. Ch. Minnie A., b. Jan. 18, 1862, d. May 26, 1876; Angie E., b. July 8, 1865.
- iii. EDWARD B., b. June 13, 1835; m. Jan. 15, 1858, Sarah E. Miller. He d. June 15, 1878, s. p.
- 534. iv. GRENVILLE P., b. Sept. 13, 1845; m. Susie E. Barry.
- 535. v. LEANDER, b. Aug. 16, 1847; m. Sarah C. Winn.
- vi. HERBERT, b. July 23, 1849; d. Aug. 29, 1854.

356. JOHN A. P.<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Jonas*<sup>7</sup>, *Solomon*<sup>6</sup>, *Jonas*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Apr. 1, 1810; m. Jan. 16, 1834, Mary A. Locke, b. July 13, 1815. They res. in Arlington. Children:—

- 536. i. JOHN W., b. July 6, 1835; m. Marcia S. Gassett and Anna L. Peirce.
- 537. ii. BENJAMIN H., b. Sept. 6, 1837; m. Abbie L. Russell.
- iii. MARIETTA, b. Sept. 4, 1841; m. Jan. 4, 1863, James A. Bailey, b. Sept. 6, 1836. Ch. Amy E., b. Dec., 1863; James A., b. Mar. 25, 1867; Esther, b. Aug., 1868; John W., b. Feb. 12, 1870; Edward A., b. Nov. 2, 1872.
- iv. JOHN A., b. Sept. 27, 1847; d. same day.
- v. WARREN A., b. June 5, 1849; unm.

357. CHARLES<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Samuel*<sup>7</sup>, *Solomon*<sup>6</sup>, *Jonas*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Oct. 3, 1796; m. May 3, 1818, Charlotte Townsend; m. 2nd. Oct. 31, 1826, Ann Lunt, b. Nov. 15, 1808. Ann Lunt Peirce died in Salisbury, May 4th, 1874. She was probably well and favorably known as any woman in town. She assisted at 213 weddings, was present at 386 births, and assisted in dressing for the grave 354 persons. She was indeed an "angel of mercy" to many

sad and suffering ones, and none ever came to her in affliction without finding a sympathetic heart and a ready hand. Her death was appropriately noticed by the local press. He d. Mar. 22, 1853. They res. in Salisbury. Children:—

- i. SARAH, b. Jan. 26, 1820; m. July, 1841, Edward Bartlett, and had eight children, one of whom, Charles E., res. 11 Bleachery St., Lowell.
538. ii. CHARLES E., b. Mar. 13, 1828; m. Cynthia Jepson and Susan F. Currier.
- iii. LYDIA A., b. Nov. 30, 1830; unm.; res. Amesbury.
- iv. ROSALIE L., b. Dec. 7, 1832; d. June 30, 1834.
- v. ROSALIE L., b. Sept. 4, 1835; m. Apr. 17, 1858, Albert S. Pettigrew, and had three children; res. Newburyport.
539. vi. JOHN F., b. Apr. 28, 1838; m. Orlena Wells.
- vii. MARY H., b. June 21, 1840; unm.
- viii. SUSAN A., b. Apr. 17, 1842; m. Apr. 30, 1866, Freeman E. Hodge, b. May 23, 1845. Ch. Amy A., b. July 8, 1867. d. Sept. 14, 1868; Alice M., b. Jan. 8, 1869; Susie E., b. Mar. 23, 1871; Edward A., b. Oct. 9, 1873; Walter P., b. Sept. 27, 1875. Res. Amesbury, Mass.

358. JOHN L.<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Samuel*<sup>7</sup>, *Solomon*<sup>6</sup>, *Jonas*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Mar. 26, 1807; m. Lydia ———. He d. July 12, 1872. They res. in Medford. Children:—

- i. FRANCIS E., b. May 7, 1848; res. Everett.
- ii. LYDIA A., b. July 1, 1854; d. Jan. 18, 1855.
- iii. SAMUEL O., b. Oct. 31, 1857; d. Nov. 1, 1858.

359. JAMES<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Samuel*<sup>7</sup>, *Solomon*<sup>6</sup>, *Jonas*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. May 1, 1815; m. Feb. 4, 1840, Mary A. Sawyer, b. Aug. 21, 1816, d. June 20, 1851; m. 2nd, Jan. 16, 1853, Almira J. Sawyer, b. Dec. 30, 1827, d. Aug. 30, 1853; m. 3rd, Sept. 13, 1854, Malvina F. Whitman. They res. in Medford. Children:—

540. i. J. EVERETT, b. Sept. 17, 1848; m. Rebecca A. Dow.
- ii. LOUISA M. B., b. Nov. 19, 1841; m. June 13, 1869, William H. Cummings, b. Aug. 10, 1839.
- iii. ELIZABETH C. B., b. May 1, 1843; m. July 8, 1868, George L. Clapp, b. June 2, 1844. Res. Medford.
- iv. FRANK P., b. July 30, 1855; unm.

360. OLIVER<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Samuel*<sup>7</sup>, *Solomon*<sup>6</sup>, *Jonas*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Feb. 28, 1817; m. July 3, 1842, Mary A. Small, d. Sept. 21, 1846. He res. in Medford with his brother James and has been insane for the last twenty-five years. Children:—

- i. DORCAS A. B., b. Jan. 30, 1845; d. Dec. 7, 1845.
- ii. ISAAC S.; d. Sept. 14, 1846.

361. WILLIAM L.<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Abijah*<sup>7</sup>, *Solomon*<sup>6</sup>, *Jonas*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. June 27, 1834; m. Jan. 1, 1857, Alice Danielson, b. Jan. 11, 1834. He d. July 17, 1878. They res. in Milford, N. H. Children:—

- i. WILLIAM L., b. Sept. 2, 1857; unm. Res. Milford, N. H. He was born in Manchester, N. H., and graduated from the Milford High School in the class of 1874, and entered Dartmouth College the same year, but was prevented by ill health from

attending, and during his father's sickness and since his death he has carried on his business.

- ii. CHARLES H., b. Aug. 11, 1862; d. Apr. 26, 1864.
- iii. MINNIE A., b. Dec. 3, 1865.

362. ROYAL<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Thaddeus*<sup>7</sup>, *Solomon*<sup>6</sup>, *Jonas*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. May 6, 1811; m. Apr. 20, 1837, Mary Hall, b. June 11, 1814. He d. Jan. 30, 1876. They res. in Bedford. Children:—

- i. MARY H., b. Apr. 15, 1838; m. Jan. 1, 1862, Thomas Floyd. Ch. Edgar L., b. Oct. 7, 1866, d. Feb. 6, 1870; Thomas S., b. Dec. 20, 1869; Mary L., b. Dec. 29, 1873. Res. Winthrop.
- ii. HANNAH W., b. Dec. 1, 1839; d. Jan. 29, 1840.
- iii. ADALINE L., b. Jan. 5, 1841; m. 1866, Benjamin T. Floyd. Ch. Nelson, b. Nov. 25, 1866; Alice P., b. Mar. 5, 1869; George F., b. Aug. 5, 1871; Sallie E., b. July 21, 1874; Emma A., b. June 25, 1877; Everett R., b. Oct. 6, 1878; Alice, d. June, 1878.
- 541. iv. WILLIAM H., b. Mar. 6, 1842; m. Hannah Best.
- v. ELIZABETH A., b. Nov. 2, 1843; m. June, 1870, I. Newton Hartwell. Ch. Lizzie M., b. Dec. 30, 1875. Res. Bedford.
- vi. GEORGE W., b. Apr. 15, 1847; unm. Res. Good Intent, Kansas.
- vii. CHARLES A., b. Feb. 8, 1849; unm. Res. Hodgeman, Kansas.
- viii. ABNER F., b. Oct. 5, 1852; m. Oct. 21, 1874, Mary A. Simpson, b. Feb. 26, 1854, s. p. Res. Winthrop.
- ix. STEPHEN H., b. Apr. 24, 1855; unm. Res. Billerica.
- x. THADDEUS B., b. Aug. 31, 1857; unm. Res. Bedford.

363. THADDEUS<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Thaddeus*<sup>7</sup>, *Solomon*<sup>6</sup>, *Jonas*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Aug. 17, 1814; m. Apr. 10, 1851, Sarah Sparrow, b. Dec. 17, 1825. They res. in Everett on Ferry street. Children:—

- 542. i. FRANKLIN, b. Feb. 5, 1853; m. Emma F. Pettingill.
- ii. SARAH E., b. Feb. 15, 1856; d. Oct. 28, 1859.

364. WILLIAM<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*William*<sup>7</sup>, *Solomon*<sup>6</sup>, *Jonas*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Dec. 21, 1813; m. Dec. 1837, Elizabeth Baldwin, b. 1816, d. Aug. 3, 1854; m. 2nd, Nov., 1856, Elizabeth Arnold. They res. in Everett and Malden.

Children:—

- i. WILLIAM W., b. Sept. 30, 1839; d. Mar. 29, 1859.
- ii. SARAH E., b. Apr. 13, 1845.
- iii. MARY, b. Dec. 25, 1858.

365. GEORGE W.<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*William*<sup>7</sup>, *Solomon*<sup>6</sup>, *Jonas*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Aug. 3, 1820; m. Mar. 22, 1860, Eliza Wiley, b. 1833, d. Mar. 1, 1868; m. 2nd, Feb. 24, 1870, Esther Wiley. They res. in Everett and Malden. Children:—

- i. WILLIAM W., b. Apr. 29, 1861.
- ii. GEORGIANNA, b. Nov. 10, 1862.
- iii. SETH FRED., b. July 25, 1865; d. Feb. 15, 1867.
- iv. EDITH E., b. July 14, 1871; d. Sept. 14, 1877.
- v. S. GERTRUDE, b. Apr. 6, 1873.
- vi. HOWARD W., b. May 15, 1877; d. Sept. 20, 1878.

366. Capt. WILLIAM W.<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*William*<sup>7</sup>, *William*<sup>6</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Jan. 5, 1819; m. Apr. 23,

1870, Emma (Mumler) Abbott, b. Feb. 8, 1837. He d. Apr. 29, 1874, s. p. They res. in Charlestown.

Captain Peirce was born in Charlestown, where he always resided. His education was derived entirely from the public schools of his native town, and many pleasant reminiscences are enjoyed by those who were associated with him in his boyhood days. After leaving school he was for several years employed in mechanical pursuits, but being a ready accountant and an excellent penman he found it much more to his tastes and advantage to engage in clerical duties which in various positions he followed to the close of his life.

In 1857 he was appointed naval storekeeper by President Buchanan, which office he held for four years and until the present Republican administration came into power. In 1863 he was appointed clerk of the Mystic Water Board, which office he held until his death, discharging the various duties of this responsible office with that strict fidelity and thoroughness which characterized all of his transactions, and which gained him the confidence of all men.

For thirty years he was closely identified with the military of Charlestown, and he was one of the original members of the City Guards, for many years a noted company. The visit of the City Guards to Washington in 1857, under his command, to participate in the inauguration of President Buchanan, was quite an event in its day, and his speech on this occasion was an excellent one.

He had the complete confidence of his fellow-citizens and was elected to various municipal offices. He was a member of the Common Council of Charlestown in the years 1853, '55, '56, '57 and '58, being elected President of the Board the last named year, and in 1861 he was elected Alderman. "Capt. Peirce was possessed of many qualities which endeared him to all who became his friends. He was firm in his convictions and outspoken in his opinions, yet withal, he was a noble, generous-hearted man, and his many friends will long keep his memory green."—*Boston Daily Journal*.

His funeral was attended by a very large number of persons, including the Mystic Water Board, the Howard Lodge of Odd Fellows and the Henry Price Lodge of Masons.

After his decease resolutions of respect highly eulogistic were presented his widow by the Howard Lodge of Odd Fellows, Boston Commandery of Knights Templar, Henry Price Lodge of Masons, Hooper Masonic Club, Charlestown City Guards, and the Mystic Water Board.

367. OLIVER<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Francis<sup>7</sup>, William<sup>6</sup>, Jonathan<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Jan. 4, 1828; m. Nov. 11, 1858, Sarah E. Kimball, b. Oct. 26, 1836. Oliver was born in Fall River, Mass., Jan. 4, 1828; moved with his parents to Erie County, Pa., and before his majority to his present home, Pine River, Waushara County, Wisconsin; then an Indian wilderness where the Menowinee and the bear divided the country between them. Oliver Peirce is a pioneer of the old Puritan type. Deeply religious from his youth, he does his best to make Christ's teachings the rule of private and public life.





Very Respectfully,  
William Peirce.

Always a farmer, he finds time to serve the public in his narrow sphere, hoping for no greater reward than the consciousness of duty well performed. Children :—

- i. FRANCIS D., b. Feb. 28, 1860. ii. MARY K., b. Sept. 26, 1863.
- iii. WILLIAM E., b. Dec. 3, 1864; d. 1877.
- iv. GEO. JAMES, b. April 29, 1868; d. in infancy.

368. WILLIAM<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Francis<sup>7</sup>, William<sup>6</sup>, Jonathan<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Aug. 30, 1829; m. June 12, 1856, Elizabeth P. Allen. They res. in Boston. s. p. He was born in Tiverton, R. I., Aug. 30, 1829. Moved with his parents in his infancy to Mina, N. Y., and soon after to Erie County, Pa., where he remained until he was sixteen, going to school, working on a farm and attending as clerk in his father's store. In 1846, he went to Boston and Fall River. At the latter place he remained a year and a half in a boot and shoe store. He then went to Boston where for nearly thirty years he was engaged in the wholesale woolen business, connected most of the time with Burrage Brothers & Co., and E. Allen & Co. One year he spent with Gardner Brewer & Co. He is at present retired from business. His tastes are literary but he takes a deep interest in politics, and has acted from the first with the Free Soil and Republican parties. He believes his country has a mission to perform and under God will accomplish it. That mission is to carry out to the fullest extent the American idea of human government, which guarantees to every man equality before the law, and the use of all the powers God has given him to enjoy "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

369. EDGAR<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Francis<sup>7</sup>, William<sup>6</sup>, Jonathan<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. May 6, 1841; m. Dec. 27, 1869, Mary M. Wells, b. Nov. 16, 1851. He was born in Erie County, Pa., May 6, 1841. Received a good education in the schools and academies of his native county. Bred to the business of milling flour and sawing lumber. Engaged at present in the lumber business near Big Rapids, Mich., where he owns and resides on a farm. Served during the entire war of the rebellion in the 14th Pennsylvania Cavalry, in Western Virginia at first, but most of the time in the Shenandoah valley, under Hunter, Averill and Sheridan. He was present at the two great battles where Early was defeated by Sheridan. His skirmishes and fights were almost numberless. At the battle of Sulphur Springs he was shot through the foot and very severely wounded, our forces were defeated and he escaped Libby Prison by running a race of forty miles, while many of his companions dropped by the way and met an unhappy fate. His faithful mare saved his life. He had often shared his scanty rations with her and well did she repay his care. Edgar Peirce is a good representative of those who really saved this nation. He felt his responsibilities and tried to make himself equal to them. All those with whom he served, either as superiors or subordinates, give him a character of which any man might be proud. God only knows what he suffered and was glad to suffer for his

country, and he asks nothing further than that she may be worthy in the future of the sacrifices made for her in the past. Children:—

- i. HARRIET L., b. June 21, 1871. ii. MARY E., b. Aug. 25, 1875.

370. HENRY E.<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Henry*<sup>7</sup>, *William*<sup>6</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. April 13, 1835; m. Dec. 3, 1863. Ann E. Holt, b. Jan. 4, 1842. They res. in Boston, his place of business is at No. 61 Chatham street. Children:—

- i. HENRY, b. Nov. 2, 1864; d. March 8, 1865.  
ii. MARY L., b. March 15, 1867. iii. HELEN H., b. Jan. 20, 1870.  
iv. WILLIAM A., b. Jan. 22, 1871. v. ALICE H., b. April 7, 1873.

371. ANDREW<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Andrew*<sup>7</sup>, *Andrew*<sup>6</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>5</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. in Dover, N. H., July 31, 1814; m. April 11, 1834, Rebecca W. Dunnaway, b. June 25, 1811, d. Nov. 6, 1860; m. 2nd. June 6, 1861, Mary F. Gilman, b. July 6, 1835. Res. Clifton Springs, New York. Mr. Peirce's business career was commenced in his native town, quite early in life. At the age of twelve he was employed as a clerk in a store where his taste and capacity for business developed rapidly. At the age of sixteen he was encouraged to venture upon conducting business on his own account, feeling sure that with principles of the strictest integrity, united with perseverance, he could merit confidence and ultimately win success. His expectations were not disappointed for his business increased steadily, until, at the age of twenty, he had credit second to none in his State. He had a flourishing wholesale and retail trade, which extended to the northern part of New Hampshire and Vermont, and also along the western border and the coast of Maine. He became interested in shipping, and with his father, sent vessels to Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Texas. They might be called pioneers in Texas trade, as they had vessels which plied between New York and Texas ports before the annexation of that State. They sent a vessel drawing a light draught of water—which was said to be the first sailing craft which ever entered Houston—to lighter cotton and merchandise, between Houston and Galveston.

Mr. Peirce was always interested in all enterprises for the advancement of the interests of the town where he lived.

About the year 1840, the New Hampshire legislature passed a law, making stockholders in newly chartered banks individually liable to the amount of their stock. There were two banks in Dover, whose charters expired about that time, the stockholders of which were so exasperated by the passage of that act that they refused to renew them. Consequently Dover was to be left without any banking facilities whatever. Mr. Peirce feeling how prejudicial this would be to the interests of the town, put forth his energies to organize the Dover Bank, under the Individual Liability Act, which was to take the place of the old Dover Bank, whose charter had expired. With earnest efforts to accomplish this, he succeeded. His father with himself subscribed about one-fifth of the capital stock. A few years later, feeling the necessity for increased banking facilities, he organized the Langdon



Yours Truly  
Andrew Peirce



Bank—subscribing largely to its stock—and also a Five Cents Savings Bank in connection therewith. During his residence in Dover, and for some time after, he was potent in the control of these institutions.

The Cocheco railroad was built by Mr. Peirce nearly a third of a century ago. He was among the active managers of the Boston and Maine and other important New England railways. He took an active interest in politics, though he never sought for nor accepted office. In fact his life was too full of busy care to permit him to enter the political arena.

He removed from Dover to Boston in 1851, and entered the firm of Peirce & Bacon, whose members were his brother, Thomas W. Peirce, and George Bacon. He promptly took rank among the first merchants of that city. The old substantial commission house of Peirce & Bacon commanded the largest trade in Texas, in cotton, hides, sugar, &c., and also had extensive business relations with other parts of the south. They were early identified with the internal improvements of that State, and subscribed to its first railway, furnishing the iron therefor.

In 1868, Mr. Peirce removed to St. Louis, to become general manager of the South Pacific railroad. He had the entire control of the construction of the railroad from Arlington, Mo., to Vinita, Indian Territory, forty miles west of the State line, a distance of 242 miles. He reconstructed the road from Pacific City, Mo., to Arlington, a distance of eighty-nine miles, and equipped the whole line with its rolling stock, &c., and built machine shops, &c. He removed to New York in the summer of 1872, having been elected president of the Atlantic and Pacific railroad, into which the South Pacific railroad had been merged. About this time the commissioners who had been sent from California to inspect the Atlantic and Pacific railroad, embraced in their report the following account of him:—

“ANDREW PEIRCE, formerly of the mercantile firm of Peirce & Bacon, Boston, has been the general manager at St. Louis from July 1st, 1868, to May 30th, 1872, when he was elected president. Mr. Peirce is a shrewd, energetic, systematic, experienced and most reliable business man, of the old fashioned Boston school. We quote the following notice of this gentleman, from the *Missouri Republican* of June 11th, inst., speaking of the annual meeting of the company held at Boston, May 30th, 1872. It says:—

‘Mr. Andrew Peirce, who has for four years managed the company’s business in Missouri, was elected president, and will, in future, in addition to the supervision of the company’s affairs in the west, have control of its financial bureau in the east. No better selection for the important office of president and general manager could have been made. Mr. Peirce is eminently one of the men who by solid work and uncompromising integrity has won for himself an enviable name in the financial circles of the country.’

‘In 1868, he was induced by his associates in the purchase of the South Pacific railroad to come to Missouri as general manager of the company’s property. Mr. Peirce’s indomitable energy and steady push have opened to this city that magnificent agricultural and mineral region in Southwest Missouri, and we doubt not will speedily give us the thirty-fifth parallel line to the Pacific coast. We share in the general regret at the action of the company which transfers his residence from among us to New York city, where the company’s chief offices are now located, but rejoice in the good

hope that by his well directed energies the prosperity of our city is yet to be advanced by the early completion of our trans-continental line.'

'From our acquaintance with Mr. Peirce—whose whole heart is full of enthusiasm for this great work—we cordially endorse this tribute to his worth. Under his management there will be no delays—no stealing—no speculation or extravagance—no mystery—no rings. But he will bring to our aid the advantages of experience, energy, thorough system, and the strictest integrity.'

He held office as president of the company until 1877, when he retired from its management, having been connected with it either as general manager or president, since 1868. During his long business career, he has been placed in positions, where his financial obligations have been very large, amounting at times to hundreds of thousands, and at some periods to millions. He has been able to meet every liability and fulfill all his obligations, in the severe crises through which the country has passed, from the one in 1837 to the present time—1878.

He was potent and deliberate in maturing and developing his plans but vigorous and active in their execution. With a natural bent for the management of great enterprises, he was never neglectful of the smallest detail, a mark of a well balanced business mind. Of good sound judgment and practical common sense, ready for any emergency he was modest in advancing his own opinions, but firm and resolute in enforcing what he knew to be right. Hence the confidence which he so easily inspired in his associates. His genial temperament, earnestness, kindness and sincerity created for him warm and life long friends in every station of life. His charities have been unostentatious but practical and well directed, manifested in daily acts, rather than at spasmodic intervals. He possessed the rare faculty of dismissing from his mind all business cares, when he entered his home circle. Here his tenderness, devotion and kindness of heart had their fullest sway and gave happiness and content to all about him. When he terminated his business connections, he was anxious to be rid of the care and turmoil incident to an active life, and to seek those quiet enjoyments, with family and friends, which he has so richly earned by an unflagging and diligent attention to business for fifty years. In this simple recital of the acts of so eventful a life, it is impossible to do justice to the subject as instead of the best sentences, only important facts are grouped together to give the leading events, and the characteristics which made his life so successful. Children:—

- i. ELLEN A., b. March 25, 1835; d. Dec. 31, 1844.
543. ii. CHARLES H., b. Oct. 25, 1836; m. Lydia A. Hurlbut.
- iii. CLARA A., b. Sept. 25, 1838; d. May 15, 1841.
- iv. THOMAS W., b. Aug. 26, 1847; d. Jan. 2, 1848.
- v. ANDRINE L., b. June 28, 1850; m. March 22, 1871, Capt. William Eddis of the United States Army. Res. St. Louis, Mo.
- vi. ELIZA G., b. Dec. 9, 1864. vii. CLARA L., b. May 8, 1866.

372. Col. THOMAS W.<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Andrew<sup>7</sup>, Andrew<sup>6</sup>, Benjamin<sup>5</sup>, Benjamin<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Aug. 16, 1818; m. Sep. 2, 1857, Mary Curtis, b. Oct. 17, 1823, d. July 23, 1862; m. 2nd, Sep.



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2. 1873. Catherine C. Cook, b. Jan. 17, 1834. Res. Topsfield, Mass., and San Antonio, Texas.

Thomas W. Peirce entered upon his mercantile career when a mere youth. While he attended promptly to all the required duties of his position, he did not fail to improve every opportunity of cultivating his mind, it being his habit to reserve two hours out of the twenty-four for purposes of study.

His health having become impaired, he was sent by his father to Cuba that he might escape the severities of the New England winter. On his return from that island he came to New Orleans, and not wishing to arrive home before June, because of the severity of the season, he visited the State of Texas, then a new and unexplored field for adventure and industry, and recognized at a glance the immensity and variety of her resources.

From fifteen years of age to eighteen, young Peirce was engaged in the business of his father. Vessels were built and purchased, and navigation studied with a view to opening new channels of business. The son proved a wise and useful assistant in this new line of business activity. Trusted by his father with the fullest responsibility he showed a remarkable maturity of mind and a business capacity far in advance of his years.

At the age of nineteen he was appointed on the staff of the Governor of New Hampshire, at a time when great efforts were being made to elevate the character of the militia of the State.

At about this period he began business for himself in connection with his brother Andrew, at Dover, N. H. The integrity and enterprise of the Peirce brothers soon earned for them a high reputation. The elder of the two occupied for many years the honorable position of President of the Dover Bank.

In 1843, Col. Thomas W. Peirce removed to Boston and there established the house afterwards widely known under the firm name of Peirce & Bacon, his brother Andrew becoming a partner therein in 1851. This firm became one of the most extensive business concerns in the State. Its trade extended into the southwestern states, but especially in Texas, involving millions in value, chiefly of cotton, sugar and hides.

The increase of their trade was such that in 1852 a branch house was established at Galveston, with Gen. E. B. Nichols as its agent, and a line of fifteen packet ships was built by the firm and employed in transporting the products of Texas to the north and to Europe.

Mr. Peirce has been active in many of the great enterprises of the southwest, and especially in Texas, where he was a pioneer in matters of internal improvement. Latterly his attention has been given to the construction of the Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio Railway, of which he is now the President. It is one of the best equipped and most successful roads in Texas, comparing not unfavorably with any of the great Trunk Lines of the North.

The following notice of Colonel Peirce, in connection with the



above-named railway, appeared in a recent number of the *Springfield, Mass., Republican* :—

"Many years ago, a New Hampshire boy 16 years of age landed upon the shores of Texas. He viewed its vast grassy prairies, its beautiful rolling hills and its great forests of timber with a practical rather than a poetical eye; and he determined, boy as he was, that he would work to make the then distant land a blessing to his countrymen. He first achieved success in business as a merchant; and his thousands of dollars became tens of thousands, then hundreds of thousands, then millions. With a single eye to the development of Texas, he gave up his mercantile business in Boston, and commenced to build his "Sunset Route" across the wide domain of western Texas almost single-handed and alone. While Pacific railroad enterprises were being built, in reality, by government to enrich private individuals who were in many cases destitute of the capital needed for such undertakings, the New Hampshire boy, now the successful railroad president, was pushing his honest enterprise slowly but surely towards San Antonio. While many of the railroads built upon dishonest principles were collapsing all over the land, the work upon the "Sunset Route" went bravely on and a few months since the city of the distant Mexican border was roused to new sensation by the entry within its limits of the iron horse and the palace-car. All praise to the persistent energy and business capacity of the builder of the "Sunset Route," Thomas W. Peirce. May he live to travel in his own cars, over the proposed extension of his road from San Antonio to Mexico, which is now our near neighbor!"

As this volume goes to press, Mr. Peirce's enterprise assumes national proportions in the projection of his railway westwardly from San Antonio to the Rio Grande, and along the course of that river to El Paso, a distance of between five and six hundred miles. Active operations are now under way; and one hundred miles of the new line will be constructed within the current year. At El Paso a junction will be made with the Southern Pacific Railway of California; and thus a great Continental highway upon or near the 32d parallel of latitude—so long the favorite route of American statesmen, as being the shortest line within American territory—will have been established. Having its eastern termini at Galveston and New Orleans, it will open the most opulent regions of Texas to settlement, afford a direct means of communication with our frontier settlements as well as with those of Northern Mexico; and extend the benefits of a progressive civilization along its entire line in New Mexico, Arizona and California. It is confidently believed that with its completion the cereals and other products of California will find shipment in the ports of Galveston and New Orleans, and that in these ports will be received the vast imports necessary for the supply of those vast regions of the mid-continent, now the theatre of so great activity with agricultural, pastoral and mining development.

There can be no more honorable ambition than to have one's name associated with an enterprise such as is here described; and what has actually been accomplished by him gives the fullest assurance that if his health and strength are not overtaxed by the magnitude of his labors and the weight of his responsibilities, the successful accomplishment of his great design will give to the name of Thomas W. Peirce equal honor with that of Thomas Brassy or of William Wheelwright

in the annals of our times. In studying the character and interesting career of Thomas W. Peirce, we are first led to consider his active and comprehensive mind. His record is a remarkable one for its simplicity, its usefulness, its grandeur. He was only endowed as all other men are, with the five senses and with faculties and sentiments to observe, to think and to feel. He was conscious of these varied powers, and he had the will to employ them. He used his powers of perception to gather knowledge, and his powers of reflection to find its uses. He saw from what had been done, what man was capable of doing. He studied the world to see what man had made it, and he studied man to see what remained to be done by man. He was conscious of high aims, and he was not ignorant of the fact that nothing could be accomplished without application and means. He became sensible that he could not count upon influence without character, or upon success or gain without frugality and integrity. He did not find himself alone in the world, with only a single problem to solve, and that for himself. He saw the world in its productive variety, and society in its many wants. He realized that man was created for domestic and social enjoyments; for the elevating and preserving influences of religion, and for the ennobling achievements of science. He looked upon all these great sources of privilege, power, and advancement, as so many agencies within the reach of man, to be employed and used as the means of human progress and happiness. He did not look upon others as rivals, but as so many gifted aids, each to co-operate in the changing circumstances and scenes of life, according to his means and capacity. That he has nobly performed his own part, will be admitted by all who know him, and will be seen by all who have knowledge of the events of his life.

With all this knowledge he is possessed of the higher powers, of the deep sense of religious obligation, and the lofty influences of honor and integrity. He knows how to be noble and generous, but he is incapable of injustice. While he aims at the highest duty, he does not forget the lowest. He seeks wealth only for its uses, and while he allows himself but little time to administer to his own personal comforts and enjoyments, he neglects none of his domestic duties, nor does he turn an indifferent or an impatient ear to the wants of friends, or to the wants of society. Children:—

- i. THOMAS W., b. Sept. 2, 1860; d. Apr. 17, 1862.
- ii. MARION W., b. June 3, 1874.
- iii. THOMAS W., b. Aug. 8, 1877.

Mr. Peirce has been twice married, his first wife having been Miss Mary Curtis, daughter of an eminent merchant in Boston. His present wife was Miss Catherine Cornelia Cook, of Cookerstown, New York.

373. Col. GEORGE H.<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Andrew*<sup>7</sup>, *Andrew*<sup>6</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>5</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Feb. 15, 1829; m. June 7, 1849, Sarah J. Niles, b. July 17, 1829. He d. Sept. 13, 1873. They res. in Dover, N. H.

"It becomes our painful duty to record to-day the death of another of our well-known and respected citizens, Col. George H. Peirce, who died at his residence at about two o'clock on Saturday morning last, at the age of forty-four years and seven months. It is seldom one has passed from our midst whose loss has called forth more sincere expressions of sorrow, or who will be missed by so large a circle of attached personal friends. Col. Peirce was a native of this city, where he has always had his home. Educated among us, early identifying himself with the business interests of Dover, growing with its growth, and always actively interested with whatever in his view tended to its prosperity and progress, few men have become better known, and few have acquired and retained through life a wider personal popularity and influence, especially with the young. A man of generous impulses, liberal and open-hearted, not without his faults, but possessing many marked excellencies and sterling traits of character, he has been taken from us in the prime of life and usefulness, sincerely mourned and regretted by all classes of his fellow-citizens. Col. Peirce was a manly specimen of physical vigor. As he lately walked our streets he seemed the personification of strength and manliness, and few would have suspected the lurking of disease in a frame so stamped with apparent health. Possessed of excellent judgment, great energy and rare business qualifications, he was a thoroughly active, enterprising and progressive man. In his opinions he was outspoken, and no one ever had reason to doubt his position on any question. Nevertheless he retained the regard of those whom he opposed, and seldom lost his friends while continually drawing around him new ones. In his relations as a neighbor and friend, he is everywhere well spoken of. In his family he was an indulgent father and a kind and considerate husband. To them and the immediate circle of his relatives his loss is irreparable.

Col. Peirce will be especially missed in business circles, both in our midst and elsewhere. From his early youth he has been actively engaged in business, commencing in partnership with his brother, Andrew Peirce, now of St. Louis, and the late Thomas Stackpole of this city as a wholesale merchant on Dover Landing, and afterwards continuing the firm with Elisha Jewett, Esq., of South Berwick, Me. His attention, however, was early called to Railroad construction, in which he first engaged as early as 1850, on the extension of the Coheco Railroad from Farmington to Alton Bay, now one of the most important roads for the interest of our city. In 1852, in company with Elisha Jewett and William Flynn, he took a large contract on the Southbridge & Blackstone Railroad, now a part of the Air-line from New York to Boston; and about the same time he became engaged in the Saratoga & Sackett's Harbor Road, running largely through the wilderness of Northern New York. Since then he has been interested, alone or with others, in many large contracts on various roads, including among others the Fall River & Newport, the extension of the Concord & Portsmouth to Manchester, the Little Rock & Fort Smith, Ark., Railway, the extension of the Boston & Maine to Portland, and the Portsmouth & Dover. In the last two he had as partners Messrs. Flynn and Charles B. Gardner of this city. Mr. Peirce's largest contract was, we believe, in company with others, for the construction of the European & North American, at a cost of \$7,500,000. He subsequently sold out his interest in this at a large profit. He had nearly completed the Portsmouth & Dover Road at the time of his decease. Had he lived he would undoubtedly have had the contract for the Great Falls & Conway Extension from Great Falls to Dover. In all Colonel Peirce's business relations he has borne the well-deserved reputation of a high-minded and honorable man. We know of no word in this connection ever spoken against him.

In politics Col. Peirce was always a Democrat, yet he often voted independently and never blindly followed party dictation in the support of bad nominations. He was twice the candidate of his party for Railroad Commissioner, running ahead of his party, we believe, in both elections. Last March he was elected by a handsome majority Representative in Ward Three of this city, in which there was an anti-Democratic majority of 162 —



Geo. H. Peice



■ result that was due in part to his well-known views on railroad questions identified with the prosperity of Dover, but altogether more to his great personal popularity.—*Dover Newspaper*.

## Children:—

- i. IDA F., b. July 31, 1850; m. A. D. Whitehouse.
- ii. FRANKLIN N., b. Dec. 18, 1851; d. Dec. 21, 1878.
- iii. THOMAS W., b. Sept. 25, 1853; res. unm. in Houston, Texas.
- iv. BESSIE D., b. Oct. 8, 1855; d. May 17, 1871, "a most beautiful and lovely girl."

374. JOSEPH A.<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Andrew*<sup>7</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>6</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>5</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Dec. 18, 1818; m. July 6, 1848, Ann E. Drew, d. July 5, 1854; m. 2nd, May 26, 1858, Lucy Waldron, b. April 6, 1836. They res. in Dover, N. H.

## Children:—

544. i. CHARLES D., b. May 5, 1849; m. Eva Jones.
- ii. EDWIN, b. Dec. 24, 1859.
- iii. JOSEPH W., b. July 7, 1861.
- iv. AMY W., b. Sept. 16, 1866.

375. JOHN O.<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Andrew*<sup>7</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>6</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>5</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Feb. 23, 1821; m. May 18, 1843, Harriet W. Wentworth, b. July 9, 1820. He d. May 2, 1869. They res. in Dover, N. H., and in Ohio. Children:—

- i. ELIZABETH, b. Oct. 9, 1848; d. unm. June 17, 1865.
545. ii. ANDREW O., b. Dec. 20, 1844; m. Lucy L. Darton.

376. BENJAMIN P.<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Andrew*<sup>7</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>6</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>5</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Sept. 9, 1825; m. May 23, 1847, Elizabeth A. Twombly. They res. in Dover, N. H. Children:—

- i. MARY J., b. April 16, 1848; d. Nov. 24, 1863.
546. ii. WILLIAM H., b. Nov. 6, 1851; m. Emma Jenkins.
- iii. FREDERICK P., b. May 17, 1858; d. Oct. 30, 1863.
- iv. EDITH A., b. Nov. 24, 1865.

376½. JOSEPH<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Alpheus*<sup>7</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>6</sup>, *Israel*<sup>5</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Aug. 31, 1831; m. Miss Chick.

## Children:—

- i. AMOS; d. unm. in U. S. Army.
- ii. STEPHEN; d. young.
- iii. JACOB.
- iv. SALLY; m. Amos Richardson and d. 1833.
- v. MARY; m. ——— Chick; res. Portsmouth, N. H.
- vi. CLARA; m. Jesse Whitehouse; res. Dover, N. H.

377. Gen. JOHN D.<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Israel*<sup>7</sup>, *Israel*<sup>6</sup>, *Israel*<sup>5</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Feb. 28, 1811; m. Oct. 31, 1833, Tamson H. Hall, b. Nov. 8, 1810, d. April 10, 1876. Res. Roxbury, 11 Washington Place. Children:—

- i. FRANKLIN P., b. April 23, 1835; m. Dec. 20, 1859, Mary A. Vickery.
- ii. MARY A., b. Sept. 23, 1839; m. April 3, 1860, Edward T. Danforth.
547. iii. JOHN D., b. Feb. 26, 1843; m. Nov. 3, 1864, Sarah A. Spoor.
- iv. CLARA E., b. Jan. 17, 1845; unm.
- v. ABBY M., b. April 13, 1847; m. Nov. 24, 1869, Louisa A. Lauriat.
- vi. LUCY J., b. Feb. 9, 1849; d. March 14, 1866.

378. HALL<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Israel*<sup>7</sup>, *Israel*<sup>6</sup>, *Israel*<sup>5</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Sept. 3, 1813; m. March 4, 1837, Sally Hall, b. Jan. 6, 1813, d. April 13, 1867; m. 2nd, Nov. 2, 1870, Mrs. Sarah A. Woodman. He d. Nov. 23, 1870. They res. in Barrington, N. H.

Children :—

548. i. CURTIS H., b. Aug. 28, 1838; m. Charlotte A. P. Hill.
- ii. ISRAEL E., b. Aug. 8, 1842; unm.
- iii. SARAH A., b. Oct. 29, 1844; d. July 24, 1845.

379. MOSES<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Israel*<sup>7</sup>, *Israel*<sup>6</sup>, *Israel*<sup>5</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Oct. 8, 1819; m. Oct. 5, 1853, Martha F. Young, b. Jan. 25, 1821, d. March 10, 1863; m. 2nd, Sept. 16, 1863, Susan J. Dunton, b. Dec. 14, 1832. They res. in Barrington, N. H.

Children :—

- i. AURETTA, b. June 5, 1855; m. Feb. 25, 1880, John T. Wigglesworth, res. Boston.
- ii. LUELLA D., b. April 17, 1865; d. Aug. 26, 1868.
- iii. ALICE M., b. Aug. 9, 1866.
- iv. GEORGIA L., b. Aug. 2, 1868.
- v. GELSTON A. D., b. May 10, 1870.
- vi. LOUIS M. L., b. July 3, 1872.

380. WILLIAM<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Curtis*<sup>7</sup>, *Israel*<sup>6</sup>, *Israel*<sup>5</sup>, *Benjamin Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. May 28, 1813; m. Nov. 7, 1833, Sarah Hanson, b. 1816. He d. May 28, 1843. Res. Rochester, N. H.

Child :—

- i. MELISSA E., b. March 6, 1841; m. Feb. 3, 1863, Daniel A. Page, res. Dover, N. H.

381. JOHN I.<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Curtis*<sup>7</sup>, *Israel*<sup>6</sup>, *Israel*<sup>5</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Oct. 2, 1818; m. May 23, 1854, Phebe H. Hall, b. Oct. 21, 1821, d. Sept. 13, 1877. Res. Madbury, N. H.

Children :—

- i. MARY O., b. Dec. 11, 1855; d. Oct. 7, 1870.
- ii. MARTHA E., b. Aug. 28, 1857.
- iii. WILLIAM C., b. Oct. 31, 1859; d. March 6, 1870.

382. JOHN B.<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*John*<sup>7</sup>, *Nathaniel*<sup>6</sup>, *Nathaniel*<sup>5</sup>, *Ichabod Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Robert*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Nov. 26, 1803; m. Oct. 25, 1831, Sarah A. Hollowell, b. Feb. 6, 1808, d. March 9, 1845; m. 2nd, May 1, 1846, Mehitable C. Hollowell, b. Jan. 3, 1819. He res. in Boston, 74 W. Newton street, and was for a number of years senior member of the firm of Peirce, Dana & Co., Broad street, until he retired in 1857.

Children :—

- i. ALFRED, b. Aug. 26, 1835; m. Abbie M. Tebbets.
- ii. MARY E., b. Sept. 17, 1837.
- iii. ALICE B., b. Aug. 3, 1839; m. Phillip A. Chase.
- iv. CHARLES F., b. June 20, 1842.
- v. LAURA F., b. Nov. 27, 1844.
- vi. GEORGE W., } twins, b. Nov. 7, 1852. {
- vii. SARAH H., } d. March 3, 1859.

383. DAVID<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*William*<sup>7</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>6</sup>, *John*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>4</sup>, *John*<sup>3</sup>, *John*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Jan. 29, 1815; m. Dec. 20, 1843, Mary Etta Lewis, b. Jan. 29, 1821. They res. in Roxbury, Conn. Children :—

- i. GEORGE EDWARD, b. April 14, 1846.

- ii. CHARLES W., b. Jan. 8, 1850.
- 549. iii. FRANK H., b. Oct. 8, 1851; m. Elizabeth Van Ness Hatch.
- 550. iv. ALBERT L., b. May 31, 1854; m. F. Emma Ridgely.
- v. FANNY E., b. Aug. 27, 1856; d. Aug. 9, 1875.
- vi. ELLA A., b. Jan. 16, 1859. vii. JOHN E., b. Nov. 25, 1862.

384. JOHN<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*John<sup>7</sup>, Samuel<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. May 31, 1839; m. Jan. 1, 1858, Caroline E. Gurlick, b. June 17, 1838. He was born in Southbury, Conn., and received his educational advantages from the scientific department of Western Reserve College, in Hudson, Ohio, from which institution he is a graduate. He was elected to the office of town treasurer of Southington, in 1874, which position he still holds; he has also been representative. He res. in S. Britain, Conn. Children:—

- i. JOHN, b. July 12, 1859. ii. GEORGE E., b. June 25, 1861.
- iii. SAMUEL L., b. May 11, 1865. iv. WILLIAM H., b. April 1, 1868.
- v. RUBY C., b. Dec. 3, 1875.

385. DR. CHARLES R.<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Rev. George C.<sup>7</sup>, Samuel<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Dec. 28, 1825; m. Oct. 5, 1853, Orriell C. Treat, b. June 17, 1829. He was a graduate of Western Reserve College and its medical department, and entered the army during the late war as surgeon of the 76th Ohio regiment. He was in several battles and being overtaxed with professional labor for the sick and wounded, he died a martyr to the cause of God and his country, Jan. 29, 1863. They res. in Hudson, Ohio. At a meeting of the Society of Alumni of Western Reserve College, Hudson, Ohio, held July 9th, 1863, the following resolutions were passed:—

WHEREAS, God in his providence has removed by death our loved and honored brother, Dr. Charles R. Peirce, surgeon of the 76th regiment, Ohio Volunteers;

*Resolved*, That while we bow in submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well, we still deeply sorrow for the loss of a dear and long tried friend; one of rare powers of mind and qualities of heart, strong and manly in his cast of character, yet tender in his sensibilities, brave, pure and faithful in all the relations and trials of his eventful life. As a friend he was chivalrous and true; as a citizen, honored and useful; deservedly eminent in his profession, and a patriot so loyal and devoted that he cheerfully laid his life a sacrifice upon the altar of his country.

*Resolved*, That we hold up to universal emulation his bright example, which proved that the truest heroism and the noblest and highest attributes of humanity may be exhibited in our times and in our ranks.

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to the family of the deceased, as expressive of our sympathy with them in their bereavement.

J. S. NEWBURY,

True copy.

Ch. of Com.

Children:—

- i. MARY R., b. Aug. 11, 1854.
- ii. GEORGE E., b. Sept. 30, 1860; d. Sept. 23, 1861.

386. JOHN<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Rev. George C.<sup>7</sup>, Samuel<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. May 10, 1829; m. Oct., 1855, Frances S. Moffatt. He graduated at Western Reserve College, Hudson, Ohio.

and attended the Scientific School at Cambridge. He is surveyor general of Colorado and Utah Territory and is assisted by his two younger brothers, George Edmond and William Henry Peirce. They res. in Denver, Col. Children:—

- i. CHARLES R., b. Aug., 1856. ii. JOHN B.

387. WILLIAM H.<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Rev. George C.<sup>7</sup>, Samuel<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Jan. 17, 1838; m. Dec. 24, 1863, Emma Grout. They res. in Denver, Col. William Henry is a graduate of Western Reserve College, and served three years as first lieutenant in the Second Colorado Cavalry, during the late war.

388. LEMUEL B.<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Amial P.<sup>7</sup>, Titus<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Sept. 17, 1807; m. Sept. 14, 1831, Eunice Buss, d. Nov. 3, 1866; m. 2nd, Nov. 27, 1867, Marietta Hyde. He d. Aug. 17, 1874. Res. Wakeman, Ohio. Children:—

- i. AMELIA A., b. July 27, 1832; d. Aug. 9, 1839.  
551. ii. ELKERT B., b. June 22, 1834; m. Harriet A. Bucher.  
552. iii. WILLIAM H., b. Aug. 19, 1840; m. Dosia A. Waugh.  
iv. JULIA J., b. April 26, 1843; m. Oct. 14, 1863, Dr. T. W. Bunce.  
Ch. Walter P., b. May 13, 1867; Earl M., b. July 19, 1871;  
Mable E., b. Oct. 31, 1874.  
v. FRANKIE L., b. March 3, 1851; m. Oct. 21, 1869, Joseph A. Denman. Ch. Perry P., b. Aug. 25, 1872.

388½. BENNET<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Amial P.<sup>7</sup>, Titus<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. May 9, 1810; m. Sept. 14, 1839, Nancy Maria Clary. They res. in Cleveland, Ohio. He was drowned in the Blanchard River in Ohio, April 30, 1861. Children:—

- i. ANNA A., b. Aug. 14, 1841; d. Dec. 1, 1857.  
553. ii. AMIAL P., b. Dec. 14, 1844; m. Eugenia M. Laty.  
iii. FRANCIS P., b. Jan. 4, 1847; d. Dec. 14, 1850.  
iv. STEPHEN L., b. Nov. 4, 1852.

389. MINOT<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Amial P.<sup>7</sup>, Titus<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. June 2, 1813; m. Sept. 12, 1837, Susan L. Curtis. Res. Wakeman, Ohio. Children:—

- i. DORTHE E., b. July 10, 1842; d. March 15, 1844.  
ii. MARY E., b. July 8, 1844; m. March 12, 1863, D. W. Breckenridge, s. p.  
iii. SARAH E., b. Nov. 16, 1847; m. Dec. 31, 1868, H. J. Baldwin.  
Ch. Emma, b. Nov. 2, 1872; Samuel, b. Aug. 17, 1875.  
553½. iv. STANLEY P., b. Jan. 22, 1850; m. Addie Denman.  
v. ELLORA M., b. Sept. 12, 1858; d. June 19, 1860.  
vi. ELMER J., b. May 19, 1861.

390. DAVID S.<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Amial P.<sup>7</sup>, Titus<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. May 11, 1824; m. Nov. 24, 1849, Julia A. Bruce, b. Jan. 2, 1826. He d. Oct. 2, 1870. They res. in Wakeman, Ohio. Children:—

- i. FRED D., b. April 22, 1859.



ii. MARY E., b. July 13, 1860; d. Sept. 1, 1860.

iii. JENNIE J., b. Oct. 11, 1868.

391. ELIJAH S.<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Joel*<sup>7</sup>, *Joel*<sup>6</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>4</sup>, *John*<sup>3</sup>, *John*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Feb. 28, 1829; m. Nov. 28, 1850, Elizabeth S. Maid, b. July 9, 1831. They res. in Hartford, Conn. Children:—

i. FRANK H., b. Sept. 19, 1851.

ii. EMMA, b. June 11, 1857; d. Oct. 9, 1858.

iii. ANNIE, b. July 19, 1866.

392. GEORGE W.<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Joel*<sup>7</sup>, *Joel*<sup>6</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>4</sup>, *John*<sup>3</sup>, *John*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. April 15, 1833; m. March 28, 1856, Amanda E. Beers, b. July 18, 1833. They res. in Crestline, Ohio. Children:—

i. WILLIE M., b. Dec. 21, 1856.

ii. JOHN S., b. Sept. 22, 1858; d. Oct. 5, 1865.

iii. EVA M., b. Feb. 17, 1861. iv. GEORGIE A., b. Sept. 25, 1866.

393. GRANVILLE T.<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Erastus*<sup>7</sup>, *Joel*<sup>6</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>4</sup>, *John*<sup>3</sup>, *John*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Sept. 28, 1834; m. Dec. 10, 1866, Henrietta Judson, b. Dec. 14, 1843. They res. in South Britain, Conn.

Granville Toucey Peirce, born in South Britain, Conn., entered Yale College in 1851, and graduated in 1855, with an excellent rank. He studied law in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1856, and in June of the same year entered the United States Navy as engineer. He passed his examination and was admitted to the bar at Cleveland, O., in the Supreme Court. In the meantime he had been waiting orders, was ordered to sea in frigate *Roanoke*, from Norfolk, Va., and made only a short cruise. Went to Milwaukee, Wis., Nov., 1857, and opened a law office. In Nov., 1858, was commissioned a paymaster in the navy; went to sea Dec., 1858, in the *St. Louis*, was in the Caribbean Sea and Gulf of Mexico most of the time. Was at Vera Cruz, Mex., when signs of war showed and then went to the salvation of Fort Pickens, Pensacola, and Fort Jefferson, Dry Tortugas, then on the blockade of Mobile, Pensacola and mouths of the Mississippi, until Oct., 1861, when he came to Philadelphia, and was at once ordered in charge of the naval station at Key West, Fla., where he remained until May, 1862, when he was ordered to New York. His record has been exceptionally good. While he has been off duty, since 1863, he has held various town offices, such as representative to the general court, town clerk, justice of the Peace, chairman of the board of education, etc. Children:—

i. ELLA J., b. June 16, 1868. ii. ARCHER T., b. Jan. 27, 1877.

394. DAVID F.<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Erastus*<sup>7</sup>, *Joel*<sup>6</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>4</sup>, *John*<sup>3</sup>, *John*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. April 27, 1840; m. Sept. 14, 1871, Eliza Bradley. They res. in South Britain, Conn. He has held various town offices and has been representative. Children:—

i. MARY E., b. Dec. 20, 1875. ii. FREDERICK E., b. March 11, 1878.

395. EDWARD N.<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Noble A.*<sup>7</sup>, *Abraham*<sup>6</sup>, *Abraham*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>4</sup>, *John*<sup>3</sup>, *John*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>); m. Oct. 23, 1837, Henrietta L. Thompson. They res. in Bristol, R. I. Child:—

i. FRANK, b. 1853; d. Dec. 6, 1862.

396. JULIUS E.<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Noble A.<sup>7</sup>, Abraham<sup>6</sup>, Abraham<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*); m. May 30, 1849, Huldah Botsford. They res. in Bristol, R. I. Child:—

- i. ANNA, b. Feb. 6, 1859.

397. REUBEN<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Justus<sup>7</sup>, Nathan<sup>6</sup>, Nathan<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*); m. Dec. 11, 1857, Helen A. Guthrie. They res. in Southbury. Child:—

- i. ANN L., b. Aug. 1, 1859.

398. OLIVER K.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Oliver<sup>8</sup>, Samuel<sup>7</sup>, Samuel<sup>6</sup>, Daniel<sup>5</sup>, Daniel<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Jan. 27, 1835; m. Jan. 1, 1863, Martha Durgin, b. Aug. 24, 1835. They res. in Ayer, Mass.

Children:—

- i. LIZZIE M., b. March 21, 1869; d. Dec. 3, 1877.  
 ii. JOHN D., b. Sept. 6, 1866; d. July 21, 1871.  
 iii. ADDISON G., b. Dec. 27, 1874; d. Dec. 5, 1877.  
 iv. MATTIE E., b. Aug. 31, 1872; d. Dec. 7, 1877.

399. GEORGE B.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Oliver<sup>8</sup>, Samuel<sup>7</sup>, Samuel<sup>6</sup>, Daniel<sup>5</sup>, Daniel<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Sept. 4, 1836; m. May 26, 1858, Harriet A. Parkhurst, b. Oct. 18, 1838. They res. in Groton.

Children:—

- i. CLARA M., b. Aug. 17, 1859. ii. NELLIE F., b. July 23, 1861.  
 iii. FRANK S., b. Oct. 23, 1863. iv. NELLIE B., b. April 16, 1866.  
 v. ESTELLE W., b. April 26, 1868.

400. THOMAS D.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Dexter L.<sup>8</sup>, Elijah<sup>7</sup>, Samuel<sup>6</sup>, Daniel<sup>5</sup>, Daniel<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Aug. 25, 1822; m. Feb. 24, 1850, Elizabeth Marston, b. April 21, 1828. They res. in Milton Lower Mills, Mass. Children:—

- i. CORA L., b. May 7, 1859. ii. DEXTER V., b. May 18, 1862.  
 iii. ANNIE A., b. Aug. 4, 1867. iv. JAMES A. S., b. March 15, 1870.

401. SAMUEL F.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Dexter L.<sup>8</sup>, Elijah<sup>7</sup>, Samuel<sup>6</sup>, Daniel<sup>5</sup>, Daniel<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. June 11, 1825; m. 1846, Mary F. Richards, b. 1828, d. Sept. 10, 1858. They res. in Stoughton, Mass. Children:—

- i. IDA E., b. June, 1847; d. 1856.  
 ii. HATTIE F., b. Feb. 16, 1850; m. Aug. 9, 1868, D. W. Hancock. Ch. Alice P., b. June 21, 1869; Stella F., b. Nov. 6, 1870; Henry N., b. Aug. 20, 1872, d. March, 1873. She d. Feb. 14, 1875.  
 iii. HENRY T., b. March 29, 1852; d. Dec. 9, 1871.  
 iv. MARY J., b. Aug. 4, 1854.

402. HIRAM J.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Dexter L.<sup>8</sup>, Elijah<sup>7</sup>, Samuel<sup>6</sup>, Daniel<sup>5</sup>, Daniel<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Nov. 27, 1828; m. May 18, 1848, Mary J. Barrows, b. May 18, 1847, d. Oct. 10, 1863; m. 2nd, Nov. 1, 1864, Carrie Sinmons, b. Apr. 10, 1835, d. Dec., 25, 1877. They res. in New York city and at 4 Stoddard street, Boston.

Children:—

- i. HIRAM J., b. Feb. 19, 1865.  
 ii. FRANCES, b. June 16, 1867; d. Aug. 13, 1867.

- iii. FRANK, b. May 27, 1868; d. Feb. 10, 1876.
- iv. EUGENE, b. Mar. 16, 1870; d. Jan. 15, 1876.
- v. CHARLES H., b. Oct. 19, 1873; d. Feb. 10, 1876.
- vi. MARIA JOSEPHINE, b. Jan. 16, 1872; d. Jan. 12, 1876.

403. HENRY A.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Dexter L.<sup>8</sup>, Elijah<sup>7</sup>, Samuel<sup>6</sup>, Daniel<sup>5</sup>, Daniel<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Jan. 26, 1830; m. Dec. 14, 1861, Eliza J. Wildman. They res. in South Braintree. Children:—

- i. ARTHUR H., b. July 19, 1863.
- iii. ESTELLA W., b. Apr. 24, 1869.
- ii. HERBERT F., b. Aug. 26, 1866.
- iv. WALTER S., b. Aug. 30, 1871.

404. WHEELER<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Amos<sup>8</sup>, Amos<sup>7</sup>, Isaac<sup>6</sup>, Isaac<sup>5</sup>, Daniel<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Sept. 8, 1814; m. Jan. 24, 1838, Emeline Morse. They res. in West Winsted, Conn. Children:—

- i. JOSEPHINE, b. Feb. 17, 1838.
- ii. CATHERINE, b. Jan. 20, 1840.

405. LORENZO<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Amos<sup>8</sup>, Amos<sup>7</sup>, Isaac<sup>6</sup>, Isaac<sup>5</sup>, Daniel<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Aug. 16, 1822; m. Dec. 1, 1851, Celia B. Powers. They res. in West Winsted, Conn. Child:—

- i. MARY, b. Sept. 3, 1855.

406. JUNE A.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*June<sup>8</sup>, Jesse<sup>7</sup>, Isaac<sup>6</sup>, Isaac<sup>5</sup>, Daniel<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Mar. 12, 1836; m. Oct. 13, 1859, Delano M. Walker, b. Oct. 28, 1839. Res. Claremont, N. H.

Children:—

- i. LOUIS, b. Apr. 19, 1861; d. Dec. 18, 1861.
- ii. WALTER, b. Nov. 28, 1862.
- iii. MARY, b. Oct. 2, 1867.
- iv. CORA, b. Feb. 8, 1874; d. Nov. 14, 1874.

407. ANDREW J.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*June<sup>8</sup>, Jesse<sup>7</sup>, Isaac<sup>6</sup>, Isaac<sup>5</sup>, Daniel<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Aug. 8, 1842; m. Dec. 25, 1864, Nancy J. Neal, b. Aug. 20, 1844. Res. Claremont, N. H. Children:—

- i. URBANE, b. Jan. 13, 1873.
- ii. MARION, b. Jan. 19, 1875.

408. CLARENDON J.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Joshua<sup>8</sup>, Joshua<sup>7</sup>, Isaac<sup>6</sup>, Isaac<sup>5</sup>, Daniel<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Aug. 22, 1824; m. Apr. 30, 1849, Emeline Daniels, b. Sept. 27, 1858, d. Sept. 25, 1872; m. 2nd, Oct. 30, 1873, Merena Stone, b. Aug. 4, 1839. They res. in Westboro.

Children:—

- i. EMMA S., b. Mar. 25, 1850.
- iv. ESTELLE M., b. Oct. 31, 1874.
- ii. JANE M., b. Sept. 22, 1852.
- v. CLARENDON W., b. Oct. 15, 1876.
- iii. ISABELL A., b. Mar. 3, 1854.

409. HARRISON<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Joshua<sup>8</sup>, Joshua<sup>7</sup>, Isaac<sup>6</sup>, Isaac<sup>5</sup>, Daniel<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Oct. 20, 1828; m. Aug. 14, 1850, Harriet Clark. They res. in Upton. Children:—

- i. HARRISON.
- ii. HENRY, b. June 29, 1851; d. Aug. 3, 1854.
- iii. HARRISON, b. May 24, 1853; d. Oct. 4, 1869.
- iv. JULIA, b. Sept. 3, 1854.
- v. EVA, b. Aug. 3, 1856; d. Oct. 10, 1856.
- vi. ADA; d. Jan. 20, 1853.
- vii. HENRY.

410. ISAAC E. II.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Joshua*<sup>8</sup>, *Joshua*<sup>7</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>6</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>5</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Feb. 15, 1840; m. Mar. 13, 1862, Sophia Streeter. They res. in Upton. Children:—

- i. ERVING, b. Apr. 6, 1864. ii. MINNIE, b. Nov. 14, 1865.

411. CHESTER<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Benjamin*<sup>8</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>7</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>6</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>5</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Oct. 19, 1814; m. Jan. 8, 1839, Eliza K. Herrick, b. Nov. 14, 1821. He d. July 29, 1842. They res. in Middlebury, Vt. Child:—

- i. ARTHUR L., b. Sept. 20, 1841; d. Oct. 10, 1841.

412. LEVI H.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Nahum*<sup>8</sup>, *Josiah*<sup>7</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>6</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>5</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Mar. 12, 1817; m. Almira Enos. He d. Sept. 20, 1879. Res. Hornellsville, N. Y. Children:—

- i. He had a family, but his widow has failed to respond.

413. FRANCIS D.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Nahum*<sup>8</sup>, *Josiah*<sup>7</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>6</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>5</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Mar. 3, 1820; m. July 6, 1844, Ann Enos, b. May 12, 1825, d. Mar. 14, 1873. Res. Hornellsville, N. Y. Children:—

- i. HARRIET J., b. May 11, 1845; d. Aug. 18, 1845.
- ii. ISABELLA A., b. Sept. 23, 1846; m. June, 1863, Bingham McLease.
- iii. CHARLES H., b. July 11, 1848; m. Dec. 15, 1868, Catherine Shethaner.
- iv. LUCY J., b. Apr. 8, 1850; m., Sept. 15, 1867, Edwin Maybee.
- v. JOHN F., b. Feb. 28, 1852; m. Jan. 1, 1874, Olive Allen.
- vi. NAHUM H., b. Jan. 22, 1854; d. Dec. 12, 1877.
- vii. MARY J., b. Sept. 20, 1855; m. Mar. 22, 1877, Oscar Allen.
- viii. DAVID R., b. June 16, 1857; m. Mar. 5, 1878, Mary Fitzsimmons.
- ix. EMMA B., b. Apr. 5, 1859; d. July 16, 1877.
- x. IDA M., b. Apr. 7, 1861.
- xi. JESSE D., b. Apr. 14, 1863.
- xii. ELLA J., b. Mar. 29, 1864.

414. JAMES R.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Nahum*<sup>8</sup>, *Josiah*<sup>7</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>6</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>5</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Sept. 21, 1824; m. Elizabeth ———. Res. Hornellsville, N. Y. Children:—

- i. Failed to respond.

415. Sergt. DAVID M.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Nahum*<sup>8</sup>, *Josiah*<sup>7</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>6</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>5</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Feb. 14, 1829; m. Apr. 26, 1860, Eliza Baalham, b. Jan. 18, 1832. He has been a member of the Boston police force for a number of years past. He is at present Sergeant of the police in the first Division with headquarters on Hanover street. They res. at 919 East Fourth street, South Boston. Children:—

- i. FRANK S., b. Apr. 18, 1861. ii. FRED. D., b. Mar. 12, 1864.

416. JOSEPH E. R.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Joseph H.*<sup>8</sup>, *Josiah*<sup>7</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>6</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>5</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Feb. 22, 1816; m. July 30, 1846, Ann E. Ross, b. May 4, 1817. They res. at 15 Penn Avenue, Worcester. Children:—

- i. MARY M., b. Sept. 20, 1847; m. Dec. 9, 1869, Geo. M. Hubbard. He has three children; res. in Worcester.



- ii. ANN E., b. May 29, 1852; m. Sept. 26, 1872, Hiram B. Corning. He has three children; res. in Worcester.
- iii. JOSEPHINE M., b. Oct. 27, 1853; m. Jan. 10, 1877, Arthur D. Brewer; res. in Worcester; s. p.
- iv. JOHN E., b. Mar. 8, 1858; m. 1878, Emma A. Morse. Ch. Florence, b. 1879. He d. Sept. 20, 1879.

[Written for the occasion on the death of John E. Peirce, by his friend, B. D. Satchwell.]

Classmates, he sleeps the endless sleep,  
 From which there is no waking;  
 He sleeps; we'll mourn with those  
 Whose hearts with grief are breaking.  
 One by one we've watched them pass  
 Beyond death's flowing river;  
 One by one we'll join them there,  
 To praise with them forever.

And though the parting gives us pain,  
 There'll be no parting there;  
 When we leave this earthly life,  
 This world of pain and care,  
 To dwell with God eternally,  
 Forever we will sing—  
 "O, grave where is thy victory?  
 O, death where is thy sting?"

- v. JOSEPH R., b. Oct. 9, 1860; d. June 21, 1871.
- vi. JEFFERSON D., b. May 21, 1862.

417. STEPHEN D.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Joseph* II.<sup>8</sup>, *Josiah*<sup>7</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>6</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>5</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Oct. 18, 1822; m. May 22, 1851. Adelia Fifield, b. July 4, 1832. He d. May 19, 1875. They res. in Warren. Children:—

- 554. i. EDWARD F., b. Mar. 8, 1852; m. Amelia Barth.
- ii. JULIA F., b. Jan. 13, 1855.
- iii. JOSEPH R., b. Oct. 19, 1858; d. July 2, 1860.
- iv. MABLE, b. Nov. 13, 1860; d. Mar. 31, 1863.
- v. MARY A., b. Apr. 9, 1866.
- vi. MAUD, b. Jan. 18, 1874.
- vii. LULA A., b. Mar. 13, 1868.
- viii. MABLE A., b. Nov. 6, 1856; d. Nov. 17, 1858.

418. GILBERT E.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*John*<sup>8</sup>, *Josiah*<sup>7</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>6</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>5</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Jan. 20, 1820; m. Nov. 15, 1848. Flora Merrill, b. Oct. 18, 1826. He d. June 12, 1869. They res. in East Boston. Child:—

- i. JULIETTE F., b. July 3, 1853.

419. EDWIN R.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*John*<sup>8</sup>, *Josiah*<sup>7</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>6</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>5</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Nov. 28, 1830; m. Aug. 30, 1852, Juliette J. Merrill, b. Mar. 16, 1831. They res. at 26 Bremen street, E. Boston. His place of business is at 35 Hawley street, Boston. Children:—

- i. JOHN E., b. Mar. 16, 1854.
- ii. JESSE H., b. Nov. 10, 1855; d. Aug. 12, 1874.
- iii. ETHEL M., b. Apr. 22, 1869; d. Mar. 21, 1870.
- iv. ARTHUR G., b. Aug. 9, 1870.

420. HENRY S.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Abraham*<sup>8</sup>, *Josiah*<sup>7</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>6</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>5</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Jan. 15, 1843; m. Sept. 29, 1870, Susie A. Saunders. He was adopted by Abraham Peirce. They res. in Gardner, Mass.

421. JOHN H.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*John*<sup>8</sup>, *Phineas*<sup>7</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>6</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>5</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Sept. 12, 1833; m. April 3, 1873, Josephine Hartsook, b. May 20, 1852. He was born in Saybrook, Ohio, where he remained until 21 years of age, when he emigrated to Beatrice, Nebraska; here he engaged in farming on an extensive scale which he continued for eleven years, and in 1865 he returned east and settled in Illinois, where he conducted an extensive clothing establishment until it was consumed by fire in 1871, since which time he has been engaged in the dry good business in Maquon. They res. in Maquon, Knox County, Illinois. Child:—

i. CHARLES, b. Sept. 28, 1876.

422. Major EDWARD G.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*John*<sup>8</sup>, *Phineas*<sup>7</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>6</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>5</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Feb. 2, 1836; m. Oct. 8, 1868, Nancy Harris, b. Dec. 31, 1844. He was born at Saybrook, Ohio, and graduated at Bryant and Stratton's Business College, in Cleveland, Ohio, and was clerk for Sherman & Son, in Chicago, Ill., for a number of years. In 1856, he removed to Grasshopper Falls, Kansas, and erected a flouring-mill which he conducted until 1861, at the breaking out of the late rebellion, when he raised a company, went to the front and received a first lieutenant's commission: at the expiration of his term of service he recruited another company and was commissioned its captain, serving in the 7th Kansas Volunteer Cavalry; was brevetted major of the same regiment. During all his term was in active service and was taken prisoner once, but soon exchanged. At the close of the rebellion he sold his business in Kansas and returned to Ohio. He is at present a member of the firm of Peirce & Hall, Ashtabula, Ohio. They res. in Ashtabula, Ohio. Children:—

i. MARY, b. Oct. 24, 1869; d. Feb. 7, 1872.

ii. CHARLES, b. Dec. 26, 1870. iii. EDWARD, b. Nov. 14, 1872.

iv. WILLIAM, b. May 23, 1874.

423. THOMAS W.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*John*<sup>8</sup>, *Phineas*<sup>7</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>6</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>5</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Jan. 18, 1839; m. Oct. 26, 1865, Lucelia Hotchkis, b. Feb. 6, 1842. He was born in Saybrook, and has always resided there. When the borders of his native State were about to be invaded by the Rebel General, John Morgan, he shouldered his gun and went to the defence of Cincinnati, deriving the name of one of the squirrel hunters, and in 1864, when the government were in sore need of men he again went for six months, returning in February, 1865, and again turned his attention to farming, and has at the present writing become one of the solid dairy men of the Western Reserve of Ohio. Being a man of pure principle, of strict integrity, and high standing in the community, he has won a great many friends, and a name which shall live long, and whose



*From my truly*

*A. L. Price*

memory shall live in the hearts of many long after he has been called home to the Great Father. They reside in Saybrook, Ohio.

Children :—

- i. LUCY L., b. Aug. 19, 1868.
- ii. JOHN H., b. Feb. 28, 1870; d. July 20, 1873.
- iii. HATTIE L., b. Feb. 1, 1872. iv. THOMAS C., b. Aug. 19, 1875.

424. ARTHUR H.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Phineas*<sup>8</sup>, *Phineas*<sup>7</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>6</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>5</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Nov. 27, 1843; m. Oct. 20, 1868. Ella M. Peirce. They res. in Austinburg, Ohio.

Children :—

- i. MERTA H., b. July 8, 1871. ii. ARTHUR L., b. Aug. 4, 1874.
- iii. WALTER S., b. Sept. 20, 1876.

425. AUGUSTINE C.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Lyman*<sup>8</sup>, *John*<sup>7</sup>, *Josiah*<sup>6</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>5</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. April 11, 1801; m. May 15, 1826. Sarah Rumford Carter, d. Jan. 29, 1829; m. 2nd, June, 1837, Hannah Taylor Hutchins, b. Dec. 22, 1810, d. Jan. 1, 1853; m. 3rd, May 17, 1854, Martha C. Hutchins, b. March 1, 1813. They res. in Concord, N. H.

Mr. Peirce's father died when he was quite young. At the unripe age of fifteen years he went to live with his maternal uncle, Augustine Clark (for whom he was named), in Danville, Vt., and in whose employ he remained until he formed a co-partnership with him, which continued until 1832.

He began his business career with the conviction thoroughly grounded in his mind, that success was to be obtained by unceasing application and the most diligent study of means to accomplish ends. While others hesitated, his sagacity, guided by prudence, led him forward to a successful venture. He was always among the foremost to favor the right, but no promise of gain would tempt him to compromise principle.

For a period of ten years he was cashier of the Union Bank of Concord; was Pension Agent of New Hampshire, under President Lincoln; and was a member of the New Hampshire Legislature for four years. He is at the present time president and director of the First National Bank of Concord. Children :—

- i. EDWARD R., b. Nov. 2, 1828; d. Aug. 1, 1832.
- ii. JULIA H., b. Sept., 1838; m. Sept. 19, 1867, Alexander Tyler. Res. Minneapolis, Minn.
- iii. LEWIS A., b. Sept. 15, 1840; d. Oct. 10, 1843.
- iv. MARTHA C., b. Oct. 1, 1842; d. Feb. 9, 1843.
- v. MARY H., b. June 25, 1856.

426. JOHN F.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Lyman*<sup>8</sup>, *John*<sup>7</sup>, *Josiah*<sup>6</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>5</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. March 27, 1805; m. May 4, 1840. Mary C. Beckwith, b. May 4, 1808, d. Dec. 26, 1850; m. 2nd, May 14, 1851. Elvira Beckwith, b. July 5, 1815. They res. in Middlebury, Vt.

Children :—

- i. LOUISA L., b. Feb. 21, 1841; d. Oct., 1847.
- ii. MARY L., b. Nov. 1, 1848; d. Jan. 27, 1854.
- iii. CHARLES B., b. Aug. 23, 1852.



- iv. GEORGE L., b. Nov. 4, 1856; m. Aug. 6, 1879, Olive Labounta, b. Oct. 28, 1859.

427. THOMAS J.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Hollis*<sup>8</sup>, *Oliver*<sup>7</sup>, *Josiah*<sup>6</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>5</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Feb. 3, 1806; m. April 29, 1829, Lucy Jennison, b. March 2, 1807, d. Sept. 4, 1873; m. 2nd, April 7, 1875, Mrs. Sophia W. Kellogg. They res. in Woburn. Children:—

- i. LUCY J., b. Aug. 28, 1837; m. Sept. 2, 1856, C. W. Crosswell, b. Aug. 28, 1824. Ch. Jennie P., b. Dec. 27, 1857; William T., b. Sept. 17, 1859; Fannie L., b. Aug. 7, 1860; Cora, b. Nov. 12, 1862. Res. Woburn.
- ii. ELLEN M., b. May 28, 1844; d. Aug. 14, 1846.

428. JAMES R.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*James*<sup>8</sup>, *Oliver*<sup>7</sup>, *Josiah*<sup>6</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>5</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. May 4, 1815; m. Dec. 10, 1845, Maria L. Stowell, b. July 4, 1823, d. Oct. 10, 1871; m. 2nd, April 2, 1872, Mrs. Abbie W. Barnes. He d. Nov. 25, 1876. They res. in Worcester. He was born in West Boylston, where he learned the trade of basket-making. After working at his trade for a few years he moved to Worcester, where he opened an eating-house on Main street. He afterwards established an office for the renting of houses and the collection of bills, an occupation which he engaged in to a greater or less extent until his death. He was also sexton of the Salem-street church, and sexton and treasurer of the Union Church for many years.

During the last ten years of his life he became interested in agricultural pursuits, having bought a farm a short distance from the city, and was for a time treasurer of the New England Poultry Club and of the Worcester Agricultural Society. Children:—

555. i. ALBERT E., b. Sept. 5, 1847; m. Linda F. Barber.
- ii. EMMA E., b. Oct. 2, 1849; m. April 11, 1872, E. Henry Swan, b. Oct. 29, 1850, s. p.
- iii. FREDERICK A., b. Feb. 26, 1855; unm. Res. Worcester.

429. LYMAN<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*James*<sup>8</sup>, *Oliver*<sup>7</sup>, *Josiah*<sup>6</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>5</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. June 13, 1819; m. March 12, 1846, Louisa Vinton, b. Jan. 29, 1821. They res. in West Boylston. Children:—

- i. CARRIE L., b. Sept. 5, 1853; m. Oct. 28, 1875, George Bassett.
- ii. EVERETT A., b. Aug. 2, 1857.

430. LEVI L.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Levi*<sup>8</sup>, *Oliver*<sup>7</sup>, *Josiah*<sup>6</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>5</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Aug. 14, 1831; m. June 2, 1872, Jennie Walker. They res. in Gorham, Maine. Children:—

- i. GEORGE W., b. March 13, 1875.
- ii. LILLIE M., b. April 27, 1878.

431. WILLIAM A.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Oliver*<sup>8</sup>, *Oliver*<sup>7</sup>, *Josiah*<sup>6</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>5</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Sept. 17, 1815; m. May 18, 1841, Eliza S. Bachelor, d. Dec. 23, 1876. They res. in Children:—

- i. FANNIE E., b. June 29, 1846; m. John Toner, Jr.
- ii. JULIA E., b. March 13, 1850; m. Calvin M. Williams.

432. CHARLES L.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Oliver<sup>8</sup>, Oliver<sup>7</sup>, Josiah<sup>6</sup>, Isaac<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Oct. 31, 1818; m. April 2, 1843, Orinda Meutzer, d. April 1, 1859; m. 2nd, Nov. 1, 1859, Sarah J. Martin. They res. in Worcester. Children:—

- i. CHARLES F., b. June 13, 1844.
- ii. ALBERT H., b. Nov. 1, 1846; d. Aug. 1, 1847.
- iii. GEORGE A., b. Dec. 19, 1848; d. Aug. 28, 1849.
- iv. EDWARD A., b. April 14, 1853.
- v. WILLIAM O., b. March 20, 1859; d. April 1, 1859.
- vi. ANNA O., b. June 28, 1866; d. Jan. 17, 1869.

433. HENRY W.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Oliver<sup>8</sup>, Oliver<sup>7</sup>, Josiah<sup>6</sup>, Isaac<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Apr. 2, 1825; m. Nov. 21, 1853, Mary A. Roach. They res. in . Children:—

- i. AMELIA F., b. Nov. 19, 1854.
- ii. GEORGE F. H., b. Jan. 18, 1858.
- iii. WILLIE A., b. Jan. 9, 1866.
- iv. ERNEST L., } b. Aug. 8, 1872.
- v. ERWIN L., }

434. GEORGE W.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Oliver<sup>8</sup>, Oliver<sup>7</sup>, Josiah<sup>6</sup>, Isaac<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. May 3, 1829; m. Sept. 2, 1852, Harriet N. Blake, b. Apr. 16, 1826, d. Mar. 6, 1866; m. 2nd, Jan. 24, 1867, Lois C. Cameron. They res. at No. 72 Providence-St., Worcester. Child:—

- i. ELLA J., b. Aug. 18, 1854; d. Oct. 27, 1860.

435. JOSEPH R.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Franklin<sup>8</sup>, Joseph<sup>7</sup>, Josiah<sup>6</sup>, Isaac<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. May 29, 1825; m. Jan. 22, 1862, Charlotte P. Jones, b. Mar. 25, 1834. They res. in Elmira, N. Y. Child:—

- i. CRAWFORD A., b. July 10, 1863.

436. DR. GEORGE W.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Levi<sup>8</sup>, Levi<sup>7</sup>, Josiah<sup>6</sup>, Isaac<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Oct. 15, 1819; m. Feb. 22, 1850, Demarius Balch, b. June 6, 1829, d. Dec. 20, 1867; m. 2nd, June 1, 1869, Mrs. Charlotte A. (Billings) Carter, b. Mar. 28, 1827. They res. in Leominster.

Dr. Peirce was born in West Boylston. He went through an Academic and Scientific course of from five to six years at Leicester Academy, and graduated at Harvard Medical College. He began the practice of medicine in Leominster in 1847, where he has remained until the present time in active practice as physician and surgeon.

Children:—

- i. SARAH E., b. Feb. 24, 1852; m. Sept. 17, 1873, Edwin C. Farwell. Ch. Harold C., b. Feb. 2, 1877, d. Dec. 22, 1877; Minnie G., b. Sept. 21, 1878.
- ii. MARY A., b. Apr. 2, 1854; d. Nov. 27, 1864.
- iii. HELEN B., b. Dec. 21, 1855.
- iv. GEORGE B., b. Dec. 26, 1860.
- v. HENRY W., b. June 7, 1863; d. Aug. 6, 1864.
- vi. SUSIE, b. May 27, 1864; d. July 22, 1864.
- vii. HATTIE E., b. Oct. 9, 1865.
- viii. APPLETON H., b. Oct. 4, 1870.

437. WILLIAM<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Levi<sup>8</sup>, Levi<sup>7</sup>, Josiah<sup>6</sup>, Isaac<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>*,

*Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. July 26, 1821; m. Dec. 24, 1844, Eliza Henderson, b. Mar. 5, 1820. They res. in Pittsfield. Children:—

- i. FRANCES E., b. July 24, 1846; d. Sept. 6, 1848.
- ii. WILLIAM A., b. Sept. 4, 1848. v. ELLEN E., b. Mar. 18, 1858.
- iii. GEORGE A., b. Mar. 11, 1851. vi. HARVEY C., b. May 1, 1860.
- iv. CHARLES S., b. Mar. 21, 1854. vii. HARRY G., b. Nov. 29, 1861.

438. HENRY<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Levi*<sup>8</sup>, *Levi*<sup>7</sup>, *Josiah*<sup>6</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>5</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Aug. 27, 1826; m. Apr. 14, 1851, Theresa Adams, b. May 9, 1828, d. Jan. 10, 1867; m. 2nd, June 1, 1869, Carrie E. Holt, b. Apr. 23, 1846. They res. in West Boylston. He has held various public offices, and was Representative to the General Court in 1877. Children:—

- i. CARRIE T., b. Dec. 29, 1857. ii. FLORA, b. Apr. 14, 1864.
- iii. HENRY D., b. June 19, 1852; d. Sept. 5, 1852.

439. LEVI M.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Levi*<sup>8</sup>, *Levi*<sup>7</sup>, *Josiah*<sup>6</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>5</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. June 21, 1833; m. Apr. 24, 1862, Mary H. Foster, b. July 23, 1839. They res. in Springfield; his place of business is at 558 State street. Children:—

- i. LENA M., b. Aug. 4, 1863. ii. WILLIAM F., b. Feb. 3, 1868.

440. JAMES E.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Levi*<sup>8</sup>, *Levi*<sup>7</sup>, *Josiah*<sup>6</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>5</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Dec. 20, 1834; m. Mar. 28, 1860, Eliza Lovell, b. Oct. 14, 1837. They res. in West Boylston. Children:—

- i. ELMER E., b. Apr. 3, 1861. v. HELEN E., b. Aug. 30, 1869.
- ii. MARY L., b. June 19, 1862. vi. IRVIN E., b. May 23, 1872.
- iii. WILLIAM C., b. Feb. 7, 1864. vii. ANNIE R., b. Apr. 25, 1878.
- iv. SUSAN A., b. Dec. 28, 1866.

441. CHARLES<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Josiah*<sup>8</sup>, *Levi*<sup>7</sup>, *Josiah*<sup>6</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>5</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Apr. 20, 1826; m. June 9, 1849, Louisa A. Keyes, b. Sept. 18, 1827. They res. in Rutland, and he is proprietor of the Prospect House. He is well known throughout Worcester County for his superior hunting qualities and as an excellent marksman. Child:—

556. i. FRANK E., b. Sept. 6, 1858; m. Mary J. Lawless.

442. ANDREW J.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Josiah*<sup>8</sup>, *Levi*<sup>7</sup>, *Josiah*<sup>6</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>5</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Apr. 17, 1827; m. June 16, 1852, Eunice A. Coddington, b. Jan. 16, 1833. They res. in West Rutland, where he is engaged in the manufacture of baskets.

Children:—

- 557-8. i. GEORGE W., b. Aug. 22, 1855; m. Ida M. Tucker.
- ii. CHARLOTTE L., b. May 28, 1865.
- iii. CHARLES A., b. June 10, 1870.
- iv. OSCAR, b. Aug. 18, 1860; d. Aug. 18, 1860.

443. WILLIAM J.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*John*<sup>8</sup>, *Byfield*<sup>7</sup>, *Josiah*<sup>6</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>5</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Aug. 15, 1829; m. Feb. 1, 1854, Harriet E. Seavey, b. Oct. 17, 1832. They res. at 4 Allen street, Boston. Children:—

- i. ANNA L., b. Nov. 7, 1854. ii. MARY E., b. Nov. 2, 1856.

444. ALBERT G.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*John S.<sup>8</sup>, Byfield<sup>7</sup>, Josiah<sup>6</sup>, Isaac<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Sept. 10, 1833; m. Nov. 5, 1862. Delia J. Benjamin, b. Aug. 20, 1839. They res. in Burlington, Vt. Children:—

- i. WILLIAM S., b. May 16, 1864.
- ii. WALLACE B., b. Aug. 28, 1867.

445. HORACE W.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Horace<sup>8</sup>, Joel<sup>7</sup>, Josiah<sup>6</sup>, Isaac<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Feb. 12, 1821; m. Dec. 24, 1848, Louisa H. Swallow, b. Mar. 24, 1821, d. May 24, 1859; m. 2nd, Apr. 10, 1861, Mary Swallow. They res. in Brighton. Children:—

- i. WILLIAM H., b. Jan. 3, 1850; m. Oct. 25, 1876, Annie G. Thacher, b. Nov. 22, 1857. They res. in Brighton; s. p.
- ii. FREDERICK A., b. Mar. 1, 1852; m. Oct. 17, 1877, Sarah C. Buckman, b. Feb. 5, 1851. They res. in Brighton; s. p.
- iii. CORA C., b. Nov. 19, 1854.

446. SAMUEL H.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Harvey<sup>8</sup>, Joel<sup>7</sup>, Josiah<sup>6</sup>, Isaac<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Jan. 31, 1820; m. Nov. 25, 1847, Charlotte S. Houghton, b. Apr. 15, 1822, d. Mar. 28, 1864; m. 2nd, Helen B. Lemon, b. Mar. 10, 1834. They res. in Providence, R. I. at No. 10 Wickenden street. Children:—

- i. CHARLES H., b. Dec. 25, 1848; m. Nov. 26, 1878, Mary S. Corbin, b. June 28, 1851; s. p. Res. Providence.
- ii. WILLIAM S., b. Apr. 15, 1851; unm.
- iii. FRANKLIN A., b. Nov. 26, 1873.

447. JOHN C.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*John B.<sup>8</sup>, Joel<sup>7</sup>, Josiah<sup>6</sup>, Isaac<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Apr. 7, 1827; m. Sept. 4, 1848, Ellen S. Page, b. Feb. 28, 1831. He enlisted in a company of Vermont Cavalry, was taken prisoner. and is supposed to have died in Andersonville Prison. She res. in Peterboro, N. H. Children:—

- i. ABBIE, b. Apr. 4, 1851.
- ii. FRANK G., b. Apr. 20, 1854.
- iii. LESLIE E., b. Jan. 13, 1858.

448. GEORGE L.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*John B.<sup>8</sup>, Joel<sup>7</sup>, Josiah<sup>6</sup>, Isaac<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Dec. 8, 1836; m. July 12, 1864, Nettie M. Fisher, b. May 31, 1842. They res. in Putney, Vt. Children:—

- i. ADA M., b. Nov. 17, 1866.
- ii. SARAH M., b. Jan. 18, 1869.
- iii. ARTHUR F., b. Aug. 17, 1871.

449. EDWARD A.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Benjamin F.<sup>8</sup>, Joel<sup>7</sup>, Josiah<sup>6</sup>, Isaac<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Apr. 4, 1838; m. Jan. 6, 1866, Ellen F. J. Baxter, b. Apr. 8, 1847. They res. in Brighton, Mass. Children:—

- i. MABLE B., b. Oct. 30, 1866; d. Feb. 21, 1871.
- ii. EDWARD F., b. Oct. 20, 1867; d. Sept. 26, 1868.
- iii. CYNTHIA B., b. June 2, 1872.
- iv. THOMAS A., b. Apr. 4, 1875; d. Aug. 28, 1875.

450. JOHN H.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Benjamin F.<sup>8</sup>, Joel<sup>7</sup>, Josiah<sup>6</sup>, Isaac<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Apr. 8, 1840; m. Mar. 22,



1870, Flora L. Peirce [262—iii]. They res. in Brighton. Children:—

- i. GEORGE F., b. Sept. 26, 1872; d. Oct. 23, 1872.
- ii. CHARLES H., b. Mar. 11, 1875.
- iii. SUSIE L., b. June 26, 1876.
- iv. GEORGE A., b. Mar. 19, 1878.

451. JOHN P.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*John*<sup>8</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>7</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>6</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>5</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. March 26, 1818; m. Dec. 5, 1847, Adeline A. Putnam, b. Dec. 8, 1825. They res. in Revere. He is quite public spirited and is much respected by his townsmen, having held various offices of trust and honor. Children:—

- i. JOHN T. P., b. Oct. 17, 1848; d. Aug. 20, —.
- ii. HEMAN WINTHROP, b. Nov. 25, 1850. He is an artist and is the author of the well-known and cleverly executed sketches of the "Quilting Bee," "New England Kitchen," "Husking Scene," and "Singing Meeting."

452. HARRISON<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Ebenezer*<sup>8</sup>, *Reuben*<sup>7</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>6</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>5</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Dec. 26, 1813; m. Jan. 6, 1842, Harriet F. Perry, b. July 30, 1829. They res. in East Lexington. Children:—

- i. HARRIET A., b. Feb. 25, 1842; d. May 27, 1844.
- ii. HARRISON R., b. July 15, 1846; d. April 23, 1848.
- iii. ALICE W., b. Nov. 5, 1850; m. April 27, 1871, Merrill L. Bennett of Waltham.
- iv. HARRY H., b. Aug. 25, 1860.

453. AMOS<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Amos*<sup>8</sup>, *Amos*<sup>7</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>6</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>5</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Aug. 6, 1815; m. May 25, 1845, Delaney A. Robinson, b. Jan. 21, 1829. They res. in West Townsend. Children:—

- i. FRANK B., b. Nov. 7, 1846; d. Oct. 16, 1861.
- ii. EUGENE F., b. Aug. 6, 1848; d. Dec. 18, 1850.
- iii. CLARA I., b. March 2, 1850; m. May 26, 1868, George Pratt. Res. Stoughton.
- iv. WINSLOW D., b. July 5, 1852; d. Sept. 7, 1852.
- v. LILLIAN D., b. June 16, 1854; m. Dec. 22, 1877, Arthur Bisbee. Res. Townsend.
- vi. IDA A., b. March 5, 1857; d. June 13, 1862.
- vii. JENNIE C., b. Aug. 15, 1859; d. June 10, 1863.
- viii. EVERETT, b. Oct. 25, 1863.
- ix. WALTER, b. May 1, 1868; d. Dec. 7, 1869.
- x. DELLA, b. May 26, 1871.

454. HON. THOMAS P.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Amos*<sup>8</sup>, *Amos*<sup>7</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>6</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>5</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Aug. 30, 1820; m. Aug. 9, 1842, Aseneth R. McPherson, b. May 17, 1821. They res. in Nashua, N. H. Colonel Thomas Pratt Peirce was born in Chelsea, Mass., Aug. 30, 1820. In 1847, at the time of the Mexican war, he enlisted as second lieutenant in a company of infantry, and shortly after was promoted to a first lieutenant for bravery while engaged in the battle of Cotros, August 19 and 20, 1847. He was in the Ninth Regiment Regular Army, New England company—Truman B. Rawson, colonel. He was also mentioned for bravery in the battle in which the Americans captured the city of Mexico, Sept. 13, 1847, by General Pillow. He was a

member of the staff of Governor Damon of Keene, in 1849, also colonel of the Second New Hampshire regiment, in the late war of the rebellion; postmaster of Manchester, N. H., for eight years under Peirce and Buchanan; member of the Manchester city council in 1852; member of New Hampshire State Senate from seventh Nashua Senatorial district in 1874. High Sheriff of Hillsborough county in 1874 for five years. He is a large paper manufacturer in the city of Nashua, where he resides; his mill being situated on the Nashua river. His exhibit at the Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia in 1876, was the largest and best displayed. Children b. in Nashua:—

- i. JULIA M., b. Oct. 28, 1844; m. April 24, 1873, William N. Johnson, b. Feb. 26, 1843. Ch. Mary P., b. April 18, 1878.
- ii. FRANK, b. Aug. 3, 1849; m. Nov. 18, 1875, Hannah M. Mason, b. Feb. 24, 1848; s. p. Res. Nashua.

455. Capt. NATHAN H.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Amos<sup>8</sup>, Amos<sup>7</sup>, Ephraim<sup>6</sup>, Isaac<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. May 15, 1825; m. Dec. 16, 1847, Margaret W. Dodge, b. Oct. 5, 1826. He was born in Boston and went to Manchester, N. H., in 1841, and engaged in painting. In 1854, he was appointed letter-carrier, which office he held six years, was then appointed mail agent and remained in this position nearly a year. In December, 1861, he was commissioned a lieutenant in the 8th New Hampshire regiment, afterwards promoted to a captaincy and resigned on account of ill-health, having served nearly three years. He then engaged in his old trade again, and in 1874 was appointed deputy sheriff and jailer of Hillsboro' county, which office he held for two years and a half. They res. in Manchester, N. H. Children:—

- i. JENNIE A., b. Feb. 21, 1853.
- ii. NATHAN E., b. Jan. 13, 1855; d. Oct. 23, 1862.
- iii. EMMA F., b. Nov. 25, 1859.

456. Capt. CHARLES E.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Charles L.<sup>8</sup>, Jonas<sup>7</sup>, Ephraim<sup>6</sup>, Isaac<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Sept. 17, 1841; m. May 31, 1873, Eurdice A. Roberts, b. March 21, 1846, d. July 21, 1874; m. 2nd, June 13, 1877, Emma L. Goodwin. He was educated in the Common and High Schools of Quincy, and commenced business life by entering the employ of a wholesale dry goods house in Boston, following that line of business until the commencement of the war in 1861. On the 25th of May, 1861, he enlisted in Company H, 4th Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteer Militia (three months troops) and served until July 22, 1861, the expiration of their term of service.

Soon after his return, he entered the employ of the *Boston Journal*, in the business department, remaining in that service until he again enlisted in the 10th Battery Light Artillery, Massachusetts Volunteers, Captain J. Henry Sleeper, September 9, 1862. In this organization he served from September 9, 1862, to December 3, 1863, as sergeant, and from the latter date to September 14, 1864, as first sergeant; and with the battery while in the 2nd and 3rd Corps, Army of the Potomac, participated in the engagements at Auburn, Kelly's Ford, Mine Run, Wilderness, Po River, Spottsylvania, North Anna, Totopotomoy Creek, Cold Harbor and Petersburg. September 15, 1864, he was commis-

sioned by Governor Andrew, first lieutenant of the 20th Massachusetts company of Heavy Artillery, subsequently Company D, 4th Heavy Artillery, Massachusetts Volunteers. During most of the time after the company became a portion of the regiment he was detached from the company and served as acting regimental adjutant. With the regiment he was mustered out on account of the close of the war, June 17, 1865. On the first of the subsequent month he again entered the employ of the *Boston Journal*, in the business department, in charge of the advertising accounts, in which position he has since continued. They have no issue.

457. GEORGE L.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Loring S.<sup>8</sup>, Loring<sup>7</sup>, Ephraim<sup>6</sup>, Isaac<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Feb. 22, 1847; m. 1868, Sarah J. Hanscom, b. March 31, 1850. They res. in East Lexington. Children :—

- i. ELLSWORTH L., b. Aug. 19, 1871.
- ii. FRANK W., b. Oct. 11, 1878.

458. EDMOND<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Isaac S.<sup>8</sup>, Charles<sup>7</sup>, Isaac<sup>6</sup>, Isaac<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. June 22, 1823; m. June 15, 1853, Susan H. Sloan. He d. April 20, 1879. They res. in Union Centre, Broome County, N. Y. Children :—

- i. WILLIAM S., b. Feb. 21, 1861.
- ii. ANNA E., b. Sept. 18, 1866.
- iii. ANDREW D., } twins, b. Oct. 1, 1868.
- iv. CHARLES B., } { d. Oct. 22, 1869.

459. CYRUS H.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Haskell<sup>8</sup>, Hon. Oliver<sup>7</sup>, George<sup>6</sup>, George<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. May 17, 1831; m. Feb. 21, 1865, Josephine Strickland, b. Sept. 29, 1833. He res. in Boston, and is engaged in the wholesale jewelry business at No. 14 Brattle Square. Children :—

- i. BELAH M., b. Jan. 6, 1867.
- ii. LIZZIE S., b. Oct. 25, 1868.

460. FREDERICK R.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Benjamin F.<sup>8</sup>, Hon. Oliver<sup>7</sup>, George<sup>6</sup>, George<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Apr. 1, 1841; m. June 24, 1868, Harriet O. Farnham. They res. in West Oakland, Cal., No. 1516 Eighth street. Children :—

- i. FRED. F., b. Apr. 9, 1869; d. Apr. 18, 1872.
- ii. MAUD I., b. Dec. 3, 1871.

461. HENRY L.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Thomas T.<sup>8</sup>, Hon. Oliver<sup>7</sup>, George<sup>6</sup>, George<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Nov. 4, 1841; m. Dec. 17, 1867, Anna Fitz Simmons, b. 1850. They res. in Lyons, Minn. Child :—

- i. CARRIE B., b. Nov. 9, 1872.

462. MORRIS<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Reuben<sup>8</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>7</sup>, Anthony<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Jan. 17, 1813; m. May 2, 1837, Caroline H. Cook, d. Nov. 9, 1837; m. 2nd, Jan. 22, 1839, Louisa J. Fletcher, b. Dec. 26, 1821, d. June 30, 1872. They res. in Manchester, N. H. Children :—

- i. CAROLINE R., b. Dec. 12, 1839; m. Feb. 18, 1862, Henry M. Atwood, d. May 25, 1863; m. 2nd, Apr. 2, 1867, R. L. Taylor. Res. Golden Prairie, Iowa; s. p.

- ii. CORA J., b. Oct. 7, 1860; d. May 2, 1861.
- iii. CLARA E., b. Oct. 4, 1855; d. May 23, 1861.
- 559. iv. CHARLES S., b. Aug. 31, 1841; m. Ann M. Darby.
- 560. v. HOLLAND G., b. June 23, 1843; m. Sarah A. Willis, Lizzie M. Cooper and Alice J. Stevens.
- vi. CALVIN A., b. Oct. 18, 1858; d. June 10, 1861.
- vii. ARTHUR M., b. July 26, 1863.
- viii. CELESTIA A., b. Feb. 9, 1851; d. May 29, 1862.
- 561. ix. ALVERTON E., b. Mar. 14, 1845; m. Josie B. Woodworth.
- 562. x. ADELBERT W., b. Nov. 2, 1848; m. Adelia L. Van Auker.

463. REUBEN<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Reuben<sup>8</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>7</sup>, Anthony<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*); m. Sept. 19, 1814. Mary Frink. He d. Mar. 31, 1860 [1] They res. in Westminster, Vt. Children:—

- i. WARREN, b. July 13, 1815; d. Jan. 12, 1817.
- ii. REUBEN S., b. Jan. 13, 1817; d. Feb., 1823.
- iii. MARY A., b. Feb. 13, 1819.
- iv. SUSANNA, b. May 14, 1821.
- v. ANGELINE, b. May 20, 1823.

464. EBENEZER<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Reuben<sup>8</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>7</sup>, Anthony<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*); m. ———— ————. Children:—

- i. MELISSA.
- 563. ii. LEONARD R.; m. ———— ———— and Sarah R. Peirce.

465. ROSWELL<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Roswell<sup>8</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>7</sup>, Anthony<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Dec. 26, 1794; m. Ott., 1816, Sarah Floyd. They res. in Lyndon, Vt. Child:—

- i. SOPHIA, b. Aug. 2, 1817.

466. RUFUS<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Rufus<sup>8</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>7</sup>, Anthony<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Aug. 28, 1802; m. Oct. 24, 1825, Betsey Stoddard, b. June 15, 1805, d. Mar. 8, 1839; m. 2nd, Oct. 25, 1839, Eliza Black, b. Dec. 9, 1811, d. June 20, 1851; m. 3rd, 1851, Eliza Gilbert, b. 1800, d. Nov. 11, 1865; m. 4th, Nov. 22, 1871, Sarah Clark, b. 1814. They res. in Surrey, N. H. Children:—

- i. EMELINE S., b. Jan. 12, 1842; d. June 9, 1861.
- ii. DORR R., b. Oct. 19, 1844; m. Rosella Freeman. Res. Minn.
- iii. LUCY J., b. Nov. 20, 1846; m. Everett Wilber; res. Keene, N. H., and has three ch.

467. LEROY<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Rufus<sup>8</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>7</sup>, Anthony<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. July 14, 1804; m. Nov. 26, 1834, Fanny Allen, b. May 5, 1810.

Leroy Peirce was born in East Putney in 1804, and resided with his father and worked on his farm until he was seventeen years of age. Being quite fond of mechanics, his father sent him to Springfield to learn the carpenter and joiner's trade. He returned in about two years to Putney, and after working a short time as journeyman engaged in business for himself, doing the best work in his native town. He subsequently purchased a saw-mill and erected a house and shop for mechanical purposes, engaging in the lumbering business quite extensively. In 1866 he sold out to his sons F. L. and F. O., and engaged in agricultural pursuits. He now resides in Putney,



enjoying the benefits of his years of labor. They res. in East Putney, Vt. Children:—

- 564. i. FRANKLIN L., b. Aug. 25, 1835; m. Jane L. Bennett.
- ii. FRANCES M., b. Aug. 29, 1837; m. Jan. 26, 1871, Lyman P. Bailey, b. July 26, 1842. Ch. Herbert L., b. Sept. 4, 1872; Roy W., b. July 7, 1878. Res. Putney, Vt.
- iii. WILLARD M., b. Dec. 6, 1842; d. July 3, 1863.  
Willard M. Peirce enlisted in Company I, 16th Regiment Vermont Vols., in the war of the late rebellion; he was killed in the battle of Gettysburgh by the explosion of a bombshell.
- iv. SOPHIA E., b. Feb. 6, 1846; d. June 28, 1851.
- 565. v. FREDERICK O., b. Apr. 27, 1848; m. Mary Johnson.
- vi. ALLEN M., b. Aug. 31, 1850; m. May 19, 1870, Augusta W. Hamlet, b. July 29, 1850; s. p. Res. Warren, Mass.
- vii. CORA E., b. Aug. 13, 1853; m. July 3, 1876, George A. Merrill, b. Aug. 20, 1853. Ch. Frank A., b. June 27, 1877, d. Dec. 8, 1878. Res. Springfield, Mass.

468. MARK<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Rufus<sup>8</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>7</sup>, Anthony<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Apr. 7, 1806; m. Dec. 12, 1831, Mary A. Fisher. He d. Nov. 2, 1876. They res. in Putney, Vt. Children:—

- i. BETSEY A., b. Mar. 30, 1833; d. Oct. 22, 1833.
- ii. MELINDA A., b. Apr. 10, 1834; m. Jan. 15, 1857, C. Adolphus Farrington. Res. Cornnton, Vt.
- 566. iii. CLARK, b. July 25, 1835; m. Isadore Watson.
- iv. NATHANIEL M., b. June 20, 1837; m. Oct. 15, 1862, Abbie M. Rice, b. Feb. 24, 1837. Res. Westboro, s. p.
- 567. v. ROYAL A., b. Apr. 14, 1840; m. Mrs. Adelaide McClure.
- 568. vi. JOHN D., b. May 28, 1841; m. Emily Jackson.
- vii. THANKFUL M., b. Jan. 26, 1844; m. July 24, 1862, Morton Snow. Res. Townshend, Vt.
- viii. DIANA R., b. May 28, 1846; m. July 29, 1867, E. William Heath. Res. Swanzey, N. H.
- ix. ELLEN L., b. Dec. 5, 1849; m. June 15, 1870, D. J. Beamir. Res. Saxton's River, Vt.
- x. ADA C., twin, b. Dec. 7, 1853; m. June 5, 1870, Frank Fuller. She d. Oct. 18, 1870, in Putney, Vt.
- xi. EMMA L., twin, b. Dec. 7, 1853; m. Mar. 23, 1870, Densmore Brown. Res. Putney, Vt.

469. LEMON<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Rufus<sup>8</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>7</sup>, Anthony<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. July 16, 1810; m. Sept. 17, 1832, Elizabeth Fisher, b. Sept. 15, 1815, d. Dec. 18, 1877. He d. Mar. 11, 1869. They res. in Putney, Vt. Children:—

- i. CLARK, b. Jan. 31, 1834; d. Apr. 24, 1834.
- ii. SARAH A., b. Apr. 3, 1835; d. Apr. 23, 1835.
- 569. iii. FRANKLIN C., b. June 16, 1837; m. Malvina A. Brockway and Almira Parker.
- 570. iv. DANIEL R., b. June 30, 1839; m. Martha A. Mallroy.
- v. JOHN T., b. Mar. 30, 1841; m. Aug. 20, 1865, Carrie M. Wilder; s. p. Res. Manchester, Iowa.
- 571. vi. CHARLES H., b. Feb. 26, 1843; m. Abbie E. Smith.
- vii. JAMES K., b. Nov. 22, 1845.
- viii. WILLIAM S., b. Feb. 11, 1848; d. July 31, 1863.
- ix. ALICE E., b. Feb. 23, 1850; d. Nov. 16, 1863.
- x. NATHANIEL W., b. May 26, 1852; unm.

- xi. HARRIET L., b. Sept. 28, 1857; m. Sept. 21, 1872, Herbert L. Tift. Ch. Lillian, b. Jan. 2, 1873; George, b. Jan. 8, 1874. Res. Putney, Vt.

470. NATHAN G.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Moses<sup>8</sup>, Nathan<sup>7</sup>, Anthony<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*). b. Aug. 19, 1810; m. Dec. 11, 1834, Malissa Keach, b. Aug. 24, 1817, d. Sept. 24, 1843; m. 2nd, Sept. 28, 1848, Roxanna Keach, b. Feb. 16, 1823. They res. in Westminster, Vt.

Nathan G. Peirce was born in Westminster, Vt., Aug. 19, 1810. At the early age of five he was an orphan. He resided for awhile with his maternal grandfather, Reuben Peirce. From an early age until he was nearly twenty-five he worked in various places, and among others in St. Augustine, Fla. After his marriage in 1834, he purchased a saw, shingle and grist-mill, and continued in this business for seven years. He has held various offices of trust and honor, viz: delegate to the Constitutional Convention, Representative several times, selectman for six years, assessor and Justice of the Peace for thirty years. Children:—

- i. HART B., b. May 11, 1836; res. Providence, R. I.
- ii. MILTON, b. Aug. 24, 1840; d. Nov. 15, 1861.  
Milton Peirce enlisted in Co. F, 4th Regt. Vt. Vols., on his twenty-first birthday, Aug. 24, 1861, and died at Camp Giffu, Va., Nov. 15, 1861. His body was brought to his native place for interment, and the funeral was held Nov. 21, 1861, in the presence of the largest number of people ever assembled in the town on any such occasion. An excellent sermon was preached at his funeral, and printed in the *Bellevue Falls Times*.
- iii. HELEN M., b. Apr. 30, 1838; d. Dec. 25, 1843.
- iv. EDWIN R., b. Nov. 2, 1850; res. Holyoke. Supt. Whiting's Paper Mill.
- v. GEORGE H., b. Dec. 3, 1854.
- vi. WILLARD H., b. Nov. 21, 1863.
- vii. ELLA, b. Aug. 5, 1852; d. Dec. 8, 1852.
- viii. LILLA J., b. Sept. 28, 1860; d. Aug. 28, 1876.

471. JOSEPH W.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Joseph<sup>8</sup>, Joseph<sup>7</sup>, Anthony<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*). b. Oct. 24, 1810; m. Sept. 7, 1835, Mandana Buckman, b. Dec. 31, 1814. They res. in Lowell, at 6 La Grange street. Children:—

572. i. CHARLES A., b. Jan. 25, 1838; m. Malvina B. Tyrell.
- ii. FRANK W., b. Jan. 16, 1848; unm.

472. ASHBEL F.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Joseph<sup>8</sup>, Joseph<sup>7</sup>, Anthony<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*). b. Dec. 31, 1815; m. June 22, 1841, Lucinda Buckman, b. May 13, 1817. They res. in Lowell, at 48 Rock street. Children:—

573. i. LEWIS A., b. Feb. 28, 1842; m. Clara J. Thomas.
574. ii. GEORGE W., b. Aug. 13, 1843; m. Marla A. Williams.
- iii. EDWIN F., b. March 18, 1845.
575. iv. JAMES A., b. Sept. 14, 1848; m. Eldora Carroll.
- v. FRED. G., b. June 9, 1850; d. Aug. 9, 1850.

473. GEORGE S.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Joseph<sup>8</sup>, Joseph<sup>7</sup>, Anthony<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*). b. March 16, 1819; m. Aug. 16,

1849, Mary J. Schollar, b. July 21, 1820. They res. in Grafton, Vt. Children:—

- i. HORACE M., b. May 26, 1853.
- ii. ARTHUR H., b. Aug. 9, 1857; d. Sept. 5, 1857.
- iii. FRED. L., b. Jan. 7, 1861. iv. HATTIE M., b. Feb. 12, 1863.
- v. WALTER I., b. Jan., 1865.

474. CHARLES N.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Nathan<sup>8</sup>, Joseph<sup>7</sup>, Anthony<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*); m. ————; m. 2nd, ————. They res. in Marshall, Mich. Children:—

- i. CHARLES I.; m. ———— Lyon.
- ii. WILLIAM H.; res. Rock Island, Ill. iii. NORMAN O.
- iv. MARY E.; m. Harvey Karr, and had three children.
- v. MARTHA A.; m. ———— Holland. vi. MAHALA.
- vii. SARAH. viii. FRANCES. ix. FRANK.

475. CHARLES P.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*John<sup>8</sup>, John<sup>7</sup>, John<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Nov. 11, 1805; m. March 9, 1828, Achsa P. Miller, b. March 25, 1802. He d. June 28, 1852. Res. Chester, Vt., and San Francisco, Cal. Child:—

- i. MARGURITE A., b. June 27, 1833; m. Dr. Samuel N. Peirce.

476. GEORGE W.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*John<sup>8</sup>, John<sup>7</sup>, John<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. March 4, 1807; m. Jan. 6, 1835, Hannah E. Bruce, b. Jan. 16, 1816. d. March 11, 1873. He d. Aug. 5, 1853. Res. Westmoreland, N. H. Children:—

- i. EMILY E., b. Jan. 9, 1837; m. Jan. 28, 1858, Campbell H. King, b. Feb. 13, 1832. Ch. Fred. P., b. May 8, 1859; Mabel E., b. Nov. 2, 1861, d. Nov. 14, 1864; Charles E., b. Jan. 17, 1865; George H., b. Dec. 16, 1871, d. Jan. 23, 1872. Res. W. Rutland, Vt.
- ii. MARY F., b. March 21, 1844; m. March 22, 1864. Frederick R. Cobb, b. Nov. 23, 1840. Ch. Florence A., b. July 15, 1871. Res. Putney, Vt.
- iii. JAMES A., b. May 15, 1839; res. Dudley, Colorado.

477. WILLARD W.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*John<sup>8</sup>, John<sup>7</sup>, John<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. July 5, 1809; m. Nov. 26, 1835, Mary Cobb, b. March 16, 1814. Res. Westmoreland, N. H. Child:—

- i. FRED. W., b. April 28, 1849; m. June 6, 1879, Ida Kendall; res. Westmoreland, N. H.

478. CHARLES F.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Solomon<sup>8</sup>, John<sup>7</sup>, John<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Dec. 24, 1811; m. Feb. 26, 1832, Mary M. Bates. They res. in Jericho, Vt. Child:—

- i. MYRAM; res. Jericho, Vt., and three other children.

479. SOLOMON<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Solomon<sup>8</sup>, John<sup>7</sup>, John<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Nov. 9, 1814; m. Nov. 11, 1840, Sarah Jewell. They res. in Cal. They have two children.

480. ALBION<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Solomon<sup>8</sup>, John<sup>7</sup>, John<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. March 6, 1820; m. Oct. 22, 1846,

Hannah Williams, b. July 1, 1825. d. Feb. 19, 1862; m. 2nd. Oct. 21, 1862. Eliza Bates, b. Jan. 12, 1839. They res. in Richmond, Vt.

Children :—

- i. RETTA L., b. Sept. 18, 1847; m.
- ii. BOARDMAN W., b. Nov. 11, 1849; m. and res. in Claremont, N. H.
- iii. FLORA L., b. July 24, 1851; d. Dec. 14, 1867.
- iv. LEONA E., b. Jan. 11, 1860; d. Jan. 16, 1873.
- v. HANNAH, b. Feb. 6, 1862.
- vi. MARY E., b. Nov. 29, 1865.
- vii. WILLIAM E., b. Feb. 4, 1869; d. May 21, 1869.
- viii. SOLOMON A., b. April 8, 1864.
- ix. MARTHA J., b. March 23, 1867.
- x. HATTIE M., b. Jan. 8, 1872; d. Jan. 9, 1872.
- xi. ALFRED A., b. Sept. 23, 1874.
- xii. FRANK E., b. Jan. 8, 1876.
- xiii. EDNA M., b. Sept. 24, 1879.

481. ALFRED<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Solomon<sup>8</sup>, John<sup>7</sup>, John<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. March 11, 1824; m. Dec. 1, 1842, Martha Williams, b. Jan. 17, 1820. d. Dec. 28, 1858; m. 2nd. Nov. 13, 1860, Minerva T. Brownell, b. April 16, 1833. They res. in Norwalk, Ohio. Children :—

- i. GAY I., b. Nov. 2, 1856; m. Feb. 16, 1875, Wyman Chase; res. Alstead, N. H.
- ii. ELLA I., b. Dec. 20, 1849; m. Oct. 28, 1867, John H. Lord; res. Independence, Iowa.
- iii. FLORENCE M., b. June 27, 1852; m. Sept. 12, 1870, George W. Cook, and he d. Aug. 2, 1876. She res. Essex Centre, Vt.
- iv. EVA E., b. Sept. 23, 1855; m. April 18, 1875, Henry E. Nichols; res. Essex Centre, Vt.
- v. MATTIE L., b. July 4, 1862; m. Nov. 2, 1878, John M. Dunn; res. Norwalk, Ohio.
- vi. SADIE L., b. April 27, 1866.
- vii. LAURA A., b. Oct. 6, 1875.

482. ALONZO B.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Josiah<sup>8</sup>, Gad<sup>7</sup>, Gad<sup>6</sup>, William<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Sept. 26, 1831; m. Nov. 7, 1860, Sarah A. Smith. Children :—

- i. FANNIE E., b. Nov. 1, 1861; d. March 1, 1865.
- ii. EDWARD S., b. May 6, 1865; d. Sept. 6, 1867.
- iii. EUDORA E., b. May 30, 1867.

483. EDWARD P.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Josiah<sup>8</sup>, Gad<sup>7</sup>, Gad<sup>6</sup>, William<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. March 26, 1837; m. March 15, 1862, Susan Rose. He d. Sept. 16, 1864. Child :—

- i. ALICE S., b. Feb. 7, 1863.

484. EDWIN P.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Josiah<sup>8</sup>, Gad<sup>7</sup>, Gad<sup>6</sup>, William<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. March 26, 1837; m. Nov. 20, 1866, Cornelia S. Sage. Children :—

- i. EUGENE C., b. Aug. 27, 1868.
- ii. EVANGELINE C., b. July 16, 1870.
- iii. MARION A., b. Nov. 14, 1872.
- iv. EDITH S., b. Oct. 21, 1874.
- v. MILLEY P., b. Oct. 31, 1877.

485. ELISHA N.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Moses<sup>8</sup>, Abel<sup>7</sup>, Moses<sup>6</sup>, Thomas<sup>5</sup>, Francis<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Aug. 21, 1839; m. Sept. 29, 1863, Susan M. Wyman. He enlisted in the 5th Regiment Massachusetts Volunteers, and served during the war of the late rebellion; was



subsequently transferred to the Signal Corps of the United States army, and served under Generals Foster and Hunter. They res. in Waltham. Children :—

- i. MABEL, b. Nov. 24, 1864. ii. EDITH, b. Feb. 14, 1866.
- iii. ELISHA A., b. May 18, 1869.
- iv. SUSIE M., b. Sept. 26, 1870; d. Dec. 31, 1870.
- v. HERBERT W., b. Jan. 20, 1872.

486. AUGUSTUS B.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Moses<sup>8</sup>, Abel<sup>7</sup>, Moses<sup>6</sup>, Thomas<sup>5</sup>, Francis<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Oct. 7, 1840; m. Agnes ———. They res. in Australia to which place he removed about 1860. Children :—

- i. AUGUSTUS. ii. HERBERT.

487. ANDREW J.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Sewell<sup>8</sup>, Abel<sup>7</sup>, Moses<sup>6</sup>, Thomas<sup>5</sup>, Francis<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Dec. 7, 1820; m. May 26, 1846, Betsey Flagg, b. Oct. 28, 1823. He resides in Malden and is a member of the firm of Lane, Peirce & Co., leather dealers, 19 and 21 South street, Boston; he is engaged in the manufacture of leather, having the largest tannery in northern New York State, employing about 200 men. Child :—

- i. J. ARTHUR, b. Sept. 23, 1849; unm. Res. Boston.

488. SAMUEL A.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Sewell<sup>8</sup>, Abel<sup>7</sup>, Moses<sup>6</sup>, Thomas<sup>5</sup>, Francis<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. March 19, 1825; m. Jan. 6, 1867, Cyrene M. Pearsons, b. July 16, 1845. He was in business with his brother Andrew in New York, and d. Aug. 4, 1875. Child :—

- i. EDITH DASIE, b. Jan. 23, 1868.

489. JOHN H.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Sewell<sup>8</sup>, Abel<sup>7</sup>, Moses<sup>6</sup>, Thomas<sup>5</sup>, Francis<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Sept. 29, 1829; m. Prudence B. Small. He is engaged in tanning and is employed by Lane, Peirce & Co., in Albion, N. Y., where he resides. Children :—

- i. GEORGE S. ii. SAMUEL. iii. LIZZIE.

490. JOSEPH<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Sewell<sup>8</sup>, Abel<sup>7</sup>, Moses<sup>6</sup>, Thomas<sup>5</sup>, Francis<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Sept. 19, 1832; m. Mary O'Brien. He is engaged in tanning like his brother, John H. Res. Albion, N. Y. Children :—

- i. CLARA. ii. JENNIE. iii. IDA. iv. JAMES S.

491. HON. JAMES<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Sewell<sup>8</sup>, Abel<sup>7</sup>, Moses<sup>6</sup>, Thomas<sup>5</sup>, Francis<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Jan. 20, 1837; m. Sept. 29, 1855, H. Louisa Hodgkins, b. Jan. 18, 1832.

He left home at the early age of sixteen years and went to Lowell, to engage in the dry goods business as clerk; here he remained for five years and laid the foundation of what subsequently proved to be a successful business. At the end of this time, 1858, he went to Boston, and followed the same line of business until 1861, at which time he engaged in business on his own account on Tremont Row, having also a store on Hanover street, and similar ones, a portion of the time, in Lowell and Malden. In 1871, he sold out his business and entered

the firm of Lane, Peirce & Co., leather dealers, 19 and 21 South street, Boston. He has resided in Malden since March, 1858. He was representative to the General Court from Malden in 1866-'67-'75; Senator in 1870-'71; inspector of the State Prison at Charlestown, 1868-'69-'70-'74-'75; selectman one year; road commissioner five years; member of the sinking fund commission since its establishment in 1877; and has been moderator of the town meetings for the last fifteen years. For many years he has been a member of the standing committee of the First Baptist Society of Malden, and also moderator of their meetings. He is one of the prominent republicans in that part of Middlesex County in which he resides, has often been delegate to their State conventions and member of town, senatorial and county committees. Children, born in Malden :—

- i. J. FRANK, b. Feb. 14, 1858, in Lowell.
- ii. WILLIE, b. April 15, 1863; d. April 15, 1863.
- iii. CHARLES E., b. Aug. 4, 1864; d. Oct. 12, 1864.
- iv. ALICE L., b. Jan. 29, 1869. v. ADDIE F., b. May 23, 1872.

492. ADDISON S.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Thomas*<sup>8</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>7</sup>, *Francis*<sup>6</sup>, *William*<sup>5</sup>, *Francis*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>). b. May 9, 1829; m. Oct. 10, 1855. Anna B. Allen. They res. in Chicago, Ill., at 922 Michigan-Av. Children :—

- i. HERBERT A., b. Oct. 9, 1857. ii. CORA B., b. Jan. 30, 1859.
- iii. ANNA ADDISON, b. Mar. 17, 1860; d. Sept. 7, 1861.
- iv. MAUD M., b. Oct. 14, 1862.
- v. FLORENCE A., b. Mar. 25, 1867.

493. JOSEPH T. M.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Thomas*<sup>8</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>7</sup>, *Francis*<sup>6</sup>, *William*<sup>5</sup>, *Francis*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>). b. Feb. 11, 1835; m. Feb. 15, 1865, Mary Jennie Sibley, b. June 25, 1843. They res. in Worcester, at 38 Wellington street. Child :—

- i. ARCHIE T., b. Nov. 21, 1873.

494. JOHN DAVIS<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Thomas*<sup>8</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>7</sup>, *Francis*<sup>6</sup>, *William*<sup>5</sup>, *Francis*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>). b. Feb. 15, 1838; m. June 14, 1865, Delia E. Waite, d. Aug. 31, 1878. He d. Jan. 14, 1866. They res. in Chicago, Ill., and Worcester, Mass. Child :—

- i. JOHN T., b. Mar. 17, 1866; res. Worcester.

495. ALBERT<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Lambert*<sup>8</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>7</sup>, *Francis*<sup>6</sup>, *William*<sup>5</sup>, *Francis*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>). b. Dec. 19, 1829; m. Oct. 4, 1854, Clarissa Rockwood. They res. in Worcester, at 27 Cutler-St. Children :—

- i. EDITH, b. Sept. 29, 1869. ii. ABBY.

496. ALFRED E.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Emery*<sup>8</sup>, *Abijah*<sup>7</sup>, *Francis*<sup>6</sup>, *William*<sup>5</sup>, *Francis*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>). b. Sept. 3, 1819; m. June 25, 1838, Margaret W. Dunn, b. Jan. 28, 1819. He d. Feb. 10, 1875. They res. in Brimfield. Children :—

- i. WILLIAM H., b. Sept. 8, 1841; unm.
- ii. CHARLES B., b. Jan. 31, 1842; d. Dec. 13, 1862.

- iii. MARY E., b. May 8, 1848; m. May 15, 1867, Andrew M. Dunsmore, b. May 11, 1835. Ch. Katherine M., b. Dec. 31, 1867; Margaret E., b. Oct. 17, 1870; Charles A., b. July 29, 1876, d. Dec. 22, 1877.

497. GEORGE A.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Emery*<sup>8</sup>, *Abijah*<sup>7</sup>, *Francis*<sup>6</sup>, *William*<sup>5</sup>, *Francis*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Apr. 30, 1830; m. Aug. 29, 1853, Clarissa E. Brown. They res. in Brimfield. Child:—

- i. AUGUSTUS W., b. June 4, 1854.

498. CHARLES H.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*John II.*<sup>8</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>7</sup>, *Francis*<sup>6</sup>, *William*<sup>5</sup>, *Francis*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Aug. 1, 1832; m. Feb. 26, 1862, Mary F. Hemenway, b. Nov. 3, 1835. He was appointed assistant engineer of the Providence, R. I., Water Works, in which capacity he remained until 1877, having held the position for seven and a half years. In 1878 there was a wide-spread alarm in the State of Rhode Island over the supposed unsafe condition of certain large mill-dams, and he was appointed by Governor Van Zandt one of the commissioners to make examinations and report. Afterward, in 1878-9 he was Engineer-in-charge of the construction of the West-borough Water Works. He resides in Providence. Children:—

- i. WALTER F., b. Mar. 25, 1863. ii. ARTHUR V., b. June 12, 1874.

499. GEORGE B.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Lewis*<sup>8</sup>, *Amos*<sup>7</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>6</sup>, *William*<sup>5</sup>, *Francis*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Apr. 6, 1846; m. June 1, 1869, Ellen Dodge. They res. in Farnumsville (Grafton). Child:—

- i. EARNESTINE, b. Feb. 28, 1870.

500. CHARLES I.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Jonathan*<sup>8</sup>, *John*<sup>7</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>6</sup>, *William*<sup>5</sup>, *Francis*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Nov. 11, 1831; m. Nov. 26, 1857, Lucy Waterman, b. Jan. 2, 1834. They res. in West Boylston. Children:—

- i. CORA W., b. May 27, 1860. iv. FRED. B., b. Dec. 17, 1868.  
ii. SARAH B., b. Jan. 24, 1863. v. HARVEY L., b. Nov. 1, 1870.  
iii. CHARLES W., b. Nov. 20, 1865.

501. JOHN M.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Jonathan*<sup>8</sup>, *John*<sup>7</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>6</sup>, *William*<sup>5</sup>, *Francis*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Oct. 13, 1839; m. Jan. 16, 1862, Harriet S. Chandler, b. May 24, 1839. They res. in West Boylston on the old homestead. Children:—

- i. JOHN W., b. Jan. 16, 1863. iv. LILLIAN D., b. Nov. 23, 1870.  
ii. HERBERT C., b. May 17, 1865. v. CLIFFORD W., b. Jan. 1, 1876.  
iii. ROSELLA G., b. Jan. 26, 1869.

502. HARLAN B.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Jonathan*<sup>8</sup>, *John*<sup>7</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>6</sup>, *William*<sup>5</sup>, *Francis*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Sept. 22, 1847; m. Nov. 18, 1869, Marion E. Pratt, b. Sept. 1, 1852. They res. in Worcester, where he is clerk in the store of his father-in-law. Children:—

- i. ELIZA F., b. Sept. 22, 1870. ii. ALICE M., b. Sept. 22, 1875.

503. CHAUNCEY H.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Chauncey*<sup>8</sup>, *Joel*<sup>7</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>6</sup>, *William*<sup>5</sup>, *Francis*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. May 16, 1848; m. Nov.

13. 1871. Isabella Lewis, b. Nov. 23, 1848. They res. in Northampton, where he is an Insurance Agent. Children:—

- i. MABEL A., b. Oct. 16, 1872. ii. ROGER, b. Jan. 17, 1880.

504. Rev. GEORGE J.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Gilbert<sup>8</sup>, Jacob<sup>7</sup>, Jonathan<sup>6</sup>, William<sup>5</sup>, Francis<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Aug. 27, 1840; m. Feb. 3, 1862, Martha Barnard, d. Jan. 29, 1870; m. 2nd, June 25, 1872, Hattie E. Swett.

He resided in Berlin and Northboro until 1851, when his parents removed to Lunenburg, the birthplace of his mother, which became his adopted home, during the remainder of his youth and manhood until he was thirty years of age. Becoming a subject of Divine grace in 1857 he united with the Evangelical Congregational Church, consecrating himself to the ministry of the gospel, and entered upon a course of study preparatory thereto; a failure of health interrupted his course for the period of ten years, eight of which were spent in mercantile pursuits. He was married to Martha B. Barnard, youngest daughter of Timothy and Esther Barnard of Lunenburg, Feb. 3, 1862, who died Jan. 29, 1870. The funeral was held on the eighth anniversary of their marriage. In accordance with the cherished and expressed wish of his wife, in sympathy with his own desire and apparent duty, he effected arrangements for the completion of his studies, preparatory to an entrance upon the work of the gospel ministry. He entered Bangor, Me., Theological Seminary in 1870, from which he graduated in 1872. Having accepted a call to the West church in Portland, Me., he was ordained Aug. 27, 1872. Married to Miss H. E. Swett of Bangor, Me., June 25, 1872. After a labor of fifteen months in Portland he severed his relations with the church to accept a call from the Evangelical Congregational Church in Sterling, Mass., with whom he labored until Apr. 1, 1875. July 1, 1874, a daughter was born, Bessie Sterling, named in part for his church and people, as a memento of their affectionate interest and kindness.

Child:—

- i. BESSIE STERLING, b. July 1, 1874.

505. MYRON E.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*John Q. A.<sup>8</sup>, Ezekiel<sup>7</sup>, Jonathan<sup>6</sup>, William<sup>5</sup>, Francis<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Apr. 1, 1848; m. Sept. 2, 1873, Emma Bearse, b. July 3, 1850. He res. in Boston, where he is a cotton broker. Child:—

- i. MYRON E., b. Apr. 8, 1874.

506. WILLIAM M.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*James<sup>8</sup>, Nathaniel S.<sup>7</sup>, Seth<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Nov. 16, 1821; m. Dec. 31, 1846, Amelia Darling. They res. in Braggville, Mass. Children:—

576. i. JOHN H., b. May 23, 1848; m. Lorena Bradfield.

577. ii. JAMES M., b. Sept. 26, 1854; m. Lorena (Bradfield) Peirce.

507. NATHANIEL<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Nathaniel<sup>8</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>7</sup>, Seth<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. July 8, 1817; m. July 24, 1842, Bethsheba Allen. He d. Mar. 18, 1876. They res. in Braggville, Mass. Children:—

- i. ARMENIA C., b. July 1, 1843; res. num. Braggville.



- ii. EDWIN M., b. Oct. 16, 1848; d. Nov. 2, 1855.
- iii. ALBERT F., b. May 29, 1852; res. unim. Braggville.
- iv. LOIS A., b. Apr. 26, 1857.

508. LUCIUS<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Nathaniel<sup>8</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>7</sup>, Seth<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. July 7, 1821; m. June 5, 1845, Nancy Leland, d. May 12, 1856; m. 2nd, July 14, 1858, Charlotte (Metcalf) Thayer, d. Jan. 30, 1872; m. 3rd, May 1, 1872, Sarah Jane (Hixon) Coolidge. They res. in Medway. Children:—

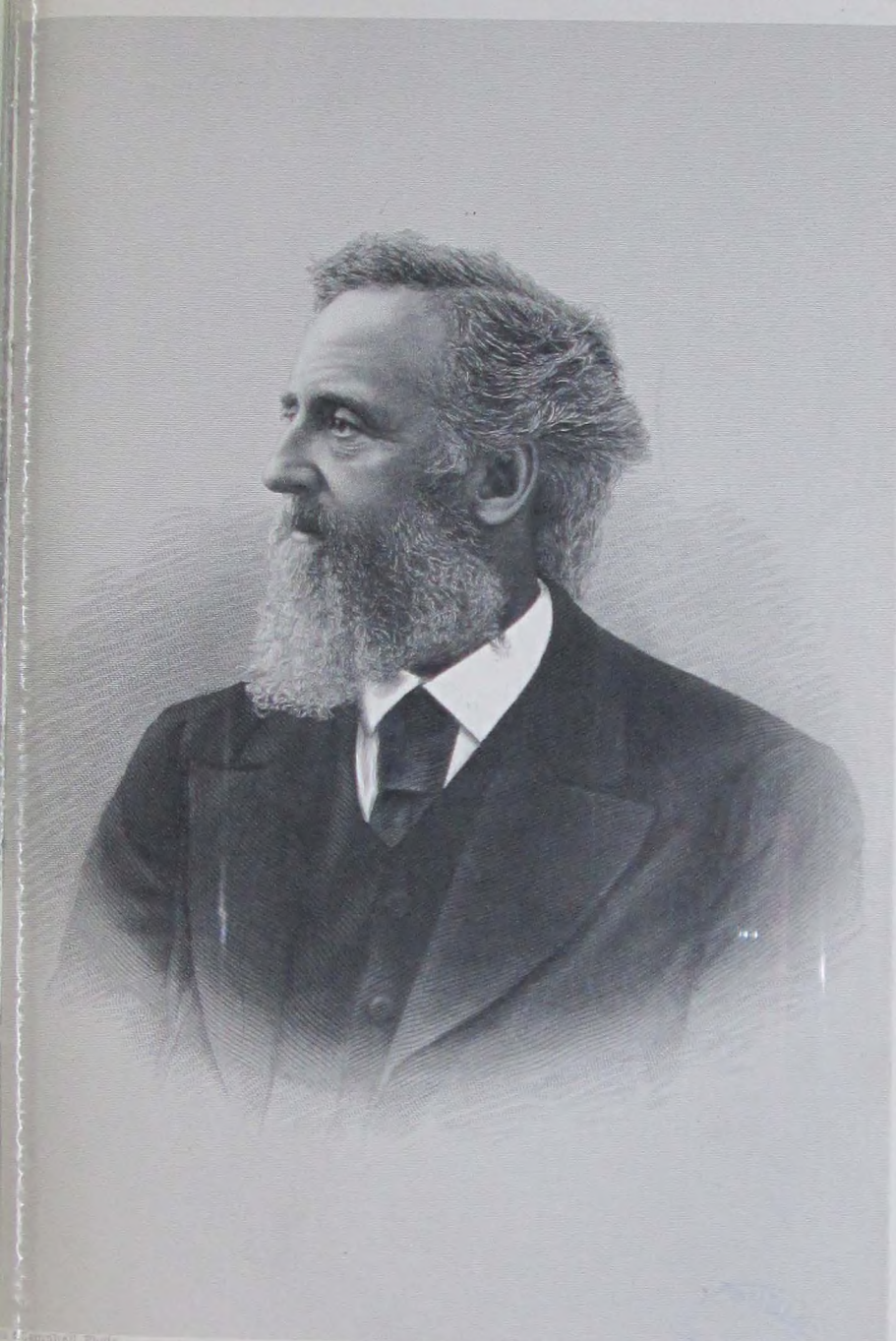
- i. JOHN H., b. Sept. 25, 1846; d. Oct. 11, 1846.
- 577½. ii. WALLACE C., b. July 21, 1848; m. Martha A. Hall.
- iii. MARY E., b. Aug. 10, 1850.
- iv. FRANK, b. Aug. 3, 1852.
- v. ELLA J., b. May 26, 1854; d. May 30, 1856.
- vi. LAURA A., b. May 12, 1859.
- vii. LUCIUS M., b. Sept. 17, 1861.
- viii. HERBERT E., b. Dec. 17, 1873.
- ix. NINA A., b. Aug. 15, 1875.

509. HON. HENRY LILLIE<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Col. Jesse<sup>8</sup>, Jesse<sup>7</sup>, Seth<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Aug. 23, 1825; unm. Res. Dorchester.

Henry Lillie Peirce was born in Stoughton, Mass., on the 23rd of August, 1825. He received a good English education at the public schools in that town, and at the State Normal School in Bridgewater. Ill health made it necessary for him to leave school much sooner than his inclinations would have prompted; but the condition of health which obliged him to cut short his studies, and to abstain for some years from all manual labor, developed in him a taste for reading, and gave to his mind a thoughtful cast which has had a most important influence upon his later life. In 1849, the family removed to a house in Dorchester, near Milton Lower Mills, and there the subject of this sketch has ever since resided. In 1850, he entered the chocolate manufactory of Walter Baker & Co., which was established on the Neponset River, near his home. After serving in a subordinate position for a number of years and seeing no prospect of advancement he determined to try his fortunes in the new country at the west. He spent some months in traveling through that region and although he failed to obtain that for which he specially sought, namely, a more remunerative employment, he returned with greatly improved health and with enlarged ideas as to the extent and resources of his country. He again entered Mr. Baker's establishment, on an improved footing, and on the death of the owner, in 1854, he took charge of the business, and from that time to the present has been the sole manager.

At an early age he took a lively interest in public affairs; and while still a schoolboy he contributed articles for some of the country papers. His father being a democrat of the Jefferson and Jackson school, he imbibed the same political ideas and continued to hold them until the nomination of Martin Van Buren, in 1848, gave to the Free Soil party a national candidate and a national platform. He joined with enthusiasm in the new movement for equal rights; and through good report and evil report he stood by the anti-slavery party—aiding it by his voice, his pen and his money—until the purpose for which it had been organized was triumphantly established.

In 1859, when the General Statutes of the State were revised, the



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action of the General Court in striking out the word "white," wherever it occurred in the laws authorizing the organization of the militia, was defeated by the exercise of the veto power by the governor. Mr. Peirce was elected a member of the House the following year (1860), and was instrumental in getting the two branches of the legislature to pass another bill striking the word from the militia laws. But the act was again defeated by the governor's veto; and it was not until the year 1864, that success attended the efforts of those who wished to have this obnoxious discrimination on account of race removed from the Statute book. Being elected to the session for the following year, Mr. Peirce inaugurated the movement, in which he was sustained by a majority of the House, for *instructing* our Senators, and *recommending* our Representatives in Congress, to favor such a change in the National laws as would authorize the enlistment of colored men into the United States Army.

Re-elected again in 1862, Mr. Peirce was appointed chairman of the Committee on Finance, and in that capacity reported and carried through the House, two measures of great importance, namely, the act providing for the payment of the State bonds in gold (this was after the legal tender act had been passed by Congress), and the act taxing savings banks and insurance companies.

At the end of his third term Mr. Peirce withdrew from the House, but was chosen again in 1866. He does not appear as the special champion of any important measure during that session. In 1867, he visited Europe, passing several months in traveling through France, Italy and Germany. On the annexation of Dorchester to the city of Boston in 1869, he was elected to represent that section of the city in the Board of Aldermen. After serving two years (1870-71), he declined a re-election, and in the following year again visited Europe—partly for business and partly for purposes of recreation. In the latter part of that year he was nominated as a non-partisan candidate for the office of Mayor. The lack of efficiency which had been exhibited by the executive departments of the government during the great fire of the 9th of November, and the neglect to take any effective measures for the suppression of the small-pox, which was then spreading through the city with alarming rapidity, caused great dissatisfaction, especially among the business men. On the other hand the personal honesty and good intentions of the Mayor then in office, his high standing in the democratic party—and his earnest desire to secure an endorsement, gave him a large, if not an enthusiastic, support; and the contest, although conducted with great courtesy on both sides, was unusually close and exciting. It resulted in the election of Mr. Peirce by a very small majority. His address at the organization of the new government was calculated to inspire confidence in his abilities as an executive officer. To improve the efficiency of the government radical changes were needed in some of the departments; and such changes he not only recommended but proceeded resolutely to carry out. He reorganized the Health Department by appointing a new Board of Health, and took measures for the suppres-



sion of the small-pox, which were immediately attended with the most gratifying results. He also succeeded, against strong opposition, in securing the reorganization of the Fire Department by removing it from the personal and partisan influences to which it had long been subjected and placing it upon a business basis.

In October of that year he received the Republican nomination for Representative in Congress from the 3rd Massachusetts District, to fill the vacancy in the 43rd Congress, occasioned by the death of Hon. Wm. Whiting. The success of his municipal administration is shown in the fact that the democrats failed to nominate any candidate to oppose him, and his election was substantially unanimous. In order to take his seat at the beginning of the session in December, he retired from the Mayor's office a month before the expiration of his term. Having been for many years on terms of personal friendship with Charles Sumner, and having a large acquaintance with the public men of the day, he was from the start in a position to exert a powerful influence upon the councils of the government. Imbued with the same spirit which led Sumner and Andrew and Wilson to favor a conciliatory policy towards the South in the legislation which followed the war, he threw his influence against the harsh and unconstitutional measures by which a portion of the leaders in the party to which he belonged sought to perpetuate their political ascendancy over the States lately in rebellion. He was thus placed in the unpleasant position of being obliged to oppose many of the measures which were openly or secretly favored by President Grant's administration. But it is evident that his cause was in accordance with the sentiments of the people of Massachusetts from the fact that in the elections to the 44th Congress, which occurred in the autumn of 1874, he was re-elected by a handsome majority while in six out of the ten other districts in the State the regular Republican candidates were defeated for the first time since the beginning of the war.

Near the close of the second session of the 43rd Congress (February, 1875), the Force Bill, so-called, giving the President extraordinary powers to interfere in the internal affairs of the States, and, in his discretion, to suspend the privileges of the writ of *habeas corpus*, was introduced into the House, and an attempt made by the administration leaders to force it through without giving sufficient opportunity for discussion. The Republicans had control of the House by a large majority, and, as a political measure, intended, as many of them avowed, to give their party an advantage in the presidential election to occur in the following year, they were substantially unanimous in its support. On the 27th of February, Mr. Peirce made a short speech in opposition to the bill which was highly commended by all the leading newspapers throughout the country. The conclusion is worthy of being transcribed here.

"In opposing this bill," he said, "I am in strict accordance with all my past political action. Local self-government and the equality of all men before the law are the cardinal principles of my political faith. By these principles I stand or fall. I resisted the fugitive slave bill



because it trampled upon the principles of civil liberty and the rights of human nature. The bill now under consideration is permeated with the spirit which gave life and vigor to that odious measure. Of the supporters of the fugitive slave bill the most conspicuous were Jefferson Davis and John C. Breckinridge. 'The whirligig of time' presents to us to-day a most remarkable spectacle. Some of the most blatant and pretentious supporters of Jefferson Davis and John C. Breckinridge in conventions and before the people are here to-day the especial champions of this bill. I shall be the last man in the world to question their consistency or dispute their motives.

"Mr. Speaker, I know Massachusetts and I have spoken her sentiments here to-day. She has always interposed a firm resistance to the approach of arbitrary power. She resisted unto blood the stamp act, writs of assistance and all the force bills which were enacted by Parliament to compel her submission to the British crown: she will be true to her traditions and to her history and will resist, by all constitutional means every attempt, by whomsoever made, to impose similar measures upon any portion of the people of our common country."

At the close of the 43rd Congress (March, 1875), Mr. Peirce visited Europe for the third time,—spending some six months in traveling with friends through England, Scotland and on the continent.

During the session of the Forty-fourth Congress Mr. Peirce was at the head of the Republican members of the Committee on Commerce. He made an elaborate report on the subject of relieving vessels engaged in the coasting trade from the unjust and discriminating legislation of some of the States with regard to pilotage fees; and he made speeches on the proposition to amend the Constitution so as to limit the term of office of the President, on reciprocity with Canada, and on counting the electoral vote of Louisiana. On the last question Mr. Peirce and President Seelye (then representative from the 10th Massachusetts District) stood alone among the Republicans in opposing the counting of the electoral vote of Louisiana for either candidate, on the ground of fraud in making up the returns. The *London Times* published Mr. Peirce's speech at length, and referred to it as a "very able" one.

Some time previous to the elections for the Forty-fifth Congress Mr. Peirce announced to the electors of the Third District, through the public press, his determination to retire from public life at the expiration of the term for which he then held office. This decision was made after due deliberation and with the firm determination of adhering to it. It was with extreme reluctance, therefore, that he consented in the autumn of 1877 to allow his name to be used as a citizens' candidate for the office of Mayor of Boston. The call for his services was signed by some twenty-five hundred tax-paying citizens, representing all classes and all parties. The charges made against the administration then in power was its partisanship in the interest of the Democratic party, and its inefficiency. The contest which followed was the most remarkable in the annals of the city. The number of votes cast largely exceeded those at any previous election,—municipal,

State, or national; and resulted in the election of Mr. Peirce by about 2300 majority.

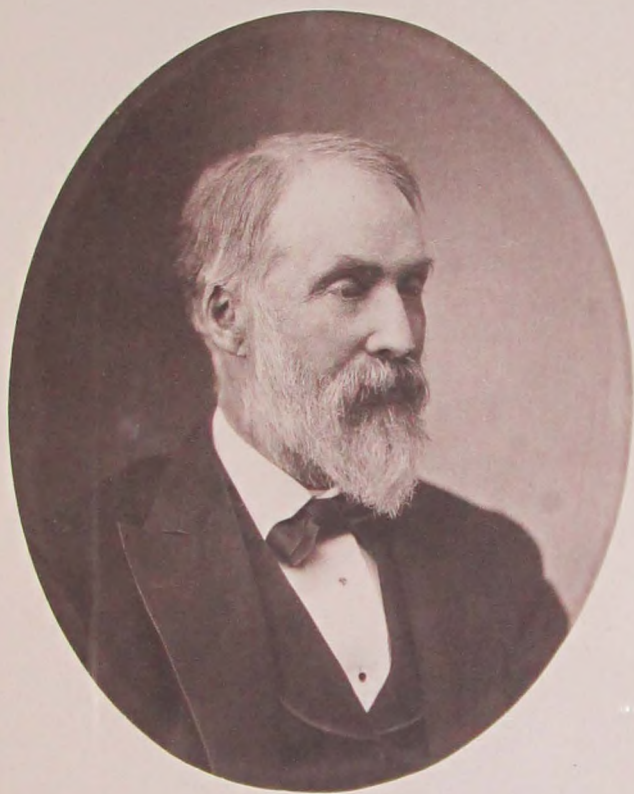
In his inaugural address Mr. Peirce dwelt at some length upon the powers and purposes of municipal corporations, taking the ground that "they are created and exist for the public advantage and not for the benefit of their officers or of particular individuals or classes." He also considered some of the schemes which had been devised for improving our local governments, and denied the propriety or expediency of attempting to raise the standard of municipal government by a limitation of the suffrage, or by giving up to the State powers which from time immemorial have been exercised by the cities and towns. His clear and business-like exposition of the true theory upon which local governments are founded and maintained in this country was referred to in terms of high commendation by the leading newspapers of the day.

Mr. Peirce has been the favorite candidate of a large proportion of the people for the office of Governor of the Commonwealth and received more than five hundred votes as the nominee for that office in the Republican Convention of 1879.

510. HON. EDWARD LILLIE<sup>9</sup> PIERCE (Col. Jesse<sup>8</sup>, Jesse<sup>7</sup>, Seth<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>), b. Mar. 29, 1829; m. Apr. 19, 1865, Elisabeth H. Kingsbury, (daughter of John Kingsbury of Providence, R. I.), b. June 19, 1840, d. Mar. 30, 1880. He res. in Milton.

Edward L. Peirce graduated at Brown University in the year 1850. He distinguished himself there, standing, in some departments, at the head of his class, and carrying off repeated prizes. One may still see in the files of the *Democratic Review*, evidence of the interest taken by Mr. Peirce, even while at college, in grave political questions. In July, 1848, a mature and well-written article of his appeared in that Review on "The Independence of the Judiciary;" again, in January, 1849, another article on "The Executive Veto." In successive numbers of the same able periodical, in March and April, 1850, appeared a longer essay on "Sir Thomas More as a Statesman and a Scholar." No one can read this paper without being impressed with its thoroughness of treatment, and its discrimination and elevation of view.

Mr. Peirce chose the profession of the law, and went from college to the law school at Cambridge, where he graduated in the year 1852. Here also he distinguished himself, and took the prize offered to his class at the school. His successful essay on "The Consideration of a Contract," was printed in the *American Law Register*. But even while at the Law School, Mr. Peirce was busy with grave and difficult public questions. In the transactions of the Norfolk Agricultural Society for 1851, an essay written by him is published, to which a committee of the society had awarded a special prize. It was during this same period that he published an able and learned article on "Secret Suffrage," a question at that time of much interest in our politics. This article was complimented at the time by John Bright,



*Edward L. Pierce*

referred to in Parliament, and in the year 1853, was reprinted and widely circulated in England as one of the tracts of the "Ballot Society."

After leaving the Law School, Mr. Peirce went to the West and was for a time in the law office of Salmon P. Chase at Cincinnati. He became the friend and confidential secretary of Senator Chase at Washington. In the year 1857, Mr. Peirce published his book on "American Railroad Law." It has been pronounced by lawyers and judges, having special knowledge and experience in this branch of law, to be the best treatise on the subject. A new edition has been called for and is now in course of preparation. He is the author also of an elaborate "Index of the Special Railroad Laws of Massachusetts," pp. 490, prepared for the Railroad Commissioners. In 1857, Mr. Peirce took an active part against the narrow and proscriptive policy advocated in high quarters, in Massachusetts, against foreigners; and a valuable letter from him, filled full of statistics and eloquently advocating the most liberal treatment of foreigners, was printed in the newspapers and afterwards extensively circulated by the Republican State Committee in pamphlet form.

Mr. Peirce continued in the practice of his profession until the breaking out of the war. In 1860 and 1876, he represented his district at the national republican conventions in Chicago and Cincinnati. In the very first week of the war he enlisted as a private, in company L of the third regiment of the Massachusetts militia, went to Old Point Comfort and took part, before the week was out, in the destruction of the Norfolk Navy Yard. He had in 1862, by the appointment of Secretary Chase, the charge of the freedmen and plantations of the Sea Islands of South Carolina, and his official reports of this important trust were widely read. He was offered the position of Military Governor of South Carolina and would have accepted it, had not scruples arisen at Washington as to the propriety of that class of appointments, which changed the policy of the government. He was on duty at Morris Island in August, 1863, when, without any previous request or knowledge on his part, he had notice of his appointment as Collector of Internal Revenue for the Third Massachusetts District." He held this office for three years. Governor Bullock almost at once appointed him District Attorney to fill a vacancy in this district occasioned by the resignation of Mr. Harris. He was elected by the people to the same office in 1866, and re-elected in 1868, running considerably ahead of the State ticket. In October, 1869, he was appointed Secretary of the Board of State Charities, and held that office till 1874, when he resigned it.

In 1875, and again in 1876, Mr. Peirce represented the town of Milton in the Legislature with distinction and marked ability. He is the author of the well known act "to limit Municipal Indebtedness." During the session of 1876 he was chairman of the committee on the judiciary. He was appointed by President Hayes in Dec., 1878, Assistant Treasurer of the United States, but declined the appointment.

Mr. Peirce has been one of the lecturers at the Boston Law School



since its foundation. At Milton, where he resides, his influence is always felt on the side of all good enterprises; he was the originator and now is one of the trustees of the excellent public library of Milton, and wrote a report on the subject which drew the attention of the American Social Science Association, and was largely incorporated in one of their publications. His memoir of Charles Sumner who appointed him as one of his literary executors was published simultaneously in Boston and London, Nov., 1877.

He has been a frequent contributor to newspapers and periodicals from his youth. Among his papers and addresses not already mentioned are the following: Remarks on the "Personal Liberty Laws," before a committee of the legislature, Feb. 1, 1861; Report to Gov. Andrew, on the condition of "Massachusetts Soldiers," at Fortress Monroe (*Boston Advertiser*, June 1, 1861); Articles in the *Atlantic Monthly*, on "The Contrabands at Fortress Monroe," Nov., 1861, and "The Freedmen at Port Royal," Sept., 1863; Official Reports on "The Freedmen at Port Royal," Feb. 3, and June 2, 1862 (printed in the *Rebellion Record*); Address on "The Two Systems of Government proposed for the Rebel States," at the Town House in Milton, Oct. 31, 1868; Speech on Municipal Indebtedness in the Massachusetts House of Representatives, April 9, 1875 (printed in *Boston Journal*, April 27, 1875); Address at Milton, Memorial Day, May 30, 1870; Speech at Faneuil Hall, June 27, 1876, on the nomination of Mr. Hayes, as President; Lecture on "The Private Life and Literary Friendships of Charles Sumner," before the Long Island Historical Society, Brooklyn, N. Y., Dec. 18, 1877; Article entitled "A Senator's (Charles Sumner's) Fidelity Vindicated," *North American Review*, July—August, 1878; Address before the Suffolk Bar, on George S. Hillard, Jan., 1879; Address at the dedication of the Town House, at Milton, Feb. 17, 1879; Address before the Alumni of Brown University, on "The Public and Social Duties of the College Graduate," June 15, 1880. He was the author of the resolutions of the Republican State Conventions of 1869 and 1872, and has been chairman of the committee on resolutions at different times. He spoke in the Republican National Convention of 1876 at Cincinnati against a proposition to exclude Chinese immigrants from the principles of equality recognized by the Declaration of Independence.

Mr. Peirce visited Europe in 1869, 1873 and 1879, extending his journeys to Sicily, Athens and Constantinople. His second visit was for the special purpose of inspecting European prisons, reformatories and asylums, and the result is given in his report for 1873 as Secretary of the Board of State Charities. In the third visit he saw much of English life, and his last two days were passed as the guest of John Bright at Rochdale.

Mrs. Peirce was a woman of marked character and excellence, and the following is a part of a tribute to her memory:

"The brief announcement in the papers of the death of Mrs. Edward L. Pierce, of Milton, Mass., gives small hint to the community in general of the heavy loss sustained by her family and the friends to whom she was endeared.

Her marriage took place fifteen years ago, and she removed at once to her husband's home in Milton, Mass. That unique and beautiful town, lying on the edge of a great city, but possessing its own independent life, its interesting historical associations, and its rare natural beauty, secured at once her warm attachment, and remained her loved home to the last. Coming as a bride in all her early beauty, she could not help but win the kindly sympathy of all. As her children grew up about her, she developed more and more those remarkable qualities which came to her by inheritance, and which were founded in true Christian principle."—*Providence Journal*, April 5, 1880.

- i. EDWARD LILLIE, b. Mar. 28, 1866.
- ii. MARY MACKIE, b. Nov. 14, 1869.
- iii. GEORGE BURGESS, b. Jan. 21, 1872.
- iv. CHARLES SUMNER, b. Sept. 5, 1874.
- v. ARTHUR JOHNSON, b. July 15, 1876.
- vi. REGINALD KINGSBURY, b. July 20, 1878.

1. CHARLES T., b. Dec. 10, 1853.

- i. LILLIE C., b. July 20, 1867; d. Feb. 22, 1869.
- ii. SMITH D., b. Jan. 6, 1869.
- iii. PERCY, } twins, b. June 14, 1871, { d. Sept. 2, 1871.
- iv. FRANK, } twins, b. June 14, 1871, { d. Aug. 26, 1871.

- i. CHARLES F., b. April 10, 1844; d. Feb. 2, 1858.
- ii. ELIZABETH A., b. Sept. 11, 1846; d. July 22, 1851.
- iii. EUGENE A., b. Sept. 11, 1849; m. Nov. 15, 1873, Ella A. Beal,  
and d. Feb. 26, 1876, s. p.
- iv. NATHAN, b. June 28, 1861; d. Dec. 10, 1855.

514. JESSE<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Mason<sup>8</sup>, Jesse<sup>7</sup>, Seth<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Nov. 24, 1823; m. Nov. 2, 1845, Mary Jane Austin, b. Dec. 13, 1827. They res. in Watertown, Mass.  
Children:—

- i. MARY L., b. Oct. 31, 1847; m. June 19, 1866, Thomas W. Butler, and d. Sept. 14, 1876.
- ii. JOSEPH P., b. June 1, 1850; d. Aug. 16, 1861.
- iii. SARAH L., b. Jan. 27, 1855; m. Sept. 13, 1875, Warren Carter. Res. Waltham.
- iv. LUCY H., b. July 20, 1857; d. Jan. 3, 1876.
- v. LIZZIE E., b. July 28, 1861; res. Watertown.
- vi. HERBERT, b. Jan. 13, 1866; res. Watertown.

515. WILLIAM S.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*William<sup>8</sup>, Jesse<sup>7</sup>, Seth<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. March 19, 1827; m. Nov. 30, 1848, Mary A. Taylor, b. March 10, 1828, d. April 16, 1875; m. 2nd, Nov. 10, 1875, Mary F. Chick, b. April 4, 1855. They res. in Stoughton.  
Children:—

- i. JULIA M., b. Aug. 10, 1850; d. Aug. 12, 1852.
- ii. MARIA M., b. May 10, 1854; d. Aug 1, 1855.
- iii. ANN E., b. Oct. 16, 1857.
- iv. WILLIAM S., b. Aug. 19, 1869.
- v. MABEL M., b. May 26, 1876.

516. THACHER<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Thacher<sup>8</sup>, Seth S.<sup>7</sup>, Seth<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. April 17, 1819; m. Dec. 25, 1839, Betsey M. Heywood, b. March 3, 1819. They res. in Brockton.  
Child:—

- i. MARY E., b. Jan. 21, 1842; m. Jan. 10, 1861, Isaac B. Crockett, b. Oct. 5, 1835, d. April 17, 1868, s. p.; m. 2nd, Dec. 24, 1871, George Bird, b. June 26, 1848, s. p. They res. in Brockton.

517. HON. EDWARD W.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Rev. Willard<sup>8</sup>, Seth S.<sup>7</sup>, Seth<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Dec. 1, 1835; m. Feb. 28, 1866, Emma F. Claffin, b. Feb. 21, 1845. He d. in New Orleans, La., Sept. 13, 1871. His widow res. in Newtonville.

Hon. Edward W. Peirce, born in Foxboro', died in New Orleans of malarial fever, Sept. 13, 1871, after an illness of a very few days:—

"His loss is a great one, not only to the State of which he was a most useful and honorable member, to the school board, of which he was also a member, but to the whole community, in which he moved, a man of integrity and a character worthy of all imitation."—*New Orleans Republican*.

"One of the best and purest members of the Republican party, one of the most upright, straightforward and conscientious members of our Senate, one of the most trusted and honorable of our business men, one of the most zealous and able of our school directors, a wise counselor, a faithful and true friend, a Christian gentleman, a loving husband and tender parent, and he is dead!"—*New Orleans Mitreilleuse*.

"As a citizen of Northern nativity, yet occupying municipal and State offices—New Orleans Chief of Police, and State Senator of Louisiana—his influence was rapidly developing, and generally recognized as one of many who will yet be universally regarded as the best friends of the South and its much periled and abused interest. \* \* \* I have omitted any formal enumeration of the offices of honor and emolument held by our late friend. They are read and known by all men. One position, however, without pecuni-

ary or other personal profit, I must not omit to name. It is brought to notice this morning by the *Daily Press*, which announces that in token of respect for the late Hon. E. W. Peirce, one of the City Board of School Directors, the public schools will be closed to-day. \* \* \* Among the mourners at the funeral were Governor Warmouth, members of the Senate and House of Representatives, the Mayor of the city, and Administrators and other distinguished citizens."—*New Orleans Picayune*.

"*Resolved*, That the class of 1859, of Amherst College, have heard with deep regret of the sudden death of their classmate, Hon. E. W. Peirce, of New Orleans, who died in that city, of malarial fever, September 13, last, at the early age of 35.

*Resolved*, That we received with gratitude and honest pride the testimony of his fellow-citizens and constituents to the effect, that as State Senator he was honest and irreproachable; as Administrator of Police, faithful and efficient; as Director of the New Orleans Board of Public Schools, attentive to the interests of education; that he ever discharged his duties as a citizen and public officer in a correct and upright manner; without giving an offense or making an enemy.

*Resolved*, That his manly course while in college won the respect of all his classmates.

*Resolved*, That as a class we extend our warmest sympathy to his bereaved mother, wife and children; and that a copy of these resolutions be entered in our Class-Book of Records as a perpetual mark of our affectionate regard."

#### Children:—

- i. EDWARD W., b. Jan. 19, 1867. ii. WINSLOW C., b. Sept. 19, 1870.

518. DR. GARDNER C.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Rev. Willard<sup>8</sup>, Seth S.<sup>7</sup>, Seth<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Feb. 22, 1838; m. Dec. 25, 1867, Phebe H. Pope, b. May 4, 1847. They res. in Ashland. During his early life circumstances led him in a great measure to earn his own living. At the age of fourteen he left home and learned the shoemaker's trade, and from that age until the age of twenty, his time was alternating between shop and schoolroom, except during his sixteenth year when he served as a clerk in a store. At the age of twenty-one he entered Dartmouth College and graduated in the class of '63. While in college he taught school winters, and also two terms after graduation from college. He was educated in medicine at the Bellevue Hospital Medical College in New York, and at the Harvard Medical School in Boston, at which latter institution he was graduated in 1866. In September of the same year he settled in Ashland, Mass., where he has since been practicing medicine.

#### Child:—

- i. CHARLES W., b. Oct. 5, 1872.

519. NATHANIEL B.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Nathan<sup>8</sup>, Mather<sup>7</sup>, Jonas<sup>6</sup>, Jonas<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Mar. 18, 1808; m. Mar. 6, 1833, Eliza A. Fiske, b. 1806. He married in Lexington and worked for the Boston and Lowell Railroad Corporation for a number of years, and by an accident on said railroad in East Cambridge, Sept. 25, 1833, by a car drawn by horses, his limbs were so injured as to render amputation necessary. He is at present a merchant in Cavenish, Vt. Children:—

- i. SARAH A., b. June 21, 1836; m. Oct. 29, 1858, Dr. Charles F. Kingsbury. Res. Lyme, N. H. Ch. Ella S., b. Oct. 29, 1859.



578. ii. HENRY D., b. May 26, 1846; m. Mary E. Hill.  
 iii. CHARLES J., b. Nov. 21, 1833; d. Mar. 14, 1841.  
 iv. SILAS, b. Mar. 20, 1840; d. Mar. 22, 1840.  
 v. GEORGE, b. Jan. 21, 1843; d. Jan. 23, 1843.  
 vi. EDWIN, b. Aug. 17, 1844; d. Nov. 4, 1845.

520. GEORGE E.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Nathaniel<sup>8</sup>, Mathew<sup>7</sup>, Jonas<sup>6</sup>, Jonas<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Apr. 28, 1820; m. Feb. 25, 1846, Sophronia E. Dake, b. Mar. 17, 1827. They res. in Brownsville, Vt. Children:—

- i. SARAH A., b. Nov. 19, 1847.  
 ii. WILLARD D., b. Nov. 1, 1849; d. July 27, 1871.  
 iii. ELLEN E., b. Sept. 27, 1852; m. July 17, 1878, Carlton C. Johnson.  
 iv. ANNIE M., b. Jan. 20, 1861; m. Feb. 25, 1876, Joseph K. Brown.  
 v. EDSON N., b. Jan. 1, 1863.

521. EDSON X.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*John<sup>8</sup>, Mathew<sup>7</sup>, Jonas<sup>6</sup>, Jonas<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Aug. 11, 1823; m. Dec. 19, 1849, Mary Barrett. Res. North Springfield, Vt. Children:—

- i. JOHN C., b. Dec. 18, 1850; d. Jan. 28, 1851.  
 ii. FLORA E., b. May 25, 1852; m. July 18, 1877, George A. Brown. Ch. Nelson P., b. May 14, 1878.  
 iii. ABBIE L., b. June 13, 1854; m. Oct. 15, 1879, Lewis Herrick.  
 iv. NELLIE A., b. July 14, 1862.

522. ELBRIDGE F.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Jonas<sup>8</sup>, Jonas<sup>7</sup>, Jonas<sup>6</sup>, Jonas<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. July 10, 1825; m. Mar. 4, 1849, Martha Dorr, b. Nov. 4, 1824. They res. in Skowhegan, Me. Children:—

- i. EMMA, b. Jan. 20, 1851; m. Oct. 29, 1873, Harlow K. Rowell, b. Sept. 27, 1847. Ch. Ivan, b. July 10, 1877. They res. in East Madison, Me.  
 579. ii. WALTER, b. Aug. 3, 1853; m. Flora Bigelow.  
 iii. CLARENCE, b. Sept. 8, 1856.

523. CHARLES E.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Jonas<sup>8</sup>, Jonas<sup>7</sup>, Jonas<sup>6</sup>, Jonas<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Dec. 13, 1832; m. Aug. 18, 1861, Viola Campbell, b. Jan. 1, 1839. They res. in New York city, at No. 335 W. 18th street. Child:—

- i. JOHN W., b. Mar. 1, 1868; d. Mar. 14, 1870.

524. PETER<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Peter<sup>8</sup>, John<sup>7</sup>, John<sup>6</sup>, Jonas<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Oct. 17, 1827; m. July 11, 1849, Mary Burney, b. 1827, d. Mar. 2, 1853; m. 2nd. Oct. 18, 1855, Mary F. Hanson, b. Oct. 2, 1837, d. Aug. 12, 1871. He d. Nov. 22, 1863. She m. Oct. 18, 1864, B. E. Allen of Ohio. They res. in Otter River, Templeton. Children:—

- i. LUCY A., b. May 28, 1850; m. Dec. 3, 1867, George H. Litch, b. June 18, 1843; res. Templeton. She d. May 16, 1880. Ch. George G., b. Mar. 14, 1870; Charles H., b. Apr. 11, 1874; Lilla E., b. Mar. 21, 1877.  
 ii. EDWARD P., b. Dec. 28, 1852; unm. Res. Fitchburg. He was educated at the Fitchburg High School and graduated in 1873. He entered Harvard University in June, 1873, and in 1875 entered the Dane Law School connected with the University.

receiving the degree of LL. B. in 1877. He was admitted to practice as Attorney at the April term of the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts for the year 1878. He is in practice in Fitchburg.

- iii. MARY S., b. Aug. 25, 1856; m. May 12, 1875, William Bridges, b. Mar. 24, 1852. Res. Orange. Ch. Carrie Belle, b. July 25, 1877, d. Aug. 15, 1877.

525. EDWARD O.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*John<sup>8</sup>, John<sup>7</sup>, John<sup>6</sup>, Jonas<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*). b. Nov. 13, 1826; m. Oct. 22, 1850, Kate C. Smith, b. May 30, 1828. They res. in Flint, Mich. Children:—

580. i. EDWARD C., b. Jan. 20, 1852; m. Sarah K. Davis.  
ii. HARRY F., b. July 22, 1855.

526. FRANKLIN H.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*John<sup>8</sup>, John<sup>7</sup>, John<sup>6</sup>, Jonas<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*). b. Oct. 22, 1841; m. Nov. 29, 1870, Mary E. Lamond, b. Sept. 30, 1840. They res. in Flint, Mich. Child:—

- i. SARAH R., b. Apr. 10, 1874.

527. JOEL<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Joel<sup>8</sup>, John<sup>7</sup>, John<sup>6</sup>, Jonas<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*). b. Nov. 17, 1830; m. Nov. 25, 1853, Nancy Leavitt, b. June, 1834, d. Feb. 2, 1859; m. 2nd. Oct. 16, 1859, Helen M. Tourtellott, b. Mar. 3, 1835. They res. in Nashua, N. H. Children:—

- i. ADDIE, b. Nov. 6, 1854; m. Oct. 20, 1874, Mark Flather.  
581. ii. CHARLES A., b. Feb. 2, 1859; m. 1874, Delia Moulton.

528. BENJAMIN F.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Joel<sup>8</sup>, John<sup>7</sup>, John<sup>6</sup>, Jonas<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*). b. Oct. 2, 1838; m. ———, b. Mar. 22, 1840, d. Mar. 11, 1875.\* He d. Dec. 10, 1872. They res. in Camptonville, N. H. Children:—

- i. CORA B., b. Dec. 11, 1862. ii. FRANK B., b. July 29, 1863.  
iii. CHARLES L., b. Feb. 2, 1869.

529. ALBERT<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Benjamin<sup>8</sup>, Benjamin<sup>7</sup>, John<sup>6</sup>, Jonas<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*). b. Apr. 2, 1832; m. Dec. 5, 1857, Hannah L. Whitcomb, b. Feb. 28, 1838. They res. in East Princeton. Children:—

- i. CHARLES A., b. Feb. 23, 1857.  
ii. HATTIE L., b. Mar. 1, 1859. iii. LAURA E., b. Oct. 11, 1877.

530. LEONARD W.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Elisha<sup>8</sup>, Elisha<sup>7</sup>, John<sup>6</sup>, Jonas<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*). b. Oct. 29, 1836; m. Dec. 25, 1862, Laura L. Stoddard, b. Apr. 15, 1841, d. Oct. 19, 1864; m. 2nd. Sept. 19, 1875, Lydia A. Matterson, b. Apr. 12, 1857. They res. in Reading, Mich. Child:—

- i. MARY E., b. Feb. 17, 1878.

531. CALVIN<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Jonas<sup>8</sup>, Jonas<sup>7</sup>, John<sup>6</sup>, Jonas<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>,*

\* I have been unable to ascertain her maiden name. She married a second husband and died in Bath, N. H.

*Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. July 7, 1833; m. Dec. 7, 1865, Cordelia Lockwood, b. Mar. 27, 1837. They res. in Youngstown, Ohio. Children:—

- i. HERBERT E., b. Aug. 9, 1866; d. Jan. 13, 1867.
- ii. LILLIAN F., b. Sept. 21, 1868.
- iii. ALICE L., b. Aug. 5, 1873; d. Oct. 5, 1873.

532. EBEN<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Ebenezer P.*<sup>8</sup>, *Jonas*<sup>7</sup>, *Solomon*<sup>6</sup>, *Jonas*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Nov. 9, 1835; m. June 14, 1863, Susan M. Fleming, b. Dec. 18, 1837. They res. in Peabody and Marblehead. Children:—

- i. MARGIE L., b. Nov. 24, 1865; d. Aug. 17, 1866.
- ii. SUSAN M., b. Feb. 2, 1872; d. Feb. 9, 1872.
- iii. HERBERT F., b. May 24, 1867; d. Jan. 20, 1868.

533. THOMAS W.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Thomas P.*<sup>8</sup>, *Jonas*<sup>7</sup>, *Solomon*<sup>6</sup>, *Jonas*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. June 27, 1831; m. Nov. 9, 1858, Helen Hall, b. 1835, d. Nov. 19, 1867. Res. Arlington. Child:—

- i. WALLACE W., b. Aug. 20, 1860.

534. GRENVILLE P.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Thomas P.*<sup>8</sup>, *Jonas*<sup>7</sup>, *Solomon*<sup>6</sup>, *Jonas*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Sept. 13, 1845; m. Mar. 10, 1870, Susie E. Barry. Res. Arlington. Children:—

- i. GEORGE H., b. Mar. 18, 1871.
- ii. HARRIET L., b. Aug. 30, 1873; d. Mar. 4, 1875.
- iii. MIRA E., b. Oct. 8, 1876.

535. LEANDER<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Thomas P.*<sup>8</sup>, *Jonas*<sup>7</sup>, *Solomon*<sup>6</sup>, *Jonas*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Aug. 16, 1847; m. Jan. 16, 1870, Sarah C. Winn, b. Apr. 21, 1851. They res. in Arlington.

Children:—

- i. HARRIE W., b. Aug. 30, 1872.
- ii. LAURENCE L., b. May 24, 1876.

536. JOHN W.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*John A. P.*<sup>8</sup>, *Jonas*<sup>7</sup>, *Solomon*<sup>6</sup>, *Jonas*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. July 6, 1835; m. Nov. 2, 1856, Marcia S. Gassett, b. July 24, 1837, d. March 21, 1857; m. 2nd, Oct. 29, 1857, Anna Lydia Peirce, b. in Waltham, April 5, 1836, d. Jan. 31, 1863. He res. in Arlington. Children:—

- i. FRED. W., b. Aug. 13, 1858; d. Jan. 15, 1859.
- ii. ARTHUR W., b. June 3, 1860.

537. BENJAMIN H.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*John A. P.*<sup>8</sup>, *Jonas*<sup>7</sup>, *Solomon*<sup>6</sup>, *Jonas*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Sept. 6, 1837; m. Sept. 6, 1859, Abbie L. Russell, b. Dec. 16, 1838. They res. in Stoneham. Children:—

- i. WALTER H., b. July 1, 1860.
- ii. BENJAMIN L., b. Oct. 19, 1861.
- iii. SUSIE R., b. April 25, 1863.
- iv. MABLE L., b. Nov. 22, 1864.
- v. ALICE M., b. Nov. 3, 1866.
- vi. CHARLES A., b. June 1, 1869.
- vii. MARY A., b. May 5, 1871; d. Aug. 8, 1871.
- viii. HARRIE O., b. Dec. 4, 1874.
- ix. JOHN H., b. Nov. 9, 1876; d. May 21, 1877.

538. CHARLES E.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Charles<sup>8</sup>, Samuel<sup>7</sup>, Solomon<sup>6</sup>, Jonas<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. March 13, 1828; m. Nov. 28, 1850, Cynthia Jepson. b. March 10, 1832, d. March 15, 1852; m. 2nd, Nov. 24, 1854, Susan F. Currier, b. Aug. 2, 1833. They res. in Amesbury. Child:—

i. WILLIAM F., b. March 3, 1852; d. Sept. 19, 1852.

539. JOHN F.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Charles<sup>8</sup>, Samuel<sup>7</sup>, Solomon<sup>6</sup>, Jonas<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. April 28, 1838; m. April. 12, 1859, Orlena Wells. They res. in Taunton at No. 2 Rand's Court.

Children:—

i. ORLENA F., b. June 2, 1860. ii. ANNA F., b. Aug. 3, 1862.

iii. LIZZIE M., b. Dec. 8, 1868.

540. J. EVERETT<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*James<sup>8</sup>, Samuel<sup>7</sup>, Solomon<sup>6</sup>, Jonas<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Sept. 17, 1848; m. June 5, 1872, Rebecca A. Dow, b. March 25, 1850. They res. in Medford.

Children:—

i. JANE D., b. July 30, 1873; d. Sept. 26, 1877.

ii. MARY A., b. Sept. 7, 1874. iii. LESBIA A., b. March 22, 1878.

541. WILLIAM H.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Royal<sup>8</sup>, Thaddeus<sup>7</sup>, Solomon<sup>6</sup>, Jonas<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. March 6, 1842; m. 1865, Hannah Best. He res. in Boston; his place of business is at 31 N. Market street. Children:—

i. WILLIE A., b. June, 1866.

ii. MARY E., b. April 2, 1869.

iii. FREDERICK R., b. Nov., 1873. iv. MINNIE L., b. Aug., 1876.

542. FRANKLIN<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Thaddeus<sup>8</sup>, Thaddeus<sup>7</sup>, Solomon<sup>6</sup>, Jonas<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Feb. 5, 1853; m. Oct. 24, 1876, Emma F. Pettingill. Res. in Everett. Child:—

i. HENRY F., b. March 8, 1878.

543. CHARLES H.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Andrew<sup>8</sup>, Andrew<sup>7</sup>, Andrew<sup>6</sup>, Benjamin<sup>5</sup>, Benjamin<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Oct. 25, 1836; m. May 7, 1870, Lydia A. Hurlbut, b. July 12, 1850. They res. in Sarcoxie, Mo. Children:—

i. GRACE, b. Oct. 13, 1871; d. March 4, 1872.

ii. FRANK, b. March 24, 1873; d. Feb. 17, 1875.

iii. ANDREW, } twins, b. April 22, 1878.

iv. MARY F., }

544. CHARLES D.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Joseph A.<sup>8</sup>, Andrew<sup>7</sup>, Benjamin<sup>6</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>5</sup>, Benjamin<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. May 5, 1849; m. Nov. 2, 1870, Eva Jones. They res. in Somersworth, N. H.

Child:—

i. CHARLES L., b. Jan. 14, 1874.

545. ANDREW O.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*John O.<sup>8</sup>, Andrew<sup>7</sup>, Benjamin<sup>6</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>5</sup>, Benjamin<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Dec. 20, 1844; m. Sept. 18, 1873, Lucy Louisa Darton, b. March 30, 1850, d. March 2, 1880. They res. in Charlestown, at 46 Monument avenue. Child:—

i. ETHEL LOUISA, b. July 16, 1875.



546. WILLIAM H.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Benjamin P.<sup>8</sup>, Andrew<sup>7</sup>, Benjamin<sup>6</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>5</sup>, Benjamin<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Nov. 6, 1851; m. Dec. 31, 1872, Emma Jenkins. They res. in Dover. Children:—

- i. FREDERICK P., b. Dec. 1, 1873.
- ii. NANCY E., b. Oct. 19, 1875.
- iii. ALICE E., b. Feb. 22, 1878.

547. JOHN D.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE, JR. (*John D.<sup>8</sup>, Israel<sup>7</sup>, Israel<sup>6</sup>, Israel<sup>5</sup>, Benjamin<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Feb. 26, 1843; m. Nov. 3, 1864, Sarah A. Spoor. Res. Boston. Child:—

- i. CHARLES H., b. Nov. 21, 1868.

548. CURTIS H.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Hall<sup>8</sup>, Israel<sup>7</sup>, Israel<sup>6</sup>, Israel<sup>5</sup>, Benjamin<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Aug. 28, 1838; m. Feb. 13, 1867, Charlotte A. P. Hall, b. Jan. 16, 1841. Res. in Barrington, N. H. Children:—

- i. ALFRED L. A., b. May 21, 1868.
- ii. CURTIS E. H., b. Feb. 9, 1870.
- iii. MARK L. H., b. Sept. 9, 1871; d. Feb. 16, 1876.
- iv. FRANK J., b. Feb. 21, 1875; d. Feb. 23, 1878.
- v. WILLIE T., b. Sept. 23, 1876; d. May 9, 1877.
- vi. LOTTIE A. G., b. Sept. 29, 1879.

549. FRANK H.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*David<sup>8</sup>, William<sup>7</sup>, Samuel<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Oct. 8, 1851; m. Feb. 13, 1878, Elizabeth Van Ness Hatch, b. Aug. 28, 1848. They res. in Roxbury, Conn. Child:—

- i. SUSAN H., b. Dec. 11, 1878.

550. ALBERT L.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*David<sup>8</sup>, William<sup>7</sup>, Samuel<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. May 31, 1854; m. Oct. 31, 1876, F. Emma Ridgely. They res. in Monroe, Conn. Child:—

- i. CLARENCE A., b. Nov. 4, 1878.

551. ELKERT B.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Leonard B.<sup>8</sup>, Amial P.<sup>7</sup>, Titus<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. June 22, 1834; m. Apr. 23, 1859, Harriet A. Bucher. He d. Nov. 2, 1868. Res. Wakeman, Ohio. Children:—

- i. IDA A., b. June 25, 1857; m. Nov. 29, 1876, Noble G. Hurst.
- ii. CHARLES B., b. Sept. 19, 1859; d. Aug. 19, 1864.
- iii. ROLLAND W., b. May 13, 1864.
- iv. NELLIE E., b. Apr. 16, 1866.

552. WILLIAM H.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Lemuel B.<sup>8</sup>, Amial P.<sup>7</sup>, Titus<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Aug. 19, 1840; m. Apr. 18, 1864, Dosa A. Waugh. Res. Wakeman, Ohio. Children:—

- i. CLARENCE H., b. Jan. 17, 1866.
- ii. ARTHUR M., b. July 18, 1867.
- iii. GILBERT W., b. Nov. 5, 1871; d. Sept. 19, 1873.
- iv. ADA M., b. Jan. 17, 1876.

553. AMIAL P.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Bennet<sup>8</sup>, Amial P.<sup>7</sup>, Titus<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Dec. 14, 1844; m. Dec. 14, 1876, Eugenia M. Laty. They res. in Cleveland, Ohio, at No. 69 Scovill Avenue. Children:—

- i. CAROLINE M., b. Feb. 9, 1878; d. Feb. 6, 1880.
- ii. EUGENIA, b. Jan. 25, 1880.

553½. STANLEY P.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Minot<sup>8</sup>, Amiel P.<sup>7</sup>, Titus<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Jan. 22, 1850; m. Nov. 5, 1873, Addie Denman. They res. in Wakeman, Ohio. Children:—

- i. GEORGIA, b. Sept. 3, 1875.
- ii. ANNA BELLE, b. Jan. 28, 1878.

554. EDWARD F.<sup>10</sup> PEIRCE (*Stephen D.<sup>9</sup>, Joseph H.<sup>8</sup>, Josiah<sup>7</sup>, Jonathan<sup>6</sup>, Ephraim<sup>5</sup>, Ephraim<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Mar. 15, 1852; m. Apr. 15, 1875, Amelia Barth. They res. in Warren. Children:—

- i. STEPHEN E., b. Nov. 6, 1875.
- ii. EDNA F., b. Nov. 13, 1878.

555. ALBERT E.<sup>10</sup> PEIRCE (*James R.<sup>9</sup>, James<sup>8</sup>, Oliver<sup>7</sup>, Josiah<sup>6</sup>, Isaac<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Sept. 5, 1847; m. Mar. 20, 1872, Linda F. Barber, b. Aug. 12, 1850. They res. in Worcester. Children:—

- i. CLIFFORD H., b. June 23, 1877.
- ii. BESSIE L., b. Sept. 28, 1879.

556. FRANK E.<sup>10</sup> PEIRCE (*Charles<sup>9</sup>, Josiah<sup>8</sup>, Levi<sup>7</sup>, Josiah<sup>6</sup>, Isaac<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Sept. 6, 1858; m. Feb. 10, 1876, Mary J. Lawless, b. Sept. 27, 1858. They res. in Rutland. Child:—

- i. CARRIE L., b. Jan. 4, 1877.

557-8. GEORGE W.<sup>10</sup> PEIRCE (*Andrew J.<sup>9</sup>, Josiah<sup>8</sup>, Levi<sup>7</sup>, Josiah<sup>6</sup>, Isaac<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Aug. 22, 1855; m. Oct. 24, 1876, Ida M. Tucker, b. Feb., 1855, d. July 29, 1877. They res. in West Rutland. Child:—

- i. IDA F., b. July 28, 1877; d. May 5, 1878.

559. CHARLES S.<sup>10</sup> PEIRCE (*Morris<sup>9</sup>, Reuben<sup>8</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>7</sup>, Anthony<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Aug. 31, 1841; m. Aug. 16, 1864, Ann M. Darby, b. July 15, 1847. They res. in Manchester, Wis. Children:—

- i. CARLIE A., b. Dec. 5, 1869; d. Aug. 11, 1870.
- ii. GERTIE J., b. Dec. 25, 1875.
- iii. ERNIE W., b. Aug. 28, 1877.

560. HOLLAND G.<sup>10</sup> PEIRCE (*Morris<sup>9</sup>, Reuben<sup>8</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>7</sup>, Anthony<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. June 23, 1843; m. Aug., 1865, Sarah A. Willis, d. Mar., 1866; m. 2nd, July 16, 1868, Lizzie M. Cooper, d. Nov. 23, 1870; m. 3rd, Oct., 1876, Alice J. Stevens. They res. in Berlin, Wis. Children:—

- i. FLORENCE A., b. Oct. 14, 1869.
- ii. ELMER, b. Feb. 13, 1878.

561. ALVERTON E.<sup>10</sup> PEIRCE (*Morris<sup>9</sup>, Reuben<sup>8</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>7</sup>, Anthony<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Mar. 14, 1845; m. Sept. 26, 1867, Josie B. Woodworth, b. 1846. He was a member of the 11th Regiment of Vermont Heavy Artillery and served faithfully to the close of the war. They res. in Berlin, Wis. Child:—

- i. EDWIN M., b. Mar. 9, 1877.

562. ADELBERT W.<sup>10</sup> PEIRCE (*Morris<sup>9</sup>, Reuben<sup>8</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>7</sup>, Anthony<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Nov. 2, 1848; m. Jan. 1, 1870, Adelia L. Van Auken, b. Oct. 23, 1850. They res. in Oconto, Wis. Children:—

- i. AGGIE M., b. Nov. 28, 1870.
- ii. CORA M., b. May 5, 1873.
- iii. EDA L., b. Sept. 30, 1875.
- iv. CLINTON A., b. Jan. 14, 1878.

563. LEONARD R.<sup>10</sup> PEIRCE (*Ebenezer<sup>9</sup>, Reuben<sup>8</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>7</sup>, Anthony<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*); m. ———; m. 2nd, Oct. 16, 1849, Sarah R. Peirce, d. Nov. 25, 1864. They res. in Chesterfield, N. H. Children:—

- i. IDA M., b. Dec. 20, 1855; m. Apr. 26, 1875, Frank Burnham. Ch. Lula I., b. June 28, 1876. Res. Chesterfield, N. H.
- ii. MARCUS M., b. Nov. 19, 1853; d. Sept. 5, 1855.
- iii. EDWARD E., b. July 3, 1845.

564. FRANKLIN I.<sup>10</sup> PEIRCE (*Leroy<sup>9</sup>, Rufus<sup>8</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>7</sup>, Anthony<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Aug. 25, 1835; m. July 17, 1861, Jane L. Bennett, b. May 10, 1838. They res. in Putney, Vt. Children:—

- i. HERBERT L., b. Mar. 21, 1864.
- ii. ADA G., b. Jan. 10, 1866.
- iii. MINNIE J., } twins, b. Aug. 10, 1874; { d. Oct. 10, 1874.
- iv. MARY B., } twins, b. Aug. 10, 1874; { d. Oct. 13, 1874.
- v. EUGENE B., b. Sept. 2, 1875.
- vi. JENNIE E., b. Sept. 16, 1877.

565. FREDERICK O.<sup>10</sup> PEIRCE (*Leroy<sup>9</sup>, Rufus<sup>8</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>7</sup>, Anthony<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Apr. 27, 1848; m. Nov. 20, 1870, Mary Johnson, b. Mar. 15, 1847. They res. in Putney, Vt. Child:—

- i. JEWETT J., b. June 26, 1871.

566. CLARK<sup>10</sup> PEIRCE (*Mark<sup>9</sup>, Rufus<sup>8</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>7</sup>, Anthony<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. July 25, 1835; m. Oct. 2, 1860, Isadore Watson, b. Sept. 7, 1843. They res. in Cornton, Vt. Children:—

- i. GEORGE A., b. Aug. 13, 1861.
- ii. NETTIE A., b. May 11, 1863.
- iii. WILLIE E., b. May 20, 1865.
- iv. CLARK, b. Sept. 22, 1867; d. Sept. 25, 1867.
- v. EDGAR C., b. June 14, 1869.

567. ROYAL A.<sup>10</sup> PEIRCE (*Mark<sup>9</sup>, Rufus<sup>8</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>7</sup>, Anthony<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. April 14, 1840; m. July 17, 1868, Mrs. Adelaide McClure, b. Oct. 7, 1835. They res. at Flag Station, Rochelle, Ill. Child:—

- i. ROYAL, b. Sept. 10, 1871; d. Oct. 5, 1871.

568. JOHN D.<sup>10</sup> PEIRCE (*Mark<sup>9</sup>, Rufus<sup>8</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>7</sup>, Anthony<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. May 28, 1841; m. Oct. 14, 1863, Emily Jackson, b. July 29, 1842. They res. in Cornton, Vt. Children:—

- i. LAURA J., b. Nov. 11, 1864.
- ii. EMILY, b. June 24, 1870; d. July 11, 1870.

569. FRANKLIN C.<sup>10</sup> PEIRCE (*Lemon*<sup>9</sup>, *Rufus*<sup>8</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>7</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>6</sup>, *John*<sup>5</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>). b. June 16, 1837; m. Jan. 27, 1861, Malvina A. Brockway, b. Sept. 15, 1843, d. Sept. 2, 1864; m. 2nd, Nov. 28, 1867, Almira Parker, b. June 30, 1849. They res. in Putney, Vt. Children:—

i. GEORGE F., b. March 11, 1862; d. June 6, 1864.

ii. ALICE M., b. March 9, 1869. iii. JOSEPHINE M., b. March 5, 1878.

570. DANIEL R.<sup>10</sup> PEIRCE (*Lemon*<sup>9</sup>, *Rufus*<sup>8</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>7</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>6</sup>, *John*<sup>5</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>). b. June 30, 1839; m. May 1, 1866, Martha A. Mallroy, b. Feb. 29, 1848. They res. in Putney, Vt. Children:—

i. EMMA M., b. March 4, 1867. ii. WILLIE H., b. March 17, 1869.

iii. FLORA A., b. Nov. 26, 1872. iv. WALTER E., b. Jan. 12, 1876.

571. CHARLES H.<sup>10</sup> PEIRCE (*Lemon*<sup>9</sup>, *Rufus*<sup>8</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>7</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>6</sup>, *John*<sup>5</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>). b. Feb. 26, 1843; m. June 26, 1865, Abbie E. Smith. They res. in Ripton, Vt. Child:—

i. FREDERICK, b. Dec. 8, 1869.

572. CHARLES A.<sup>10</sup> PEIRCE (*Joseph W.*<sup>9</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>8</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>7</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>6</sup>, *John*<sup>5</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>). b. Jan. 25, 1838; m. June 21, 1861, Malvina B. Tyrell, b. June 27, 1844. They res. in Lowell, at 361 Central street. Children:—

i. EDITH W., b. March 11, 1863. ii. GENEVINE A., b. Sept. 3, 1864.

573. LEWIS A.<sup>10</sup> PEIRCE (*Ashbel F.*<sup>9</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>8</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>7</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>6</sup>, *John*<sup>5</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>). b. Feb. 28, 1842; m. Nov. 10, 1868, Clara J. Thomas, b. Aug. 13, 1841. They res. in Lowell, at 69 Branch street. Children:—

i. MARCUS T., b. Sept. 4, 1869. ii. LEWIS A., b. Dec. 22, 1870.

574. GEORGE W.<sup>10</sup> PEIRCE (*Ashbel F.*<sup>9</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>8</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>7</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>6</sup>, *John*<sup>5</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>). b. Aug. 13, 1843; m. Oct. 13, 1869, Maria A. Williams, b. May 9, 1849. They res. in Charlestown, at 6 Forrest Place. Children:—

i. EDWARD W., b. May 31, 1870. ii. ALFRED W., b. Sept. 10, 1873.

iii. FRANCIS A., b. Aug. 30, 1875.

575. JAMES A.<sup>10</sup> PEIRCE (*Ashbel F.*<sup>9</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>8</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>7</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>6</sup>, *John*<sup>5</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>). b. Sept. 14, 1848; m. Feb. 17, 1872, Eldora Carroll, b. May 3, 1852. They res. in Lowell, at 8 So. Franklin Court. Child:—

i. SADIE L., b. April 27, 1875.

576-7. JOHN H.<sup>10</sup> PEIRCE (*William H.*<sup>9</sup>, *James*<sup>8</sup>, *Nathaniel S.*<sup>7</sup>, *Seth*<sup>6</sup>, *John*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>). b. May 23, 1848; m. April 5, 1873, Lorena Bradfield. He d. July 30, 1875. She m. 2nd, her brother-in-law, May 30, 1876, JAMES M. PEIRCE, b. Sept. 26, 1854. They res. in Cherokee, Iowa. Children:—

i. JOHN H., b. Dec. 21, 1873; d. young.

ii. JOHN H., b. May 20, 1877.



577½. WALLACE C.<sup>10</sup> PEIRCE (*Lucius<sup>9</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>8</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>7</sup>, Seth<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. July 21, 1848; m. Feb. 8, 1873, Martha A. Hall of Franklin. They res. in West Medway. Children:—

- i. MARY L., b. Sept. 19, 1873. ii. FRED. W., b. July 6, 1876.

578. HENRY D.<sup>10</sup> PEIRCE (*Nathaniel B.<sup>9</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>8</sup>, Mathew<sup>7</sup>, Jonas<sup>6</sup>, Jonas<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. May 26, 1846; m. July 2, 1874, Mary E. Hill, dau. of General Charles W. Hill, b. Nov. 14, 1848. He was born in Cavendish, Vt., where he resided until he enlisted in the army as soldier in the 7th Vermont Regiment; he was stationed with his regiment in New Orleans, La., some six months, when he was moved with his company to Mobile Point, and was engaged with the regiment in the capture of the city. He fitted for college at Newburg Seminary, Newburg, Vt., and entered Dartmouth College in 1868, graduating in 1872. In the fall of this year he removed to Toledo, Ohio, and for the three following years he was principal of the Junior High School, in that city. In 1876, he was appointed western agent for the Sutherland Falls, Vt., Marble Company, which position he still retains. They res. in Toledo, Ohio, at 699 Huron street. Children:—

- i. HELENA E., b. May 28, 1875.  
ii. EDITH V. N., b. Aug. 17, 1876; d. Jan. 5, 1878.

579. WALTER<sup>10</sup> PEIRCE (*Elbridge F.<sup>9</sup>, Jonas<sup>8</sup>, Jonas<sup>7</sup>, Jonas<sup>6</sup>, Jonas<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Aug. 3, 1853; m. Jan. 1, 1876, Flora Bigelow, b. March 2, 1856. They res. in Skowhegan, Maine. Child:—

- i. RAY, b. June 10, 1877.

580. EDWARD C.<sup>10</sup> PEIRCE (*Edward O.<sup>9</sup>, John<sup>8</sup>, John<sup>7</sup>, John<sup>6</sup>, Jonas<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Jan. 20, 1852; m. Oct. 21, 1873, Sarah K. Davis, b. March 3, 1851. They res. in Flint, Mich. Child:—

- i. HARRY H., b. March 1, 1877.

581. CHARLES A.<sup>10</sup> PEIRCE (*Joel<sup>9</sup>, Joel<sup>8</sup>, John<sup>7</sup>, John<sup>6</sup>, Jonas<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Feb. 2, 1859; m. 1874, Delia Moulton. They res. in Plymouth, N. H. Children:—

- i. DELIA, b. March, 1877. ii. CHARLES, b. April, 1878.

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1781<sup>1</sup>. ASA<sup>7</sup> PEIRCE (*Jonas*<sup>6</sup>, *Jonas*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Jan. 25, 1762; m. May 11, 1783. Betsey Pike. They res. in Weston and rev. to Dublin, N. H. Children:—

i. ASA, b. 1786; rev. to Fredonia, New York.

1. ii. JONAS, b. Apr. 18, 1788; m. Lucinda Bailey and Polly (Rand) Bowers.

1. JONAS<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Asa*<sup>7</sup>, *Jonas*<sup>6</sup>, *Jonas*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Apr. 18, 1788; m. Sept. 1, 1811, Lucinda Bailey, b. July 22, 1791, d. Feb. 3, 1838; m. 2nd, Sept. 11, 1838, Mrs. Polly (Rand) Bowers, b. Mar. 14, 1790, d. Mar. 2, 1875. He d. May 23, 1857. They res. in Jaffrey, N. H. Children:—

2. i. ASA, b. July 17, 1812; m. Dec. 5, 1839, Lydia Dyke.

ii. ABIGAIL, b. Nov. 10, 1815; m. Jan. 13, 1838, Fuller Dyke, b. Jan. 28, 1811. Ch. Caroline A., b. Apr. 9, 1839, m. Daniel E. Whittier; Abbie F., b. Mar. 13, 1843, m. Samuel F. Hodgkins; Elbridge F., b. June 4, 1845, d. Aug. 23, 1846; Emily A., b. Feb. 14, 1849, d. Sept. 26, 1863; Everett F., b. Aug. 23, 1854, m. Lydia L. Crowell; Fuller, Jr., b. Mar. 26, 1858, d. Apr. 7, 1858. Res. Farmington Falls, Me.

3. iii. ADDISON, b. May 14, 1817; m. Oct. 23, 1838, Milla Prince.

4. iv. JONAS, Jr., b. Apr. 28, 1819; m. Aug. 4, 1843, Sarah Bryant; m. 2nd, 1858, Miss Bean.

5. v. BENJAMIN, b. July 11, 1821; m. May 12, 1846, Lucinda Stratton.

vi. AMOS, b. May 31, 1824; m. Mar. 11, 1845, Susan Walton, by whom he had no issue. He d. Nov. 26, 1862.

6. vii. DEXTER, b. Sept., 1827; m. Feb. 6, 1851, Mary Buswell.

viii. BETSEY, b. May 30, 1829; m. Sept. 26, 1849, Orlando B. Buswell, d. 1874. She d. Apr. 17, 1856, and left Ella, who m. Warren M. Davis.

ix. EMILY, b. Mar. 6, 1833; d. Mar. 24, 1834.

2. ASA<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE (*Jonas*<sup>7</sup>, *Asa*<sup>6</sup>, *Jonas*<sup>5</sup>, *Jonas*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. July 17, 1812; m. Lydia Dyke, Dec. 5, 1839. He d. Oct. 20, 1874. They res. in Farmington Falls, Me. Children:—

7. i. ALBION D., b. Dec. 1, 1844; m. Annie J. Latimer.

8. ii. GEORGE A., b. Aug. 31, 1845; m. Emma R. Philbrick.

iii. ALMEDA J., b. Nov. 3, 1846; m. Lyman Dean.

9. iv. CHARLES H., b. Apr. 27, 1849; m. Ella C. Perkins.

v. ELIZA A., b. July 20, 1851; m. John P. Ryerson.

vi. FRANKLIN, b. Feb. 26, 1859.

vii. ANNIE L., b. Aug. 26, 1861; m. ——— Weld.

viii. WALTER, b. Sept. 6, 1864.

3. ADDISON<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Jonas*<sup>8</sup>, *Asa*<sup>7</sup>, *Jonas*<sup>6</sup>, *Jonas*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. May 14, 1817; m. Oct. 23, 1839, Milla Prince, b. Apr. 27, 1812. They res. in E. Jaffrey, N. H. Children:—

- i. MYRON L., b. Aug. 3, 1840; d. Sept. 9, 1842.
10. ii. ADDISON, JR., b. Sept. 6, 1845; m. Mar. 30, 1869, Ella M. Follansbee.
- iii. CAROLINE, b. May 8, 1849; d. May 2, 1855.
11. iv. CLARK M., b. Jan. 18, 1853; m. Mary E. Coffin.
- v. CARRIE E., b. Jan. 9, 1855.

4. JONAS<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE, JR. (*Jonas*<sup>8</sup>, *Asa*<sup>7</sup>, *Jonas*<sup>6</sup>, *Jonas*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Apr. 28, 1819; m. Aug. 4, 1843, Sarah Bryant, b. Dec. 11, 1823, d. Mar. 9, 1854; m. 2nd, 1858, Miss Bean. They res. in Jay, Me. He d. Apr. 12, 1864. Children:—

- i. EDNA L., b. Nov. 9, 1843; m. June 3, 1866, Samuel C. Lane of Ashburnham.
- ii. SARAH E., b. May 26, 1845; m. Jonas W. Dwinell of Ashburnham.
- iii. CHARLES, b. Aug. 12, 1856.
- iv. BENJAMIN H., b. Sept. 20, 1857.
- v. ELLA, b. Oct. 24, 1859.
- vi. CARRIE, b. Jan. 24, 1861.

5. BENJAMIN<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Jonas*<sup>8</sup>, *Asa*<sup>7</sup>, *Jonas*<sup>6</sup>, *Jonas*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. July 11, 1821; m. May 12, 1846, Lucinda Stratton, b. Aug. 24, 1823. They res. in East Jaffrey, N. H.

Benjamin Peirce, born in Jaffrey in 1821, went into a country store at the age of seventeen. Served as clerk five years and went to Boston in the Spring of 1844 and opened a grocery store; served in that capacity for twelve years, then opened a flour and grain store and was engaged in that business until 1866. He built several stores and dwellings during the time. He returned to his native town and purchased a farm, upon which he has made extensive improvements. He has served the town of Jaffrey as selectman, and for two years as Representative to the General Court. Was elected a delegate to the Constitutional Convention held at Concord, N. H., in Dec., 1876. He is a Director in the Jaffrey National Bank, Vice-President and a Trustee in the Jaffrey Savings Bank. He has also served as administrator and executor in settling several Estates, and filled a variety of offices. He is now in '78 engaged in rebuilding the Granite State Hotel, which was burnt March 21, 1875. Children:—

- i. BENJAMIN, b. Aug. 9, 1847; d. Aug. 11, 1847.
- ii. GEORGE A., b. Oct. 5, 1848, unm., res. E. Jaffrey.
- iii. LUCINDA, b. June 28, 1851; d. July 2, 1851.
- iv. FRANK B., b. Dec. 7, 1855; d. Apr. 12, 1856.
- v. ADA L., b. June 1, 1857, unm.

6. DEXTER<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Jonas*<sup>8</sup>, *Asa*<sup>7</sup>, *Jonas*<sup>6</sup>, *Jonas*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Sept., 1827; m. Feb. 6, 1851, Mary Buswell, b. Feb. 18, 1831, d. June 18, 1876. He d. Aug. 19, 1875. They res. in Jaffrey, N. H. Children:—

- i. JONAS M., b. Dec. 11, 1851.
- ii. LOREN D., b. Oct. 4, 1852; res. 194 Lincoln street, Boston.
- iii. WILLIE B., b. Nov. 18, 1855.
- iv. JESSE Q., b. June 10, 1859.

- v. AUSTIN O., b. Oct. 20, 1861.
- vi. MYRON E., b. Nov. 5, 1864.
- vii. DORA F., b. May 3, 1858; d. May 19, 1858.

7. ALBION D.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Asa*<sup>8</sup>, *Jonas*<sup>7</sup>, *Asa*<sup>6</sup>, *Jonas*<sup>5</sup>, *Jonas*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Dec. 1, 1844; m. Annie J. Latimer, Sept. 8, 1863, b. Aug. 1, 1843. He d. Jan. 1, 1878. Res. Boston and Jaffrey, N. H. Children:—

- i. GRACE A., b. Jan. 31, 1867.
- ii. ARTHUR L., b. June 19, 1873.

8. GEORGE A.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Asa*<sup>8</sup>, *Jonas*<sup>7</sup>, *Asa*<sup>6</sup>, *Jonas*<sup>5</sup>, *Jonas*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Aug. 31, 1845; m. Emma R. Philbrick, Dec. 19, 1874, b. Feb. 17, 1855. He d. Jan. 27, 1877. Res. Livermore Falls, Me., s. p. She m. 2nd, ——— Walton.

9. CHARLES H.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Asa*<sup>8</sup>, *Jonas*<sup>7</sup>, *Asa*<sup>6</sup>, *Jonas*<sup>5</sup>, *Jonas*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Apr. 27, 1849; m. Ella C. Perkins, Oct. 16, 1871, b. Dec. 5, 1855. Res. Farmington, Me. Children:—

- i. NELLIE E., b. Aug. 18, 1873; d. Mar. 17, 1879.
- ii. ALICE A., b. Dec. 10, 1875.
- iii. GUY H., b. Sept. 14, 1877.

10. ADDISON<sup>10</sup> PEIRCE, JR. (*Addison*<sup>9</sup>, *Jonas*<sup>8</sup>, *Asa*<sup>7</sup>, *Jonas*<sup>6</sup>, *Jonas*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Sept. 6, 1845; m. Mar. 30, 1869, Ella M. Follansbee, b. July 3, 1848. Res. Clinton, s. p.

11. CLARK M.<sup>10</sup> PEIRCE (*Addison*<sup>9</sup>, *Jonas*<sup>8</sup>, *Asa*<sup>7</sup>, *Jonas*<sup>6</sup>, *Jonas*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Jan. 18, 1853; m. Mary E. Coffin, Sept. 16, 1877, b. Aug. 3, 1853. Res. Jaffrey, N. H. Child:

- i. BERTHA B., b. May 1, 1878.

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2884. HON. ALFRED<sup>8</sup> PEIRCE, M. D. (*John*<sup>7</sup>, *John*<sup>6</sup>, *John*<sup>5</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Anthony*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Nov. 12, 1790; m. Apr. 14, 1831, Betsey Robbins, dau. of Luther Robbins, the first Rep. to the General Court in the State of Massachusetts from the town of Greene (Maine), b. Apr. 3, 1793, d. Oct. 19, 1878. He d. Apr. 20, 1860.

"Doctor Alfred Peirce, of Greene, departed this life on the 20th ult., aged 69 years. Seldom are we called upon to record the death of a man whom we respected more highly, and loved more sincerely, than the subject of this brief notice. The writer has known him somewhat intimately for more than thirty years, and has ever regarded him as an upright, honorable man in all the relations of life. His death has cast a gloom not only over his bereaved family, of which he was at once the pride and the ornament, but upon the whole community in which he lived. Doctor Peirce has had an extensive medical practice in Greene and the adjacent towns for the long period of forty years, and has witnessed the growth and prosperity of the town of his adoption, to which he contributed liberally of his personal means. He has filled all the offices of trust and honor in the town, and was for some time Justice of the Peace, Representative, Senator, and member of the Governor's Council. But his higher qualities shone most conspicuously in his family. In his religious views he was liberal, believing in the universal love of God, and the final holiness and happiness of the entire family of man through the



mediation of Jesus Christ. From this faith he derived consolation in life and tranquillity and triumph in the hour of death. As a politician, he was from early life an ardent and devoted Democrat, and to the success of democratic principles he consecrated the energies of his ever active mind. May the Divine blessing rest upon the bereaved family, and this death be sanctified to us all."—*Maine Newspaper*.

Children :—

1. i. ALBION, b. Dec. 14, 1832; m. Olive A. Clark.
2. ii. ALFRED W., b. Jan. 23, 1835; m. Mrs. Isabelle H. (Gay) Rackley.

1. DR. ALBION<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Hon. Alfred<sup>8</sup>, John<sup>7</sup>, John<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Dec. 14, 1832; m. July 10, 1862, Olive A. Clark, b. Mar. 20, 1835, d. Apr. 28, 1878, s. p.

Dr. Albion, oldest son of Alfred and Betsey Peirce, was born in the town of Greene, December 14, 1832. He was educated in the common and academic schools, viz.: town schools—Monmouth and Hartland and academies in the town as the names indicate, and lastly at Gould's Academy in the town of Bethel. His tutors at Monmouth and Hartland were Wm. B. Snell, now judge of the District Court in the City of Washington, D. C. At Gould's, Dr. N. T. True, who now lives in Bethel, and is a writer for some of the agricultural papers of the State and lecturer on mineralogy. He studied medicine with his father, and attended his first course of medical lectures at Bowdoin Medical School in the State of Maine, in the spring of 1857, and also attended Harvard Medical School in the winter of 1859–60, where he took the degree of Doctor of Medicine the following March.

He commenced the practice of his profession at his old home in Greene, where he still remains. He was elected Town Clerk of Greene for twelve successive years, from the year 1865. He was elected Town Treasurer for the years 1878 and 1880. He was appointed a Justice of the Peace in the year 1867, and holds his commission now (1880). He was appointed Postmaster at Greene Corner after his father died, and resigned about 1862.

2. ALFRED W.<sup>9</sup> PEIRCE (*Hon. Alfred<sup>8</sup>, John<sup>7</sup>, John<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), b. Jan. 23, 1835; m. Mar. 11, 1865, Mrs. Isabelle H. (Gay) Rackley, b. May 21, 1839. Res. Greene, Maine, on the old homestead, a farmer. Child :—

- i. CLARENCE A., b. Jan. 20, 1867.

GENEALOGY OF THE FAMILY

OF

DANIEL PEIRCE

OF

WATERTOWN AND NEWBURY.

1634.

## FAMILY OF DANIEL PEIRCE.

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1. DANIEL PEIRCE, blacksmith, the founder of the Peirce family of Newbury, Mass., came from Ipswich, Suffolk County, England, in the *Elizabeth*, in 1634, at the age of twenty-three years. He first settled in Watertown, Mass., of which town he was a proprietor, in February, 1636-7. He was made freeman May 2, 1638, and removed to Newbury the same year. His four lots of land in Watertown were sold. John Prestcott purchased his homestead of three acres, bounded n. and e. by highway (Camb. road); s. by R. Browne; w. by R. Beers. *Bond*, p. 1012, says he was "of Ipswich." *Coffin*, p. 314, says "came from London to Watertown."

In Newbury he was an influential citizen, selectman and Justice of the Peace.

He was b. 1611; m. in England Sarah ———, who d. July 17, 1654; m. 2nd. Dec. 26, 1654, Mrs. Ann Millward, who d. s. p., Nov. 27, 1690. He d. Nov. 27, 1677. Children:—

2. DANIEL, b. May 15, 1642; m. Elizabeth Millward.
3. JOSHUA, b. May 15, 1643; m. Sarah Saunders and Dorothy Pike.
4. MARTHA, b. Feb. 14, 1648; m. Dec. 28, 1669, Col. Thomas Noyes. She d. Sept. 3, 1674. He m. 2nd, Sept. 24, 1677, Elizabeth Greenleaf. Martha's children were: Sarah, b. Sept. 14, 1670; Martha, b. Feb. 24, 1672; Daniel, b. Aug. 30, 1674.
5. SARAH, b. ———; m. Aug. 24, 1659, Caleb Moody, b. 1637, d. Aug. 25, 1698. She d. Aug. 25, 1665. Ch. Daniel, b. Apr. 4, 1662; Sarah, b. July 23, 1664.

2. Col. DANIEL PEIRCE (*Daniel*), b. May 15, 1642; m. Dec. 5, 1660, Elizabeth Millward, b. 1644, d. Dec. 9, 1709.

Col. Daniel Peirce was prominent in the civil, ecclesiastical, and military affairs of Newbury. Like his father, he supported the Rev. Thomas Parker in the church troubles, in 1665-1672. At a county court held Mar. 30, 1686, Captain Daniel Peirce, and others, are commissioned to be magistrates by the court. Oct. 21, 1686, the committee chosen to divide and lay out the common lands were Captain Daniel Peirce and others. Dec. 1, 1686, Captain Daniel Peirce and Captain Stephen Greenleaf, senior, were added to the deacons as overseers of the poor. March, 1690, the committee of Newbury appoint the house of Mr. Abraham Merrill to be a garrison house and request him with all convenient speed to fortify his house.

Daniel Peirce captain. Captains Peirce, Noyes, Greenleaf, and lieutenant Moores, with the rest of the gentlemen of Newbury, whose assistance, next under God, was the means of the preservation of our towns of Salisbury and Amesbury in the day of our distress by the assaults of the enemy. Oct. 18, 1700, Voted that a pew be built for the minister's wife by the pulpit stairs, in the new meeting-house, that Col. Daniel Peirce should have the first choice for a pew, Mayor Thos. Noyes shall have the next choice, and that Colonel Peirce, Esq. and Tristram Coffin, Esq. be impowered to procure a bell of about 400 pounds weight.

Col. Daniel was Deputy to the General Court in 1682 and 1683. A member of the Council of Safety in the year of 1689. Justice of the Court of Common Pleas for the county of Essex, 1693-1703. Representative under the new charter of 1692-1703.

*Graves'one Epitaph.*

Here lies interred a soul indeed,  
Whom few or none excelled;  
In grace if any his exceed.  
He'll be unparalleled.

He d. Apr. 22, 1704. Children:—

7. DANIEL, b. Dec. 20, 1663; m. Joanna ———.
8. ANNE, b. May 22, 1666; m. Simeon Wainwright.
9. BENJAMIN, b. Feb. 20, 1668; m. Lydia ———.
10. JOSHUA, b. Oct. 16, 1671; m. Joanna Gerrish.
11. THOMAS, b. May, 1674; m. Mehitable Frost.
12. MARTHA, b. Feb. 26, 1676; m. Nov. 2, 1702, William Johnson, b. May 12, 1678-9. Ch. Elizabeth, b. Aug. 12, 1703; Martha, b. Nov. 17, 1704, d. Oct. 17, 1717; William, b. May 13, 1706, m. Betsey Peirce; Mary, b. Sept. 14, 1708; d. infant; Mary, b. Oct. 22, 1709; Moses, b. Aug. 9, 1711; Nicholas, b. May 19, 1714; Elizabeth, b. May 19, 1714.
13. SARAH, b. Oct. 3, 1679; m. Sept. 21, 1721, Jonathan Winslow of Boston. Ch. Jonathan, b. Mar. 5, 1725; Joshua, b. Jan. 23, 1726; Sarah, b. Aug. 2, 1722.
14. GEORGE, b. Mar. 5, 1682; m. Elizabeth Langdon and Mary Hunking.
15. MARY, b. Apr. 14, 1685.
16. JOHN, b. Oct. 16, 1687.
17. KATHERINE, b. Sept. 18, 1690.

3. JOSHUA PEIRCE (*Daniel*), b. May 15, 1643; m. Sarah Saunders; m. 2nd, May 7, 1667, Dorothy Pike, who m. 2nd, John Knight. He was instrumental in settling Woodbridge, New Jersey, and d. 1670.

Children:—

18. SARAH, b. Mar. 18, 1668; m. Dr. Humphrey Bradstreet, b. Jan. 6, 1670, d. May 11, 1717; m. 2nd, June 9, 1719, Capt. Edward Sargent. Ch. Dorothy, b. Dec. 10, 1692, m. Nathaniel Sargent; Joshua, b. Feb. 24, 1694; Sarah, b. June 14, 1696, m. Rev. John Tufts; Humphrey, b. 1700, d. infant; Daniel, b. Feb. 13, 1702; Moses, b. Feb. 17, 1707; Betsey, b. May 16, 1713, m. Rev. William Johnson.
19. JOSHUA, b. Jan. 14, 1670; m. Elizabeth Hall and Elizabeth Wade.
7. DANIEL PEIRCE (*Daniel, Daniel*), b. Dec. 20, 1663; m.



Joanna ———, d. Sept. 16, 1690. He d. Sept. 2, 1690, in Newbury.  
Child:—

20. JOANNA; d. Sept. 15, 1690.

9. BENJAMIN PEIRCE (*Daniel, Daniel*), b. Feb. 20, 1668; m. Lydia ———. He d. May 19, 1771. They res. in Newbury.

Children:—

32. DANIEL, b. Aug. 6, 1693; d. Aug. 25, 1693.

33. CHARLES, b. Feb. 3, 1695.

34. ELIZABETH, b. Nov. 14, 1696.

35. DANIEL, b. Oct. 11, 1698; m. Elizabeth ———.

36. BENJAMIN, b. June 13, 1700.

37. JOHN, b. Nov. 7, 1703; m. Sarah Adams.

38. HUMPHREY, b. Mar. 23, 1705; m. ———.

39. JOSEPH, b. May 26, 1708.

*Epitaph on Benjamin's Gravestone.*

Pillar I' th' State he was  
Bid fair still  
at greater things  
To all y<sup>t</sup> knew him well  
Pattern of Virtue  
Kind to all he was  
Loved by his friends  
Fear'd by his enemies  
Embalmed in tears  
Envy itself stood dumb  
Snacht from y<sup>r</sup> world  
In times most troublesome.

10. JOSHUA PEIRCE (*Daniel, Daniel*), b. Oct. 16, 1671; m. Dec. 5, 1703, Joanna Gerrish. They res. in Newbury. Children:—

40. ANNE, b. Oct. 14, 1704; d. bef. 1717.

41. JOSHUA, b. Jan. 25, 1705; m. Hopestill ———.

42. MARY, b. Oct. 15, 1707.

43. HENRY, b. May 27, 1710.

44. SAMUEL, } twins, b. Feb. 10, 1717; { m. Mary ———.

45. MOSES, }

46. DANIEL.

Administration of Joshua's estate was granted in Feb., 1717, to his brother-in-law, Joseph Gerrish, and division of the estate was made in 1736 among the above named children, except Anne, who was probably dead at that time.

11. THOMAS PEIRCE (*Daniel, Daniel*), b. May, 1674; m. Jan. 5, 1697, Mehitable Frost. Res. Newbury. Children:—

47. JOHN, b. Nov. 5, 1698.

49. SARAH, b. July 14, 1704.

48. MARY, b. June 4, 1702.

50. HANNAH, b. June 9, 1706.

14. GEORGE PEIRCE (*Daniel, Daniel*), b. Mar. 5, 1682; m. Mar. 28, 1706, Elizabeth Langdon, b. Nov. 16, 1687; m. 2nd. Jan. 10, 1773, Mary Hunking. He d. 1753. They res. in Portsmouth, N. H.

Children:—

51. ELIZABETH, b. May 15, 1708; m. ——— Waterhouse.

52. GEORGE, b. Aug. 17, 1712; m. Mar. 25, 1738, Jerusha Furber.

53. SARAH, b. Mar. 25, 1718; m. ——— Boynton.

- 54. THOMAS, b. Oct. 18, 1719.
- 55. MEDITABLE, b. Dec. 8, 1722; m. ——— Sherburne.
- 56. MARY, } twins, b. Mar. 24, 1726.
- 57. MARTHA, }
- 58. DOROTHY, b. July 11, 1728.

19. HON. JOSHUA PEIRCE (*Joshua, Daniel*), b. Jan. 14, 1670; m. Jan. 24, 1694, Elizabeth Hall, b. 1673, d. Jan. 13, 1717; m. 2nd, March 5, 1718, Elizabeth Wade. He d. Feb. 7, 1742.

Joshua Peirce, b. in Woodbridge, New Jersey, Jan. 14, 1670-1, is presumed to have returned to Newbury soon after the death of his father, with his mother, who subsequently married John Knight of Newbury. After ineffectual attempts to recover the estate of his father in New Jersey, Joshua removed to Portsmouth, N. H., about the year 1694. He was married to Elizabeth, daughter of Joseph Hall of Portsmouth, January 24, 1694-5.

"Joshua Peirce came to Portsmouth about 1700, and was married to Elizabeth Hall of Greenland. He opened a large retail shop in his residence on the corner of Market Square and Hight Street, and here did much business in this way; he also carried on a very considerable fishery at Canso, was concerned in navigation, owned several ships, and did a great deal of business. He brought up a large family in credit, and left a good estate. He was a very active, industrious man, and in the course of his life held the several offices of town clerk, parish clerk, proprietors of Portsmouth common's clerk, selectman, representative, and for many years before his death was a member of his majesty's council, and also recorder of deeds for the province; all which offices he held with credit to himself and gave general satisfaction. He was respected as an honored and useful man."—*Brewster's Portsmouth Rambles*.

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Children, b. in Portsmouth, N. H.:—

- 59. SARAH, b. Apr. 30, 1697; m. Sept. 21, 1721, John Winslow, b. Dec. 31, 1693, d. Oct. 13, 1731; m. 2nd, 1749, Dr. Nathaniel Sargent. Res. Portsmouth. Ch. Sarah, b. Aug. 2, 1722, m. John West and John Deming; John, b. Mar. 5, 1725, m. Eliza Mason; Joshua, b. Jan. 23, 1727, m. Anna Greene; Henry, b. Mar. 21, 1729. She died Aug. 21, 1771.
- 60. JOSEPH, b. Feb. 21, 1698; m. Sarah Reed.
- 61. JOSHUA, b. Oct. 31, 1700; d. Aug. 3, 1754.
- 62. ANNA, b. Sept. 10, 1702; m. Dec. 28, 1727, Joseph Greene, b. Dec. 12, 1703, d. July 1, 1765. She d. Dec. 28, 1770. Ch. Anna, b. Oct. 4, 1728, m. John Winslow; Joseph, b. Feb. 7, 1729; Joshua, b. May 17, 1731 (gr. H. C. 1749), m. Hannah Stover; Elizabeth, b. July 17, 1732; Edward, b. Sept. 18, 1733, m. Mary Stover; Elizabeth, b. Oct. 12, 1734; Charles, b. Nov. 30, 1735; Henry, b. Jan. 2, 1738; Mitchelson, b. Mar. 19, 1740; George, b. Oct. 13, 1742, m. Katherine Aspinwall; Susanna, b. July 26, 1744, m. Francis Greene.
- 63. ELIZABETH, b. May 31, 1705; m. Hon. John Osborne of Boston, d. June 9, 1764.
- 64. MARY, b. Oct. 29, 1707; m. Col. Samuel Moore, d. Mar. 8, 1749. She d. Mar. 2, 1752.
- 65. DANIEL, b. May 2, 1709; m. Ann Rindge.

66. NATHANIEL, b. June 7, 1711; m. Ann Jaffrey.  
 67. MARGARET, b. June 25, 1714; m. Nov. 24, 1737, Col. Benj. Greene. He d. 1793. She d. June 9, 1764. Ch. Margretta, m. John Newton; Francis, b. Aug. 21, 1742, d. Apr. 21, 1809; Charlotte, m. Henry Newton; Charles, Edward Mitchelson, Edward Cornwallis. Res. Halifax, N. S. (See *N. E. H. G. Register*, Vol. XXV., page 105).
37. JOHN PEIRCE (*Benjamin, Daniel, Daniel*), b. Nov. 7, 1703; m. Nov. 12, 1730, Sarah Adams, Res. Kittery, Me. Children:—
68. SARAH, b. July 24, 1731. 69. LYDIA, b. Oct. 30, 1735.
38. HUMPHREY PEIRCE (*Benjamin, Daniel, Daniel*), b. Mar. 23, 1705; m. ————, Res. near Plum Island. Children:—
70. HUMPHREY, b. 1733; m. Hannah Ring.  
 71. MONES; d. Nov. 31, 1787.  
 72. PHERE; d. unm.
41. JOSHUA PEIRCE (*Joshua, Daniel, Daniel*), b. Jan. 25, 1705; m. Hopestill ———. He d. Mar. 13, 1794. They res. in Pembroke, Mass. and Cornwall, Conn. Children:—
73. JOSHUA, b. Nov. 8, 1730; m. Amy Johnson.  
 74. ELIZABETH, b. Jan. 25, 1732; m. Amos Johnson, Jr., Sept. 11, 1755.  
 75. JOHN, b. Nov. 18, 1734; m. Lucy How.  
 76. SARAH, b. Dec. 24, 1736; m. Jonathan Chandler, Apr. 13, 1758.  
 77. ELEANOR, b. Apr. 28, 1739.  
 78. SETH, b. Oct. 28, 1742; m. Amy Hart.  
 79. PRISCILLA, b. Oct. 28, 1745.  
 80. ANNA, b. Feb. 20, 1750; m. Aug. 8, 1776, Josiah Hopkins.
44. SAMUEL PEIRCE (*Joshua, Daniel, Daniel*), b. Feb. 10, 1717; m. Mary ———. Children:—
81. SAMUEL, b. 1733; d. Sept. 30, 1822.  
 82. STEPHEN, b. 1741; d. May 12, 1812.  
 83. MARY, b. 1744; m. Nathau Poor, and d. Apr. 29, 1823.  
 84. ENOCH, b. Jan. 12, 1753; m. Sarah Gerrish.
60. Dr. JOSEPH PEIRCE (*Joshua, Joshua, Daniel*), b. Feb. 21, 1698; m. Sarah Reed. He was a noted Physician: was appointed chief Surgeon of the Louisburg Expedition, and after his return to Portsmouth, N. H., he was seized with small-pox and died Feb. 7, 1747. Children:—
85. ELIZABETH.  
 86. ANN; m. Joseph Barrel. 87. SUSAN; m. Samuel Jarvis.
65. Hon. DANIEL PEIRCE (*Joshua, Joshua, Daniel*), b. May 2, 1709; m. Oct. 29, 1742, Ann Rindge, d. Oct. 19, 1748. \*He received a liberal education, and had a Degree at Harvard College in 1728. In the earlier stage of his life he did some business in trade, as appears by his papers, but for this manner of life he had no relish. He was a principal acting magistrate in Portsmouth many years, was appointed recorder of deeds for the province instead of his father, which office he held as long as he lived, and was a member of the King's council for New Hampshire several years. He was a man of great natural parts, as well as acquired abilities, but had no turn for any kind of business

that required constant application. He was well versed in History, a great theologian, had considerable knowledge of law, and once studied it with a design to appear at the bar, but he thought the practice of law was inconsistent with the character of an honest man, which was the reason his studies were discontinued. One who knew him well, said, 'I affirm he was the most honest man I ever knew before or since his death. And with all his good qualities he had something in his natural disposition that may be said to have been very obstinate, and was besides rather too arbitrary. He was a man of genius, and a July original character.'—*Brewster's Portsmouth Rambles*. He d. Dec. 5, 1773. Res. Portsmouth, N. H.

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Children :—

- 88. ANN, b. Oct. 21, 1743; m. Thomas Martin, and d. July 6, 1811. Ch. Joshua, b. Dec. 17, 1770; Susanna, b. Apr. 12, 1772; Ann, b. Dec. 9, 1773; Charlotte, b. Nov. 25, 1779. Res. Portsmouth, N. H.
- 89. JOSHUA, b. Nov. 3, 1744; d. July 16, 1748.
- 90. JOHN, b. Aug. 19, 1746; m. Mary Pearse.
- 91. JOSEPH, b. June 25, 1748; Representative in Congress of the United States, 1801-2, and resigned; died Sept. 12, 1812, in Alton, N. H.

66. NATHANIEL PEIRCE (*Joshua, Joshua, Daniel*), b. June 7, 1711; m. Dec. 20, 1744, Ann Jaffrey, b. Oct. 26, 1723, d. Dec. 17, 1790. He d. Aug. 27, 1762.

Nathaniel Peirce, the father, died Aug. 27, 1762, and his widow married the Hon. Leverett Hubbard, Dec. 6, 1769, and died Dec. 17, 1790. Judge Hubbard was born about 1724, in Bristol (then in Mass., now in R. I.), and died in Portsmouth, N. H., Jan. 2, 1793, aged 69. He was graduated at Harvard College, 1742; comptroller of customs in Portsmouth, 1762; a justice of the Superior Court of Judicature of New Hampshire from 1763 to 1775, and of the Supreme Judicial Court from 1776 to 1785. He was son of Hon. Nathaniel Hubbard (H. C. 1698), b. Oct., 1680, judge of Common Pleas, Mass., from 1728 to 1745, deputy judge of admiralty, councillor of the province 1737-40 and 1742-45, and judge of the Superior Court 1745-46; died in Bristol, probably in 1747.

They res. in Portsmouth, N. H. Children :—

- 92. NATHANIEL.
- 93. GEORGE.
- 94. SARAH; m. Mar. 3, 1774, Col. Joshua Wentworth, b. Jan. 4, 1741, d. Oct. 19, 1809. She d. Oct. 10, 1807. Ch. Sarah; Joshua; Ann J., m. Samuel Larkin; Joshua; Charles; George; Joshua; Elizabeth, m. William Bodge; Sarah; George P.; Daniel; Sarah; George P.; Adeline.

70. HUMPHREY PEIRCE (*Humphrey, Benjamin, Daniel, Daniel*), b. 1733; m. 1773, Hannah Ring, b. 1743, d. July 23, 1813. He d. Oct. 30, 1822. They res. in W. Newbury, Mass., and S. Hampton, N. H. Children :—

95. EUNICE, b. Jan. 21, 1774; d. 1789.

96. SARAH R., b. Nov. 17, 1775; m. Mar. 10, 1795, Enoch Carter, b. June 6, 1773, d. Dec. 15, 1842. Ch. Eunice B., b. Dec. 21, 1795, m.



Nathaniel Bradley; Abigail B., b. June 8, 1797, m. John Dimond; Benjamin B., b. Aug. 3, 1799, m. Sally Blaisdell; Samuel B., b. Mar. 3, 1803, d. Mar. 3, 1806; Chillis B., b. Feb. 26, 1805, d. Feb. 17, 1809; Samuel P., b. May 26, 1807, m. Judith French; Enoch C., b. Feb. 26, 1809, m. Clarissa Currier and Mary H. Curtiss; Sarah P., b. Jan. 7, 1812, m. Amos Gale; George G., b. Mar. 3, 1815, m. Sarah W. Webster; Louisa B., b. June 20, 1817, d. Apr. 24, 1830. Res. New-ton, N. H. She d. Jan. 31, 1862.

97. MOSES, b. Sept. 3, 1777; m. Nancy Lovering.

98. SAMUEL, b. Jan. 30, 1780; m. Nancy Blaisdell.

99. LYDIA, b. July 1, 1783; m. Nathaniel Sawyer, and d. Apr. 4, 1860, in Danville, N. H., leaving three children.

73. Capt. JOSHUA PEIRCE (*Joshua, Joshua, Daniel, Daniel*), b. Nov. 8, 1730; m. Sept. 11, 1755, Amy Johnson. He d. Jan. 22, 1793. Res. Cornwall, Conn. Children:—

100. AMY, b. Sept. 16, 1759; m. Apr. 17, 1783, Silas Hart.

101. ANNA, b. Dec. 5, 1756; m. Feb. 21, 1771, Titus Bouney, and d. Mar. 22, 1820.

102. JOSHUA, b. Sept. 16, 1762; m. Hannah Lockwood.

103. LOURAIN, b. Mar. 23, 1766; m. Nehemiah Clark, May 1, 1778, and d. Apr. 15, 1855.

104. SAMUEL J., b. Dec. 27, 1769.

105. JOHN, b. May 5, 1774; m. Sally Judson and Sally Russell.

78. Capt. SETH PEIRCE (*Joshua, Joshua, Daniel, Daniel*), b. Oct. 28, 1742; m. June 18, 1772, Amy Hart. He d. Aug. 29, 1833. Res. Cornwall, Conn. Children:—

106. HULDAH G., b. July 6, 1773.

107. IRENE, b. Apr. 24, 1775; d. Feb. 15, 1814.

108. JOHN H., b. Oct. 15, 1777.

109. AMY, b. July 18, 1781; d. Feb. 16, 1871.

110. SETH, b. May 16, 1785.

Major Seth Peirce of Cornwall, Ct., who graduated in 1806, is said to be Yale's oldest living graduate. He is a farmer, and, although nearly 98, enjoys good health, walks a mile or two daily, reads without glasses and may yet be a centenarian (1878).

111. MARTHA, b. 1790; d. Nov. 30, 1875.

112. ANNE, b. Mar. 9, 1787; d. 1834.

113. MARIA, b. Mar. 22, 1793; m. Benj. F. Gold, and d. Aug. 23, 1827. Ch. Edward F., who was Capt. 2d Conn. Artillery.

114. LUCINDA, b. Apr. 24, 1795; d. May 10, 1828.

75. JOHN PEIRCE (*Joshua, Joshua, Daniel, Daniel*), b. Nov. 18, 1734; m. Aug. 31, 1758, Lucy How. Res. Cornwall, Conn. Children:—

115. MARY, b. Jan. 13, 1759; d. Sept. 12, 1760.

116. LUCY, b. Oct. 28, 1760; m. Rev. Noah Merwin. Ch. Lucy, m. Rev. Ebenezer Porter; Mary, m. Rev. Timothy Stone.

84. ENOCH PEIRCE (*Samuel, Joshua, Daniel, Daniel*), b. Jan. 12, 1753; m. Aug. 8, 1792, Sarah Gerrish. Res. Newbury, Mass. Children:—

117. SARAH, b. Oct. 14, 1794; m. Sept. 20, 1820, Nathaniel Peirce. Ch. Nathaniel, b. Mar. 28, 1823, gr. B. C. 1844. Res. Newburyport.

118. ENOCH, b. Jan. 27, 1797; m. Apr. 24, 1825, Elizabeth Stickney. He d. Nov. 20, 1832.

119. PAUL, b. Aug. 26, 1801; d. Nov. 9, 1801.

90. JOHN PEIRCE (*Daniel, Joshua, Joshua, Daniel*), b. Aug. 19, 1746; m. Mary Pearse.\* He d. Jan. 14, 1814, in Portsmouth, N. H. Children:—

- 120. MARK WENTWORTH, b. July 31, 1787; m. Feb. 17, 1843, Margaret Sparhawk, and d. Feb. 10, 1846.
- 121. SAMUEL FISHER, b. Oct. 9, 1789; d. Dec. 27, 1791.
- 122. JOSHUA WINSLOW, b. May 14, 1791; m. Emily Sheafe.
- 123. ANN RINDGE, b. Jan. 9, 1794; m. Rev. Charles Burroughs, D. D., and d. Mar. 9, 1877.
- 124. MARY ODIORNE, b. Jan. 5, 1798; d. Nov. 4, 1801.
- 125. DANIEL HALE, b. Mar. 27, 1801; d. Apr. 26, 1877; gr. H. C.; B. A. 1820; M. D. 1823. See *N. E. H. G. Register*, Vol. XXVIII., p. 370.

"He succeeded his father and grandfather in the occupancy of the old homestead. He received his mercantile education in the counting-room of Daniel Rindge, and being early intrusted with the charge of the property of his uncle, Mark H. Wentworth, and with the management of affairs relating to Mason's patent, he found enough to occupy a large portion of his time. In 1791, and for several successive years, he was an active and efficient member of the State Legislature. He was the principal agent in erecting Piscataqua bridge in 1794, and in the construction of the turnpike to Concord. He was Loan Officer during John Adams' administration, and for many years had charge of an insurance office. Always open, honorable and correct in his conduct, and liberal in his charities, he enjoyed the respect and confidence of men of all parties."—*Brewster's Portsmouth Rambles*.

97. MOSES PEIRCE (*Humphrey, Humphrey, Benjamin, Daniel, Daniel*), b. Sept. 3, 1777; m. 1798, Nancy Lovering, b. 1780, d. Oct. 30, 1822. He d. Sept. 19, 1849. Res. Southampton, N. H. Children:—

- 126. JONATHAN L., b. Dec. 26, 1799; m. Angeline Moulton.
- 127. CHARLES, b. Aug. 8, 1801; m. Hepsabeth Lord.
- 128. NANCY, b. Oct. 29, 1805; d. Mar. 5, 1869.
- 129. ADELINE, b. Apr. 24, 1811; m. Nov. 7, 1837, John Trant, b. Feb. 2, 1816. Ch. Mary E., b. May 11, 1839, d. Mar. 13, 1859; John H., b. May 17, 1848, unm.; Josephine R., b. July 7, 1853, res. Hartford. The family res. in Scitico, Conn.
- 130. MOSES, b. April 7, 1816, unm.; res. Appleton, Wis.
- 131. JOHN D., b. 1816.

98. SAMUEL PEIRCE (*Humphrey, Humphrey, Benjamin, Daniel, Daniel*), b. Jan. 30, 1780; m. 1805, Nancy Blaisdell. He d. Mar. 26, 1816. They res. in Circleville, Ohio. Children:—

- 132. DARIUS; res. Circleville, Ohio.
- 133. LEVI. Ch. Frank C., b. 1841, m. May 25, 1863, Della M. Skelton, b. Aug. 12, 1841. He d. Dec. 25, 1869. Ch. Mable, b. May 6, 1866; Frank C., b. Oct. 29, 1869, d. Aug. 30, 1870; Darius, res. Methuen; Levi, res. Lynn; Samuel.
- 134. HARRIET; m. George Morrill; res. Haverhill. Ch. George W.

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\* She was the daughter of Peter Pearse, merchant, a native of Solcomb, near Lidworth, in Devonshire, England, and granddaughter of Thomas Peirce of said Solcomb, yeoman.



Yours very truly  
J. M. Weir

105. JOHN PEIRCE (*Joshua, Joshua, Joshua, Daniel, Daniel*), b. May 5, 1774; m. Oct. 5, 1797, Sally Judson, b. May 12, 1775, d. Mar. 13, 1813; m. 2nd. Jan. 12, 1814, Sally Russell, b. Feb. 16, 1794. He d. Mar. 23, 1847. They res. in Cornwall, Conn. Children:—

- 135. LAURA, b. July 10, 1798; m. Jan. 12, 1814, Menzres Beers, b. June 23, 1795. Ch. John W., b. Jan. 15, 1822; Silas C., b. Mar. 13, 1827. Res. Cornwall, Conn.
- 136. HIRAM, b. Sept. 27, 1800; m. Charlotte S. Bancroft and Sarah E. Beers.
- 137. JOHN, b. Sept. 21, 1804; m. Tryphene Plumb.
- 138. JEROME, b. Aug. 11, 1806; d. Mar. 16, 1813.
- 139. AMY J., b. Mar. 6, 1808; m. July 4, 1835, Rexford Baldwin. Ch. John, Laura, Julia.
- 140. SALLY A., b. Sept. 22, 1816; d. Aug. 22, 1839.
- 141. JULIA C., b. Feb. 25, 1819; m. Paschal North. Ch. Alice.

102. JOSHUA PEIRCE (*Joshua, Joshua, Joshua, Daniel, Daniel*), b. Sept. 16, 1762; m. Oct. 28, 1784, Hannah Lockwood; m. 2nd. June 26, 1805, Betsey Payne. He died in Cornwall, Conn., Sept. 23, 1851. Children:—

- 142. MILLS JOHNSON, b. Oct. 27, 1806; m. Eunice Ticknor.
- 143. MARIA L., b. July 4, 1809; m. May 31, 1832, Burritt B. North.
- 144. FAYETTE W., b. June 28, 1813. 145. DWIGHT W., b. July 5, 1816.

122. Col. JOSHUA W. PEIRCE (*John, Daniel, Joshua, Joshua, Daniel*), b. May 14, 1791; m. May 4, 1823, Emily Sheafe, d. Mar. 9, 1871. He d. Apr. 10, 1874.

Col. Joshua Winslow Peirce was born in Portsmouth, N. H., on the 14th of May, 1791, and died in the same city on the 10th of April, 1874. Col. Peirce would have been a man of mark in any community, from his strong and manly character, his sterling integrity and his intellectual superiority; of striking appearance, of polished and dignified manners, he realized one's ideal of the gentleman of the old school, and of a type more frequently found in England than in our own country. He was descended from a family which for more than 200 years had occupied an eminent position: whose successive representatives had been men of high intelligence, of unblemished character, and of large possessions. Endowed with a vigorous constitution, both in mind and body; encompassed from his childhood with every favoring influence; brought by the position and connection of his family into relations of familiar association with the best people of his day; trained in the well-known academy at Exeter, and afterward in the counting-house of an eminent and successful merchant; receiving the advantage, then far more rare than now, of an extended sojourn and travel in Europe: but it is simple truth to say that he made good use of his many opportunities, and from the outset of his career to its close, occupied and maintained a position second to none in the community in which he lived. His manhood fulfilled the promise of his youth. He lived and died respected and honored by all, and greatly beloved by those who knew him best. No one who knew Col. Peirce could fail to be impressed by his strong and vigorous character. It showed itself in all he did and said. There was thoroughness and indomitable energy in all his undertakings, coupled with habits of strict method and a great love of order.



He was well-read in the current literature of the day; always deeply interested in the progress of the arts and the discoveries of science; having a great liking for and unusual skill in mechanical pursuits. His clearness of mental vision gave strength to all his convictions; his opinions were not hastily formed, but were tenaciously held, and, when occasion offered, fearlessly expressed, whether upon social or political or religious subjects. If his prejudices were sometimes strong, they were not invincible, for he was open to argument, and candid in weighing the reasoning of his opponents. His independence of nature made him superior to the love of popularity, and to the pursuit of it, and kept him through life from accepting public place or official position. He was impatient of all that was vulgar and pretentious and merely for show; intolerent of shuffling, prevarication and meanness. His dislike of ostentation led him to veil beneath a somewhat cold exterior, a generosity of character and a tenderness of feeling which were among his most striking traits, and which will be borne witness to by all who were admitted into the intimacy of his friendship. He was a sincere Christian, one of the firmest of friends, one of the most thoroughly honest and upright of men.

Joshua Winslow while yet with Hon. Jas. Sheafe became a member of the "Gilman Blues," a military company, at that time of considerable distinction, under command of Joshua Haven. He received his commission as captain from Gov. John Taylor Gilman, in 1813; was promoted to be major of the First Regiment of State militia in 1816; lieutenant colonel in 1819, and colonel in 1820. He resigned in 1823. Col. Peirce was married on the 4th of May, 1823, to Emily, daughter of William Sheafe, Esq., of Portsmouth, and Ann Wentworth, his wife. Mrs. Peirce died Mar. 9, 1871. Children:—

146. JOHN PETER, b. Apr. 25, 1824; d. unm., Mar. 17, 1876.

John Peter Peirce was born in Somersworth, now Salmon Falls, April 25, 1824. While yet a boy of about 17 he went to sea, which calling he followed for the greater part of his life, the last ten years of which were passed in the East Indies in English employ, returning home in 1874 only in time to attend his father's funeral.

147. SARAH COFFIN, b. Apr. 24, 1826; m. Sept. 14, 1878, Capt. Wm. M. Kennard. Res. Portsmouth.

148. ANN WENTWORTH, b. July 1, 1827. Res. Portsmouth.

149. EMILY SHEAFE, b. Nov. 28, 1828; d. Sept. 17, 1829.

150. JOSEPH WENTWORTH, b. Dec. 18, 1829; m. Oct. 17, 1879, Ann L. Sise.

He was educated at Phillips Exeter Academy, afterwards engaged in the East India business in Boston, visiting the East Indies twice, later engaged in sheep raising in Texas, and at present resides in Portsmouth.

151. JOSHUA RINDGE, b. Nov. 14, 1831; m. Oct. 26, 1859, Marcia Robinson.

Joshua Rindge Peirce was born in Salmon Falls, Nov. 14, 1831. Prepared for college at Phillips Exeter Academy, entered Harvard College 1847, and graduated 1851. Entered General Theological Seminary of Protestant Episcopal Church, New York, Oct., 1852, and graduated in 1855. Was ordained Deacon, 1855, and commenced his ministry in Holderness (now Ashland), N. H., Aug. 11, 1855. Was ordained Priest in 1856. Remained in Holderness until 1860, when he was transferred to the Diocese of Massachusetts, where he has resided up to the present time, with the exception of two years at Richfield Springs, N. Y. At present he resides in

Dorchester District, Boston, Mass., having charge of St. Ann's Chapel in that place. Oct. 26, 1859, he was married to Marcia, daughter of the late Rev. John P. Robinson of Boston, by whom he has had the following children: Mark Wentworth, b. Mar. 29, 1861; Emily Milnor, b. Dec. 24, 1863; Mary Pearse, b. May 20, 1866, d. Dec. 6, 1866; Anne Burroughs, b. Dec. 6, 1867; Joseph Parrish, b. Mar. 6, 1870; Elisabeth Wentworth, b. Apr. 30, 1872.

152. MARY PEARSE, b. Jan. 23, 1833; d. Sept. 10, 1858, unm.

153. JAMES SHEAFE, b. Feb. 26, 1834; d. Mar. 3, 1834.

154. MARK WENTWORTH, b. Mar. 12, 1835; d. Mar. 12, 1835.

155. WILLIAM AUGUSTUS, b. July 16, 1836; m. July 16, 1878, Mrs. Susan M. Smith; s. p.

William Augustus Peirce, born in Portsmouth July 16, 1836, was for some years engaged in East India business and later in sheep raising in Texas; at present resides in Greenland, engaged in carrying on the "Peirce Farm," so called.

156. DANIEL RINDGE, b. Aug. 11, 1837; d. Mar. 31, 1839.

157. ROBERT CUTTS, b. Jan. 3, 1840; m. Oct. 14, 1877, Marianna Hackett, b. June 9, 1836; s. p.

Robert Cutts Peirce, born in Greenland, N. H., January 3, 1840, was educated at Phillips Exeter Academy, graduating in 1856, entered Harvard College same year, but did not graduate, leaving in 1858. After four years spent in an East India counting-room in Boston he entered the U. S. Navy as Paymaster, and served till the end of the war, when he resigned and went into business in Wisconsin, where he remained four years, when he returned to Portsmouth, where he has resided ever since, being at present Treasurer of the Piscataqua Savings Bank in Portsmouth, N. H. Oct. 14, 1877, he married Marianna, daughter of Hon. W. H. Y. Hackett of Portsmouth.

See *N. E. H. Gen. Register*, Vol. XXVIII, pp. 367—372.

126. JONATHAN L. PEIRCE (*Moses, Humphrey, Humphrey, Benjamin, Daniel, Daniel*). b. Dec. 26, 1799; m. Mar. 3, 1832, Angeline Moulton, b. Sept. 27, 1811. He d. May 11, 1875. Res. Milwaukee, Wis.

The years of his boyhood, with the exception of the time when he was attending Phillips Academy in Exeter, were spent upon his father's farm. When he was only 14 years of age, the spirit of enterprise and ambition which was remarkably developed in his nature, prompted him to leave his paternal home, and commence the battle of life for himself. His father's consent having been gained, upon the condition that he would always provide for a crippled sister (a condition by the way which he faithfully and nobly fulfilled through a long lifetime), he left his home at this early age, and went to Newburyport. Here he commenced his mercantile career in a very humble way, working for others upon a small salary. But his thrift and economy enabled him in a very short time to accumulate a capital sufficient to furnish himself with a team and an outfit to carry on a commission business through the surrounding country. His energy, ambition and foresight enabled him to overcome all obstacles, and his progress was rapid, so that after a few years, he opened a dry goods store of his own in Great Falls, N. H. Here he continued for 15 years, winning many friends by his upright character and his genial manner. It was in this place he first met the young lady who afterwards became his wife, Angeline Moulton of

Portsmouth, N. H. In 1833 he removed to Utica, N. Y., thinking that a larger place would open a wider field of usefulness, and present greater opportunities for advancement. Nor was he disappointed in his expectations; for 16 years he was a successful and honored merchant on Genesee street. In 1849 the same spirit of ambition and enterprise which animated his youth caused him to realize that "Westward the tide of empire takes its way," and he therefore removed with his family to Milwaukee, Wis. Here again he opened a dry goods store, and always economical in his dealings and management, he was prosperous here as elsewhere, and soon retired from business to improve and enhance the value of the real estate he had purchased while engaged in mercantile life. In the superintendence of his property, he became interested in real estate transactions, and continued in this business up to the time of his last illness. In fact the indisposition which led to his death was the result of exposure while platting a new addition to the city. He was instrumental in advancing the interests of certain portions of Milwaukee, and was universally respected for his moral worth and his honorable dealings with all. Many of the poorer classes, especially among the Germans, felt that he was like a father to them, and that had it not been for his kindness and wise management they would not have owned their comfortable homes. He died May 11th, 1875, of pneumonia, in his 76th year.

Among the many tributes of affection and respect sent to Mrs. Peirce and family upon the death of her husband was a poem written by Mrs. E. J. Atkins of Milwaukee. Children:—

158. HENRY C., b. Mar. 3, 1834; d. Sept. 9, 1834.
159. MARTHA E., b. Aug. 11, 1835; d. Dec. 30, 1838.
160. SARAH E., b. Sept. 16, 1838; d. Oct. 6, 1839.
161. HANNAH R., b. Sept. 24, 1839; m. Oct. 30, 1860, Albert H. Vedder, b. July 17, 1834; d. s. p. Oct. 13, 1869.
162. JULIA E., b. July 7, 1842; m. Feb. 15, 1865, Oliver C. Ely, b. Jan. 22, 1836. Ch. Marion A., b. Apr. 18, 1866; Oliver P., b. June 2, 1870, d. Dec. 3, 1870; Olive J., b. May 14, 1873; Franklin J., b. Oct. 8, 1874.
163. JONATHAN F., b. July 23, 1844; unm. Res. Milwaukee.

127. CHARLES PEIRCE (*Moses, Humphrey, Humphrey, Benjamin, Daniel, Daniel*), b. Aug. 8, 1801; m. 1825, Hepsabeth Lord, b. 1801, d. 1848. He m. 2nd, Nancy Pierce, d. Mar. 5, 1869. He d. Feb. 4, 1861. Res. Alton, Ill. Children:—

164. HUMPHREY, b. Feb. 5, 1837; m. Emily J. Haussauer.
165. JULIA A., b. Sept. 5, 1833; m. Aug. 11, 1852, Jacob A. Bertschy, b. Oct. 24, 1828. Ch. Frank P., b. June 18, 1853; George H., b. Jan. 11, 1855, d. June 16, 1872; Addie J., b. Aug. 27, 1858. Res. Appleton, Wis.
166. CHARLES C., b. Oct. 9, 1827; m. Martha T. Watson.
167. WILLIAM H., b. Nov. 20, 1829; m. Agnes B. Butler and Lydia K. Lucas; res. 145 Mulberry street, N. Y. City.
168. JOHN L.; res. N. Alton, Ill.
169. MARY L., b. Sept. 13, 1831; m. Mar. 14, 1850, William Stevenson, b. July 18, 1827. Ch. Lewis C., b. Mar. 15, 1851; Mary E., b. Mar. 12, 1853; Willie H., b. July 21, 1858; Adda K., b. Jan. 9, 1860. Res. Concord, N. H.

170. ANGELINE M.; m. ——— Parks. Res. Pemaaukee, Wis.  
 171. MOSES; killed.  
 172. JANE L.; m. ——— Watson, of 35 Murray street, N. Y. City.  
 173. SARAH E.; m. ——— Glassbrenne. Res. N. Alton, Ill.

136. HIRAM PEIRCE (*John, Joshua, Joshua, Joshua, Daniel, Daniel*), b. Sept. 27, 1800; m. Nov. 6, 1828, Charlotte S. Bancroft; m. 2nd, May 30, 1849, Sarah E. Beers, b. Oct. 25, 1825. He d. Oct. 17, 1875. They res. in Thomaston, Conn. Children:—

174. WILLIAM J., b. Sept. 14, 1830; m. Dec. 7, 1851, Elizabeth A. Capron, b. Nov. 26, 1824. Res. Hartford, Conn., s. p.  
 175. JOSEPH B., b. Oct. 13, 1835; m. Feb. 18, 1862, Sophia A. Boardman, b. Jan. 28, 1835. Res. Hartford, Conn., s. p.  
 176. CHARLOTTE S., b. Sept. 15, 1839; m. May 27, 1861, Horace A. Potter, b. Aug. 18, 1830. Ch. William B., b. Feb. 19, 1863; Minnie M., b. Oct. 17, 1869. Res. Thomaston.  
 177. S. MARIA, b. Dec. 25, 1841; m. Apr. 29, 1862, Alexander Hamilton. She d. Mar. 17, 1863. Ch. Aunie L. Res. West Hartford, Conn.  
 178. EDWARD H., b. Jan. 7, 1846; m. June 1, 1871, Susan L. Beers. Ch. Harry and Grace. Res. Brooklyn, N. Y.  
 179. ALICE E., b. Nov. 18, 1857; m. Dec. 25, 1875, Edward T. Bradstreet, b. Feb. 15, 1852. Ch. Alice P., b. Nov. 23, 1876. Res. West Meriden, Conn.

142. MILLS JOHNSON PEIRCE (*Joshua, Joshua, Joshua, Joshua, Daniel, Daniel*), b. Oct. 27, 1806; m. Oct. 18, 1832, Eunice Ticknor. Res. Cornwall, Conn. Children:—

1794. HIRAM W., b. Dec. 7, 1834; m. Fanny Beardsley and Jane Curtis.  
 1794. FREDERICK J., b. Nov. 4, 1837.

164. HUMPHREY PEIRCE (*Charles, Moses, Humphrey, Humphrey, Benjamin, Daniel, Daniel*), b. Feb. 5, 1837; m. Oct. 12, 1869, Emily J. Haussauer, b. July 3, 1848. They res. in Appleton, Wis. Children:—

180. D. HUMPHREY, b. Feb. 21, 1871.  
 181. FREDERICK H., b. June 30, 1872; d. Aug. 17, 1872.  
 182. FLORENCE I., b. Dec. 3, 1873.  
 183. JESSE E., } twins, b. Apr. 17, 1876.  
 184. ELLA C., }  
 185. GENEVEIVE D., b. Jan. 13, 1878.

166. CHARLES C. PEIRCE (*Charles, Moses, Humphrey, Humphrey, Benjamin, Daniel, Daniel*), b. Oct. 9, 1827; m. Jan. 20, 1869, Martha T. Watson, b. Jan. 27, 1840. Res. Somerville, Mass.

Children:—

186. FREDERICK W., b. Oct. 31, 1869.  
 187. BERTHA L., b. Mar. 10, 1875.

1794. HIRAM W. PEIRCE (*Mills J., Joshua, Joshua, Joshua, Joshua, Daniel, Daniel*), b. Dec. 7, 1834; m. July 14, 1859, Fanny Beardsley, d. Nov. 4, 1865; m. 2nd, Mar. 6, 1873, Jane Curtis. Res. Cornwall, Conn. Children:—

188. HARRIET, b. Dec. 23, 1860.  
 189. GEORGE B., b. Jan. 25, 1865.  
 190. ELLA M., b. Mar. 16, 1875.



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## FAMILY OF ROBERT PEIRCE.

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1. ROBERT PEIRCE, b. in England; m. in Dorchester, Ann Grenway, daughter of John Grenway.\* He prob. came over in the *Mary and John* with his father-in-law, who was one of the passengers.

Tradition points out the well on the banks of the Neponset river, about thirty rods northeast of the Neponset railroad station in Dorchester, where Robert first settled. He afterwards built the house where Lewis Peirce resided and in whose possession some of the bread his ancestor Robert brought from England is still preserved. Robert is named at the close of a list of grantees of land, Mar. 18, 1637-8, in "y<sup>e</sup> necke," now South Boston, but no quantity is set opposite his name, as is the case with the other grantees. "3 akers—2 Rods" are assigned him, in the "Rest of y<sup>e</sup> Division of other land." In 1639 "it was ordered that L<sup>t</sup> Robert pierce shall be a Commoner." He seems to be the only one mentioned on the town's records in this manner. He was admitted to the church in 1640. He held no town offices. "Robert Peirce of y<sup>e</sup> greate lots died 5th, buried 7th. 11 mo. 1664." Ann, his widow, died Dec. 31, 1695, says the gravestone, "aged about 104 years." Children:—

2. THOMAS, b. 1635; m. Mary Proctor.

3. MARY; m. Apr. 15, 1650, Thomas Hearing (Dedham town records) *not* Haven, of Dedham. Ch. Mary, b. Apr. 14, 1652, m. Thomas Haven;

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\* John Greeneaway, father of Ann, and wife of Robert Peirce, made the following bequest in his will: "For diverse good causes and considerations me thereunto moving and specially for the great love and fatherly affeecon that I beare unto my sonne in law Robert Pearse and Ann Pearse my daughter, now wife of the said Rob<sup>t</sup> Pearse, bath given unto the said Robert Pearse and Ann his wife all that my land scituate in the Pine uecke [on the Neponset river, near Neponset station on the Old Colony Railroad] in dorchester, six acres whereof was purchased of Moses Maverleke together with the meadow in said necke belonging unto the same, together w<sup>th</sup> the Comons appertayning to the six acres afore mentioned. To have and to hould unto the said Robert Pearse and Anne his wife, from the day of the date hereof, during their lives, and to the longest liver of them, and after their decease to Thomas Pearse, the only sonne of the said Robert and Anne and to his heires, and if the said Thomas dye w<sup>th</sup> out Issue then the said land to Remaine unto Mary Pearse and Sarah Pearse daughters of the said Robert and Ann eaqulley to be divided and to their heires for ever, and if either of these said daughters dye without Issue the survivor to have the other portion.

In witness whereof I the said John Greeneaway have hereunto put my hand and seale the first day of the tuelv month 1650.

JOHN GREENEAWAY & a seale."

Thomas, b. Aug. 13, 1654; James, b. Dec. 5, 1656; Sarah, b. Feb. 14, 1658; Deborah, b. Oct. 16, 1666; Martha, b. July 11, 1668; Thomas, b. Apr. 28, 1670.

3½. DEBORAH, b. Feb. 12, 1639; d. Apr. 15, 1639.

2. THOMAS PEIRCE (*Robert*), b. 1635; m. Mary Proctor, b. 1642, d. Mar. 22, 1704. He d. Oct. 26, 1706. Res. Dorchester.

Children :—

4. JOHN, b. Oct. 26, 1668; m. Abigail Thompson.
5. THOMAS, b. Sept. 3, 1661; m. Sarah White.
6. MARY, b. Mar. 15, 1665; m. Capt. Daniel Preston.
7. ROBERT, b. Apr. 26, 1674; d. Dec. 4, 1698.
8. SAMUEL, b. 1676; killed by falling from a tree on Thompson's Island, Dec. 16, 1698.
9. SARAH, b. Apr. 5, 1679; m. James Trott.
10. ELIZABETH, b. June 18, 1682; d. Nov. 12, 1702.
11. HANNAH, b. June 9, 1685; d. Nov. 7, 1688.
12. JOSEPH, b. Feb. 29, 1686; m. Thankful Weeks.

4. JOHN PEIRCE (*Thomas, Robert*), b. Oct. 26, 1668; m. Jan. 6, 1693, Abigail Thompson, b. Nov. 10, 1667, d. June 24, 1747. He d. Jan. 27, 1744. He was a great gunner and had a record of 30,000 Brant which he had killed. Res. Dorchester. Children :—

13. ANN, b. June 26, 1704; m. Nathaniel Longley.
14. JOHN, b. Apr. 5, 1707; m. Elizabeth Sheppard and Elizabeth Fessenden.
15. ABIGAIL, b. Aug. 20, 1694; m. Samuel Withington and Joseph Weeks.
16. MARY, b. Apr. 29, 1696; m. Daniel Preston.
17. SARAH, b. Aug. 29, 1698; m. John Wisewell.
18. ANN, b. Jan. 18, 1701; d. Oct. 27, 1701.
19. SAMUEL, b. Oct. 30, 1702; m. Abigail Mosely.
20. HANNAH, b. Oct. 16, 1709; m. Ebenezer Clapp.

5. THOMAS PEIRCE (*Thomas, Robert*), b. Sept. 3, 1661; m. Nov. 13, 1707, Sarah White, b. 1670, d. Oct. 19, 1759. He d. Oct. 21, 1730. Res. Dorchester. Children :—

21. NAPHTHALIA, b. July 1, 1709; m. Mary Bird.
22. ZEBULON, b. Mar. 14, 1710; d. Sept. 19, 1775.
23. JUDITH, b. Apr. 18, 1714; m. Onisepherous Tileston.

12. JOSEPH PEIRCE (*Thomas, Robert*), b. Feb. 29, 1686; m. Thankful Weeks, b. 1698, d. May 2, 1731. Res. Dorchester. Children :—

24. JOSEPH, b. Sept. 2, 1722.
25. SARAH, b. Feb. 16, 1723.

14. JOHN PEIRCE (*John, Thomas, Robert*), b. Apr. 5, 1707; m. Apr. 15, 1736, Elizabeth Sheppard, b. 1713, d. Sept. 19, 1736; m. 2nd, Nov. 10, 1741, Elizabeth Fessenden, b. 1721, d. Nov. 10, 1780. He d. Aug. 8, 1778. He was shipjoiner and cabinetmaker and res. in Dorchester; was a celebrated leader of the church choir, and d. of small-pox; s. p. by first wife. Children :—

26. JOHN, b. Sept. 22, 1742; m. Thankful White, Sarah Blake, Mrs. Mary Holden and Mrs. Rachel Blake.
27. BENJAMIN, b. Jan. 31, 1744; m. Hannah Badlam.
28. ELIZABETH, b. Apr. 28, 1745; m. Jonathan Champney.
29. PETER, b. Sept. 17, 1747; d. Dec. 18, 1747.

- 30. JONATHAN, b. Mar. 1, 1749; m. Mary Glover.
  - 31. SARAH, b. Dec. 5, 1750; m. Jonathan Blake.
  - 32. DANIEL, b. Mar. 2, 1753; d. Jan. 21, 1777.
  - 33. JAMES, b. Dec. 19, 1754; m. Lydia Clap.
  - 34. EBENEZER, b. Jan. 23, 1757; m. Sally Woodbury, Mary Bird and Mrs. Molly Gregory.
  - 35. LEMUEL, b. Feb. 12, 1760; m. Sarah White.
  - 36. HANNAH, b. Mar. 20, 1762; m. James Lewis.
  - 37. ISAAC, b. Nov. 27, 1763; d. unm. Jan. 7, 1835.
19. SAMUEL PEIRCE (*John, Thomas, Robert*), b. Oct. 30, 1702; m. Nov. 16, 1732, Abigail Mosely, d. Dec. 10, 1768. He d. Sept. 16, 1768, in Dorchester. Children :—

- 38. SAMUEL, b. 1734; d. Apr. 4, 1736.
  - 39. EDWARD, b. May 5, 1735; m. Hannah Tolman, Sarah Wisewell and Relief Foster.
  - 40. SAMUEL, b. Mar. 25, 1739; m. Elizabeth How.
  - 41. REBECCA, b. Dec. 23, 1740; d. unm.
  - 42. ABIGAIL, b. Nov. 26, 1742; m. Ebenezer Blake.
  - 43. HANNAH, b. Dec. 17, 1744; d. Jan. 2, 1750.
  - 44. SARAH; m. Increase Blake.
  - 45. ANN; m. John Baker.
  - 46. DANIEL, b. Oct. 18, 1746; d. May 27, 1748.
21. NAPHTHALIA PEIRCE (*Thomas, Thomas, Robert*), b. July 1, 1709; m. Apr. 5, 1733, Mary Bird, b. Aug. 21, 1698, d. June 10, 1773. He d. Aug. 2, 1778. Children :—

- 47. THOMAS, b. Feb. 24, 1734; m. Lettice Turner and Mary Burtice.
  - 48. ROBERT, b. Feb. 20, 1736; m. Feb. 11, 1773, Hannah Blake, d. Nov. 7, 1803. He d. Sept. 16, 1807.
  - 49. MARY, b. Feb. 12, 1743; m. Jonas Tolman.
  - 50. JOSEPH, b. Feb. 28, 1738; m. Ann Leeds.
26. JOHN PEIRCE (*John, John, Thomas, Robert*), b. Sept. 22, 1742; m. Apr. 12, 1769, Thankful White, b. Feb. 19, 1749, d. Feb. 9, 1770; m. 2nd, June 9, 1772, Sarah Blake, b. Sept. 21, 1754, d. July 18, 1791; m. 3rd, Feb. 23, 1792, Mrs. Mary Holden, b. Mar. 17, 1750, d. Sept. 23, 1792; m. 4th, June 19, 1793, Mrs. Rachel Blake, b. Sept. 28, 1745, d. Mar. 23, 1829. He d. Dec. 11, 1833.

John Peirce always lived in Dorchester: was a man who was always at home, except when business or duty called him away, and as soon as the mission was fulfilled, he immediately returned. He was a shoe maker, and by his prudence and industry acquired a competence. He was a great reader and a profound thinker; a man of sound judgment and sterling integrity. He was a dear lover of vocal music, especially church music, in which he delighted to take a part, until the close of his life. Though he had always been a temperate man, yet he early engaged in the Temperance cause, for the benefit of his friends and townsmen. He was the first President of the Dorchester Temperance Society, which office he held as long as he lived. He was much esteemed by all, for his sincere devotion to every benevolent object, and his daily practical virtues. Children :—

- 51. JOHN, b. Feb. 9, 1770; d. June 4, 1770.
- 52. JOHN, b. July 14, 1773; m. Abigail Lovell and Lucy Tappan.
- 53. SARAH, b. Dec. 17, 1774; m. William Pope.



54. MOLLY, b. Sept. 29, 1776; m. Frederick Pope.
55. EUNICE, b. July 1, 1778; m. Ebenezer Clap.
56. JONAS, b. Apr. 15, 1780; m. Margarey West.
57. SAMUEL B., b. Feb. 4, 1782; m. Eunice S. Blake.
58. HANNAH, b. Oct. 14, 1783; m. Jacob Foster.
59. LOIS, b. Nov. 28, 1785; m. Charles Ford.
60. PATIENCE, b. Dec. 26, 1787; m. William Trask.
61. LEMUEL, b. Jan. 24, 1790; m. Eliza Mildeburger.

27. BENJAMIN PEIRCE (*John, John, Thomas, Robert*), b. Jan. 31, 1744; m. 1766, Hannah Badlam, b. Aug. 17, 1748; d. June 26, 1821. He d. Mar. 26, 1812.

Hannah Peirce, wife of Benjamin, was born August 17. O. S., 1748, in the town of Stoughton, now Canton. She was daughter of Dea. Stephen and his wife Hannah Badlam. She died suddenly 26th June, 1821, aged 73, of something resembling an apoplectic fit, and was apparently in good health for a person of her years the day preceding her death. She lost both her parents at a very early age, her mother dying 16th March, 1756, and her father ———, 1757. Children:—

62. HANNAH, b. Jan. 27, 1767; d. Sept. 17, 1817.
63. LILLEY, b. July 29, 1768; d. Apr. 4, 1816.
64. BENJAMIN, b. Dec. 29, 1770; d. Oct. 8, 1798.
65. STEPHEN, b. Sept. 11, 1773; m. Sally Gill.
66. ASA, b. Mar. 11, 1776; d. May 4, 1841.
67. GEORGE, b. May 31, 1778; d. Aug. 3, 1778.
68. JOSHUA, b. June 29, 1779; m. Nancy Mellish.
69. JAMES, b. Sept. 23, 1786; d. Mar. 1, 1827.

30. JONATHAN PEIRCE (*John, John, Thomas, Robert*), b. Mar. 1, 1749; m. Sept. 12, 1776, Mary Glover, b. 1752; d. July 18, 1830. He d. Dec. 18, 1830, in Dorchester. Children:—

70. JONATHAN, b. Oct. 11, 1777; m. Eunice Tolman and Clarissa Blake.
71. DANIEL, b. Aug. 4, 1779; m. Lydia Davenport.
72. MARY, b. Nov. 2, 1781; m. Stephen Tolman.
73. ALEXANDER, b. Aug. 7, 1783; m. Margaret C. H. Spear.
74. SARAH, b. Oct. 2, 1787; d. June 6, 1828.
75. ELISHA, b. Sept. 1792; d. June 8, 1839.

33. JAMES PEIRCE (*John, John, Thomas, Robert*), b. Dec. 19, 1754; m. June 10, 1796, Lydia Clap, b. Feb. 3, 1790; d. Oct. 7, 1814. He d. in Brookline, May 21, 1826. Children:—

76. JAMES, b. Apr. 18, 1797; m. Mary Withington and Mary F. Payson.
77. JOHN H., b. Sept. 7, 1800; m. July 2, 1828, Sophia Sanderson; d. 1840. He d., s. p., Apr. 1849.
78. HANNAH, b. Aug. 17, 1803; m. Charles Stearns, Jr. Res. Brookline.
79. OLIVER, b. Sept. 18, 1805; d. Apr. 9, 1807.
80. ANN, b. Apr. 18, 1810; m. Clark L. Haynes.

34. EBENEZER PEIRCE (*John, John, Thomas, Robert*), b. Jan. 23, 1757; m. Feb. 23, 1786, Sally Woodbury; d. Apr. 16, 1795; m. 2nd, Jan. 24, 1796, Mary Bird, b. Apr. 14, 1751; d. s. p., Sept. 14, 1809; m. 3rd, Jan. 4, 1810, Mrs. Molly Gregory, b. Apr. 19, 1762; d. s. p., July 10, 1834. He d. Feb. 12, 1824. Children:—

81. DANIEL, b. Feb. 8, 1787; m. Lydia Humphrey, Mrs. Nancy Richards and Mrs. Clarissa Foster.

- 82. SALLY, b. Mar. 7, 1789; m. Hervey Woods and Henry Willard.
- 83. JOEL, b. Dec. 31, 1790; m. Lydia Hastings and Hannah Whitney.
- 84. JAMES, b. June 17, 1793; m. Cynthia Batchellor.
- 85. EBENEZER, b. Apr. 10, 1795; m. Abigail Simonds.

35. LEMUEL PEIRCE (*John, John, Thomas, Robert*), b. Feb. 12, 1760; m. July 31, 1795, Sarah White. He d. Dec., 1823. Res. Newton. Children:—

- 86. SALLY C., b. Aug. 17, 1796.
- 87. JOHN A., b. Sept. 17, 1798.

39. EDWARD PEIRCE (*Samuel, John, Thomas, Robert*), b. May 5, 1735; m. Nov. 1, 1763, Hannah Tolman, b. 1735; d. July 10, 1775; m. 2nd, Apr. 29, 1777, Sarah Wisewell; d. Sept. 26, 1780; m. 3rd, Mar. 28, 1782, Relief Foster; d. Mar., 1805. He died Feb. 22, 1818.

He was deacon of Dr. T. Mason Harris' Church nearly forty years; was a carpenter by trade, and enlarged the old church on Meeting House Hill, Dorchester, putting in 30 new pews by widening the building along the ridge pole, removing one-half of it 14 feet, and the tower and steeple 7 feet, and united the two parts by new material. He was to have the 30 new pews in payment for the work—this was accomplished to the satisfaction of the parish, and he was so well remunerated that he voluntarily put on two coats of paint outside in addition to what was required of him.

Children:—

- 88. HANNAH, b. July 11, 1766; m. Samuel Clapp.
- 89. EDWARD, b. Nov. 20, 1769; m. Elizabeth Clapp.
- 90. JOHN F., b. Sept. 25, 1780; m. Lois Walker.

40. Col. SAMUEL PEIRCE (*Samuel, John, Thomas, Robert*), b. Mar. 25, 1739; m. Oct. 24, 1765, Elizabeth How, b. 1743; d. Dec. 18, 1797. He d. June 4, 1815. Children:—

- 91. SAMUEL, b. 1765; m. Abigail Lathrop.
- 92. ABRAHAM, b. Mar. 14, 1769; m. Lois Davenport.
- 93. ELIZABETH, b. Sept. 26, 1771; m. Reuben Blake.
- 94. ANN, b. Sept. 1, 1773; m. Jesse Hawes and Dea. John Clap.
- 95. LEWIS, b. Jan. 3, 1786; m. Sarah Moseley.
- 96. GEORGE, b. Dec. 6, 1775; d. Nov. 10, 1776.
- 97. GEORGE, b. Oct. 17, 1783; m. Mary Babcock; s. p.

47. Major THOMAS PEIRCE (*Naphthalia, Thomas, Thomas, Robert*), b. Feb. 24, 1734; m. Lettice Turner; m. 2nd, 1776, Mary Burtice; d. Mar. 10, 1839. He d. Jan. 9, 1823. Res. Boston and Fishkill, N. Y. Children:—

- 98. THOMAS, b. Jan. 17, 1757; m. Susannah Tolman.
- 99. NAPHTHALIA, b. Mar. 3, 1759; d. bef. 1787.
- 100. WILLIAM; rev. to Maine; had two sons.
- 101. NAPHTHALIA, b. Sept. 10, 1789; res. Fishkill, N. Y.
- 102. LUZERNE, b. Sept. 27, 1779; m. ————.

50. JOSEPH PEIRCE (*Naphthalia, Thomas, Thomas, Robert*), b. Feb. 28, 1738; m. May 15, 1764, Ann Leeds. He d. Apr. 3, 1807. Children:—

- 103. JOSEPH, b. Dec. 13, 1764; d. 1828.

104. ANN, b. Jan. 10, 1776; d. Oct. 16, 1794.  
 105. POLLY, b. Jan. 7, 1774.  
 106. EZEKIEL, b. Aug. 23, 1775; d. Oct. 10, 1809.

52. Rev. JOHN PEIRCE (*John, John, John, Thomas, Robert*), b. July 14, 1773; m. Oct. 31, 1798, Abigail Lovell, b. Jan. 30, 1775; d. July 2, 1800; m. 2nd, May 6, 1802, Lucy Tappan, b. July 14, 1777; d. Aug. 23, 1849. He died Aug. 23, 1849.

Dr. Peirce gr. H. C., 1793, was ordained at Brookline, Mar. 15, 1797. He was the sole pastor of the church there fifty years, at the expiration of which, Mar. 15, 1847, the whole town united in one grand "jubilee," which will long be remembered as one of the interesting incidents of life, by many who were present on that occasion. January, 1849, Dr. Peirce preached the annual Election Sermon. His health began to fail in the spring, and on the 23rd of August, 1849, he died.

"Rev. John Peirce. D.D., was for fifty years the sole pastor of the church in Brookline, ending with March 15, 1847, when the whole town united in a grand jubilee to celebrate the 50th anniversary of his settlement. In 1849 Dr. Peirce preached the election sermon, before the State government, and died August 23, 1849, aged 76 years, having reflected honor on his lineage, on his *alma mater*, Old Harvard (class of 1793), and on the sacred profession which he so early embraced, and of which he was so long a shining light. His remarks regarding his ancestors, that 'the Peirces have been a godly race,' received an added illustration in his own person."—*Newspaper*.

#### Children:—

107. JOHN, b. Aug. 30, 1799; d. Apr. 18, 1802.  
 108. SARAH T., b. Mar. 4, 1803; m. Rev. Calvin Durfee.  
 109. ELIZABETH, b. Sept. 15, 1804.  
 110. ABIGAIL L., b. Sept. 13, 1806.  
 111. LUCY, b. June 24, 1808; m. Rev. F. H. Hedge.  
 112. FERELINE W., b. Mar. 20, 1810; m. Rev. T. B. Fox.  
 113. JOHN T., b. Dec. 15, 1811, m. Martha Haskins.  
 114. ROBERT, b. Oct. 24, 1813; d. Oct. 6, 1819.  
 115. WILLIAM B., b. Sept. 26, 1815; m. Elizabeth F. Peck.  
 116. BENJAMIN T., b. Nov. 23, 1817; d. Dec. 24, 1849.  
 117. MARY W., b. Dec. 6, 1820; m. Henry V. Poor.

56. JONAS PEIRCE (*John, John, John, Thomas, Robert*), b. Apr. 15, 1780; m. May 18, 1815, Margarey West, b. Sept. 13, 1795. They res. in East Machias, Me. Children:—

118. JOHN, b. Dec. 2, 1815; m. Elizabeth L. Hanscom.  
 119. MARY A., b. Jan. 15, 1817; m. George W. Severy.  
 120. FREDERICK, b. Oct. 16, 1818; m. Maria L. Chase.  
 121. JONAS, b. Aug. 27, 1820; m. Mary A. Whittemore.  
 122. SARAH E., b. Apr. 8, 1822; m. Benjamin C. Chaloner.  
 123. SAMUEL B., b. Nov. 15, 1823.  
 124. ABIGAIL W., b. Aug. 27, 1825.  
 125. CHARLES, b. Sept. 12, 1827.  
 126. LOIS, b. May 12, 1829; m. Charles C. Chaloner.  
 127. AMELIA S., b. Mar. 19, 1832; m. John Chaloner.  
 128. EMELINE L., b. Dec. 24, 1834; m. Andrew J. Hanscom.  
 129. EUNICE, b. Apr. 23, 1837.  
 130. HENRY, b. May 27, 1839.

57. SAMUEL B. PEIRCE (*John, John, John, Thomas, Robert*),

b. Feb. 4, 1782; m. Apr. 7, 1835. Eunice S. Blake. b. 1803; d. Jan. 18, 1836. He d. s. p., Feb. 13, 1873.

"Uncle Sam Peirce," as he was familiarly called, was born in the house in which he died. He was a manufacturer of boots and shoes, and well-to-do in the world. During the life-time of his father, John Peirce, Senior, he did not marry, but sixteen months after the death of his father, when Samuel had attained the ripe age of 53 years, he wedded Eunice Shute Blake, then in her 34th year, his step-mother's granddaughter. The lady lived but 9 months and 11 days after marriage. Mr. Peirce said afterward that he would never marry again, to subject himself to the possibility of feeling once more the depth of woe that haunted him for months after the loss of his beloved Eunice. And he kept his word. For forty years he remained a widower, and kept the house and furniture almost as they were the day his wife died. Mr. Peirce, during the last dozen years of his life, had the society of an estimable lady, whose kind administrations were his solace and his stay. To the last he was lively and happy. For years he was in the habit of having a few friends once a week winter evenings to play whist with him. During the last year or so, some of the most constant of his friends have been Mr. Robert Vose, Jr., Mr. Geo. H. Pitman, a neighbor, and Mr. Robert Vose, Sr. Only the Monday evening before the accident which ended his life, Mr. Peirce held his own in a couple of games, and was quite jubilant when he and his partner won. The evening of the night that he died he pleasantly intimated to a friend that he would soon be well enough to beat him again. The cause of his death was somewhat singular. He was born, as before stated, on the 4th of February. This year, on the 11th of February, only a week after his birthday, he walked to the stove, and stooped over to throw in a piece of paper, when he fell. The neck of the thigh bone was found to be broken, and it is supposed that it snapped through sheer brittleness when he leaned over. He died the second evening after. It is a little remarkable that both he and his father died in the first part of their 92nd year.

"In Dorchester, in the year 1874, there was sold at auction an old estate, which, for one hundred years, had been in the possession of one family, father and son, the property of the late Samuel Blake Peirce, who died on the 13th of February, 1873, at the age of a little over 91 years. The house is a two-story, old-fashioned structure, erected about 114 years ago, which, soon after being built, came into possession of Gov. Bowdoin, by whom it was sold to John Peirce, the father of the late Samuel B. Peirce, one hundred years ago the 14th of April. Connected with the house was a good-sized farm, ten acres of which remained intact to be sold with the house on Saturday afternoon. John Peirce, who bought the house in 1773, died Dec. 11, 1833, aged 91 years. He is spoken of by the chroniclers as a man 'always at home,' prudent, industrious, a great reader, a profound thinker, a man of sound judgment and sterling integrity. Mr. Ebenezer Clapp, the historian of 'the Blake Family,' refers to the same John Peirce as 'a dear lover of vocal music, especially church music, in which he delighted to take a



part until the close of his life. Though he had always been a temperate man, yet he early engaged in the temperance cause, for the benefit of his friends and townsmen. He was the first president of the Dorchester Temperance Society, which office he held as long as he lived. He was much esteemed by all for his sincere devotion to every benevolent object, and his daily practical virtues.' John Peirce was the oldest of fourteen brothers and sisters. He himself had ten children. It is natural to suppose that with such a worthy, upright parent, these ten children should all have filled honorable places in private life, and such has been the case. All lived to a great age, the shortest life being that of Miss Molly, who was Mrs. Frederic Pope."—*Newspaper*.

61. LEMUEL PEIRCE (*John, John, John, Thomas, Robert*), b. Jan. 24, 1790; m. Sept. 2, 1816, Eliza Mildeburger, a des. of Christopher Columbus, b. Mar. 4, 1797.

"Mr. Lemuel Peirce died in West Farms, N. Y., September 15, 1877, aged 86 years. He was the last of the brothers of the late Rev. John Peirce, D.D., of Brookline. He was born in Dorchester, served an apprenticeship in Boston as mason with Mr. Blaney, and was probably the last person living who helped to erect the Hollis-street meeting-house. He was a very active man, and for many years up to the age of 82, made a yearly visit to his old home in Dorchester. He had thirteen children. He was a consistent Republican, and with six sons went together to the polls to vote for General Grant; one son he lost in the war. He was the youngest of ten children; but one survives, and she is nearly 93 years of age."—*Boston Advertiser*.

Children:—

131. MARY A., b. July 23, 1817; m. Andrew Nostrand.
132. ELIZA A., b. July 12, 1819; d. Nov. 2, 1820.
133. JOHN, b. Mar. 6, 1821; m. Elizabeth Thompson.
134. JAMES, b. Oct. 20, 1822; m. Elizabeth Garven.
135. ELIZA C., b. Nov. 13, 1824; m. Halcyon Skinner.
136. LEMUEL, b. Dec. 7, 1826; m. Susan J. Harris.
137. HANNAH, b. Dec. 2, 1828; m. John E. Ackerman.
138. WILLIAM B., b. Sept. 26, 1830; d. Aug. 14, 1853.
139. GEORGE, b. June 23, 1832.
140. EUNICE, b. Feb. 22, 1834; d. Feb. 13, 1836.
141. DAVID, b. Oct. 10, 1835.
142. EUNICE C., b. June 27, 1840.
143. SAMUEL B., b. May 8, 1842.

65. STEPHEN PEIRCE (*Benjamin, John, John, Thomas, Robert*), b. Sept. 11, 1773; m. May 10, 1799, Sally Gill, b. July 26, 1779. He d. Apr. 9, 1829. Res. Milton. Children:—

144. BENJAMIN, b. May 4, 1800; d. Mar. 25, 1813.
145. SALLY, b. May 25, 1803; m. Harvey Vose.
146. HESTER E. G., b. Mar. 8, 1805; m. Thomas Briggs.
147. STEPHEN A., b. May 8, 1807; m. May 24, 1829, Susan Turner, and d. Dec. 4, 1876.
148. JACOB G., b. May 18, 1809; m. Susan Campbell.
149. WILLIAM G., b. Mar. 4, 1811; m. Oct. 13, 1833, Eliza Turner.
150. BENJAMIN, b. Sept. 23, 1815; d. Oct. 23, 1827.
151. ELIZABETH B., b. Jan. 6, 1820; m. Benjamin Clap.

68. JOSHUA PEIRCE (*Benjamin, John, John, Thomas, Robert*), b. June 29, 1779; m. Oct. 23, 1808, Nancy Mellish, b. Jan. 5, 1787; d. June 20, 1874. He d. Mar. 17, 1852. Res. Dorchester.

## Children :—

152. HANNAH, b. Aug. 11, 1809; unm.  
 153. MARY A., b. Nov. 2, 1811; m. Thomas C. Bacon.  
 154. GEORGE W., b. Mar. 4, 1814; m. Susanna A. Hutchins and Phebe Williston.  
 155. ELIZABETH, b. Nov. 9, 1816; m. Thomas C. Bacon.  
 156. HENRY, b. Apr. 18, 1822; m. Susan Farnsworth.  
 157. JOSEPH W., b. June 29, 1826; unm. Res. San Francisco, Cal.  
 158. BENJAMIN F., b. Jan. 17, 1829; m. Apr. 3, 1867, Lydia Ward, b. Apr. 9, 1888. Res. Southboro'; s. p.
70. JONATHAN PEIRCE (*Jonathan, John, John, Thomas, Robert*), b. Oct. 9, 1777; m. Dec. 5, 1804, Eunice Tolman, b. 1782; d. Feb. 10, 1831; m. 2nd, Aug. 11, 1836, Clarissa Blake, b. Jan. 12, 1784; d. s. p. Res. South Boston. Children :—
159. JOHN, b. Sept. 21, 1805; d. unm. Nov. 28, 1847.  
 160. AMASA, b. Apr. 10, 1807; m. Sept. 12, 1837, Hannah Cummings. He d. s. p., Feb. 24, 1838.  
 161. HENRY, b. Mar. 8, 1809; d. unm. June 5, 1857.  
 162. EUNICE, b. Jan. 27, 1811; d. Apr. 12, 1822.  
 163. HANNAH P., b. May 1, 1813; d. Sept. 3, 1852.  
 164. LUCY J., b. June 17, 1815; m. Edwin Prouk.  
 165. MARY, b. Dec. 6, 1818; d. Nov. 3, 1844.  
 166. MARTHA, b. Feb. 26, 1821; d. May 26, 1846.  
 167. CHARLES, b. Oct. 23, 1823; d. Sept. 8, 1826.  
 168. MATILDA E., b. Nov. 12, 1828.
71. DANIEL PEIRCE (*Jonathan, John, John, Thomas, Robert*), b. Aug. 4, 1779; m. May 10, 1803, Lydia Davenport, b. 1785; d. July 1, 1861. He d. Nov. 1, 1948. Res. Boston. Children :—
169. ELISHA D., b. Mar. 15, 1804; d. Aug. 8, 1843.  
 170. DANIEL, b. Sept. 16, 1805; m. Maria A. Howe and Sarah Gay.  
 171. SAMUEL S., b. Mar. 27, 1807; m. Maria Wallis.  
 172. ELIZABETH G., b. Mar. 18, 1809; d. May 23, 1843.  
 173. LYDIA H., b. Jan. 31, 1811; d. Sept. 5, 1870.  
 174. MARY G., b. Sept. 6, 1812; d. Sept. 1, 1825.  
 175. HARRIET, b. Dec. 2, 1813; d. Nov. 14, 1859.
73. ALEXANDER PEIRCE (*Jonathan, John, John, Thomas, Robert*), b. Aug. 7, 1783; m. Sept. 19, 1807, Margaret C. H. Spear. He d. Oct. 8, 1830. Children :—
176. FRANCIS. Res. Quincy, Ill.  
 177. MARGARET; m. ——— French and Harvey Vose.
76. JAMES PEIRCE (*James, John, John, Thomas, Robert*), b. Apr. 18, 1797; m. Nov., 1825, Mary Withington; d. Mar., 1832; m. 2nd, Nov., 1833, Mary F. Payson. He d. Feb., 1839. Children :—
178. JAMES, b. Nov. 20, 1826; gr. H. C. 1849, and Div. School, 1852; d. at sea of consumption, May 29, 1853, on board the ship *Parliament*, from Liverpool to Boston.  
 179. ISAAC W., b. July 1, 1828. Res. Dorchester.  
 180. JOHN, b. Nov., 1834.  
 181. MARY E., b. Jan., 1839.
81. Dea. DANIEL PEIRCE (*Ebenezer, John, John, Thomas, Robert*), b. Feb. 8, 1787; m. Apr. 5, 1808, Lydia Humphrey; d. Dec.

14, 1812; m. 2nd, Sept. 13, 1813, Mrs. Nancy Richards; d. June 6, 1851; m. 3rd, Sept. 10, 1852, Mrs. Clarissa Foster. Res. Brookline. Children:—

- 182. JONATHAN M., b. May 15, 1810; m. Frances Stetson.
- 183. ABIGAIL C., b. Aug. 20, 1812; m. Sherburne Dearborn.
- 184. LYDIA, b. July 7, 1814; m. Isaac D. Hooper.
- 185. SARAH A., b. Nov. 25, 1815; d. Feb. 27, 1825.
- 186. ELIZABETH P., b. Mar. 21, 1817; d. Apr. 20, 1833.
- 187. MARY L., b. June 3, 1822; d. July 13, 1825.

83. Dea. JOEL PEIRCE (*Ebenezer, John, John, Thomas, Robert*), b. Dec. 31, 1790; m. Mar. 13, 1816, Lydia Hastings; d. Jan. 18, 1830; m. 2nd, Nov. 11, 1833, Hannah Whitney. Res. Royalston and Warwick, Mass. Children:—

- 188. JOSEPH, b. Apr. 10, 1817; d. Nov. 29, 1817.
- 189. SARAH, b. Nov. 18, 1818; m. Charles Hill.
- 190. DANIEL, } twins, b. Mar. 9, 1821; {
- 191. JOSEPH, } m. Sept. 10, 1845, Catherine Draper.  
Ch. Mary B., b. July 2, 1846.
- 192. PETER W., b. June 8, 1823.
- 193. ISAAC, } twins, b. Jan. 3, 1830; { d. Jan. 3, 1830.
- 194. REBECCA, } d. Jan. 3, 1830.
- 195. JONATHAN W., b. Feb. 23, 1834.
- 196. FRANKLIN, b. Nov. 29, 1841.

84. JAMES PEIRCE (*Ebenezer, John, John, Thomas, Robert*), b. June 17, 1793; m. Feb. 3, 1825, Cynthia Batcheller, b. Feb. 11, 1800; d. Oct. 4, 1869. He d. Oct. 27, 1875. Res. Warwick. Children:—

- 197. JAMES D., b. Jan. 22, 1826; d. Jan. 2, 1827.
- 198. JAMES D., b. Sept. 18, 1827; m. Marcia H. Mack.
- 199. LUCY B., b. Dec. 15, 1828; m. Charles Holman.
- 200. MARY B., b. May 17, 1831; m. J. D. Boyden.
- 201. GEORGE H., b. Mar. 18, 1833; d. Oct. 9, 1853.
- 202. LAURA M., b. Nov. 5, 1834; d. July 14, 1845.
- 203. HARRIER R., b. Feb. 8, 1837; m. Timothy Brooks.
- 204. EDWIN K., b. Sept. 18, 1839; d. Jan. 29, 1859.
- 205. HANNAH B., b. July 2, 1841; m. George Perry.
- 206. CHARLES E., b. May 30, 1844.

85. Dea. EBENEZER PEIRCE (*Ebenezer, John, John, Thomas, Robert*), b. Apr. 10, 1795; m. Jan. 4, 1826, Abigail Simonds. Res. Royalston. Children:—

- 207. MARTHA H., b. June 19, 1827; m. Otis Conant.
- 208. SARAH A., b. Aug. 24, 1829; m. William H. Lawton.
- 209. LYDIA H., b. Feb. 13, 1832.
- 210. EBENEZER, b. Dec. 20, 1833.
- 211. ARTHUR F., b. Sept. 27, 1836.
- 212. LUCY R., b. Dec. 10, 1839.

89. EDWARD PEIRCE (*Edward, Samuel, John, Thomas, Robert*), b. Nov. 20, 1769; m. Jan. 27, 1803, Elizabeth Clapp, b. Jan. 11, 1780, d. July 5, 1805. He d. Sept. 2, 1805. Child:—

- 213. EDWARD, b. Sept. 3, 1804; m. Eliza A. Howe.

90. JOHN F. PEIRCE (*Edward, Samuel, John, Thomas,*

*Robert*), b. Sept. 25, 1780; m. Lois Walker, d. Jan. 17, 1847. He d. June 3, 1847. Children:—

- 214. FRANCES, b. Nov. 18, 1818.
- 215. SARAH L., b. Nov. 25, 1820.
- 216. JOHN, b. Oct. 22, 1822; m. Mary Tucker.
- 217. JOHN, b. Apr. 18, 1825.
- 218. EDWARD F., b. Apr. 26, 1827.
- 219. MARY C., b. Nov. 18, 1829; m. Paul D. Wallis.
- 220. CHARLES F., b. May 6, 1832; m. Feb. 15, 1865, Annie Eaton. Ch. Eaton, b. Dec. 24, 1871.
- 221. JAMES W., b. June 25, 1834; m. Ellen Barleys.
- 222. BENJAMIN R., b. Apr. 26, 1836; d. in Manchester, Va., July 13, 1865.

91. SAMUEL PEIRCE (*Col. Samuel, Samuel, John, Thomas, Robert*), b. 1765; m. May 1, 1792, Abigail Lathrop. He d. Oct. 19, 1796. Children:—

- 223. EDWARD L., b. May 10, 1795; d. July 12, 1795.
- 224. JANE B., b. July 22, 1793; m. Thomas Mosely.
- 225. ANN, b. 1797; m. Moses Maudell.

92. ABRAHAM PEIRCE (*Col. Samuel, Samuel, John, Thomas, Robert*), b. Mar. 14, 1769; m. Mar. 2, 1791, Lois Davenport. He d. Dec. 31, 1822. Children:—

- 226. ELIZABETH, b. Feb. 23, 1792; m. Joseph Tuttle.
- 227. MARY, b. Sept. 10, 1794; m. Turrill Tuttle.
- 228. OTIS, b. Oct. 10, 1796; d. 1797.
- 229. HARRIET, b. Feb. 12, 1799; m. Joseph Nash.
- 230. ABRAHAM, b. July 10, 1804.

95. LEWIS PEIRCE (*Col. Samuel, Samuel, John, Thomas, Robert*), b. Jan. 3, 1786; m. Sarah Moseley, b. Nov. 17, 1789, d. July 4, 1871. He d. Feb. 10, 1874. Children:—

- 231. LEWIS F., b. July 10, 1809; m. Melissa Withington.
- 232. ELIZABETH M., b. Oct. 9, 1817; d. Sept. 6, 1832.
- 233. CHARLES H., b. Aug. 16, 1821; m. Oct. 17, 1850, Sarah M. Hayden. Ch. Henry H., b. Nov. 26, 1851. She d. June 30, 1852. Res. Boston.
- 234. WILLIAM A., b. June 15, 1827; m. Antoinette E. Reed.
- 235. SARAH E. M., b. Feb. 3, 1833; unm.

98. THOMAS PEIRCE (*Thomas, Naphthalia, Thomas, Thomas, Robert*), b. Jan. 17, 1757; m. Mar. 1, 1784, Susannah Tolman, b. 1758, d. July 9, 1841. He d. Oct. 6, 1820. Children:—

- 236. ELIZABETH T., b. Mar. 8, 1785; m. Eben Weld.
- 237. SUSANNAH, b. Mar. 12, 1786; d. 1874.
- 238. CHARLOTTE, b. Sept. 10, 1787; m. Lewis Holmes.
- 239. LUCY, b. Oct. 26, 1788; d. Oct. 24, 1789.
- 240. THOMAS, b. June 1, 1790; m. Martha Leeds.
- 241. ROBERT, b. Dec. 22, 1791; m. Caroline Trevitt.
- 242. JENNY, b. June 20, 1793; m. Whiting Grant.
- 243. PHINEAS, b. Dec. 23, 1794.

The death of this venerable citizen of Charleston, S. C., occurred at the age of 83 years and 5 months. He was a native of Dorchester, though for sixty years a resident of the southern city named. He was a son of Thomas and Susannah Tolman Peirce and was one of nine children, seven of whom lived to a very advanced age, the



average of the seven being 82 years. The two brothers best known perhaps to the present generation of Dorchester people were the late Capt. Robert Peirce, resident at Harrison Square, and the late Thomas Peirce, who lived on Adams near Minot street. The subject of this sketch passed the years of his childhood and youth in the pleasant old-fashioned farm-cottage which still stands amidst picturesque surroundings at the junction of the two streets named. That he was a man of great natural energy is evinced by the fact, which appears to be well authenticated, that having been apprenticed as a carpenter he anticipated his majority by buying his time of his employer, and soon after, about the year 1815, went to St. Thomas, in the West Indies, where he engaged in building an ice-house for Frederick Tudor, the famous founder of the New England ice trade. His health failed subsequently, so that he visited Havana for its restoration, but the year 1818 found him in Charleston, where he renewed his business relations with Mr. Tudor, this time as Tudor's agent in the transaction of the ice business in that city. In this business he continued prosperously, either as agent or principal till the beginning of the civil war, at which time he had accumulated a fortune estimated at half a million. The effect of the war in the depreciation of invested personal property to a point where it had only a nominal value or none at all, and in the destruction of other property, was to sweep away this fortune, leaving hardly more than a modest competence. A relative who has recently visited the South with a view to settling the estate, brings back some interesting souvenirs, among which are two silver cups, one without date, bearing a brief inscription indicating that it was the gift of Mr. Tudor to Mr. Peirce, and the other being inscribed as follows:—

“A token from Frederick Tudor to Phineas Pierce, in remembrance of his extraordinary exertions in saving the ice-house from destruction in the great fire of the 27th of April, 1838, when 145 acres of the most populous part of the city of Charleston, S. C., were laid waste.”

Samples of Confederate money of all denominations are among the relics thus brought from the South, and also the following military pass which may be said to have both a biographical and historical value:—

“CHARLESTON, Feb. 21, 1864.

No. 13,078.

Allow Mr. P. Pierce to pass out of the city to Chester, whose height is 5 feet, 10 inches, blue eyes, gray hair and dark complexion.

*Good for five days.*

His signature, )

Phineas Pierce. }

(Signed)

W. H. SMITH,

For Mayor.”

It may not be inappropriate to mention in this connection that the cottage referred to above was built by the father of Mr. Phineas Peirce for his own residence, and that it is still in the family possession, the land on which it stands being part of the patrimonial acres allotted to Robert Peirce, who was one of the original settlers and proprietors of the town of Dorchester, in 1630. Mr. Peirce was a highly respected member of the community with which, though he was an occasional visitor to the North during the hot season, he was during nearly all his active career identified. He bore the infirmities of age and the business reverses of his last years with great fortitude. His remains repose in the beautiful Magnolia Cemetery in the environs of Charleston.

244. MARY A., b. Sept. 1, 1796; d. Feb. 8, 1821.

102. LUZERNE PEIRCE (*Thomas, Naphthalia, Thomas, Thomas, Robert*), b. Sept. 27, 1779; m. ————. Res. Sandwich, Ill.  
Children:—

245. EDWARD, b. Dec. 6, 1811; m. Gertrude Dearn.

246. JOHN, b. May 26, 1814; m. Paulina Worden.

247. HENRY, b. Aug. 26, 1816.

248. GIRL, b. May 6, 1804.

249. JANE.

250. MARIA.

251. PHEBE A.

113. REV. JOHN T. PEIRCE (*Rev. John, John, John, John, Thomas, Robert*), b. Dec. 15, 1811; m. July 25, 1837, Martha Haskins.

Rev. John T. Peirce gr. H. C. 1831, and from Oberlin Institute, Ohio, in 1836. He was ordained an Evangelical preacher the same year. He preached at Middlesex, Vt., and other places, but his health failing he went to Illinois in 1839. He taught school at several places in the West and was in 1849 Instructor at Geneseo, Henry county, Ill.

Children:—

252. MARY E., b. June 23, 1845.

253. JOHN F., b. July 30, 1849.

115. WILLIAM B. PEIRCE (*Rev. John, John, John, John, Thomas, Robert*), b. Sept. 26, 1815; m. June 1, 1842, Elizabeth F. Peck.

William B. Peirce practiced law a few years in Albany, New York, but in 1852 removed to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he still resides. He is connected with the "Mercantile Agency." Children:—

254. WILLIAM L., b. Oct. 13, 1843.

255. LUCY T., b. June 29, 1846.

256. ARTHUR, b. Sept. 3, 1849; d. July 10, 1850.

257. ROBERT, b. Dec. 14, 1852.

118. JOHN PEIRCE (*Jonas, John, John, John, Thomas, Robert*), b. Dec. 2, 1815; m. Nov. 12, 1837, Elizabeth L. Hauscom. Res. Machias, Me. Children:—

258. FERELINE A., b. June 29, 1838; d. April 10, 1839.

259. JOHN L., b. Apr. 26, 1840.

260. FERELINE A., b. Oct. 19, 1841; d. Feb. 10, 1842.

261. MARY E., b. May 4, 1843.

262. SOPHIA A., b. Mar. 1, 1846; d. Aug. 10, 1847.

263. CLARA E.,

264. CLARENCE E., } twins, b. July 7, 1848; { d. March 10, 1849.

265. MARIA L., b. Mar. 21, 1851.

266. LUCY W., b. July 15, 1853.

267. SARAH B., b. June 10, 1855.

120. FREDERICK PEIRCE (*Jonas, John, John, John, Thomas, Robert*), b. Oct. 16, 1818; m. June 8, 1845, Maria L. Chase. Res. East Machias, Me. Children:—

268. HENRY C., b. Apr. 17, 1847.

269. ANGELINE B., b. June 17, 1848; d. Oct. 10, 1849.

270. AUDUBON, b. Apr. 8, 1850.

271. ROSCOE, b. Feb. 27, 1852.

121. JONAS PEIRCE (*Jonas, John, John, John, Thomas, Robert*), b. Aug. 27, 1820; m. July 30, 1842, Mary A. Whittemore, b. Jan. 8, 1826. Res. Roxbury, Mass. Children:—

272. JOHN, b. Feb. 19, 1843.

273. MARY E., b. Aug. 8, 1844.

274. JONAS, b. Apr. 14, 1846.

275. JOSEPHINE A., b. Oct. 24, 1849.

276. ELIZABETH S., b. Aug. 31, 1851.

133. JOHN PEIRCE (*Lemuel, John, John, John, Thomas, Robert*), b. Mar. 6, 1821; m. May 27, 1846, Elizabeth Thompson. Res. West Farms, N. Y. Children:—

277. JULIA A., b. Oct. 31, 1847.

278. WILLIAM E., b. Oct. 16, 1850.

134. JAMES PEIRCE (*Lemuel, John, John, John, Thomas, Robert*), b. Oct. 20, 1822; m. Nov. 20, 1844, Elizabeth Garven. Res. West Farms, N. Y. Children:—

279. CORNELIA, b. Oct. 28, 1845.

280. ALICE, b. July 22, 1851.

136. LEMUEL PEIRCE (*Lemuel, John, John, John, Thomas, Robert*), b. Dec. 7, 1826; m. Sept. 7, 1849, Susan J. Harris. Children:—

281. LEMUEL H., b. July 17, 1849.

282. EMMA F., b. May 27, 1851.

283. WILLIAM B., b. Dec. 23, 1854.

148. JACOB G. PEIRCE (*Stephen, Benjamin, John, John, Thomas, Robert*), b. May 18, 1809; m. June 20, 1829, Susan Campbell. Res. Milton. Children:—

284. EMILY C.

285. ALICE H.

286. SUSAN G.

287. JACOB; m. Apr., 1877, and has a son, Henry G.

288. ELEANOR.

154. GEORGE W. PEIRCE (*Joshua, Benjamin, John, John, Thomas, Robert*), b. Mar. 4, 1814; m. May 1, 1840, Susanna A. Hutchins; d. May 2, 1841; m. 2nd. Feb. 28, 1848, Phebe Williston, b. July 19, 1818. Res. Auburn, Me. Children:—

289. SUSAN H., b. Apr. 20, 1841.

290. MINERVA, b. Mar. 17, 1849.

291. CORA.

292. JESSE.

156. HENRY PEIRCE (*Joshua, Benjamin, John, John, Thomas, Robert*), b. April 18, 1822; m. Jan. 1, 1857, Susan Farnsworth, b. Aug. 3, 1828. Res. Dorchester, Mass.

He worked about two years at the carpenter's trade in 1839 and 1840; clerk in hat store from 1840 to 1848; in hat and hatters' goods trade from 1848 to 1876, firm T. C. Bacon & Co., No. 1 Union



*Samuel I. Pierce*



street, corner North, Boston : since that has been out of regular business ; for the past six years has been one of the First Assistant Assessors of the city, and one of the board this year (1878).

Children :—

293. MARY E., b. Mar. 7, 1858.

294. ANNIE L., b. Oct. 17, 1862.

170. DANIEL PEIRCE (*Daniel, Jonathan, John, John, Thomas, Robert*), b. Sept. 16, 1805 ; m. Sept. 16, 1835, Maria A. Howe, b. Apr. 7, 1816 ; d. Nov. 22, 1848 ; m. 2d. Jan. 1, 1850, Sarah Gay. He d. Apr. 10, 1873. Children :—

295. GEORGE F., b. Oct. 20, 1836 ; m. Nov. 22, 1876, Maria A. Mann, b. Sept. 27, 1841. Res. Boston ; s. p.

296. ARTHUR H., b. June 12, 1852 ; m. Mar. 7, 1878, Harriet Porter.

171. SAMUEL S. PEIRCE (*Daniel, Jonathan, John, John, Thomas, Robert*), b. Mar. 7, 1807 ; m. Feb. 17, 1836, Maria Wallis, b. Feb. 22, 1812. Res. 5 Union Park, Boston. Place of business, Scollay's square. Children :—

297. CHARLES H., b. Jan. 3, 1837 ; d. Sept. 10, 1837.

298. MARY E., b. Nov. 20, 1838 ; m. Robert B. Williams.

299. HENRIETTA M., b. Aug. 27, 1842.

300. HARRIET E., b. Oct. 13, 1848.

301. SAMUEL S., b. Nov. 7, 1840 ; d. Nov. 18, 1871.

302. WALLACE L., b. Mar. 15, 1853 ; m. June 7, 1876, Stella L. Walworth. Res. Boston.

303. MATHEW V., b. Aug. 6, 1855.

304. HOLDEN W., b. Nov. 25, 1857.

182. JONATHAN M. PEIRCE (*Daniel, Ebenezer, John, John, Thomas, Robert*), b. May 15, 1810 ; m. Apr. 15, 1833, Frances Stetson. Children :—

305. MARY E., b. July 21, 1834 ; m. D. W. Hoyt.

306. DANIEL M., b. July 23, 1837 ; d. Sept. 15, 1838.

307. LAURA J., b. Nov. 26, 1839 ; d. Feb. 26, 1848.

308. ALBERT M., b. June 14, 1844 ; d. Nov. 24, 1854.

309. ELLA F., b. May 5, 1849 ; d. Aug. 5, 1849.

198. JAMES D. PEIRCE (*James, Ebenezer, John, John, Thomas, Robert*), b. Sept. 18, 1827 ; m. Apr. 18, 1854, Marcia H. Mack, b. Jan. 21, 1828. Res. Springfield, Mass. Children :—

310. BENJAMIN D., b. Mar. 9, 1859.

311. MARY R., b. Mar. 10, 1861.

312. FRANK L., b. Oct. 10, 1865.

213. EDWARD PEIRCE (*Edward, Edward, Samuel, John, Thomas, Robert*), b. Sept. 3, 1804 ; m. Dec. 13, 1832, Eliza A. Howe, b. 1805 ; d. Oct. 22, 1847. He d. Nov. 3, 1878. He was born in Dorchester. He served at his trade until 21 years of age ; was for five or six years depot-master for the Old Colony Railroad at Harrison Square. For ten years he was clerk of the First National Bank in Dorchester, and was also treasurer of the Dorchester Savings Bank. Children :—

313. ELIZABETH, b. Nov. 4, 1833 ; m. Joseph W. Bronsdon.

314. MARY, b. Apr. 9, 1835 ; d. Sept. 6, 1836.

315. EDWARD, b. July 23, 1837; d. Apr. 25, 1839.  
 316. MARY C., b. Feb. 9, 1839; d. Feb. 15, 1843.  
 317. HANNAH C., b. Sept. 14, 1841.  
 318. ANNE M., b. Jan. 10, 1846; m. James R. O'Hara, b. Apr. 6, 1845. Res. Dorchester.  
 319. EDWARD J., b. Oct. 11, 1847; m. Oct. 18, 1876, Sarah J. Botsford. Res. Dorchester; s. p.

216. JOHN PEIRCE (*John F., Edward, Samuel, John, Thomas, Robert*), b. Oct. 22, 1822; m. Apr. 30, 1849, Mary Tucker.  
 Children:—

320. CHARLES C., b. Mar. 1, 1852.  
 321. WALTER L., b. June 8, 1858.  
 322. MINA L., b. Nov. 23, 1860.

221. JAMES W. PEIRCE (*John F., Edward, Samuel, John, Thomas, Robert*), b. June 25, 1834; m. Jan. 6, 1868, Ellen Barleys.  
 Children:—

323. HARRY B., b. Aug. 10, 1870.  
 324. MARY E., b. Mar. 31, 1872.

231. LEWIS F. PEIRCE (*Lewis, Col. Samuel, Samuel, John, Thomas, Robert*), b. July 10, 1809; m. Nov. 30, 1834, Melissa Withington, b. Feb. 3, 1809. Res. Dorchester. Children:—

325. GEORGE F., b. Mar. 8, 1838; m. Almira N. Haven.  
 326. HENRY A., b. Mar. 29, 1849; d. June 30, 1849.

234. WILLIAM A. PEIRCE (*Lewis, Col. Samuel, Samuel, John, Thomas, Robert*), b. June 15, 1827; m. Mar. 29, 1860, Antoinette E. Reed, b. Feb. 7, 1827. Res. Neponset. Children:—

327. WILLIAM A., b. Feb. 5, 1861; d. Nov. 11, 1861.  
 328. ANTOINETTE L., b. Dec. 16, 1863.

240. Capt. THOMAS PEIRCE (*Thomas, Thomas, Naphthalia, Thomas, Thomas, Robert*), b. June 1, 1790; m. Mar. 17, 1817, Martha Leeds, b. Sept. 26, 1784; d. July 27, 1865. He d. Apr. 3, 1875. Res. Dorchester.

"Capt. Thomas Peirce was a native of Dorchester, and was the eldest son of the eldest son for seven generations, all of whom bore the name of Thomas with one exception. He descended in a direct line from Robert Peirce, who settled in Dorchester in 1630, the cellar of whose house was situated near the residence of Councilman Loring. His well, near the residence of A. T. Stearns, Esq., remained intact until within a few years, and not a few of your Neponset readers have drank from that well after a good game of 'round ball,' which always took place on Fast and Thanksgiving days in the 'Garden of Eden.' In the war of 1812 Capt. Peirce, while on a sick bed, was drafted into the service of his country, but before he was able to do any duty the company was filled up. Determined, however, to be of some service he supplied the troops stationed at Commercial Point and Saven Hill with fresh beef until the close of their term of service. In 1820 Mr. Peirce with fifteen others organized the Neponset Bridge Engine Company, which was after a time changed into the Independence Engine Company, and of which at the time of his death Mr. Peirce and Jonathan Hammond, Esq., of Woburn, were the sole survivors. In 1823 Mr. Peirce was chosen foreman of the company, and so acted at the time of the great fire in Beacon street. When the alarm for this fire was given, Mr. Peirce, who was haying, started with the engine, and at such a rapid rate that he soon lost hat and shoes, and ran into Boston barefooted and

bareheaded, making the distance in 40 minutes. We well remember the vivid description which Mr. Peirce gave of this fire to a group of firemen a short time since. How the company ran out on the Mill Dam, and filled their engine (a bucket machine) and ran back and played out what water remained in the tub after their run. How the company was publicly thanked by the Mayor, and their weary journey home. Mr. Peirce retained all his faculties to the last, and was a pleasant and genial companion for both young and old, and the entire community mourns his loss."—*Dorchester Paper*.

### Children:—

- 329. MARTHA, b. 1817; m. Alexander Vine.
- 330. ROBERT T., b. May 1, 1822; m. Caroline Marsh.
- 331. SAMUEL H. L., b. Jan. 4, 1826; m. Nancy Jameson.
- 332. GEORGE P., b. June 6, 1827; m. Catherine Dix.
- 333. FREDERICK L., b. Mar. 20, 1829; m. Annie Tucker.
- 334. ALBERT, b. Mar. 27, 1840; d. 1840.

241. Capt. ROBERT PEIRCE (*Thomas, Thomas, Naphthalia, Thomas, Thomas, Robert*), b. Dec. 22, 1791; m. Carolina Trevitt. He d. Sept. 4, 1877. Res. Harrison Square, Boston. Children:—

- 335. CAROLINE A.; m. George Lovitt.
- 336. HARRIET B.; m. John Preston.
- 337. TREVITT W.; d. Dec. 11, 1845.
- 338. ELLA G.

245. EDWARD PEIRCE (*Luzerne, Thomas, Naphthalia, Thomas, Thomas, Robert*), b. Dec. 6, 1811; m. Dec. 22, 1834. Gerturde Dearin, b. Nov. 24, 1816. He d. Nov. 10, 1849. Res. Sandwich, Ill.

### Children:—

- 339. OLIVIA, b. Mar. 4, 1836; m. William J. Plows.
- 340. VICTORIA, b. June 16, 1838; m. Mortimer Walker.
- 341. EDWARD, b. Mar. 21, 1851; d. July 21, 1861.
- 342. GEORGE, b. July 17, 1841.

325. GEORGE F. PEIRCE (*Lewis, Col. Samuel, Samuel, John, Thomas, Robert*), b. Mar. 8, 1838; m. Nov. 22, 1860, Almira N. Haven, b. May 9, 1838. Res. Dorchester. Child:—

- 343. FRANK H., b. July 19, 1862; d. Jan. 11, 1864.

330. ROBERT T. PEIRCE (*Capt. Thomas, Thomas, Thomas, Naphthalia, Thomas, Thomas, Robert*), b. May 1, 1822; m. Caroline Marsh. Res. Dorchester. Children:—

- 343<sup>4</sup>. MARY, b. Feb. 24, 1849; m. Samuel Brown.
- 344. ALBERT, b. Oct. 27, 1852.

331. SAMUEL H. L. PEIRCE (*Capt. Thomas, Thomas, Thomas, Naphthalia, Thomas, Thomas, Robert*), b. Jan. 4, 1826; m. May 19, 1852, Nancy Jameson. Res. Dorchester. Children:—

- 345. FLORENCE, b. Feb. 18, 1854.
- 346. ALICE, b. Dec. 9, 1858.
- 347. GRACIE J., b. Aug. 10, 1866; d. Oct. 30, 1866.

332. GEORGE P. PEIRCE (*Capt. Thomas, Thomas, Thomas, Naphthalia, Thomas, Thomas, Robert*), b. June 6, 1827; m. Feb. 10, 1861, Catherine Dix, b. May 30, 1837. Res. Dorchester, Adams street.

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