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THE

GENEALOGY AND HISTORY

OF THE

T A I N T O R F A M I L Y ,

FROM THE

PERIOD OF THEIR EMIGRATION FROM WALES,

TO THE PRESENT TIME.

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THE compiler of this genealogy having gained from various sources, knowledge of the genealogy of the TAINORS, together with interesting facts in relation to their history, &c., has thought it would be desirable to preserve the same in an enduring form. He knows that many of the name would feel an interest in a work of this kind, and he presumes it will prove quite acceptable to all of them. It seems a praiseworthy undertaking, to him, to seek to preserve a remembrance of the early Fathers of New England: they were certainly *deserving* of an enduring memorial. And although so long a period has elapsed since their day, that but few facts in relation to their personal history can now be gleaned, yet these facts are sufficient to show that it is identified with the establishment of civil and religious liberty in the country of their *adoption*, and of their *birth*; and with all those wise institutions of which

their Descendants may justly be proud. To all who have, by transmitting him information, contributed to the success of his undertaking, he would express many thanks and his obligations, and hopes they will not *now* consign the subject to oblivion; for it is quite *possible* that more knowledge of interest may come to light, which will demand a continuation, or *supplement* to this work.

He hopes he shall be pardoned for the liberty he has taken in transcribing those letters for publication, that appear in the work, without the knowledge or consent of their authors. His reason for their appearance is that they greatly enhance the interest of his undertaking, inasmuch as they will be a source of much gratification to many of the numerous members of the Taintor Family; and *this* is his apology for inserting them in his work.

C. M. TAINTOR.

Shelburne, Mass., April, A. D. 1847.

TAINTOR GENEALOGY.



FIRST GENERATION OF TAINTORS IN AMERICA WAS

CHARLES TAINTOR;

WHO WITH HIS SONS AND DAUGHTER, WERE IN NEW ENGLAND, IN A. D. 1643.



SECOND GENERATION.

MICHAEL, CHARLES, Jr., JOSEPH, and MARIE.

THIRD GENERATION, *in the line of Micael.*

MICHAEL TAINTOR'S wife was Elizabeth. ^{Rose} (Family unknown.)

Children.

- John, born May, 1650, at Branford, Ct.
- Micaiell, born Oct., 1652.
- Elizabeth, born June, 1655.
- Johana, born April, 1657. m. Josiah Gillet.
- Sarie, born Oct., 1658. m. Soml Stone.

JOHN TAINTOR married Dorcas Swain, of Branford, Ct.

Micaiell married Mary, daughter of Thos. and

Hannah Loomis, of Windsor, in April, 1679 ; and also Mabel Butler, widow of Daniel Butler, of Branford, in Aug., 1697.

Elizabeth married Noah Rogers, in 1673, at Branford.

FOURTH GENERATION.

Children of Micaiell and Mary Taintor.

Micael,	born Sept., 1680, at Windsor, Conn.
John,	born Oct., 1682.
Mary,	born Sept., 1685.
Joseph,	born Nov., 1687.
Sarie,	born Nov., 1698, daughter of Micaiell and Mabel Taintor.

Micael married Eunice Foote, of Wethersfield, in Dec., 1712.

Mary married Edward Moore, of Windsor, and had sons and daughters.

Joseph married Elizabeth Foote, in March, 1710.

Sarah married Noah Clark, of Colchester, in 1719, and had sons.

FIFTH GENERATION.

Children of Micael and Eunice Taintor.

Vniss, (Eunice)	born April, 1717, at Colchester, Conn., Married Aaron Skinner, of Colchester.
Michael,	born Dec. 31, 1719. Married Sarah Loomis, of Colchester.

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- Charles, born Feb., 1723. Married Aug., 1766, Mary, daughter of Rev. Thomas Skinner, of Westchester.
- John, born July, 1725. Married Esther Clark in 1751, and Sarah, daughter of Captain Gurshom Bulkley, in 1758.
- Mary, born Nov., 1727. Married Col. David Wells, of Shelburne, Mass., in Jan., 1749, and died in Dec., 1815.
- Prudence, born Dec., 1729. Married ~~Doct.~~ John Watrous, of Colchester.
- Sarah, born April, 1731. Married Mr. Nathan'l Otis, of Colchester.
- Anne, born Oct., 1734. Died, unmarried, Jan., 1755.

FIFTH GENERATION.

Children of Joseph and Elizabeth Taintor.

- Mary, born July, 1711, at Branford, Conn. Married Samuel Lewis, of Colchester, Feb., 1729.
- Joseph, born Nov., 1714. Married Sarah Barker, April, 1743.
- Elizabeth, born Oct., 1716. Married a Mr. Moore, of Windsor, Conn.
- John, baptized July, 1719. Married wid. Sarah Foote, May, 1746.
- Michael, born June 8th, 1723. Married Sarah Foote, 25th Sept., 1747.
- Nathaniel, baptized Nov. 1725. Married Submit Tyler, Jan. 1753.

SIXTH GENERATION.

Children of Michael and Sarah Taintor.

- Sarah, born Dec., 30th ¹⁷⁴⁵ at Colchester. Married Asa Strong.
- Michael, born March, 14th 1748. Married Lydia Loomis of Colchester, April, 1767.

SIXTH GENERATION.

Children of Charles and Mary Taintor.

- Anne, born at Colchester, July, 1767. Married Erastus Worthington.
- Charles, born Jan., 1769, and died at about three years of age.
- Eunice, born Dec., 1770. Married Cyrus Bill, of Lebanon, Ct.
- Charles, born Dec., 1772. Married Sarah Fox, of Colchester, Dec., 1800.
- Sarah, born July, 1775. Married John C. Bulkley, of Colchester.
- Betsey, born Dec., 1777. Married Mr. Fox, of New London.
- Sophia, born Feb., 1780. Married Mr. Daniels of New York.
- Newhall, born July, 1782. Married Miss Ruth Smith, of Haddam, Jan., 1809.
- Eudocia, born Aug., 1785. Married Sam'l Reid, of Colchester.

SIXTH GENERATION.

Children of John and Esther Taintor, and of John and Sarah Taintor.

- Esther, Married Hon. Joseph Isham, of Colehester.
- Betsey, born at Colchester. Married Capt. Chas. Bulkley, of Colchester.
- John, born Sept., 1760. Married Miss Hosford of Marlborough, Ct.
- Charles, born Dec., 17th, 1762. Married a Miss Abbe, of Windham.
- Gurshom, born May, 1765, and died Oct. 1775,
- Roger, born Dec., 1767. Married Nabby Bulkley, Dec., 1789.

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- Solomon, born Oct., 1769. Married Judith Bulkley,
Dec., 1797.
- Sally, born Aug., 1773. Married Joshua R. Bulkley,
in 1794.
- Polly, born May, 1777. Married Godfrey Grosvenor,
of Pomfret.

SIXTH GENERATION.

Children of Joseph and Sarah Taintor.

- Sarah, born Nov., 1743, at Branford. Married Mr.
Norton, of Durham, Ct.
- Joseph, born Sept., 1745. Married Mary Wilson, of
Windsor, Conn.
- Elizabeth, born March, 1748. Died in 1751.
- Benjamin, born June, 1751.

SIXTH GENERATION.

Child of John and Sarah Taintor.

- Jared, born at Branford, 1746. Married Rebecca
Linsley.

SIXTH GENERATION.

Children of Michael and Sarah Taintor.

- Abigail, born Aug., 1748, at Branford. Married Asahel,
Tyler.
- Michael, born June, 1752. Married Desire Bunnell.
- Mary, born Sept., 1755. Married Jonathan Munson.
- Medad, born Nov., 13th, 1757. Married Anna Linsley,
1779.

SIXTH GENERATION.

Children of Nath'l and Submit Taintor.

- Elizabeth, born at Northford, March, 1754. Married Aaron
Cooke, of Wallingford.

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- Nathaniel, born June, 1755, and died March, 1762.
 Rebecca, born June, 1757. Married Dea. Benj. Maltby, of Northford. ^{Stephen}
 Eunice, born Dec., 1760. Married ^{Stephen} Williams.
 Submit, born 1762. Married Jonathan Maltby of New Haven.
 Isaac, born Jan., 1766.

SEVENTH GENERATION.

Children of Michael and Lydia Taintor.

- Lydia, born at Colchester, Ct., Jan., 1768. Married Moses Palmer, of Orford, N. H.
 Michael, born April, 1770. Married Martha Harris.
 Sarah, born Dec., 1771. Married Peter Moulton, of Orford, N. H.
 Asa, born at Orford, N. H., Sept., 1778. Married Damaris and Eliz. Converse of Lyme, N. H.
 Mary, born Sept., 1780. Died 1813, unmarried.
 Alfred, born March, 1785. Married Anne Chamberlaine, of Thetford, Vt.
 Charles, born April 16th, 1787. Married Phebe Hubbard Welles, of Shelburne, Ms., 1810.
 John R., born April, 1791. Married Roxa Woodruff, of Wolcott, N. Y.

SEVENTH GENERATION.

Children of Charles and Sarah Taintor.

- Maria, born Oct., 1802. Married Isaac Briggs, of Skeneateles, N. Y., Dec., 1835.
 Charles, born Dec., 1805. Married Catherine E. Musier, of Albany, May, 1830.
 Sophia, born May, 1808.
 Jesse F., born Aug., 1810. Married Eunice S. Pierce, July, 1834.

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- Morton, born Sept., 1812. Married Mary Ann Avery, of N. London.
- Giles S., born May, 1814. Married Angeline B. Harris, of Philadelphia.
- John S., born Dec., 1815.
- William, born Jan., 1818. Married Mary Barrows, of Bozrah, Conn.

SEVENTH GENERATION.

Children of Newhall and Ruth Taintor.

- Mary S., born at Colchester, April, 1810. Married Matthew O. Wells, April, 1840.
- Ralph S., born Nov., 1811. Married Phebe H. Lord, of Lyme, June, 1834.
- Sophia D., born Sept., 1813.
- Harriet N., born Sept., 1815. Married Rev. Joseph S. Lord, of Harford, Cortland Co., N. Y., June, 1836.
- Charles, born Feb., 1818. Died July, 1840.
- Abigail B., born March, 1820. Married Eli L. Corbin, of McDonough, Chenango Co., N. Y., June, 1843.
- Charlotte, born April, 1822. Married Allach McCollom, of New Lisbon, Otsego Co., N. Y., Sept. 1843.
- Roger, born Aug., 1824.
- Ruth C., born Nov., 1826. Died Dec., 1826.
- Solomon, born April, 1828.
- Ruth C., born Dec., 1831.
- Addison C., born Sept., 1836.

SEVENTH GENERATION.

Children of John and Sarah Taintor.

- Sarah, Married John Gilmore, and Israel Foote, of N. Y., and had sons and daughters.
- Abbe, Married Wm. Gibbons, of Savannah, Ga., and had sons and daughters.

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SEVENTH GENERATION.

Children of Charles and Mary Taintor.

- Eliza, born at Windham, Conn., Nov., 1794. Married
Maj. Rufus L. Baker, of U. S. Army, in
June, 1818,
- Giles, born July, 1802. Married Mary Nowell West,
of Boston, May, 1836.

SEVENTH GENERATION.

Children of Roger and Nabby Taintor.

- Clarrissa, died at 4 years of age, at Hampton, Ct.
- John A., born at Hampton, April, 1800. Married Adelia
Croade, of Providence, R. Island, May, 1831.

SEVENTH GENERATION.

Children of Solomon and Judith Taintor.

- Edwin B., born at Hampton, Ct., May, 1800. Married
Sally Penniman, of N. Braintree, June, 1826 ;
and Frances M. Prichard, of W. Brookfield,
Ms., July, 1843.
- Caroline, born May, 1808, and deceased Aug., 1810.
- Henry G., born Feb. 1813. Married Delia W. Ellsworth,
of Windsor, Conn., Sept., 1839, who was born
June, 1818.

SEVENTH GENERATION.

Children of Joseph and Mary Taintor.

- Joseph, born at Colebrook, Conn.
- Mary,
Eunice,
Joseph, married two sisters named Hotchkiss.

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- Eli, born April, 1784. Married Miss Atkins, of Middletown, Ct.
 Harvey, born 1787. Married Mary Martin, and died in 1823.

SEVENTH GENERATION.

Child of Jared and Rebecca Taintor.

- John, born 1769-70. Died 1777.

SEVENTH GENERATION.

Children of Michael and Desire Taintor.

- John, lost at sea, aged about 20 years.
 Nathaniel, married Polly Hemingway.
 Lucy, married Merrick Linsley, of Euclid, Ohio.
 Sally, died aged about 24 years.
 Alanson, died aged 7 years.
 Olive, died aged about 40 years.
 Abigail, married Merrick Linsley, Esq., being his second wife.
 Lucretia,
 Alanson, born at Northford, Conn., about 1805. Married Susan L. Doolittle, of Westmoreland, N. Y.

SEVENTH GENERATION.

Children of Medad and Anna Taintor.

- Sarah, born at Northford, Ct. Married Hon. Malachi Cooke, of Wallingford, Conn.
 Reuben, born 1785. Died 1813, unmarried.
 Anna, married Deac. Jesse Brockett, of Springfield, Ms.
 Eunitia, living in New Haven, Conn.
 Henry, born at Northford, now living at Clinton, Conn. Married Ann Maria Crane, of Killingworth, Ct., Aug., 1834.

Grace, married David Finch, and died in Ga., 1833.
 Hannah, married Joel Potter, and now living in N. Haven.

EIGHTH GENERATION.

Children of Michael and Martha Taintor.

Joanna, born at Orford, N. H. Died young.
 Josiah, born Feb. 1795. Married Comfort Fiske, and
 Barcina Crowningshield.
 Alexander T., born May, 1797. Married Ruth Robins of
 Deerfield.
 O. H., married Betsey Fisk.
 Mary M., married Joseph Robbins, of Deerfield, Mass.

EIGHTH GENERATION.

Children of Asa and Damaris and Betsy Taintor.

Lydia, born at Orford, N. H. Married Mr. Bishop of
 N. Y.
 Asa L.,
 Damaris, married Mr. Bates, of N. York.
 Elizabeth C., married Mr. Barber, of Lyman, Vt.
 John W.,
 Harriet, unmarried, lives in Charlestown, Ms.

EIGHTH GENERATION.

Children of Alfred and Anna Taintor.

Anne, born at Orford, N. H. Married David Whit-
 comb.
 Mary Ann,
 Eliza Ann,
 Sarah,
 Lydia,

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EIGHTH GENERATION.

Children of Charles and Phebe H. Taintor.

- Mary Hubbard, born June, 1811, at Shelburne, Mass. Died Nov., 1842, aged 31 years.
 Harriet E., born Sept., 1812.
 Charles Micaiell, born Dec. 4th, 1817. Married Mary Lord, of Lyme, Ct., Aug., 1846.
 David Welles, born Aug., 1822.
 Henry G., born Oct., 1831. Died Oct., 1832.

EIGHTH GENERATION.

Children of John R. and Roza Taintor.

- Charlotte, born at Wolcott, N. Y., Nov., 1822.
 John B., born Sept., 1824.
 Mary E., born July, 1826.
 Sarah A., born Sept., 1828.
 Baxter M., born Sept., 1830.
 Lydia C., born Feb., 1833.
 Roxana C., born July, 1838.
 Charles A. L., born Jan., 1844.

EIGHTH GENERATION.

Children of Charles and Catharine E. Taintor.

- Charles M., born at Buffalo, N. Y., April, 1831.
 Henry F., born June, 1833.
 George R., born Sept., 1835. Died April, 1844.
 Giles E., born Sept., 1838.
 Edward C., born Jan., 1842.
 Sarah M., born June, 1845.

EIGHTH GENERATION.

Children of Jesse F. and Eunice S. Taintor.

- Susan P., born at Cleveland, O., June, 1836.
 Anna Maria, born June, 1838.

Sarah B., born Feb., 1840.
 Mary L., born Sept., 1844.
 Issabella, born Oct., 1846.

EIGHTH GENERATION.

Children of Ralph S. and Phebe H. Taintor.

Joseph L., born at Colchester, Conn., Sept., 1835.
 Ralph S., born Sept., 1837.
 Phebe L., born at Pomfret, Ct., June, 1839.
 Charles N., born Nov., 1840.
 James U., born Oct., 1844.
 Michael, born Aug., 1846.

EIGHTH GENERATION.

Children of Giles and Mary N. Taintor.

Frank Lathrop, born at Windham, Ct., March, 1837.
 Charles, born March, 1840.
 Abby Louise, born March, 1841.
 Henry Sherman, born April, 1842.

EIGHTH GENERATION.

Children of John A. and Adelia Taintor.

Louise, born July, 1832, at Hartford(?)
 Alice, born Dec., 1835.

EIGHTH GENERATION.

Children of Edwin B., and Sally and Frances M. Taintor.

Lucy P. Taintor, born at Brookfield, Sept. 1828.
 Caroline, born Oct., 1830.
 Susan, born Oct., 1835.
 Eugenia, born Jan., 1845.

EIGHTH GENERATION.

Child of Henry G. and Delia Taintor.

Henry Ellsworth, born at Hampton, Ct., Aug., 1844.

EIGHTH GENERATION.

Children of Joseph and Damaris and Rebecca Taintor.

- Hiram, born at Colebrook, Conn., Sept., 1804.
 Cleopatra, born May, 1806. Married Mr. North.
 Edward, born Jan., 1811. Married Emily Bidwell, Feb.,
 1844.
 Charles, W., born Oct., 1822.
 Samuel J., born Sept., 1828.

EIGHTH GENERATION.

Children of Eli and Abigail Taintor.

- Jason A., born at Windsor, Ct., April, 1808. Married Maria T. Green, June, 1828.
 Phineas W., born May, 1809. Married Mary Reed, Feb., 1842.
 Erving, born Dec., 1810. Married Eliza Burgess, of Harford, N. Y., March, 1834.
 Eli N., born Sept., 1815. Married Esther L. Carter, May, 1839.
 Albert J., born Jan., 1820.

EIGHTH GENERATION.

Child of Harvey and Mary Taintor.

- Fidelia, born at Colebrook, Conn.
 Mahala, married Mr. Seymour, and has two children, Jane and Ruth.

EIGHTH GENERATION.

Child of Nath'l and Polly Taintor.

- Hiram, born at East Haven, Ct. Married Miss Ruth Hotchkiss, June, 1845.

EIGHTH GENERATION.

Children of Alanson and Susan L. Taintor.

- Olive, born at Euclid, Ohio, June, 1839.
 Mary, born June, 1840.
 Lucy, born Sept., 1843.

EIGHTH GENERATION.

Children of Henry and Ann Maria Taintor.

Grace, born at Clinton, Conn., Aug., 1835.
 Henry Reuben, born Nov., 1839. Died, June, 1844.
 Mary Almira, born July, 1845.

NINTH GENERATION.

Children of Josiah and Comfort Taintor.

Mary S., born at Chesterfield, N. H., Sept., 1829.
 Michael W., born Sept., 1831.

NINTH GENERATION.

Children of Alex. T. and Ruth Taintor.

Martha A., born March, 1828, at Deerfield, Mass.
 Alex. W., born Nov., 1831.

NINTH GENERATION.

Children of O. H. and Betsey Taintor.

Joseph H., born 1828, and died Aug., 1846, at Deerfield, Ms.
 George M., born June, 1829.
 William L., born Oct., 1832.

NINTH GENERATION.

Child of Edward and Emily Taintor.

Joseph, born May, 1845, at Colbrook, Ct.

NINTH GENERATION.

Children of Jason A., and Maria T. Taintor.

Mary T., born May, 1829.
 William J., born Aug., 1835.
 Charles C., born June, 1838.
 Edward I., born Nov., 1840.
 Martin F., born Dec., 1842. Died, June, 1845.

NINTH GENERATION.

Child of Phineas W. and Mary Taintor.

Edgar Horatio, born Aug., 1844. Died Sept., 1844.

NINTH GENERATION.

Children of Erving and Eliza Taintor.

- Burgess, born at Harford, N. Y., Dec., 1834.
 Albert, born Jan., 1837.
 Emeline, born Jan., 1839.
 Erving, born Sept., 1840.
 Jane E., born Oct., 1842.
 Charles P., born Nov., 1844.

NINTH GENERATION.

Children of Eli N., and Esther Taintor.

- Abigail L., born Oct., 1840, and died the same month.
 Fidelia L., born Jan., 1842, and died March, 1846.
 Eli H., born Dec., 1843.

THIRD GENERATION.

Children of Joseph and Mary Taintor, of Watertown.

- Ann, born at Watertown, Ms., 2d of 7m., 1644.
 Joseph, born 2d of 7m., 1645.
 Rebekah, born 18th of the 6m., 1647.
 Jonathan, born ye 10 : 7m., 1654. Married Elizabeth
 Warrin, in 1681.
 Sary, born the 20 : Nov., 1657.
 Simon, born 30 :-7 : 1660. Wife was Joanna.
 Dorothy, born Aug., 1663.

FOURTH GENERATION.

In the line of Joseph. Children of Jon. and Eliz. Taintor.

- Jonathan, born at Watertown, July, 1682. Married Mary
 Randoll, March, 1702.
 Benjamin, born June, 1685.
 Joseph, born May, 1688. Settled in Marlboro,' Mass.

FOURTH GENERATION.

Children of Simon and Joanna Taintor.

- Simon, born at Watertown, Ms., Feb., 1693-4. Married
Rebecca Harrington, May, 1714.
- Mary, born Jan. 1695-6. Died Jan., 1697-8.
- John, born March, 1698-9. Married Joanna Harrington,
May, 1720.
- Rebecca, born May, 1701.
- Mary, born Nov., 1703. Married Benjamin Hastings,
of Watertown, Mass., April, 1726.
- Dorathy, born May, 1706.

FIFTH GENERATION.

Children of Jonathan and Mary Taintor.

- Randoll, born at Watertown, Jan., 1703, and deceased
July, 1705.
- Susanna, born May, 1706.

FIFTH GENERATION.

Children of Joseph Taintor, of Marlboro'.

- Eldest daughter, married Mr. Smith, lived and died in Boylston, Mass.
- Two younger daughters, were never married.
- John, lived in Boston.
- Jonathan, lived and died in Marlboro'.
- Joseph, married Sarah Brigham, of Marlboro'.

FIFTH GENERATION.

Children of Simon and Rebecca Taintor.

- Simon, born at Watertown, April, 1715. Married Mary
Bruce.
- Rebecca, born Jan., 1716. Married Timothy Warren.
- Johanna, born Feb., 1717. Married Joshua Kendall.

- Susanna, born Dec., 1720. Married Samuel Baker, of Bolton.
 Jonathan, born Aug., 1723.
 Sarah, married Joseph Bowker.
 Elisabeth, baptized Jan., 1729 at Westborough. Married Stephen Sadler.
 Joshua, baptized Feb., 1733.
 Sam'l, baptized May, 1736.

FIFTH GENERATION.

Children of John and Johanna Taintor.

- Mary, born at Watertown, June, 1721. Died Feb., 1745.
 Hannah, born Feb., 1723. Married Moses Stone, Nov., 1746.
 Rebecca, born Aug., 1725.
 Susanna, born July, 1727.
 Johanna, born Dec., 1730. Married Ebenezer Shedd of Charlestown, Nov., 1750.
 John, born Aug., 1732.
 Ann, born Aug., 1734. Married Daniel Watson, of Cambridge, Nov., 1757.
 Samuel, born March, 1737. Died Jan., 1759.
 Ayers, born July, 1741, Married Elizabeth Cooledge of Waltham.
 William, born June, 1746. Died March, 1759.

SIXTH GENERATION.

Children of John Tayntor of Boston.

Jedadiah, and Joseph.

SIXTH GENERATION.

Children of Jonathan Tayntor of Marlboro'.

John, and Joseph. The latter died at Marlboro', in 1845, aged 78.

Several daughters; names unknown.

SIXTH GENERATION.

Children of Joseph and Sarah Tayntor.

- Sarah, married Ebenezer Rice, of Holden, Mass.
 Mirriam, married Stephen Potter, of Marlborough, Mass.
 Annes S. married Cyrus Kingsbury, of Worcester.
 Lucy, married Abel Hubbard, of Holden, Mass.
 Lucretia, died young.
 Electa, " "
 Patty, married John Perry, of Holden, Mass.
 Benjamin, married Dinah Houghton, of Worcester, N. Y.
 Joseph, married Abigail Fuller, of Lanesboro', Mass.

SIXTH GENERATION.

Children of Simon and Mary Tainter.

- Simon, born at Westboro', 1741, died unmarried March, 1769.
 Abijah, born June, 1744, at Grafton. Married Sarah Small, Oct., 1772
 Mary,
 Joel, born March, 1749. Married Abigail Goddard, Sept., 1786, who died in May, 1790, aged 29 years, and Elizabeth Bancroft, Dec., 1798.
 Nahum, born Feb., 1751. Married Huldah Sibley, of Sutton, May, 1781.
 Hannah, born March, 1758. Married Joseph Bancroft, Sept., 1780.
 Anna, born July, 1760. Married Robert Goddard, April, 1780.
 Daniel, born 1761. Married Rebeckah Jacobs, of Ward, Jan., 1792.
 David, born 1761. Married Katharine Houghton, of Sterling.

SIXTH GENERATION.

*Children of Benjamin Tainter, of Newfane, Vt.
 whose wife was Hannah Wood.*

- Benjamin, married Margaret Hinds, May, 1776.

Jonathan, married Jemima Root.
 Stephen,
 Samuel,
 Hannah,

SIXTH GENERATION.

Children of John Tainter, Jr., of Watertown.

Mary, baptized at Watertown, 1756. Married Wm.
 Popenbury of Lexington, Sept., 1784.
 Susanna, " 1758. Married Henry Gipson, Aug.,
 1776.
 Sarah, baptized 1760. Married Matthew Pierce, Oct.,
 1777.
 Joanna, " 1762.
 Samuel, " 1763.
 Lizzie, " 1766.
 Hannah, " 1767.
 John, " 1770.
 Nathaniel, " 1774.

SIXTH GENERATION.

Children of Ayres and Elizabeth Tainter.

Elizabeth, baptized in 1768.
 Lucy, baptized in 1770. Married Mr. Fairbanks.
 William, baptized in 1772. Married Betsey Kilburn, of
 Lunenburg.
 Rebecca, baptized in 1774.
 Daniel A., baptized in 1779. Married Elizabeth Barnard.
 Sally, baptized in 1784.

SEVENTH GENERATION.

Children of Jedadiah Tayntor, of Marlboro', N. H.

Darius, born at Marlboro', N. H.
 A daughter, married Major Wiswall, of Marlboro', N. H.

SEVENTH GENERATION.

Children of Benjamin and Dinah Tayntor.

- Olive, born at Worcester, N. Y. Married Mr. Root.
 Benjamin, married Eliza Foster, of Sharon, N. Y.
 Sarah, married Elisha Treat, of Decatur, N. Y.
 Cyrus, living in Decatur.
 Mary,
 Lovina, a widow in Decatur.
 Jonah, married Roby Luther, in Truxton, N. Y.
 Philetta, married John Popple, of Russia, N. Y.

SEVENTH GENERATION.

Children of Joseph and Abigail Tayntor.

- Abigail, born at Worcester, N. York.
 Joseph, married Ann Bennett, of Eaton, N. Y.
 Patty, married Fisk Wellington.
 Orasmus, married Roxana Daniels, of Eaton.
 Lucy, living in Lebanon, N. Y.
 Ira, married Caroline Darrow of Eaton.
 Erastus, married Marietta S. Beebe, of Fenner, N. Y.
 Cyrus K. married Ruth Ann Beebe.
 Rufus H.

SEVENTH GENERATION.

Children of Abijah and Sarah Tainter.

- Stephen, born at Sutton, Mass., 1776. Married Polly Dyke, who died in July, 1834.—In Oct., following, he married Lucretia Gates.
 Abijah, born 1778. Married Mercy Shumway, and Hannah Smith, and died 1830.
 Sally, born April, 1781.

SEVENTH GENERATION.

Children of Joel, and Abigail and Elizabeth Tainter.

- Polly, born at Sutton, July, 1787. Married Salma Carter.

Nabby, born May, 1790. Died Nov., 1813. aged 23 years.
 Simon, born Oct., 1799, married Hannah Rice, Sept.,
 1822.

SEVENTH GENERATION.

Children of Nahum and Huldah Tainter.

Mahettable, born at Sutton, married Simon Bancroft, of Sut-
 ton, 1805.
 Ellenor, married Col. Prentice Cushing, of Lowell. Died
 May, 1829.
 Nancy, married Rufus Sibley, of Millbury, April, 1817,
 and Otis Morse, of Lebanon, Ct.
 Harriet, married Luke Harrington, of Milbury, Nov.,
 1814.
 Roxa, married John Lilly, of Milbury, Nov., 1817.
 Harvey, born Jan. 1784, married Lucy Copeland, of Lei-
 cester, Sept., 1816.

SEVENTH GENERATION.

Children of David and Katherine Tainter.

Katherine S., born May, 1790, married Benjamin Rugg, of
 Leominster, and died in 1845.
 Thomas S., born March, 1791. Died young.

SEVENTH GENERATION.

Children of Daniel and Rebecca Tainter.

Betsey, born at Sutton, Jan., 1794, married Reuben Mer-
 riam, of Leicester.
 Nancy, born March, 1795. Died young.

SEVENTH GENERATION.

Children of Jonathan and ^{Root}Jemima Tainter.

Josiah W., born at Dummerston, Vt., Jan., 1782, married
 Miss Davis, of Somers, Conn., Aug., 1803.

Jonathan, Timothy, and Loren.
 Polly, Jemima, Lois, and Lucinda. — *Annals of the Society*

SEVENTH GENERATION.

Children of William and Betsey Tainter.

- William C., born at Leominster, June, 1800, married Mary
 B. Hiscock, of Cambridgeport.
 Elizabeth E., born April, 1802, resides in Fitchburg, Mass.
 Elmus, born March, 1804, married Abigail Green, of
 Lexington.
 Lewis, born Sept., 1806, married Lucinda Pearce, of
 Groton.
 Elijah F. born Aug., 1808, married Cordelia Briggs, of
 Watertown.
 Daniel A. born July, 1812, married Sarah Willis, of Boston.
 Solon S. born June, 1816, married Joanna Littlefield, of
 Holliston.

SEVENTH GENERATION.

Children of Daniel A. and Elizabeth Tainter.

- Daniel A. born at Watertown, married Persis Richardson.
 George, residing in Watertown.

EIGHTH GENERATION.

Children of Benjamin and Eliza Tayntor.

- Gilford, living in Russia, N. Y. married Miss Wooden, of
 Russia.
 Mary Ann, and Alanson.

EIGHTH GENERATION.

Children of Lorenzo and Louisa Tayntor.

- Mary, Ursula, Marshal, Eunice, and Ellen.

EIGHTH GENERATION.

Children of Jonah and Roby Tayntor.

Tharressa, and Mary.

EIGHTH GENERATION.

Children of Joseph and Ann Tayntor.

Ann A., born at Eaton, N. Y.

Eliza M., Homer B., and Amelia B.

EIGHTH GENERATION.

Children of Orsamus and Roxana Tayntor.

Emma, and two died young.

EIGHTH GENERATION.

Children of Ira and Caroline Tayntor.

Merriam J., Sarah L., Albert J., and Rufus N.

EIGHTH GENERATION.

Children of Erastus and Marriette S. Tayntor.

Mary E., Adelbert R., Oscar Jr., and J. Munro.

EIGHTH GENERATION.

Child of Cyrus K. and Ann B. Tayntor.

Eliza A.

EIGHTH GENERATION.

Child of Stephen and Polly Tainter.

Sumner, died young.

EIGHTH GENERATION.

Children of Abijah and Mercy and Hanah Tainter.

- Fanny, born at Milbury, Feb., 1800. married Burt.
 Leonard, born April, 1804. Went to N. York, when young.
 David, born Nov., 1805, married Eliza T. B. Marble,
 Oct., 1836.
 Daniel, born Aug., 1807, married Betsey M. Marsh,
 April, 1833.
 Sumner, born Jan., 1810, died in Michigan, Jan., 1845.
 Willard, born Feb., 1812, married Hannah Goddard, of
 Worcester.
 Almira, born Oct., 1819, married Asa Burt, of Millbury,
 Dec., 1839.
 Sarah, born Aug., 1824. Died young.
 Sybil, born July 8th, 1825.
 Lucy, born Jan., 29th, 1826.
 Emeline, born July, 1830. Died young.

EIGHTH GENERATION.

Children of Simon and Hannah Tainter.

- Joel E., born June, 1823. Charles A., born April, 1834.
 Harriet E., born Aug., 1826. Elbriage G., born April, 1837.

EIGHTH GENERATION.

Children of Harvey and Lucy Tainter.

- Isaac Keith, born on the birth day of his father, Jan., 1818.
 Married Harriet Newell Eddy of N. Providence,
 Oct., 1845.
 Daniel, born Sept., 1819, married Sarah E. Johnson, of
 Worcester, May, 1840.
 Nahum, born June, 1821, married Ann E. Pierce, of
 Smithfield, R. I., May, 1845
 Ephraim C. born July, 1823. Harvey S. born April, 1825.
 died Sept., 1827.
 Lucy K. born Dec., 1827. Died Sept., 1844.

Harvey S., born Oct., 1829. Carver, born July, 1831.
 Laura, born April, 1836, Celia L., born Oct., 1841.

EIGHTH GENERATION.

Children of Josiah W. Tainter of Whitingham, Vt.

Rebecca, born at Whitingham, Jan., 1806. married Benjamin Eames of Halifax, Vt., May, 1825.
 Betsey, born Sept., 1809. Married David Chase, Oct., 1829. He died, and she married Isaac Allerd.
 Noris D., born March, 1812. Married Sarah Martin, Sept., 1834.
 Lydia, born July, 1814. Married Joseph Farnum, Feb., 1837.
 Josiah W., Jr., born March, 1818. Married Elizabeth Russell, Nov., 1838.
 James M. born April, 1821.

EIGHTH GENERATION.

Children of Wm., T. and Mary B. Tainter.

Mary E. and William H.

EIGHTH GENERATION.

Children of Lewis and Lucinda Tainter.

George L., Frances E., and two others, names unknown.

EIGHTH GENERATION.

Children of Elijah F. and Cordelia Tainter.

Delia Ann, Alfred B., Harriet A., and Theron E.

EIGHTH GENERATION.

Children of Daniel A., and Sarah Tainter, of Boston.

Francis J., born at Boston, Dean W., Daniel Webster and George.

EIGHTH GENERATION.

Children of Daniel A. and Persis Tainter, of Watertown.
Elizabeth B., and Henry A.

NINTH GENERATION.

Children of David and Eliza T. B. Tainter.
Hannah E., Mary E., and Abijah S.

NINTH GENERATION.

Children of Daniel and Betsey M. Tainter.
Louise A., and George F.

NINTH GENERATION.

Children of Willard and Hannah Tainter.
John N., and one younger.

NINTH GENERATION.

Children of Daniel and Sarah E. Tainter.
Calista B., born at Worcester, Nov., 1840.
Charles E., born March, 1846.

NINTH GENERATION.

Child of Nahum and Ann E. Tainter.
Henry A., born June, 1846.

NINTH GENERATION.

Children of Norris D. and Sarah Tainter.
Loren, born at Whitingham, and Lucinda.

NINTH GENERATION.

Children of Josiah Jr. and Elizabeth Tainter.
Mary, born at Whitingham, Vt., and Luana.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTICES OF INDIVIDUALS, ETC.

ABIJAH TAINTER, born in 1744, at Grafton, Ms., died in 1828, was a carpenter, bought a farm in Sutton,—he and wife were admitted into the church in that place Dec. 1790, and “were pious, honest and respectable.”

ALANSON TAINTOR, son of Michael of Northford, Conn., resides in Euclid, Ohio.

ALANSON TAYNTOR, son of Benjamin, living in Russia, N. Y.

BENJAMIN TAINTER, son of Deac. Simon Tainter, of Westboro', (his birth not recorded in Watertown records) was taken captive by the Indians at Adams, June, 11, 1746. In 1747, Feb. 15, “Benjamin Tainter, son to Lieut. Tainter, of Westborough, New England,” and six others, “were brought down from Montreal to Quebeck”—he afterward settled in Newfane, Vt.

Doct. BENJAMIN TAINTER, resides in Gainesville, Genesee Co., N. Y.

CHARLES TAINTOR, of South Wales, migrated to America, with his family in consequence of religious persecution ; was deprived of a large estate in Wales, by confiscation—his home was Fairfield, Conn.,—he was a commercial man,—was intrusted in foreign voyages and was lost at sea with Mr. Jagger, in Oct., 1654, with whom he was probably part-owner of the ship—he possessed real estate in Fairfield, which was sold by his sons Charles Jr. and Michael, in 1656, to John ~~Burr~~. *Burr*

CHARLES TAINTOR, Jr., came from Wales, was a commercial man, and went to Virginia, about 1656—nothing is known of him subsequent to that period.

Capt. CHARLES TAINTOR, was born at Colchester, 1723, lived on the farm where his grandfather settled, and died there in March, 1807.—He was wealthy, owning large real estate. He was a pious, influential man ; a worthy descendant of the Puritans. He was Town and Society Treasurer. His wife died in 1822.

CHARLES TAINTOR, son of Capt. Charles, was an enterprising business man—was engaged in business in New London, Wilkesbarre, (Penn.) and Buffalo, where he died in 1827.

CHARLES TAINTOR, born at Colchester, 1762, went South with the French Army, which quartered in

Colchester for one winter. He left Colchester, and commenced the mercantile business in Windham, in Dec., 1789, in which he has been eminently successful. He has been a member of Conn. Gen. Assembly, and is still living in Windham, (1847).

CHARLES TAINTOR, son of Deac. Michael, of Orford, N. H., went from Orford to Shelburne, Ms. in 1809, and taught school the following winter—he first suggested the idea of establishing the “first independent social library” in Shelburne, in 1822,—has been a grand juror from Shelburne, &c.

CHARLES TAINTOR, of Buffalo, left his father's family in Wilkesbarre (Penn.) when about $5\frac{1}{2}$ years of age, to reside with his grand-parents, in Colchester, with whom he lived till April, 1825. He then left Colchester and went to Buffalo, after spending six months, in Auburn, N. Y.—In his younger days, was, for two or three years clerk in a broker's office, after that, for about the same time in the U. S. Branch Bank, in Buffalo—then for a few years, was engaged in the exchange and brokerage business, in which he was unsuccessful, having lost a large amount by the forgeries and failure of Benjamin Rathbun, and also large amounts by endorsing, in 1836, and the general depreciation of property, and failures of others, soon swept away a “comfortable indepen-

dence"—for the last few years has been and now is engaged in the lumber-trade, as well as horticulture and gardening, &c.

CHARLES TAINTOR, son of Capt. Newhall, of Colchester, graduated from Yale College, in Aug., 1839—"was considered one of the first in his class.—I believe I can truly say his talents were of a superior order—his virtues and amiable qualities greatly endeared him to all who knew him; indeed, he was universally beloved: none knew him but to love, none named him but to praise. He left home in Oct., 1839, for Louisiana, 'to seek,' as he said, 'that fortune his native state denied him'—in seven months after reaching Harrisonburg, he fell a victim to the baneful influences of a southern clime."

DANIEL A. TAINTER, son of Wm., resides in Boston, was a ward officer, in 1844.

DAVID TAINTER, son of Simon, was a Physician in Westboro', and died in 1791, aged 29 years.

EDWIN BULKLEY TAINTOR, son of Solomon, of Hampton, graduated at Yale College, in 1821—a merchant in W. Brookfield, since.

ELI TAINTOR, son of Joseph, lived in Windsor, (Conn.) till 1835—has been sheriff, and for several years past has been a Pension agent—now resides in Lee, Mass.

ERVING TAINTER, son of Eli, resides in Harford, Cortland Co., N. Y., and is a preacher there.

EZEKIEL TAINTER, was a sheriff in Madison Co., Wisconsin, in 1839.

FRANK LATHROP TAINTOR, eldest son of Giles, of Windham.

GILES TAINTOR, son of Charles, of Windham, graduated at Yale College, in 1822—resides in Windham.

GILES S. TAINTOR, son of Charles of Buffalo, a merchant in Natchez, Miss., formerly cashier of the Commercial and Rail Road Bank at Vicksburg.

HARVEY TAINTER, born at Sutton, N. Parish, 1784—was a school-teacher for many years, from 1803 to 1819—in 1810, June 1st, was commissioned Adjutant of the regiment of cavalry, in the 1st brigade and 7th division of Militia, which office he resigned in 1816—in 1814, was appointed Marshal of a Court Martial, holden in Brookfield—has been selectman, assessor, treasurer, &c., in Leicester, at different times—a commissioner of three for setting off and dividing the real estates of three of the largest landholders in Leicester, amongst their heirs—has been juror to courts holden at Worcester, and to the U. S. Court, at Boston, in 1833, and to the S. J. Court at Worcester, 1840—in 1840 was appointed

assistant Marshal for taking a portion of the 6th census of the Mass. district—was appointed a Coroner, in 1843, also a committee of three for changing the inside of Leicester meeting-house, in 1829, the cost of which was \$3,484—his wife is a lineal descendant from Gov. Wm. Bradford, John Alden, and also of Rev. James Keith, who came from Scotland in 1662.

Hon. HENRY TAINTOR, of Clinton, Ct., was born in Branford, where he resided many years—has been Rep. to Conn. Gen. Assembly from Branford—was whig candidate for senator for Middlesex district in 1843—in 1844 was elected senator over L'Homme-dieu, the democrat candidate,—has often been delegate to Whig State conventions, one of the County Committee, &c. is a merchant and Elliptic Spring manufacturer.

HENRY G. TAINTOR, son of Solomon of Hampton, is a merchant in Hampton, Conn.

“ISAAC TAINTOR, son of Nathaniel, was left in infancy to the guidance of his mother, was a man of strict honor, and considered peculiarly shrewd in matters of business and money making. He was a farmer by occupation, considered a great judge of the value of lands, and literally, a land merchant—a buyer and seller of farms.—At a little

over 50 years of age he died, leaving something over twenty thousand dollars."

JOEL TAINTER, of Sutton, Mass., was a Lieut. in the Revolutionary war.

"Capt. JOHN TAINTOR, eldest son of Michael from Wales, seems to have possessed many of the qualities and virtues of his father—he was much in public life—his alliance by marriage was evidently with one of the most respectable families of New Haven Colony—Dorcas Swain, daughter of Daniel and grand-daughter of Samuel Swain, is known by tradition as one of the most comely maidens of the age, and wishing to confer every possible happiness upon her acquaintances, she married Mr. John Collins in six months after the death of her lord and husband John Taintor."

"He (John Taintor) is known in the church history of the town of Branford, and was evidently, a man armed to every good work, and ready to sustain the purity of the pure principles of the Puritan fathers." "He left no children, he died at Branford, Sept. 1699—he left a will, in which, after several bequests to benevolent purposes, and certain provisions to his wife, he gave the main part of his estate to Joseph, youngest son of his brother Micaiell of Windsor."

Capt. JOHN TAINTER, son of Simon of Watertown,

was chosen Deacon of the church of Watertown in 1749.

JOHN TAINTOR, son of Deac. Micael of Colchester, died in April, 1798—was a man of influence and wealth in Colchester—was an inn-keeper in Colchester during the war of the Revolution, as well as before and subsequent. His second wife (Sarah Bulkley) was grand-daughter of Rev. John Bulkley, first minister of Colchester, who was son of Gurshom and grandson of Peter Bulkley, three of the most eminent of New England Divines—her father was Capt. Gurshom Bulkley.

Capt. JOHN TAINTOR, son of Joseph of Branford, “was a man of standing and large estate for the times—he gave to the Ecclesiastical society in Northford, a very handsome sum which they have since lost; and he also gave to the “South school district of Northford,” a handsome bequest, which makes it a free school.”

JOHN TAINTOR, born in Colchester, Sept., 1760—went south with the French Army—in 1791 he left Marlboro', Conn., where he had been a merchant, and commenced business in Lebanon—afterward a merchant in Windham—he and his brothers, Charles, Roger and Solomon were said to be worth over 400,000 dollars, more than twenty years ago. He

died in New York, at the residence of his sons-in-law, (Israel Foote) whilst there on a visit, in March, 1825—was a member of Conn. Gen. Assembly.

Doct. JOHN R. TAINTOR, of Butler, N. York, studied at Dartmouth University, where he obtained his diploma.

JOHN A. TAINTOR, of Hartford, Conn.,—merchant—graduated at Yale College in 1821—has spent much time and traveled in every part of Europe in 1828 and '29, and in 1845 and '46, and as a source of amusement, has been at great pains and expense, for the improvement of fine wooled sheep, having selected and imported the choicest animals from the finest flocks in France, Spain, Germany, Prussia and Austria, the last year.

JOSEPH TAINTOR, of Watertown, from Wales, appears on the Watertown records in 1644. Farmer says he “was a proprietor of Watertown and Sudbury about 1640,”—in 1663 “Nathaniel Treadaway and Joseph Taynter, with the deacons, were chosen and empowered to act in all emergent occasions, to place people in the meeting-house as need do require.”

“JOSEPH TAINTOR, youngest son of Esq. Micaiell, went from Colchester, where his father then lived and settled at Branford, as the heir of his uncle

John. He was a man of quiet and retired habits—having by heirship a very ample estate, for the times, he appears to have given his attention to domestic pursuits—he was but about 12 years old when his uncle John left him his estate, but probably resided at Colchester, with his father, till his majority—he was known as a mild, amiable man, of industrious habits, and somewhat given to the acquisition of property—he stood amongst his neighbors, high, as a man of probity and integrity, but declining public employment and responsibility—he died aged 41 years, and his wife near the same time, leaving an orphan family, his youngest son, Nathaniel, being but about three years old ; his oldest son, Joseph, but about 14—but very little of his estate seems to have passed to his children at their majority—between the necessary expenses attending their youth and the rapacity of guardians, they were left to begin the world with but little except their hands, and what native or peculiar energy of character they might possess—some of them were apprenticed, in early life to trades, which they never subsequently followed.”

“JOSEPH TAINTOR, eldest son of Joseph of Branford, settled on a part of the estate of his father, and died Oct., 1750, aged 36—he was much such a man as his father.”

JESSE F. TAINTOR, of Cleveland, Ohio, is Teller in a Banking House in Cleveland, and connected with another gentleman in the lumbering business.

Capt. JOSEPH TAINTOR, of Colebrook, Conn. was Deacon of the church in Colebrook.

MARIE TAINTOR, from Wales, daughter of Charles sen., was married at Branford, Conn., Nov. 1662, to Thomas Pierson, son of Rev. Abraham Pierson of Branford.

MARY H. TAINTOR, daughter of Charles, and Phebe H. Taintor, died in Nov., 1842—of her it was written, “with a mind to appreciate, and a heart formed to love all that is good and beautiful in the natural and moral world, and that mind and heart devoted to Him, by whom it was bestowed, can we but hope that she will meet a rich reward.”

MEDAD and MICHAEL TAINTOR, sons of Michael, and grandsons of Joseph of Branford, were similar in their pursuits, being farmers—men of irreproachable character, firm and unwavering in their opinions and purposes : never submitting to a known wrong and never exacting what was not strictly and honestly their's—under easy and comfortable circumstances, they seemed neither ambitious of fame or covetous of great wealth, and presented an example of brotherly love and kindness worthy of imitation—having daily

intercourse, they seemed never more happy than in each other's society, and were never known from infancy for a moment to entertain for each other any other than feelings of kindness and love."

MICHAEL TAINTOR, from Wales, was Master of a yacht trading to Virginia in 1653—he settled in Branford, Conn. and died there in 1672-3. In 1667 Michael Taintor was one of four "employed and empowered by the town of Branford to buy the house and lands of Richard Harrison"—he and Thomas Harrison witnessed a deed in 1671—in 1669 he was one of the number chosen on the part of Branford to settle the difficulties relative to the boundaries between the towns of Branford and New Haven—in 1670, he was one of a committee of eight, to settle the bounds between Branford and Guilford—he was judge of a court held at Branford in 1669—he was a member of Conn. Gen. Assembly several sessions—the inventory of his estate, taken in 1672-3, was £166, 4s. and 10d,—that of his son John, taken in Sept., 1699, was £493, 7s., and 2d. "From the deed made by Charles Jr. and Michael of Charles Sen.'s estate, and from the death of Michael only 19 years after the death of his father, it seems he must have been somewhat in life before the death of his father, although his energies of character were not

called forth till Rev. Abraham Pierson and his people left the infant settlement to contend unaided with the hardship and trial incident to all new settlements; and here we first have notice of his prominence, perseverance, and patriarchal character—unaided by that clerical influence so peculiar and necessary to those times, the plantation seems to have progressed, and we find Michael Taintor and his son John, only seventeen years of age, signing the new plantation and church covenant, June 20th, 1667. We also find him, by state record, representative from Branford. In him we find the Ship Master, and man of enterprise, the legislator, and consistent christian professor, the commissioner and judge, the puritan and patriarch; evidently bringing up his family in the fear of God. From all that can be known of him, it appears evident that he was a man of influence and discretion, and posterity for a series of time held his name in great respect and veneration, probably not so much from the splendor of his career, as from the disinterested nobleness, and integrity of his character.” His wife, Elizabeth, died July, 1659.

MICHAEL TAINTOR, son of Michael of Branford, went in early life to Windsor, and married Mary, daughter of Thomas Loomis. “In 1698, the legislature of Conn. passed a resolution providing that a

new plantation should be made at a place called Young's farms, between Middletown and Norwich, and the Rev. John Bulkley was appointed to lead out the new colony—among the most prominent persons enrolled in this enterprise, were Micaiell Taintor and his brother in law, John Loomis of Windsor, and this was the beginning of the present town of Colchester." (See Trumbull's history.) He was "one of her majesty's justices of the peace" (Queen Anne's) a member of Gen. Assembly 26 sessions, Town Clerk of Colchester from its settlement until he died in Feb., 1730—Register of deeds, and sometimes selectman, &c. He settled one mile west of the present village of Colchester on a hill embracing the best soil in Colchester, and commanding a fine prospect to the east. It appears evident from the honors conferred on him, and by the high estimation in which he was held by his contemporaries, that he was a man of high moral worth, and a man of superior abilities and attainments, and an ornament to the town of which he was one of the "first principal planters."

Deac. MICAELL TAINTOR, eldest son of Esqr. Micaell, was a farmer and a cooper, and died on the place where his father settled. He appears to have cared but little for public stations, and the attendant

responsibility—he was a mild and amiable man distinguished for nothing more than he was for his high sense of honor, his integrity and love of justice and truth. He was held in such high estimation by his contemporaries that his word was a bond, and his love of justice and truth (as manifested in his life) was proverbial—he was temperate and of industrious habits, and died at the advanced age of ninety-one in March, 1771.

MICHAEL TAINTOR, eldest son of Deac. Micaell, settled on a good farm in Westchester, (Colchester) and died at the early age of 29, in 1748, Nov., leaving a handsome estate to his infant children.

Deac. MICHAEL TAINTOR, son of Michael of Westchester, was brought up at his grandfather's. On becoming of age he engaged in sea-trading, and resided for a while in Charleston, S. Carolina:—not being one of fortune's favorites, he lost his property and removed 200 miles from his native place, up the Conn. river, and cleared up a farm in Orford, N. H., where he at length acquired a competency. The Revolutionary war commenced soon after his emigration, and his patriotism constrained him to enter the war as a volunteer, having some commission—he was afterward engaged in agricultural pursuits, and was also a cooper. He was chosen Deac. of

the first Congregational church in Orford—was a sealer of weights and measures, and a royal arch mason—in his younger days, he studied medicine, but never practised—he died in April, 1831.

Capt. MORTON TAINTOR, of Natchez, Miss., is Auction and Commission merchant there. He was appointed Capt. of Mississippi Militia, in 1847.

NAHUM TAINTOR, entered the revolutionary war, a volunteer, in the company of Capt. Andrew Elliott, in 1775—was sergeant in a campaign to White Plains, in 1776, and also at the taking of Burgoyne, in 1777. In April, 1783, he bought a lot of land in Leicester, and the next year began to clear his land, and build a house—he lived an honest man, and died July, 1816.

NAHUM TAINTER, son of Harvey of Leicester, educated himself for a minister of the gospel, keeping school winters in Worcester, East and West Bridgewater, and Westport, Mass. He commenced preaching in 1843, being 22 years of age—he is now preaching at Chilmark, (Martha's Vineyard) Mass.

NATHANIEL TAINTOR, son of Joseph of Branford, "was noted for industry and skill in matters of finance, and acquired a fortune, for the short time he lived and the sphere of his operations. His brother

Michael, was a quiet, unambitious man of feeble health, remarkable for his quiet industry, and honesty of character and purpose."

Capt. NEWHALL TAINTOR, resides on the old place where Esq. Micaiell settled about 1700—he has been very extensively engaged in business, and has held many important posts—has been Representative to Gen. Assembly of Conn., Justice of the peace, Selectman and Constable, Deputy Sheriff 16 successive years, has presided at the freeman's meetings, &c.—in masonry he was Knight templar.

REV. ORSAMUS TAYNTOR, Sheridan, Chataque Co., New York.

RALPH S. TAINTOR, son of Capt. Newhall, resides in Pomfret, Conn., has been justice of the peace, delegate to the Whig State convention, in 1843, &c.

ROGER TAINTOR, of Hampton, Ct. died April, 1831—he commenced the mercantile business in Hampton, in 1797. He represented the town of Hampton, in Gen. Assembly of Conn.

Dea. SIMON TAINTER, of Westborough, Mass., son of Simon of Watertown. In 1763, April, "Simon Tainter, gentleman," of Westboro' made his will, in which he bequeathed his "*silver cup*" to his grandson, Simon Tainter. In the journal of the Rev. Mr. Parkman of Westboro', for 1757, now in the

Antiquarian Hall, Worcester, he says, "Jan. 30th, Mrs Hastings and Mrs. Whitney of Watertown, sisters of Lt. Tainter dined here." "April 13th," my wife rode to Boston to-day and Lt. Tainter waited on her.—15th, my wife, with Deac. Tainter returns from Boston."

SIMON TAINTER, son of Dea. Simon of Westboro', "was constable in Sutton, in 1764-5—was chosen one of a committee to take care of, and provide for the families of such persons as are in the Continental service, Dec. 19th, 1777—also one of a committee to inspect and prosecute all breaches of law, agreeable to a late act of the Gen. Assembly, &c. March 8th, 1779—in 1756, was chosen one of a committee to treat with the Rev. Mr. Wellman, about his salary—also 1763, was chosen one of the Parish committee."

SOLOMON TAINTOR, son of John, commenced business in Hampton, in 1797, was a member of Gen. Assembly, and died in April, 1827.

Doct. STEPHEN TAINTER, son of Benjamin, of Newfane, Vt. Practised in Whitingham, Vt., and in Sandgate, New York—had three daughters, names unknown.

STEPHEN TAINTER, of Millbury, farmer, was a member of the Cong. church—"was pious, honest, and respectable."

Capt. WILLIAM TAINTER, son of Ayres Tainter, of Leominster.

WILLIAM C. TAINTER, Boston, has been for many years a Restaurateur.

WILLIAM TAINTOR, son of Charles, who died in Buffalo, is engaged in mercantile business, near Michigan city, Indiana.

Several whose Mothers were Taintors.

Lieut. CHARLES T. BAKER, of the U. S. Army.

WILLIAM B. BROCKETT, dealer in periodicals and other publications, at Springfield, Mass.

ELIPHALET A. BULKLEY, Esq., lawyer, of Hartford, Conn.

JOHN T. BULKLEY, Colchester, Conn.

CHAS. T. and JOHN G. GROSVENOR, Geneva, N. Y.

RALPH ISHAM, merchant of Colchester, died in 1845.

Rev. ERASTUS MALTBY, of Taunton, Mass.

Doct. PETER MOULTON, of New Rochelle, N. Y.

Capt. NATHANIEL OTIS, for many years kept the "Coffee House," in New London, Ct.

Deac. JOHN OTIS, of Colchester, Conn.

Deac. DAVID OTIS, of Colchester.

Deac. AARON SKINNER, removed from Colchester to Shelburne, in 1773. Was Lieut. in the Revolu-

tionary war, justice of the peace, Town clerk of Shelburne, Representative to Gen. court, &c.

Deac. DAVID SKINNER, of Marlborough, Conn.

Doct. JOHN R. WATROUS, of Colchester, Conn., was a surgeon in the American Revolutionary Army. President of the Conn. Medical Society, held important public posts in his native town, and died in Dec., 1842, aged 87 years.

DAVID WELLES, Jr., rendered aid in the Revolutionary war, in the capacity of an Adjutant, was chosen Major, which office he did not accept. He died in Shelburne, 1816, aged 66 years.

WILLIAM WELLS, Esq., of Shelburne, Mass.

Capt. WALTER WELLS, P. M., Shelburne Mass.

COPY OF A LETTER.

"Fitchburg, June 27th, 1846.

MR. CHARLES M. TAINTOR,

Sir,—"Having seen a copy of your letter to Mr. Harvey Tainter of Leicester, and, also, on a recent visit to Boston, found that you had, sometime since, written to a brother of mine residing there, on the subject of our ancestry, I take pleasure in communicating to you the little knowledge I *was* in possession of, together with what I was able to learn during my short stop, on my return, at Watertown ;

and regret, exceedingly, that your communication has not received an earlier answer. I obtained of Mr. Weisse, the Unitarian Clergyman of Watertown, a church record. The date of the book extended back nearly two centuries. In 1687, I found, among the baptisms, the following record, "I baptized two children of Jonathan Tainter, called Jonathan and Benjamin. In 1688, Joseph Tainter, son of Jonathan Tainter."—I could find no further entries until 1725, when I found a record of the baptisms, or the commencement of it, of the family of Deacon John Tainter, of whose family my grandfather was one.

* * * * * Ayres Tainter removed with his children to Leominster, about the year 1790, (his wife being dead.) In the year of 1799, William Tainter married Betsey Kilbourn of Lunenburg, who died in 1819—he died in 1824 Daniel A. Tainter returned to Watertown—married Elizabeth Barnard—he died there in 1839. Their children are Daniel A. and George, both of whom reside in Watertown. The source from which I derived the little information I possess, cannot, of course, be perfect, not having any dates of births or deaths, nor of marriages; and probably the baptisms are not all of them recorded, of my grandfather's family,—that of Daniel Adams was

omitted, although there is no doubt of its having been performed, as he was named for the minister. In one case it was stated that a portion of the record, "was taken from the interleaved almanacs of the pastor, after his decease, by a son." Although there is no record of a "John" in the family of Jonathan Tainter, yet, I think there is very little doubt of his being of that family; if so, we can trace our descent from Joseph Tainter, through Jonathan, John, Ayres, and William Tainter, six generations; and the children of my brother's, some of whom have nearly arrived at manhood, are of the seventh. It has been for years, a subject of deep regret to me, that during my grandfather's life I had not obtained and committed to paper, some genealogical facts of my ancestry. I recollect to have heard him converse with people who visited him, from Watertown, but have not been able, for many years, to recall to mind any facts of earlier date than of his own family—that, probably, being all I felt interested in at the time, for he returned to W. several years before his death, which took place there in 1824. I am very glad to hear of your intentions in regard to publishing a book, and should I be able to collect any further information, if it is not too late, I will gladly communicate it to you. Should you succeed in your plan,

if you will send half a dozen to me at Fitchburg, I will remit the money for them, to you, by mail.

Respectfully,

ELIZABETH E. TAINTER."

"Fitchburg, Sept. 5th, 1846.

"Mr. C. M. TAINTOR,

I have deferred replying to your letter, daily expecting to receive answers to letters which I addressed to friends in Watertown. Lest you should infer my interest in the subject had abated, I will give you the little additional information in my possession, and assure you if I can derive more from any source, I will forward it to you directly.—Ayres Tainter married Elizabeth Cooledge, of Waltham,—her brother, Gen. Jonathan C., died but a few years since at that place I hope to be able to learn the name of the wife of Deacon John Tainter, as there is, or was recently, living in W., an aged lady who was acquainted with the family in her early years, and who, at times, is quite communicative and intelligent, as I have been informed.

"For biographical sketches" of our family, meager indeed are the materials for furnishing any; so far as my knowledge extends, no one has been far famed for "learning, talent, wealth or power."—

Perhaps, however, the *military prowess* of some of them should be remembered—my father was commander of a company of Militia ! and in the church records at Waterton, I learned that in 1749, *Captain* John Taintor was chosen by the church to the office of *Deacon*, two offices which would seem in our “Peace” days, to be rather incongruous.—In regard to writing to the gentleman of our name in Wales, if you have not received an answer to your letter, I will gladly write, although I think he would be more likely to answer so pertinent a letter as you would address him, than any thing from my pen : yet, if you advise it, and will furnish me with some *leading* questions, I will write with pleasure.

Should you or your’s have occasion to pass through our village, a call from you would afford me much pleasure.—At the residence of A. Crocker, Esq.

Respectfully Yours,

E. E. TAINTER.”

“ Clinton, 25th Dec. 1846.

DEAR SIR.—Your last letter has lain by me a long time unanswered—not because I did not properly appreciate it, but from many causes. Soon after its receipt I was taken ill, and confined for a time by sickness—then many pressing cares came in, and so I have de-

layed till now—again, to congratulate a married man in the “honey moon,” is but common-place—I have therefore waited till the “sober, second thoughts” of a married life have, I trust, learned you somewhat to appreciate the blessing of a helpmeet, and come late to wish you a continual increase of enjoyment. My health for two years past has been rather unstable, but under the influence of the morning shower-bath, I am regaining my former vivacity of mind and strength and agility of body. I am for cold water *inside* and *outside*. The properties of water have, I think, been but very little understood in this our world. I should judge from your’s, that you was expecting something from me (as I once intimated) respecting my own history—but on reflection, I have thought best to say nothing of my own career, at present, even to confidential friends. True, my life has really been somewhat checkered, and marked by singular incidents, but God in every event has been better to me than my deserts, and my chief, nay, only regrets are, that I have not given to Him my talents, all my being. Excuse me, I am not about to preach a sermon, but I must be allowed to say that I feel as if the relationship between God and his creature, man, was not in general properly understood. It is recorded of Enoch that he walked and talked with God, and

was not, for God took him. I see no reason why men cannot now attain to the same degree of holiness and grace. To this high attainment, or to a daily communion with God by prayer, I hope it is the object both of you and myself to arrive, having a *certain knowledge* of pardoned sin, and being brought nigh, by the blood of the atonement. You, having passed the dangerous and trying period of youth, and obtained the wife of your affections, can probably never have a more favorable season for growth in grace than the present, which allow me earnestly to desire you to improve, and don't believe a single suggestion that may be made to you from any quarter, that age *with* or *without* a fortune, is a more favorable time.

Regarding the matter of our ancestors, I have learned nothing new. Some of our friends this way are getting rather impatient to see the work. I, myself, have been hoping to see it this winter. Perhaps you may have progressed so far with it, that you can form some opinion when you can put it to press, and what will be the probable cost, and whenever you can find leisure, to write me, I shall be glad to hear from you.

Yours Truly,

HENRY TAINTOR."

“ Fitchburg, Jan. 1st. 1847.

Mr. TAINTOR,

Sir,—Soon after receiving your last, I directed a letter to the address you furnished me, and as I had nothing further to communicate at that time, thought I would wait until a sufficient time had elapsed for “our kinsman” to receive and answer it. I have heard nothing, however, from that source, as yet, and entertain but a *very faint hope* that I ever shall—indeed it would be *presumption* in me, to expect an answer, if a communication from *your pen* remained unanswered.—I have succeeded in eliciting an answer to a letter, addressed, “George Tainter, Watertown,” which I will inclose and send to you, as the sickness of friends deprives me of the little leisure I should otherwise have for writing.—I learn by it, that the wife of Deac. John Tainter was Jonanna Harrington, a fact I have been unable to learn from any source until I received this letter, which I inclose with the request that it may be returned at the earliest convenient opportunity, as I intend to *rear a genealogical tree*, the first season that is fruitful for leisure.—I must hastily close, after wishing yourself and family the congratulations of the season—“A happy New year.”

Yours,

E. E. TAINTER.”

“ Natchez, Jan. 7th, 1847.

Mr. CHARLES M. TAINTOR, (*Shelburne, Mass.*,)

DEAR SIR,—I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your esteemed favor of Nov. 26th, and in reply, would assure you that nothing would afford me greater pleasure than to contribute my mite of information, towards the work you intend publishing.—But, unfortunately for me, I do not possess a single scrap of record, except some loose memoranda which I picked up at my uncle Newhall Taintor's, in Colchester, some two or three years since, and are only items, with which you are fully acquainted. My brother, Jesse F. Taintor, who resides at Cleveland, Ohio, is in possession of our family record, and is more fully acquainted with the family history than myself, and will take pleasure in promoting your views—permit me to commend you to him—I will write to my brother on the subject, and furnish him with such statistics of the two families living here, as will enable him to furnish you with a complete history of my father's family.—In my wanderings through the United States, which have not been inconsiderable during the last twenty years, I have never met with any of our name, (except those with whom we are directly connected,) with a single exception, and that was at Old Windsor,

Conn., in 1831-2—I think they afterwards moved to Ohio.—My acquaintance with that family was confined to a single member, whose name I have forgotten, having met him only once or twice, in Hartford.—Not having the good luck, as is the case with *some* of the family, to be born to a fortune, I have necessarily, been all my life, a creature of circumstances, and they of late years have not proved so propitious as I could at this moment desire, and cannot, therefore, volunteer any pecuniary aid in your undertaking, but when accomplished, as I sincerely hope it may be, myself and brother here, will expect some copies of the publication, and will most cordially contribute our proportion towards remunerating you for expenses incurred.—Although our Cognomen, “Yankee,” is used in this southern land as a term of reproach, yet it has *ever* been my pride, and boast, to claim descent from “*the Puritans*,” and the result of your labors, will, I trust, enable us to transmit this glorious recollection to our posterity, substantiated by incontestible evidence.—If not infringing too much on your time and patience you will confer a favor by writing to me occasionally, as your work progresses.

I am, dear sir, very truly,

your obliged friend and servant,

MORTON TAINOR.”

“ Lebanon (N. Y.) Jan. 5th, 1847. ”

DEAR SIR,—It was by accident that I received your letter a long time after date, it having been sent to the wrong post office ; my address is at Eaton Village, where we go to meeting, and where we transact our business : my farm being on the town line. My health has been such that I have neglected to answer your letter until this time, and it may now come too late to answer your purpose. I have been constantly threatened for more than a year, with the numb palsy or apoplectic fits, consequently my hand has become so tremulous that I cannot write legibly, and shall, therefore, be under the necessity of getting this transcribed.—I am the only survivor of our family, who can furnish you with the desired information, having neither father, mother, brother nor sister living. I can trace our pedigree no farther back than my grandfather, but I have received orally from my father, that our family were supposed to be of Welsh descent, that there were two families of the name, that came to America : one settled in Connecticut, and the other came to Boston, Mass. ; from the latter I am a descendant. I have thought probable that the two families might be of different origin, as we spell our names differently from the Conn. family, but on looking over some old papers of my

father's, in my possession, since I received your letter, I found a letter written by my grandfather to my father, dated Jan. 2d, 1764, in which he writes his name "Tainter"—I found another written by my father's eldest brother, dated Aug. 15th, 1750, six years previous, besides several other papers of different dates, in all of which he spells his name "Tayntor:" why this disagreement in the orthography at the same time, between father and son, is a question I am not able to solve; but from this circumstance I am led to conclude that we are all of the same origin. You say in your letter that Charles Taintor had three sons, one of them named Joseph, another strong circumstance that favors the conclusion that we sprang from that family, as that was my grandfather's name, and has been perpetuated in our family as a favorite name, each of my uncles having a son of that name, my father two, one having died in childhood before my day, and I have one son bearing that name. I think I have heard my father say that he had an uncle, named Benjamin, and who was a seaman, had sailed on board a hundred and twenty gun-ship, had been in great battles, &c. I think it probable that a generation between my grandfather, and one of the sons of Charles Taintor, might connect the two links.

All that I know of my grandfather is, that he settled in the town of Marlborough, Mass., twenty-eight miles west of Boston, but at what time, or from whence he came, I know not; there he lived and died; he had three sons and three daughters—the eldest daughter married a man by the name of Smith, lived and died in the town of Boylston, Mass., the other two were never married. His sons, John, Jonathan and Benjamin. John lived in Boston, a part of his days; had two sons, (which are all that I know of) Jedadiah and Joseph. Jedadiah settled in New Marlborough, N. H., lived and died there; he had one son, and one daughter that lived to mature age. His son (Darius) left home when a minor, and it is not known what become of him—his daughter married Major Wiswall, and was living on the homestead, four years ago, when I visited them. The other son, Joseph, was a roving character, both by sea and land—the last account that I ever had of him, he was in some of the southern states—I know not whether he ever had any family. The second son, Jonathan, lived and died on the homestead of my grandfather—he had two sons, and a number of daughters, whose history I am not able particularly to give—his sons were John and Joseph: they were both living on the homestead of my grandfather, the

last I knew of them. My father, the youngest, married Sarah Brigham, of the same town; lived in a number of places in the state of Mass., and raised a family of nine children, that lived to mature age, (and one dying in childhood)—seven daughters and two sons. * * * * * My sister Sarah lived and died in Hubbardston, Worcester Co.,—left three children, Rollen, Ebenezer, and Sarah, who went with their father south to the Cherokee nation; being appointed a missionary to that place: he returned to Tennessee, settled and died there—his children are now settled in Illinois. . . . Annis S. and Lucy settled in Alstead, N. H.—Annis S. had one son, Cyrus K., Jr.; she died when he was two weeks old—her son was brought up in Worcester, Mass., educated at Brown University, Rhode Island, and sent a missionary to the Choctaw Indians, more than forty years ago—he is now among that nation if living. My brother Hubbard removed to Putney, Vt., where they lived and died, having had a family of nine children, four of whom only were living the last that I knew of them. I left New England in the sixteenth year of my age in connection with my father and brother, and came to Worcester, Otsego Co. New York, where my brother was married to Dinah Houghton of the same place. . . .

Olive married — Root, had one son; she is now dead; her son was adopted by my brother, and bears our name, (Lorenzo Tayntor)

My father died in Worcester, Otsego Co., instantly, supposed to be a fit of apoplexy, 49 years ago. I married Abigail Fuller of Lanesborough, Berkshire Co. Mass.—we had three children in Worcester—we removed to this place forty years ago—we have raised a family of nine children that lived to mature age besides two that died in infancy.

There is one thing worthy of note in regard to our race. Although many of the families are numerous, the greater part of them are females; the reason why the name has increased no more. None of the race before me have more than three sons, and most of them no more than two in a family. I have been the means of propagating the name more extensively than any other one of our family, having had seven sons, five of whom are now living, and have families. I would here state that a branch of the Tayntor family emigrated from the town of Westborough, Mass., as I have been informed, and settled in the town of Newfane, or Dummerston, Vermont, but I know nothing of their connection with our family, or any thing of their history. No luminous star has ever risen in our family, dazzling with polit-

ical fame, or military glory, though holding an equal share in the lower grades of public stations in society. None over rich, nor abjectly poor, or vagrants, but generally occupying a state of mediocrity in society. I know of none ever guilty of felony or punished for scandalous crime; being the descendants of the old Puritan stock, some of their spirit and habits have been retained through all succeeding generations; generally moral, and most of them professors of religion: my grandfather and father, were both deacons of Congregational churches; but I have been a broken link in the succession, or rather a swivel in the chain, having turned Baptist. My wife also was of the denomination, and all my children, both sons and daughters, son in law and daughters in law, and some of my grandchildren. My son Joseph, is now senior deacon in the Baptist church in Eaton village, of which all of our family, living here, are members. My second son Orsamus, is a Baptist Elder, and Pastor of a church in the town of Sheridan, Chatauque Co. I know of nothing more of interest, respecting our family. If there is any thing further, in which I can serve you, please drop me another line, and if I am able, I will attend to it. Perhaps I have written much superfluous matter, but you can select what will be of service to

you. I should be glad to see your book, when published, or at least, that some of my family should have one in their possession.

Respectfully yours,

JOSEPH TAYNTOR.

MR. CHARLES M. TAINTOR.

Transcribed by Joseph Tayntor, Jr., a true copy.”

“ *Buffalo, Feb. 6th, 1847.*

C. M. TAINTOR, ESQ.—*Sir*: Yours of 23d ult. was received, by me two or three days after I had written you, giving you what information I possessed, which letter I trust you have received. My brother at Cleveland informs me that he has also written you in full. I have desired him to again request my brothers at Natchez, to write you, which I have no doubt they will do;—and regret very much the delay occasioned by me.—I think there are no Welchmen in Buffalo who would be likely to know anything of our ancestors. Allow me, sir, in conclusion, to express my desire for the success of your enterprize, and for your own individual welfare.

With much respect,

I remain yours,

CHARLES TAINTOR.”

“Leicester, April 11, 1847.

MR. CHAS. MICAIELL TAINTOR.—*Dear Sir:* I sent per stage yesterday, a copy of my Register, with directions, to Greenfield P. O. You may send “some copies of your work” to Worcester, directed to be left at the “*American Temperance House,*” for the *Leicester coach,* and I shall receive them, or you may send by Railroad to Simon Tainter, Clappville. I will act as agent, if you please, for the sale of some of your Books, but I can’t give you great encouragement, and think you had better not send many at first. Please write a line by mail, with a bill, and your retail price. I had a wish, and some hopes of going to Marlboro’ to obtain a copy from the records there, and omitted writing on that account, but I regret I have been unable to do it. I hope you will continue your correspondence with me, and your researches, after the publication of your book, into the estate, genealogy and history of our ancestors, and particularly into Wales. I wrote a letter of inquiry, yesterday, to S. J. Sylvester, of the N. Y. Reporter; and if I obtain any information, I will communicate it to you. If you do not publish the “very interesting letter from Mr. Joseph Tayntor, of Lebanon, N. Y.,” please send me a copy of it.

Sincerely,

HARVEY TAINTER.”

“ Clinton, (Conn.) 27th April, 1847.

DEAR SIR.—Your communication of 13th inst. announcing that your genealogy of our family would probably be published in June, was duly received. I think with you, that more interesting facts in connection with the antiquity of our name may yet be developed, which may render a second edition necessary. You are already informed that my own health for some two years past, has been rather unstable. My oldest daughter, now a girl twelve years of age, has also been in rather feeble health for about the same length of time, in consequence of which, I have it in contemplation, (should the causes continue), to take a tour in Europe, with my family—spending the summer in England, Wales, and the north of France, and the winter in Italy. Should I do so, I shall certainly visit the land of our Sires, and endeavor to obtain a more thorough knowledge of the antiquity of our family than we at present possess. My leisure will enable me to spend much of the summer in Wales; when I shall not fail to renew an acquaintance with our kith and kin after a separation of some two hundred years; and whatever of information I may gather shall be readily transmitted to you for your information and publication. I know something of the vexations and troubles you must have had in getting up

your *Book*, and I can truly sympathize with you when I reflect how little gratitude, or aid, you have had, or are likely to receive. Every day shows me more of fallen human nature, of selfish and ungrateful man. I hope you are not disheartened, and will pursue and finish what you have so nobly conceived and begun. *

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Yours, truly,

HENRY TAINTOR.”

“*Natchez, April 23th, 1847.*”

CHAS. M. TAINTOR, ESQ., *Shelburne, Mass.*

My Dear Sir: Your esteemed and welcome communication of 15th inst. is this morning at hand, and I hasten to avail myself of your kind indulgence, and peradventure may find my name recorded in the *Book*. It is quite inutile in me to enter into a lengthy apology for having so long deferred conveying to you the information which you requested respecting my own and brother's family—the fault is not wholly mine, yet I am willing to be the “scape goat”—that rascally old thief, Procrastination, comes in for a share. Without reflection or arrangement I will now jot down some items, which, if you deem of any interest, you can use in your compilation—if not, why, there can be nothing lost, nor any harm done. Be-

ginning with myself as the eldest—I was born at Wilkesbarre, Pa., Sept. 19, 1812—removed when two years old, with my parents, to Ithica, N. Y., and soon after to Auburn, where we lived till 1825, when the family removed to Buffalo. I left there intending to go to sea in 1830, having prepared myself with a tolerable stock of knowledge of navigation. On visiting my Grandparents in Colchester, during that summer, I became so enamored of the beautiful village, and *one* or more of its smiling lasses, that I gave up my notions of going to sea, as a profession. I went to Mobile in the fall of that year, returned the following spring to Hartford, where I lived two years, from thence to Colchester, where I married on the 19th Sept., 1833, (being just twenty-one years old) Mary Angelina Avery, who was born in North Stonington, Conn., Jan. 8, 1811, and removed to Buffalo in the spring of 1834. Our progeny are as follows: Edward Morton, born in Buffalo, Aug., 1834, died in Colchester, Feb., 1837. John Edward, born in Colchester, Dec. 1836. Morton Avery, born in Natchez, Miss., April, 1841. Kate Fleming, born in Natchez, May, 1845. As I have begun some account of my wanderings, I will finish up to this time. I left Buffalo after “the *Crash*” in 1836, came South with my brother Giles, spent that winter in New Orleans, re-

turned to Colchester in June, 1837 : and finally left for a permanent residence in Natchez, in April, 1838, where I now am, and where it is probable I shall finish my mortal career. My business for the last nine years, has been that of *crying* for the public good, in other words, an Auctioneer. And as you requested me to mention whether I had held any public office, civil or military, I will suppress my modesty, and state, that in 1832-3 I was *honored!* with the appointment of Brigade Quarter Master in a Brigade of Conn. Militia. I am now Capt. in the Miss. Militia, and hold the more honorable (in my estimation) position of Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge I. O. O. F., of this State. I have not written all the above about myself with any expectation, or wish of printing it in *the Book*; but having began, I could not find a stopping point until I got to Natchez. I have said nothing of my father, as I presume you have that from my brother, or from uncle Newhall. My brother's family is as follows : beginning with himself. Giles Skinner Taintor, born at Colchester, May, 1814, married at Mount Olympus, Madison Co., Miss., Oct. 9, 1839. Angelina B. Harris, who was born in Pittsylvania Co., Virginia, Aug. 1819. Their children are as follows : Harris Greene, born Aug. 1840, at Vernon, Miss., died at same place, Nov. 1840. Atch-

son Girault, born at Natchez, Nov. 1841. Horace Latham, born Jan. 1844. Giles Fox, born Aug. 1846.

My brother Giles, as before mentioned, came to Miss. with me in 1836-7, and has ever since lived here. He was for some years Cashier of the Branch of the C. and R. R. Bank of Vicksburg, located at Vernon. After the winding up of its affairs, he came to reside in Natchez, and has been engaged in mercantile pursuits. Should it ever be my good fortune to revisit *Old* New England, I shall take great pleasure in availing myself of your cordial invitation to make you a call, and partake of your home-brew'd cheer. I have often wished that the Fates, or whatever rules the fortunes of men, had made *me* a "Farmer," and I have long looked forward to the period when like yourself, I might quietly ensconce myself on some snug spot, away "down east;" but as age and cares advance, one after another, fade those cheering expectations. I shall, however, not soon lose the hope of meeting you, and enjoying your New England hospitality. I have written this with half a dozen talking to and around me, and I will beg you to overlook any bad English you may meet with in it. Hoping to hear from you again soon, I remain very truly your friend,

MORTON TAINTOR."

"*Hurford, Cort. Co., N. Y., May 25th, 1847.*

MR. CHARLES M. TAINTOR.—*Dear Sir:* I have been informed by my Father, Eli Taintor, of Lee, Mass., that you are preparing a work on the genealogy and biography of the Taintor family in America, and that you would like to have a statement of the births, marriages and deaths of my family; I therefore, without any further ceremony submit the following as my family record. * * * * * And I would here say that I have lately returned from a tour West, and have seen some of the Taintor family living in Genesee Co., and from them have learned the following facts. Benjamin Taintor, brother to my Grandfather, Joseph Taintor, married Hannah Norton, of Durham, Ct., and removed to West Stockbridge, Mass.; from there he emigrated West, and settled in Bloomfield, Munroe Co.; from there he removed to Batavia, Genesee Co., where he died Dec. 1822. His widow died April, 1825. Their children were

Jesse Taintor, who now lives in Hartland, Huron Co., O. Hannah, who lives in Batavia. Nancy, wife of John Gallup of New Stead, Erie Co. Rebecca, wife of Edward Chapman, of Batavia. Sally, who died in August, 1816. Mary, the widow Lawson of Batavia. John, who died in New London, Huron

Co. O., about 20 years ago. His family now live in Illinois. Daniel, died in Jackson, Jackson Co. Mich., in March last. Augustus, who now lives in East Troy, Wisconsin. * * * * *

The above is all I know of importance respecting any of the name in this State, with the exception of Fidelia and Ruth Taintor of Poughkeepsie, daughters of my uncle Harvey: and the descendants of Stephen Taintor of Coxsackie, Greene Co., one of whom, Alida B. Taintor, graduated at the "State Normal School," at Albany, March 10th, 1846.

I am engaged with my Father in the Pension business, and will necessarily be around the Country considerably. If I learn anything of importance respecting any of the name, I will transmit it to you.

Yours Respectfully,

ERVING TAINTOR."

APPENDIX.

Copy of the will of Micaiell Taintor, Esq., recorded
 “ Feb. ye 9th, 1729–30 :”

In the name of God amen, in the yeare of our Lord Anno : Dom. 1729–30, I Micaiell Taintor of Coulchester in the county of Hartford, in his Majestie’s Coloney of Connecticut, in New England, being weak of body, but perfect in mind and memory, thanks be given to God, (therefore calling to mind the mortality of my body), and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die ; do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, that is to say principally and first of all I give and recomend my soule into the hands of God that gave it, hoping through the merits, death and passion of my Saviour, Jesus Christ, to have full and free pardon of all my sins, and to inherit eternal life, and my body I commit into the earth to be decently buried, nothing doubting but att the Generall Resurrection I shall receive the same againe by the mighty power of God : and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life, I give and dispose of the same in the following manner and form, (that is to say), first I will that my just depts be well and truly paid by my executor hereafter named—
It.—I give to my two daughters, Mary and Sarah, to each of them; twenty pounds out of my moveable estate, all the rest of my moveable estate I give to my loving wife during the time of her natural life, and after her death to be equally divided between my two daughters, Mary and Sarah abovesaid, but if the said Mary and Sarah should die, or either of them should die before my wife, that then the estate abovesaid to be divided, the one

half to the surviving daughters of Mary aforesaid, and the other half unto the surviving daughters of Sarah aforesaid; and further I give to my wife and my son John the use of all my lands: viz. my homelots, the whole about 60 acres, together with my dwelling-house, barn, and orchards, during the time of both their naturall lives: and also my hundred acre lot lying on the east side of the town plott: and after the decease of my wife and my son John, I give unto John Taintor, son to my son Michaell Taintor, and to Michaell Taintor, son of my son Joseph Taintor, late of Branford deceased, all my forementioned housing and lands and orchards, to be equally divided between them, also to each of them a fifty pound right in the commons and undivided land in Coulchester: and if John, son of my son Michaell die before my wife and my son John aforesaid that then the aforesaid one half of my housing and lands I give to the surviving male heires of my son Michaell, so likewise if Michaell, son to my son Joseph aforesaid, die before my wife and my son John aforesaid, that the other half to be divided between the surviving male heires of my son Joseph aforesaid deceased: further I do hereby make my wife sole executrix to this my last will and testament—further I give to my son Michaell Taintor one hundred pound right in the commons and undivided land within the township of Coulchester—further I give to my son John all my wearing apparrell, both linen and woolin—further I give to my son Michaell, and my daughter Mary, and my daughter Sarah all my right in the commons and undivided lands in the township of Windsor which ought or doth accrue to me by vertue of the patent granted by the Gen. Assembly to the town of Windsor. Hereunto I set my hand and seale as my last will and testament.

MICHAELL TAINTOR." L. S.

SAMUELL KNIGHT,
DAVID HAMILTONE,
GEORGE HOLMES.

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“ A true Inventory of all and singular the goods chat-
tels and bonds of Mr. Michaell Taintor Esqr. of Colches-
ter deceased is as followeth, imprimus his bonds 61 lbs.,
13s., and 2 lbs., 11s., 2d., £64 4s. 2d.

His wearing cloathes all of them at	£11	
18s. Eight old books at 17d.,		£12 15s.
o. 1 feather bed, 2 bouldsters and old Gi- kin, £2 10s. ; 3 Coverlids, £3,		£5 10s. 0d.
To 1 paire curtains, £2 16s., 1 pillow, 1s. 6d., a bedstead 10s., a bedcord 3s., a pair of Holland sheets £2,		£5 10s. 6d.
4 pair sheets, old, £1 10s., 2 Garlick nap- kins, 8s., 4 old towels and 2 table cloths, 2s. 6d.,		£2 0s. 6d.
To 4 old towels and a table cloth 2s. 6d., 1 table cloth 3s., 6 1-2 yds. tow cloth, 19s. 6d., 1 sheet, 6s.		£1 11s. 0d.
To 1 old bedstead and cord, bed boalsters and covering and all at		£1 0s. 0d.
To 4 bushs. Indian corn, 18s., foure bush- ells rie-meal, 20s.,		£1 18s. 0d.
To 1 bush. and 1-2 of wheat, 12s., 1-2 bush. malt, 2s.,		0 14s. 0d.
To 3 1-2 hogsheds at 2s. each, 6s., 1 wash- ing tub with two old behives, 3s.		0 9s. 0d.
Halfe bush. indian meale 2s. one 1-2 bush. and one 1-2 peck measure 2s. 6d.		0 4s. 6d.
To 2 old swords 4s., one old cask and hops 4s., one old brass kettle 15s.		£1 3s. 0d.
To 1 barrell and meat 9s., 3 baskets 3s., one churn 2s.		0 14s. 0d.
One tub and 1 pail and 1 pigen 3s., one brass kettle £3, a iron pot and hooks, 8s.,	£3	11s. 0d.
Two sives 3s., one dy-tub 1s. 6d., one paille 1s., 3 1-2 tubs, 3s.,		0 8s. 6d.
Eight pound suit 4s., nine trays and botels 9s., sope 8s.,		£1 1s. 0d.

One paile, 2s., foure dishes 4s., 1 flesh fork 1s., pork and barrell £3,	£3 7s. 0d.
One bell-mettle-skillet 6s., 6 barrells 15s., 2 hogsets 10s.,	£1 11s. 0d.
One half barrell 2s., and one old brass ket- tle 6s., one frying pan 10s., 2 keilers 4s., 24 run of woolin yarn 45s., woosted yarn 9s., 25 run of linnen yarn £2 3s.,	£5 19s. 0d.
Shoe leather 5s. 6d., a warming pan 5s., 8 pound of tallow 8s.,	0 18s. 6d.
Three old ——— 6s., two old axes, a old cooper axe, and 2 old bits 9s.,	0 15s. 0d.
7 pounds and 1-4 old pewter 12s., 3 pew- ter platters 24s., 2 pewter basons 8s.,	£2 4s. 0d.
One porringer, one half pint cup and dram cup, 5s., one tankard, 1 old quart, 10s.,	0 15s. 0d.
To 3 knives and 2 forks 4s., one 5 quart glass bottle 4s., 2 paire of tramels 14s., a pair fire tongs and fire slice 7s., 1 paire of bellows and old grindstone 7s. 6d., old cobirons 8s.	£2 16s. 6d.
11 chaires 22s., 1 gun, and looking glass and houre glass 5s.	£2 7s. 0d.
1 old ads 1s., 1 old candlestick 1s., 1 feath- er bed and boalster and 2 coverlids and bedstead and cord £8,—4 <i>quoshens</i> 8s. and 1 old ditto 1s.	£8 11s. 0d.
Six spoons 4s., two barrels of syder 24s., an old yoke and piece of chaine 6s. 6d.,	£1 14s. 6d.
Eleaven Sheep at £6 14s., one bull £4,—2 year old heifers £3,	£13 14s. 0d.
2 cows £6 5s. each with a calf £12 10s., one cow at £5 10s., 1 mare at £6, one colt, £6,	£30 : 0- 0d.
1 sow and 2 pigs 40s., a great table and foarme £1, 1 drinking glass 1s.,	£3 · 1- 0d.
1 chest 8s., one box 3s., one trunk 10s.	£1 : 1- 0d.
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	£181 1s. 8d.

The foregoing inventory was taken by us and appraised, being under oath thereto, this 2d day of Aprill 1723.

SAMUELL LOOMIS,
WILLIAM ROBERTS."

The foregoing inventory is a curiosity, inasmuch as it shows what the "goods and chattels" of an opulent family of a century and a quarter ago consisted of.

R. HINMAN, late Secretary of State for Conn., has recently published the names of the first settlers of Conn., from 1635 to 1665, and he has discovered that "Taynter was a deputy in 1643, and 1646, and frequently held offices." On the same authority, I learn that a Taintor was in Windsor in 1643; only 6 years after the settlement of that town.

PROF. WM. TYLER of Amherst, Mass., has found in "Statutes of the Realm," 6th vol., which are in Amherst College Library, that Thomas Taintor, in 4th William and Mary, A. D., 1692, was a commissioner for Co. of Wilts. He also found the same name, and he presumes the same man, several times as a commissioner for Wiltshire, for the assessment of taxes.

CAPT. NEWHALL TAINTOR has now in his possession an *oaken* chest, ornamented in ancient style, which the ancestors of the Taintors brought out of Wales.

DOCT. BENJAMIN TAINTER of Gainesville, N. York, has three daughters—one married Adolphus Hewit; one married Sheffield Burdick, and the other — Richardson. I have not been able to learn his genealogy.

I have as yet no proof that Joseph Taintor of Watertown was son of Charles Sen'r., of Fairfield, yet it is highly probable that he was his son, which accords with the tradition of three brothers coming over to New England—the truth of the matter is yet to be learned.

The following items of information, I received too late to insert in their proper places :

JOSEPH TAINTOR died at Colebrook, Conn., Jan., 1829, aged 84 years—his widow died in July, 1833, aged 80 years. His daughter Mary married Roger Mather of Windsor, Conn., and died in 1825.

His son Joseph was born in 1782, married Damaris and Rebecca Hotchkiss in 1803, and in March, 1820. He died at Colebrook, July, 1831.

I have also seen in the "New Haven Palladium," that Henry G. Taintor, of Hampton, is chosen one of three delegates from Windham Co., Conn., to attend the River and Harbor Convention, held at Chicago, on the 5th of July, (1847.)

I am indebted to Nathaniel Goodwin, Esq., of Hartford, for the following from Fairfield Records, viz. :

"June 14, 1656. John Burr hath purchased of Charles Tainter and Michael Tainter, the following parcels of land and housing, as by a deed under their hands, bearing date June 14, 1656, may appear, viz. : One houselot, bounded east by the Common Street, with the buildings thereon.

Five acres of land in the Old Field.

Four and 1-2 acres of meadow in Sascoe Neck."

"Mr. Charles Tainter's Estate in Fairfield." * *

"At a Court, Oct. 20, 1658.

This Court orders, that the Inventory that John Banks hath put into the Court, concerning that estate his father Tainter hath left in Fairfield, shall be recorded; and

Thomas Staples is desired to take care of it, until either his heir, executor, or administrator demand it. And it may be delivered them, provided they give in sufficient security that the estate shall be forthcoming, to be at the next Court, (that shall follow after such delivery) of this jurisdiction.

Pr. me,
WILLIAM HILL, Secretary.”

Copies of some ancient papers, in my possession.

“ Remembrance Brown and James Browne personally appeared this third day of August, one thousand seven hundred and five, and acknoliged the within written instrument to be their own fre and voluntary act and deed, before me, Micaiell Taintor, Justice of the Peace.”

“ March ye 6th, 1717—found in a perrishing condistion a bay mare of about six years old, branded with N on the left side before and with E on the left side behind, a star in the forehead :, and a bay mare of five years old branded with N on the left side before and with E on the left siee behind, a star in the forehead, and a bay hors coult of one year coming : a star in the forehead—brought in by Clement Cithophell and Samuell Brown of Colchester. Aprised March 12th, 1717 : the biggest mare aprised with the coult at five pounds, and the lesser mare at forty shillings

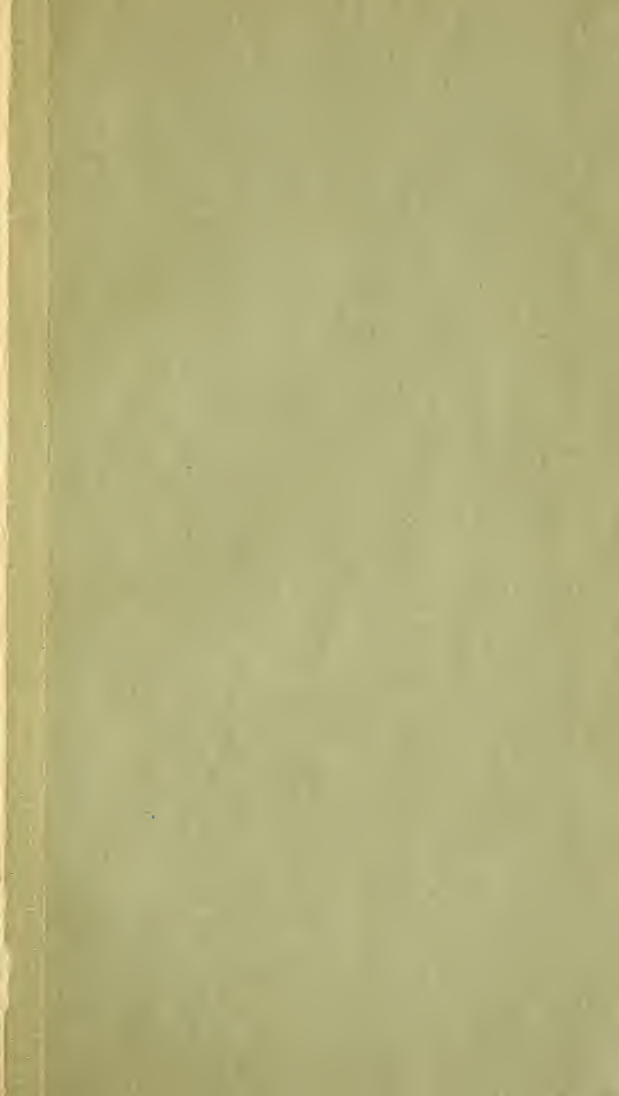
by MICAIELL TAINTOR and JOSEPH PRATT.”

ERRATA.

Page 7th.—It should read Prudence married Mr. Nathaniel Otis, and Sarah Doct. John Watrous.

Page 7th.—After Dec. 30th, insert 1745.

Page 32.—For John Bum, read John Burr.



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