# WILLIAM THOMPSON

OF GILMANTON, N. H.

AND

# SOME OF HIS DESCENDANTS

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In writing this sketch I have been actuated by a desire to place in some permanent form facts and material which are fast passing into the oblivion where some of the necessary detail to make it complete have already gone.

It is not complete. It is not perfect, but what there is of it is believed to be correct. Take it as it is for I have no excuses to make or apologies to offer.

EDWIN P. THOMPSON.

June 25, 1904.

#### HISTORICAL.

The traditions of our family have it that William Thompson, the subject of this article, was "the son of one of three brothers who emigrated from England to this country. That he lived in Portsmouth and came from there to Gilmanton." We know that he lived for a time on the northwest corner of lot No. 42 in the 3d range of the first division of forty acre lots in Gilmanton, where he built a log hut: that he afterwards moved to land which he purchased, lots 44 and 45 in the 4th range and same division of lots. He had one brother, who settled in Fryeburg, Me., whose name was Sollomon. The names of his father and mother, or other brothers and sisters, if he had any, are unknown, as well as the place and date of his birth. There is little doubt that he came to Gilmanton between Aug. 28, 1776, and Aug. 25, 1781, and settled on lot 42, range 3, although he did not purchase it. The log hut was later replaced by a small frame house which went to decay and the remnants torn down about 1855. Its location can still be determined by the depression in the ground which was originally the cellar. An examination of the returns of the Association Test Papers from Portsmouth, Aug. 14, 1776, will show that there was at that time there a William Thompson, which I suspect was the one who afterwards came to Gilmanton. name does not appear on the return of the Association Test from Gilmanton, Aug. 28, 1776, which was signed by one hundred and fifteen men, fourteen refusing to

sign and twenty-one declining on the ground that they had conscientious' scruples against bearing arms, making a total of one hundred and fifty men over twenty-one years of age, while the census taken by the selectmen of Gilmanton, Sept. 25, 1775, nearly a year before, shows the number of males sixteen years of age and over as one hundred and seventy-nine, which would seem to show that the returns on the Association Test Papers probably contained the names of all the men in town over twenty-one years of age.

Among the records of deeds in Strafford county we find that on Aug. 25, 1781, Dudley Gilman of Gilmanton, husbandman, for forty Spanish milled dollars, deeded to William Thompson of the same Gilmanton, husbandman, "one whole lot of land in Gilmanton in 4th or last division, No. 195, laid out to original right of Robert Smart." Where this lot was situated is uncertain, the plan of the town lots showing no such number. The last or 4th division of lots embraced all the present town of Belmont, part of Laconia, and more than half of Gilford, and was divided into ranges, and the lots were numbered in each range.

He afterwards on Dec. 18, 1786, received a deed from Joshua Bradford of Gilmanton, Gentleman, for thirty pounds, of lot 44, range 4, first division, forty acre lots drawn to the original right of Stephen Sewel, on which were then or afterwards a house and farm buildings, and where he resided until his death. On Oct. 26, 1791, he was deeded lot 45, range 3, adjoining his homestead on the east, by Joseph Jenness, Esq., of Rye, and Samuel Drake of Hampton, for forty-five pounds, which was part of right formerly owned by Richard Jenness. He continued to own these two lots until Sept. 27, 1813, when he sold a strip of seventeen acres across the southerly end of both lots to Bradley

Hannaford, and on Sept. 25, 1815, he deeded the rest of the lots to his son, William Thompson, Jr.

The name of William Thompson appears on a petition dated June 4, 1789, "To His Excellency the President, the Hon. Senate, and the Hon. the House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire, In Genereal Court Assembled June ye 4th 1789," praying that all the courts of the county be removed to Norway Plains in Rochester.

He married Betsey Ayer, who was supposed to have been born in Greenland. The date of their marriage is not known. He died in 1827 and his wife in 1830, and they were buried side by side in one corner of the orchard near the house where they lived. Their bodies have since been taken up and put in the Pine Grove Cemetery, at Gilmanton Iron Works, by some of his grandchildren, who erected headstones at the graves with the inscriptions:

"William Thompson died Jan. 1827, aged 77, Betsey Thompson died Nov. 1830, aged 76."

Whether he cleared his farm and built the buildings on it or bought it all cleared and with the buildings already built are some of those facts that are covered with oblivion, but I am of the opinion that it was cleared before he bought it, and probably had buildings. They have all gone, the cellar still marking the site, with the well and orchard near. The last of the occupancy of the buildings was about 1865. The house was one story and unpainted, but arranged like many still in use with two front rooms, a front entry and large chimney between them, back of these a long, big kitchen with a bedroom at one end and the entry and stairways at the other end. We remember it well, having been in it a great many times. So far as we have been able to find

there does not seem to be anything startling or unusual in his life. He apparently lived the life of a peaceable, industrious farmer, obliged to labor hard to bring up his family of eight children.

#### GENEALOGY.

1. WILLIAM THOMPSON, born about 1750, died in Gilmanton, Jan., 1827; married Betsey Ayer, who was born about 1754, and died in Gilmanton, Nov., 1830.

#### Children:

- 2. John.
- 3. Charles.
- 4. Betsey.
- 5. Sally; never married.
- 6. William, b. May 4, 1788.
- 7. Thomas A., b. 1789.
- 8. Mary.
- 9. Levi, b. May 11, 1795.

#### SECOND GENERATION.

2. John Thompson was born in Gilmanton, probably somewhere about 1780, although I have not yet found any record of his birth. He married Polly Dennison of Providence, R. I., and evidently lived in Portsmouth, where one of his children was born. The record of his life is very meager. His grandaughter writes that she was told that he went to war and never returned. This understanding is one shared by the family in general, but when or what war is unknown, probably the War of 1812. His widow died Oct. 26, 1865, at the home of her daughter, Betsey Maxfield, in Gilmanton, and was buried in the old Smith Meeting-House cemetery.

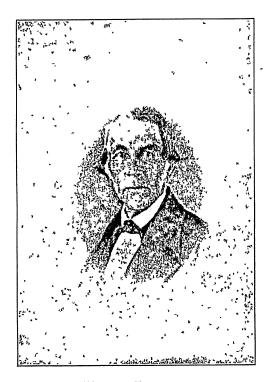
Children of John<sup>2</sup> and Polly (Dennison) Thompson:

- 10. Betsey, b. Sept. 21, 1801, in Gilmanton.
- 11. Sally, b. Oct. 20, 1802, in Portsmouth.
- 12. Charles Dennison, b. May 17, 1804, in Gilmanton.
- 3. CHARLES THOMPSON, the second son of William and Betsey (Ayer) Thompson, was born in Gilmanton, probably. Of his early life I have obtained no information. The records of the town of Gilmanton show that he was married Sept. 15, 1806, to Polly Richardson of Gilmanton, by Elder H. D. Buzzell. He moved from Gilmanton to Rumford, Me., and from there to Mexico, Me., where he lived in 1835–'36. Henry P. Thompson of Barnstead lived with him a year during 1835–6. His two youngest sons were at home then, Charles, who was some over twenty-one; and Hadley, who was about eighteen. Since then I have so far been unable to obtain any further information in regard to him.

Children of Charles and Polly (Richardson) Thompson:

- 13. William, b. March 23, 1807.
- 14. Jeremiah, b. April 29, 1810.
- 15. John Nason, b. Jan. 4, 1812.
- 16. Charles.
- 17. Hadley.
- 4. Betsey Thompson was born in Gilmanton, probably. She was married to Benjamin Clough of Northwood, Nov. 25, 1802, by Rev. Isaac Smith. After her marriage she went with her husband to Northwood, where she passed the remainder of her life. She never had any children.
- 6. WILLIAM THOMPSON, the third son and fifth child of William<sup>1</sup>, was born May 4, 1788, probably in Gilmanton, as it is pretty certain that his parents came to that town between Aug. 28, 1776, and Aug. 25, 1781, and lived there the remainder of their lives. He married, April, 1815, for his first wife, Lydia Sanborn,

daughter of Israel and Patty (Morgan) Sanborn of Gilford. She was born Dec. 26, 1794, and died Oct. 23, 1845. On June 17, 1846, he married for his second wife Lydia Chamberlain of New Durham, who was born Dec. 29, 1803, in New Durham, and died April 4, 1875, in Barnstead.



WILLIAM THOMPSON.

Sept. 25, 1815, his father deeded to him his homestead place, being all of lots 44 and 45 in the 4th range of 1st division of 40-acre lots, except 17 acres across the southeasterly end of both lots, which had been deeded Sept. 27, 1813, to one Bradley Hannaford. On Dec. 27, 1816, he bought these 17 acres of one Joseph Ken-

ney, and on July 24, 1817, he deeded to his father all of the two lots except the 17 acres.

That he had been away from home before his marriage, at work in Portsmouth, is pretty certain, for one Captain Salter gave to his wife six arm chairs which were brought from England, and some of which are now in the possession of his descendants. After his marriage he lived in various places,—near Liberty Hill, in Gilford, until about 1827-'28; on the farm in Gilmanton now owned by Charles E. Plummer, near Grant Hill, for two or three years; on the Robert Smith place, the same farm, but not the same house, where his father is said to have lived when he first came to town, and from about 1830 to 1836 he carried on the farm of Captain Salter in Barnstead.

On Dec. 30, 1836, he purchased lots 42 and 43 in the same range and adjoining those he used to own, where he built a new set of buildings and lived the remainder of his days. I do not find that he ever held any public office or was ever very prominent in public affairs. He had no children by his last wife.

Children of William<sup>6</sup> and Lydia (Sanborn) Thompson:

- 18. Albert Galatine, b. Sept. 26, 1815, in Gilford.
- 19. Deborah Gilman, b. July 11, 1817, in Gilford.
- 20. Israel Sanborn, b. Feb. 21, 1819, in Gilford.
- 21. Martha Jane Batchelder, b. Feb. 4, 1821, in Gilford; d. Sept. 4, 1854, in Gilmanton; unm.
- 22. William Blaisdell, b. Dec. 17, 1822, in Gilford.
- 23. John Sanborn, b. Sept. 1, 1824, in Gilford.
- 24. Eliza Aroline, b. Sept. 5, 1826, in Gilford.
- 25. Asa Tilton, b. July 18, 1829, in Gilmanton.
- Charles Henry Salter, b. Aug. 11, 1831, in Barnstead; d. in Gilmanton, March 27, 1845.
- 27. Emily Adela, b. March 9, 1833, in Barnstead; d. Sept. 3, 1845, in Gilmanton.

7. THOMAS A. THOMPSON, born in Gilmanton in 1789, married in 1813 Mary Clough of Northwood, who was born in 1784. She died in Conway in 1867. He moved to Conway, where he ever after made his home, and died there in 1861.

Children of Thomas A.7 and Mary (Clough) Thompson:

- 28. Herman B., b. 1814, in Northwood.
- 29. David Emery, b. 1817, in Northwood.
- 30. Joseph C., b. 1819, in Northwood.
- 31. Nathaniel H., b. 1821, in Northwood.
- 32. Thomas Hollis, b. 1830, in Gilmanton.
- 8. Mary Thompson was born in Gilmanton and married Joseph Jacobs. They moved to Mexico, Me., where they purchased a tract of land and lived the remainder of their lives. She had six children:
  - i. Eliza Ann; m. Hadley Thompson.<sup>17</sup> ii. Clementine. iii. Charles. iv. Mary. v. Hermon. vi. Emory.
- 9. Levi Thompson, the youngest child of William<sup>1</sup> and Betsey (Ayer) Thompson, was born in Gilmanton, May 11, 1795, and remained at home with his parents until their death. On June 20, 1820, his father deeded to him the homestead place, and on the same day Levi gave his father a lease of one half of the farm during his life, at an annual rent of one cent, if called for. On April 5, 1828, Levi bought of William Thompson, Jr., seventeen acres, the balance of the farm; and March 29, 1834, he sold the whole farm to Dudley Nelson, and purchased a farm in Bartlett, but did not move his family until the next fall. He was there in the summer and cut the hay. He lived there until March, 1836, when he sold his place and moved to Alton, living on the widow Tredwick farm for two years. He then moved to the farm of Samuel Ayers, at North Barnstead and remained two years, and from there to the

William Garland farm, where he lived one year, and where his youngest son was born. He then moved to the Benjamin Emerson, Esq., farm, in Gilmanton, and remained there until the spring of 1844, when he moved to Manchester and lived there three years. In the spring of 1847 he returned to Lower Gilmanton and stayed there for about ten years. About the year 1857 he purchased a home in Hopkinton, remaining there three years. He sold out and bought a farm in West Concord, near the Contoocook river, where he and his wife remained until they were over eighty years of age. Then selling their farm and household effects they went to live with their daughter, Martha Hall Dubois, at Sea Cliff, Long Island, where they found a home for the remainder of their lives. Here they died, she in May, 1884, and he in September, 1886, and were buried in the beautiful cemetery at Sea Cliff, after a life that covered nearly a century. In his latter years he wore a long and heavy white beard, giving to him a patriarchial appearance. He was a man of commanding presence and well beloved by all who knew him.

. Children of Levi<sup>9</sup> and Mehitable (Jacobs) Thompson:

- 33. Mary Ann, b. March 2, 1818; never married; died in West Concord.
- 34. William Badger, b. April 17, 1821, in Gilmanton.
- 35. Henry Page, b. Aug. 28, 1824, in Gilmanton.
- 36. James Madison, b. June 25, 1825, in Gilmanton.
- 37. Sarah Elizabeth, b. April 5, 1827, in Gilmanton.
- 38. John J., b. Sept. 8, 1832, in Gilmanton.
- 39. Martha Hall, b. March 16, 1836, in Bartlett.
- 40. George Frederick, b. Nov. 30, 1842, in Barnstead.

### THIRD GENERATION.

10. Betsey Thompson, the oldest child of John<sup>2</sup> and Polly (Dennison) Thompson, was born in Gilmanton,

Sept. 21, 1801. She married in Gilmanton, Dec. 27, 1818, Joseph Clough of the same town. He was born Nov. 14, 1795. They lived in Gilmanton until March, 1826, when they moved to Wentworth, where they lived on a farm the remainder of their days. She died Feb. 8, 1873, and he May 14, 1874. They had seven children.

- Syntha Clough, b. in Gilmanton, Sept. 21, 1819; m. Andrew P. Glines, by whom she had two children. She m. for her second husband Otis Pierce, by whom she had two children, and after his death she m. Joseph Cilley. She d. in Groton, May 22, 1882.
- ii. Julia A. Clough, b. in Gilmanton, Dec. 16, 1821; she m. Oliver Saunders November, 1846, and had three children; d. in Wentworth in August, 1862.
- iii. Sarah I. Clough, b. July, 1824, and d. young.
- iv. Charles Clough, b. in Wentworth, Sept. 25, 1826; m. March 23, 1853, Susan A. Foster and has two children.
- v. Francis W. Clough, b. in Wentworth, Oct. 9, 1830; m. Angeline Sanders and has six children.
- vi. Joseph M. Clough, b. May 11, 1833, in Wentworth; m. Harriet Bickford and had four children. He d. May 2, 1889.
- vii. Alvin Clough, b. in 1834 and d. in Aug., 1838.
- 11. Sally Thompson, daughter of John<sup>2</sup> and Polly (Dennison), was born Oct. 20, 1802, in Portsmouth, subsequently coming to Gilmanton with her parents. March 31, 1825, she married Enoch Maxfield, who was born in Chichester, Sept. 25, 1794. They settled in Gilmanton, where they raised a family of eleven children. She died Oct. 26, 1865, her husband surviving her until April 25, 1882.
  - i. Clarissa.
  - Oliver, b. June 4, 1825; m. in Manchester, Dec. 12, 1843, Ann Towle.
  - iii. Benjamin, b. March 22, 1827; m. Julia French.
  - iv. Laura, b. Feb. 22, 1830; m. Cyrus Jones, Nov. 5, 1862, and d. Nov. 7, 1877.

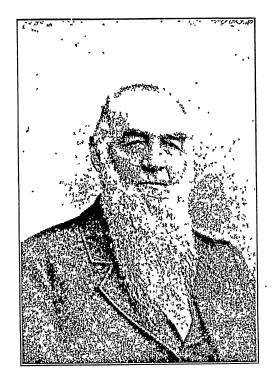
- v. Charles, b. Dec. 5,1831; m. Maria Pierce; d. April 17, 1889.
- vi. Hiram M., b. May 22, 1833; m. Lizzie Flanders; d. Jan. 1, 1893.
- Betsey J., b. Jan. 26, 1835; m., Aug. 24, 1861, in Salem, Mass., Thomas Tait.
- Rachael C., b. June 25, 1837; m., Jan. 21, 1863, in Rockport, Mass., Andrew Burnham.
- ix. John A., b. Jan. 14, 1840; m., Aug. 31, 1862, Apphia Page; d. April 28, 1902.
- x. Edwin E., b. July 10, 1843; m. Laura Sanborn.
- xi. Sarah A., b. Jan. 3, 1847; d. February, 1867.
- 12. CHARLES D. THOMPSON was born in Gilmanton, May 17, 1804, where he married, June 7, 1827, Betsey S. Edgerly of Gilmanton, who was born Jan. 3, 1800. It is uncertain where he lived for a time, but he lived in Gilmanton in 1827, where his oldest child was born. He afterwards moved to Meredith Bridge, now Laconia, and lived in various places near the Bridge for some years, part of the time across the river in Gilford and at one time on the old Province road, about one mile from the Bridge. He then moved to Gilmanton, where he lived for ten or twelve years, after which he moved to the White Oaks road in Gilford, remaining there some years, when he moved to Lynnfield, Mass., and lived about six years, until old age rendered it necessary to make a change. He and his wife then went to live with his daughter, Betsey J. Brown, in Chester, where he died, Dec. 25, 1884, and his wife died July 5, 1884.

## Their children:

- 41. Betsey Jane Thompson, b. Oct. 10, 1827.
- 42. Ann Morette Thompson, b. June 1, 1831.
- 43. George Washington Thompson, b. June 24, 1833.
- 44. Hulda Augusta Thompson, b. Dec. 13, 1835.

William<sup>13</sup>, Jeremiah<sup>14</sup>, John Mason<sup>15</sup>, Charles<sup>16</sup>, Hadley<sup>17</sup> have not been located yet, but search in the future will undoubtedly bring their history to view.

18. Albert Galatine Thompson was born in Gilford, Sept. 26, 1815, and died in Pittsfield, Aug. 12, 1889. He married, Sept. 1, 1845, Elizabeth Hannah Berry, who was born May 6, 1826, a daughter of Samuel G. Berry, then warden of the state prison at Concord, N. H. The wedding occurred at the warden's residence in that institution.



ALBERT G. THOMPSON.

He was a son of William Thompson, but when a boy of twelve or fourteen years his parents removed to Gilmanton, where he lived, working on a farm until he became of age. He then went to Lynn and became a stage driver from Lynn to Boston, and later from Lynn

to Nahant. He stayed there two years and then came back to New Hampshire on account of ill health and attended the school of Dudley Leavitt for a while. He next drove a team, freighting for Caleb Webster of Gilmanton, from Portsmouth to Canada, for some time. He then went to work in the Phenix hotel, Concord, where he remained until September, 1845. He drove a stage a year from Gilmanton Iron Works to Concord, then was taken sick with typhoid fever and was idle He then went to work for his father-insix months. law in the state prison, as overseer in the shoe department. In April, 1848, he removed to Gilmanton and commenced farming, which, however, was not congenial to him, and in September of the same year he left'the farm, returning to Concord. In November he bought the stage routes between Concord and Dover, Pittsfield and Meredith Bridge, by way of Alton, and Pittsfield and Dover, by North Barnstead, all of which were at that time valuable and important lines. he sold in November, 1850.

He then began his hotel career, taking charge of the Cerro Gordo hotel at Meredith Bridge, where he stayed nearly a year. He then went to work for Major Savage, who had just opened the Cocheco house at Alton, and helped him learn the ropes of hotel life. He stayed there only a short time when, in December, 1851, he took charge of the Willard hotel at Meredith Bridge. After three years as landlord there he went to Massachusetts where, at Cambridge, he presided for one year over the old Brattle house. The next year he moved to Roxbury, Mass., where he was landlord of the Norfolk house. Mr. Thompson next took charge of the New England House in Boston, where Paran Stevens became acquainted with him, and decided that he was just the man he wanted to be steward of the Fifth

Avenue hotel, then soon to be opened. For a time previous to this he acted as steward in the Revere house in Boston, being placed there by Mr. Stevens for the purpose of training him in his new duties. Fifth Avenue hotel was opened by Mr. Stevens on the 15th of July, 1859, and Mr. Thompson was installed as steward. From that day for thirty years and one day, precisely, he discharged the duties of the position, giving satisfaction alike to his employers and to the guests He was the sternest of disciplinarians to of the hotel. those employed under him, but so just with all that he never lost either their respect or liking. Where a duty was not involved he was genial and sociable, but what one of the hotel proprietors describes as the "decided way he had about him "was always ready when needed. One of his notable traits was his gift of punctuality. His duties called him to the superintendency of his department at five o'clock every morning, and in all the thirty years of his service he was late but once. That delinquency, which resulted through some inexplicable accident, was the occasion of the keenest regret to him at the time.

Few people are aware of the tremendous amount of work devolving upon the steward of such a hotel as the Fifth Avenue, or of the responsibility that officer has to bear, but it is safe to say that the success of that famous establishment is owing as much to the ability, integrity, and industry of Mr. Thompson as to any other one man. His daily routine of duty began at five a. m. and did not close until ten p. m., and sometimes later. All of the immense purchases of supplies were made by him, and were dealt out under his personal supervision during his entire thirty years of service. His employers placed the most unbounded confidence in him, and he managed his department as fully as though he owned it.

The number of distinguished persons to whom Mr.

Thompson was personally known was very great. All the famous men who have throughd through the corridors of the Fifth Avenue hotel have saluted him, recognizing his importance in the house.

In personal character Mr. Thompson was one of the most lovable of men. Even in his early life as a stage driver he was noted for his natural courtesy and graceful manner, and as he grew older these traits developed by contact with other men. But, deeper than these outward marks of a gentleman, he had a kindness of heart and a breadth of charity, which, combined with an equable disposition and a keen intellect, gained for him the friendship of all with whom he came in contact. His hospitality was unbounded, and no friend of his youth from this state ever called upon him in New York without receiving a cordial welcome, and such friendly assistance as was in his power to give. family he was especially kind and considerate, and even in his last sickness his only anxiety was that he was giving trouble to others. One of Mr. Thompson's characteristics, which should not be unmentioned, was his marvelous memory. He took no notes, and, as Mr. Darling said, "An order given to him was as good as executed; he never forgot it, and never failed in carrying it out." "He was," continued Mr. Darling, "one of the most reliable men that ever lived." No matter where the proprietors were, they never felt the least alarm about his branch of the business; they knew he was at his post, as surely and promptly as the rising of the sun, and that everything was being done with perfect order.

In person, Mr. Thompson was tall and of commanding presence, and his expressive countenance was indicative of his character. He always wore a beard of enormous length, which became so identified with him

as almost to serve as a badge of his office: For the last ten years it had been as white as snow.

He had one child:

 Lizzie Mathes Thompson, b. at Meredith Bridge, now Laconia, March 16, 1852. She died in New York city, Nov. 5, 1861; unm.

19. Deborah Gilman Thompson was born in Gilford, July 11, 1817, and married April 13; 1842, Nathan Brown Berry of Pittsfield, who was born Nov. 21, 1811, and died May 30, 1887. On her marriage she went with her husband to his farm on Catamount mountain, in Pittsfield, where she ever after made her home until her death, Dec. 7, 1886. She was a woman of strong personality and well beloved by all her neighbors. Although not robust in health, she did a large amount of work, and was noted for her neatness and good housekeeping. She had one child:

Ellen Thompson, b. Dec. 29, 1851; d. March 31, 1867; unm.

20. ISRAEL SANBORN THOMPSON was born in Gilford, Feb. 21, 1819. He married Feb. 13, 1844, Eliza I. Marsh, who was born in Gilmanton, July 7, 1817, and died in Belmont, March 9, 1883. She was the daughter of Richard Marsh. After his marriage he lived in Gilmanton, and then for several years was a watchman in the state prison at Concord. On March 23, 1847, in company with Henry E. Marsh, he purchased the Moody place, about one third of a mile west of Gilmanton academy, where he lived until he sold his half to Henry E. Marsh, May 3, 1851. On Nov. 19, 1851, he purchased a farm in the upper parish, Gilmanton, on which he resided until he sold it to Prescott Hall in June, 1887. He then lived in Laconia for a short time, then in Gilford, afterward returning to Belmont, making his home with his son, Charles H., until his death, March'23, 1892. He married Feb. 16, 1884, for his second wife, Maria B. Ellis, who was born in Gilford, May 11, 1821, by whom he had no children. She died in New York city, April 26, 1901.

Children of Israel S. and Eliza J. (Marsh) Thompson:

- 46. Mary Elizabeth, b. Sept. 24, 1845; d. Dec. 23, 1868; unm.
- 47. Emily Jane, b. May 24, 1847; d. in Woodburn, Ore., July 26, 1898.
- 48. Hester Ann, b. Nov. 16, 1848; d. May 18, 1850; unm.
- 49. Charles Henry, b., Feb. 17, 1850; d. April 11, 1855.
- 50. Hester Ann, b. Aug. 29, 1851; d. Feb. 6, 1896.
- 51. Clara Eldora, b. Aug. 13, 1853; d. Sept. 26, 1895.
- 52. Charles Henry, b. March 4, 1855; d. Aug. 25, 1892.
- 53. Octaroo, b. Sept. 26, 1857.
- 54. Amaretta, b. Feb. 9, 1860.
- 22. WILLIAM B. THOMPSON was born in Gilford, Dec. 17, 1822, and made his home with his parents as long as they lived. While he was still a small boy they moved from Gilford to Gilmanton, where they lived for two or three years; then they moved to the Captain Salter place in Barnstead, where they lived until they purchased the homestead place. He attended the district school a part of the time, but was obliged to work most of the time. After he became of age he went to Dover and worked for — Pierce, who then had what was considered a very fine place near the easterly end of the Dover & Portsmouth railroad bridge, where he stayed for several years, becoming acquainted with Luezer Jane Asher, daughter of William Asher, to whom he was married Nov. 12, 1851. She was born in Woodstock, Me., July 4, 1832, and died in Gilmanton, Nov. 10, 1900. Soon after his marriage he returned to his father's farm in Gilmanton, where he lived during the remainder of his life. One of his lifelong friends, in writing of his death, said: "Mr. Thompson deserves

more than a mere passing notice. He was a man who as a neighbor was ever kind and obliging, and was always ready to help and aid all in any time of trouble or misfortune. As a townsman and citizen he was universally respected. In 1877–'78 he represented Gilmanton in the legislature, and during his long residence in



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town he was ever anxious to do that which was for the best interest of the whole people. As a member of the Baptist church society he was active in every good work pertaining to its welfare, and was consistent in his religious life. He was in no sense a sectarian, but saw good in all church organizations, and many have been

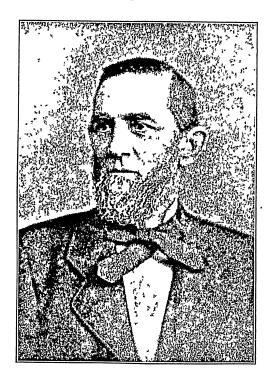
the occasions when his efforts have been active to help along some church festival given by the other society. He was one of the best farmers in town, as his well-kept buildings and handsome fields will show. Mr. Thompson was a man who to a remarkable degree retained his youthfulness, and he was greatly loved by the children, with whom he was well acquainted. He was a kind and indulgent husband and parent, and loved his home and all connected therewith. He was a genial, well-disposed, whole-hearted man, and in his death his wife lost a good husband, his children a kind father, the community in which he lived a pleasant neighbor, the church to which he belonged an honored member, and the town one of its best citizens."

Another said: "It was our privilege to feel well acquainted with the deceased, and we can say that one of Gilmanton's best men has passed 'over the river."

Children of William B.<sup>22</sup> and Luezer J. (Asher) Thompson:

- 55. Edwin Payson, b. July 28, 1852.
- 56. Albert William, b. May 5, 1861.
- 23. John Sanborn Thompson was born in Gilford, Sept. 1, 1824. His early years were spent on his father's farm with the usual attendance at the common schools. When seventeen years old he left the farm and went to Concord and was employed by Sims & Norris for whom he drove a team through the country, selling their goods at the country stores. Sept. 8, 1850, at the age of twenty-six, he married Charlotte Ann Swasey Woodman, daughter of John K. Woodman, then of Gilmanton. She was born in Northfield, May 28, 1831, and died in Concord, April 17, 1902. After his marriage he entered the hotel business as manager of the Winnipiseogee house, Alton Bay. After staying there a while, he returned to live with his father on

the old homestead place, where he stayed for about two years. He was clerk in the old Willard hotel, manager of the Cerro Gordo hotel at Meredith Bridge. On May 31, 1862, he was appointed deputy sheriff by Hanson Beede, then sheriff of Belknap county, and held the office until January, 1866. He then moved to



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Plymouth and opened the Pemigewassett house, where he was proprietor for one year. He then went to Concord and entered into partnership with S. H. Dumas in the management of the Phenix hotel, where he stayed three years. Since that time he was for one year with Taft & Greenleaf of the Profile house. He was at the

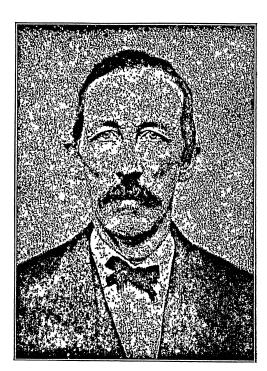
Crawford house for one season, and landlord of the Kearsarge Mountain house in Wilmot, and for the last four years of his life he had charge of the Proctor house at Andover, which under his management was a delightful summer hotel and enjoyed a high class of patronage.

April 13, 1875, he was elected county commissioner of Merrimack county, which office he held for three years, discharging the duties satisfactorily alike to the unfortunate poor and the public. In 1870 he built a house on Warren street, Concord, at the West end, moving in some time in the fall in season for his Thanksgiving dinner, an elaborate menu for which, gotten up by his brother-in-law, Edgar H. Woodman, is still in existence. Here he made his home when not engaged in business elsewhere. He was a genial, whole-souled man, making friends with all with whom he came in contact. He died April 13, 1879.

Children of John S.<sup>23</sup> and Charlotte A. S. (Woodman) Thompson:

- 57. Willis Duer, b. Oct. 13, 1853, in Alton.
- Lottie Esther, b. Sept. 28, 1871, in Concord; d. Aug. 22, 1881, in Andover.
- 24. ELIZA AROLINE THOMPSON, born Sept. 5, 1826; married March 2, 1848, Sewall Randall of New Durham, who was born June 6, 1817, and died in Dover, Aug. 20, 1881. She died in Gilmanton, Sept. 25, 1852. They had one child, Aroline Anna Randall, born Aug. 17, 1852, and died in Dover, April 16, 1881. She was never married.
- 25. Asa Tilton Thompson was born in Gilmanton, July 18, 1829. Dec. 23, 1852, he married Sarah Ann Thing, who was born in Alton, May 14, 1833. When nineteen years of age he left home and went to work for his sister's husband, Sewall Randall, at New Durham, where he stayed until 1851. He then went to Alton and

worked in the shoe shop for Charles C. Mooney, where he remained until May 12, 1853, when he purchased a farm in Gilmanton on which the schoolhouse in the Gale district stands, and moved on it, devoting his time to farming and shoemaking until December, 1854. He then returned to Alton and worked for Mr. Mooney until



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the spring of 1857, when he returned to his farm, where he remained until 1858, when he moved to Alton and was station agent; he remained there until he enlisted in the Twelfth regiment, N. H. V., Aug. 22, 1862, was mustered in Aug. 30, 1862, and served with his regiment until he was taken sick in the summer of 1863, and

was discharged disabled, at Concord, N. H., Dec. 31, 1863. He returned to Alton where his health somewhat improved, and he opened a small store for the sale of candy, cigars, etc., near the depot, which he carried on for two or three years, and then was again appointed station agent, which office he held until the spring of 1872, when, on account of ill health, he resigned. He soon after moved to Farmington and went into the meat business, which he conducted up to his death, Jan. 5, 1883. After he moved to Farmington he purchased a lot and built a house.

Children of Asa T.25 and Sarah (Thing) Thompson:

- 59. Etta Bella, b. in Gilmanton, Oct. 27, 1854.
- 60. Lura Isadore, b. in Alton, Aug. 10, 1861.
- 61. Albertina Gertrude, b. in Alton, Aug. 23, 1867.
- 28. HERMAN B. THOMPSON, son of Thomas A.<sup>7</sup> and Mary (Clough) Thompson, was born in Northwood in 1814. He married Harriet Meserve in Bartlett in 1838. They had five children, 62-63-64-65-66.
- 29. DAVID EMERY THOMPSON, the second son of Thomas A.<sup>7</sup> was born in Northwood in 1817 and in 1840 married Margaret Fox in Little Falls, N. Y. He lived in Conway for many years, and was selectman of the town in 1876–'77 and representative to the legislature in 1878–'79. They had three children, 67-68-69.
- 30. Joseph C. Thompson, son of Thomas A.7, was born in Northwood in 1819. He married Abby Merrill of Gilmanton. They had six children, 70-71-72-73-74-75.
- 31. NATHANIEL A. THOMPSON, born in Northwood in 1821, and
- 32. Thomas Hollis Thompson, born in Gilmanton in 1830, were children of Thomas A.<sup>7</sup> Of this

branch of the family, the descendants of Thomas A.7, I have been unable to learn more. They have moved away from Conway, where the family lived for many years, and are now scattered in different parts of the country.

34. WILLIAM BADGER THOMPSON, the son of Levi9, was born in Gilmanton, April 17, 1821. Remaining at home with his parents until he arrived at manhood, he started out in life for himself. . He drove stage from Portsmouth to Boston, and later from Hillsborough to Boston. He also drove team from Vermont, taking provisions into Boston and merchandise back. After a long service at this, he bought out a restaurant in Lynn, Mass. A born farmer and accustomed to out-door life, the confinement told on him, and selling out his business, he took up farming, buying a farm in West Concord, bordering on the Contoocook river. With the ambition of a farmer, more land and more stock was needed for success. He then bought the old Farnum farm on Long Pond road, the birthplace of his wife, Mariam Farnum, where her ancestors, dating back to a wilderness and log cabin, had lived. He was a staunch Democrat through his whole life.

In 1849 he married Mariam Farnum, who was born in Concord, Sept. 4, 1820, and died there April 28, 1890. He died July 21, 1891.

Children of William B. and Mariam (Farnum) Thompson:

- 76. Frank William, b. Sept. 22, 1850.
- 77. Mary Ann, b. Nov. 8, 1851.
- 78. Grace E., b. Oct. 4, 1860.
- 35. Henry Page Thompson, the son of Levi<sup>9</sup>, was born in Gilmanton, Aug. 28, 1824. Dec. 22, 1845, he was married to Betsey Jane Bunker, who was born in Tuftonborough, May 25, 1825, by Rev. Daniel Cil-

ley, at Manchester, N. H. He has made his home at Barnstead Centre for many years, where he and his wife now reside. Their daughter, Lizzie E. George, and her husband are living with them.

Children of Henry P. and Betsey J. (Bunker) Thompson:

79. James Henry, b. Sept. 12, 1846; d. Nov. 16, 1847.

80. James Henry, b. Sept. 5, 1849.

81. Sarah Jane, b. Dec. 30, 1851; d. Jan. 13, 1852.

82. Lizzie Estella, b. Dec. 14, 1852.

83. Silas Levi, b. July 8, 1862.

36. James Madison Thompson, the son of Levi<sup>9</sup>, was born in Gilmanton, June 25, 1825. On Nov. 11, 1852, he married Mary P. Chillson, who was born in Woodstock, Vt., Dec. 19, 1824. His occupation through life has been that of a farmer. He lived for a time in Northfield, near the depot, and is now living in Canada.

Children of James M. and Mary P. (Chillson) Thompson:

84. James Otis, b. Aug. 22,-1859; d. Oct. 1, 1865.

85. Mary Prussia, b. Nov. 25, 1860; d. Sept. 15, 1865.

37. SARAH ELIZABETH THOMPSON, the daughter of Levi<sup>9</sup>, was born in Gilmanton, April 5, 1827, and she married Lewis Bowland and moved to New York, where they both died. There were two children born to them:

i. 'Lewis.

ii. Viola Mehitable.

38. John Jacob Thompson was born in Gilmanton, Sept. 8, 1832. He married, Sept. 11, 1860, Martha Carter, who was born in West Concord on Sept. 2, 1835, and who died there April 5, 1881. He died in West Concord, June 20, 1890.

Children of John J. and Martha (Carter) Thompson:

- 86. Sarah Lizzie, b. March 16, 1862.
- 87. Abial Carter, b. July 27, 1864.
- 88. Mabel Hall, b. May 25, 1868; d. May 23, 1869.
- 89. Augustine Pierce, b. April 29, 1870.
- 90. William Henry, b. Feb. 21, 1875.
- 39. Martha Hall Thompson, the daughter of Levi<sup>9</sup>, was born March 16, 1836, in Bartlett, N. H. She married, first, William D. Leighton, Feb. 27, 1853, by whom she had three children.
  - i. William H., b. Dec. 22, 1853; d. March 16, 1854.
  - ii. Lizzie Estella, b, Sept. 7, 1855.
  - iii. Charles Henry, b. Nov. 24, 1859; d. Sept. 27, 1902, at Sea Cliff, L. I.

William D. Leighton died in November, 1863. She married for her second husband Henry Dubois, in 1879. He died July 21, 1887. She had no children by him.

40. George Frederick Thompson, the youngest son of Levi<sup>9</sup>, was born in Barnstead, Nov. 30, 1842. He married Elizabeth Maria Dodge, May 21, 1864, the marriage ceremony being performed by Rev. M. B. Scribner, at Webster, N. H. She died May 3, 1891, at Sheldon Springs, Vt.

Children of George F. and Elizabeth M. (Dodge) Thompson:

- 91. Georgie Etta, b. Sept. 1, 1866, at Norwich, Vt.
- 92. Minnicola Huldah, b. July 4, 1869, at Concord; d. April 30, 1874, at Brooklyn, N. Y.
- 93. James Henry, b. March 20, 1872, at Cold Spring, N. Y.
- 94. Edythe Maria, b. Jan. 16, 1874, at Brooklyn, N. Y.
- 95. Mattie Lillian, b. Nov. 8, 1876, at Wilmot Flat.
- 96. Winnie Mabel, b. Sept. 9, 1879, at Enfield.
- 97. Frank Arthur, b. July 8, 1886, at Sheldon Springs, Vt.

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- 41. BETSEY JANE THOMPSON, the daughter of Charles D. 12 and Betsey (Edgerly) Thompson, was born in Gilmanton, Oct. 10, 1827. She worked in the mills at Meredith Bridge, living at home with her parents, and later went to Manchester, where she married, Nov. 29, 1846, William A. Brown, who was born in Seabrook, Feb. 2, 1824, and died in Chester, Oct. 18, 1899. They afterwards went to Chester to live, where she died May 14, 1896. They had three children.
  - i. Frank C. Brown, b. June 29, 1849.
  - Emma Brown, b. Nov. 13, 1852; m. Cyrus F. Marston of Chester.
  - iii. Olive Ann Brown, b. May 23, 1854.
- 42. Ann Morette Thompson, daughter of Charles D.<sup>12</sup>, was born in Meredith, June 1, 1831, and like her sister went to Manchester to work in the mill. On Oct. 16, 1850, she married Dr. Justin E. Andrews, and went to Everett, Mass., to live, where they still make their home. She has one child, Emma Grace, born April 2, 1855, in Manchester, who married Feb. 28, 1875, in Roxbury; Mass., F. M. Bustum. He was born in Blackstone, Mass., in 1849. She has no children.
- 43. George Washington Thompson, the son of Charles D.<sup>12</sup>, was born in Meredith, June 24, 1833. He married, April 7, 1853, Lydia Frances——, who was born

Child of George W. and Lydia F. (-----') Thompson:

- 98. Ellen A. Thompson, b. Oct. 11, 1856.
- 44. Hulda Augusta, the youngest child of Charles D.<sup>12</sup>, was born in Gilford, Dec. 13, 1835. She married, April 7, 1853, James Crosby, who was born Feb. 18,

- 1834, in Manchester, where they have since made their home, and where their children were born.
  - Charles Edward, b. Oct. 21, 1854, in Manchester; d. May 1, 1856, in Manchester.
  - ii. Helen Augusta, b. June 18, 1857, in Manchester.
  - iii. Emma Jane, b. Dec. 21, 1858, in Manchester.
  - iv. George Washington, b. Feb. 14, 1861, in Manchester.
  - v. Ida Ann, b. June 20, 1863, in Worcester.
  - vi. Charles Everett, b. 1870, in Dorchester; d. 1871; in Dorchester.
- 47. EMILY JANE THOMPSON, the daughter of Israel S.20, was born in Gilmanton, May 24, 1847. She went West to Duluth, and married a man by the name of Davis, by whom she had one child, Mabel, born April 17, 1872, who married E. S. Slaughter, June 5, 1886, and had three children, Robert William, born Feb. 24, 1888, James Cressy, born April 8, 1889, and Hester Letter, born June 6, 1890. In the spring of 1884 Emily went to Mandam, N. D., where she took up a homestead. After the marriage of her daughter she went with them to Woodburn, Ore., where she died July 26, 1898.
- 50. HESTER ANN THOMPSON, the daughter of Israel S.20, was born in Gilmanton, Aug. 29, 1851, and lived at home until her marriage to Caleb Whitford Green in the spring of 1877, at Thompson, Conn. He was born in Greenwich, R. I., Sept. 7, 1822. After their marriage they went to housekeeping in Belmont. In the fall of 1879 they removed to Meredith Village, where they resided until her death, Feb. 6, 1896. She had two children.
  - Florence Nightingale, b. Aug. 13, 1878; m. June 1, 1897,
     Charles E. Hull, by whom she had one child, Ruth H.
  - ii. Clarence Caleb, b. July 27, 1881.

- 51. CLARA ELDORA, the daughter of Israel S.20, was born in Gilmanton, Aug. 13, 1853; lived at home until Jan. 8, 1875, when she married Franklin Sanborn Sargent, who was born Aug. 19, 1848. After her marriage she lived in Belmont village until in January, 1891, she purchased the farm of her father, where she lived until her death, Sept. 26, 1895. She had three children.
  - i. Olin Thompson, b. April 9, 1876; d. Oct. 13, 1902; unm.
  - ii. Moses Bosson, b. July 1, 1880; d. June 20, 1881.
  - iii. Helen Bernice, b. July 9, 1882.
- 52. CHARLES HENRY THOMPSON, the son of Israel S.<sup>20</sup>, was born in Gilmanton, March 4, 1855. He stayed at home, attending the village schools, working on the farm, and later learning the trade of a carpenter. He married Nov. 25, 1880, Cora E. Emerson, who was born in Barnstead, March 26, 1861. He engaged in carpenter work until ill health compelled him to leave it. When the railroad was built into Belmont in August, 1889, he was appointed station agent at Belmont village where he remained until his death, Aug. 25, 1892.

Child of Charles H. and Cora E. (Emerson) Thompson:

- 99. Earl Clifton, b. Sept. 3, 1882, in Barnstead.
- 53. Octaroo Thompson, the daughter of Israel S.<sup>20</sup>, was born in Gilmanton, Sept. 26, 1857. She married March 6, 1879, Nahum W. Sawyer, who was born in Gilmanton, Sept. 20, 1844. They immediately went to Enfield and there lived for three years. They then removed to Gilmanton, where they bought a farm and lived until 1887, when they moved to the old Sawyer homestead in Belmont, and remained until the spring of 1902. They then removed to Penacook, remaining there for one year, then to Alhambra, Cal., where they now reside. They had three children.

- i. Walter Montgomery, b. July 2, 1880, in Enfield.
- ii. Edward Thompson, b. Dec. 24, 1882, in Enfield.
- iii. Henry Edward, b. Dec. 22, 1884, in Enfield.
- 54. AMARETTA THOMPSON, the daughter of Israel S.<sup>20</sup>, was born in Upper Gilmanton, Feb. 9, 1860. She married Dec. 23, 1882, Daniel M. Willard, who was born June 14, 1862. They live in Belmont and have had nine children.
  - i. Eliza J., b. May 24, 1884, in Belmont.
  - Not named, b. Sept. 15, 1885, in Belmont; d. Oct. 13, 1885.
  - iii. Gracie Minor, b. Aug. 14, 1887, in Belmont; d. July 27, 1899.
  - iv. Israel Raymond, b. Feb. 11, 1890, in Gilmanton.
  - v. Olive Leeter, b. Sept. 6, 1892, in Gilmanton.
  - vi. Maurice Daniel, b. April 29, 1893, in Gilmanton.
  - vii. Ruth, b. July 21, 1894, in Gilmonton; d. Oct. 5, 1895.
  - viii. Susie Hester, b. Aug. 26, 1898, in Belmont.
    - ix. Mabel Ernestine, b. March 12, 1902.
- 55. Edwin Payson Thompson, the son of William B.22, was born in Gilmanton, July 28, 1852, on the farm purchased by his grandfather in 1836 and which he now owns. He lived on the farm, attending the district school in his and adjoining districts and many private schools kept there at the Iron Works. He attended the Gilmanton academy, fitting for college, although at the time he attended the academy it did not have graduation exercises or give diplomas. On leaving the academy, at the age of 20 years, he commenced the study of law with Hon. Thomas Cogswell in September, 1872, with whom he studied until November, 1875, and then with E. P. Jewell, Esq., in Laconia, where he was admitted to the Belknap County Bar, April 1, 1876. He immediately returned to Gilmanton Iron Works and practised law in company with Colonel Cogswell for one year and then alone until October, 1879, when he removed

to Belmont and continued the practice of law until he was appointed clerk of the supreme court for Belknap county, Jan. 1, 1885, which office he held until the court was abolished April 1, 1901. He was then appointed clerk of the superior court, which office he now holds.

He made his home in Belmont until the spring of



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1900. He held the office of town treasurer and was moderator for sixteen years before leaving town, in some elections having no opposition, being the candidate of both parties. He was elected delegate from Belmont to the constitutional convention of 1889, and elected from ward four; Laconia, to the convention of 1902, being one of the twenty members to serve in both conventions.

Upon the organization of the City Savings bank in the spring of 1897, he was elected as one of the trustees and has been on the board ever since. Dec. 7, 1876, he married, for his first wife, Clara I. Ross, by whom he had one child. On Dec. 9, 1896, he married Minnie Eliza James, daughter of Orrin F. and Bedora (Durgin) James, who was born in Thornton, Sept. 17, 1867. They have no children.

Child of Edwin P. and Clara (Ross) Thompson:

100. Sadie Petronella, b. Oct. 9, 1877. She m first, Nov. 2, 1892, Carlton J. Edgerly, by whom she had one child, Edwina Beatrice Edgerly, b. Jan. 8, 1896. She m. second, at Alton, Aug. 29, 1899, Leonard Hope. She d. March 13, 1901.

56. Albert W. Thompson, the son of William B.<sup>22</sup>, was born in Gilmanton, May 5, 1861. He attended the district school and worked on the farm until he became of age, when he went to work as clerk in a grocery store. He continued to work until the fall of 1885, when in company with his brother-in-law, Albert McDuffee, he bought out a store in Alton. In April, 1887, he sold his interest in the store and removed to the old home, carrying on the farm for four years; then he removed to Concord, where he now lives.

While in Gilmanton he served as deputy sheriff under Edmund Tetley from July 1, 1889, to July 1, 1891. April 5, 1860, he married Ella F. Eaton, who was born in Alton, Nov. 22, 1860. She was the daughter of Henry J. McDuffee and Mary (Taylor) Eaton. Her mother dying when she was young she was adopted by her uncle.

-Children of Albert and Ella F. (Eaton') Thompson:

101. Arthur Oliver, b. Jan. 12, 1886, in Farmington.

102. May Belle, b. Sept. 28, 1894, in Concord.

57. WILLIS DUER THOMPSON, the son of John S.<sup>23</sup>, was born in Alton, Oct. 13, 1853, while his father was landlord of the hotel at Alton Bay. He attended the common schools in the different places where his parents resided, graduating from the Concord High school in 1871, and went to work in the hardware store of Gust



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Walker, learning the business in all its details. On the death of his father in April, 1879, he left the store and with his mother continued the management of the Proctor house about three years, until it was burned. He then went to the Quincy house, Boston, as clerk, for one year. In February, 1883, in company with Thomas

C. Bethune, he purchased the hardware store of Gust Walker, where he has continued in trade since, part of the time alone and part of the time with partners, his present partner being E. C. Hoague, who has been associated with him since March 1, 1890. He is a member of the South Congregational church, in which he takes much interest, as well as the Sunday-school in connection therewith. In politics he is a Democrat, and although earnest in his convictions, he never entered the struggles of the political arena. He has contented himself with performing those political duties which all good citizens, with the interest of their city at heart, per-He has never aspired to office although he has been elected to several important positions of trust; among them has been a member of the Board of Water Commissioners and a member of the Board of Park Commissioners of Concord for several years. a member of the school board for three years and took an active interest in the performance of his duties. He is public spirited and alert to everything that pertains to the best interest of the community. He has been one of the trustees of the Merrimack Savings bank some years, Director in the Page Belting Company and of the Prescott Piano Company.

On Oct. 27, 1887, he married Abby (Morris) Whiton, who was born in Boston, Mass., June 13, 1866.

Children of Willis D. and Abby M. (Whiton) Thompson:

103. Raymond Whiton, b. Aug. 8, 1888, in Concord.

104. Willis Duer, b. May 26, 1895, in Concord.

59. ETTA BELLA THOMPSON was born in Gilmanton, Oct. 27, 1854. Her parents soon after moved to Alton, where she attended the common schools, later going to Tilton, and graduating from the Tilton seminary in 1872. She taught school for a while, then went to Farmington

and resided for a number of years. May 4, 1883, she married Levi W. Piper of Lee. They ran a grocery store in Brighton until 1891, then moved to Lee, where she and her husband carried on a farm until his death, Oct. 27, 1892. She afterwards went to Brighton, Mass., and in company with F. A. Edgerly conducted a grocery and provision store. In the summer of 1898 she took a vacation from the store and came to Alton, where she died August 10. She had one child, which died in infancy.

60. Lura Isadore Thompson was born in Alton, Aug. 10, 1861, and has always lived in that town. She married, March 9, 1878, Benjamin Frank Whitehouse, who was born in Alton, April 6, 1854. After her marriage she lived nearly all the rest of her life on a farm. She had a pleasant, sunny disposition and was a universal favorite with all her acquaintances. She died June 30, 1903, leaving an only child, Willette Whitehouse, born Nov. 20, 1880, and married, April 3, 1897, Herbert I. Ricker, and has three children: Hazel Maud, born July 2, 1898; Mildred Gladys, born Jan. 8, 1901, and Burns Frank, born April 4, 1903.

61. ALBERTINE GERTRUDE THOMPSON was born in Alton, Aug. 23, 1867. She married Charles H. W. Jones, Sept. 1, 1887, who was born Jan. 8, 1859, in Alton. She lived in Alton and Farmington with her parents until she was married, when she returned to Alton and there lived until her death, Aug. 19, 1899. She had five children.

i. Carroll Thompson, b. Sept. 1, 1888.

ii. Albert Washington, b. June 10, 1890.

iii. Isa Etta, b. April 17, 1892.

iv. Anna Sarah, b. Dec. 12, 1894.

<sup>.</sup>v. Gertrude Maria, b. July 14, 1897.