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INTRODUCTION

IN 1847, the Rev. John Stetson Barry (1819-1872), who was minister of the Universalist Church in Hanover from April 1, 1841, to April 1, 1844, and who spent many years in studying and writing local history, published a volume of about one hundred pages of genealogy of the Stetson family.

In the eighty-five years which have intervened between the publication of that brief genealogy and the beginning of the publication of this work, many more of the lines of descent from the common ancestor have been found and generations have lived whose record should be included in the genealogy of the family.

Continuing the work of Rev. John Stetson Barry, Mr. Nelson Mitchell Stetson twenty-five years ago began a more complete genealogy of the Stetson family. Having retired from active business he devoted his entire attention to the project until the end of his life, June 13, 1930. He gave unsparingly of his time and strength to the work but death removed him before the book was published.

The great amount of valuable material which he had accumulated in manuscript form was given to the present editor by Mr. Stetson with an expressed desire that the work be completed and published, and the Publication Committee of the Stetson Kindred of America, Inc., have by vote directed that this be done. The editor is glad and proud to continue the genealogy so nobly and faithfully begun and here to acknowledge the great part Mr. Nelson Mitchell Stetson has contributed to the work as now presented. To his widow and daughter who have continued their interest and helpfulness credit is due.

To Miss Esther Stetson Barry, daughter of Rev. John S. Barry, appreciation and thanks are given for her helpful suggestions and the contribution of her father's notes made after the publication of his genealogy of the family, and for permission to use her published work *William and Esther Barry and their Descendants* which is freely quoted.

The editor takes great pleasure in thanking all members of the family who have co-operated both with Mr. Nelson M. Stetson and the present editor in furnishing information of the kindred, and asks their continued help until the completion of the work.

Freedom has been exercised in quoting from various printed genealogies and town histories, and authority so far as known has been stated and credit given.

The publication of this genealogy is a distinct departure from the stereotyped form of printing family records. First, it is purposed that this shall be a history of the *family* and not merely of those male lines which have retained the Stetson name. In following out this purpose an attempt is made to trace all lines of descent from Cornet Robert Stetson and Honor, his wife, insofar as it is possible. Thus the genealogy will be a record of those persons of blood descent rather than a record of a family name.

Secondly, it is purposed to print the records in instalments of four separate *Quarterlies* a year which will when combined constitute one volume with an index. Volumes thus constituted will be continued from year to year until the entire record is published. This method is adopted to enable all interested persons to procure the genealogy by small and easy payments as the volumes are published from year to year, and to make available to the family those records which have been completed while the remainder of the work is in preparation. Because of the numbering scheme adopted and the plan of adding appendices as occasion requires, opportunity is afforded for making corrections and inserting additions which may be discovered from time to time, thus producing when the work is completed a more authentic genealogy than could otherwise be obtained.

NUMBERING KEY

Only by a flexible numbering plan can new matter and newly discovered family lines be inserted. Therefore, the form of numbering found herein, which has this advantage, has been adopted. The plan is very easy to understand and to follow.

Cornet Robert Stetson, the emigrant ancestor, is numbered 1. His oldest child, Joseph, is 1-1; the second, Benjamin, is 1-2; the third, Thomas, is 1-3 and so on to Robert, the last child who grew to maturity and had a family and who is numbered 1-8. Joseph's oldest child is numbered 1-1-1, his second child 1-1-2 and his third 1-1-3 and so on. Robert's oldest child is numbered 1-8-1, his second child 1-8-2 and so on.

The second generation will have two figures and the tenth generation ten figures, which makes it a simple matter by counting the index figures to place any name found in the record in its proper generation.

For example: The editor of this work is in the ninth generation of descent from Cornet Robert, therefore there will be nine figures in his index number which is 1-8-1-2-8-2-8-2-3, and signifies that he is descended from the Cornet's eighth child, Robert; from that Robert's first child, Isaac; from Isaac's second child, Cornelius; from Cornelius' eighth child, Thomas; from Thomas' second child, Benjamin; from Benjamin's eighth child, Simon; from Simon's second child, Charles Sanford, whose third child is the editor.

The great number of localities referred to in the first portion of this genealogy are in Massachusetts and to save constant repetition of the name of the Commonwealth it will be understood that where no state is named Massachusetts is meant.

Only the common and well known abbreviations are used in this work with the exception of V.R. for vital records of towns, Ch. Rec. for church records and G.S. for grave stone records.

CORNET ROBERT STETSON, b. 1613, d. Feb. 1, 1702/3, at Scituate; m. (1) HONOR (), He m. (2) Wid. MARY (HYLAND) BRYANT (Widow of JOHN BRYANT), dau. THOMAS and ——— () HYLAND. He resided at Scituate.

Mr. Deane, who wrote the History of Scituate, states on what seems to be excellent authority, that Rev. John Lothrop, "the first regularly settled minister of Scituate," with about thirty of his people arrived in Scituate on the ship Griffin in 1634, and that Samuel House was one of this company. As Robert Stetson, aged about twenty-one years, arrived this same year, and received, as it seems from the above, a grant adjoining that of Mr. Lothrop and Samuel House, it is a reasonable conjecture that he also was a member of Mr. Lothrop's company.

Robert Stetson was the only pioneer of New England bearing the name Stetson who left male offspring. There were, however, among the early pioneers, contemporary with the Cornet, two others bearing the name, i. e., Deacon William of Charlestown, 1632, and Vincent of Millford. Of Vincent we have few notes. He was of Millford in 1646 and in Marblehead in 1674. He returned to Millford (Savage's Genealogical Dictionary). He left at least one daughter, who married George Barlow, and whose posterity is scattered far and wide.

From *Charlestown Genealogies and Estates* we glean that Deacon William Stetson, or "Will Stitson" as he is sometimes called on the records, was an inhabitant in 1632, was admitted to the church with wife Elizabeth in 1633, was deacon of the First Church of Charlestown for over 31 years (Gravestone Record), married for second wife widow Mary (Norton) Hill Aug. 22, 1670. He died April 11, 1691. As a young man he kept the ferry. He became wealthy and possessed large estates. In *Pope's Pioneers* we are told he came via Boston, had no children of his own, and in his will, probated in 1692, bequeathed his property to the eight children of his first and second wives "and to Sarah Johnson who now dwells with me." "Negro Sambo shall have his freedom." He had accounts with people of Bristol, England. It is elsewhere stated that Deacon William Stetson was several times chosen Representative to the General Court, that he, together with Major Bedgwick (leader of the Colony forces in the Dutch War), built the first mills in Charlestown, and was one of the trustees named in the marriage settlement of Martha Coytmore when she married Governor

Winthrop. Although these two, Deacon William of Massachusetts and Cornet Robert of Plymouth Colony, resembled each other in many ways, we have discovered no other evidence of relationship.

No thorough search has been made in the English records for the history of Cornet Robert Stetson before his emigration to America. Such perfunctory examinations as have been made have not discovered him. From the fact that he is reputed as unable to read and write, it is not surprising that whoever made the list of passengers of the ship on which he came wrote his name as it sounded by pronunciation and doubtless some name intended to represent him is on some ship list but has never been identified. More careful search will be made as time and finances admit, and the results of the examination will be printed in succeeding Quarterlies of the genealogy.

The maiden surname of Honor, his first wife, and the mother of all his children, has never been discovered either. From the fact that he was in Scituate in 1634 and that his first child was not born until 1639, five years later than his known arrival, it would suggest that he was not married when he came to Scituate unless there were children older than those on record, who died.

For many years it was thought that the name of his wife was Hannah, but it is now determined that her name was Honor, and probably should be correctly spelled Honour.

Robert Stetson is first mentioned in Scituate records in 1634. He continued to live there until his death at the age of 90 years. He was the earliest settler in the south part of the town which is now known as Norwell, and built the first mill there. Inducements were offered by the town of Scituate to any one who would build a mill on the Third Herring Brook, and in 1656 the following was entered on the Scituate and Plymouth Colony records:

Att a full Towne meeting of the towne of Scittuate
November the tenth, 1656

ffree libertie was this day graunted to any man or men of the town to sett up a Saw Mill upon the third herring brooke as neare the North River as conveniently it may bee on these conditions viz: that in case any of the townes men doe bring any Timber unto the Mill to be sawne the owners of the mill shall saw it whether it bee for boards or plank before they saw any of their owne Timber and they are to have the one halfe for sawing of the other halfe.

And in case any man of the Towne that doth not bring any timber to the mill to be sawne shall want any boards for his owne p'ticulare use the owners of the mill shall sell him boards for his particular use soe many as hee shall need for the Country pay at three shillings and six pence an hundred Inch sawne, but in case the men of the Towne doe not supply the mill with Timber to keep it att worke: the owners of the mill shall have libertie to make use of any Timber upon the common to saw for their benifitt: and in case any man or men of the towne doe undertake to build a saw mill as aforesaid they shall beginne the worke within three monthes after this day or ells this order to bee voide.

JAMES TORREY, Town Clarke

We whose names are underwritten doe testifie, testifie that we were with Robert Stutson att worke the ninth of ffebruary 1656 to provide Timber to build the saw mill that the said Robert Stutson hath built.

JOSEPH WORMELLE, his marke
JOHN HUDSON, his marke
JOSEPH BERSTOW, his marke

Although Mr. Hatherly and Joseph Tilden were associated with Cornet Stetson in building this saw mill on the third Herring Brook in 1656, the records seem to indicate that the Cornet was the principle factor in the enterprise and even to this day the "Cornet's old pond," "Cornet's Mill" and "Cornet's Dam" are familiar terms when referring to these localities. We learn, however, from old deeds at Plymouth that Cornet Stetson in 1662 sold one-third part of the mill, possibly all he owned, to Joseph Tilden. (Plym. Deeds.) Mr. Tilden was a relative of Mr. Hatherly, settled his estate and eventually came into possession of the mill, as his widow in settling his estate sold the mill in 1673 for 43 pounds (Col. Court Rec. Vol. V, P. 121).

Cornet Stetson also built the earliest mill in what is now the town of Hanover at "Drinkwater," near the Indian Head River, before 1673, probably in 1656 when he received the first grant from the Colony on that river.

While Mr. Barry did not discover this, and Mitchell and Deane in their histories make no mention of it, proof is very clearly given by Mr. Nelson M. Stetson in his brochure on Cornet Robert Stetson as contained in Volume No. 6 of the published books of the Stetson Kindred of America.

In 1658 the Colony Court realizing that the horsemen of the various towns should be organized for the protection of the colony, ordered raised a "troop of horse" which was to be "well appointed with furniture, viz., a Saddle and case of patternels for each horse." "Patternels" were huge pistols carried by cavalry in the fifteenth century. Later each trooper was ordered to have a suitable horse in condition always ready for immediate service. Governor Bradford's son William of Plymouth was commissioned captain of this company, Governor Prence's son-in-law (his only son was in England) John Freeman of Eastham was commissioned lieutenant and Robert Studson of Scituate was commissioned Cornet. (Plym. Col. Court Rec. Vol. III, P. 174.) This at once became the most valuable company in the colony and consisted of three "squadrons," one at Plymouth under Captain Bradford, one at Eastham under Lieut. Freeman, and one at Scituate under Cornet Stetson. The full company met only on special occasions and at the annual trainings.

A good idea of the duties of a "Cornet of horse" of those days may be obtained from the following court orders of 1667.

"The Councell of Warr have determined that during any appearance of danger The Troop in each towne be ordered by their owne officers or where such are not, by such as are of the grand councell of that towne, to be redy att all times to goe forth as scouts: upon discovery to carry intelligence from place to place, as there may be occasion, and to do such service further as need may require that in time of danger the troopers of Plymouth repaire to the governor as his guard until further notice." (Col. Court Rec. P. 144-145.) It was, then, their duty to be in constant touch with each other, to keep their leaders and the towns informed of any signs of hostility or movements of the enemy. They must be good horsemen, well mounted, alert and of good judgment, mentally and physically fitted for the position.

For twenty years he held the offices of "Cornet of the Troop of Horse" and one of the "Counsell of Warr," and annually for seventeen years Scituate sent him as her representative to the Plymouth Colony Court.

Cornet Stetson was often employed by both town and colony in their dealings with the Indians, the laying out of roads and land grants, and in the adjustment of difficult situations. For many years the name of "Cornett Stetsun" is the most conspicuous name on the Scituate records. The records of Scituate's town meetings previous to 1666 are

lost. After that date the records were kept in the book called the "*Scituate Town Meeting Book*," and at this first recorded town meeting, held in 1666, Cornet Robert Stetson was chosen first selectman.

The following year Scituate again "voted to choose three selectmen" and the Cornet was again chosen first selectman (See page 14). This board of selectmen, chosen at this time, was given much authority by the court, and after being approved by the magistrates, constituted a little court complete in itself. They were both judges and jurors, were given "power to issue executions and enforce their judgment," were authorized to try all cases involving not over forty shillings, and to settle all differences between the townspeople and the Indians.

In July, 1646, the following was entered upon the Colony Records:

"Upon complaint by some of the inhabitants of Scituate that there was great want of heighways to be layed forth and a former jury have beene empaneled to have donn the same who have not yet for divers yeares recorded their verdict the court doth therefore order that a warrant shalbe directed to the constables of Scituate requiring them to cause a sufficient jury to be empaneled before Mr. Timothy Hatherly, who upon their oathes shall lay forth all such wayes with as much conveniency for the gen'all and as little p'judice to the p'ticulars as may be according to the act of the court (Plym. Colony Court Rec., Vol. II, P. 106).

In compliance with this order a jury was soon empanelled before Timothy Hatherly with Cornet Stetson as foreman and ways were speedily laid out. Among the most important of these were the "Towne Way" over Palmers Log Bridge through Greenbush to the harbor, and the "Countrey Road" from "Berstows Bridge" (now North River Bridge) to Hingham.

A page from the records of Scituate will readily show the importance of Cornet Robert Stetson in the opinion of his fellow townsmen. He was, at this meeting, chosen one of a special committee, a Deputy to the Colonial Court and one of the town's Selectmen.

"The Towne chose three men to prosecute this order, and the order bearing date the 8 of December 1664 respecting timber.

The men chosen are
Capt. Cudworth
Cornet Stetsun
Mr. Tillden

Att a Towne metting the 2 Day of May 1667.
Chosen for Deputis for June Corte and the adjormente thereof

The men chosen are Cornett Robard Stetsun.
Isack Chittenden.

Chosen for Constabls, { Mikiell Pearce,
Wm. Brooks.

Chosen for Gran jury (?) men, { Mr. Joseph Tillden,
John Bryante.

Chosen for Survayores Wm. Berstow,
for the high ways, John Ensine.

The Towne Did agree to chose three Select men.

The men chosen are Cornett Robard Stetsun,
Mr. Thomas King,
Isack Chittenden.

John Turner Jur. is appoynted by the Towne to sell the old gun
barrells that are in his hands."

In 1665 Cornet Stetson received from the Colony a grant of 200
acres of land for his services in settling the difficulties with the Indians
at "Kennebeck Plantation," and during Philip's War, although well
past his sixtieth year, he not only led his "Squadron of Troopers," but
was chosen "Town Councill" and "Agent for the town" to provide
clothing, food, ammunition, etc., "for the soulgers," and he was, with
General Cudworth, chosen "Press Master" during that time.

We are told that Robert Stetson was "only a cornet"; that "he
couldn't even write his name." Now if this be true—and there seems to
be no evidence that it is not—isn't it remarkable that he should have
been chosen repeatedly to represent Scituate, at that time the wealthiest
and most populous town in the colony,—Plymouth not excepted—as
their deputy to the colony court, and always with, or alternately with,
such men as Gen. Cudworth, Lt. James Torrey and John Cushing,
who were among the best educated men in Scituate or in the colony?
Certain it is that they shared this honor with the unlettered "Cornet of
the Troopers" until he had served the town in this capacity for seven-
teen years: twice as long as any other deputy from Scituate. We must
infer from this that he was a man of unusual ability, and that he had
the confidence of the freemen of Scituate. As long as Cornet Stetson
lived he was—possibly with one exception—the only deputy chosen
to represent at the Colony Court that part of Scituate now known as
Norwell, Hanover and the "Two Mile" district of Marshfield.

In 1668 he purchased of the Sachem, Chikatabutte, for the Colony
a tract of land at Drinkwater, in Hanover, containing 6 square miles, a
large portion of which had already been granted to him by the Colony
Court.

At the beginning of Philip's War the Colony sent him with other
eminent men to Mount Hope to interview King Philip in an endeavor
to avoid the war. He was also chosen with the same men to establish the
disputed "Pattent Line" between the Plymouth Colony and the Massa-
chusetts Bay Colony.

During the period in which Cornet Stetson was active in the
affairs of the Government, nearly all who participated were connected
by family ties, and each member owed his preferment in some measure
to family connection and influence. Major Josias Winslow was the son
of Gov. Edward, and Major Bradford was son of Governor Bradford;
Captain Thomas, and Treasurer Constant, Southworth were the sons
of "Mistress Allice Bradford," the Governor's wife; Captain Benjamin
Church was the son-in-law of Treasurer Constant Southworth, and
the Colonial Secretary, Nathaniel Morton, was a nephew of Governor
Bradford; Governor Prence's wife was daughter of Elder Brewster,
and Major Freeman, formerly of the Troopers, was Governor Prence's
son-in-law; but unless Honor, the Cornet's wife, was of "royal blood,"
we know of nothing except character, ability (and quite possibly his
personality) that contributed to the Cornet's preferment for a place in
the government.

We do not know that the Cornet was connected with any church
previous to the establishment of the Second Church of Scituate (now
the First Church of Norwell), but Rev. William Witherell, the first
minister, having been ordained the previous month, baptised on Octo-
ber 6th, 1645, the Cornet's three oldest sons.

Cornet Stetson does not seem to have been very active in affairs
of the church. It is somewhat difficult to imagine this practical trooper
entering very warmly into a dispute over the relative merits of baptism
by sprinkling and by immersion, but we notice one instance in which he
acts in his usual role of peacemaker with a committee of the church in
the interest of harmony. Previous to 1654 there was a continued con-
trivency between the followers of Mr. Chauncy of the First Church,
and the followers of the more liberal Mr. Witherell of the Second
Church, chiefly over the method of baptism and administration of the
sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Mr. Witherell's last letter to Mr.

Chauncy in behalf of the Church in 1653 was a special effort to bring about a reconciliation (See copy of this letter, Dean's History of Scituate, p. 186). The committee who subscribed themselves to this letter "by order of the church" and as "your brethren in Christ" were Rev. Wm. Witherell, Elder Thomas King, Eph'm Kempton and Robert Stetson. The following year Mr. Chauncy retired and accepted the presidency of Harvard College, and the two societies became harmonious.

"We of the present time can have no conception of the continuous nightmare under which our forefathers lived. Every farmhouse in those days was surrounded by forest trees. But in those days of Indian warfare there was no knowing at what moment of night or day painted warriors might steal forth from the forest shadows and bring to the isolated settlers the same horrible fate that had been experienced by so many.

Imagine the state of mind of Honor Stetson with her family of children living far distant from neighbors. Imagine also the dilemma of Cornet Stetson himself—the powerful temptation to stay at home to guard his loved ones, and yet his sworn duty to ride forth and leave them to their fate while he directed the defenses of the vast territory of Scituate stretching from the western limits of Hanover, through Norwell, Greenbush and to the Harbor itself. Think of the impossibility of defending such a territory. There was a little garrison of twelve men at what is now Hanover Four Corners at Barstow's Tavern. There was another at Greenbush and doubtless another at the Harbor, but think of the scattered farmhouses with their defenseless women and children.

Cornet Stetson owned much land. He had a flourishing mill on the third Herring Brook near the Four Corners. He was much in demand everywhere, for in those trying days the fate of this entire section of Plymouth County was literally in his hands.

All the available militia, some thirty men, were ranging the woods in Middleboro looking for the Indians on the dreadful day when the Indians descended upon Scituate. Let me bring you the picture as I glean it from Colonial records and from the probabilities in the case:

In the early morning of May 20, 1676, Cornet Stetson, asleep in his house, was aroused by a mad clatter at his door. A terror-stricken messenger cried out the dreadful tidings that the Indians were in possession of the Stetson mill at the Herring Brook. At that moment could be seen

above the tree tops a tell-tale pillar of smoke. With a hasty farewell to his wife and the younger children, the Cornet flew to his barn, saddled his horse and set off at breakneck speed up the familiar road to the settlement.

That he was riding into the very jaws of death was more than probable. The frightened messenger was sure that the attacking party was a great multitude. He himself had been awakened by the clamor of their attack upon the watchmen who were guarding the mill. He had set off instantly to warn the military commander who was also the owner of that mill.

Before the Cornet had skirted Church Hill, it was apparent that the reign of terror had begun. The mill was in flames. The house of Joseph Sylvester had been captured and was about to be put to the torch. Charging down the road, then little better than a bridle path, Robert Stetson made for the garrison at Barstow's Tavern at Four Corners, where frightened fugitives were already seeking sanctuary. The Sylvesters had escaped, fleeing from their home at the approach of the Indians.

Not knowing what move would be undertaken next, Robert Stetson resolved upon the desperate expedient of sallying forth with a mere handful of men in an endeavor to drive the Indians from the settlement. It was now full day. Leaving his horse and deploying his little band in true military fashion, the attacking force dashed from cover to cover, from trees, buildings, stone walls, anything that could afford protection, until they came within musket shot of the invaders.

In fact the smoke and flames told where the Indians were at work. Evidently the savages were dumfounded at attack when they had fancied no resistance was possible.

At any rate, at the first roar of musket and the whirl of bullets in their midst the entire band of Indians scudded for cover, fleeing in the direction of the Stetson settlement where the Cornet and his older children resided.

After them in desperate haste raced the white men. To Cornet Stetson this must have been a harrowing hour, for the fleet-footed warriors vanished, going he knew not whither. But when he reached his own home he found no evidence that the Indians were in the vicinity.

Concluding at length that the savages had taken the road to Greenbush, the venerable man, now in his sixties, gathered all the neighbor-

hood men and boys capable of bearing arms into skiffs and boats and pushed on down the river. But long before they reached the scene, rising smoke and the sound of musket fire told them that the savages had indeed taken the overland route and were then ahead of the Stetson party, busy at their deadly purpose of slaughter and pillage.

The Blackmore homestead, a few rods west of the road that leads to Union Bridge, was in flames. Marauding bands were firing other houses, for no less than twenty-one dwelling houses and barns were burned that day in Scituate. Among the houses burned was that of Robert Stetson, Jr., a son of the Cornet himself.

The main body of the savages were besieging the Stockbridge garrison on the shore of the Old Oaken Bucket Pond to which a large body of townspeople had fled for protection. The garrison were returning a brisk fire and with occasional deadly results. The Indians were firing upon the place with great regularity and endeavoring to set it in flames. Every attempt to approach it with firebrands was being repulsed. Flaming arrows were being made use of when Cornet Stetson and his little band came scurrying up from the river in a surprise attack upon the besiegers.

At about the same time, Lieutenant Buck arrived on the scene, presumably from the Scituate Harbor section, and joined the Stetson party in harassing the Indians. So great was the multitude of the invaders, however, that even this flank attack could not dislodge the savages. The fight continued until nightfall when the Indians vanished and were seen no more in the town. Among those killed in the fight were six heads of families. Many were severely wounded. It was indeed a sorry day for Scituate.

Can we not imagine the rejoicings when Cornet Stetson returned to the bosom of his family, after the most exciting experience of his long and useful life."

(Extract from address by Dean Gleason L. Archer at the Annual Meeting of Stetson Kindred of America, Inc., August 20th, 1932.)

The story of Cornet Stetson would hardly be complete without a copy of his will and the inventory of his estate.

In reading these, his estate seems small, but we should bear in mind that he was nearly ninety years of age and doubtless had during his later years spent a considerable portion of his means in providing for

himself and family. Moreover he had previously given each son a large and valuable farm, and to Capt. Benjamin, two that were especially desirable.

THE WILL OF CORNET STETSON

Scituate, the fourth Day of September, anno Domini 1702

I, Robert Stetson, of Scituate, in the County of Plymouth, in New England Being Aged and week of Body But of Sound Disposing Mind and memory

Prayers Be Rendered to God for the same and Being In Daly Expectation of My Last and Great Change and Desirus to set things In Order Before My Death do therefore hereby Make and Declare this my last Will and testament in Manner following

Imps. I humbly commit my Spirit to the father of Spirits And my Body to Decent Burial when itt Shall Plese God to Call He hence . . .

And touching shuch outward Estates as itt hath pleased God to Bless Me with My all Will is that the Same Be Employed Bestowed According as herein Expressed, etc.

Item. I Give And Bequeath to Mary My Well Beloved wife upon the proviso and Condition herein after Set Down, the Sume of twelve pounds in money and ten pounds Worth of My Household Goods Shuch as She Shall Choose with the Sole use and Benefit of the South End of My Now Dwelling house and one half of my Seller, and two Cows with Summer pasture and Wintering of them. With fifteen Bushells of Good Merchantable Bread corn annually paid and delivered to her and Suffisiant and Covenant fire Wood Cut and Laid att her Door as shee shall want the same, the said ten pounds worth of Goods and two Cows with the said twelve pounds in Money to Be at her own Disposal as to her shall seem meet the other perticulars to Bee for her Support and Comfart during her Remainder my widdow and No Longer, the sd. ten pounds worth of Goods and Cows to be Paid and Delivered to her. By my Executors within two months after my Decease ye sd. twelve Pounds in Money and other perticulars to Be paid and Delivered to her By my Eldest Son Joseph Stetson as followeth (viz) the said Money att three several payments (to wit) four pounds to Bee paid in one year after my Decease and other four pounds within two Years after my Decease ye Residue att the Expiration of three years after my Decease the sd. Bread Corn Summering and wintering of ye sd Cows and firewood Provided to Be Annually Delivered paid and performed By my said son as ye same is above Expressed.

Allways Provided and itt is the true Intent and meaning of This my will and the Condition of the Bequests and Devise above said—And Every perticuler of the same.

That my Wife Shall and Do Within two Months after my Decease in wrighting under her hand and seal absolutely Quit Claim too and Release her Right of Dower and power of thirds in and unto all my Lands and houseing in Scituate aforesaid that she may thence fourth have Or pretend to have in or unto the same or any part thereof Except what is above Given unto her to my Eldest Son and His Heirs, etc.

Item. I Give And Bequeath to my said Eldest Son Joseph Stetson All that my Dweling House out Houses upland And medows Being the farm on which I now live and Dwell to hole to him and his heirs forever according to the known and accustomed Bounds of the same Excepting Out of itt one Acre of Medow which formerly I promised to give to my son Samuel Lying Next unto his other Medow which said Excepted acre of Medow I hereby Give and Bequeath to my son Samuel and his heirs for ever hereby Enjoyning my said Eldest Son Joseph Stetson to pay Deliver and perform unto my wife as above said upon her Release of Dower as above said And acceptance of What is By this my will Given and Bequeathed unto her which if She shall neglect Doing or Refusing to Do then I hereby Declare that what I have above Bequeathed unto her and Every perticuler of the same shall thenceforth Be null and void.

futher itt is my Will that my sd Eldest Son Shall not alien or Sell any of the Lands above Given him unles to his children or one of them.

Item. I Give And Bequeath to my Son Benjamin ten pound out of my moveable Estate.

Item. I Give And Bequeath to my son Thomas five pound to Be paid him out of my Moveables.

Item. I Give and Bequeath to my Son Samuel the sume of Eight pounds out of my Moveable Estate. Item. I Give And Bequeath to my Daughter Eunice Rogers ye sume of ten pounds out of my moveable Estate.

Item. I Give and Bequeath to my son Robert my Wearing Cloaths which with what I have formerly Given him I judge Convenient for him.

Item. I Give And Bequeath to my Daughter in law Abigail the Relict and widow of my son John Deceast the sume of ten pounds to be paid out of my moveable Estate.

Item. I Give unto my Grand Children yet are now surviving to Each of them Six Shillings.

Item. My Debts Legaceys And funeral Expences Being paid I hereby order the Residue of my Moveables to be Equally Devided Between my three Children viz. Benjamin Samuel and Eunice.

Lastly, I Nominate And appoint my two sons, Namely Benjamin And Samuel Joyant Executors of this my last Will and testament and hereby Revoke and make Void my former will or wills By me made

and Declared this only to Be my last will and testament. In testimony Whereof I have hereunto Sealed and Subscribed the Day and year first above written. In presents of these witnesses.

JOSEPH BEARSTOW

WILLIAM BEARSTOW

SAMUEL SPRAGUE

The Mark of Cornet

ROBERT (R.) STETSON

On the first day of March 1702-3 Before Nath'll Thomas Esqr. the said Joseph Bearstow, William Bearstow and Samuel Sprague . . . made oath that they did see and here the above said Robert Stetson Sign Seal and Declare the above Wrighting to Be his Last Will and testament And that he was then of A Disposing mind to Best of there Knowledge and Judgment."

THE INVENTORY

"Scittuate the 10 of february 1702"

"An inventory of all the goods and chattels of Cornet Robert Stedson Deceased as followeth taken by us whose names are hereunto subscribed."

Item. in apparill both linen a woolling	5	10	00
Item. in money & Plate & books	2	08	00
Item. four feathor beds & furniture	27	00	00
One Covered	1	10	00
Item twenty five pair of Sheets	20	01	00
in household linen pillow coats & table-clothes Napkins Towels	5	15	00
In new linning woolling cloth and leather	03	08	00
in pewter new & old	5	07	00
in Brass new & old	06	00	00
more in Iron	04	08	00
Iron old & new	2	16	06
one old bed aflock bed & beding & baskets	2	00	00
in woll thread cooper ware & trays	1	08	00
in wooden Dishes glass bottles earthen ware & Spoons	0	08	00
in Provision beefe Porke butter cheese & Corn	4	15	00
Armes & ammunition	1	16	00
Chairs & cushings & other small things	0	15	00
in chests boxes & table	1	08	00
in sheep cattle & horse	16	05	00
in lumber	0	18	00
two piggs	0	10	00
four pound of bullets			
one shilling sence discovered			

SAMUEL CLAP

THOMAS KING

RICHARD DWELLY

CHILDREN OF CORNET ROBERT AND HONOR () STETSON:

(Births from Scituate Town Records and baptisms from the records of the Second Church of Scituate.)

- i JOSEPH, b. June, 1639; bap. Oct. 6, 1645.
- ii BENJAMIN, b. Aug., 1641; bap. Oct. 6, 1645.
- iii THOMAS, b. Dec. 11, 1643; bap. Oct. 6, 1645.
- iv SAMUEL, b. June, 1646; bap. July 12, 1646.
- v JOHN, b. April, 1648; bap. May 7, 1648.
- vi EUNICE, b. April 28, 1650; bap. May 19, 1650.
- vii LOIS, b. Feb., 1652; she was not mentioned in her father's will and probably predeceased him.
- viii ROBERT, b. Jan. 29, 1653; bap. Feb. 26, 1653.
- ix TIMOTHY, bap. Oct. 11, 1657. He was not mentioned in his father's will and no mention of him is found on town or Colony records. He probably died young.

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JOSEPH STETSON, (*Cornet Robert*), son of CORNET ROBERT and HONOUR () STETSON, b. June 1639 at Scituate, d. between 1722 and 1724 at Scituate (See will Plymouth Prob. 4/417); m. (1) RUTH HILAND, dau. THOMAS and ELIZABETH () HILAND of Scituate. She d. soon after the birth of her son, JOSEPH, JR. (1667). He m. (2) PRUDENCE () before 1670. He resided in Scituate.

Little has been found of the history of Joseph. He does not seem to have been prominent in the life of the community, as the only honor that is noted was that he was a constable. Joseph made his home on the home farm which remained in that branch of the family until it was purchased by the Stetson Kindred of America, Inc. He has left a large family, many of whom have become distinguished men and women.

CHILDREN OF JOSEPH AND RUTH (HILAND) STETSON:

- i JOSEPH, b. 1667.

CHILDREN OF JOSEPH AND PRUDENCE () STETSON:

- ii ROBERT, b. Dec. 9, 1670.
- iii LOIS, b. March 1672.
- iv WILLIAM, b. Dec. 1673; d. Aug. 14, 1699.

"Wm. Studson late of Scituate, Plymouth Co." died at Yarmouth intestate (Barnstable Probate Rec. B. 2, P. 88) and his estate was divided equally among his brothers and sisters. The inventory amounted to £32 16s. The estate consisted of horse, saddle, male pillion, guns, etc.

- v DESIRE, b. Sept. 1676.
- vi PRUDENCE, b. Sept. 1678.
- vii SAMUEL, b. Dec. 1679.
- viii HANNAH, b. June 1682.

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CAPT. BENJAMIN STETSON (*Cornet Robert*), son of ROBERT and HONOR () STETSON, b. Aug. 1641 at Scituate, d. May 4, 1711. (His estate was settled in 1715.) He m. BETHIA HAWKE of Hingham, dau. of MATTHEW and MARGARET () HAWKE, on Aug. 15, 1665, at Hingham by Rev. Peter Hobart. He resided at "Bald Hill," Scituate.

Matthew Hawke, the father of Benjamin's wife, was Grammar School Master and Town Clerk of Hingham as recorded in Rev. Peter Hobart's Journal and by the Hingham records. His son, Capt. James Hawke, brother of Bethia, was grandfather of John Hancock, "The Patriot," who was the first signer of the Declaration of Independence and several years governor of Massachusetts. Bethia's sister, Sarah, married John Cushing of Scituate, who was called "the Father of Judges," and Sarah was the mother of the first Judge John Cushing and the ancestor of the long line of judges that followed, including William Cushing, the Chief Justice of the United States.

In the old burying ground at Hingham is a stone bearing this inscription: "Here lies ye body of Matthew Hawke, aged 74 years, Deed. December ye 11th 1684."

In 1674 the Cornet deeded to Benjamin "In consideration of the fondest love and fatherly affection which I bear to my well beloved son" a tract of land extending from the river on the east, one-half mile back to the "Comon" on the west. A part of the line on the north was from a "fork-ed Birch tree in the swamp, unto a mark-ed beech tree close by the brooke side" "Said Robert Stetson doth by these presents reserve for himself and any that shall come of his family, and possess his habitation a way to and from the landing place at Bald Hills, free, and without any molestation, hindrance or disturbance." The deed was witnessed by the Cornet's trusted friends and associates, Gen. James Cudworth and Isaac Chittenden. (Plymouth Rec., B. 1, p. 28.)

The career of Capt. Benjamin closely resembles that of the Cornet. He was evidently "a chip of the old block." In King Philip's War, Capt. Benjamin was one of his father's troopers. (Scituate Rec.)

In the Canada Expedition in 1690 he served in the Hingham company with Capt. Thomas Andrews, whose son Stephen married Ben-

jamin's daughter, Bethia. Benjamin returned to Scituate from the disastrous expedition, having left on the field not only his friends Capt. Andrews and Capt. Sylvester, whose non-cupative will he afterwards proved in the Plymouth Court, but also his younger brother, Ensign John Stetson, and, saddest of all, his promising second son, Matthew, 21 years old, of whom he had doubtless expected much.

For service in this expedition, Capt. Benjamin Stetson (Stutton) received "lots No. 68-67" in Andrewstown, Canada (Chesterfield, Mass.) (Mass. Archives, Vol. 36, p. 155.) (See Colonial Wars of Mass., vol. of 1898, pp. 182 and 183.)

In 1695 Scituate was one-third larger than any other town in the Colony. The militia numbered 200 men, and it became necessary to divide it into two companies. Capt. Benjamin's command on the south embraced the territory now included in the towns of Hanover, Norwell and a part of Marshfield.

The records of the Second Church show Capt. Benjamin to have been active in the affairs of the church. He was also prominent in town affairs. He represented Scituate at the Colony Court at Plymouth in 1691, and after the union of the colonies he was representative to the General Court at Boston in 1693, 1694 and 1700. (Colony Records.)

CHILDREN OF CAPT. BENJAMIN AND BETHIA (HAWKE) STETSON:

- i BENJAMIN, b. Feb. 16, 1668; bap. May 19, in Scituate.
- ii MATTHEW, b. June 12, 1669; d. Nov. 1690 in the Canada Expedition. His estate consisted almost entirely of books. (Plymouth Probate Rec.) For service in the Canada Expedition his heirs were granted a tract of land in Turner, Me.
- iii JAMES, b. March 1, 1670/1.
- iv SAMUEL, b. Oct. 1673; bap. May 11 (Ch. Rec.).
- v BETHIA, b. May 14, 1675.
- vi MARY, b. April 21, 1678.
- vii HANNAH, b. June 1, 1679; m. ——— TILESTON (as by her father's will), probably Timothy Tileston of Dorchester.
- viii DEBORAH, b. Dec. 3, 1682.
- ix EUNICE, b. March 1683; bap. May 27th (Ch. Rec.).
- x MARGARET, b. Sept. 1685; d. 1686.

I-3

THOMAS STETSON, (Cornet Robert), son of ROBERT and HONOR () STETSON, b. Dec. 11, 1643, at Scituate, d. 1729 or later at Scituate (Will dated July 2, 1729). He m. SARAH DODSON, dau. ANTHONY and MARY (WILLIAMS) DODSON, b. 1652.

The Cornet deeded to his son Thomas in 1673 a river farm of 100 acres next south of his own and north of the "Bald Hill Farm," which he deeded to Capt. Benjamin the following year. Here Thomas' twelve children were born, all of whom lived to be married. Mary, the mother of Sarah Dodson, was a sister of Capt. John Willimas, who commanded the right wing of the ambuscade at the time when King Philip fell. (Dean's Hist. of Scituate.)

CHILDREN OF THOMAS AND SARAH (DODSON) STETSON:

All born in Scituate.

- i HANNAH, b. Nov. 1671.
- ii THOMAS, b. Sept. 1674.
- iii GERSHOM, b. Jan. 1676/7.
- *iv SARAH, b. Jan. 1678/9; m. Ebenezer Bennet of Middleboro, April 23, 1719.
- v JOSHUA, b. Jan. 1680/1.
- vi CALEB, b. Mar. 1682/3.
- vii ELISHA, b. Mar. 1684/5.
- viii ELIJAH, b. Mar. 1686/7.
- ix MARY, b. Mar. 3, 1691/2; m. Nathan Bassett of Sandwich, Oct. 28, 1712 (Sandwich V. R.). For posterity see Chatham Records where "Town Clerk Nathan Bassett" records family births and marriages.
- x EBENEZER, b. July 22, 1693.
- xi RUTH, b. Dec. 11, 1695; m. Nehemiah Randall of Sandwich Aug. 30, 1716 (Scituate V. R.), son of Job, the shipbuilder.
- xii MARGARET, b. Aug. 4, 1698; m. Nathan Pickles, Jr., Mar. 13, 1731/2. Nathan was the son of Nathan and Miriam (Turner) Pickles.

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SERGEANT SAMUEL STETSON, (*Cornet Robert*), son of ROBERT and HONOR () STETSON, b. June 1646 at Scituate; m. LYDIA PICKLES in 1678 at Scituate, dau. of JONAS and ALICE (HATCH) PICKLES. She was b. 1662 at Scituate. He resided at Scituate.

*Regarding Sarah, the fourth child mentioned in this family, it is noted that Mr. Nelson W. Stetson says in his notes that she married Ebenezer Bennett of Middleboro, April 23, 1719. In the family of Robert he also has a Sarah, the daughter of Robert and Joanna (Brooks) Stetson, who married Ebenezer Bennet of Middleboro on the same day. Mr. Stetson evidently copied these entries from the genealogy of Mr. John Stetson Barry, where the same mistake is made. Mr. Barry gives as his authority for Sarah being the daughter of Thomas that she was mentioned in his will as being a Bennett.

It has not yet been determined from which of the Cornet's sons Sarah (Stetson) Bennett came, and she will be inserted in both families pending definite knowledge of her.

In the year 1700, when the Cornet was in his 89th year and just before making his will, he deeded to Samuel the house and farm on which Samuel and his family were then living. From the wording of the deed it would seem probable that Samuel had occupied the farm from the time of his marriage in 1678.

The following is from the deed given in 1700:

"I, Robert Stedson, of Scituate in consideration of the tender love and fatherly affection that I have and Beare unto my well beloved son Samuel Stedson of Scituate afors'd as also for other good causes and consideration at this time Especially hereunto moving, have given - - - my uplands and swamps now and for divers years past in the Temure and occupation of the sd. Samuel Stedson, with the edifices & buildings Erected on same."

(Plymouth Col. Deeds, B. 5, p. 15. Year 1700.) (See Stetson Kindred Booklet 5, p. 13.)

Perhaps all will agree that there can be no doubt that "these divers years past" covered the period between Sergeant Samuel's marriage, 1678, and 1700, the time when his father gave him the deed.

For nearly two hundred years this house remained undisturbed. The chimney, a familiar sight in our childhood, (N. M. S.) was a huge stack of dingy gray, strangely out of proportion to the tiny structure that surrounded it. Nevertheless, this diminutive house—called "edifice" in the deed—boasted a brick oven, "set boiler" and a fireplace so large that even the larger children could easily walk into it.

We lament the ruthless destruction some fifty years ago of this old chimney—this priceless relic of the olden time.

Samuel's name appears frequently on church and town records. As early as 1692 he was connected with the second saw mill on the "3rd Herring Brook." This continued in his family for 142 years—four generations.

In 1673 Cornet Stetson and John Bryant laid out to Charles Stockbridge 34 acres of land on the west side of the third Herring Brook one-half mile below the Cornet's mill "on account of his building a corn mill" (Scituate Records, vol. 2, p. 19). Prior to 1692, Sergeant Samuel Stetson became a partner and the mills continued in his family for five generations, i. e., Capt. Jonah, Jonah 2nd, Micah, and last, Deacon Ebenezer, who sold both "saw mill and grist mill, privileges" etc. in 1832 to Samuel Salmond (Plymouth deeds, vol. 74, p. 198).

For more than one hundred years it was known as "Jonah's Mill." It is now called by the more euphonious name "Tiffany" for Rebecca Tiffany, who inherited the adjoining farm and shares in the earlier mill from his father-in-law, Charles Stockbridge, Jr.

CHILDREN OF SERGT. SAMUEL AND LYDIA (PICKLES) STETSON:

All born in Scituate.

- i SAMUEL, b. June 1679.
- ii ELIZABETH, b. Apr. 1, 1682.
- iii LYDIA, b. July 1683.
- iv PATIENCE, b. Dec. 1687; m. Isaac Jones Nov. 20, 1711 (Rochester Rec.).
- v JONAH, b. Apr. 1691.
- vi MARY, b. June 1692.
- vii JOHN, b. Mar. 1694.
- viii SILAS, b. June 1696.
- ix SETH, b. June 1698.
- x NATHANIEL, b. June 1700.
- xi DEBORAH, b. Oct. 1704; m. Jonathan Jackson of Scituate Oct. 30, 1732, and had Jonathan, Jr., who m. Mehitable Highland and has many descendants. (Scituate Rec.)
- xii RACHEL, bap. Aug. 18, 1717; m. Samuel Stetson (1-1-7) Jan. 7, 1730. (Scituate Rec.)
- xiii JUDAH, bap. May 14, 1682 (Ch. Rec.) He does not appear again on the record. He may have been a twin brother of Elizabeth and died young.

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ENSIGN JOHN STETSON, (*Cornet Robert*), son of CORNET ROBERT and HONOUR () STETSON, b. Apr. 1648 at Scituate, d. 1690 on Phipp's Canada Expedition. He m. ABIGAIL HUDSON, (See Cornet Stetson's will, also that of John Hudson), dau. of JOHN and ANN (ROGERS) HUDSON. She d. Sept. 19, 172-, aged 67. (Scituate Rec.)

John resided in Scituate. His house stood north of Church Hill on the spot where until recently stood the mansion built by Capt. Anthony Waterman about 1768.

"In the Canada Expedition in 1690 under Sir William Phipps, at the taking of Port Royal, and the attempts upon Quebec, Scituate furnished sixteen men under Capt. Joseph Sylvester, Lieut. Israel Chittenden, and Ensign John Stetson." (Deane, p. 130) John died in that expedition, and the inventory of his estate was taken by his brother, Capt. Benjamin.

"On the Plymouth records I find that 'at the Court holden at Plymouth the 3rd Tuesday of March 1690-1. In reference to the settlement of the estate of Ensign John Stetson, late of Scituate deceased, the Court do order that the oldest son, John, shall have and enjoy the house and land which his father died seized of, when said son shall attain to the age of 21 years; excepting his mother's thirds thereof during her life, he paying to Honour and Barnabas, his sister and brother, each of them 50 shillings when they attain the age of 21 years, or at the day of their marriage, which shall first happen to be. And the relict of the said deceased to have all the goods and chattels of said deceased, as her own proper estate, and the benefit of the said house and land till the heir come of age as aforesaid, for the bringing up of the said children, she paying to Abigail, her oldest daughter, and to Ann, her youngest, each of them 50 shillings at their day of marriage, or coming to the age of 21 years, which shall first be or happen.

Attested Samuel Sprague, Clerk.' " (Barry's Records 1847.)

In 1699 the following was entered on the Scituate records:

"And we laid another way from the road by Widow Stetson's as the way now goeth on the southerly side of Whiston's house, c/o north-westward by the corner of Whiston's land, c/o over the brook as the way goeth to the sawmill brook, c/o up the hill where we marked several trees, c/o as the way goeth until we came to the country road on the southerly side of Sandy Hill." (Scituate Rec., vol. II, p. 13.)

This is easily recognized as the road from the "Old Foster Place" to the country road in Hanover, via the "Waterman Place" and the Cornet's mill.

Thirty-six years later, 1735, we find a deed from Abigail Studley and Honour Hunt (daughters of Ensign John Stetson) to Robert Barker in consideration of £210. of "the place where he now dwells and whereon our mother, Abigail Stetson, deceased, in her life time dwelt" . . . "15 acres more or less, bounded westerly on Elijah Stetson's land; northerly on Gershom Stetson's land; easterly and southerly by the road, with buildings thereon" etc. (Plymouth Deeds, vol. 45, p. 231.)

There are similar references to the "widow Abigail Stetson's house" which make it plain that the estate of Ensign John Stetson was located north of Church Hill, and the house very near to the hill, probably the only land adjacent to that of his father and older brothers that was available at the time of his marriage.

This corner lot "east of Whiston's land, bounded on the south and east by the road" could have been none other than the corner where the Waterman mansion recently stood.

At the beginning of Philip's War the following appears on the Scituate records: "Paid John Stetson for making soulgers cloths 16 shillings 6 pence," from which we judge him to have been a tailor.

The first mention of Ensign John Stetson on the Colony records was in 1689, when it was "ordered that John Stetson have 15 shillings p'r weeke for being helpful to the commisary." (Col. Ct. Orders, Vol. VI, p. 229.)

The following year he was Ensign in Capt. Sylvester's Scituate company and died in the Canada expedition in 1690 at the age of 41 years. His estate received the share of land to which he was entitled for his services, i. e., a share of land at Ipswich, Canada, afterwards Winchendon, Mass. (See Society Colonial Wars, vol. of 1898, pp. 37-190.)

CHILDREN OF JOHN AND ABIGAIL (HUDSON) STETSON:

- i ABIGAIL, b. May 1677 in Scituate.
- ii JOHN, bap. May 4, 1679 (Rec. of 2nd Ch.). His birth does not appear with the others on the Scituate records. He d. in 1730 (Prob. Rec. Plymouth 6/405). There is no record of his marriage or family.
- iii HONOUR, b. Mar. 1684 in Scituate; d. Aug. 22, 1739; m. Thomas Hunt of Duxbury Jan. 15, 1707/8. (Winslow's Hist. of Duxbury, p. 323.) They had a large family in Duxbury.
- iv BARNABAS, bap. July 16, 1682 (2nd Ch. Rec.). He was *non compos mentis* and d. Dec. 27, 1742. In the settlement of his father's estate his cousin, Gershom Stetson, was appointed his guardian (Prob. Rec.), but the estate was not divided until after the death of Barnabas in 1742. In 1743 Benoni Studley, son-in-law of John and Abigail, administrator, divided the estate between the only heirs, the two sisters of Barnabas, i. e., Abigail Studley and Honour Hunt.
- v ANNE, b. 1690; d. young.

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EUNICE STETSON, (Cornet Robert), dau. of CORNET ROBERT and HONOUR () STETSON, b. Apr. 23, 1650, at Scituate. She m. TIMOTHY ROGERS of Marshfield in 1669, son of JOHN and FRANCES () ROGERS, b. 1650 at Scituate, d. 1728 at Marshfield. She resided at Marshfield.

CHILDREN OF TIMOTHY AND EUNICE (STETSON) ROGERS:

All born in Marshfield.

- i SAMUEL, bap. Oct. 2, 1670; d. 1747.
- ii EUNICE.
- iii HANNAH.
- iv MARY.
- v TIMOTHY, bap. May 31, 1674; d. young.
- vi BETHIA, probably died unmarried.
- vii JOHN.
- viii HONOUR.
- ix TIMOTHY, b. abt. 1690.
- x A daughter, whose name we do not know and who died in infancy.

Records for this family have been gathered from Marshfield and Scituate records and from Drummond's *John Rogers of Marshfield*.

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ROBERT STETSON, (*Cornet Robert*), son of CORNET ROBERT and HONOUR () STETSON, b. Jan. 23, 1653, at Scituate. He m. JOANNA (?) BROOKS in 1676 at Scituate (Barry), dau. of WILLIAM and WID. SUSANNA (DUNHAM) BROOKS. She was b. 1659 at Scituate.

Did Robert marry once or twice? He may have married second Deborah Brooks, sister of Joanna. On the Pembroke records we find "Peleg, son of Robert and *Deborah* Stetson died June 29, 1713." Deane in 1831 says "Robert married Deborah Brooks, b. 1654, daughter of William and Susanna," but 16 years later Mr. Barry, who was familiar with Deane's History, says he married her sister Joanna. He may have married both.

Of the parents of Robert's wife we find:

"William Brooks, aged 20, and his brother Gilbert, aged 14, came to New England in the ship *Blessing* in 1635." William was an householder in Scituate in 1644. He had married a young widow, Susanna Dunham, a niece of Mr. Timothy Hatherly. His brother Gilbert married Elizabeth, the daughter of Governor Edward Winslow.

Mr. Timothy Hatherly was prominent in the Colony government, having been Colony Treasurer, also Assistant Governor for 22 years under Governors Bradford, Prince, and Winslow. Mr. Hatherly in his will gave to "Susanna Brooks, wife of William Brooks of Scituate and to her children twelve pounds and a heffer," and added, "I acquitt her of her first husband's debt to mee." This was Mr. Hatherly's largest bequest excepting the legacy to his wife.

Robert, being the Cornet's namesake and the child of his old age, would naturally be the favored son; but there is abundant proof that Robert in his youth sowed many "wild oats" and was a source of mortification and expense to his indulgent father. The following is the clause in the Cornet's will relating to Robert:

"I give and bequeath to my son Robert my Wearing Cloaths which with what I have formerly given him I judge convenient for him."

Some have understood from this that the Cornet in a way disinherited Robert, and have imagined that he was destitute, and without doubt did find his father's old clothes "convenient"; but these overlook the fact shown on the land records at Plymouth that the Cornet, when in his eighty-eighth year, before making his will, and only a short time before his death, was "moved by love and fatherly affection" to give Robert a valuable "River farm" as follows:

"July ye 19—1700" "To all Cristian people to whom these presents shall come" . . . "I, Robert Stetson of Scituate" . . . In Consideration of the fondest love and fatherly affection that I have and bear to my well beloved son Robert Stetson of Duxborough and also for other good causes and considerations at this time especially hereunto moving . . . have given, granted, aliened, enfeofed, made over, and confirmed unto said son Robert Stetson, all that my forty acres more or less of upland and meadow, lying and being within the township of Scituate on the easterly side of North River . . . being a part of that tract called the 'two mile.'" (Plymouth Rec., vol. 3, p. 215.)

This tract, which he further describes as extending from the river back to the common lands of Marshfield, although containing only forty acres, must from its situation have been very desirable; and although certain that Robert's strenuous behavior during his "teens" had been anything but pleasing to his parents, we have every reason to believe that this had been long since overlooked by the Cornet.

It is a curious fact that every one of the Cornet's children excepting Robert was given a "Bible name," chosen evidently from the most circumspect characters of the Old and New Testament—Joseph, Benjamin, Thomas, Samuel, John, Timothy, Lois and Eunice. Not until the arrival of the sixth child did the Cornet and Honour depart from this rule. Strangely enough, Robert seems to have been the only one to cause his parents anxiety.

The year 1676 was a very eventful one in the life of Robert. In this year his suit for the hand of Joanna Brooks culminated successfully, and he began housekeeping in Scituate; but alas, this same year a

band of Narragansett Indians descended upon Scituate and burned, with many others, the home of Robert Stetson, Jr. (Deane) How long Robert remained in Scituate we do not know. The above deed would indicate that he was certainly in Duxbury before 1700. Later in 1709-10 in the "division of the common lands of Duxborough" Robert Stetson's grant of one hundred acres served as one of the boundaries in laying out the new lots, and in 1711-12, when Pembroke was incorporated, Robert Stetson with at least seven children with their families were here, and with the one hundred acres (then in Duxbury) were included in the new township of Pembroke.

From an act of the Massachusetts Legislature passed March 21, 1712, establishing the boundaries of the new town of Pembroke, we copy the following:

"from a stakeset by the Committee aforesaid in the line between the town of Duxbore and the lands belonging to Marshfield, or commonly called the Marshfield Upper Lands, about one hundred and four rods southeasterly from the most easterly corner of Robert Stetson's land whereon he now dwelleth."

One hundred and four rods northwest by west from this stake (now replaced by a stone post marked P. D.) brings us almost exactly to "the most easterly corner" of the one hundred acre grant of Robert Stetson as surveyed and accurately defined by the late Mercer Tilson. (See Tilson mss., deposited in the Cobb Library at Bryantville.)

Thus we may be certain that Robert Stetson still lived on his original grant when Pembroke was incorporated in 1712.

CHILDREN OF ROBERT AND JOANNA (BROOKS) STETSON:

Mr. Barry says: "The children of Robert so far as I have been able to learn anything concerning them were as follows:"

- i ISAAC.
 - ii TIMOTHY.
 - iii RESOLVED.
 - *iv SARAH, m. Ebenezer Bennet of Middleboro, Apr. 23, 1719.
 - v NATHANIEL.
- From Pembroke and Duxbury records we learn of others as follows:
- vi PELEG. "Peleg, son of Robert and *Deborah* Stetson, d. June 29, 1713" (Pembroke Rec.).
 - vii AMIE.
 - viii BATHSHEBA.

*See note under 1-3.

1-1-1

JOSEPH STETSON (*Joseph, Cornet Robert*), son of JOSEPH and RUTH (HYLAND) STETSON, b. 1667 at Scituate (bap. in 2nd Church Rec.). He m. (1) HANNAH OLDHAM of Pembroke on Nov. 6, 1688, dau. of THOMAS and MARY (WITHERELL) OLDHAM (dau. of REV. WILLIAM WITHERELL of Scituate). She d. Feb. 14, 1727. (Pembroke Rec.) He m. (2) WID. MARY PERRY of Pembroke on Mar. 1, 1736 (Pembroke V.R.), bap. Sept. 2, 1742, aged 61 years. (Pembroke Ch. Rec.)

CHILDREN OF JOSEPH AND HANNAH (OLDHAM) STETSON: (From Scituate Rec.)

- i RUTH, b. Sept. 11, 1689.
- ii LOIS, b. Aug. 10, 1692.
- iii BATHSHEBA, b. Sept. 29, 1693.
- iv NEHEMIAH, b. June 25, 1696.
- v JOSEPH, b. May 23, 1698.
- vi HANNAH, b. Aug. 1, 1700.
- vii HEZEKIAH, b. Aug. 29, 1703.
- viii ABTHIA (or APPHIA), b. Apr. 24, 1706.
- ix ABIGAIL, b. Jan. 17, 1707.
- x MARY, b. Feb. 1, 1713.

1-1-2

ROBERT STETSON (*Joseph, Cornet Robert*), son of JOSEPH and PRUDENCE () STETSON, b. Dec. 9, 1670, at Scituate, d. 1760, aged 90 yrs. (Hanover Rec.) He m. MARY COLLAMORE, eldest dau. of CAPT. ANTHONY and SARAH (CHITTENDEN) COLLAMORE, on Jan. 12, 1692/3, at Scituate. She was b. 1667 at Scituate. He resided in Scituate.

Robert was a currier and lived near George Moore's Pond" until 1719. He then purchased of his father, Joseph, then in his 81st year, the Cornet's old home by the river and removed there with his family. (Plymouth Deeds 14/88.) His son, Anthony, continued to occupy the farm by George Moore's Pond. Robert later sold the Cornet's old farm to his son, William, and removed to Hanover.

Robert's wife's mother, Sarah Chittenden, was one of the twin daughters of Isaac Chittenden, who was killed while defending his home from the savages during King Philip's War. (Dean's Hist. Scit.)

CHILDREN OF ROBERT AND MARY (COLLAMORE) STETSON:

- i ANTHONY, b. Sept. 12, 1693.
- ii JEMIMA, b. Mar. 13, 1694/5.
- iii ISAAC, b. Mar. 15, 1696/7; bap. 1700; drowned in Scituate off the 4th cliff in 1719. Never married.
- iv WILLIAM, b. June 26, 1700; bap. Nov. 5, 1704.
- v AMOS, b. June 18, 1703; bap. Nov. 5, 1704.
- vi MARTHA, b. Sept. 3, 1706.
- vii GIDEON, b. July 19, 1709; bap. July 24th.
- viii ROBERT, b. Sept. 3, 1710; bap. Sept. 10th.

I-1-3

LOIS STETSON (*Joseph, Cornet Robert*), dau. of JOSEPH and PRUDENCE () STETSON, b. Mar. 1672 at Scituate, d. June 1, 1735, aged 64 yrs. (G. S.) Buried in 1st Church Cem., Pembroke; m. DEA. JOSEPH FORD of Marshfield, son of WILLIAM and SARAH (DINGLEY) FORD, who d. Nov. 12, 1749, aged 83 years (G. S.); buried in 1st Church Cem., Pembroke. She resided at Pembroke.

I-1-5

DESIRE STETSON (*Joseph, Cornet Robert*), dau. of JOSEPH and PRUDENCE () STETSON, b. Sept. 1676 at Scituate. She m. RICHARD SYLVESTER of Scituate on Aug. 16, 1703, son of ISRAEL and () SYLVESTER. She resided at Scituate.

CHILDREN OF RICHARD AND DESIRE (STETSON) SYLVESTER:

- i DESIRE
- ii FAITH.
- iii NEHEMIAH.
- iv RUTH.
- v SETH.

(All on Scituate Rec.)

I-1-6

PRUDENCE STETSON (*Joseph, Cornet Robert*), dau. of JOSEPH and PRUDENCE () STETSON, b. Sept. 1678 at Scituate. She m. EBENEZER LEACH of Bridgewater on Dec. 17, 1707, son of GILES and — () LEACH.

I-1-7

SAMUEL STETSON (*Joseph, Cornet Robert*), son of JOSEPH and PRUDENCE () STETSON, b. Dec. 1679 at Scituate, d. 1761. (Ply-

mouth Probate Rec.); m. (1) ELIZABETH,* d. before 1731. He m. (2) RACHAEL STETSON (*Sergt. Samuel, Cornet Robert*) on Jan. 7, 1731.

He built his house near the river on a portion of the Cornet's farm. (See deed given by his father, Joseph, May 24, 1707, and acknowledged Jan. 29, 1711.) This "gambrel roof house" is still standing (1929) and was probably built at the time as his oldest son was born Mar. 3, 1712.

CHILDREN OF SAMUEL AND ELIZABETH () STETSON:

- i ABNER, b. Nov. 3, 1712; bap. Sept. 6, 1713.
- ii GEORGE, b. Nov. 6, 1714; bap. Feb. 20, 1714/15.
- iii ELIZABETH, b. Mar. 27, 1717; bap. Sept. 1st.
- iv JOSHUA, b. June 26, 1719. (Mr. Barry found nothing concerning him.)
- v ALICE, b. Mar. 20, 1720.
- vi JOSEPH, b. Mar. 25, 1724.
- vii RUTH. (Not on the Scituate Rec. but is named in her father's will.)

I-1-8

HANNAH STETSON (*Joseph, Cornet Robert*), dau. of JOSEPH and PRUDENCE () STETSON, b. June 1682 at Scituate, d. May 18, 1740. She m. SOLOMON LINCOLN of Scituate on Apr. 25, 1705.

CHILDREN OF SOLOMON AND HANNAH (STETSON) LINCOLN:
(From Scituate Rec.)

- i HANNAH, b. 1707; m. Matthew Stetson (I-2-1-1).
- ii JOSHUA, b. 1711; m. Mercy Dwelly.
- iii ISAAC, b. 1713; m. Abigail Mellus.
- iv DEBORAH, b. 1716; m. Israel Turner.

I-2-1

BENJAMIN STETSON (*Capt. Benjamin, Cornet Robert*), son of CAPT. BENJAMIN and BETHIA (HAWKE) STETSON, b. Feb. 16, 1668, at Scituate, d. abt. 1739 at Scituate (Plymouth Prob. Rec.). He m. GRACE TURNER, dau. of THOMAS and SARAH (HILAND) TURNER, on Jan. 22, 1690, at Scituate. She was b. in 1665.

Benjamin's headstone still stands in the Second Parish Cemetery near the Turner lot, but that of his wife, Grace Turner, has been removed to make room for others.

*We find no record of Samuel's marriage to Elizabeth, but on the records of the Second Church several of his children are called the children of Samuel and Elizabeth Stetson.

The house of Benjamin was built on the west end of Capt. Benjamin's Bald Hills Farm. The house, a fine old mansion, was burned on Christmas eve, 1897. It stood on the west side of the road (Stetson Road) on the spot where now stands the new house of Edward Haskins. Benjamin had inherited a fine tract on the "share line" in Hanover, but seemingly preferred to build his home on the old homestead.

In 1720 the town of Scituate granted to Capt. Joseph Barstow and Benjamin Stetson, 2nd, two acres of land between "Pine Hill" and "Rocky Run" in what is now the town of Hanover for the erection of a "forge and finery" (Scituate Rec.) which was built and used by them for many years. This was at South Hanover where now stands the tack works of E. Phillips & Sons.

CHILDREN OF BENJAMIN AND GRACE (TURNER) STETSON:

- i MATTHEW, b. Nov. 5, 1690, in Scituate.
- ii GRACE, b. Apr. 29, 1692, in Scituate.
- iii MARGARET, b. Mar. 30, 1694, in Scituate; m. James Briggs Nov. 22, 1739 (?) (Barry).
- iv BENJAMIN, b. July 1, 1696.
- v BETHIA, b. May 4, 1699; m. Nicholas Powers, Sept. 5, 1728. (Scituate Rec.)
- vi LEAH, b. May 6, 1702.
- vii ABIJAH, b. July 4, 1704; bap. with Leah Sept. 24, 1704. (Ch. Rec.)

I-2-3

JAMES STETSON (*Capt. Benjamin, Cornet Robert*), son of CAPT. BENJAMIN and BETHIA (HAWKE) STETSON, b. Mar. 1, 1670, at Scituate, d. before 1715. He m. SUSANNA TOWNSEND of Boston (Boston Rec.) on Nov. 26, 1696. He resided at Boston.

CHILDREN OF JAMES AND SUSANNA (TOWNSEND) STETSON:

- i SUSANNA, b. Dec. 13, 1697, in Boston; d. before 1715.
- ii JAMES, b. Sept. 11, 1699, in Boston.
- iii LYDIA, b. Jan. 1, 1701, in Boston; d. before 1715.
- iv WILLIAM, b. Apr. 26, 1704.
- v JOHN, b. Dec. 19, 1706; d. before 1715.

The births of these children are taken from the Boston records and the baptisms are on the records of the Second Church of Boston.

In the settlement of his father's estate, James' share was divided between his two children, which signifies that there were only two sur-

viving at that date, 1715. As we have the lines of James and William, they must have been the two surviving, although no names are given in the settlement papers.

His widow, Susanna (Townsend) Stetson, m. (2) Nov. 19, 1714, Lieut. Thomas Andrews of Hingham, who was the son of Capt. Thomas Andrews. (Hingham Rec.)

I-2-4

SAMUEL STETSON (often called "DRUMMER SAMUEL" on Scituate Rec.) (*Capt. Benjamin, Cornet Robert*), son of CAPT. BENJAMIN and BETHIA (HAWKE) STETSON, b. Oct. 1673 at Scituate, d. June 23, 1760, at Hanover (formerly Scituate). He m. REBECCA TURNER on May 12, 1719.

Mr. Barry calls "Drummer Samuel" the son of Sergt. Samuel, but we have found abundant proof that he was son of Capt. Benjamin. On the Scituate records "Drummer Stetson" is called the son of "Capt. Stetson." Matthew Stetson, grandson of Capt. Benjamin, had accounts with "Uncle Samuel Stetson, Drummer." (See old account books, p. 3 of the year 1750.)

Capt. Benjamin in his will (1711) bequeaths "to son Samuel the 14 acres near Drinkwater road and near the Wolf trap." Presumably the land on which Samuel built his house a little later.

Notice should be taken of this matter because Mr. Barry supposed "Drummer Samuel" was the son of Sgt. Samuel. He was really the son of Capt. Benjamin and is given his proper place in that family rather than as Mr. Barry has him.

Deacon Samuel, whom Mr. Barry had not discovered, was the son of Sergeant Samuel and appears in his proper place in that family.

Mr. Barry says in his History of Hanover "Drummer Stetson" "was a somewhat noted man in his day his house being a tavern stand and a famous resort." Religious meetings were held here before the first meeting house was erected.

The "Drummer Stetson House" is now owned and kept in an excellent state of preservation by Dr. L. Vernon Briggs of Hanover (1928).

It is not definitely known who the wife of Drummer Samuel was, other than that she was Rebecca Turner. She may have been the daugh-

ter of Thomas Turner, Sr., b. Apr. 17, 1687, who is the only Rebecca mentioned on the Scituate records. It is thought that Drummer Samuel may have married a second time and that the second wife was Widow Mercy (Dunham) Kempton.

In "Barnstable Families" and in "Dunham Records," by Isaac Watson Dunham, A.M., we find: Mercy Dunham, b. Jan. 10, 1689; m. 1st, Ephraim Kempton; m. 2nd, Samuel Stetson of Scituate Dec. 17, 1724. This would leave a question whether Samuel, who was baptized with his sisters Feb. 19, 1726, was the son of the first or the second wife.

CHILDREN OF "DRUMMER" SAMUEL AND
REBECCA (TURNER) STETSON:

- i SAMUEL, bap. Feb. 19, 1726; b. about 1725 (Barry).
- ii LYDIA, bap. Feb. 19, 1726; never m. and d. young (Barry).
- iii REBECCA, bap. Feb. 19, 1726; d. Aug. 28, 1765 (Barry).

I-2-5

BETHIA STETSON (*Capt. Benjamin, Cornet Robert*), dau. of CAPT. BENJAMIN and BETHIA (HAWKE) STETSON, b. May 14, 1673. She m. STEPHEN ANDREWS of Hingham on June 23, 1697, son of CAPT. THOMAS and RUTH () ANDREWS. She resided at Taunton.

CHILDREN OF STEPHEN AND BETHIA (STETSON) ANDREWS:

- i BETHIA, b. May 28, 1699, at Hingham.
- ii MARY, b. Sept. 15, 1703, at Hingham.
- iii BENJAMIN, b. Jan. 26, 1705/6, at Hingham.
- iv ———, at Taunton.

I-2-6

MARY STETSON (*Capt. Benjamin, Cornet Robert*), dau. of CAPT. BENJAMIN and BETHIA (HAWKE) STETSON, b. Apr. 21, 1678, d. Sept. 27, 1727, at Duxbury; m. JAMES PARTRIDGE of Duxbury on Apr. 24, 1712. (Duxbury Rec.) He d. Jan. 20, 1743. She resided at Duxbury.

I-2-8

DEBORAH STETSON (*Capt. Benjamin, Cornet Robert*), dau. of CAPT. BENJAMIN and BETHIA (HAWKE) STETSON, b. Dec. 3, 1662. She m. SAMUEL FISHER in 1710, probably the oldest son of VIGILANCE and REBECCA (PARTRIDGE) FISHER, b. Dec. 12, 1681, at Dedham, d. Nov. 24, 1767, at North Yarmouth, Me. She resided at North Yarmouth, Maine.

CHILDREN OF SAMUEL AND DEBORAH (STETSON) FISHER:

- i REBECCA, b. Aug. 25, 1717, at Duxbury; m. Benjamin Prince (?).
- ii SAMUEL, b. Nov. 12, 1722, at Duxbury.

It will be noted in the Fisher Genealogy that the marriage of Deborah and Samuel Fisher is given as 1710, while in Mr. Nelson M. Stetson's notes he gave the date of marriage as Dec. 24, 1705.

I-2-9

EUNICE STETSON (*Capt. Benjamin, Cornet Robert*), dau. of CAPT. BENJAMIN and BETHIA (HAWKE) STETSON, b. Mar. 1683, bap. May 27 (Ch. Rec.). She m. DEA. JOHN JAMES of Scituate on Mar. 18, 1700. She resided at Scituate.

CHILDREN OF DEA. JOHN AND EUNICE (STETSON) JAMES:

- i EUNICE, b. 1703.
- ii MARY, b. 1704.
- iii EUNICE, b. 1706.
- iv JOHN, b. 1709.
- v BENJAMIN, b. 1711.
- vi LYDIA, b. 1713.
- vii ELISHA, b. 1715.
- viii ZIPPORAH, b. 1717; m. Elisha Randall; d. aged 98.

I-3-1

HANNAH STETSON (*Thomas, Cornet Robert*), dau. of THOMAS and SARAH (DODSON) STETSON, b. Nov. 1671 at Scituate. She m. DEACON JOHN FOSTER of Marshfield on Nov. 16, 1692. (Davis: Ancient Landmarks of Plymouth.)

CHILDREN OF DEA. JOHN AND HANNAH (STETSON) FOSTER:

- i MARY, b. 1694; m. (1) William Bradford; m. (2) William Partridge.
- ii SARAH, b. 1696; m. William Bartlett.
- iii MERCY, m. Ebenezer Morton of Middleboro.
- iv SAMUEL.
- v JOHN, b. 1699.
- vi THOMAS, b. 1705.
- vii ICHABOD, b. 1707.
- viii GERSHOM, b. 1709.
- ix NATHANIEL, b. 1711.
- x SETH, b. 1713.

I-3-2

THOMAS STETSON (*Thomas, Cornet Robert*), son of THOMAS and SARAH (DODSON) STETSON, b. Sept. 1674 at Scituate, d. between 1740 and 1754. His will was dated May 21, 1740, and he is named as being dead in his brother GERSHOM'S will in 1754. He m. MARY BALSTON, of Boston, dau. of NATHANIEL and REBECCA () BALSTON, on Nov. 18, 1715. She was b. May 6, 1697. (Boston Rec.)

Thomas was a blacksmith and lived on Orange Street in Boston. From his inventory of estate we find listed:

Mansion House on Orange Street., valued at £140.
Land lying on Summer St. 55-6-8
(Boston Prob. Rec.)

The administrators of his estate were his sons, John Stutson of Boston and Ebenezer Stutson of Watertown. (Suffolk Deeds.)

CHILDREN OF THOMAS AND MARY (BALSTON) STETSON:

- i THOMAS, b. July 25, 1719; d. Jan. 27, 1721.
- ii JOHN, b. Jan. 12, 1720.
- iii THOMAS, b. Apr. 23, 1722; d. Feb. 16, 1725.
- iv EBENEZER, b. May 20, 1724.
- v SARAH, b. Feb. 13, 1725; m. Thomas Oliver of Boston, Jan. 15, 1746 (Boston Rec.).
- vi THOMAS, b. Aug. 5, 1728; d. June 27, 1729.
- vii LYDIA, b. Apr. 6, 1718, at Boston; m. Nathan Safford, Oct. 10, 1737, by Rev. Thomas Foxcroft.

I-3-3

GERSHOM STETSON (*Thomas, Cornet Robert*), son of THOMAS and SARAH (DODSON) STETSON, b. Jan. 1676/7 at Scituate, d. Apr. 5, 1754, at Scituate. Buried in "Church Hill." Head stone in fine state of preservation. He m. (1) MARY HOLMES of Scituate on Nov. 28, 1707, who d. Sept. 9, 1708. He m. (2) ANNIE KING on Jan. 29, 1712/13, dau. of DEACON THOMAS and ELIZABETH (CLAP) KING (dau. of ELDER THOMAS CLAP).

In deeds he is recited as "Dealer," "Weaver" and "Shopkeeper," and is mentioned in Town Records as "Selectman." He lived north of Church Hill. In the records of the Second Church he is referred to as "Sergeant."

He was evidently named for his mother's brother, Gershom Dodson, who was killed the year Gershom was born, in battle with King Philip at Rehoboth.

His estate was appraised as personal £543. and real £148. One of his bequests was to the children of his son Caleb, deceased. His will was dated Mar. 27, 1754.

Gershom was very active in the Second Church, serving continually as Assessor and Collector and on numerous church committees. Mr. Barry quotes the following extract from the Second Church record:

"Whereas complaint is mad of divers badd men and women and boys and Garles on Sabbath days mack desturbance in the meeting house and else ware for Remeday The day above sd. th precinct mad choice of Mr. Peter Collomer, Mr. Gershom Stetson, Samuel Curtis jun., Elisha Silvester and Gilbord broocks to be added to the former comity to suppress all disorders on Sabbath daysboth in the time of divine sarvis and in vacancy between the publick exercise."

This was in 1732.

CHILD OF GERSHOM AND MARY (HOLMES) STETSON:

- i CALEB, b. Sept. 1708.

I-3-5

JOSHUA STETSON (*Thomas, Cornet Robert*), son of THOMAS and SARAH (DODSON) STETSON, b. Jan. 1680/1 at Scituate, d. May 1739. (Probate at Suffolk Co., Mass., and Newport, R. I.) He m. SARAH ().

Joshua Stetson was "General Sealer of Weights and Measures" and "Packer" for the Colony of Rhode Island continuously from May, 1719 to 1739. In 1740 a new official was chosen "in Place of Caleb Stetson, deceased." (R. I. Civil and Military List.) "Joshua Stetson of Newport Colony, R. I., Cooper" sold land in Hanover to his brother Thomas Jan. 21, 1730. (Plymouth Land Records 26/49.) In 1737 "Joshua Stetson, set works cooper of Newport, R. I." purchased a house and extra lot on Orange Street, Boston and 22 years later his "daughter Mary Cowell" sold this "house on Orange St., being sole owner of same." (Suffolk deeds 115/218 1759.)

Gershom Stetson in his will speaks of children of his deceased brother Joshua.

During the Revolutionary War the records of Newport, R. I., were taken by the British and sunk near Hell Gate in New York Harbor. They were later recovered, and recently by a new process they

have been partially restored and are kept in vaults of the Newport Historical Society. Here we found the "Inventory of Estate of Joshua Studson of Newport, cooper" as accepted by "wife Sarah" Mar. 29, 1740.

The house and shop were on Thames Street at "West Cove," and the items principally cooper's stock in trade and tools.

It seems very probable that Joshua had children between 1700 and 1719. Where were they born and what became of them? Were they the ancestors of several Stetson families who trace their origin to Rhode Island and whose missing links are lost in the confused and scanty records of early Rhode Island town records?

CHILD OF JOSHUA AND SARAH () STETSON:

- i MARY (Suffolk Deeds 115/218); m. Joseph Cowell at Newport, R. I., Jan. 13, 1726 (Records of Trinity Church, Newport).

1-3-6

CALEB STETSON (*Thomas, Cornet Robert*), son of THOMAS and SARAH (DODSON) STETSON, b. Mar. 1682/3 at Scituate. He m. SARAH BREWSTER of Duxbury on Mar. 4, 1705. (Duxbury Rec.)

Sarah Brewster, the wife of Caleb Stetson, was the great-granddaughter of Elder William Brewster through his son Love and grandson Wrestling.

Caleb and Sarah lived in that part of Plymouth which was later "set off as a separate parish" and afterwards incorporated as the town of Kingston. Caleb was a ship builder at Jones River at a very early date. Nov. 12, 1714, Ephraim Bradford granted to Wrestling Brewster 13 acres "att Jones River near ye landing Place where Caleb Stetson's building yard was wont to be." (Plymouth Deeds 11/76.)

In 1725 "Caleb Stetson, shipwright" purchased of Wrestling Brewster, house, land, etc., on the country road and a half interest in the landing place near Jones River. (Plymouth Deeds.)

CHILDREN OF CALEB AND SARAH (BREWSTER) STETSON:
(From Plymouth Records.)

- i ABISHA, b. Feb. 22, 1706, at Plymouth.
- ii ELIZABETH, b. Oct. 14, 1709, at Plymouth.
- iii BARZILLA, b. Dec. 17, 1711, at Plymouth.
- iv JOSHUA, b. Apr. 21, 1714, at Plymouth.

- v JERUSHA, b. June 30, 1716. "Jerusha Stetson died of old age Dec. 14, 1795, aged 80." (Kingston Rec.)
- vi JOHN, b. Dec. 18, 1718.
- vii JEDEDIAH, b. Sept. 12, 1721.

1-3-7

ELISHA STETSON (*Thomas, Cornet Robert*), son of THOMAS and SARAH (DODSON) STETSON, b. Mar. 1684/5 at Scituate, d. Feb. 11, 1755, at Kingston, aged 69 yrs., 11 mos., 13 days. He m. ABIGAIL BREWSTER, dau. of WRESTLING and ——— () BREWSTER, on Oct. 28, 1707. (Winsor's Hist. of Duxbury, p. 323.) She d. May 6, 1761, aged 78 yrs., 1 mo., 16 days.

Abigail Brewster was a sister of Sarah, who married Caleb, the brother of Elisha, and also a great-granddaughter of Elder William Brewster.

Elisha and his family lived in a large house by the Jones River bridge, Plymouth (now Kingston), which was occupied by three generations of his descendants.

Elisha was a cordwainer. (See Stetson Kindred booklet No. 6.)

CHILDREN OF ELISHA AND ABIGAIL (BREWSTER) STETSON:

The five children were all baptized Mar. 19, 1721, and the births are all recorded in Plymouth.

- i SARAH, b. Aug. 28, 1708.
- ii EGLOTH, b. Oct. 7, 1710.
- iii ZERESH, b. Nov. 28, 1712.
- iv HOPESTILL, b. May 21, 1715.
- v ELISHA, b. Jan. 30, 1719, at Kingston.

1-3-8

ELIJAH STETSON (*Thomas, Cornet Robert*), son of THOMAS and SARAH (DODSON) STETSON, b. Mar. 1686-7 at Scituate, d. July 14, 1775, aged 89 years. (Hanover V. R.) He m. RUTH CHITTENDEN on Nov. 17, 1710, at Scituate.

CHILDREN OF ELIJAH AND RUTH (CHITTENDEN) STETSON:

- i ELIJAH, b. June 15, 1711, at Scituate; bap. Apr. 7, 1723. (Rec. 2nd Ch. Scituate.)
- ii JOSHUA, b. May 2, 1713, at Scituate; bap. July 28, 1728. (Rec. 2nd Ch. Scituate.)
- iii NATHANIEL, bap. Mar. 31, 1723.
- iv ELIZABETH, bap. Mar. 31, 1723.

- v SIMEON, bap. Mar. 31, 1723. Of him Mr. Barry found no further record, nor have we. Nathaniel, Elizabeth and Simeon were baptized with their mother as above.
- vi LUKE, bap. May 15, 1726. (Hanover Rec.)
- vii RUTH, bap. May 10, 1730. (Hanover Rec.)

I-3-9

MARY STETSON (*Thomas, Cornet Robert*), dau. of THOMAS and SARAH (DODSON) STETSON, b. Mar. 3, 1691/2, at Scituate. She m. Nathan Bassett of Sandwich on Oct. 28, 1712. (Sandwich V. R.) She resided at Chatham.

I-3-10

EBENEZER STETSON (*Thomas, Cornet Robert*), son of THOMAS and SARAH (DODSON) STETSON, b. July 22, 1693, at Scituate, d. Dec. 22, 1778, in the old house by the river where he was born. He m. LYDIA BARKER of Scituate, dau. of CALEB and — () BARKER of Pembroke (Plymouth Deeds 26/106), on Apr. 2, 1728 (Duxbury Rec.). She d. Oct. 20, 1776, at Scituate.

When first married Ebenezer lived in Dighton. He later returned to Scituate and built his house at the west side of Church Hill, and still later by purchase from his brothers and sisters came into possession of his father's farm by the river.

He was a builder. In 1749 he leased of his cousin, Matthew Stetson, "the ship yard at Bald Hill" where he and his sons built in 1749-1752 several large vessels.

Ebenezer and Lydia are buried on Church Hill near the site of the first Episcopal Church in Plymouth Colony, which he built prior to 1731. The inscriptions on the headstones are still legible, although the stones are in bad condition.

Mr. Barry, in his history of the family, says of Ebenezer, "It is said that he was a very zealous churchman and built the church on Church Hill at his own expense."

It is remarkable how many of these traditions have since been verified. The following is from the Plymouth Records, book 29, p. 20:

"Indenture made 7th day of Jan. Ano.Dom. 1733, between Ebenezer Stetson and Lydia his wife, on the one part, and Addington Davenport, clerk and Rector of ye Episcopal Church in Scituate and wardens of sd church on the other part." Then follows the record of

the sale "to Addington Davenport for £300, a certain house built for the worship of God in Scituate and the ground on which it stands." containing "one half acre, bounded on east line from the training field, there measuring ten rods, on the south, on the land of Henry Stockbridge, 8 rods — on the west on land of sd. Stetson 10 rods — on the north on land of sd. Stetson 8 rods."

JNO. CUSHING JR. *Just Pac.*

There are records showing that Addington Davenport was the first Rector, that the church edifice was opened for divine worship Oct. 11, 1731, eight being baptized.

We judge from this that the church building was built by Ebenezer Stetson for the worship of God, on a portion of his own land, and occupied by the Society several years before it was purchased from him in 1733, for £300 by a committee of the church consisting of Rev. Addington Davenport and others.

Rev. Addington Davenport was afterwards the first Rector of Trinity Church, Boston.

CHILDREN OF EBENEZER AND LYDIA (BARKER) STETSON:

- i EBENEZER, b. Dec. 12, 1728.
- ii SNOW, b. Mar. 1730.
- iii THOMAS, b. 1732; d. aged 20 in Dighton.
- iv GERSHOM, b. 1734; d. near Philadelphia of small pox. (Prob. Rec. at Plymouth 19/251.)
- v ZILPHA, m. Job Clapp of Scituate on May 5, 1764. (Scituate Rec.)

I-3-11

RUTH STETSON, (*Thomas, Cornet Robert*), dau. of THOMAS and SARAH (DODSON) STETSON, b. Dec. 11, 1695, at Scituate. She m. NEHEMIAH RANDALL of Sandwich, son of JOB and — () RANDALL, on Aug. 30, 1716. (Sandwich V. R.)

I-3-12

MARGARET STETSON (*Thomas, Cornet Robert*), dau. of THOMAS and SARAH (DODSON) STETSON, b. Aug. 4, 1698, at Scituate. She m. NATHAN PICKLES, JR., son of NATHAN and MIRIAM (TURNER) PICKLES, on Mar. 13, 1731/2.

I-4-1

DEACON SAMUEL STETSON (*Samuel, Cornet Robert*), son of SERGT. SAMUEL and LYDIA (PICKLES) STETSON, b. Jun. 1679 at Scituate,

d. Jan. 4, 1726/7, at Mansfield, Conn. He m. DESIRE DUNHAM, dau. of JOHN DUNHAM of Barnstable, on Mar. 11, 1712/3. She was b. Dec. 10, 1685, at Barnstable, and d. Jan. 24, 1738/9, at Mansfield, Conn. He resided at Mansfield, Conn.

Deacon Samuel Stetson was a well-to-do farmer of Mansfield and was a Deacon of the First Church of that town.

The First Church of Mansfield, Conn., was organized Oct. 10, 1710, with Eleazer Williams as Pastor, and eight brethren. Among these eight brethren was Samuel Stetson, who was Deacon at the time of his death, Jan. 4, 1726/7.

"Samuel Stetson of Scituate" purchased land in "Wyndham," Conn., in 1705 (Mansfield Land Rec.). Jan. 11, 1708, James Ross sells a tract in Mansfield "by estimation 130 acres in consideration of one yoke of oxen to me delivered by Samuel Stetson" (Mansfield Land Rec., B. 1, p. 140).

In 1709 he was allotted land on the "East side of Nachauge River" * * * "Being a part of the fifth allotment on ye crotch and by draught ye twelvth choice to be layd out in Mansfield according to ye last Voat of ye proprietors" (B. 1, p. 114, Mansfield Land Rec.). (For sketch see Stetson Kindred, B. 5, p. 49.)

In the appraisal of his estate reference is made to a debt of £1 18s. 6d. from his brother Nathaniel, which proves him a son of Sergt. Samuel.

CHILDREN OF DEA. SAMUEL AND DESIRE (DUNHAM) STETSON:
(All born in Connecticut and taken from Mansfield,
Conn., Town Records.)

- i SAMUEL, b. Dec. 30, 1713, at Mansfield, Conn.
- ii REBECCA, b. Apr. 27, 1716, at Mansfield, Conn.
- iii ELI, b. Nov. 20, 1717.
- iv MARY, b. Nov. 21, 1719; d. unmarried in 1807.
- v ELIZABETH, b. Jan. 18, 1721/2; m. Prince Freeman Sept. 15, 1742; d. Mar. 10, 1744, leaving no children.
- vi REBECCA, b. Oct. 6, 1724; d. 1724.

I-4-3

LYDIA STETSON (*Samuel, Cornet Robert*), dau. of SAMUEL and LYDIA (PICKLES) STETSON, b. July 1683 at Scituate, m. SAMUEL BRIGGS of Rochester on Apr. 14, 1708. She resided at Rochester. (Rochester V. R.)

CHILDREN OF SAMUEL AND LYDIA (STETSON) BRIGGS:
(From Rochester V. R.)

- i JEDEDIAH, b. Nov. 27, 1708.
- ii EBENEZER, b. Apr. 21, 1711.
- iii SAMUEL, b. Dec. 27, 1713.
- iv NATHAN, b. Sept. 21, 1716.
- v LYDIA, b. Dec. 9, 1719.
- vi SETH, b. Dec. 23, 1723.
- vii DEBORAH, b. Nov. 15, 1726.

I-4-5

JONAH STETSON (*Samuel, Cornet Robert*), son of SERGT. SAMUEL and LYDIA (PICKLES) STETSON, b. Apr. 1691 at Scituate, d. 1766. He m. MERCY TURNER, dau. of JONATHAN and MERCY (HATCH) TURNER, on May 31, 1720. She was b. 1690 and d. May 1773, aged 82 years. (G. S.) He resided at Scituate.

In an old account book kept by Matthew Stetson on an adjoining farm, he is called "Lieut. Jonah" in 1750, and "Capt. Jonah" after 1753, from which it is evident that he was Captain of the Militia at that time. Mr. Barry says, "He was a man of business note and much esteemed by his townsmen."

His wife's father, Jonathan Turner, was the oldest son of John Turner, Sr., and Mary Brewster, and Mary was the daughter of Jonathan Brewster, the eldest son of Elder William Brewster. (Ref. Scituate Rec.; Dean's History of Scituate; Brewster Genealogy.)

When Sergt. Samuel was 85 years of age, shortly before his death, he deeded to "son Jonah" as follows:

"May ye 14, 1731

"Ye one half of ye tract of land lying in Scituate both upland and meadow where I now dwell which was given me by my honored father Robert Stetson of said Scituate, deceased." (Plymouth Deeds, B. 26, p. 127.)

Here Jonah built his mansion, probably in 1720, the date of his marriage. This fine old house is still standing in excellent condition.

CHILDREN OF JONAH AND MERCY (TURNER) STETSON:

- i JONAH, b. July 1721; bap. Feb. 25, 1722.
- ii EUNICE, bap. Nov. 29, 1724, in Scituate; m. George Stetson (*Samuel, Joseph, Cornet Robert*) (I-1-7-2), May 10, 1742.
- iii MICAH, bap. July 1729 in Scituate "in private, being sick." He d. soon after.

I-4-6

MARY STETSON (*Sergt. Samuel, Cornet Robert*), dau. of SERGT. SAMUEL and LYDIA (PICKLES) STETSON, b. June 1692 at Scituate. She m. JOSEPH PITCHER on Oct. 21, 1714.

CHILDREN OF JOSEPH AND MARY (STETSON) PITCHER:

- i LYDIA, b. May 14, 1717; m. June 5, 1735 Gideon Stetson (I-1-2-7).

I-4-7

JOHN STETSON (*Samuel, Cornet Robert*), son of SERGT. SAMUEL and LYDIA (PICKLES) STETSON, b. Mar. 1694 at Scituate, d. Jan. 13, 1786, at Scituate. He m. (1) RELIEF (or HANNAH) EWELL, dau. of GERSHOM (?) and SUBMIT () EWELL, on July 27, 1727. He m. (2) ABIGAIL CROCKER, dau. of DANIEL and RUTH (CHIPMAN) CROCKER. He m. (3) RUTH PENNIMAN of "Brantray," Int. June 13, 1741, who d. Apr. 20, 1791, aged 82 yrs.

John Stetson lived on the ancient Wanton place which he bought, together with the ship yard, in 1730, says Mr. Barry. He was a prominent Episcopalian, which probably accounts for his being published as a Tory in the early days of the Revolution. His burial place, with the family grave stones, may yet be seen near the site of the ancient Episcopal Church on Church Hill in Scituate. He was a shipbuilder and a man of much property, and he built the first tide mill at Scituate Harbor. (Scituate Rec.)

Of his family we read on the records of the Second Church the following note: "Hannah Ewell, daughter of Gershom Ewell and Submit, his relict, and wife of John Stetson of Marshfield, was baptized in private Sept. 25, 1728," says Mr. Barry. She probably died at that time. We do not know the connection between the names of Relief and Hannah. Both appear in the records.

CHILDREN OF JOHN AND ABIGAIL (CROCKER) STETSON:

- i JOHN, b. 1734; d. Apr. 9, 1754, aged 20 yrs.

CHILDREN OF JOHN AND RUTH (PENNIMAN) STETSON:

- ii LYDIA, b. Sept. 5, 1742; d. Apr. 25, 1821, unmarried.
- iii MARY, b. 1744; d. June 1745.
- iv MARY, b. Jan. 22, 1747; d. Dec. 4, 1832, unmarried. She was known as "Molly" and lived on her father's place by the river, then known as "The Molly Stetson Place." This was originally the home of the Wantons, who were Quakers. The place is sometimes confounded with "The Molly Stetson Place" at George Moore's Pond a generation later.

- v SAMUEL, b. 1748.

- vi ELEANOR, remembered as a very beautiful woman. She m. Dr. Charles Stockbridge of Scituate and lived on the ancient "Stockbridge Place." Her only son, Dr. Charles, Jr., died unmarried, but she has posterity by way of her daughter, Ruth, who m. the grandson of Rev. Ebenezer Thompson, Rector of St. Andrews. The late Rev. Ebenezer Thompson, D.D., of Sarasota, Fla., was her grandson.
- vii RUTH, who d. at the age of 21 years.

I-4-8

SILAS STETSON (*Samuel, Cornet Robert*), son of SERGT. SAMUEL and LYDIA (PICKLES) STETSON, b. Jun. 1696 at Scituate, d. Nov. 27, 1772, at Scituate; m. MARY BRACKETT, Int. Dec. 3, 1743, at Scituate. He resided on the old homestead.

CHILD OF SILAS AND MARY (BRACKETT) STETSON:

- i SILAS, b. Mar. 1, 1759.

I-4-9

SETH STETSON (*Samuel, Cornet Robert*), son of SERGT. SAMUEL and LYDIA (PICKLES) STETSON, b. Jun. 1698 at Scituate; m. ELIZABETH ROSE of Hanover, dau. of JEREMIAH and ——— () ROSE, on Apr. 19, 1727. She was b. Sept. 13, 1703, and d. Sept. 4, 1787, aged 83 years. He resided in Hanover, near the Centre.

Seth Stetson served as "Town Warden." In Matthew Stetson's account book appears an itemized account beginning Jan. 10, 1761, of the iron work of a sizable vessel for Seth Stetson, from which it appears that Seth was a shipbuilder on North River in 1761.

CHILDREN OF SETH AND ELIZABETH (ROSE) STETSON:
(Births all from Hanover Rec.)

- i ELIZABETH, b. Oct. 2, 1732; d. unmarried.
- ii ELI, d. Dec. 12, 1734.
- iii SETH, b. June 4, 1735.
- iv THOMAS, b. Nov. 1737; d. Nov. 19, 1739.
- v JEREMIAH, b. Aug. 8, 1740.
- vi THOMAS, b. July 23, 1741.
- vii SAMUEL, b. June 1744; d. Apr. 17, 1748.

I-4-10

NATHANIEL STETSON (*Samuel, Cornet Robert*), son of SERGT. SAMUEL and LYDIA (PICKLES) STETSON, b. Jun. 1700 at Scituate; d.

Jul. 28, 1753; m. REBECCA BRISCO of Hanover on Feb. 13, 1738 (Hanover Rec.). He resided in Hanover Centre near his brother, Seth.

Rebecca, after the death of her husband, Nathaniel, m. for her second husband David Cudworth of Scituate in 1760.

In the appraisal of the estate of Deacon Samuel Stetson at Mansfield Feb. 25, 1726/7, we find a debt from his brother, Nathaniel, for £1 18s. 6d. (See Stetson Kindred, B. 5.)

CHILDREN OF NATHANIEL AND REBECCA (BRISCO) STETSON:
(Births from Hanover Rec.)

- i FREELOVE, b. Sept. 18, 1738; d. Sept. 13, 1824.
- ii REBECCA, b. May 1743.
- iii RUTH, b. 1746.

I-4-II

DEBORAH STETSON (*Samuel, Cornet Robert*), dau. of SERGT. SAMUEL and LYDIA (PICKLES) STETSON, b. Oct. 1704 at Scituate, m. JONATHAN JACKSON of Scituate on Oct. 30, 1732. (Scituate Rec.)

CHILD OF JONATHAN AND DEBORAH (STETSON) JACKSON:

- i JONATHAN, m. Mehitable Highland and had many descendants.

I-5-I

ABIGAIL STETSON (*John, Cornet Robert*), dau. of JOHN and ABIGAIL (HUDSON) STETSON, b. May 1677 at Scituate, m. BENONI STUDLEY on Dec. 22, 1701. She resided at Hanover.

CHILDREN OF BENONI AND ABIGAIL (STETSON) STUDLEY:
(From Hanover Rec.)

- i ABIGAIL, b. 1702.
- ii JOHN, b. 1704.
- iii JOSHUA, b. 1707.
- iv GIDEON, b. 1710.
- v SARAH, b. 1716.
- vi BENONI, b. 1720.

I-5-3

HONOUR STETSON (*John, Cornet Robert*), dau. of JOHN and ABIGAIL (HUDSON) STETSON, b. Mar. 1684 at Scituate, d. Aug. 22, 1739; m. THOMAS HUNT of Duxbury on Jan. 15, 1707/8.

I-6-I

SAMUEL ROGERS (*Eunice (Stetson) Rogers, Cornet Robert Stetson*), son of TIMOTHY and EUNICE (STETSON) ROGERS, b. Oct. 2, 1670, at Marshfield, d. 1747; m. JAEI HUET, dau. of EPHRAIM and ELIZABETH (FOSTER) HUET, on Dec. 3, 1697. She was born Mar. 15, 1673/4. (*John Rogers of Marshfield*.)

CHILDREN OF SAMUEL AND JAEI (HUET) ROGERS:
All born in Marshfield.

- i RUTH, bap. in 1699.
- ii ELIZABETH, bap. in 1701.
- iii SAMUEL, bap. June 23, 1706.
- iv MARY, bap. June 23, 1706.
- v JAEI, bap. Aug. 8, 1708.
- vi SUSANNA, bap. Oct. 8, 1710.
- vii EBENEZER, bap. Oct. 24, 1714.
- viii SARAH, bap. June 16, 1717.

The baptisms are taken from the records of the Rev. Nathaniel Eels, which were prefaced with the following entry:

"When the Revd. Mr. Lawson forsook this church, he left no catalogue of them that were baptized by him; neither is there any to be found of those that have been baptized since the death of Rev. Mr. Mighil; therefore, I thought fit soon after my ordination, to desire those that have been, and have had their children baptized since that time to give in their names to me, and according to my request many have done; whom, I have recorded." The first two were baptized before his day, the others by him. Will dated July 16, 1747, probated Oct. 31, 1747, mentions children, Samuel, Ebenezer, Mary Truant, Elizabeth Turell, Jael Harney, Ruth Porter, Sarah Holmes and Susanna Rogers. [Vol. 10, p. 518.] (*John Rogers of Marshfield*.)

I-6-2

EUNICE ROGERS (*Eunice (Stetson) Rogers, Cornet Robert Stetson*), dau. of TIMOTHY and EUNICE (STETSON) ROGERS, b. at Marshfield, m. SAMUEL WITHERELL (grandson of Rev. Samuel Witherell), son of SAMUEL and ——— () WITHERELL, on May 26, 1698, who was b. Oct. 10, 1678. Resided at Scituate. (*John Rogers of Marshfield*.)

CHILDREN OF SAMUEL AND EUNICE (ROGERS) WITHERELL:
Born in Scituate.

- i SAMUEL, b. Jan. 10, 1699/1700; d. young.
- ii THEOPHILUS, b. Mar. 31, 1703.

- iii ISABEL, b. Feb. 20, 1704/5.
 - iv DANIEL, b. Mar. 20, 1706/7.
 - v JOSEPH, b. June 5, 1709.
 - vi SAMUEL, b. Jan. 25, 1710/11.
 - vii EUNICE, b. June 1, 1713.
 - viii TIMOTHY, b. Aug. 10, 1715.
 - ix MARY, b. Nov. 29, 1716.
 - x HANNAH, b. July 19, 1720.
- (*John Rogers of Marshfield*).

I-6-3

HANNAH ROGERS (*Eunice (Stetson) Rogers, Cornet Robert Stetson*), dau. of TIMOTHY and EUNICE (STETSON) ROGERS, b. at Marshfield, d. before May 19, 1741; m. SAMUEL LAPHAM, son of THOMAS and MARY () LAPHAM, on Nov. 19, 1701. He was b. in 1676 and d. in 1757. Resided in Marshfield.

CHILDREN OF SAMUEL AND HANNAH (ROGERS) LAPHAM:
Born in Marshfield.

- i DAVID, m. Rebecca King Dec. 4, 1727.
- ii HANNAH, m. William Stetson (I-1-2-4) Nov. 21, 1723.
- iii ELIZABETH, m. ——— Sherman.
- iv MERCY, m. ——— Elwell.
- v JOSHUA, b. Dec. 22, 1710.
- vi THANKFUL, m. Joseph King.
- vii MARY.
- viii LYDIA.

These (except Joshua) are given in the order named in the will dated Feb. 10, 1747/8, probated Mar. 24, 1757, which mentions children, David, Joshua, Hannah Stetson, Elizabeth Sherman, Mercy Ewell, Thankful King, Mary Lapham and Lydia Lapham. By will Samuel gives to David the lot which "I had of my father Timothy Rogers." (*John Rogers of Marshfield*.)

I-6-4

MARY ROGERS (*Eunice (Stetson) Rogers, Cornet Robert Stetson*), dau. of TIMOTHY and EUNICE (STETSON) ROGERS, b. at Marshfield, m. JOHN CARVER, son of WILLIAM and ELIZABETH (FOSTER) CARVER, on Dec. 22, 1709, who was b. Dec. 1, 1683. She resided at Marshfield.

CHILDREN OF JOHN AND MARY (ROGERS) CARVER:
Born in Marshfield.

- i MARY, b. Apr. 12, 1713.
- ii CALEB, b. Apr. 5, 1715.
- iii JEMIMA, b. Dec. 8, 1716.
- iv A daughter, b. Aug. 28, 1727.

This is quite certainly incomplete, but no other data have been obtained. (*John Rogers of Marshfield*.)

I-6-7

JOHN ROGERS (*Eunice (Stetson) Rogers, Cornet Robert Stetson*), son of TIMOTHY and EUNICE (STETSON) ROGERS, b. at Marshfield, d. 1762; m. (1) HANNAH SPRAGUE, dau. of SAMUEL and SARAH (CHILINGSWORTH) SPRAGUE, on Dec. 11, 1700. He m. (2) SARAH (WING) TURNER (widow), dau. of ELISHA and MEHITABLE (BUTLER) TURNER of Wareham, who was b. May 4, 1708, and d. about 1748. (*John Rogers of Marshfield*.)

CHILDREN OF JOHN AND HANNAH (SPRAGUE) ROGERS:
Born in Marshfield.

- i HANNAH, b. Feb. 9, 1701/2.
- ii SARAH, b. Sept. (Dec.) 26, 1705.
- iii STEPHEN.

CHILDREN OF JOHN AND SARAH (WING) ROGERS:
Born in Marshfield.

- iv ELIZABETH (BETTY), b. Feb. (Apr.) 5, 1731.
- v A daughter who probably d. young.

It is probable that there were other children by the first wife, but none have been identified.

Thomas Stockbridge was appointed his administrator June 7, 1762; there was no real estate; the papers described him as a tailor, as his father was before him. His estate was insolvent.

An indenture, dated Oct. 17, 1710, shows that Hannah Rogers, wife of John Rogers of Marshfield, was the daughter of Hon. Samuel and Sarah Sprague and was then living. Several deeds from John Rogers, tailor, between 1710 and 1744 have been found, to none of which was his wife Hannah a party. By deeds dated June 18, 1743, and July 12, 1744, are signed by his wife Sarah.

His son Stephen has not been traced. The only mention made of him that has been found, other than in father's deeds, is a deed from

Stephen, in which his wife Sarah joins, to his father, John Rogers, tailor, of Marshfield. (Plymouth Deeds 36/166)

There were two children by the second wife. Elisha Wing of Wareham, in his will (1752) mentioned "Philip Turner, the son of my daughter, Sarah," "and the two children of my daughter Sarah, left by her husband, John Rogers." And Elizabeth Wing, daughter of Elisha, in her will (1756) gave a legacy to Philip Turner, son of her sister, Sarah Rogers, and also to "Betty Hoxie, wife of Silas Hoxie, and daughter of my said sister, Sarah Rogers." (Plymouth Probates 14/199 and 326)

The identification of the John who married the widow Sarah (Wing) Turner was established by Mr. Drummond in his "John Rogers of Marshfield," by a deed from Betty (Rogers) Hoxie and court records, which the accidental discovery of the deed led to finding.

Betty (Rogers) Hoxie conveyed real estate which came to her as the heir of Stephen Stockbridge (1-6-7-1-3), son of Thomas and Hannah (Rogers) Stockbridge. She became his heir under the then existing law (which was soon changed), whereby a man dying without children, father or mother, brothers or sisters, nephews or nieces, would leave his surviving uncles and aunts to inherit his property to the exclusion of children of deceased uncles and aunts. The nearest relatives which Stephen left besides Betty Hoxie, were cousins; therefore, as Betty inherited his property, she must have been his aunt, which she could be only as the half-sister of his mother, Hannah Rogers, and the John whom Betty's mother married must have been Hannah's father.

1-6-8

HONOUR ROGERS (*Eunice (Stetson) Rogers, Cornet Robert Stetson*), dau. of TIMOTHY and EUNICE (STETSON) ROGERS, b. at Marshfield. She m. WILLIAM TORREY, for his second wife, on July 12, 1711, son of DEACON JAMES and ELIZABETH (RAWLINS) TORREY, b. 1683. She resided at Scituate.

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM AND HONOUR (ROGERS) TORREY:

Born in Scituate.

- i HONOUR, b. Dec. 18, 1711; m. Joshua Pratt Feb. 4, 1741/2.
- ii WILLIAM, b. Dec. 22, 1713; d. in infancy.
- iii HANNAH, b. Sept. 25, 1715.
- iv WILLIAM, b. Apr. 17, 1718.

- v SAMUEL, b. June 2, 1720.
- vi MERCY, b. Aug. 4, 1722.
- vii EUNICE, b. Mar. 31, 1725.

These are the children shown in the town records of Scituate, but there were certainly others. Joanna Butler mentions in her will in 1745:

viii JEMIMA.

ix KEZIAH.

and calls them Torrey and describes them as her "cousins." The children of Honour Rogers would be her cousins, and they seem to be the only ones by the name of Torrey who could have come within any meaning of that word.

Among the deaths of Scituate is recorded:

x JAPHET.

"Japhet, the son of Honour Torrey, and servant of Mr. Recompence Tiffany" was drowned Mar. 18, 1736/7.
(*John Rogers of Marshfield.*)

1-6-9

TIMOTHY ROGERS (*Eunice (Stetson) Rogers, Cornet Robert Stetson*), son of TIMOTHY and EUNICE (STETSON) ROGERS, b. about 1690 at Marshfield, d. Dec. 10, 1763. He m. LYDIA HATCH, dau. of ISRAEL and ELIZABETH (HATCH) HATCH, on Feb. 9, 1719/20. She was b. Oct. 16, 1699, and d. Nov. 5, 1766. Resided at Marshfield.

CHILDREN OF TIMOTHY AND LYDIA (HATCH) ROGERS:

All born in Marshfield.

- i TIMOTHY, b. in 1720.
- ii ISRAEL, b. Nov. 22, 1722.
- iii PELEG, b. Nov. 26, 1725.
- iv LYDIA.
- v AMOS, b. about 1728.
- vi ZACCHEUS, b. July 1731 (perhaps 1730).
- vii ADAM, b. Feb. 4, 1732/3.
- viii ELIZABETH.
- ix JANE.
- x EUNICE.

These names are not arranged in the order of births. The dates of births given are taken from records in possession of descendants, and when only the year is given, that is found from the age given at date of death. If these are all correct, we ought to be able to arrange the order with comparative accuracy, but Lydia was married in 1743, and Elizabeth is mentioned in a will dated Jan. 3, 1733/4, so they must come nearer the head of the list. Will dated July 6, 1763, probated Dec. 27,

1763, mentions wife, Lydia, and children, Timothy, Adam, Amos, Israel, Peleg, Zaccheus, Lydia, Lewis, Elizabeth Tolman, Jane Oldham, and Eunice Ford.

Will of Israel Hatch, dated Jan. 3, 1733/4, probated Nov. 8, 1740, mentions daughter Lydia, wife of Timothy Rogers, and two granddaughters, Lydis and Elizabeth Rogers. (Vol. 8, p. 248.) (*John Rogers of Marshfield.*)

1-8-1

ISAAC STETSON (*Robert, Cornet Robert*), son of ROBERT and JOANNA (BROOKS) STETSON. He m. ELIZABETH PRAY, dau. of EPHRAIM and ELIZABETH (HAYDEN) PRAY, of Marshfield.

Isaac was a partner with his father and brothers in the "Mill on the Herring Brook" in Duxbury in 1707, but he was in Pembroke after 1712. (Early files of the Supreme Court, Boston.)

The next year after Mr. Barry published his record (1848) he called on Mrs. Content Crocker, a daughter of John Stetson and a granddaughter of Isaac. She told Mr. Barry that her grandmother was Elizabeth Pray of Marshfield, and said she remembered her well. (Barry's Private Notes.)

The widow Elizabeth married second Jeremiah Hatch. (Stetson Kindred, vol. 4, p. 102.)

CHILDREN OF ISAAC AND ELIZABETH (PRAY) STETSON:

- i ABISHA, b. abt. 1706. (Barry.)
- ii CORNELIUS, b. Nov. 1708. (Pembroke Rec.)
- iii NATHANIEL, b. Mar. 5, 1710. (Pembroke Rec.)
- iv JENNET, b. Apr. 17, 1711.
- v JOHN, b. Sept. 1712. (Pembroke Rec.)
- vi PELEG, b. Apr. 30, 1715. (Pembroke Rec.)
- vii SARAH (twin), b. 1718; m. Ebenezer Rogers, June 29, 1738, at Hanover; bap. 1739 after marriage. (Early marriages in Plymouth County.)
- viii JERUSHA (twin), b. 1718.
- ix AGATHA, b. abt. 1720; m. William Page, May 31, 1742. (Pembroke Rec.)
- x MARY, b. abt. 1722 (Stetson Kindred, Vol. 4, p. 102); m. (1) Peleg West of Kingston, Mar. 8, 1743/4 (Pembroke Rec.); m. (2) ——— Spear.
- xi HANNAH, d. 1759; m. ——— Berry. (Probate Rec.)
- xii ELIZABETH. (Stetson Kindred, Vol. 4.)

1-8-2

TIMOTHY STETSON (*Robert, Cornet Robert*), son of ROBERT and JOANNA (BROOKS) STETSON, d. 1759. We have found no record of wife or family.

We find from the probate records of Plymouth County that John Stetson, nephew of Timothy, was the administrator of his estate. From the following notes it seems evident that Timothy was an energetic inhabitant of Pembroke many years before its incorporation, a mill owner and a mill-wright, and at one time (1719) a proprietor in Middleboro.

On May 1, 1707, "Timothy Stetson of Duxbury in consideration of £10." gave "Lambert Despard, Robert Stetson, John Howland, Josiah Barker, Gershom Stetson, Isaac Stetson and William Holmes Free Liberty to build, erect or set up any mill or mills or ways upon ye land and stream commonly called Herring Brook in Duxbury." (Pembroke after 1712)

This was on "ye land I bought of Lambert Despard." "Sd Timothy Stetson to receive one eighth part product of said mill or mills." (Early files of the Supreme Court in Boston.)

In 1712 he sold land in Duxbury to John Thomas. (Plymouth deeds, vol. 17, p. 47.)

In 1719 Timothy Stetson mortgaged his farm in Middleboro to the "Prov. of Mass. Bay" "in the 5th year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord George by Grace etc. etc." consisting of "3 lots in ye purchase called ye Sixteen Shilling Purchase in Middleborough" being "ye 56 lot together with all ye houses, buildings, stables" and many other things." (Plymouth Deeds, 1719.)

He was chosen a member of the grand jury for trials at Plymouth in 1722. (Pembroke records.)

In 1730 Isaac Barker of Pembroke sued Timothy Stetson for using old timbers in building his mill. "One Joseph Tabbs, of full age, testifieth and saith that he did work with and for Timothy Stetson in building ye sawmill now in contraversie between the said Stetson and Barker . . . Barker told me he was to pay Stetson £37.10s for building of ye mill and that Stetson was to put in ye timbers of ye old mill . . . Never heard Barker make any complaint, but he set her to work a few days after she was finished." Verdict, "We find for defense and cost of court." (Early files of Supreme Court, Boston.)

1-8-3

RESOLVED STETSON (*Robert, Cornet Robert*), son of ROBERT and JOANNA (BROOKS) STETSON, d. 1749 (Plymouth Probates, vol. 11, p. 104.) He m. ABIGAIL CROCKER on Jan. 14, 1716/17. (Pembroke Rec.) Resided at Pembroke.

We find no record of wife or family of Resolved.

In 1637 Robert Stetson, Jr., of Pembroke deeded "to son Resolved husbandman" 61 acres, "being a part of the farm on which I now dwell." (Plymouth Deeds, vol. 31, p. 57.) In 1739 Resolved Stetson deeded to the Town of Pembroke "dwelling house and land in Pembroke whereon I now dwell" "the land I bought of my father . . . being under great difficulties on account of a great sore . . . they having taken into their consideration the great difficulty of my circumstances." The town chose Joseph Ford (his cousin's husband) and John Magoun "to provide all things necessary for my cure and care." (Plymouth Deeds, vol. for year 1739.)

1-8-5

NATHANIEL STETSON (*Robert, Cornet Robert*), son of ROBERT and JOANNA (BROOKS) STETSON, d. Apr. 12, 1713. (See broken headstone in Second Parish cemetery.) He m. SUSANNA RANDALL on July 28, 1710. (She m. (2) JOHN HOLMES Nov. 25, 1714.) (Pembroke Rec.) Resided at Pembroke.

CHILD OF NATHANIEL AND SUSANNA (RANDALL) STETSON:
i SUSANNA, b. June 9, 1712 (Scituate Rec.); d. Oct. 23, 1715.
(Plymouth Probates, Vol. 4, p. 3, and Vol 3, p. 398.)
This was their only child.

1-8-7

AMIE STETSON (*Robert, Cornet Robert*), dau. of ROBERT and JOANNA (BROOKS) STETSON. She m. EBENEZER BISHOP on Nov. 20, 1710. (Winsor's Hist. of Duxbury.) Resided at Pembroke.

CHILDREN OF EBENEZER AND AMIE (STETSON) BISHOP:
(From Pembroke Rec.)

- i JONATHAN, b. Mar. 3, 1716.
- ii TABITHA, b. Jan. 7, 1718.
- iii MARGARET, b. July 29, 1721.

We do not know whether there were children born before 1716 or if there were others born after 1721.

1-8-8

BATHSHEBA STETSON (*Robert, Cornet Robert*), dau. of ROBERT and JOANNA (BROOKS) STETSON. She m. WILLIAM HOLMES Nov. 22, 1715. Resided at Pembroke.

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM AND BATHSHEBA (STETSON) HOLMES:
(From the Pembroke Rec.)

- i WILLIAM, b. June 21, 1716.
- ii HANNAH, b. Jan. 26, 1717/8.
- iii SIMEON, b. Nov. 3, 1721.
- iv HEZEKIAH, b. Jan. 25, 1727/8.

1-1-1-1

RUTH STETSON (*Joseph, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), dau. of JOSEPH and HANNAH (OLDHAM) STETSON, b. Sept. 11, 1689, at Scituate. She m. WILLIAM BRYANT of Pembroke May 7, 1712.

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM AND RUTH (STETSON) BRYANT:
(From Pembroke V. R.)

- i ABTHIA.
- ii EGATHA.
- iii HANNAH.
- iv NEHEMIAH.
- v RUTH.
- vi WILLIAM.

1-1-1-2

LOIS STETSON (*Joseph, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), dau. of JOSEPH and HANNAH (OLDHAM) STETSON, b. Aug. 10, 1692, at Scituate, bap. Oct. 18, 1713, aged 22. (Pembroke Ch. Rec.) She m. JONATHAN DAUES Feb. 10, 1714. (Pembroke V. R.)

CHILD OF JONATHAN AND LOIS (STETSON) DAUES:

- i MARGARET "DOERS," b. in Pembroke July 27, 1715; m. Andrew Barse and had eight children in Halifax.

1-1-1-3

BATHSHEBA STETSON (*Joseph, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), dau. of JOSEPH and HANNAH (OLDHAM) STETSON, b. Sept. 29, 1693, at Scituate. She m. SAMUEL GARDENER of Pembroke Jan. 30, 1722.

1-1-1-4

NEHEMIAH STETSON (*Joseph, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), son of JOSEPH and HANNAH (OLDHAM) STETSON, b. June 25, 1696, at Scituate.

uate. He m. SARA DESPARD Dec. 30, 1718, at Pembroke. (V. R.) She d. Jan. 27, 1808. (Pembroke Rec.) Resided at Pembroke.

CHILDREN OF NEHEMIAH AND SARAH (DESPARD) STETSON:

- i JOHN, b. Sept. 4, 1720; d. Apr. 18, 1725. (Pembroke V. R.)
- ii HANNAH, bap. Aug. 4, 1723. (Barry.)
- iii ZEBULON, bap. Aug. 4, 1723. (Pembroke Rec.)
- iv MARY, bap. Apr. 12, 1724 (Barry); d. Apr. 27, 1726. (Pembroke Rec.)
NEHEMIAH, bap. Apr. 12, 1726 (Barry); d. Apr. 27, 1726. (Pembroke Rec.)
JOHN, d. Dec. 10, 1730.
- v JOHN, b. 1731 (Pembroke V. R.); bap. Feb. 13, 1732. (Pembroke Ch. Rec.)
- vi MARY, bap. Mar. 19, 1727 (Barry). (Did she marry Ebenezer Spear of Scituate Oct. 10, 1749?)
- vii NEHEMIAH, bap. May 9, 1729. (Barry.)
- viii DEBORAH, bap. May 11, 1735.

I-I-I-5

JOSEPH STETSON (*Joseph, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), son of JOSEPH and HANNAH (OLDHAM) STETSON, b. May 23, 1698, at Scituate. He m. (1) ABIGAIL HATCH on Dec. 26, 1727 (Pembroke Rec.); m. (2) ELIZABETH BOURNE of Pembroke, May 5, 1757. (Pembroke Rec.) Resided at Pembroke.

Nov. 29, 1740, "Joseph Stetson 3rd and Abigail, his wife sell for £100." to a company composed of fifteen men from Taunton and elsewhere for the manufacturing of a large variety of articles his "House, premises, water privilege etc." in Pembroke, Joseph remaining a partner in the company. (Plymouth Deeds 34/23.)

CHILDREN OF JOSEPH AND ABIGAIL (HATCH) STETSON:

- i ABEL, bap. Nov. 10, 1728. He is called "oldest" in his father's will.
- ii JOHN (twin), b. May 20, 1730. (Pembroke Rec.)
- iii HEZEKIAH (twin), b. May 20, 1730. (Pembroke Rec.) Probably died young as he was not mentioned in his father's will.
- iv HANNAH, bap. July 9, 1732. Called "Hannah Cushman" in her father's will.
- v JOSEPH, b. Dec. 22, 1736. (Pembroke Rec.) Not mentioned in his father's will. His brother, Abel, was administrator of his estate in 1765. (Probate Rec.)

I-I-I-6

HANNAH STETSON (*Joseph, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), dau. of JOSEPH and HANNAH (OLDHAM) STETSON, b. Aug. 1, 1700, at Scituate. She m. AUSTIN BEARSE of Halifax, Oct. 21, 1736 (Barry).

CHILDREN OF AUSTIN AND HANNAH (STETSON) BEARSE:
(Barry.)

- i LUCY.
- ii ABIJAH.
- iii ZEBULON.
- iv JABEZ.
- v HANNAH.
- vi AUSTIN.

I-I-I-8

ABTHIA (or APPHIA) STETSON (*Joseph, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), dau. of JOSEPH and HANNAH (OLDHAM) STETSON, b. Apr. 24, 1706, at Scituate, d. 1792 at Bridgwater. (Mitchell's Hist. Bridg.) She m. (1) MOSES WADE in 1738 (W. Bridgwater V. R.); m. (2) JONATHAN CHANDLER in 1745.

I-I-I-9

ABIGAIL STETSON (*Joseph, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), dau. of JOSEPH and HANNAH (OLDHAM) STETSON, b. Jan. 17, 1707, at Scituate. She m. HUDSON BISHOP on July 22, 1756. (Pembroke Marriages by Rev. Thos. Smith. N. E. Hist. and Gen. Reg. 1877.)

I-I-I-10

MARY STETSON (*Joseph, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), dau. of JOSEPH and HANNAH (OLDHAM) STETSON, b. Feb. 1, 1713, at Scituate, bap. Sept. 26, 1731. (Pembroke Ch. Rec.) She m. ISAAC OLDHAM, JR. (a grandson of THOMAS OLDHAM, whose daughter HANNAH m. JOSEPH STETSON) on Nov. 11, 1731.

I-I-2-1

ANTHONY STETSON (*Robert, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), son of ROBERT and MARY (COLLAMORE) STETSON, b. Sept. 12, 1693, at Scituate, d. 1747 at Scituate. (Plymouth Prob. Rec.) He m. ANNA SMITH, dau. of JOSEPH and ANNA (HATCH) SMITH on Mar. 28, 1717, at Scituate. She m. (2) JAMES BRIGGS, Sept. 7, 1751. (Scituate Rec.) ANTHONY was a cordwainer.

CHILDREN OF ANTHONY AND ANNA (SMITH) STETSON:

- i MARY, b. Dec. 9, 1717.
- ii ISAAC, b. Oct. 19, 1719.
- iii JOSEPH, b. Feb. 24, 1722.
- iv ANNA, b. June 2, 1724.
- v CHARLES, b. Oct. 17, 1726.
- vi EZRA, b. Sept. 22, 1729.
- vii ELISHA, b. Jan. 28, 1731.
- viii THOMAS, b. Apr. 22, 1734.
- ix BENJAMIN, b. July 7, 1736.
- x ABIEL, b. Oct. 23, 1738.
- xi MARTHA, b. Aug. 18, 1741.

I-I-2-2

JEMIMA STETSON (*Robert, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), dau. of ROBERT and MARY (COLLAMORE) STETSON, b. Mar. 13, 1694/5, at Scituate. She m. for his second wife DANIEL DAMON of Scituate on July 27, 1721. (Scituate V. R.)

CHILDREN OF DANIEL AND JEMIMA (STETSON) DAMON:
(Scituate Rec. from 1722 to 1732.)

- i BARSHUA.
- ii JEMIMA.
- iii ROBERT.
- iv AMOS.
- v ZECHARIAH.
- vi ABIEL.

I-I-2-4

WILLIAM STETSON (*Robert, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), son of ROBERT and MARY (COLLAMORE) STETSON, b. June 26, 1700, at Scituate, d. May 6, 1761, at Scituate, buried in South Parish Cemetery, Scituate. He m. HANNAH LAPHAM, dau. of SAMUEL and HANNAH (ROGERS) LAPHAM (I-6-3) (a granddaughter of the Cornet) on Nov. 21, 1723, at Scituate. She was b. Oct. 22, 1704, at Marshfield, d. Feb. 9, 1778, and is buried in South Parish Cemetery, Scituate. Resided at Scituate on land of the Cornet's farm which he bought of his father, Robert, in 1736. (Plymouth Deeds 40/2.)

William was for many years a constable and the Collector of Taxes for Scituate.

"He is supposed to have been murdered, as his body was found in North River opposite his house, and he disappeared under suspicious circumstances." (Barry)

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM AND HANNAH (LAPHAM) STETSON:

- i JOB, b. June 3, 1724.
- ii CALEB, b. May 31, 1726; d. Dec. 5, 1750. (Scituate Rec. and South Parish Cem. Rec.) In April 1745 Matthew Stetson of Bald Hill paid William Stetson 16 shillings "for mare and Caleb a day to furrow." (Old account book.)
- iii WILLIAM, bap. Sept. 28, 1738, "in private."
- iv STEPHEN, bap. Sept. 28, 1738, "in private."
- v HANNAH, b. Jan. 18, 1731; bap. Sept. 24, 1732 (Scituate Rec.); d. Sept. 17, 1738. (South Parish Cem. Rec.)

I-I-2-5

AMOS STETSON (*Robert, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), son of ROBERT and MARY (COLLAMORE) STETSON, b. June 18, 1703, at Scituate, d. 1777 at Braintree. He m. MARGARET THAYER, dau. of BENJAMIN T. and MARGARET (CURTIS) THAYER, May 9, 1727 (Braintree Rec.), (May 7, 1728, Thayer Genealogy). She was b. June 26, 1705, at Braintree. Resided at Braintree. He was a cordwainer, also a soldier in the French and Indian War in Capt. Edward Ward's Company. (Rec. of Society of Colonial Wars, Vol. 1898.)

CHILDREN OF AMOS AND MARGARET (THAYER) STETSON:

(All the eleven children were mentioned in his will, and all except Rufus are on the records of the Congregational Church of Randolph.)

- i MARGARET, b. Dec. 13, 1728. (Braintree V. R.)
- ii AMOS, b. May 19, 1730. (Braintree V. R.)
- iii JOHN, b. Oct. 28, 1731. (Braintree V. R.)
- iv MARY, b. Mar. 14, 1733. (Braintree V. R.)
- v RUFUS, b. Dec. 8, 1735.
- vi SARAH, b. Apr. 20, ———; m. Samuel Mellish of Dorchester.
- vii RACHAEL, m. Benjamin Lyon.
- viii BENJAMIN, b. July 3, 1741.
- ix GIDEON, b. 1746.
- x THANKFUL, b. Feb. 8, 1746.
- xi HANNAH, b. Oct. 24, 1744; m. John Niles.

I-I-2-6

MARTHA STETSON (*Robert, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), dau. of ROBERT and MARY (COLLAMORE) STETSON, b. Sept. 3, 1706, at Scituate, d. July 19, 1738. She m. NEHEMIAH HATCH Dec. 21, 1731.

CHILDREN OF NEHEMIAH AND MARTHA (STETSON) HATCH:
(Scituate Rec.)

- i REUBEN, b. 1732.
- ii MARY, b. 1734.
- iii HANNAH, b. 1736.
- iv MARTHA, b. 1738.

I-1-2-7

GIDEON STETSON (*Robert, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), son of ROBERT and MARY (COLLAMORE) STETSON, b. July 19, 1709, d. 1761. (Plymouth Prob. Rec.) He m. (1) LYDIA PITCHER, dau. of JOSEPH and MARY (STETSON) PITCHER (*Sergt. Samuel, Cornet Robert*) (I-4-6-1), on June 5, 1735, b. May 4, 1717; m. (2) WID. MARY (LITTLEFIELD) PAINE, dau. of NATHANIEL and ABIGAIL () LITTLEFIELD, Aug. 18, 1740, Int. July 12, 1740 (Scituate Rec.), b. Nov. 30, 1721. Resided at Scituate. He was a currier.

CHILD OF GIDEON AND LYDIA (PITCHER) STETSON:

- i GIDEON, b. May 6, 1737.

CHILDREN OF GIDEON AND MARY (LITTLEFIELD) STETSON:

- ii AMOS, b. Jan. 9, 1741.
- iii ZENAS, b. Dec. 28, 1743.
- iv LYDIA, b. Nov. 28, 1745.
- v HANNAH, b. Nov. 23, 1747.
- vi MARY, b. May 11, 1750.

I-1-2-8

ROBERT STETSON (*Robert, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), son of ROBERT and MARY (COLLAMORE) STETSON, b. Sept. 3, 1710, at Scituate, d. Feb. 27, 1768, at Hanover. (Stetson Kindred, Bk. 4, p. 69.) He m. HANNAH TURNER of Pembroke on Nov. 25, 1738, at Pembroke. She survived her husband for over 33 years and d. very aged in 1802.

Robert lived in Hanover in a house that he built himself. Mr. Barry, in his marginal notes, says, "He was a hard worker, yet of great hospitality and disposed to enjoy life as it passed."

CHILDREN OF ROBERT AND HANNAH (TURNER) STETSON:

- i ROBERT, b. May 8, 1740.
- ii REUBEN, b. Nov. 3, 1746; d. Jan. 24, 1769, at Hanover. Never married.
- iii HANNAH, b. Sept. 15, 1728.
- iv MARY, b. June 22, 1751.

- v BATCHELER, b. Dec. 11, 1753.
- vi CALEB, b. Aug. 13, 1756; d. Sept. 21, 1774, in the West Indies.
- vii MARTHA, b. July 28, 1760, at Hanover.
- viii JEMIMA, b. Dec. 24, 1763; m. James Sampson and went to Bridgeton, Me.

I-1-7-1

ABNER STETSON (*Samuel, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), son of SAMUEL and ELIZABETH () STETSON, b. Nov. 3, 1712, at Scituate, d. Nov. 20, 1805, at Scituate. He m. DEBORAH STETSON (*Matthew, Benjamin, Capt. Benjamin, Cornet Robert*) (I-2-1-1-4), dau. of MATTHEW and HANNAH (LINCOLN) STETSON,* on Oct. 7, 1762, at Scituate. She was b. Nov. 10, 1737, at Scituate. Resided at Scituate where he was a ship carpenter.

CHILDREN OF ABNER AND DEBORAH (STETSON) STETSON:

- i DEBORAH, b. 1763.
- ii JOSHUA, b. Oct. 1766.
- iii LOIS, b. 1768.
- iv ABNER, b. July 1771.
- v MELZAR, b. Nov. 27, 1772.
- vi ROGERS, b. 1775; d. Oct. 1843. He was deaf and dumb and never married. He was a farmer and was willed a share in his father's farm, for life.

I-1-7-2

GEORGE STETSON (*Samuel, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), son of SAMUEL and ELIZABETH () STETSON, b. Nov. 6, 1714, at Scituate. He m. EUNICE STETSON (*Jonah, Samuel, Cornet Robert*) (I-4-5-2), dau. of JONAH and MERCY (TURNER) STETSON on May 10, 1742, at Scituate. She was bap. Nov. 29, 1724, at Scituate.

George Stetson served in the French and Indian War in 1756. (Deane)

Mr. Barry says, "He was in the Revolutionary War and tradition says he was one of Washington's Life Guards."

CHILDREN OF GEORGE AND EUNICE (STETSON) STETSON:

- i EUNICE, bap. Oct. 25, 1747; d. Apr. 28, 1821, aged 74 yrs; m. (1) Thomas Nash of Pembroke on Feb. 8, 1766 (Pembroke V. R.); m. (2) Nathaniel Jordan, Jan. 19, 1779.
- ii GEORGE, bap. June 2, 1751, at Scituate.

*Hannah Lincoln was the daughter of Solomon and Hannah (Stetson) Lincoln and granddaughter of the Cornet through Joseph.

- iii SAMUEL, bap. Oct. 20, 1754, at Scituate.
- iv CHRISTOPHER, bap. May 28, 1758. (Pembroke Rec.) He was a "Minute Man" from Scituate Apr. 19, 1775, in the Revolutionary War. He was "drummer" in Capt. Nathaniel Winslow's Company, and had other terms of service. (Mass. Rec.) Mr. Barry in his notes says, "He never married and was lost in a privateer."

I-1-7-3

ELIZABETH STETSON (*Samuel, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), dau. of SAMUEL and ELIZABETH () STETSON, b. Mar. 27, 1717, at Scituate. She m. NATHANIEL STETSON (*Isaac, Robert, Cornet Robert*) (1-8-1-3), of Marshfield, Jan. 8, 1740.

I-1-7-5

ALICE STETSON (*Samuel, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), dau. of SAMUEL and ELIZABETH () STETSON, b. Mar. 20, 1720, at Scituate. She m. JOSHUA RIPLEY, Mar. 29, 1744.

CHILDREN OF JOSHUA AND ALICE (STETSON) RIPLEY:
(Kingston Rec.)

- i JOSHUA, b. Mar. 4, 1744, at Hanover.
- ii SARAH, b. Feb. 16, 1746, at Scituate.
- iii CALVIN, b. May 18, 1748, at Pembroke.
- iv LUTHER, b. Jan. 16, 1752, at Duxbury; d. 1753.
- v ALICE, b. Sept. 2, 1754, at Duxbury.
- vi LUTHER, b. Jan. 27, 1759, at Kingston.
- vii MARY, b. Oct. 29, 1761, at Kingston.
- viii JOSEPH, b. June 18, 1764, at Kingston.

I-1-7-6

CAPT. JOSEPH STETSON (*Samuel, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), son of SAMUEL and ELIZABETH () STETSON, b. Mar. 25, 1724, at Scituate, d. 1797 at Scituate. He m. MARTHA GROSS, dau. of EDMUND and OLIVE (SILVESTER) GROSS, of Scituate, on Mar. 20, 1778. (Scituate Rec.) She was b. Jan. 13, 1743, at Scituate.

In Mr. Barry's notes we read, "He was part owner of the vessels he commanded. He made voyages to European countries. In later years he became a farmer. He was in the French War in 1745 and in the Revolutionary War."

CHILDREN OF CAPT. JOSEPH AND MARTHA (GROSS) STETSON:

- i XOA, b. May 1779 (Hanover Rec.); d. unmarried Feb. 21, 1856, aged 78 yrs. (Hanover Rec.) She lived with her niece, Mary Munroe.
- ii ZINTHA, b. 1781.
- iii JOSEPH, b. 1783; d. age 4 yrs. (Hanover Rec.)
- iv JOSEPH, b. Aug. 27, 1787. (Hanover Rec.)
- v LUCY, b. 1789; d. Mar. 13, 1846. (Hanover Rec.)

I-1-7-7

RUTH STETSON (*Samuel, Joseph, Cornet Robert*), dau. of SAMUEL and ELIZABETH () STETSON. She m. (1) JONATHAN MERRITT, Nov. 6, 1746; m. (2) LAZARUS BOWKER of Scituate.

CHILDREN OF LAZARUS AND RUTH (STETSON) BOWKER:
(Barry's Notes.)

- i A son who d. at the age of 21 yrs.
- ii RUTH, m. Elisha Foster.

I-2-1-1

MATTHEW STETSON (*Benjamin, Capt. Benjamin, Cornet Robert*), son of BENJAMIN and GRACE (TURNER) STETSON, b. Nov. 5, 1690, at Scituate. He m. HANNAH LINCOLN, dau. of SOLOMON and HANNAH (STETSON) LINCOLN (dau. of JOSEPH and PRUDENCE) (1-1-8-1), Sept. 24, 1730, b. July 25, 1707, at Scituate. Resided at Scituate.

When the town of Hanover was set off from Scituate in 1727, Matthew Stetson's home lot consisted of 5½ acres at the "4 Corners," bounded south by the "Town Way" and west by "Country Road." The mansion is still standing on the Country Road, and his very large blacksmith shop occupied the corner where the several business blocks are now standing. Matthew's first five children were born here. In 1739, on the death of Benjamin, his father, Matthew came into possession of the farm at Bald Hill, and this same year he removed there with his family, selling his house and blacksmith shop to Maltiah Dillingham for 410 pounds. Matthew's account book kept at this time (1739-1760) still in existence, shows him to have been the village school-master. It contains many accounts against his neighbors for "schooling" their boys. He was also the village blacksmith. The accounts show many entries of ironwork for vessels built at the "ship yard at Bald Hill." Matthew was a man of large property. In the division of the estate of Benjamin, his father, in 1741 "the share of a township in Hampshire

County adjoining Winchendon" granted to Capt. Benjamin for services in the Canada Expedition in 1690 was still in the family, and, together with the homestead, the pew in the old church "situated between the minister's (Mr. Eells) pew and Mr. Collamore's old pew" was with other property allotted to the oldest son, Matthew. (See Stetson Kindred, vol. 3, p. 14, for family sketch.)

CHILDREN OF MATTHEW AND HANNAH (LINCOLN) STETSON:

- i MATTHEW, b. Aug. 24, 1731, in Hanover.
- ii LINCOLN, b. July 27, 1733, in Hanover.
- iii HANNAH, b. July 7, 1735, in Hanover.
- iv DEBORAH, b. Nov. 10, 1737, in Hanover; m. Abner Stetson (1-1-7-1), Oct. 7, 1762.
- v BENJAMIN, b. Apr. 7, 1740, in Hanover.
- vi GRACE, bap. Oct. 10, 1742, in Scituate.
- vii MARTHA, b. 1744 (?); d. Feb. 24, 1818, unmarried.
- viii EPHRAIM, bap. Nov. 17, 1745, in Scituate.
- ix JACOB, bap. Sept. 27, 1747, in Scituate.
- x MARY, bap. Nov. 6, 1757, in Scituate.

1-2-1-2

GRACE STETSON (*Benjamin, Capt. Benjamin, Cornet Robert*), dau. of BENJAMIN and GRACE (TURNER) STETSON, b. Apr. 29, 1692, d. Oct. 13, 1756, at Hingham. She m. (1) JOHN HATCH, JR., Feb. 26, 1718, who d. July 30, 1730, aged 33 (G. S.); m. (2) JEDEDIAH BEAL of Hingham on Feb. 5, 1734. Resided at Hingham on the spot where now stands the Hingham National Bank. (Hingham Rec.)

CHILDREN OF JOHN AND GRACE (STETSON) HATCH:

- i BENJAMIN, b. Jun. 28, 1721.
- ii GRACE, b. May 4, 1726.
- iii JOHN, bap. Feb. 20, 1719/20.
- iv MARY, b. Nov. 1, 1723.

1-2-1-4

BENJAMIN STETSON (3rd) (*Benjamin, Capt. Benjamin, Cornet Robert*), son of BENJAMIN and GRACE (TURNER) STETSON, b. July 1, 1696, at Scituate, d. Aug. 31, 1758, at Hanover. (Hanover Rec.) He m. LILLIS TURNER, dau. of SAMUEL and ——— () TURNER, of Hanover in 1725; b. Apr. 27, 1701, d. June 1, 1755, aged 54. (Hanover Rec.) Resided at Hanover.

The farm of Benjamin Stetson, 3rd, a farm of 60 acres, was laid out from the common lands of Scituate to James Bates about 1690.

Cornet Stetson immediately purchased and deeded it to his son, Capt. Benjamin. (Plymouth Rec., B. 4, p. 76.) It was owned successively by Cornet Stetson, Capt. Benjamin Stetson, Benjamin Stetson, 2nd, and Benjamin Stetson, 3rd. The deed from Benjamin Stetson, 2nd, to Benjamin Stetson, 3rd, in 1725, the year in which Benjamin, 3rd, was married, was a deed of 81 acres, "being part of 2 60 acre lots," the original James Bates lot and the original John Vassal lot. (Plymouth Rec., B. 22, p. 10.) He built his house in 1729 and with his descendants occupied it for two generations. Benjamin, 3rd, was four times chosen selectman of Hanover and six times moderator at town meetings.

CHILDREN OF BENJAMIN AND LILLIS (TURNER) STETSON:

- i LILLIS, b. July 25, 1726; m. Joshua Stetson (*Elijah, Thomas, Cornet Robert*) (1-3-8-2), July 8, 1747.
- ii DESIRE, bap. Aug. 10, 1729.
- iii BENJAMIN, b. Feb. 28, 1730/1.
- iv JOB, b. Mar. 22, 1733.
- v SUSANNA, b. Jan. 26, 1735; m. Abner Sylvester, Dec. 3, 1761, and moved to North Yarmouth, Me.
- vi NATHANIEL, b. Aug. 19, 1737; d. Oct. 6, 1738.
- vii GRACE, b. Mar. 5, 1739; d. Mar. 21, 1740.
- viii SAMUEL S., b. Apr. 1743; d. May 1743.

1-2-1-6

LEAH STETSON (*Benjamin, Capt. Benjamin, Cornet Robert*), dau. of BENJAMIN and GRACE (TURNER) STETSON, b. May 6, 1702, d. Mar. 1750 at Hingham. She m. ENOCH WHITON (or WHITING), son of ENOCH and MARY (LINCOLN) WHITON, of Hingham, on Nov. 16, 1732, b. Sept. 25, 1699, at Hingham. Resided at Liberty Plain, Hingham. He was a prominent man; served eight terms as selectman, and was a farmer by occupation.

CHILDREN OF ENOCH AND LEAH (STETSON) WHITON
(OR WHITING):
All born in Hingham. (Hingham Rec.)

- i ENOCH, b. Aug. 29, 1733.
- ii LEAH, b. Jun. 19, 1735; m. Ebenezer Simmons of Scituate.
- iii ELIJAH, b. Jun. 8, 1737.
- iv MARY, b. July 15, 1739.
- v GRACE, b. Mar. 22, 1741.
- vi ELIAS, b. Jun. 10, 1743.

1-2-1-7

ABIJAH STETSON (*Benjamin, Capt. Benjamin, Cornet Robert*), son of BENJAMIN and GRACE (TURNER) STETSON, b. July 4, 1704, at Scituate, d. 1786, aged 82. (Hanover Rec.) He m. DEBORAH TURNER, dau. of JOHN and — () TURNER, on June 5, 1729. She was b. Sept. 14, 1704, and d. Jan. 25, 1786, aged 81.

Abijah Stetson moved from Scituate to Hanover about 1735. He occupied the very large house on Union St. now owned by Charles H. and Percy W. Dwelley. Abijah's descendants lived here until 1856.

CHILDREN OF ABIJAH AND DEBORAH (TURNER) STETSON:

- i ADAM, b. Mar. 12, 1729, in Scituate.
- ii JOHN, b. Apr. 17, 1731, in Scituate.
- iii ABIGAIL, b. Nov. 4, 1733; d. Feb. 3, 1752.
- iv DEBORAH, b. Apr. 26, 1737, in Hanover; d. Dec. 14, 1762. (Hanover Rec.)
- v PRINCE, b. Aug. 1741 in Hanover.
- vi MARGARET, b. Apr. 7, 1745.
- vii ELIJAH, b. Mar. 1747 in Hanover.
- viii ZILPHA, b. Mar. 1750 in Hanover.

1-2-3-2

JAMES STETSON (*James, Capt. Benjamin, Cornet Robert*), son of JAMES and SUSANNA (TOWNSEND) STETSON, b. Sept. 11, 1699, at Boston, d. 1772 at Hingham 2nd Precinct (Cohasset). He m. WID. MARGARET (HAUGH) OAKS, dau. of SAMUEL HAUGH, Dec. 16, 1733. (Orleans Rec.)

There is no record in Cohasset of the death of James or Margaret Stetson, but in "Central Cemetery" their children are buried beside those of the Rev. Josiah and Margaret Oaks.

James was a "farmer," a "housewright" and a "shipwright." He is first mentioned in the Hingham records (2nd Precinct) Aug. 12, 1724: "Voted that Jeames Stutson should have one pound and six shillings for work done in the meeting house about ye deacon's seat and making a closet under the pulpit." "In 1749 he owned the largest farm in the Beach woods." In 1750 he owned land on Main Street south of Rev. Nehemiah Hobart's, and probably lived in a house which is now Dr. H. E. Fernald's. Before 1763 he built on Elm Street, where he probably died in 1772. "He was one of the builders in 1747 of the fine

old meeting house now standing on Cohasset Common. He purchased the older building and used the timbers and panels in building several Cohasset houses." (Cohasset Gen. and Hist., 1909, p. 403.)

James was evidently a builder of much ability. He contracted to build a meeting house for the First Society of Scituate in 1733, the year he was married.

From 1725 to 1729 and later he sold many valuable tracts of land in Hingham, mentioning "Ship Cove," "Cohasset Uplands," "crick that comes from Ship Cove." For one of these tracts he received, March 29, 1729, 320 pounds. (Suffolk Deeds.)

In the tax list of 1749 (the only list found either in Hingham or Cohasset), James Stetson was by far the wealthiest farmer in Cohasset. He had 14 acres under tillage and raised 280 bushels of corn; had 38 acres of mowing land and 100 acres of pasture. He had 2 horses, 6 oxen, 9 cows and a large number of sheep. He had, also, one slave. Only two inhabitants had more than one slave. (Cohasset Town Rec.)

CHILDREN OF JAMES AND MARGARET (HAUGH) STETSON:

- i JAMES, b. Sept. 7, 1734, at Hingham; d. May 17, 1740. (Cohasset Town Hist.)
- ii BENJAMIN, b. Apr. 12, 1737, at Hingham.
- iii EZEKIEL, b. Oct. 28, 1738, at Hingham; d. Feb. 12, 1739.
- iv EZEKIEL, b. Nov. 10, 1739, at Hingham; d. Feb. 12, 1740.
- v JOHN, b. Nov. 15, 1740; d. May 15, —.
- vi MARGARET, b. July 26, 1742, at Hingham; d. Aug. 17, 1742.
- vii ATHERTON HAUGH, b. Nov. 12, 1746; d. Dec. 6, 1746.
- viii LYDIA, bap. Apr. 5, 1741, at Cohasset; d. June 18, 1741, at Cohasset, "aged 2 months."
- ix LYDIA, bap. Aug. 15, 1742, at Cohasset.

1-2-3-4

WILLIAM STETSON (*James, Capt. Benjamin, Cornet Robert*), son of JAMES and SUSANNA (TOWNSEND) STETSON, b. Apr. 26, 1704, at Boston. He m. ABIGAIL (CUSHING) KILBY, wid. of RICHARD KILBY, dau. of DANIEL and ELIZABETH (THAXTER) CUSHING, on May 10, 1739. She was b. Jan. 1, 1699/1700.

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM AND ABIGAIL (CUSHING) STETSON:

- i RICHARD, b. Feb. 22, 1740, in Hingham; bap. Mar. 30, 1740. (Cohasset Rec.)

- ii WILLIAM, b. Mar. 10, 1741, in Hingham; bap. Sept. 27, 1741. (Cohasset Rec.) He had long service in Col. Vose Regt. from Boston in the Revolutionary War. (Mass. Rec.) We have no further data of William.
- iii SUSANNA, bap. June 5, 1743. (Cohasset Rec.)

I-2-4-1

SAMUEL STETSON ("Drummer Samuel," Capt. Benjamin, Cornet Robert), son of SAMUEL and REBECCA (TURNER) STETSON OF MERCY (DUNHAM) STETSON, b. about 1725, d. Feb. 5, 1791, at Hanover. (Prob. Rec.) He m. ALICE ROGERS, dau. of CALEB and MARY () ROGERS, on Dec. 14, 1766, at Hanover. She was b. Feb. 19, 1745, and d. May 29, 1820, aged 76 years. Resided in Hanover.

Samuel was in Capt. Amos Turner's Company of Minute Men, Col. John Bailey's Regiment which marched on alarm of April 19, 1775. He had also two later terms of service. (Mass. Rec.)

CHILDREN OF SAMUEL AND ALICE (ROGERS) STETSON:

- i TURNER, b. Sept. 8, 1767.
- ii REUBEN, b. 1769; d. Sept. 12, 1778.
- iii SAMUEL, b. May 1772.
- iv REBECCA, b. Sept. 10, 1776.
- v LYDIA, b. 1778; d. July 15, 1819.

I-2-8-2

SAMUEL FISHER (*Deborah (Stetson) Fisher, Benjamin Stetson, Cornet Robert*), son of SAMUEL and DEBORAH (STETSON) FISHER, b. Nov. 12, 1722, at Duxbury; probably d. prior to 1794 at North Yarmouth, Me., as she was taxed that year. He m. HANNAH BLANCHARD, Resided at North Yarmouth, Me. (now Cumberland.)

CHILDREN OF SAMUEL AND HANNAH (BLANCHARD) FISHER:

- i ONESIPHORUS, b. in 1752.
- ii REBECCA m. Daniel Drinkwater of North Yarmouth, Me.

I-3-2-2

JOHN STETSON (*Thomas, Thomas, Cornet Robert*), son of THOMAS and MARY (BALSTON) STETSON, b. Jan. 12, 1720, at Boston, d. before 1808 (See Brother Ebenezer's will). He m. BETHIA OLIVER on Dec. 30, 1751. (Boston Rec.)

CHILD OF JOHN AND BETHIA (OLIVER) STETSON:

- i MARY, m. Zachariah Sawtelle, Jr.

John's brother Ebenezer, in his will dated Jan. 4, 1806, bequeathed to children of John, but at the proving of the will Aug. 30, 1808, the only signers were Mary, wife of Zachariah Sawtelle and Joel Sawtelle, evidently a son of Mary. (Probate Rec., Cambridge, No. 21373.)

I-3-2-4

EBENEZER STETSON (*Thomas, Thomas, Cornet Robert*), son of THOMAS and MARY (BALSTON) STETSON, b. May 20, 1724 (Boston Rec.), d. 1808. He m. (1) ANN ALLEN on Sept. 11, 1755 (Newton Rec.), d. April 16, 1756 (Newton Rec.); m. (2) LUCY RUGGLES on July 1, 1765, at Watertown (Watertown Genealogies by Dr. Bond); m. (3) SARAH COWELL on Dec. 31, 1772. (Boston Rec.)

Ebenezer is recited as being "feltmaker" and "hatter." He served in the Revolutionary War from Watertown. By his will his "personal estate," "house and lands in Watertown on Town Road and Charles River" were eventually to become the property of the descendants of his brother, John Stetson, and sister, Lydia Stetson Safford, i. e., the children of Joel Sawtelle and Thomas Safford, Jr. He also left a pew in the Baptist Church at Newton. (Prob. Rec., Cambridge, No. 21373.)

Evidently neither Ebenezer nor John left descendants bearing the name of Stetson.

CHILD OF EBENEZER AND LUCY (RUGGLES) STETSON:

(Watertown Genealogies, by Dr. Henry Bond.)

- i BENJAMIN FELTON, b. May 22, 1766, at Watertown. Evidently d. young.

I-3-3-1

CALEB STETSON (*Gershom, Thomas, Cornet Robert*), son of GERSHOM and MARY (HOLMES) STETSON, b. Sept. 1708, d. 1741 at Falmouth. He m. DEBORAH MORTON, dau. of JOHN and MARY (RING) MORTON, of Plymouth, on Oct. 21, 1732. (Plymouth Rec.)

Gershom Stetson in his will (Probate Rec. 13-321) mentions the "children of son Caleb, deceased." Mr. Barry found no record of Caleb or his children.

The following is from Falmouth Town Meeting Records:

"Jan. 5, 1742. Voted to Zacheus Hatch for Caleb Stetson's grave slabs and coffin and digging his Grave, one weeks board and Tend-

ance, old tenor £6-8-0." "To Obediah Butler for his tending Caleb Stutson three days, Old Tenor £6-15-0." "To Seth Halleway for fetching a doctor to Caleb Stutson Old Tenor 15s." "Town Meeting Oct. 11, 1745, To Ephraim Swift for caring home Caleb Stutson's widow, Old Tenor £1-15-0."

It is evident from this last item that Caleb was a long ways from home during his short fatal illness, and that his wife was not with him. Was this home in Plymouth, thirty miles away? and was this "Caleb son of Gershom"? We have found no other Caleb to whom it could apply, and we have no other knowledge of Caleb, son of Gershom, whom his father mentions in his will in 1754 as "deceased but having left children."

CHILDREN OF CALEB AND DEBORAH (MORTON) STETSON:

- i CALEB, bap. Nov. 1734. (Plymouth Rec.)
- ii JOHN, bap. Jan. 15, 1737/8. (Plymouth Ch. Rec.)

I-3-6-2

ELIZABETH STETSON (*Caleb, Thomas, Cornet Robert*), dau. of CALEB and SARAH (BREWSTER) STETSON, b. Oct. 14, 1709, at Plymouth. She m. SILAS COOK, Int. Jan. 9, 1730/1. (Kingston Rec.)

CHILDREN OF SILAS AND ELIZABETH (STETSON) COOK: (From Kingston Rec.)

- i SARAH.
- ii ELIZABETH.
- iii DEBORAH.
- iv RUBEE.
- v EUNICE.

I-3-6-3

BARZILLAI STETSON (*Caleb, Thomas, Cornet Robert*), son of CALEB and SARAH (BREWSTER) STETSON, b. Dec. 17, 1711, at Plymouth (Brewster Gen.), d. 1766 at Plymouth. He m. RUTH KEMPTON of Plymouth on Sept. 6, 1742. ("Early Plymouth Marriages.") "Wid. Ruth Stetson died Feb. 27, 1768." (Ch. Rec., Plymouth.)

CHILDREN OF BARZILLAI AND RUTH (KEMPTON) STETSON:

- i BARZILLAI, b. 1743. (Plymouth Rec.)
- ii JEDEDIAH, b. 1745. (Plymouth Rec.)
- iii SARAH, b. 1749 (Plymouth Rec.); m. William Smith Oct 20, 1769. (Early Plymouth Co. Marriages.)

- iv MEHITABLE, b. 1751 (Plymouth Rec.); m. Jonathan Oliver, Sept. 13, 1767. (Early Plymouth Co. Marriages.)

These births are taken from Davis Ancient Landmarks of Plymouth.

I-3-6-7

JEDEDIAH STETSON (*Caleb, Thomas, Cornet Robert*), son of CALEB and SARAH (BREWSTER) STETSON, b. Sept. 12, 1721, at Plymouth. He was one of those who drew off from the First Church of Plymouth to form the new church in 1743. (Plymouth Town Records.)

CHILD OF JEDEDIAH AND ——— () STETSON:

- i "CALEB STETSON, son of Jedediah." (Warwick, R. I., Rec.)

I-3-7-1

SARAH STETSON (*Elisha, Thomas, Cornet Robert*), dau. of ELISHA and ABIGAIL (BREWSTER) STETSON, b. Aug. 28, 1708. She m. CAPT. ROBERT BRADFORD, Nov. 4, 1726. Resided at Kingston.

CHILDREN OF CAPT. ROBERT AND SARAH (STETSON) BRADFORD:

- i PELEG.
- ii ZILPHA.
- iii REBECCA.
- iv JOHN.
- v ELETHEA.
- vi ORPHA.
- vii STETSON.
- viii ROBERT.
- ix SARAH.
- x CONSIDER.
- xi SARAH.
- xii ROBERT.

I-3-7-2

EGLOTH STETSON (*Elisha, Thomas, Cornet Robert*), dau. of ELISHA and ABIGAIL (BREWSTER) STETSON, b. Oct. 7, 1710. She m. EPHRAIM WASHBURN, Int. Nov. 4, 1732. Resided at Kingston.

CHILDREN OF EPHRAIM AND EGLOTH (STETSON) WASHBURN: (From Kingston Rec.)

- i EZEKIEL.
- ii DEBORAH.
- iii MERCY.
- iv EPHRAIM.

- v ELITHEAH.
- vi UNICE.
- vii NEHEMIAH.
- viii SARAH.

I-3-7-3

ZERESH STETSON (*Elisha, Thomas, Cornet Robert*), dau. of ELISHA and ABIGAIL (BREWSTER) STETSON, b. Nov. 28, 1712. She m. BENJAMIN BRADFORD, son of ISRAEL and SARAH (BARTLETT) BRADFORD, Int. Dec. 18, 1731. Resided at Kingston.

CHILDREN OF BENJAMIN AND ZERESH (STETSON) BRADFORD:

- i THOMAS.
- ii MIKEL.
- iii PEREZ.
- iv LYDIA, died.
- v BENJAMIN.
- vi MARY.
- vii LEMUEL.
- viii LYDIA.

I-3-7-4

HOPESTILL STETSON (*Elisha, Thomas, Cornet Robert*), dau. of ELISHA and ABIGAIL (BREWSTER) STETSON, b. May 21 1715. She m. JOHN SIMMONS, Oct. 21, 1736. Resided at Kingston.

CHILDREN OF JOHN AND HOPESTILL (STETSON) SIMMONS:
(From Kingston Rec.)

- i FAITH.
- ii NOAH.
- iii EUNICE.
- iv JOHN.

I-3-7-5

ELISHA STETSON (*Elisha, Thomas, Cornet Robert*), son of ELISHA and ABIGAIL (BREWSTER) STETSON, b. Feb. 19, 1720 (Kingston Rec.), d. Aug. 28, 1803, "aged 85." (Kingston Rec.) He m. SARAH ADAMS, dau. of FRANCIS and MARY (BUCK) ADAMS, on Apr. 26, 1742, at Kingston. She was b. 1721 (Jones River Parish Rec.) (Brewster Gen.), and d. Oct. 26, 1804. Resided at Kingston.

CHILDREN OF ELISHA AND SARAH (ADAMS) STETSON:
(All from Kingston Rec.)

- i THEOPHILUS, b. July 10, 1742, at Kingston.
- ii ABIGAIL, b. July 1, 1744, at Kingston.

- iii SARAH, b. Dec. 29, 1746; d. 1761.
- iv SAMUEL, b. Nov. 19, 1749.
- v THOMAS, b. Mar. 9, 1752.
- vi HANNAH, b. Sept. 12, 1754.
- vii BETSEY (or BETTY), b. Jan. 31, 1757.
- viii LYDIA, b. Jan. 15, 1759; d. before 1787.
- ix SARAH, b. Nov. 24, 1761; d. Mar. 13, 1855, at Kingston.
- x ELISHA, b. Feb. 19, 1764.

I-3-8-1

ELIJAH STETSON (*Elijah, Thomas, Cornet Robert*), son of ELIJAH and RUTH (CHITTENDEN) STETSON, b. June 15, 1711, at Scituate; bap. Apr. 7, 1723 (Rec. of Second Church, Scituate); d. "from fall from horse Apr. 15, 1779, Elijah Stutson, age about 72 years." (Ch. Rec. of Winterbury (now Bloomfield), Conn.) He m. ELIZABETH COOMBS, 1737 or before. (V. R. Enfield, Conn.)

In Scituate until after 1723 (Scituate Ch. Rec.) In Enfield, Conn., in 1738. (Enfield V. R.) In Brimfield, Mass., 1741 and 1751; Sheffield in 1760 on the east side of Great River.

From land records of Hampden, Hampshire and Worcester Counties, Elijah Stetson (Stutson) bought and sold many large tracts and estates in Connecticut and Massachusetts from 1740 to 1761.

He is called "Trader," "Blacksmith of Scituate," "of the Elbows," "of Kingston so called above the Elbows" (in Springfield), and "Elijah Stutson, Jr. of Brimfield" in 1741.

In a deed given in 1760, "Sarah Stetson, wife of Elijah" signs. (Land Rec. at Springfield.)

CHILD OF ELIJAH AND ELIZABETH (COOMBS) STETSON:

- i ELIJAH, b. Mar. 24, 1738. (Enfield, Conn., V. R., typewritten copy in Conn. State Lib.)

I-3-8-2

JOSHUA STETSON (*Elijah, Thomas, Cornet Robert*), son of ELIJAH and RUTH (CHITTENDEN) STETSON, b. May 12, 1713, at Scituate; bap. July 28, 1728. (Second Ch. Rec., Scituate.) He m. LILLIS STETSON (*Benjamin, Benjamin, Cornet Robert*) (I-2-1-4-1), dau. of BENJAMIN and LILLIS (TURNER) STETSON, on July 8, 1747, at Hanover, Int. Feb. 28, 1747. She was b. July 25, 1726, at Hanover.

Joshua was in Hanover and later in Newport, R. I., possibly as we find "Joshua Stetson, mariner, of Newport, R. I. and Lillis his wife"

sell land in Hanover, Mass., to Alexander Bradford, Dec. 29, 1758. (Plymouth Deeds 34/206.)

We find in the records of Scituate Town Meeting for the year 1751 "Town ordered paid to Benjamin Pierce, Jr., constable (collector) what Joshua Stetson was rated in 1747 for his bill for tonnage of a vessel which he could not get by reason as that said Stetson had no vessel ye year to be rated for 4s 3d."

CHILDREN OF JOSHUA AND LILLIS (STETSON) STETSON:

- i LILLIS, b. Apr. 1748; m. Samuel Stetson (*Nathaniel, Isaac, Robert, Robert*) (1-8-1-3-1) of Pembroke.
- ii LUCINDA, bap. Apr. 29, 1750. (Ch. Rec.)
- iii JOSHUA, b. June 14, 1752. (Mr. Barry says, "I have no record of his life, is he the child who died Aug. 19, 1754?")

We have no record of Joshua and Lillis after the birth of their son Joshua in 1752. Joshua, Sr., would then have been 39 years old and Lillis 26. Did they go to Rhode Island and have more children?

1-3-8-3

NATHANIEL STETSON (*Elijah, Thomas, Cornet Robert*), son of ELIJAH and RUTH (CHITTENDEN) STETSON; m. MARY (MOLLY) DILLIS, dau. of SIMON and ——— () DILLIS, on Apr. 1, 1735/6 (Scituate Rec.), b. 1705 in France (came to Boston in 1717), d. Apr. 20, 1796, at East Abington, on Market St., aged 91 years.

"Simon Dillis was a member of the French Protestant Church of Boston. He married 2nd Eunice, daughter of Anthony Dodson." (Barry's private notes.)

Mary (Molly) Dillis' mother and an infant brother of Mary died on the passage to America. The interesting story of their flight from France is preserved by their descendants.

CHILDREN OF NATHANIEL AND MOLLY (DILLIS) STETSON:

- i NATHANIEL, b. 1738; d. July 14, 1824, aged 86 yrs. "Nathaniel Stetson (h. Mary) s. Nathaniel and Mary d. July 14, 1824 age 86" (g. s. Church Hill Cem., Norwell.) He was sergeant in Capt. Robert Lenthell Eells Co. in Revolutionary War. (Mass. Rec.)
- ii MARY (ELIZABETH), m. David Jenkins for his 2nd wife and had several children. (Rec. of William Spooner of Plymouth.) David Jenkins m. (1) Elizabeth Merritt in 1741 and moved to Abington (Dean). He m. (2) Mary (Elizabeth) Stetson, dau. of Nathaniel Stetson of Hanover. (Hobart's

Abington, p. 407.) David Jenkins was buried in the Spring St. Cem., East Abington. On both sides of his headstone are smaller ones, each marked "Elizabeth, his wife."

1-3-8-4

ELIZABETH STETSON (*Elijah, Thomas, Cornet Robert*), dau. of ELIJAH and RUTH (CHITTENDEN) STETSON, bap. Mar. 31, 1723. She m. WILLIAM ESTES of Hanover, Int. Apr. 17, 1736.

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM AND ELIZABETH (STETSON) ESTES:

- i SUSANNAH.
- ii ALICE.
- iii WILLIAM.
- iv RUTH.
- v RICHARD.
- vi ELIZABETH.
- vii ZILPHA.
- viii MATTHEW.
- ix ELIJAH.
- x SARAH.

1-3-8-6

LUKE STETSON (*Elijah, Thomas, Cornet Robert*), son of ELIJAH and RUTH (CHITTENDEN) STETSON, bap. May 15, 1726; d. at Hanover. He m. RUTH HOWLAND of Duxbury on June 10, 1762; int. May 22, 1762, Duxbury; d. 1764.

"He was for many years a school master in Hanover and quite noted for his eccentricities." (Barry.)

Probably a typical school master who boarded around. In 1752 bills for his board for 26 weeks were brought in, credited and paid, as also his bill for services.

He taught nine months in 1751/2 for £18, paying his own board. (Hanover Rec.)

CHILD OF LUKE AND RUTH (HOWLAND) STETSON:

- i RUTH HOWLAND, b. Feb. 22, 1763 (Hanover Rec.); m. Dec. 27, 1784, Asa Soule of Halifax. (Halifax Rec.) Had a son, Stetson Soule, b. June 14, 1785. (Halifax Rec.)

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