

Lineage from James Cutler to Eunice Cutler Stratton

The attached pages are taken from two books that can be used to trace the lineage from James Cutler, an early English immigrant to America, to Eunice Cutler, who became the wife of Jonathan Stratton in Bennington, VT. The first source is *A Cutler Memorial and Genealogical History*, by Nahum Cutler, 1889, E. A. Hall Press, Greenfield, MA.

Pages 17-20 give an account of the life of James Cutler, who was born in England in 1606. He was a Puritan who came to America as early as 1634 and he was among the early settlers in Watertown, MA, where he married Anna (family name unknown). He accumulated a number of parcels of land as a result of the division of land by the community. James then purchased additional lots and sold some of them when he relocated to Cambridge Farms, which is now Lexington, MA. His wife Anna died in 1644, and he married his second wife, Mary (family name unknown), in 1645. Mary died in 1654 and he married Phoebe Page in about 1662. James Cutler died in Cambridge Farms on May 17, 1694. Page 20 lists the name of James Cutler's first five children from Watertown records, and the first four in the list were children with his first wife Anna. James Cutler, Jr. was the first-born of the children in this list. There may have been other children born later.

Pages 21-22 provide information regarding the life of James Cutler, Jr. He was born in Watertown, MA on September 6, 1635. He lived in Cambridge Farms, where his father died, and he married Lydia Moore on June 15, 1665. James Cutler, Jr. fought in King Phillip's War, which was a significant American Indian uprising. He remained in Cambridge Farms where he was engaged in farming until he died there July 31, 1685. Lydia died in Sudbury, MA on November 23, 1723. Page 22 includes a listing of the names of eight children of James and Lydia Cutler, and there may have been other children. Their sixth child in this list was their son Thomas Cutler.

Pages 26-27 summarize the life of Thomas Cutler who was born in Cambridge Farms on December 15, 1677 and he later held public office there as constable and as a selectman. He married Sarah Stone in Cambridge Farms and she died on January 10, 1750. Thomas Cutler then married Lydia Simmonds later in 1750 and the family relocated to Western, MA, which is currently called Warren. He was involved in a number of property transactions there before he died December 23, 1759. A list on Page 27 names the eight children of Thomas and Sarah Stone Cutler, and their second child was a son named David Cutler.

Pages 37-38 describe the life of David Cutler who was born in Lexington (Cambridge Farms) on August 28, 1705. He remained in Lexington after inheriting the family homestead, where he served in public office as surveyor of townships, constable and as a selectman. David married Mary Tidd in Lexington, around 1727, and Page 38 lists the names of their nine children. David

died of smallpox on December 5, 1760. Mary survived David for many years and died May 25, 1797. Their second child was a son named David Cutler, Jr.

Pages 68-69 summarize the life of David Cutler, Jr. who was born in Lexington July 15, 1730. He married Dorcas Reed there on October 15, 1750 where he worked as a currier and a tanner. The couple later moved to Warren and then again relocated to Bennington, VT around 1767. David Cutler, Jr. was involved in a number of land transactions in Massachusetts, Vermont and New York. At some point he took up residence in Salem, NY. Daniel and Dorcas Reed Cutler are believed to have had 14 children. Records from Lexington provide names for their first seven children. However, some of the relevant birth records from Warren were destroyed, so that the names of younger children are not provided. The second child of Daniel and Dorcas Cutler is identified on Page 68 as Eunice Cutler.

Page 68 notes that Eunice Cutler married Jonathan Stratton of Bennington, VT, and that they later moved to nearby Shaftsbury, VT. After the death of Jonathan Stratton in Shaftsbury, Eunice is noted as having moved to Michigan with her son*, where she died.

The fact that Eunice Cutler Stratton moved to Michigan with her son after Jonathan died is supported in *History of Jefferson County New York*, L. H. Evers, 1878, L. H. Evers Publishing, Philadelphia, PA. Pages from that book are copied in the last three pages of the attachments. Pages 521-522 give a biography of Eunice Cutler Stratton's grandson, Jonathan Stratton. It states that Jefferson Stratton moved from Bennington to Jefferson County, NY in 1832, and that he then moved to Michigan in 1853.

* Jonathan Stratton's will indicated that he had eleven children, and only one of them was a son, who was named Jefferson Stratton.

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JAMES CUTLER AND HIS DESCENDANTS.

1. JAMES CUTLER, born in England in 1606, settled as early as 1634 in *Watertown, Mass., where the first record of the family name in New England is to be found, and was one of the original grantees of land in the northerly part of the town, on the road to Belmont. He married Anna —, tradition says a sister of †Capt. John Grout's wife, both of whom were so opposed and tantalized in England for their Puritanism, that they resolved to seek their fortunes in New England, and came unattended by parents or near friends. There is no authentic record by which to fix the year of James Cutler's arrival here. His first child, James, was born "y^e 6th day 9th month 1635." He had that year passed all necessary probation, had been received an inhabitant of Watertown, and had a house-lot assigned him. It contained eight acres, bounded east by Thomas Boylston, west and north by a highway, *i. e.*, by Common street and Pond road, south by Ellias Barron.

In the first "great divide" (that is, general division of land), July 25, 1636, he was assigned twenty-five acres, and three acres in the further plain (now Waltham), next to the river. In 1642, from the farm lands, he had assigned him eighty-two acres in the fourth division, and

*Watertown, situated six miles west of Boston, was settled in July, 1630, by Sir Richard Saltonstall, with a large number of emigrants, and Rev. George Phillips as their pastor, who sailed from the Isle of Wight, April 8, of that year, in the ships *Arbella*, *Jewell*, *Ambrose* and *Talbot*, arriving in Salem June 12, 13, 18, and July 2, respectively. Soon after their arrival, June 17, a party, including Gov. John Winthrop and Sir Richard Saltonstall, started out to explore the country about the bay, for the purpose of selecting a place for settlement. Having chosen the peninsular of Charlestown, they returned to Salem, and, as soon as preparations could be made for their accommodation, the passengers of the fleet proceeded to Charlestown. That their stay here was brief is evident from the fact that a church was organized in Watertown, July 30, when forty men, with Sir Richard at the head, signed the covenant.

†Capt. John Grout m., first, Mary —, and, second, Sarah, widow of Thomas Cakebread; he removed to Sudbury, where he d., 1697.

four other lots. October 2, 1645, he was one of the petitioners "in relation to Nashaway plantation, now Weston." December 13, 1649, James Cutler and Nathaniel Bowman, for £70, bought of Edward Goffe 200 acres in Cambridge Farms, adjoining Rock Meadow, and near to or adjoining Waltham, "payable in instalments of £10 annually, in money, cattle, hogs, wheat, pease, rice Indian corn or barlie, at the dwelling house of Edward Goffe, in Cambridge," and payment secured by mortgage. March 4, 1651, Cutler sold his share (100 acres) to Bowman for £39. About this time, he settled at Cambridge Farms (now Lexington), on what is now known as Wood street, near the place where William Hartwell resides, not far from the Concord (now Bedford) line. A part of the farm has been in the family until recently, when it was sold by the heirs of Leonard Cutler. He is supposed to have built one of the first houses at the Farms; vestiges of the cellar still remain. The house was located some thirty rods from the present highway, on an elevation commanding an extensive view. *James Cutler buried his first wife, Anna, September 30, 1644, and married, second, March 9, 1645, Mary, widow of †Thomas King. She died December 7, 1654, and he married his third wife, Phœbe, daughter of ‡John Page, about 1662. Mr. Cutler was too remote from Watertown, and especially from Cambridge, to have admitted of his serving in town affairs in either place. He made his will November 24, 1684, at Cambridge Farms, being then seventy-eight, and died May 17, 1694, aged eighty-eight

*James Cutler and others signed a petition to the General Court, in October, 1682, to be set off as a distinct parish, having no ministry without going from five to ten miles. The people of Cambridge zealously opposed the separation and the passage of the petition was not granted. The oldest paper upon the records at Lexington is a subscription list, in 1691, for the purpose of erecting a meeting-house in the precinct. It was signed by forty-one persons, among whom were Thomas Cutler, £2; James Cutler, £1; John Cutler, 12s.; and a tax bill for salary for the minister, from May 1, 1692, to May 1, 1693: John Cutler, 10s. 6d.; Thomas Cutler, 18s. 9d.

†Thomas King, aged 15, embarked at Ipswich, April, 1634, with John Barnard's family; he m. Mary, and d. at Watertown, December 3, 1644.

‡John Page, with wife Phœbe, came from Dedham, Eng., in 1630; he d. at Watertown, December 18, 1676.

years. In his will, he bequeathed to his son James Cutler a parcel of land on the north side of the brook and meadow, adjoining land which he had formerly sold him, and ten acres of meadow in the "great meadow," and a small parcel of meadow of the upper end of his home meadow as his portion of his estate. To his son Thomas Cutler, twenty acres of upland and meadow, in addition to fifteen acres of meadow previously given him; to his son Samuel Cutler, twenty acres of land, more or less, as may appear by deed under his hand and seal; to the rest of his children, including the two children of his former wife, widow of Thomas King, and to his sons Thomas and John, equal portions of the balance of his estate, notice being made that he had given to John Collar, (the husband of his daughter Mary), twenty acres of upland, and to Richard Parks, (husband of his step-daughter Sarah King), £6 5s.; to his daughter, the wife of John Parmenter, £7 and a cow; to his daughter Sarah Waite, a mare and cow; to Mary Johnson, £5; to Hannah Winter, £5; to his daughter Joanna Russell a feather bed and bolster and coverlid and an iron pot, and to his daughter Jemima, his feather bed and bolster and all that belongs to it; that these things be accounted a part of his estate; that his sons Thomas Cutler, John Cutler and Samuel Cutler have his house and lands not formerly disposed of, paying to the rest of his children their several parts, according to his will, in three annual payments; and that Thomas and John should be his executors. His will was proved August 20, 1694. Such is the brief, unvarnished record of the James "Cuttler," who came to New England 250 years ago. There is no direct testimony as to his character, his social standing, or his intelligence. That he was honest and persevering, however, is evident by his acquisition of lands and payment for the same. His early investment with full citizenship shows he had established a fair reputation among his fellow-townsmen; while the provisions of his

will, whereby sons-in-law and step-children share in his estate, manifest a large and liberal spirit. Are we not justified in finding here a worthy progenitor of our family? The births of his first five children are recorded at Watertown as follows:

2. i. "JAMES,² y^e son of James and Anna Cuttler, b. y^e 6th day 9th mo. 1635;" d. at Cambridge Farms (now Lexington) July 31, 1685.
- ii. "HANNAH, y^e dau. of James and Anna Cuttler, his wife, b. y^e 26th day 5th mo. 1638;" m. John Winter, Jr., who d. at Camb. Farms, Jan. 18, 1690. His will, dated Dec. 12, 1689, makes no mention of his wife, who probably d. before him, but speaks of sons John,³ Thomas,³ and Samuel,³ and daus. Sarah,³ Hannah,³ and Mary.³ Joseph³ Winter d. at Camb. Farms Dec. 10, 1689, and his is the first death mentioned in the Lexington records.
- iii. "ELIZABETH, b. y^e 28th day 11th mo. 1640; d. Oct. 30, 1644."
- iv. "MARY, b. y^e 29th day 3rd mo. 1644;" m. John Collar, as his second wife; removed to Sudbury, probably.
- v. "ELIZABETH, b. y^e 20th day 5th mo. 1646;" m. John Parmenter, 3d, of Sudbury. Had: 1. Sarah³ Parmenter, b. Aug. 20, 1668; m. Edmund Bowker in 1688. 2. Mary³ Parmenter, b. Oct. 15, 1670; m. — Bennett. 3. Elizabeth³ Parmenter, b. Dec. 9, 1642; m. — Garfield. 4. John³ Parmenter, Jr., b. April 9, 1678; m. (1) Martha —, who d.; and his intention of marriage with Mehitable, widow of Daniel Livermore of Weston, was published Dec. 27, 1728. He had: Samuel,⁴ Submit,⁴ Jonathan,⁴ Silence,⁴ Martha,⁴ Deliverance,⁴ Joshua,⁴ Caleb,⁴ Nathaniel⁴ and John.⁴ 5. Joseph³ Parmenter, b. Aug. 24, 1685; m. Lydia Rice in 1717. Had: John,⁴ Lydia,⁴ Elizabeth,⁴ Peter,⁴ Jason,⁴ Rebecca⁴ and Thankful.⁴
3. vi. THOMAS, b. about 1648; d. at Lexington, July 13, 1722.
- vii. SARAH, b. 1653; m., in 1673, Thomas Waight of Camb. Farms, b. in 1641. They settled at Weston, Mass., where he d., Jan. 3, 1722; she d. Jan. 17, 1744, aged 91. They joined the church by letter from Watertown, Feb.

- 2, 1690. Had: 1. Richard³ Waight, b. Jan. 29, 1674-5; d. Oct. 5, 1690. 2. Phœbe³ Waight, b. July 6, 1676. 3. Thomas³ Waight, b. March 7, 1677-8. 4. John³ Waight, b. Feb. 16, 1680-1; d. Aug. 24, 1691. 5. Joseph³ Waight, b. Feb. 4, 1682-3; d. in Worcester, Oct. 5, 1758, aged 71. He had by wife Sarah: 1. Priscilla⁴ Waight, b. April 14, 1707; m. Charles Adams. 2. John⁴ Waight. 3. Rebecca⁴ Waight, who m. —Curtis. 6. Sarah³ Waight, b. Jan. 13, 1687-8; m., Aug. 14, 1712, Ebenezer Allen (his second wife). 7. Mary³ Waight, b. Jan. 20, 1689-90. 8. Richard³ Waight, b. June 25, 1691. 9. Abigail³ Waight, b. Dec. 3, 1697; m., Sept. 18, 1718, Solomon Temple of Concord, Mass.
- viii. JOANNA, b. abt. 1660; m., April 19, 1680, Philip, son of William Russell; she d. Nov. 26, 1703. Ch.: 1. James³ Russell, b. abt. 1681. 2. Joanna³ Russell, b. Dec. 20, 1683; m. Wm. Munroe. 3. William³ Russell, b. July 23, 1686. 4. Philip³ Russell, b. Sept. 18, 1688. 5. Samuel³ Russell, b. Jan. 12, 1690-1. 6. Jemima³ Russell, b. 1692; m. William Locke. 7. Thomas³ Russell, bapt. July 3, 1698. 8. Abigail³ Russell, b. Sept. 11, 1700; m. David Sprague of Charlestown.
4. ix. JOHN, b. May 19, 1663; d. Sept. 21, 1714.
- x. SAMUEL, b. Nov. 18, 1664; his death was commemorated by his brother John.
- xi. JEMIMA, who m., Sept. 22, 1697, Zerubabel Snow.
- xii. PHŒBE, who was unm. in 1684.
2. JAMES² CUTLER (James¹) was born in Watertown, Mass., *not* September 6, 1635. He married, June 15, 1665, Lydia, widow of Samuel Wright and daughter of John Moore of Sudbury—where she died, November 23, 1723. He was a farmer, residing at Cambridge Farms, near Concord line, and was a soldier in King Philip's war. He made his will the 28th and died the 31st of July, 1685, giving his wife Lydia the home lot, with the dwelling, barn, and other buildings; to his son James, six acres of the "Great Meadow;" to his sons Samuel, Joseph, and Thomas, when of age, the rest of the meadow in equal shares; to his daughter Ann, £5 at her marriage; and in-

structed his wife Lydia to divide the balance of his property among his other children when of age, names not mentioned. His will was proved October 8, 1685; his widow Lydia and her brother Benjamin, executors. Children born at Cambridge Farms:

- i. JAMES,³ b. May 12, 1666; d. Dec. 1, 1690.
 - ii. ANN, b. April 20, 1669; m., Sept. 26, 1688, Richard Belois, Jr., of Watertown.
 - iii. SAMUEL, b. May 2, 1672; was alive, and probably resided in Killingly, Ct., in 1727, when his brother John, then of K., in his will made provision for his support, by his sons Seth, Timothy, and Hezekiah.
 - iv. JOSEPH, b. also May 2, 1672; m. Hannah —, who m. for her second husband Joseph Smith; she d. at Waltham, Mass., Feb. 26, 1735, when her step-son, John Smith, administered on her estate. Mr. Cutler's residence was at Waltham in 1709, where he conveyed, Feb. 28, real estate in Watertown to Thomas Saunders. May 30, 1715, the selectmen of Waltham appointed Joseph Priest to look after the property of Joseph Cutler, then sick; the 23d of December following, investigation was ordered of the estate of Joseph Cutler, deceased. Children bapt. at Waltham, Dec. 13, 1727: Submit,⁴ Kezia,⁴ Sarah⁴ and Elizabeth.⁴
 5. v. JOHN, b. April 14, 1675; d. at Killingly, Ct., after 1727.
 6. vi. THOMAS, b. Dec. 15, 1677; d. Dec. 1759, a. 82.
 - vii. ELIZABETH, b. March 14, 1681.
 7. viii. ISAAC, b. in 1684; d. at Killingly, Ct., June 18, 1758, a. 74, G. S.
- Perhaps there were other children.
3. Lieut. THOMAS² CUTLER (James¹) was born at Watertown, Mass., about 1648. He married Abigail —. They united with the church in Watertown July 31, 1687, and when a church was gathered at Lexington, in 1696, they removed their relation to it. He was taxed for preaching, in 1692, 18s. 9d. He was a subscriber for the erection of the first meeting-house in 1692, and was chosen one of the *assessors in 1694; and, in 1700, when the par-

*The inhabitants of this precinct, feeling that they were in danger from

- ii. MARY, bapt. July 4, 1703; m. Joseph Bacon of Woodstock, Ct., 1730.
 - 14. iii. SETH, bapt. July 29, 1705; d. Feb. 9, 1751, at Windham, Ct.
 - 15. iv. TIMOTHY, bapt. also July 29, 1705; d. about 1737, at Killingly, Ct.
 - 16. v. HEZEKIAH, bapt. April 27, 1707; d. Oct. 4, 1792, at Killingly.
 - vi. DINAH, bapt. Sept. 4, 1709, who, or sister, m. — Corbin of Woodstock, Ct.
 - vii. JEMIMA, bapt. May 27, 1711, who, or sister, m. — Whitmore of Killingly, Ct.
 - 17. viii. URIAH, bapt. March 29, 1710; d. at Morristown, N. J., in 1793.
 - ix. PATIENCE, bapt. at Killingly, Sept. 1, 1717, who, or sister, m. — Abbott of Killingly.
 - x. KEZIAH, bapt. July 19, 1719, who, or sister, m. — Bacon or Bateman.
 - xi. ABIGAIL, no record other than mentioned in division of estate.
6. THOMAS³ CUTLER (James,² James¹) was born December 15, 1677, at Cambridge Farms (now Lexington), where he settled, and resided the greater part of his life. He was constable in 1719, and selectman in 1729, '31, '33, and '34. He married Sarah, daughter of Samuel and Dorcas (Jones) Stone, who joined the church in Lexington, July 4, 1708, and died January 10, 1750, aged 69. He married (2) Lydia Simonds, April 10, 1750, and was, with her, dismissed to the church in Western (now Warren), May 17, 1752, having owned the covenant in Lexington, June 6, 1703. On the 6th of November 1736, he sold to Joseph Wood of Lancaster, for £70, sixty-eight acres in Lancaster, and, April 28, 1738, James Robinson of Lexington, for £70, lot No. 111, of 77 acres, in Narragansett Township, No. 2, and also, October 23, 1750, for £50, to Noah Ashley, a full right, or lot, in the same township, drawn, no doubt, in the right of his father. He, about this time, bought of Noah Ashley a farm in Western (now Warren), where, September 15, 1759, he made his will, bequeathing to Thomas, Jr., all his lands, buildings,

half the service of his *negro man, half his books and apparel, all his husbandry tools, household utensils, and debts due to him at his decease, requiring him to pay £13 6s. 6d. and a cow to each of his daughters, Abigail Bridge, Amity Page and Mary Johnson, £5 6s. 8d. and a cow to his grandson, John Mead, when aged 21, 5s. to Israel Mead, his son-in-law, and £4 and a cow to each of his granddaughters, Sarah Paine and Hannah Mead. To his son David, he gave his silver-headed cane, half the service of his negro man, half his books and apparel, and £13 6s. 8d. All his beds, bedding, pewter and brass furniture he bequeathed to his three daughters and two granddaughters. He speaks of a contract of marriage with his second wife, who, April 3, 1751, relinquished her right of dower for "a riding-chair and horse, £13 6s. 8d. in money, and other things of value." He died December 23, 1759. Thomas, Jr., was sole executor. Children born at Lexington:

- i. ABIGAIL,⁴ b. June 2, bapt. June 6, 1703; m. Joseph Bridge of Lex., Nov. 18, 1722. They had 6 ch. For his second wife, he m. Mary —, and d. Nov. 11, 1778, a. 79.
18. ii. DAVID, b. Aug. 28; bapt. Sept. 9, 1705; d. Dec. 5, 1760, of small pox.
- iii. AMITY, b. Dec. 19, 1707; bapt. Jan. 11, 1708; m. John Page of Bedford.
- iv. SARAH, b. Jan. 19, bapt. Jan. 22, 1710; m. Israel Mead. Children: 1. Sarah⁵ Mead, who m. — Paine. 2. Hannah⁵ Mead, m. Jonathan Ridlake, April 22, 1767; had 8 ch. 3. John⁵ Mead.
- v. MARY, b. Nov. 8, bapt. Nov. 14, 1714; m. Seth Johnson of Nottingham, N. H.
- vi. HANNAH, b. May 13, bapt. May 19, 1717; d. March 2, 1724.
19. vii. THOMAS, Jr., b. Sept. 30, bapt. Oct. 10, 1719; d. Nov. 28, 1760, at Western (now Warren.)
- viii. MILLICENT, b. and bapt. July 29, 1722; d. Jan. 2, 1741.†

*There were twenty slaves owned in Lexington in 1735, Thomas Cutler owning one.

†Nathaniel Cutler, who d. Sept. 3, 1849, a. 76, said Thomas had also John

he brought from New England; but he had partly gone into the style of the Jersey farmers, for he has five fine horses. My uncle is the youngest of the family and seventy-four years of age, but uncommonly sprightly and active for that period of life. Like my father, he has but one (surviving) son, Jesse, who lives in one part of the house, and has married a wife who bids fair to be a fruitful vine, for she has had three children in four years. This son is the only surviving child of eight. My uncle has had three other sons, Abijah, David, and Jonathan, one of whom has left a widow and two children. He lives with a second wife, to whom he has been married fifteen years, but has had no children since their union. His son's wife appeared to be a very agreeable woman, and was descended from a good family. As a farmer, he was very neat—his lands in fine order, well fenced, and his lots judiciously disposed. As I had to go on my journey the next morning, which he at first absolutely forbid, he insisted that we should make a long evening, and we did not retire until after one o'clock. July 17, when I proposed setting out, I found my uncle's passions much agitated, and it was with pain I assured him I must go, promising, if ever again in that part of the country, to call, and, if possible, spend more time." He married, first, Miss Canfield, and a second wife, the widow Whitehead, about 1772, and died 1793. Children :

46. i. ABIJAH,⁵ b. Oct. 27, 1747; d. Aug. 9, 1778.
- ii. BETHIAH, who m. David Moore, had Loammi,⁶ who was the father of William H., of the firm of Moore, Wilstack & Baldwin, book merchants of Cincinnati, O.
- iii. PHOEBE, m. Ephraim Young of Morristown, N. J.
- iv. HANNAH, m. — Redman. Had: 1. Joseph⁶ Redman.
2. Barney⁶ Redman.
47. v. JESSE, who inherited the homestead.
- vi. DAVID. vii. JONATHAN. Both d. young.
18. DAVID⁴ CUTLER (Thomas,³ James,² James¹) was born August 28, and baptized September 9, 1705, at Lexington, where

he joined the church, April 14, 1728. He married Mary, daughter of Joseph and Mary Tidd, and resided on the homestead, near Bedford line. He was surveyor of townships during the reign of King George III., served as constable in Lexington, 1746, and as selectman, 1749, '50, and '51. He made his will September 13, 1758, mentioning his wife Mary and son David, to whom he bequeathed the farm in Western (now Warren) on which he then lived: son Joseph, to whom he gave the place which he then occupied, including all his lands on the west side of the river in Western; son Solomon, to whom he gave the south part of his homestead in Lexington; and son Thomas, to whom he willed the other part, requiring Solomon and Thomas to supply their mother with a horse and two cows, and, annually, with twelve bushels of corn, four bushels of rye, one bushel of malt, sixty pounds of beef, 120 pounds of pork, three barrels of cider, and ten cords of wood—cut up for the fire. He also mentions his daughters Mary Page and Abigail Hodgman. His personal property inventoried at £573 15s. He died December 5, 1760, of small pox. His wife survived him thirty-seven years, and died May 25, 1797, aged 93. Children born in Lexington:

- i. ABIGAIL,⁵ b. May 31, 1728; m. Samuel Hodgman of Warren, May 7, 1755.
- 48 49. ii. DAVID, b. July 15, 1730; d. probably in Bennington, Vt.
49. iii. JOSEPH, b. May 31, 1733; d. Feb. 7, 1816.
- iv. ISAAC, b. June, 1736; d. Jan., 1737.
- v. MARY, b. April 12, 1738; m., Sept. 15, 1757, John Page of Hardwick, Mass; d. May 3, 1812.
50. vi. SOLOMON, b. May 15, 1740; d. at Rindge, N. H.
51. vii. THOMAS, b. May 9, 1742; d. July 3, 1812.
- viii. ELIZABETH, b. Aug. 4, 1744; m., May 3, 1768, Benjamin Moore of Lex.; thought to have had ch., but no births are recorded in town records at Lex.
- ix. AMITY, b. July 15, 1748; m., Nov. 17, 1766, Nathan Leonard of Hardwick.

- i. ABIJAH,⁶ who was killed on the railroad in 1840; he m. Adelaide M. Armstrong.
 - 116. ii. DAVID, b. March 10, 1785; d. Nov. 18, 1866.
 - 117. iii. JONATHAN, sett. and d. in Ohio.
 - iv. LEWIS, sett. in Licking Co., Ohio, where he m. and d.
 - v. ISAAC, d. unm. in the West.
 - vi. PHEBE, d. unm. in Morristown, N. J., in 1884.
 - 118. vii. JAMES, resides at Morristown, N. J.
48. DAVID⁵ CUTLER (David,⁴ Thomas³, James,² James¹) was born at Lexington, Mass., July 15, 1730, and married Dorcas, daughter of Capt. Benjamin and Rebecca Reed of Lexington, Oct. 15, 1750. He was by occupation a tanner and currier. He settled in Western, now Warren, Mass., on a part of his father's purchase, and of which he came into possession in 1760, by will dated Sept. 13, 1758. Here he resided until 1765, or 1767, when he sold his estate, his wife, Dorcas, signing the deeds, and he is said to have removed to Bennington, Vt., where his name appears on the land records in 1780, when David Cutler of Bennington, Vt., purchased of Moses Robinson of B. lot No. 62, lying in the northeast part of the town, adjoining Shaftsbury, adding thereto in 1783 and 1785. In 1789 he, still a resident of B., purchased land in Shaftsbury, soon after taking up his residence in Salem, N. Y. Dec. 18, 1788, he bought in Rowe, Mass., of Alexis Tackle, 100 acres for £150. This he sold to his son David, Jr., in 1790, he being then of Pelham, Mass., where, in 1792, his name appears on the voter's list. It is said that he had fourteen children, the birth of the oldest being recorded at Lexington, Mass. But for the partial loss of the records of Warren, Mass., other names of his family, with dates of births, might have been obtained. Children:
- i. LYDIA⁶, b. at Lexington, Mass., May 25, 1752; m. Israel Mead in Bennington, Vt.
 - ii. EUNICE, who m. Jonathan Stratton of Bennington, Vt., rem. to Shaftsbury, Vt., where Mr. S. d. She afterward rem. with a son to Michigan, where she d. She is re-

membered by her nephew, Mr. Stratton of Bennington, as a very exemplary and dutiful wife.

iii. BETSEY m. and resided in Shaftsbury, Vt.

119. iv. DAVID, Jr.

120. v. JONAS, or JOEL.

vi. SAMUEL, who was probably a freeman in Bennington, Vt., Sept. 5, 1786.

121. xiv. JOSEPH, b. July 22, 1778; d. in Amherst, Mass., Aug. 10, 1830.

49. JOSEPH⁵ CUTLER (David,⁴ Thomas,³ James,² James¹) was born at Lexington, Mass., May 31, 1733, in the second house on the Cutler farm. His intention of marriage with Rebecca, daughter of John and Esther (Prince) Hoar of Lincoln, Mass., was entered by Ebenezer Cutler, Town Clerk of L., and their marriage was solemnized by Rev. Wm. Lawrence, May 6, 1755. She was born in July, 1735, and died Sept. 16, 1758. He married for his second wife, Mary, daughter of Major Reuben Reed of Warren, Mass., (who was born Jan. 30, 1740), Sept. 20, 1759, and who died March 28, 1792, aged 52. G. S. For his third wife he married Thankful ———. His residence in Warren was on the west side of the river, where he died Feb. 7, 1816, at the age of 83. G. S. Children born in Warren, Mass.:

122. i. CONVERSE⁶, b. March 3, 1756; d. in Hardwick, Mass., previous to 1815.

123. ii. JOSEPH, b. March 9, 1757; d. Feb. 23, 1837.

iii. REBECCA, b. Aug. 23, 1760; m. Dr. Wm. Cutler (No. 76), Nov. 2, 1780. She d. Nov. 20, 1820.

iv. MARY, b. March 23, 1762; m. Joseph Batchelder about 1783; d. in 1784. *Nov 30* *Simon* *See 117*

v. ANNA, b. Jan. 3, 1764; d. Oct. 14, 1833; m. Joseph Dwight in 1786, a son of Col. Simon D. He d. Feb. 1, 1815, a. 59. *see*

vi. SALLY, b. Jan. 30, 1767; m., Jan. 1, 1793, Geo. Burbank of W.; d. Oct. 14, 1833.

vii. LYDIA, b. Dec. 2, 1769; m. Antipas (or Artemas) Brigham, abt. 1790; d. Jan. 16, 1798.

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was interred in the Theresa cemetery, his burial-services being conducted by Rev. Theodore Babcock, D.D. Rev. John B. Linn took charge Sept. 17, 1865, and resigned in August, 1869. Rev. Francis W. Hilliard took charge May 20, 1870. In July, 1873, he was placed in charge of an associate mission, including Theresa, Redwood, Antwerp, and Evans' Mills, and in September of the same year Rev. Hugh Bailey, deacon, became the rector's assistant. Mr. Hilliard resigned the rectorship in February, 1874, and Rev. John J. Andrews was placed in charge in the following May. He resigned May 2, 1875, and was succeeded by Rev. Charles A. Wenman, who served the parish for two years and five months, resigning May 1, 1877, but continuing to hold services until Oct. 1, when he was succeeded by Rev. J. Barton Finn, deacon.

TERESA CEMETERY.

At the laying out of the village, Mr. Le Ray reserved a spot, supposed to be about one acre, as a gift to the public for cemetery purposes. It was not until Feb. 7, 1833, however, that a deed of the plat was executed to John D. Davison, supervisor, by Francis Depau, attorney of Le Ray, and S. C. Kanady, general land-agent. It was surveyed by Jason Clark and found to contain $1\frac{4}{10}$ acres. The first interment in it was that of Mr. Castleman, drowned in 1821, while attempting to secure a log in the river above the falls. Soon after, in the same year, the second burial was made; that of the colored girl who perished in the fire of Stephenson's tavern.

At the first town-meeting in Theresa, May 11, 1841, it was voted "that the sum of \$30 be raised for the purpose of improving the public burial-ground in the village of Theresa, and that three trustees be appointed to take charge of said burial-ground, to expend the sum raised in the improvement and laying out in lots* the said ground, and that Jesse S. Doolittle, Nathan M. Flower, and Alexander Salisbury be said trustees." In 1850, \$25 was voted to fence and repair the ground. In 1860, \$10 was voted to improve it, and at the annual meeting in 1863, \$250 was raised "to enlarge the burying-ground," and it was accordingly enlarged by the purchase of about two acres, adjoining its westerly side, from George P. Fox. The ground is eligibly located upon a high, dry spot, commanding a fine view of the valley of the Indian river.

The other burial-grounds are comparatively little used; the greater part of those dying in the town being interred in the cemetery at the village. The grave-yard on the river-road, near Kelsey's bridge, was taken from the Kelsey farm many years ago. Members of that family, however, and others who were residents of that vicinity, have been brought to the Theresa cemetery. The Chase burial-ground, located near the Philadelphia road, on the town-line, was taken from the original farm of Otis Alden, one of the early settlers, and one who is buried there. This is an old place of burial of the Chase family and of the neighborhood, both in Theresa and Philadelphia. There is an interment-ground, taken from the farm of Osmyn Caswell, lying on the west side of the Evans' Mills road,

near the residence of Amos Hoover. The first burial there was in 1835,—a child of Benjamin Pease.

On the west side of the Military road, near the east shore of Mud lake, and within three-fourths of a mile of Redwood, lies the village cemetery belonging to that place; also the cemetery of the Catholic church in Redwood; but these, although lying just within the domain of Theresa, do not belong to her, but to the town of Alexandria. They were taken from the farm of Robert Adams.

PHYSICIANS.

The principal doctor to practice the healing art in Theresa, as a resident physician, was Dr. John D. Davison, who came from Pamela in 1824. He died Sept. 22, 1865, aged 72 years. His two sons, James and Nathan, adopted their father's profession, and were both promising young physicians, but died early in life. Nathan survived his father, and died in 1874. Dr. James B. Carpenter located in the town in 1812, or thereabouts, and removed later to Philadelphia, being in the latter place as late as 1853. Dr. Samuel J. Gaines was a resident physician of this town in 1820, or thereabouts. Dr. Catlin was a student of Dr. John D. Davison. Dr. Oliver Brewster, from Lyme to Theresa, was in company with Dr. Davison, and died in the town. Dr. Rexford Davison was a nephew and student of Dr. J. D. Davison. Dr. Lucius Hannahs came to Theresa also from Lyme, and was in practice for many years in this town, dying here in 1876. His brother, Dr. Kilbourn Hannahs, is a physician of Watertown. Dr. J. R. Startevant and Dr. James E. Kelsey, students of old Dr. Davison, are at present resident physicians of Theresa. Dr. Marvin J. Hutchins, of Redwood, is also a student of the old veteran. The above, except Drs. Carpenter, James and Rexford Davison, and Hannahs, were or are members of the Jefferson County Medical Society.

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH.

JONATHAN STRATTON.

The grandfather of the subject of this sketch was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, and was engaged in the battle of Bennington. Jefferson S. Stratton, the father of Jonathan, was born in Bennington in 1801, and moved to Jefferson County in 1832, traveling the whole distance with his horses and wagon, with his wife and six children, and settled in the town of Pamela. In 1839 he settled in the town of Theresa, and in May, 1853, removed to Michigan, where he now resides.

Jonathan was born in 1829, and moved with his parents

* This was evidently the first laying out of the ground in lots.

to this county, where he now resides, in the town of Theresa, on the old homestead which he and his father cleared and built up, a view of which, together with the portraits of himself and wife, are found elsewhere in this work. In 1852 he married Chloe A. Wilson, of Philadelphia, Jefferson Co. The result of this union was six children, namely, Lewis W., born April 9, 1854; Mary J., born August 29, 1855; Ruth Emma, born January 21, 1857, and died August 10, 1874; Elbie J., born April 29, 1859; Cora E., born April 14, 1867; and Belle C., born February 13, 1869. Mary

J. married John Timmerman December 29, 1875. Jonathan received a common-school education, and then learned the carpenter's and joiner's trade, which he followed for ten years; since which time he has been engaged in farming and dairying. Mr. Stratton has always affiliated with the Democratic party. Both he and his estimable wife are consistent members of the Methodist church, of which Mr. Stratton has been for several years a class-leader. He has always been a strictly temperate man, and one of Theresa's most respected citizens.

WILNA.

THE town of Wilna was formed from Le Ray and Leyden (Lewis county), April 2, 1813, by an act which altered the line of the two counties, and annexed a part of Lewis to Jefferson. It is situated upon Black river, in the extreme eastern part of the county. Its surface is broken, and is chiefly underlain by the primary rock, which rises into low, naked ridges, and by calcareous sandstone. Upon Black river, which forms the western boundary of the town, are a series of rapids, forming an abundance of water-power at several places. The form of the town is very irregular, and its area is about equal to nine miles square. A large portion of the town is still uncultivated, and is covered with a dense growth of maple, beech, basswood, oak, hemlock, etc. The soil is a light loam, producing the various crops of the country. The first town-meeting was held at the house of Thomas Brayton, Jr., and the poor-moneys of the three towns* were to be equally divided by the last tax list. For many years the town-meetings have been held at the "Checkered House," four miles from Carthage village. The first town officers elected were Thomas Brayton, supervisor; Elihu Stewart, clerk; John B. Bossout, Caleb Fulton, and Enoch Griffin, assessors; Robert C. Hastings, collector; Henry Lewis and Alfred Freeman, overseers of the poor; Henry Lewis, Freedom Gates, and Thomas Brayton, commissioners of highways. The succession of

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has been as follows: 1814-15, Thomas Brayton; 1816, Alfred Freeman; 1817, Francis Lloyd, T. Brayton to fill vacancy; 1818-19, Nathan Brown; 1820-2, Thomas Brayton; 1823-7, Eli West; 1828-9, Thomas Baker; 1830-2, Eli West; 1833, Walter Nimocks; 1834, William Bones; 1835-6, Walter Nimocks; 1837, William Bones; 1838, Oliver Child; 1839, Walter Nimocks; 1840-1, Eli West; 1842, Jonathan Wood; 1843, Walter Nimocks; 1844,

Milton H. Carter; 1845, Charles Strong; 1846, Hiram McCollom; 1847-9, Simeon Fulton; 1850-1, William Christian; 1852-3, Horace Hooker; 1854, Samuel Keys; 1855-56, Nelson D. Ferguson; 1857, William Christian; 1858, Patrick S. Stuart; 1859, Samuel Keys; 1860-1-2-3, Charles W. Smith; 1864-5-6, William Christian; 1867, James H. Morrow; 1868, Lawrence J. Goodale; 1869, James H. Morrow; 1870, William Christian; 1871-2, Henry W. Hammond; 1873-4, Foster Penniman; 1875-6-7, James Galvin.

In 1815-16-17-19-20-23, was voted a wolf bounty of \$5; in 1827-8, of \$10, with \$5 for wolf whelps. In 1831, the path-masters were allowed to lay out three days' labor in destroying noxious weeds. In 1846, strong resolutions were passed in favor of the Black River Canal.

SETTLEMENTS.

Settlement was commenced in the fall of 1794 by agents of the Castorland Company.† In 1798, Henry Boutin, who had purchased one thousand acres of land of Rodolph Tillier, agent of the French Company, on the east side of the river, at the village of Carthage, made a considerable clearing. Jean Baptiste Bossout, a native of France, came from the High Falls during the same year, and after the abandonment of the clearing he remained the sole inhabitant for several years, keeping a ferry and inn for travelers. Washington Irving made a tour to Ogdensburgh by way of the Black river in the year 1803. In volume four of his *Life and Letters*, written by himself, he gives a full account of this journey. After describing his route down the river from the High Falls, during which his party killed a deer in the river, he says:

"In the evening we arrived at B's, at the head of the Long Falls. A dirtier house was never seen. We dubbed it the 'Temple of Dirt,' but we contrived to have our venison cooked in a cleanly manner by Mr. Ogden's servant, and it made very fine steaks, which, after living for two days on crackers and ginger-bread, were highly acceptable.

* Wilna, Le Ray, and Leyden.

† For full account of this settlement, see general history.