

## **Lineage from Samuel Stratton to Philinda Stratton Gunn**

The attached pages come from two sources, and they are used to determine the lineage from the immigrant Samuel Stratton who came to America from England, through six generations of his descendants to Philinda Stratton, who married Aaron D. Gunn in Shaftsbury, VT. The first source covers the first four generations of this lineage: *A Book of Strattons (Volume I)*, Harriet Russell Stratton, 1908, The Grafton Press Genealogical Publishers, New York, NY.

Pages 153-161 give an extensive general background of some of the early Stratton Family immigrants who settled in Watertown, MA, and they particularly focus on the life of Samuel Stratton in Watertown after he settled there in 1647, and possibly earlier. He was born in England about 1592 and was a Puritan who came to America with his wife Alice (family name unknown). Two of their sons, Samuel, Jr. and John Stratton probably came to America with them. A third son named Richard Stratton soon followed them to America and there were quite possibly other children that remained in England.

Samuel and Alice Stratton were both fined five pounds, which was a significant amount of money at the time, as a result of their publicly speaking out in Watertown about the lack of integrity of the jurors and the injustice of a court that convicted and condemned a woman to death in 1649 based on the accusation that she was a witch. Alice reportedly stated in public that the condemned woman “was no more a witch than she was”. It was also demanded that Samuel and Alice Stratton were required to publicly acknowledge that the court actually did act appropriately in that witch trial, or pay an additional fine of five pounds each. Records show that Samuel Stratton paid the fines, but noted that he “remained of the same mind” regarding his initial comments regarding the jurors and the trial. This was a very bold action to be taken at that time. Samuel Stratton and his sons Samuel, Jr. and John all signed an Oath of Fidelity in 1652 and they were all listed as members of the Watertown Militia. Alice Stratton died in Watertown sometime before 1657, since Samuel Stratton married Margaret Bowlins on June 27, 1657. Samuel died December 25, 1672 in Watertown and Margaret died December 7, 1676.

Pages 161-162 outline the life of Samuel Stratton, Jr. He was born in England and most probably came to America with his father. Samuel Stratton, Jr. married Mary Frye on March 25, 1651, and she died on October 27, 1674. Samuel then married Hannah Wheat, and he died December 5, 1707. Page 162 lists the ten children of Samuel Stratton, Jr. who were all born in Watertown and the first eight were with his first wife Mary Frye Stratton. The fifth of these children was a son named Richard Stratton.

Page 168 provides an overview of the life of Richard Stratton who was born in Concord (Watertown) December 27, 1664. He travelled about in Massachusetts as a young man to Charleston, Boston and Andover before settling in Chelmsford, where he owned and operated a mill. Richard Stratton married Naomi Hoyt on January 6, 1686 and she died less than two years later on December 8, 1687. He then married Margaret Sheaf twelve years later on April 8, 1699

and he died about 1724. Richard Stratton had four children, and the first child was a son named Ichabod Stratton who was born just seven days before his mother Naomi Hoyt Stratton died.

Pages 174-175 outline the life of Ichabod Stratton, Sr. who was born in Chelmsford December 1, 1687 and he learned the trade of being a cooper as a boy. Ichabod Stratton, Sr. married Elizabeth Hildreth in 1709 in Chelmsford, and like his father, he moved to a few locations in Massachusetts during his life. He moved from Chelmsford to Littleton and then to Brookfield before finally settling in Hardwick where he held public office as Constable and Surveyor of Highways. He died in Hardwick in 1762. Page 175 lists the nine children of Ichabod and Elizabeth Hildreth Stratton, and the sixth of their children was a son named Ichabod Stratton, Jr.

The last three generations of this lineage from Samuel Stratton to Philinda Stratton Gunn comes from *A Book of Strattons (Volume II)*, Harriet Russell Stratton, 1918, Frederick H Hitchcock Genealogical Publishing, New York, NY. The final four pages that are appended here are taken from that book.

Page 27 describes the life of Ichabod Stratton, Jr. who was born in Chelmsford on January 11, 1722. He married Abigail Church on October 8, 1743 and she died before 1755, since Ichabod Stratton, Jr. then married Hannah Goodnough (or Goodman) on July 1, 1755. He appeared in records in Bennington, VT in 1754, but then returned to Hardwick, MA until after 1777, when he then settled in Rutland, VT where he was living in 1790. Ichabod Stratton, Jr. had seven children. The first four of these children were with his first wife Abigail Church Stratton. The first of the three children of Ichabod and Hannah Goodnough Stratton was a son named Jonathan Stratton.

Pages 51-52 briefly describe the life of Jonathan Stratton, who was born in Hardwick on April 6, 1756. The two pages contain a list of the names of his eleven children, including a daughter named Philada (Philinda). It states that he was a Soldier of the Revolution in 1779. Records do show that Jonathan Stratton did serve in the Vermont Militia in 1781. It is possible that the 1779 service could have been performed in Massachusetts before he moved to Bennington, VT, since Jonathan Stratton married Eunice Cutler in Greenwich, MA in 1776. A statement is also made about their son Jefferson having a son who settled in Michigan, and that is discussed in the Lineage from James Cutler to Eunice Cutler Stratton. Philinda Stratton married Aaron D Gunn in Shaftsbury, VT on December 13, 1813.

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# A BOOK OF STRATTONS

BEING A COLLECTION OF STRATTON RECORDS FROM  
ENGLAND AND SCOTLAND, AND A GENEALOGICAL  
HISTORY OF THE EARLY COLONIAL STRATTONS  
IN AMERICA, WITH FIVE GENERATIONS  
OF THEIR DESCENDANTS

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## STRATTONS OF WATERTOWN, MASSACHUSETTS

*"Tell ye your children of it, and let them tell their children,  
and their children another generation."*

JOEL i, 3.

WATERTOWN, on the Charles River, was founded by Puritan immigrants who arrived in the "Lady Arbella" from England, July 30, 1630. One of the first acts of this little company was to assemble on the banks of the river for a day of fasting and prayer, when a paper was drawn up and signed "in order to coalescence into a church estate." This is the often quoted "Watertown Covenant,"—a long, quaint, old document. About a month later, the Court of Assistants, sitting at Charlestown, ordered that "Tri-mountain be called Boston; Mattapan, Dorchester; and the town on the Charles river, Watertown."\* The first winter in Watertown was one of much suffering. "Shell-fish, ground-nuts and acorns were the only food many could obtain." "One that came to the Governor's house to complain of his suffering was prevented, being informed that even these the last batch was in the oven." (*Hutchinson's Hist. of Massachusetts.*) But these were a people not easily daunted. Many had come into the wilderness from comfortable, prosperous homes in England. They accepted the suffering and privations as a part of the price they were willing to pay for freedom of thought and action. Among these people was formed the first Congregational church in the Massachusetts Bay Colony—"the first church to openly declare the right of the congregation to absolute control over its own affairs." "From Watertown, in 1632, came the first protest heard in America

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\* The territory then called Watertown embraced what is now Waltham, Weston and a part of Lincoln. The boundaries between Watertown and Newtown, Cambridge, Dedham, Concord and Sudbury were established at different periods between 1634 and 1754.

against taxation without representation." (*Fiske's Beginnings in New England.*)

While Savage, in writing of Watertown, says: "With the spirit of devout piety and trusting faith which marked the Puritan character in general, there were men of strong convictions with a sturdy courage to assist them." And this same independence of thought characterizes many of their descendants, scattered throughout our country to-day.

Just when the Strattons came to Watertown is not known, but they were there in 1647 and may have come several years earlier.\* At a town meeting "9th 10 mo: 1647 Samuel Stratton was chosen surveyor for this yeare cominge." His sons, Samuel, Jr., and John, in all probability came with him. The third son, Richard, remained for a while in England, and is probably the Richard Stratton who came over in the "Speedwell" in April, 1656, when he is said to be from Gravesend, County Kent. If there were other children they must have remained in England, for no mention of them is found here, and none others are mentioned in Samuel's will.

December 6, 1652, Samuel Stratton, Sr., Samuel Stratton, Jr., and John Stratton took the "oath of Fidelity," and their names appear on the muster roll of a company of Watertown Militia. The men of this muster roll maintained the company and held themselves ready to be called out at any time. (*See Chart G.*)

Samuel, Sr., was at this time sixty years old. The following year he was made a "freeman." † In 1656 he was chosen with the deacons "to have the ordering of the sitting of persons in the meeting-house." His home was on the northerly side of Mount Auburn Street—near where later stood James R. Lowell's home—then a part of Watertown, now a part of Cambridge.

As early, at least, as 1667 another John Stratton appeared at Watertown. (*See Chart H.*)

\* Watertown was the fourth town constituted in Massachusetts Bay Colony. Only one town in the state has older original records. These records—town and church—are kept with the greatest care and minuteness, so that from them we get many delightful glimpses into the home and business life of those early days.

† To be made a freeman before 1662 a man must be a member of the church—"must own ye covenant." Under the new charter in 1662, property right, or estate was considered.

The relationship, if any existed, between him and Samuel Stratton has not been found. He married a daughter of *Thomas and Mary (Knapp) Smith*. Thomas Smith was one of the proprietors of Watertown, having been granted land there July 25, 1636, at which date he was one of the 120 freemen of the town. In 1639 he owned eight lots of land. He died March 10, 1692, aged 92 years. His will mentions his "loving daughter Mary." \* The Knapps were in Watertown in 1632.

This John Stratton was 25 years old when his name first appears on Watertown records.

His home was in the west precinct, in that part of Watertown which later became Waltham. He died there in 1691, aged 49 years, leaving five sons. The inventory of his estate, at the date of his death, shows that besides the homestead of ten acres,—with house, barn, stock, household stuffs, a chest, books, arms, etc.,—he owned another piece of land,—fifteen acres,—in Cambridge bounds.†

The name John Stratton appears constantly on the town records, but as there were two of the same name—men of about the same age—living there at the same time, and each having a son John (with but six years difference in age), it is often impossible to tell to which John the records refer. The records of the "town proceedings" are often quaint and puzzling; as are also the church records. The references of town clerks and pastors to "John Stratton in ye woods," "John Stratton up in ye town," "My neighbor young John Stratton," "John Stratton who owned ye covenant,"—are not always clear.

At various times from 1663 to 1690 a John Stratton was chosen Surveyor of Highways, constable and tithing-man. May 27, 1663, John Stratton of Watertown was made a "free man." In 1682 John Stratton was selectman. November 3, 1683, and March 28, 1684, the selectmen's meetings were held at John Stratton's house.‡

\* This will was made 1688, and was witnessed by George Lawrence, Joseph Wellington and John Robinson.

† As all research has thus far failed to find any *proof* of this John Stratton in New England earlier than 1667—the date of his marriage in Watertown—he is treated in this Volume as the emigrant of his line in America, and called "John Stratton<sup>1</sup> of Watertown."

‡ 1693, John Stratton, tything man, was appointed "to se that the said

That the early Strattons of Watertown possessed the same independence of thought which characterized other Watertown people, there is plenty of proof among the very early original papers in Cambridge and Boston.

On the records of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, under date of May 13, 1648, is this enactment: "The corte beinge desirous that the same cource which has been taken in England for the discovering of witches, by watching, may be also taken here with the witch now in question & therefore doe order that a strict watch shall be set about her every night, & that her husband be confined to a private roome & watched also."

Felt, in his *Ecclesiastical History of New England*, says that this passage refers to Margaret Jones, wife of William Jones. She was executed as a witch June 15, 1648.\*

Now, it seems that Samuel and Alice Stratton were not of the strictest Puritanic stripe, but were generous and liberal in their thinking, and their treatment of those who differed from them, and were among the few who cherished a leniency toward the so-called "witches." From the old, half-effaced court papers of that period we find that "Samuel Stratton said that Jones's wife Died wrongfully, and was no witch and that the majistrates would doe anything for bribes, and the members also." And that "Ales Stratton said that Goodwife Jones dyed wrongfully and was no more a witch than she was." Hugh Clarke of Watertown and Roxbury, Mr. Pemberton and wife Eleanor, and Samuel Durkin were of the same opinion. But these people had to pay for this "independence of thought."

warehouse be not plased so as to damnify the towne for their cattels coming to soft water."

1694 John Stratton contributed 10 shillings toward mending the meeting-house.

1696 John Stratton was one of a committee concerning locating the new meeting-house.

1696 John Stratton, Sr., and John Stratton, Jr., "descentted" to call Rev. Mr. Angier to be minister for the whole town.

1706 John Stratton paid £6. 13. 1 toward building "a house to entertaine the minister in neer the meeting-house."

\* This was probably the earliest execution in the region of Boston. William Jones was arraigned for the same crime, but escaped execution and "petitioned to go to the Barbadoes." He came to Cambridge from England in the "Hercules" in 1634.

At the county court held at Cambridge October 30, 1649, it was ordered that "Samuel Stratton, senior, and his wife should appear before the publique assembly at Watertown the next lecture Day to pay a fine of £5 and acknowledge their offense committed against ye commonwealth & court, and acknowledge ye justice & leniency of the court in dealing so mercifully with them." And in case they refused to make full acknowledgment they were to pay another fine of £5 more. The original paper containing this order is thus inscribed: "The partyes did acknowledge ye mercy of the magistrates sentence herein incerted [———?] dealt with them but of the charges laid upon them they are of the same mind." \*

At the court at Cambridge April 2, 1650: "Goodman Stratton refusing to make full acknowledgement enjoyned by the court, is enjoyned to pay five pounds he is granted liberty for payment of ye same until the next 8<sup>th</sup> mo." No mention is made of Alice.†

And so it seems that Samuel Stratton incurred the displeasure of the court and magistrates, and paid the fine for the privilege of remaining "of the same mind." Like other Watertown men he had "strong convictions and the courage to maintain them." ‡

### SAMUEL STRATTON<sup>1</sup> OF WATERTOWN

(See Chart G)

1. SAMUEL STRATTON was born in England about 1592, and settled in Watertown, Mass., with wife **Alice**, as early, at least, as 1647. Before 1657 Alice died. The date of her death has not been learned. The last mention that has been found of her is November 9, 1649).

June 27, 1657, Samuel married **Margaret**, daughter of *Thomas*

\* The words in brackets cannot be deciphered, the original paper is so effaced and torn.

† The author has received valuable aid on the Watertown Strattons—as well as on other lines of New England Strattons—from Rev. Anson Titus of Tufts College, Massachusetts.

‡ Should any descendant of Samuel and Alice Stratton wish a further investigation of this matter, much yet unpublished material may be found among the earlier court files at Cambridge and Boston. The old broken, half-effaced pages of these original papers—some of them in fragments, with parts illegible—are difficult to decipher, but will well repay careful study, and might bring to light matter of much interest not only to Strattons, but to every student of the history of those early Colonial days.



*Bowlins*, and widow of William Parker of Scituate and Boston. They were married in Boston by Governor John Endicott. Margaret died, a widow, in Watertown, December 7, 1676, aged 81 years. Samuel Stratton owned real estate in Watertown and Concord,—several lots, with mansion, barn, orchard, etc. His descendants are found to-day in almost every State in the Union. More than two thousand of them have been traced. In almost every case they are among the substantial citizens of the towns in which they dwell,—many occupy positions of trust and honor.

WILL OF SAMUEL STRATTON<sup>1</sup>

1672

In the name and by the help of ye Lord Jesus Christ I Samuel Stratton Senior, being in Sound memory and understanding, But near my Death I make my last will and testament I give my Body to ye Earth from whence I had it to be decently buried, and my soule I give to God y<sup>t</sup> gave it me in shure and certaine hope of ressurection to life through ye merritts of Christ Jesus, and concerning my good y<sup>t</sup> God hath left me to wit—my house and land at home and abroad my cattell chattles what ever belongs to mee in New England I will y<sup>t</sup> after my decease they be appraised, and my Debts being paid I will y<sup>t</sup> it be delivered into the hand of my sonn John after my Decease to be disposed of as followeth. I Will y<sup>t</sup> my loving wife have out of my state a comfortable maintenance, and after her death I will y<sup>t</sup> all ye movables in my house be equally divided between Samuell my sonn and my sonn John, the land and house and barnes and meddowes nearer my house or more remote I will y<sup>t</sup> sonn John shall fully and peacably injoy without any molestation or disturbance, onely I will y<sup>t</sup> my grand son Samuell ye sonn of my deceased son Richard when he is of age shall have ye house and land adjoining to it y<sup>t</sup> my sonn John dwelt in to ye time y<sup>t</sup> he entered into ye farme he now is in being formerly ye land of old Felch, Mis. Allen and old Folger, willing y<sup>t</sup> ye land In Concord formerly being mine but now in my sonn Samuells hand y<sup>t</sup> it be his forever as his full due and portion.

And I appoint my sonn John my sole executour of this my last will & testament revoking all other wills heretofore made, wittness my hand this p<sup>r</sup>sent 19 of December 1672.

In the name and by the holy of the Holy Spirit  
 I Samuel Stratton Sonior, being in Sound  
 memory and understanding, do hereby make my last will and testament I give my  
 body to be buried from without of God to be buried  
 there, and my said body to be given to God it mo  
 in said and certain head of foundation to be given  
 to the church of Christ, and concerning my goods  
 I do hereby bequeath to my wife Sarah all my goods  
 and my estate, except what I have already given  
 to my children and I will that after my death they be  
 divided, and my estate to be divided. I will that it be  
 divided into the share of my Son John as a my  
 share to be given to be as follows, I will that my  
 loving wife have out of my said estate a comfortable main-  
 tenance, and after her death I will that all my estate  
 in my house be equally divided between Samuel my son  
 and my Son John, the land and house and goods  
 and any other estate my wife or more to me and  
 my Son John shall fully and lawfully enjoy  
 without any molestation or disturbance. And I will  
 that my Son Samuel, Son of my daughter  
 Sarah, shall have and enjoy of and shall have  
 the house and land adjoining to it of my Son John  
 and in his time he shall divide into three parts in  
 long form of land of old field, one: John  
 and his heirs, the land of old field of John  
 and his heirs, being now but now in my Son Samuel's name  
 shall be no more as the full due and portion  
 And I appoint my Son John my sole  
 executor of this my last will and testament  
 redacting all other wills heretofore made, and  
 with my hand this 19 of December  
 1642. Samuel Stratton his mark:

ORIGINAL WILL OF SAMUEL STRATTON, PRESERVED AT THE COURTHOUSE  
 IN CAMBRIDGE. From a photograph  
 (Pages 153-161)

My will is yt servant Thomas Cooper have a cow after my decease.

his  
SAMUEL X STRATTON, [SEAL]  
mark

Sealed & delivered in prence of  
Richard Norcross.

Cambr. 31, 1<sup>mo</sup> 1673

Mr. Richard Norcross being sworne do say that he was present when Samuel Stratton above named deces'd, Signed, Sealed & Published this instrument as his last will & testament, and that according to his best understanding he was of sound judgement & memory when he so did.

Justinian Holden aged abt 60 years being sworne do say that he was present with the above named Samuel Stratton deces'd abt ye time he made this his last will as he apprehends it was ye same day and he ye sd Samuel declared to him that he had an intent to alter one yt he had formerly made and that he would make his last will to be accord to the contents of this above written instrument, for the substance thereof, and according to his best understanding he did judge him at yt time to be of sound Judgment & memory.

Before Capt. Daniel Gookin  
& Thomas Danforth, Recorder

This will was made when he was "near his death,"—which probably accounts for its not bearing his autograph. He died December 25, 1672, aged 80 years.

#### INVENTORY OF ESTATE OF SAMUEL STRATTON <sup>1</sup>

1672

This is An Inventory of the houses and Lands and moveables of Samuel Stratton senior deceast apprised by us who have here subscribed this 3d of Janu. 1672.

	£—s—d
Impr: Wearing cloaths both linnen and woollen.....	001.15.00
In ye Roome called ye parler: One fether bed and fether bolster three fether pillowes 2 pillow beers and a straw bed, one paire of sheets, one blanket one rugg with ye bedstead and curtains and valants.....	
	008.00.00

A cubbard and cubbard cloath and a deske.....	001.00.00
A table 2 forms six qushons 3 Chairs one stoole.....	001.10.00
A warming pan: a paire of tongs and a paire of small cob- irons .....	000.10.00
In ye roome called ye kitchen: three kites 2 skillets of brass and a brass ladle.....	001.10.00
seven pewter platters 2 little plates of pewter, 2 pewter cups a pint bottle one salt one pewter pott, and a dram cup, six spoones.....	01.04.00
one Iron mortar one friing pan a pair of tongs a tramell a peelee one Iron candle stick: an old gridiron an iron pot with pot hooks a chafindish a little mortar and pestell a fier shovell and a spit 2 smoothing irons and a brand a churne five cheese fatts a sive.....	001.00.00
a kneeding trough 3 pailles a tray 4 wooden dishes 2 earthen pans one earthen pott a paire of small skales and weights 8 trenchers.....	001.00.00
Ammunition; 2 muskits a fowling peece, a rest, a cutlass a paire of bandeleeves, worme and scowrer-bullets....	001.10.00
In ye roome called ye butry: a tabll, a box, a Keeler, a lin- nen wheele 2 woolen wheels a reaell with other lumber	001.00.00
In ye Chamber over ye parler: A small flock bed, one fether pillow, a small boltster 2 sheets.....	001.00.00
and some old lumber in the same chamber.....	00.10.00
In ye Chamber over ye Kitchen: 4 hoops, and 4 boxes for cart wheeles, one oxnaile with other old Iron and 3 plow shars one coulter.....	001.10.00
a cross cut saw, a handsaw, a hamer a perser stock, a wry bit, 3 axes, 2 wedges, a paire of beetle rings one aguer one breaking up how, with old Iron.....	000.16.00
In ye room called ye Ciller: 6 barrells, a small quantity of meet and tallow, 3 old Keelers.....	001.00.00
A parcell of small cheeses.....	000.16.00
A grindstone and iron wrench.....	00.06.00
Utensils for husbandrie: one old cart and wheeles and irons belonging to them, and one tumbrell with wheeles to it, one plow, two yoaks, 2 chains, a cart rope.....	005.10.00

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about 4 bushels of Indian corne in the ears.....	00.10.00
pease and wheate in ye barne and small quantity of hay	02.00.00
seaven hors kind young and old.....	015.00.00
eleven neat cattle young and old.....	22.00.00
2 sheepe and two swine.....	01.10.00
A dwelling house and out houses with ye land about ye od houses ye Land containing about 65 acres with one acre of marsh.....	100.00.00
10 acres of meadow in Cambridge bounds neare Justin- ian Houldings.....	020.00.00
A lott called dividint land of thirty five acres.....	009.00.00
A parcell of land called township land of ten acres.....	007.00.00
A parcell of land called a farme.....	008.00.00
A panall.....	000.04.00
A fowleing peece, a case of pistolles and holsters and a hemp comb an Iron crow and a spade.....	001.13.00
An other dwelling house and barne with nineteene acres of land to it.....	030.00.00
A frow and a paire of hooks for a yoake three roods of upland.....	001.10.00
The estate of Samuel Stratton afors'd was apprised ye day and yeare affor- said by us.	

RICHARD BEERES.  
HENRIE BRIGHT.  
WILLIAM BOND.

Children:—*Born in England.*

- +2 Samuel,<sup>2</sup> d. 1707, in Concord.
- +3 John,<sup>2</sup> d. 1720, in Watertown.
- +4 Richard,<sup>2</sup> b. 1629; d. 1658, in Watertown.

Although there is nothing in Samuel Stratton's will to indicate that he had other children than these three sons, it is not at all improbable that there were others who remained in England. A more thorough study of the Strattons of County Kent, Eng., might discover the baptismal records of his children, and establish his line there,—and might account for other Strattons of New England.

2. SAMUEL STRATTON <sup>2</sup> (*Samuel* <sup>1</sup>) was born in England and probably came to Watertown with his father as early as 1647. March 25, 1651, he married **Mary Frye**.

"1651. Samuell Straton and Mary fry Married the 25:1: m."

She was probably a daughter of *John Frye*, who died in Andover in 1693, but no record of her birth has been found. About four years after their marriage they removed to Concord, where he owned land and where his descendants lived for many generations.\*

Mary died October 27, 1674. The following year Samuel married **Hannah Wheat**, daughter of *Moses Wheat*. The date of her death is not known, but Samuel's death is thus recorded: "Samuel Stratton, sen<sup>r</sup> ye husband of Hanah his late wife dyed December ye 5th day, 1707."

Children:—*Born in Watertown, Mass.*

— 5 Anna,<sup>3</sup> b. Apr. 4, 1652; m. **Wm. Hayward** of Concord, Apr. 14, 1672.

*Born in Concord, Mass.*

— 6 Mary,<sup>3</sup> b. Jan. 19, 1656; m. **Daniel Hoar**, son of *John Hoar*, July 16, 1677. She d. 1716, and Daniel m. Mary Lee.

+ 7 Samuel,<sup>3</sup> b. 1660; d. 1717.

— 8 John,<sup>3</sup> b. Oct. 28, 1662; d. June 9, 1670.

+ 9 Richard,<sup>3</sup> b. 1664; d. 1724.

—10 Judah,<sup>3</sup> b. Nov. 28, 1666; d. Mar. 11, 1667.

—11 Eleazer,<sup>3</sup> b. Feb. 12, 1668; d. in military service at Fort Ann, in 1688–9.

—12 John,<sup>3</sup> b. June 4, 1671; d. Apr. 28, 1672.

—13 Joseph,<sup>3</sup> b. Oct. 2, 1676; d. Dec. 9, 1693.

—14 Rebecca,<sup>3</sup> b. Aug. 26, 1678.

**3. JOHN STRATTON**<sup>2</sup> (*Samuel*<sup>1</sup>) is first mentioned in Watertown in 1652, though he is supposed to have come from England with his father. March 10, 1658, he married **Elizabeth Traine**, daughter of *John* and *Margaret Traine* of Watertown. She was born September 30, 1640, and died May 7, 1708.

\* Concord was founded in the fall of 1635—a plantation on the site of an old Indian village, Musketequid. Many of its early inhabitants were for a while in Watertown. At a town meeting, August 3, 1635, the voters of Watertown agreed that "there be too many inhabitants in the Town, and the town thereby in danger to be ruined." Watertown was then about six miles square, and had, according to Bond, one hundred landowners! Samuel Stratton bought land in Concord of Thomas Adams in 1656—two parcels, with dwelling house, barn and orchards—when he is called "a planter."

Signed sealed & Published in the Presence of us to be the Last will and testament of Samuel Stratton

Mary Davis, Joseph Meriam, John Meriam Junr

**9. RICHARD STRATTON**<sup>3</sup> (*Samuel*,<sup>2</sup> *Samuel*<sup>1</sup>) was born in Concord, Mass., in 1664. "1664. Richard son of Samewell Stratton & mary his wife borne 27. desem<sup>r</sup>." (*C. R.*) He seems to have left his native town while quite a young man. He was at Charlestown for a while, and in Boston and Andover, and then settled at Chelmsford where he owned land and a mill. In the records he is styled "Mr. Richard Stratton, miller." January 6, 1686, he married **Naomi (Hoyt)** Lovejoy, widow of John Lovejoy of Andover. She died December 8, 1687, seven days after the birth of their son Ichabod. Twelve years later, April 8, 1699, Richard married **Margaret Sheaf**, who was born in Charlestown, May 12, 1673. His will is at Cambridge Courthouse. It is dated March 4, 1724, and proved the following year. His widow, Margaret, married a Mr. Parker, and died in 1750.

Children:

- +32 Ichabod,<sup>4</sup> b. 1687; d. 1762.
- 33 Ruth,<sup>4</sup> b. Apr. 11, 1700; m. **Jacob Warren**.
- 34 Mary,<sup>4</sup> bapt. Sept. 7, 1702, by Cotton Mather, in Second Church, Boston; m. **Joseph Adams**.
- 35 Margaret,<sup>4</sup> b. Oct. 1, 1705; m. **Jonas Whitney**.

**16. JOHN STRATTON**<sup>3</sup> (*John*,<sup>2</sup> *Samuel*<sup>1</sup>) was born August 24, 1661. He lived in Watertown, where the births of his five children are recorded. He married **Abigail** (Prentice?) about 1688. She died October 25, 1732, aged 66 years. He died, intestate, February 20, 1718, and his estate was administered the following year. Both are buried in the Old Arlington Cemetery, corner Arlington and Mt. Auburn Streets, Watertown, where stones mark their graves. (Nos. 211 and 212.) In the division of the estate the five children are named. An inventory of the estate includes the manor house, barn and orchard, and 30 acres of land valued at £300, and specifies £7, 6s. 9d. per annum for the maintenance of "Mr. John Stratton, the honored father of the deceased."

Children: *Born in Watertown.*

- +36 John,<sup>4</sup> b. 1689; d. 1735.



**28. JOSEPH STRATTON** <sup>4</sup> (*Samuel*,<sup>3</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>2</sup> *Samuel* <sup>1</sup>) was born January 31, 1695-6. January 30, 1717, he married **Rachel**

*Joseph Stratton*

**Woolley**, daughter of *Joseph* and *Rachel Woolley* of Concord.

She was born June

14, 1698. Their eleven children were born in Concord, 1717-42. In 1752, Joseph Stratton was in New Hampshire. That year a charter was granted the town of Washington, N. H., and among the signers to the petition were Joseph Stratton, gentleman, and his son Nathan. February 12, 1753, Joseph Stratton, Joseph Wheeler, John Mills, Jonathan Fisk and Abel Miles, all of Concord, sold land in Washington, N. H., to Peter Prescott of Concord. Joseph seems, however, to have returned to Concord, and to be living there in 1765, but neither his, nor his wife's death is recorded at Concord. When his daughter Elizabeth died in 1802, the church records refer to her as the daughter of the "Late Ensign Joseph Stratton." His will, made in 1773, names only four children, Elizabeth, Dorothy, Jonas and John.

Children:—*Births recorded in Concord, Mass.*

+81 Joseph,<sup>5</sup> b. 1717; d. 1754. See *Vol. II.*

—82 Rachel,<sup>5</sup> b. Dec. 20, 1719.

+83 Nathan,<sup>5</sup> (or Nathaniel?) b. 1723; d. 1760. See *Vol. II.*

—84 Elizabeth,<sup>5</sup> b. July 6, 1725; d. unm. in Concord, Oct. 22, 1802.

—85 Dorothy,<sup>5</sup> b. Aug. 4, 1727; m. **Nathaniel Williams** of Weston, Sept. 20, 1750.

—86 Lydia,<sup>5</sup> b. Dec. 10, 1729.

+87 Jonas,<sup>5</sup> b. 1732. See *Vol. II.*

—88 Lois,<sup>5</sup> b. Mar. 14, 1735.

—89 Abigail,<sup>5</sup> b. Aug. 13, 1737; m. **Solomon Wheeler**, son of Francis and Mary Wheeler of Concord.

+90 John,<sup>5</sup> b. 1740. Revolutionary soldier. See *Vol. II.*

—91 Charles,<sup>5</sup> b. Apr. 8, 1742. At Fort Dummer in 1760. "Reported dead, 18 years of age."

**32. ICHABOD STRATTON** <sup>4</sup> (*Richard*,<sup>3</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>2</sup> *Samuel* <sup>1</sup>) was the only son of "Mr. Richard Stratton" of Chelmsford.

He was born December 1, 1687. His mother died when he was



a week old, which may account for his name, Ichabod, i. e. "child of sorrow." He learned the cooper's trade while a boy. He lived in Chelmsford, Littleton, Brookfield and Hardwich. In 1709 he married **Elizabeth Hildreth** of Charlestown. In 1731 he was chosen constable of Hardwich, and in 1739 Surveyor of Highways. He died in 1762.

*Ichabod Stratton*

Children:—*Births recorded in Chelmsford, Mass.*

- 92 John,<sup>5</sup> b. 1710.
- + 93 Richard,<sup>5</sup> b. 1712; d. 1768. See *Vol. II.*
- 94 Isaac,<sup>5</sup> b. 1715.
- + 95 Francis,<sup>5</sup> b. 1716. See *Vol. II.*
- 96 Naomi,<sup>5</sup> b. Feb. 6, 1718.
- + 97 Ichabod,<sup>5</sup> b. 1722. See *Vol. II.*
- 98 Elizabeth.<sup>5</sup>

*Births recorded in Brookfield, Mass.*

- + 99 David,<sup>5</sup> b. 1728. See *Vol. II.*
- 100 Ruth,<sup>5</sup> b. May 25, 1730.

**36. JOHN STRATTON** <sup>4</sup> (*John*,<sup>3</sup> *John*,<sup>2</sup> *Samuel* <sup>1</sup>) was born May 4, 1689, married **Mercy Holden**, daughter of *William Holden*, and lived in Cambridge. Like his father he was "a weaver." Deeds show that he bought and sold several pieces of land in Cambridge. He lived on Mt. Auburn Street—probably on the old homestead of his great-grandfather, Samuel,<sup>1</sup> which he, as eldest son, must have inherited. He is mentioned in his grandfather's will in 1708. He died March 27, 1735–6, aged 46, and is buried in the old Arlington graveyard (No. 215). In the settlement of his estate the five children below are mentioned. His widow, Mercy, married Christopher Grant, about 1739.

Children:—*Born in Cambridge, Mass.*

- + 101 Joshua,<sup>5</sup> b. 1722; d. 1753. See *Vol. II.*
- 102 Mercy,<sup>5</sup> b. Sept. 22, 1724; d. 1749, unm.?
- 103 Eunice,<sup>5</sup> b. Dec. 22, 1727; m. **Joseph Coolidge**, Dec. 11, 1753.
- 104 Abigail,<sup>5</sup> b. Dec. 7, 1729; m. **Ephraim Seager**, Oct. 28, 1755.

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Children:—*Born in Herdwick, Mass.*

—220 Sarah,<sup>6</sup> b. Feb. 4, 1741.

—221 Martha,<sup>6</sup> b. June 19, 1743.

—222 Eunice,<sup>6</sup> b. Aug. 18, 1746.

*Born in Warren, Mass.*

—223 Thankful,<sup>6</sup> b. Nov. 21, 1748.

+224 John,<sup>6</sup> b. Jan. 4, 1755.

97. ICHABOD STRATTON <sup>5</sup> (*Ichabod*,<sup>4</sup> *Richard*,<sup>3</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>2</sup> *Samuel*<sup>1</sup>) was born, Jan. 11, 1722, in Chelmsford, Mass. He married, first, **Abigail Church** of Hadley, Oct. 8, 1743, second, **Hannah Goodman** (or **Goodnough**), July 1, 1755. His name appears on a folio at Bennington dated 1754, but he returned to Hardwick and probably lived there until after 1777 and then settled in Vermont. He was living at Rutland, Vt., in 1790.

Children:—*Born in Hardwick, Mass.*

By first marriage.

+225 Asa,<sup>6</sup> b. July 15, 1744 (bapt. July 22).

—226 Elihu,<sup>6</sup> b. Feb. 25, 1746.

—227 John,<sup>6</sup> b. Apr. 20, 1748.\*

—228 Mary,<sup>6</sup> b. Feb. 2, 1750.

By second marriage.

+229 Jonathan,<sup>6</sup> b. Apr. 6, 1756.

—230 Abigail,<sup>6</sup> b. Apr. 9, 1757.

+231 Joel,<sup>6</sup> b. Oct. 16, 1758.

99. DAVID STRATTON <sup>5</sup> (*Ichabod*,<sup>4</sup> *Richard*,<sup>3</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>2</sup> *Samuel*<sup>1</sup>) was born Apr. 5, 1728. His birth is recorded at Brookfield, and he is probably the David who was in Brookfield in 1764, with wife **Martha** and children Ann and Martha. He is supposed to have settled in Vermont, but the writer has failed to find any later record of him.

101. JOSHUA STRATTON <sup>5</sup> (*John*,<sup>4</sup> *John*,<sup>3</sup> *John*<sup>2</sup> *Samuel*<sup>1</sup>) was born Nov. 14, 1722, at Cambridge, Mass. Apr. 6, 1749, he married **Mercy Coolidge**, who died within a year. He died three

\*The author found a James Stratton, b. in Ohio (Ashtabula Co.?) abt. 1800; m. **Mary Losie** in 1827 and d. in Minnesota in 1869, who is thought to be a son of John,<sup>6</sup> son of Ichabod. A family record gives his children: Rowena Charity (b. 1829; m. **Richard Shephard**, in 1847), Riley, Hiram, Albert, John, Martin, and Emma. Perhaps some reader may be able to supply more exact data.

- 501 Anna,<sup>7</sup> b. Mar. 1, 1784.
- 502 Moses,<sup>7</sup> b. Oct. 25, 1785.
- 503 Phæbe,<sup>7</sup> b. Mar. 9, 1787.
- 504 Ruth,<sup>7</sup> b. Feb. 9, 1789.
- 505 Mary,<sup>7</sup> b. Nov. 20, 1790.
- 506 David,<sup>7</sup> b. Nov. 24, 1792.
- 507 Lucy,<sup>7</sup> b. Jan. 10, 1795.
- 508 Ervin (Alvin),<sup>7</sup> b. May 10, 1797.

224. JOHN STRATTON <sup>6</sup> (*Francis,<sup>5</sup> Ichabod,<sup>4</sup> Richard,<sup>3</sup> Samuel,<sup>2</sup> Samuel<sup>1</sup>*) married **Anna Carpenter**. Lived in Warren, Mass., until about 1799, then moved to Oneida Co., N. Y., where he soon died. Mrs. Stratton died in 1823 at her daughter's home in Trenton, N. J. She had been blind for many years.

Children:—*Born in Warren, Mass.*

- +509 Francis,<sup>7</sup> b. Feb. 7, 1780.
- 510 John,<sup>7</sup> b. May 5, 1782; d. prob. unm.
- 511 Lydia,<sup>7</sup> b. Mar. 9, 1785; m. **Thomas Converse**, Jefferson Co., N. Y.
- +512 Richard,<sup>7</sup> b. Aug., 1792.

225. ASA STRATTON <sup>6</sup> (*Ichabod,<sup>5</sup> Ichabod,<sup>4</sup> Richard,<sup>3</sup> Samuel,<sup>2</sup> Samuel<sup>1</sup>*) was born in Hardwick, Mass., July 14, 1744. He married **Lydia Johnson** in Worcester Co., Mass., and about 1795 moved to Chester, Vt. In Chester he bought land in 1799, which he sold in 1803. He then went to Cavendish, Vt., and lived here, or in this vicinity, the rest of his life. He died in 1845 at the age of 101 years.

Children:

- 513 Abigail,<sup>7</sup> m. — **Parker**.
- 514 Sarah,<sup>7</sup> m. — **Kenney**, and moved to New York state.
- 515 Lucy,<sup>7</sup> m. — **Everett**.
- +516 Asa,<sup>7</sup> b. Sept. 1, 1787.
- 517 Lucettia,<sup>7</sup> m. — **Webber**, lived and died in Cavendish.

229. JONATHAN STRATTON <sup>6</sup> (*Ichabod,<sup>5</sup> Ichabod,<sup>4</sup> Richard,<sup>3</sup> Samuel,<sup>2</sup> Samuel<sup>1</sup>*) was born in Hardwick, Mass., Apr. 6, 1756. He was a soldier in the Revolution in 1779.

Children:

- 518 Venlory,<sup>7</sup>
- 519 Matilda,<sup>7</sup>
- 520 Tryphena,<sup>7</sup>
- 521 Lucinda,<sup>7</sup>



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| —522 Olive. <sup>7</sup>   | —526 Philada. <sup>7</sup>   |
| —523 Rebecca. <sup>7</sup> | —527 Hannah. <sup>7</sup>    |
| —524 Amanda. <sup>7</sup>  | —528 Jefferson. <sup>7</sup> |
| —525 Eunice. <sup>7</sup>  |                              |

Information concerning this family is desired. Jefferson is said to have had a son who settled in Michigan.

**231.** JOEL STRATTON <sup>6</sup> (*Ichabod*,<sup>5</sup> *Ichabod*,<sup>4</sup> *Richard*,<sup>3</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>2</sup> *Samuel*<sup>1</sup>) was a soldier in the Revolution at the age of 19, in Capt. Tim Page's Co., Col. James Convers's Regt. The company arrived at Bennington, Vt., Aug. 17, 1777, the day after the battle.\* Joel, when the company was discharged, after several months of good service, remained in Vermont. Sept. 25, 1782, he married **Rhoda Beeman**, who was born in Kent, Conn., and was a daughter of *Joseph Beeman*<sup>3</sup> (*Thomas*,<sup>2</sup> *Simon*<sup>1</sup>). He brought his bride on horseback to the log house he had previously built for her. In this log house, more than 130 years ago, they began housekeeping, with "one pewter spoon, and one pewter basin, as the sole contents of their china closet." It was not long before they had a larger house well furnished for that time and place, and here they lived to a good old age. This farm is still in possession of his descendants, and they are among the thrifty, prosperous, well-to-do people of that section. Mrs. Stratton died Oct. 15, 1836, and Mr. Stratton eleven years later, Jan. 7, 1847.

Children—*Born in Bennington, Vt.*

- 529 Daniel,<sup>7</sup> b. July 6, 1783; d. 1802, unm.
- 530 Joel,<sup>7</sup> b. July 9, 1786; d. in Bennington; left several children.<sup>†</sup>
- +531 Sheldon,<sup>7</sup> b. Sept. 3, 1789 (another record says July 8).
- 532 Rhoda,<sup>7</sup> b. Sept. 27, 1791; m. **Newman Harrington**.
- 533 Susan,<sup>7</sup> b. Mar. 3, 1794; m. **Eunice Wellman**; d. in Bennington.

\* His descendants still have a bell which came into his possession that day. It was taken from one of the cows which were being driven over the country by Burgoyne's army to furnish milk for the officers' table. He brought it into the village and it was used to assist in the noise-making in the celebration of the victory.

† The compiler has been unable to find the descendants of Joel Stratton.<sup>7</sup> Although he died in his native town, he is said to have lived most of his married life in the northern part of the state—perhaps at Fairfax, Vt.