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Samuel and Betsey Knight

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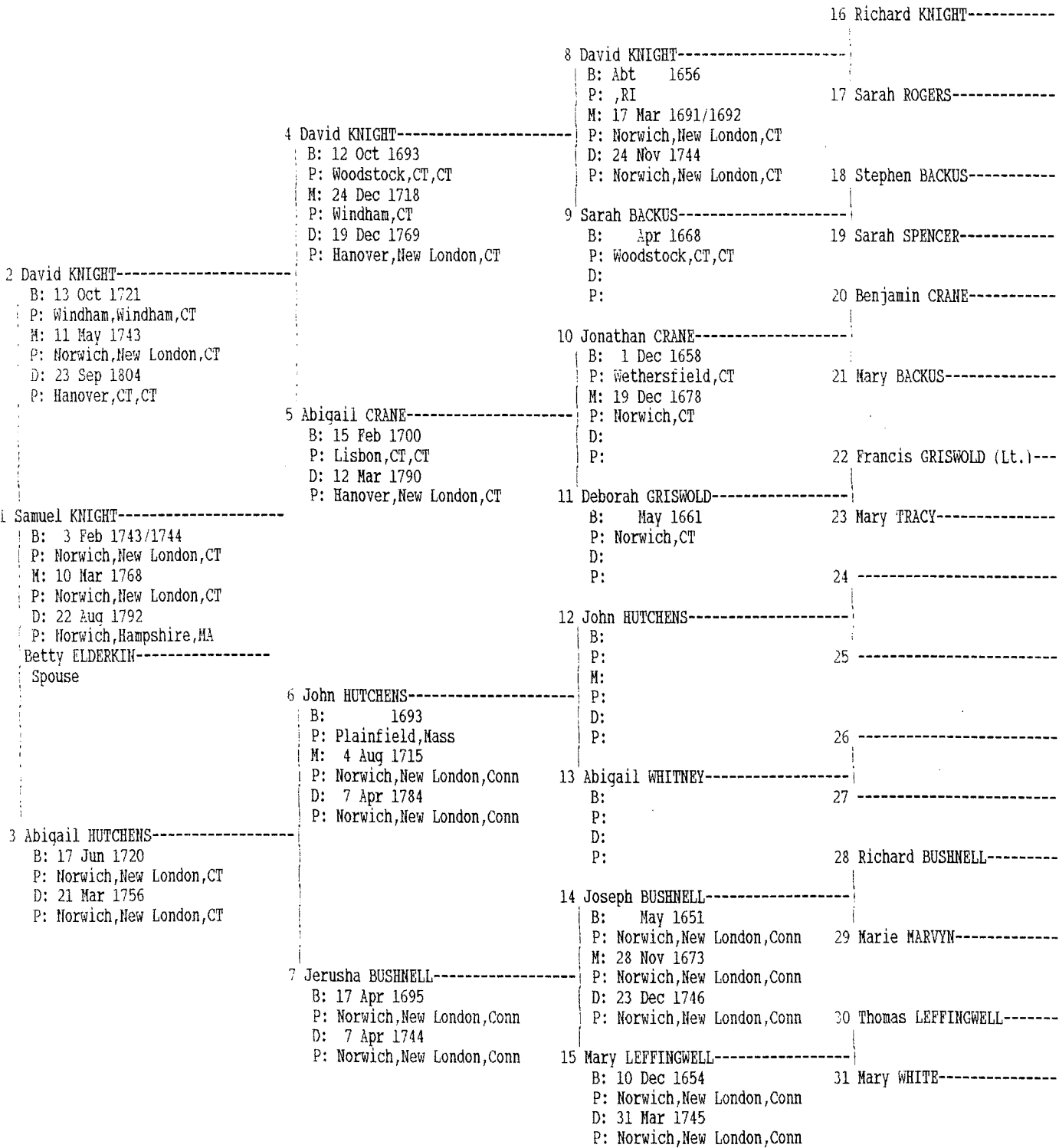
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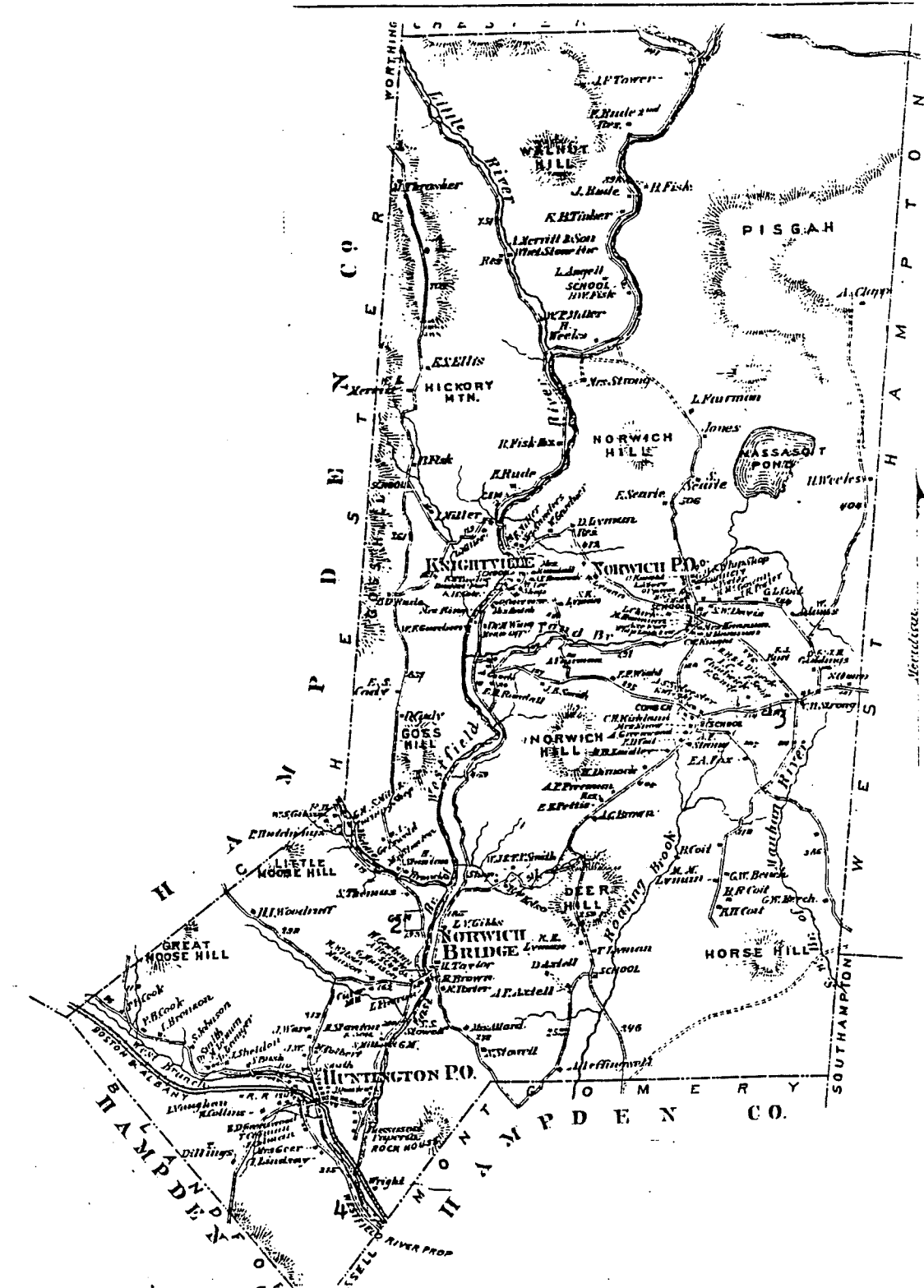
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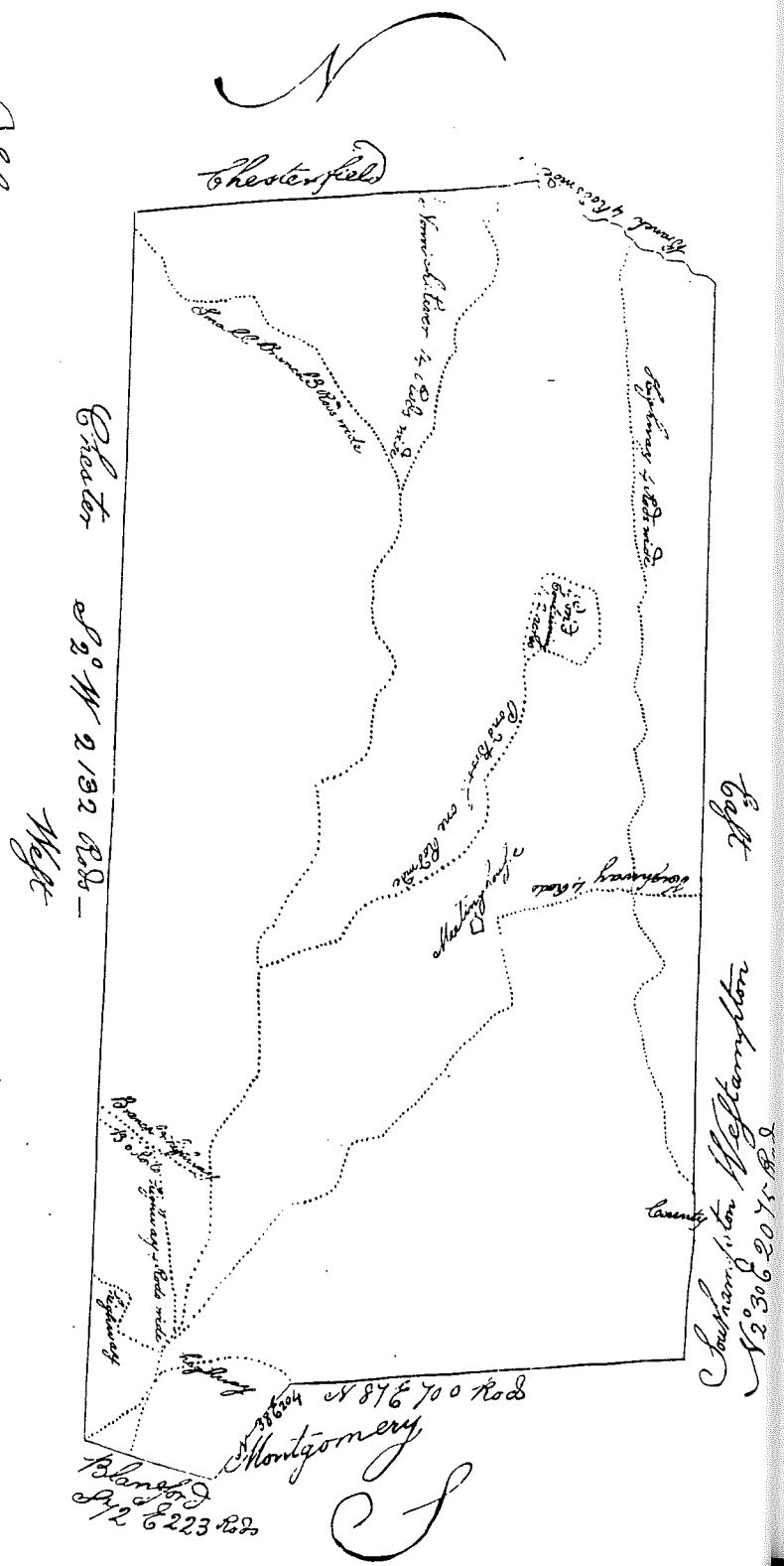
TOWN OF HUNTINGTON



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The Plan of Norwich laid down according to the <sup>act of the</sup> General Court Sept 1794 which contains <sup>also</sup> 73443 and covered with water and highways is 500



Samuel KNIGHT<sup>1</sup>, was the son of David Knight and Abigail Hutchins. He was born, 3 Feb 1743/4, in Norwich, New London Co., Connecticut, and died, 22 Aug 1792, in Norwich, Hampshire Co., Massachusetts.

Samuel Knight was one of the earliest settlers in the Connecticut Valley. Samuel arrived in the Norwich, Massachusetts area in the year 1769, coming about the same time as John Kirkland and Daniel Kirkland. These were just a few of the families coming from the Norwich, New London Co., Connecticut area. Daniel Kirkland, son of the Reverend Daniel Kirkland of Lisbon, Connecticut married Samuel's sister Abigail, who had also traveled from the Norwich area. Abigail died shortly after her arrival in 1772. Among other early settlers to the Norwich area were, William and Walter Fobes, brothers-in-law to Betsey Elderkin Knight, Caleb Fobes, Isaac Mixer and John Rude.

Samuel's first recorded action was that of a land transaction in 1769 in which he purchased about 100 acres from John Kirkland. This land was at the place known as Norwich Hill, and was near the center of the town of Norwich. At the time of Samuel's purchase, this land was in the town of Murrayfield, and in 1773 was separated from Murrayfield to become Norwich.

Shortly after purchasing this land, Samuel built a three bedroom, two story home, which still stands, but had been altered to suit the needs of the present owners. This area was called the "woods". Samuel Knight's name first appears on the valuation list in September 1769, and appears in the first valuation list of Norwich in September 1773.

Samuel Knight married Betsey Elderkin, 10 Mar 1768, in Norwich, New London Co., Connecticut. Betsey was born 28 Feb 1747/8, in Norwich, New London Co., Connecticut, the daughter of James Elderkin and Betsey Waterman.

James Elderkin in the later part of 1700's settled in Eastern New York. By 1790, he along with his wife had moved into Norwich, living in the homes of Samuel Knight and that of Walter Fobes.

Betsey made her new home in the "woods" of Norwich, and unsettled area and still partially untamed. It was in this home that she raised her thirteen children.

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By vocation, Samuel Knight was said to be a school teacher. He would travel to Southampton in the winters and teach to earn a little money to supplement his farming. It required resolution to leave the grandmother with his young children. Samuel also held many positions in the town offices of Norwich, then Murrayfield, Massachusetts.

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During the Revolutionary War, Samuel Knight, was elevated to the position of Moderator for the initial meeting to promote the Revolution. This was on Sep 23, 1774. He was again called to preside over a double meeting in late 1780 and again in 1781, where the town choose a committee to make a return to the Provincial Congress of the district. The meetings directed the selectmen to procure fifty pounds of powder and 100 of lead, 25 dozen flints, for the use of the district. The meetings takes measures to form an Artillery Company and to promote improvement in the military company. Captain Gear was requested to organize the company, and 36 men enlisted. The meeting in 1780 procured men to fill the Continental Army and a meeting the next year voted to raise 100 pounds, new money, towards the raising of their Continental soldiers. Samuel Knight became a volunteer during the war, serving as sergeant in Capt. John Kirtland's Company. The company first marched on Aug. 16,

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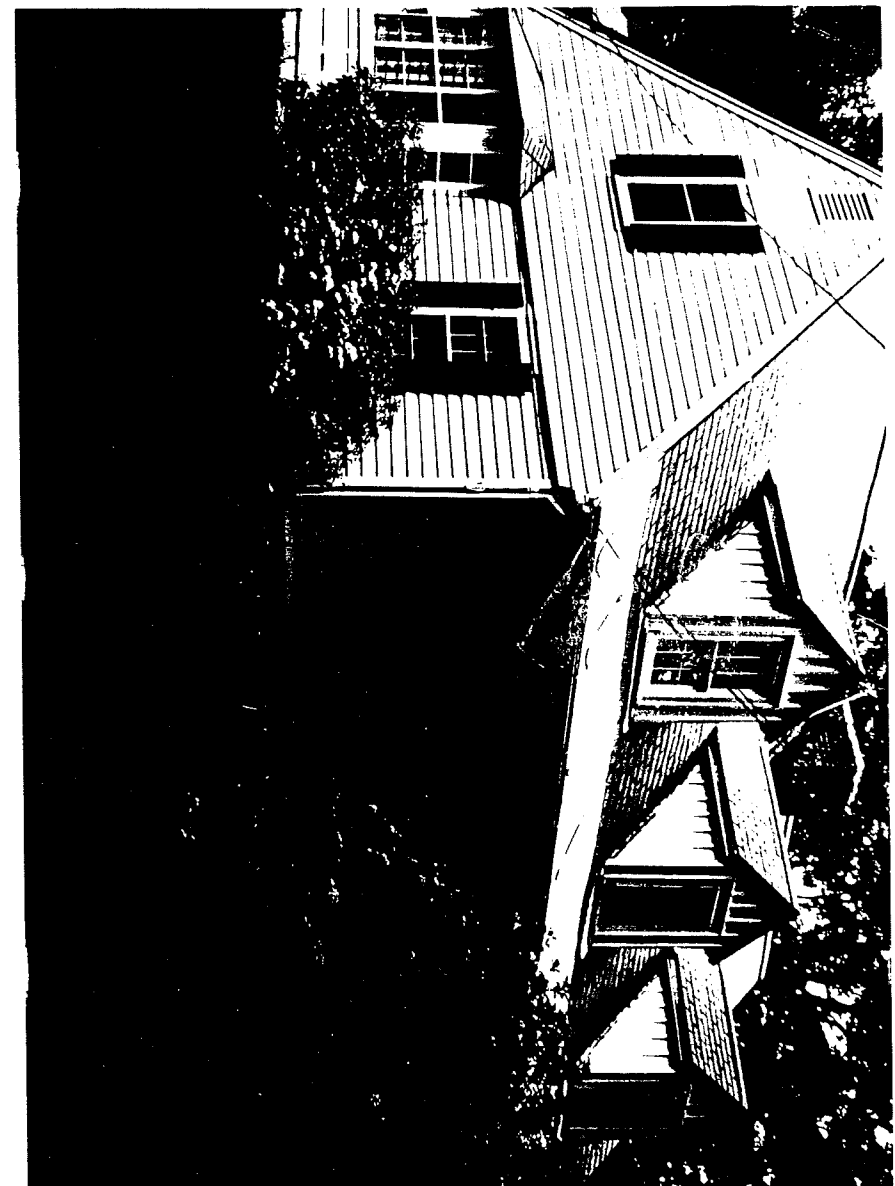
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To all People, to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:

Know Ye, That John Rutland of New Hampshire in the County of Hampshire & Province of the New England Bay his Lieutenant

For and in Consideration of the Sum of Forty pounds and Ten Shillings Current Money of the Province aforesaid, to me in hand paid Before the Enfeoffing hereof by Samuel Knight of New Hampshire in the County of New Hampshire in the County of Hampshire & Province of the New England Bay his Lieutenant the Receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge and am fully satisfied, contented, and paid, HAVE given, granted, bargained, sold, aliened, released, conveyed and confirmed, and by these Presents do freely, clearly, and absolutely give, grant, bargain, sell, alien, release, convey and confirm unto him the said Samuel Knight his

a certain Part of a Parcel of Land lying and being in New Hampshire aforesaid containing one hundred acres being part of the Grant made by the Province aforesaid to the Heirs of the Rev. John Williams of New Hampshire deceased and as follows, beginning at the Northeast corner of said Grant at a black Birch tree marked with a cross of stones, from thence the line runs South west four Degrees North one minute & thirty seconds thence South four Degrees west one minute & thirty seconds thence running East four Degrees South one minute & thirty seconds thence North four Degrees East to the first Station of Boundary and thence North

To have and to hold, the before-granted Premises, with the Appurtenances and Privileges thereto belonging, to him the said Samuel Knight his

Heirs and Assigns forever, and their own proper Use, Benefit and behoof for evermore. And I the said John Rutland do hereby Covenant, Promise and Engage unto and with the said Samuel Knight his

Heirs and Assigns, forever, That before and until the Enfeoffing hereof, I am the true, sole, proper and lawful Owner and Possessor of the before-granted Premises, with the Appurtenances. And have in my own good Right, full Power and lawful Authority to give, grant, bargain, sell, alien, release, convey and confirm, the same as aforesaid; and that free and clear, and freely and clearly, executed, acquitted and discharged of and from all former and other Gifts, Grants, Bargains, Sales, Leases, Mortgages, Wills, Intails, Joynures, Doweries, Thirds, Executions and Incumbrances whatsoever.

And furthermore, I the said John Rutland do hereby Covenant, Promise and Engage the before-granted Premises with the Heirs, Executors and Administrators of the said Samuel Knight his Heirs and Assigns Appurtenances unto him the said Samuel Knight his Heirs and Assigns forever to Warranty, secure and Defend against the lawful Claims or Demands of any Person or Persons whatsoever.

In Witness whereof the said John Rutland has hereunto set my Hand and Seal the twenty third Day of May in the Ninth year of the Reign of our Majesty King George the third in New Hampshire

Signe Seal and Delivered by the said John Rutland his Lieutenant

Attest: Major Bluff Major Bluff

Hamphire: May the 23<sup>rd</sup> 1769 Then John Rutland before named

Subscribed to the foregoing Instrument appeared before me the

Subscribed and freely acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed before Major Bluff Just. of Peace

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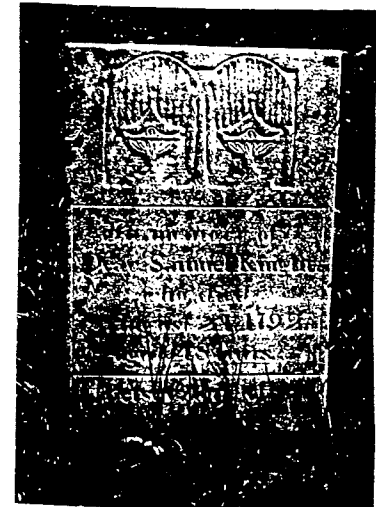
1777, in answer to the Bennington Alarm. The Company marched a total of 60 miles from Norwich. Within eight days Samuel had returned home and was temporarily discharged. In Sep. 1777, on the request of General Gates, Samuel again marched. This time the march was to Stillwater, NY, some 110 miles from Norwich, and lasted 17 days.

In September 1788, the Deacon Samuel Knight was on the committee to select a site for a meeting house. And he and his wife, Betsey were among the founding members to this new church, the Norwich Hill Church, organized July 29, 1778.

Samuel Knight's superior intelligence, judgment and integrity assigned him a position on the Board of Assessors and then to construct a Second Valuation List of Norwich in 1774.

Of his most notable career perhaps was that as Selectman and Assessor. In 1774, just 30 years old, he was elected to that position, and his last election occurred in March 1791, the year before his death. His service spanned ten years and for seven consecutive times held the position of Chairman. During his term as Selectman he also was elected, first in March 1782, as the Town Clerk, a position which he held until his death in 1792.

Most of Samuel's children as well as himself were military men, most holding the title as Captain. Mrs. Allen, a foster niece of Betsey Knight, in an interview states that the Knight family was a smart family and were also good singers.



Gravestone of Samuel and Betty Knight



To all People, to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting;  
 Know Ye, That John Rutland of New Bedford in the County of  
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For and in Consideration of the Sum of Twenty Shillings Current Money of the  
 Province aforesaid, to me in hand paid before the Enrolling hereof by  
 Samuel Knight of New Bedford in the County of New Bedford in the County of  
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 a certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in New Bedford aforesaid  
 containing one hundred acres being part of the Grant made by the Province  
 aforesaid to the Heirs of the Rev. J. Williams of Barnstable Decapled from  
 (as follows) beginning at the North East corner of said Grant at a black  
 Birch tree marked W. Whelan of Boston corner with the line of the  
 west line of the said Grant, thence North one hundred & thirty rods, thence by a line running South  
 four degrees west one hundred rods, thence running East four degrees South  
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Children:

- 1 i. Rodolphus.
- 2 ii. Samuel.
- 3 iii. Sylvester.
- 4 iv. Betsey.
- 5 v. Clarissa.
- 6 vi. Artemas.
- vii. Lucinda. Born, 23 Oct 1780, in  
Norwich, Hampshire Co., MA. Died,  
1 June 1822, Norwich, Hampshire  
Co., MA. She married Erastus  
DIMMOCK, 23 Nov 1808, in Norwich,  
Hampshire Co., MA.
- 7 viii. Erastus.
- 8 ix. Quartus.
- 9 x. Roswell.
- xi. Horatio. Born 21 Jun 1787, in  
Norwich, Hampshire Co., MA. Died,  
8 Jan 1821, in Norwich, Hampshire  
Co., MA.
- xii. Horace. Born, 21 Apr 1789, in  
Norwich, Hampshire Co., MA. Died,  
21 Aug 1814, in Norwich,  
Hampshire Co., MA. Horace was  
a physican at Norwich, MA.
- 10 xiii. Milton.

FIRST GENERATION

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1. Rodolphus KNIGHT<sup>2</sup> (Samuel<sup>1</sup>). Born, 4 Dec 1768, in Norwich, New London. Connecticut. Died, 30 March 1809, in Norwich, Hampshire Co., Massachusetts. Rodolphus was a physician at Norwich, Massachusetts.

As a physician in post-colonial New England, Rodolphus was expected to utilize all his skills and knowledge in solving his patients problems. The concepts and tools used by Rodolphus and his colleagues during that period of time, are no doubt crude to the twentieth century physician, yet these physicians attacked their patients problems with all the tools at their disposal. It was not until the end of the nineteenth century that medicine developed a self-confidence based on known physiological principles. A list of Rodolphus's medicines and instruments are listed in the inventory of his instate included in the following pages.

Rodolphus the married Rizpah LEE, 25 December 1800, in Conway, Massachusetts, as was his intention published on December 6th, 1800. This was the third such intention recorded for their forth coming marriage. The first intention was recorded in Conway, Franklin Co., Massachusetts and states Rodolphus was of Caanan, NY, which was the home of his uncle Rodolphus Elderkin. The second intention appears in the records of Norwich, Hampshire Co., Massachusetts, bearing the date 15 Nov 1797 and states Rodolphus's home as Norwich.

Rizpah was born, 11 Oct 1774, at Conway, Franklin Co., Massachusetts. She was the daughter of Sherebiah Lee and Betsey Miles. She was baptized at the Conway Church on 6 Jul 1776.

After the marriage of Rodolphus and Rizpah they purchased about five acres from Elijah and Lucy Wilson, being the land which Elijah presently resided. Rodolphus, like his father, served many positions in the Norwich town. In 1801 he was first elected to the position as town clerk and was paid \$1.00 per quarter. He held this position until 1806, but was also on the committee to provide seating for the town meetings in 1805. Rodolphus assisted the needy and in 1807 was granted money to

provide sundries for Mrs. Hayward and Daniel Williams. In 1808, Dr. Rodolphus Knight was elected as the moderator for the town meeting. It was the following March that Rodolphus, only 40 years old died, leaving a widow and three small children.

After the death of Rodolphus, Rizpah moved to New York. In 1825 she located to Perrysburgh, Cattaragus Co., NY where she resided with her son Vinson Knight until 1834 or 1835. After Vinson moved away from Perrysburg, Rizpah relocated to Persia township and then to Collins in Erie Co., NY. By 1850 she had moved to Penefield, Calhoun Co., Michigan where her son Rodolphus Elderkin Knight was living. She died in Penefield, Michigan, 4 Nov., 1853.

Grave of Rodolphus  
Knight

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| 11 | i.   | Samuel Lee.   |
| 12 | ii.  | Vinson.   |
|    | iii. | Austin. Born 12 Aug., 1806, Norwich, Hampshire Co., MA. Died 13 Aug., 1806, Norwich, Hampshire Co., MA. |
| 13 | iv.  | Rodolphus Elderkin.   |

2. Samuel KNIGHT<sup>2</sup> (Samuel<sup>1</sup>). Born, 11 Feb 1771, in Murrayfield, Hampshire Co., Massachusetts. Died, 22 Mar 1851, in Norwich, Hampshire Co., Massachusetts. Samuel occupied a farm on Norwich Hill consisting of about 93 acres of land and a sawmill. His land included 20 acres of tilled soil, 50 acres of woodland and 23 acres of pasture, where he raised his small herd of sheep.

He married Mary (Polly) WIGHT, 13 Jan 1796, Norwich, Hampshire Co., Massachusetts. She was born 27 Nov 1773 and baptized on the 28th in Dedham, Massachusetts. She was the daughter of Thomas Wight and Mary Whiting. Polly died 17 Oct 1858, Norwich, Hampshire Co., Massachusetts.

Captain Samuel Knight in 1806 was elected to the position of town clerk., but in previous years held the position as Constable, Collector as well as laborer for the town of Norwich.

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3. Sylvester KNIGHT<sup>2</sup> (Samuel<sup>1</sup>). Born, 27 Feb 1773, in Norwich, Hampshire Co., Massachusetts. Died, 22 Nov 1858, in Easthampton, Hampshire Co., Massachusetts.

He married, first Alice LUCE, 7 Feb 1798, in Norwich, Hampshire Co., Massachusetts. She was born about 1775. Died 27 Sep 1807, in Norwich, Hampshire Co., Massachusetts.

Children:

- 23 i. Betsey.
- ii. Sylvester. Born, 5 May 1801, in Norwich, Hampshire Co., MA. Died 15 Aug 1801, Norwich, Hampshire Co., MA.
- 24 iii. Sylvester.
- iv. Remember. Born, 12 Sep 1807, in Norwich, Hampshire Co., MA. Died 19 Sep 1807, in Norwich, Hampshire Co., MA.

Sylvester married, second, Rachael LYMAN, 13 Jul 1808 Norwich, Hampshire Co., Massachusetts. She was born 11 Jan 1776. She was the daughter of Capt. David Lyman and Sarah Wright. She died 31 Oct 1866, Easthampton, Hampshire Co., Massachusetts.

Children:

- 25 v. Alice Luce.
- 26 vi. Lathrop Elderkin.
- vii. Rachael Mosley. Born, 25 Jul 1814, Easthampton, Hampshire Co., MA. Unmarried.
- 27 viii. Horatio Gates.
- 28 ix. Sarah Wright

4. Betty KNIGHT<sup>2</sup> (Samuel<sup>1</sup>). Born, 11 Apr 1775, in Norwich Hampshire Co., Massachusetts. Died 28 May 1831, in Lee, Massachusetts.

She married Obadiah GRAVES, 14 Dec. 1795, in Norwich, Hampshire Co., Massachusetts. Obadiah was born 30 Apr 1771, in Hatfield, Hampshire Co., Massachusetts. He was the son of Seth Graves and Mary Dickinson. After the death of Betty Obadiah married, Mrs. Lucretia Sterling, by intention 17 Feb 1843. Obadiah died 6 Jun 1859 in Lee, Massachusetts.

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- i. Dickinson. Born 26 Sep 1797, Norwich, Hampshire Co., MA. Died 28 Sep 1797, Norwich, Hampshire Co., MA.
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- 30   iv.   Seth Dickinson.
- 31   v.   Eliza.
- 32   vi.   Clarissa.
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- i.   John. Born 10 Oct 1798, Charleston, NY. Died 16 Oct 1798, Charleston, NY.
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- i.   Patty Kingsley. Born, 5 Aug 1803, in Norwich, Hampshire Co., MA.
- 39   ii.   Amanda Forbes.
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7. Erastus KNIGHT<sup>2</sup>(Samuel<sup>1</sup>). Born, 1 Mar 1783, in Norwich, Hampshire Co., Massachusetts. Died, 7 Apr 1844, Norwich, Hampshire Co., Massachusetts. Erastus was also a farmer, occupying about 90 acres of pasture, woods and tilled land.

He married Patty PORTER, 16 Jan 1806, in Norwich, Hampshire Co., Massachusetts. Born 2 Sep 1789, Hatfield, Hampshire Co., Massachusetts. She was the daughter of Silas Porter and Molly Graves. Died 5 Apr 1866, Norwich, Hampshire Co., Massachusetts.

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- 41 i. Erastus Porter.
- 42 ii. Betsey Waterman.
- iii. Rosamond. Born about 31 Jan 1813, in Norwich, Hampshire Co., MA. Died 6 Sep 1813, Hampshire Co., MA.
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- vi. Lucinda Dimmock. Born 27 Feb 1822, Norwich, Hampshire Co., MA. Died 22 Feb 1869, Norwich, Hampshire Co., MA.
- 45 vii. Quartus Parsons.
- viii. Marilla Graves. Born, 12 Nov 1828, in Norwich, Hampshire Co., MA. Died, 26 Mar 1844, in Norwich, Hampshire Co., MA.

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Quartus arrived in Hatfield, Massachusetts in 1807 and in 1815, along with the family of Dr. Stewart, moved to Waterloo, Seneca County, New York. In 1816 he became a trustee of the first public school district within Waterloo Village. He operated a inn within the village which became the chief meeting place of the local #291 Masonic Lodge. This Inn was called the "Waterloo Coffee House". In 1819 Quartus conceived of the idea of building on the west side of Virginia Street, between Main and Williams. This hotel, known as the Eagle Hotel and Eagle Tavern opened in January 1819 with a public house-warming. In November 1826, Quartus and his wife Nancy, conveyed the hotel to Elisha Williams and Reuben Swift for \$3700, but Quartus had given up the management of the hotel some time before due to his failing health.

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9. Roswell KNIGHT<sup>2</sup>(Samuel<sup>1</sup>). Born 10 May 1785 in Norwich, Hampshire Co., Massachusetts. Died 8 Jun 1821 in Westhampton, Hampshire Co., Massachusetts.

Roswell moved to Easthampton in the early part of the 19th century and conducted clothing business. The business had been started by Jonathan Clapp in 1780, his future father-in-law, a business of fulling cloth. The cloth was recieved from various families in the valley and the process of "fulling" or making the cloth thicker and firmer. From this process the cloth had to be "dressed" before rendering it suitable for making clothes. The works moved from Broad Brook to the Manhan River in 1797, near a grist mill. Soon after this move the factory was taken over by Roswell, who operated it until transferring it to Lowell and Janes.

He married, first, Bethia DWIGHT, 9 Feb 1810 in Hatfield, Hampshire Co., Massachusetts. She was born 29 Mar, 1787, in Dedham, Massachusetts, the daughter of Ebenezer Dwight and Bethiah Truesdell. She died 29 Aug., 1812.

Children:

- i. Ebenezer. Born 1811, Hatfield,

- 51 ii. Hampshire Co., MA. Died young.  
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              1818, Norwich, Hampshire Co., MA.  
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