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"Happy he, who with bright regard looks back upon his father's fathers, who with joy recounts their deeds of grace, and in himself, valued the latest link in the fair chain of noble sequence."—GOETHE.

"Remember the days of old, the years of many generations: ask thy father and he will shew thee: thy elders and they will tell thee."—DEUT., 32:7.

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likely to have been either own sisters or half sisters to Capt. Isaac Addington, who appeared in Boston in New England as a "singleman" before June 6, 1640, and lived here until his death in 1652

Same as summary of Chamberlain Family.

SHATTUCK ANCESTRY



Arms—Gules, an inescutcheon argent charged with a plain cross of the field, within an orle of martlets of the second. Crest—A martlet argent.

Chydoek
(Chattoek)
(Shattuck)

The Ancient surname of Shattuck is spelled in various ways—Shatac, Shattauk, Shathooke, Shadoc, Chaddock, Chadwyke and Chadioc. It is probably a name of Anglo-Saxon origin. As early as 1525, we find the names of Samuel and Alice Shattocke on the Parliament Subsidy Rolls of Assessments in Tolland, Somersetshire, England. As Chaddock and Chadwick, the name appears in Lancashire and Worcestershire. Chadwick is a name of great antiquity in England. The first William de Chadwyke was of the fourteenth century. Among his contemporaries were others of that same name. Uniting with different patrician families, they gave to England, as well as to America, a long line of noble descendants. Going back further in the records, we find Sir John de Chydeoke (Chideoke or Chadeoke) who was one of the Barons of Somersetshire as early as the thirteenth century. When William Shattuck came to America, his name was spelled Shattocke. The names Chaddock and Chadwick and Shaddock were also used interchangeably in New England with Shattuck. The family here in America has produced a people of great value to the communities in which they have lived. Many of them have been graduated from the New England Colleges and have taken their places in important walks of life.

(Shattuck, L.: "Memorials of the Descendants of William Shattuck," pp. 8-15; Bardsley: "Dictionary of English and Welsh

Surnames," p. 167; "Colonial Families," by American Hist. Soc., Inc., pp. 199-200.)

1. WILLIAM SHATTUCK was born about 1621 or 1622, in England. He evidently came from England to America in his minority, but no record of his arrival in America has been found. His father may have died on the voyage over, and his mother may have been the widow, Damaris Shattuck (Shattuck, L.: "Memorials of the Descendants of William Shattuck," p. 361), who was admitted to the church at Salem, in 1641. This, however, is not proven, as there is no full record of her children. Samuel Shattuck, the first son recorded, was born in England, in 1620. William Shattuck may have been his brother or more probably, was a near relative. Damaris Shattuck married (second) Captain Thomas Gardner, of Salem, Mass. As early as 1642, William Shattuck's name is listed in Watertown, Massachusetts, when land was granted to "William Chattuck." By grants and purchases he added to his possessions until by 1664, he was a man of considerable property. William Shattuck was a weaver, but it is evident that he was also a farmer. He died, Aug. 14, 1672, in Watertown, Mass. He married, about 1642, Susanna. She married (second) Nov. 18, 1673, Richard Norcross.

1. WILLIAM SHATTUCK was the remote ancestor with whom we have been enabled to connect ourselves, in our history, upon satisfactory evidence; and we begin with his, in our classification, as the first, or earliest known generation. From him, as their progenitor, have descended nearly all, if not every one, of those who now bear his name in America. He was born in England in 1621 or 2, and died in Watertown, Mass., Aug. 14, 1672, aged 50 years.

Massachusetts was first colonized by the English Puritan emigrants in Boston and its vicinity, in 1630. Watertown was settled in the same year—ten years later than the founding of Plymouth. This town is in Middlesex County, from four to seven miles westerly of Boston, and has Cambridge, easterly, intervening between the two places. It originally included the present town of Waltham, incorporated separately in 1737. It is thus one of the most ancient, and it was early one of the most important towns in the Province. The General Court and the Provincial Congress held several sessions in this town. Mr. Shattuck's name appears in an old list of the proprietors of Watertown, made about 1642, twelve years after its first settlement, although he was then only twenty years of age.

Mr. Shattuck is sometimes denominated a weaver. He resided in Watertown about thirty years; and by his sagacity, industry and economy, though dying in the full vigor of manhood, he acquired for the times in which he lived, a large property. He held a respectable position among his fellow townsmen; and his family and the families to whom they were allied by marriage were highly respected, and among the most wealthy and influential in Watertown.

He was interred in the ancient burying-ground situated on the old road leading from Cambridge to Watertown, a short distance

westerly of Mount Auburn. A simple but substantial marble tablet, resting in a granite base, has recently been erected near the northwesterly corner of this ground, at the turn of the road to Brighton, bearing the following inscription: "To perpetuate the memory of WILLIAM SHATTUCK, who died in Watertown, Aug. 14, 1672, aged 50; The Progenitor of the families that have borne his name in America."

William Shattuck was married about 1642, when he was twenty years of age. The christian name of his wife was SUSANNA; but neither her surname, nor her parentage, nor the exact date or place of her birth or marriage, have been ascertained. She remained a widow about fifteen months after his death, and married Nov. 18, 1673, Mr. Richard Norcross, who survived her. She died in Watertown, Dec. 11, 1686, fourteen years after the death of her first husband.

In his will Mr. Shattuck mentions "his ten younger children," as if he had others, but it does not appear that he had more than that number. The births of the second, third and tenth only are entered upon the Watertown records. The remainder are ascertained from other authentic evidence.

Children of William and Susanna Shattuck, all of whom were born in Watertown, Mass.:

1. SUSANNA, b. in 1643, d. in Marlborough, Mass.; m. (1) Feb. 11, or April 12, 1661, Joseph Morse; (2) July 5, 1678, John Fay, of Marlborough, (Fay¹); (3) Thomas Brigham, Jr., (Brigham¹).
2. MARY, b. Aug. 25, 1645, d. Oct. 23, 1732; m. Feb. 11, 1662, Jonathan Browne, of Watertown.
3. JOHN, b. Feb. 11, 1647, drowned with others, Sept. 14, 1675; m. June 20, 1664, Ruth Whitney.
4. PHILIP, b. in 1648, d. June 26, 1722, in Waltham, Mass.; m. Nov. 9, 1679, Deborah Barstow; (2) Feb. 11, 1680, Rebecca Chamberlain.
5. JOANNA, b. —, d. April 4, 1673; unmarried.
6. WILLIAM, b. in 1653, d. Oct. 19, 1732; m. in 1678, Susanna Randall.
7. REBECCA, b. in 1655; m. Feb. 7, 1672, Samuel Church.
8. ABIGAIL, b. in 1657, d. in 1694, in Groton, Mass.; m. Oct. 17, 1678, Jonathan Morse; (2) Sept. 22, 1690, Joshua Parker.
9. BENJAMIN, d. in his twentieth year.
10. SAMUEL, b. Feb. 28, 1666; m. Abigail —.

DR. PHILIP SHATTUCK, s. of William (p. 61), was b. in Watertown and d. within the present limits of Waltham, June 26, 1722, ae. 73. His place of residence was in the vicinity of the Waverley Station on the Fitchburg Railroad, easterly of Beaver Brook; and his estate extended northerly into Cambridge. He was a physician of eminence, and for a long period a leading man in the public affairs of the town. He was often chosen moderator of town meetings, and held the offices of assessor, town treasurer, chairman of the selectmen, and very many other important stations of public trust and responsibility.

The gravestone was standing in the Waltham burying-ground, in 1852, bearing the following inscription: (The Genealogy of the Lawrence Family and Bond's Family contain further information concerning these families), "Here lyes Buried ye Body of DOCT^r PHILIP SHATTUCK, who dece^d June ye 26th, 1722, in ye 74th year of his Age. Blessed are the Dead that Die in the Lord."

A new marble tablet has recently been erected, to which the above inscription was transferred, with the following appended: "The above record was transferred from a moss-grown crumbling head-stone of slate, to one of more enduring marble, by a descendant of the 5th generation, A. D. 1853."

A petition dated June 19, 1683, purporting to be from Philip Shattuck, is on the court files of Middlesex County.

His will, dated Jan. 29th, and proved Aug. 30th, 1722, is recorded in the Middlesex Records, Vol. XVI, p. 436.

He m. 2, Feb. 11, 1680, Rebecca Chamberlain, who survived him, and d. in 1728. She also left a will, dated Dec. 13, 1727; proved Nov. 19, 1728, (Mid. Rec., Vol. XVIII, p. 522) in which Amos and Philip were appointed her executors. She bequeathed to her sons Benjamin and Joseph, 20s each; to Isaac, one feather bed; to Sarah Parkhurst, "half my wearing apparell, and half my wearing and housell linnen, my biggest iron pot, one pewter platter, a brass mortar and pestle"; to granddaughter Rebecca Gale, "half my wearing apparell, half my wearing and housell linnen, and one pewter platter;" to dau. Ann Sanderson "my wainscot cobbart that stands in the dwelling room;" to sons Amos and Philip, "all the rest and residue of the estate," to be equally divided between them. He had 10 children by his 2nd wife, Rebecca Chamberlain, all born in Watertown, the 4th child, Joseph, b. March 6, 1687; m. Mary Ladd.

In some early legal instruments, Phillip Shattuck is designated "Weaver." He had two sons named Phillip, living at the same time, one by each wife. April 6, 1671, Michael Bairstow, of Wat., for love and affection to kinswoman Deborah, wife of Phillip Shattuck, of Wat., gives to Phillip and Deborah 6 acres, bounded E. by Richard Sawtel; S. by wid. Kemball and John Mix; W. by John Eddy; N. by Camb. line. It is not unlikely that Deborah lived with her uncle Michael, as he had no children and her father was dead, and that this was a marriage portion, bestowed a few months after her marriage.

Children of Philip Shattuck by Deborah Barstow (1st wife); born in Watertown:

1. DEBORAH, b. Oct. 10, 1671; d. Oct. 19, 1671, age 9 days.
2. PHILIP, b. Jan. 26, 1673; m. Margaret Pratt.
3. SUSANNA, b. Aug. 6, 1675; m. Nathaniel Norcross.
4. ANNA, b. Dec. 8, 1677; m. William Sanderson.

By Rebecca Chamberlain, born in Watertown:

5. JOSEPH, b. Aug. 12, 1681; d. Nov. 7, 1683; age 2 yr., 2 mo., 23 d.
6. REBECCA, b. March 10, 1683; m. John Underwood.
7. BENJAMIN, b. March 15, 1685; m. (1) Deliverance Fay; (2) M. R. Clark.
8. JOSEPH, b. March 6, 1687; m. Mary Ladd.
9. NATHANIEL, b. Jan. 14, 1689; m. Hepzibah Hastings.
10. ISAAC, b. —; m. Mary —.
11. AMOS, b. March 19, 1695; he d. in 1734, prob. unmarried. No record of any family or marriage has been discovered.
12. SARAH, b. Oct. 26, 1696; m. Samuel Parkhurst.
13. THEOPHILUS, bapt. April 15, 1700; prob. d. in infancy.
14. PHILIP, b. Oct. 19, 1699. He was published in Boston, June 4, 1734, to Jane McClenning (McLelland ?) but we have found no record of marriage, nor of any family, if he had one. Samuel Gale was appointed administrator on his estate, July 29, 1754; and he prob. d. in Waltham that year.

DR. JOSEPH SHATTUCK, son of Philip (p. 73), was born in Watertown, March 6, 1687. He was a physician and resided in Boston, from 1708 to 1715. He afterwards removed to Watertown and

assumed the medical practice of his father, where he died in the full vigor of life, May 19, 1729, aged 42 years, 2 months, 13 days.

He married in Boston, Oct. 12, 1708, Mary Ladd of that town. His first 3 or 4 children were born in Boston and were baptized in the Brattle Street Church, of which the parents were members. They had nine children, the 5th, Samuel, b. May 29, 1716; married Sarah Clesson.

Children of Dr. Joseph and Mary (Ladd) Shattuck, born in Boston and Watertown:

1. JOSEPH, b. Dec. 22, 1709; d. in Boston, Jan. 16, 1710, age 24 days.
2. REBECCA, b. Jan. 10, 1711; m. Alexander Sampson.
3. JOSEPH, b. Sept. 22, 1712.
4. MARY, bapt. Feb. 5, 1716; d. in Watertown, April 17, 1731, age 18 yrs.
5. SAMUEL, b. May 29, 1716; m. Sarah Clesson.
6. SARAH, b. Sept. 20, 1718; m. June 20, 1737, Robert Collins of Boston.
7. NATHANIEL, b. Dec. 15, 1721; Robert Murdock was his guardian in 1735.
8. JOHN, b. July 6, 1723; m. Martha Hammon.
9. WILLIAM, b. 1725; Samuel, his brother, was his guardian in 1737.

51. SAMUEL SHATTUCK, son of Dr. Joseph (p. 86), was born in Watertown, May 29, 1716; and died in Montague, Dec. 29, 1760, aged 44 years, 7 months. He probably was the Samuel Shattuck who was a proprietor of Petersham at its first incorporation. (Wilson's Address, pp. 15, 88.) He afterwards settled in Deerfield. His eldest son served a campaign in the French war; and on his return brought home the small pox, and gave it to both his parents. The mother and son recovered, but the father died. So far as the information contained in this volume shows, the name of Shattuck among the Descendants of Dr. Philip, his grandfather, has been preserved only in the line of this Samuel. In the other branches it appears to have become extinct.

He married Dec. 4, 1740, Sarah Clesson, born Jan. 10, 1722, daughter of Joseph Clesson and Hannah Arms of Northampton, and granddaughter of Matthew Clesson and Mary Phelps, who were married in 1670. Her will, dated Sept. 14, 1785, appoints her kinsman, Eliakim Arms, her executor and leaves legacies to 10 children or their representatives.

Children of Samuel and Sarah (Clesson) Shattuck, (copied from "Shattuck Genealogy," p. 107):

1. SAMUEL, b. Sept. 18, 1741; m. Chloe Field; d. Sept. 1, 1827.
2. SARAH, b. Jan. 17, 1743; m. Daniel Smith of Sunderland.
3. JOSEPH, b. Oct. 6, 1745; d. Feb. 11, 1746, ae. 4m., 5d.
4. WILLIAM, b. Aug. 31, 1747; m. Lydia Allis. William was a Major.
5. JOSEPH, b. Sept. 29, 1749; m. Chloe Scott, Nov. 23, 1775; d. Dec. 29, 1819.
6. OLIVER, b. July 29, 1751; m. Lucy Parker, Nov. 10, 1772. Oliver was a Capt.; d. Aug. 27, 1797.
7. HANNAH, b. Feb. 22, 1753; m. Barnas Cooley. She had d. before 1785, leaving two children—Benjamin and Thirza.
8. MARY, b. May 22, 1755; m. Barzillia Wood. She had d. before 1785, leaving Samuel, Cynthia and Mary.
9. JOANNA, b. May 20, 1757; she was unkm. in 1785.
10. LUCINDA, b. Mar. 30, 1759; m. Seth Clark.

11. SUBMIT, b. May 8, 1761; a posthumous child, she m. Joseph Goodrich, and d. in Hanover, N. H., about 1800, leaving two children, Oliver and Hannah.

121. SAMUEL SHATTUCK, son of Samuel (p. 107), was born in Deerfield, Sept. 18, 1741; and died in Portland, Chautauqua Co., N. Y., Sept. 1, 1827, aged 85 years, 11 months, 13 days. He was a miller and farmer, and first settled in Greenfield in his native county. For several years before his death, he lived with his children and after 1816, with his son Seth. He was a soldier in the French and in the Revolutionary Wars and was in the battles at Bunker Hill, at Bennington, at Yorktown and at other places. He was a prisoner of the United States government, and is stated in the printed list of 1835, to be 95 years old and of Niagara County.

He married Chloe Field, who died of Pleurisy in Greenfield, April 10, 1781, in her 38th year, about four months after the birth of her youngest child. She was a twin daughter of Aaron Field of Bernardston, whose father Ebenezer Field was slain Oct. 26, 1708, "by the enemy a going to Deerfield, near ye Maddy Brook." (Gen. Register, Vol. IX, p. 162.) He was the son of Samuel and grandson of Zachariah Field, one of the first settlers of Hatfield.

Samuel Shattuck married Chloe Field, born Dec. 29, 1743. He died Dec. 20, 1760. (See Deerfield, Mass. History, p. 158), Scituate, Mass., by Deane, 1831, p. 49, gives 1659, Samuel Shattuck and other Quakers.

Children of Samuel and Chloe (Field) Shattuck:

1. SAMUEL, b. Aug. 15, 1764; m. Prudence Healey.
2. CHLOE, b. Nov. 22, 1766; m. Ephraim Leach.
3. CONSIDER, b. Feb. 7, 1768; m. Ann Atherton.
4. SETH, b. Jan. 24, 1770; m. (1) S. Chapin; (2) A. Smith.
5. LYDIA, b. Oct. 18, 1771; d. Dec. 8, 1772, ae. 1yr., 1m., 20d.
6. LYDIA, b. Feb. 15, 1773; m. Arad Root.
7. JESSE, b. May 16, 1775; d. Aug. 24, 1777, ae. 2yr., 3m., 8d.
8. JESSE, b. Sept. 21, 1777; m. Mary E. Sargent.
9. CHESTER, b. Dec. 17, 1780; m. Miriam Stocker.

Reference: "Shattuck Memorials," by Lemuel Shattuck (1855), pp. 57-61, 71-72, 86, 107, 152.

Summary of Ancestry as follows:

1. WILLIAM SHATTUCK, b. England, 1621/2, d. Watertown, Mass., Aug. 14, 1672; m. prob. at Watertown, Mass., abt. 1642, Susanna —, b. —, d. Watertown, Mass., Dec. 11, 1686.
2. DR. PHILLIP SHATTUCK, b. 1648, Watertown, Mass., d. June 26, 1722, within present limits of Waltham, Mass.; m. Watertown, Mass., Feb. 11, 1680, Rebecca Chamberlain, b. Billerica, Mass., Feb. 25, 1662, d. 1728.
3. DR. JOSEPH SHATTUCK, b. March 6, 1687, Watertown, Mass., d. May 19, 1729, Watertown, Mass.; m. Oct. 12, 1708, Boston, Mass., Mary Ladd, of Boston.
4. SAMUEL SHATTUCK, b. May 29, 1716, Watertown, Mass., d. Dec. 29, 1760, Montague, Mass.; m. Dec. 9, 1740, prob. Northampton, Mass., Sarah Clesson, b. Jan. 10, 1722, prob. Northampton, Mass. Her will is dated Sept. 14, 1785.
5. SAMUEL SHATTUCK, b. Sept. 18, 1741, Deerfield, Mass., d. Sept. 1, 1827, at Portland, N. Y.; m. Nov. 1764, Greenfield, Mass., Chloe Field, b. Dec. 29, 1743, Deerfield, Mass., d. April 10, 1781, Greenfield, Mass.

6. CHLOE SHATTUCK, b. Nov. 22, 1766, Greenfield, Mass., d. Jan. 22, 1845, Enosburg, Vt.; m. Nov. 17, 1785, prob. Greenfield, Mass., Ephraim Leach, b. Dec., 1761, d. Feb. 28, 1840, Enosburg, Vt.
7. TERTIUS LEACH, b. Nov. 21, 1786, prob. Greenfield, Mass., d. Feb. 4, 1864, Waterville, Vt.; m. Jan. 1, 1812, Sheldon, Vt., Sophia Hawley, b. Aug. 17, 1795, Sheldon, Vt., d. Jan. 7, 1879, Waterville, Vt.
8. TERTIUS HAWLEY LEACH, b. March 19, 1813, Enosburg, Vt., d. Sept. 19, 1881, Clinton, Ia.; m. Feb. 28, 1835, Sheldon, Vt., Orissa Fanton, b. May 1, 1812, Sheldon, Vt., d. June 24, 1890, Fairfield, Vt.

From here same as Summary of Descendants of Joanna Arms of Yarmouth, 8th to 10th Generations; Daughters of the American Colonists, 1931, pp. 29-36, No. 2089; ancestry traced by the author of this book.

SHERWOOD ANCESTRY

DESCENDANTS OF THOMAS SHERWOOD OF SHERWOOD FOREST

THOMAS SHERWOOD, born in Sherwood Forest, Nottingham, Eng., 1586. In 1630, he was living in London, as established by the record of the baptism of his son Thomas, in the Parish of St. Michael's, in that city. He sailed from Ipswich, April 21, 1634, in the ship "Francis," John Cutting, Master, and landed in Boston, Mass., in June of the same year.

List of passengers on Ship "Francis:"

Thomas Sherwood, 48 yrs.
Mrs. Alice Sherwood, 47 yrs.
Anna Sherwood, 14 yrs.
Rose Sherwood, 11 yrs.
Thomas Sherwood, 10 yrs.
Rebecca Sherwood, 9 yrs.

He was accompanied by his wife Alice (nee Seabrook) and four children: Ann, b. 1620; Rose, 1623; Thomas, 1624; Rebecca, 1625. They landed on Cape Cod and after several years in Massachusetts, came to Weathersfield, Conn., finally 1648, settled in Fairfield, where Thomas Sherwood bought land, 1650. In 1654, he was Deputy to the General Court. A bill of sale of land to John Hawley by Sherwood, appears on Stamford, Conn. Land Records. In 1650, he bought land at Barlow's Plain, Fairfield, Conn. He was a pioneer of Rippowams, later called Stamford. In 1654, to 1663, Thomas Sherwood is spoken of as Ancient Town Clerk of Stratford. Thomas Sherwood and Thomas Fairchild, Sr., were appointed by the General Court to draft men in 1654, for the proclaimed Narragansett War. He was a Representative from Stratford in 1645. He served as a Deputy with Roger Ludlow, in the General Court, 1650. His wife Alice Seabrook was born 1583, and is said to have married (second) Lieut. John Banks. She was the daughter of Robert Seabrook, who came to America with the Sherwoods, settled at Stratford, and died about 1650, aged 85. Thomas Sherwood brought with him to Fairfield his 2nd. wife, Mary —, by whom he had six more children. His will is dated July 21, 1655, and proved Oct. 26, 1655.

References: "Planters of the Commonwealth," by Banks, p. 123. "Genealogy of Conn.," Vol. II, pp. 67, 68.

Summary of Ancestry:

1. THOMAS SHERWOOD, b. England, 1585, d. Fairfield, Conn., 1655; m. Eng., Alice Seabrook, b. England, 1683, d. prob. after 1655.
2. REBECCA SHERWOOD, b. Eng., before 1634, d. —; m. Angell Husted, b. England, 1620, d. Greenwich, Conn., 1706.
3. REBECCA HUSTED, v. abt. 1645; m. 1665, Jonathan Reynolds, b. 1636, d. 1673.
4. SARAH REYNOLDS, b. Weathersfield, 1665; m. 1687, Joseph Mead, b. abt. 1657, d. 1714.
5. JEREMIAH MEAD, b. Zug. 6, 1702, d. Norfolk, Conn., 1742; m. 1725, Hannah St. John, b. 1703, d. June 30, 1746.
6. STEPHEN MEAD, b. 1728, d. Oct. 18, 1806, of Redding, Conn.; m. Oct. 31, 1751, Rachel Sanford, b. Feb. 12, 1708, d. abt. 1800.
7. ESTHER MEAD, b. Aug. 11, 1760, d. Dec. 22, 1836; m. abt. 1777, Isaiah Hungerford, b. Dec. 26, 1756, d. Sturbridge, Que., June 16, 1833.
8. ELIZABETH HUNGERFORD, b. New Fairfield, Conn., Feb. 7, 1798, d. Jan. 7, 1878; m. April 29, 1821, Nash David Phelps, b. Oct. 4, 1796, d. Stanbridge, Que., April 15, 1884.

From here same as Summary of Arms Ancestry, 8th to 10th Generations; Colonial Daughters of the 17th Century, p. 136, No. 772; and Daughters of the American Colonists, 1931, pp. 26-36, No. 2089; ancestry traced by the author of this book.

SMITH ANCESTRY

In the old records the name is spelled Smith, Smithe, Smeith and Smyth. It is one of the very oldest surnames, giving precedence to none, unless it be King.

There is no doubt that the ancestors were of English origin, and the Matthew which I have designated as 1st came to America from England, in 1637, and in direct descent there appear nine by that name alone, the ninth dying unmarried.

Sir Henry Smith (son of Sir Hugh Smith, of Ashton, Somerset, England) with his wife Elizabeth Gorges came to New England, 1630, as chaplain in charge of fleet with Governor Winthrop. (See "Compendium of American Genealogy," Vol. III, page 683.)

Rev. Henry¹ Smith was born in England. Some say he was the son of Robert Smith of London, while others claim he was the son of Erasmus Smith, born about 1540, at Whitcock, died 1616; married 1576, his second wife, Marjery (Cecil) Cave, widow of Roger Cave, daughter of Wm. Cecil, Lord Burleigh, Lord High Treasurer of Queen Elizabeth. He came to Watertown, Mass., removed to Wethersfield, Conn., and became the first settled pastor of the church there in 1636. He married first in England, but we know nothing about his wife. He married second, Dorothy, who after his death, married John Russell, father of Rev. John Russell, who succeeded Henry Smith as minister at Wethersfield. They moved to Hadley, Mass., where she died in 1694. Henry Smith was appointed by Governor Winthrop a member of the General Court of Connecticut in 1636. He was a soldier in the Pequot War, 1637. He died Aug. 9, 1648. (See "Bassett Preston Ancestry," page 257.)