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NOTES ON THE PROVIDENCE LINE OF THE GORHAM FAMILY.

[The following statistics were originally compiled to refute certain errors which have crept into print and should not be perpetuated, concerning the Providence line of the Gorham family. They have been enlarged in scope to embrace more descendants and to include the Bristol branch as well. Acknowledgments are due to Mr. Frank W. Sprague of Brookline, Mass., and to Mr. Henry S. Gorham of New York—both well known students of the Gorham family—for valuable cooperation in this publication.]

CAPT. JOHN¹ GORHAM (second son of *Ralph*, son of *James*) was born in Benefield, Eng.; baptized Jan. 28, 1621. He married, 1643, Desire Howland, born at Plymouth about 1623, daughter of John Howland and Elizabeth Tilley of the Mayflower. He was buried at Swansea, Feb. 5, 1675-6. She died at Barnstable, Oct. 13, 1683.

For names of children, see REGISTER, vol. 52, p. 358.

2. JABEZ² GORHAM (fourth son and seventh child of Capt. John¹ Gorham), was born in Barnstable, Mass., Aug. 3, 1656. He married Hannah Sturgis ("Widow Gray"), daughter of Edward Sturgis of Barnstable and Yarmouth. (First child, Hannah, was born in 1677.) They moved from Barnstable to Bristol, R. I. He died between March 16, 1724-5, the date of his will, and May 18, 1725, when his son, Isaac, gave a receipt for his portion of the estate. (See page 4.) His wife died Oct. 17, 1736. (Gravestone record, Brewster cemetery.)

Children:

- i. HANNAH,³ b. Dec. 23, 1677; d. March 28, 1682.
- ii. SAMUEL, b. April 15, 1682; d. Nov. 24, 1735, *ae.* 53.
2. iii. JABEZ, b. Jan. 31, 1683-4.
- iv. SHUBAL, b. April 12, 1686.
4. v. ISAAC, b. Feb. 1, 1689; d. 1739-40.
- vi. JOHN, b. Nov. 8, 1690; d. January, 1717.
- vii. JOSEPH, b. Aug. 22, 1692; bap. Christ Church, Bristol, Aug. 11, 1695.
- viii. HANNAH, b. Feb. 21, 1693-4; bap. Christ Church, Bristol, Aug. 11, 1695.
5. ix. BENJAMIN, b. Dec. 11, 1695; d. 1771 or 1772.
- x. THOMAS, b. Oct. 30, 1701.
- xi. ELIZABETH.

In the census of Bristol in 1689, Jabez² Gorham is mentioned with wife and four children.

The will of Jabez² Gorham is dated March 16, 1724-5. He calls himself "of Bristol, in the County of Bristol, in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay, yeoman"; names "wife Hannah," "eldest son Jabez Gorham," sons Isaac, Joseph and Benjamin, "daughter Elizabeth, wife of Shobael Baxter," and grandsons Edward, William and Samuel Downs. Executors, "wife Hannah and son Benjamin."*

On May 18, 1725, Isaac Gorham, "of New Haven, Colony of Connecticut," gave a receipt for his portion of the estate of his "father, Jabez Gorham, late of Bristol, dec'd."†

On June 16, 1725, Joseph Gorham "of Fairfield, in the County of Fairfield, in the Colony of Connecticut in New England, cordwainer," gave a receipt for his portion of the estate of his father, Jabez Gorham.‡ Joseph married twice at Fairfield and has many descendants. Otis wrongly states that he "died without issue."

September 7, 1732, "Hannah Gorham of Yarmouth, in the County of Barnstable, seamstress," quitclaimed to Benjamin Gorham of Bristol, "tanner," all her interest in five acres of land in Bristol.

Deed recorded, Sept. 12, 1732.§ Benjamin was her son.

In the old burial ground in Brewster, Mass., is a stone to "Hannah Gorham, wife of Jabez Gorham, died Oct. 17, 1736."||

These last two records show that Hannah Gorham, widow of Jabez,² had returned to Cape Cod after her husband's death, signed the deed of 1732, and died there in 1736, outliving her husband by eleven years.

3. JABEZ² GORHAM (*Jabez,² John¹*), born Jan. 31, 1684; died Nov. 21, 1745¶; buried Nov. 23, 1745.¶ He married first, Leah ——.*** She died May 13, 1739††; buried from St. Michael's Church, Bristol, May 15, 1739.†† He married second, July 31, 1744, Mary Maxfield ††; Int. March 30, 1744.†† Mrs. Mary Gorham and Stephen Smith, married Oct. 13, 1763.§§

Children of Jabez² and Leah:

- i. SAMUEL,⁴ b. Newport, Nov. 27, 1707; buried Nov. 25, 1739.
 - ii. ELIZABETH, b. Newport, April 9, 1710; d. Aug. 28, 1726.
 - iii. SHUBAEL, b. Bristol, March 29, 1713; d. Sept. 11, 1734.
 - iv. HANNAH, bap. Oct. 27, 1717; d. July 27, 1802, æ. 85; m. May 30, 1737, John Kinnicut.
- (Leah, wife of Jabez, Jr., also Samuel, Shubael, Elizabeth and Hannah, bap. Oct. 27, 1717, at Christ Church, Bristol, R. I.||||)
- v. MARY, bap. Oct. 10, 1721, Christ Church, Bristol||||; m. May 30, 1738, Samuel Osborne.

* Taunton Probate Records, vol. v., p. 75.

† Taunton Probate Records, vol. vi., p. 189.

‡ Taunton Probate Records, vol. vi., p. 190.

§ Bristol Co. District Land Records, vol. xxi., p. 262.

|| "Mortuary Record from the Gravestones in the Old Burial Ground in Brewster, Mass." Page 62. Division No. 7. By Charles E. Mayo. (1896.)

¶ Arnold's Vital Records of Rhode Island, vol. vi., p. 136; vol. viii., p. 227.

*** Jabez Gorham and "wife Leah" sell land, Jan. 1, 1727-8. Taunton Register of Deeds, vol. xviii., p. 71.

†† Arnold's Vital Records, vol. vi., p. 136; vol. viii., p. 227.

‡‡ Arnold's Vital Records, vol. viii., p. 206; vol. vi., p. 24.

§§ Arnold's Vital Records, vol. vi., p. 25, Bristol Marriages.

|||| REGISTER, vol. xxxiv., p. 261.

- vi. REBECCA, bap. Jan. 5, 1723, St. Michael's Church, Bristol; d. March 25, 1725.
 vii. NATHAN, b. Bristol, Jan. 8, 1725-6; bap. Jan. 30, 1725-6, St. Michael's Church.
 viii. DEBORAH, bap. Sept. 24, 1732, St. Michael's Church.

Administration of estate of Jabez⁸ Gorham given to Aaron Bourne, March 10, 1745-6.*

Otis, in his "Notes on Barnstable Families,"† confuses Jabez² and Jabez.⁵ The former, he states, "married twice, the mother of his ten children being his first wife, Hannah." And again, "He was 88 years of age when he married his second wife, Mary Maxwell."

But Otis, himself, questioned the fact of this second marriage, for he adds, "If the date of the marriage which I have is reliable, its accuracy may well be doubted."

These long standing errors, as to the age and second marriage of Jabez,² are proved as such beyond a doubt by the preceding records.

5. BENJAMIN⁸ GORHAM (*Jabez,² John¹*), born Dec. 11, 1695; died between Oct. 18, 1771, and Feb. 1, 1772.‡ Married Bethiah, daughter of David Cary, of Bristol.§ She probably died before 1753, when Benjamin signed a deed alone.¶ He was no doubt the first Gorham to settle in Providence.

Children:

- i. BENJAMIN,⁸ b. Aug. 22, 1718, bap. Aug. 5, 1722, Christ Church, Bristol.¶
 - ii. BETHIAH, b. Oct. 10, —; bap. Aug. 5, 1722, Christ Church, Bristol;¶ m. Jan. 19, 1738, Abner Brown of Providence.
 - iii. SARAH, b. Sept. 15, 1723; bap. Nov. 24, 1723, at Christ Church, Bristol; m. March 14, 1745, at Providence, Rowland Taylor.
 - iv. ELIZABETH, bap. Jan. 21, 1727-8, at Christ Church, Bristol; d. Sept. 3, 1786; m. Feb. 21, 1748, at Providence, Thomas Grainger, who was b. Sept. 23, 1725.
6. v. JABEZ.
 vi. SAMUEL.
 vii. JEMIMA, m. Nov. 26, 1749, Joseph Owens.
 (For will of Benjamin Gorham,⁸ see page 7.)

6. JABEZ⁴ GORHAM (*Benjamin,³ Jabez,² John¹*). He married Oct. 4, 1753, Abigail Field, born Jan. 27, 1730, daughter of Jeremiah and Abigail (Waterman) Field. (The proof of this generation will be discussed later.)

Children:

7. i. JABEZ,⁵ b. July 15, 1760; d. May 27, 1802.
- ii. SAMUEL, m. May 10, 1807, Sarah Calder.
- iii. JOHN, buried Jan. 21, 1759.

7. JABEZ⁶ GORHAM (*Jabez,⁴ Benjamin,³ Jabez,² John¹*), born July 15, 1760; died May 27, 1802; married Oct. 26, 1783, Catharine Tyler, born November, 1762; died March 29, 1807.

* Taunton Probate Records. vol. xi., p. 113.

† Vol. i., p. 425.

‡ Benjamin Gorham, of Providence, sells land to Esek Hopkins of N. Prov., Oct. 8, 1771. Deed acknowledged, Oct. 18, 1771. Prov. Deeds, vol. xx., p. 1. Will of Benjamin Gorham, dated May 14, 1764; sworn to by witnesses, Feb. 1, 1772. Prov. Wills, vol. vi., p. 39.

§ Benjamin Gorham and wife, Bethiah Gorham, of Bristol, sell land left to Bethiah by "her father, the late David Cary, of Bristol," to Shubal Norton, of Bristol, July 9, 1726. Taunton Register of Deeds, vol. xvii., p. 153.

¶ Providence Register of Deeds, vol. xiii., p. 368.

‡ REGISTER, vol. xxxiv., p. 263.

Children :

- i. HANNAH,⁶ b. Feb. 19, 1784; d. May 12, 1833; m. June 29, 1808, Dexter Thurber.
- ii. BENJAMIN, b. March 2, 1786; d. Nov. 12, 1809; m. Oct. 20, 1808, Emma Angell. She m. 2d, Dec. 26, 1814, Samuel Bloss.
- iii. FIELD, b. July 27, 1787; d. same day.
- iv. BETHIAH, b. March 16, 1789; d. Sept. 8, 1821; m. Aug. 28, 1808, William Comstock.
- v. SARAH, b. Jan. 27, 1791; d. Aug. 21, 1791.
- vi. JABEZ, b. Feb. 18, 1792; d. March 24, 1869.
- vii. CATHARINE, b. June 30, 1793; d. Feb. 7, 1835; m. Dec. 24, 1810, Enos Angell.
- viii. JOHN, b. June 4, 1795; d. Jan. 6, 1853; m. Jan. 15, 1816, at Smithfield, R. I., Mary Mason.*
- ix. SARAH, b. Feb. 2, 1797; d. Dec. 4, 1824; m. Dec. 29, 1819, Samuel Olney.
- x. WILLIAM FIELD, b. April 30, 1798; d. April 23, 1804.

The will of Jabez Gorham,⁶ dated May 2, 1802, appoints "wife Catharine" and "brother, Samuel Gorham," executors.†

April 16, 1810, Jabez Gorham and Catharine Gorham, children of Jabez Gorham, late of Providence, chose Dexter Thurber, guardian. He was also guardian of Sarah and John, children of said Jabez, under fourteen years of age.‡

June 3, 1810, Samuel Gorham, executor of the estate of "Jabez Gorham, late of Providence," signed a deed. Recorded, June 6, 1810.§

8. JABEZ⁶ GORHAM (*Jabez,⁵ Jabez,⁴ Benjamin,³ Jabez,² John¹*), born in Providence, Feb. 18, 1792; died March 24, 1869. He married first, Dec. 4, 1816, Amey Thurber, daughter of Samuel and Mehit-able (Dexter) Thurber. She was born in Providence, Jan. 30, 1795; died Nov. 26, 1820. He married second, April 16, 1822, Lydia Dexter, daughter of Lewis and Lydia (Comstock) Dexter. She was born at Smithfield, R. I., Nov. 11, 1797; died Sept. 4, 1873. The will of Jabez,⁶ dated April 24, 1868, mentions "wife Lydia."||

Children of Jabez⁶ and Amey :

- i. BENJAMIN,⁷ b. Sept. 24, 1817; d. Oct. 6, 1817.
- ii. AMANDA, b. Dec. 11, 1818; d. March 17, 1897; m. 1st, May 14, 1838, William Gladding Price; child, *William*⁸; m. 2d, Nov. 28, 1842, John Clark Harris; children, *Joseph, Jabez*; m. 3d, April 22, 1889, Benjamin Comstock.
9. iii. JOHN, b. Nov. 18, 1820; d. June 26, 1898.

Children of Jabez⁶ and Lydia :

- iv. BENJAMIN, b. Feb. 2, 1823; d. Dec. 5, 1823.
- v. AMEY, b. May 7, 1824; d. Jan. 30, 1864; m. Dec. 1, 1845, Henry Aborn Webb. Children: *Harriet Raymond, Amey*.
- vi. SUSAN, b. July 3, 1825; m. Nov. 15, 1866, Caleb Farrum.
- vii. CHARLES FIELD, b. March 5, 1834; m. 1st, Feb. 27, 1854, Marianna Towne; child, *Ella*; m. 2d, April 19, 1860, Catharine B. Yerrington.

* Will dated Dec. 6, 1852, mentions "wife Mary and nephew, John Gorham, 2d."
(This was 9. John?) Prov. Wills, vol. xvi., p. 511.

† Providence Wills, vol. ix., p. 62.

‡ Providence Probate Proceedings, vol. ii., p. 29.

§ Providence Register of Deeds, vol. xxxiii., p. 194.

|| Providence Wills, vol. xxii., p. 319.

9. JOHN⁷ GORHAM (*Jabez,⁶ Jabez,⁶ Jabez,⁴ Benjamin,³ Jabez,³ John¹*), born in Providence, Nov. 18, 1820; died in Chase City, Virginia, June 26, 1898. He married, Sept. 4, 1848, his cousin, Amey Thurber, daughter of Isaac and Lucy (Brown) Thurber, born Sept. 1, 1827. (Isaac Thurber was twin brother to Amey, the first wife of Jabez.⁶) Children, born in Providence: Lucy, Herbert Thurber, Amey Thurber, John Henry, Charles Isaac, Jabez. (Of these, only the two latter are living.)

The mistake hitherto made in this line occurs in the fourth generation, where Jabez⁴ has been displaced by Benjamin⁴, born Aug. 22, 1718 (Benjamin,³ Jabez,² John,¹) who is claimed as the husband of Abigail Field. The late John Gorham⁷ of Providence, whose descent is given, accepted this error of the fourth generation, and claimed Benjamin⁴ as his ancestor. The *Boston Evening Transcript* in its issues of Nov. 9, and Nov. 30, 1898 (Genealogical Department) also makes this misstatement. The Field Genealogy (Mrs. Harriet A. Brownell), page 11, reiterates the same mistake in the following words: "Abigail Field, born in Providence, Jan. 27, 1730, married Oct. 7, 1743, Benjamin Gorham, son of Benjamin, son of Jabez, son of Capt. John Gorham of Gorhamburg, England, and Desire Howland who came to America in the *Mayflower*."

Three errors are displayed in this statement: First, the date of marriage, "1743," making Abigail thirteen years old at the time; second, the substitution of "Benjamin" as the husband of Abigail, for Jabez—as will be proved; third, the announcement that "Desire Howland came to America in the *Mayflower*."

The first error is so palpable that it does not need to be discussed, and it seems superfluous to explain that Desire Howland did not come over in the *Mayflower*. ("Gorhamburg" should be Gorhambury.)

In view of these authorities it remains to support the claim of Jabez⁴ by reliable references. The proofs are these:

(1) Benjamin⁸ Gorham of Providence sells land to "beloved son, Jabez of Providence, for and in consideration of the sum of £100." Deed signed, Aug. 18, 1753; acknowledged, March 25, 1754; recorded July 10, 1754.*

(2) Benjamin⁸ Gorham of Providence, "tanner and currier," sells a lot of land to his "son, Jabez Gorham, of said Providence, tanner," "for and in consideration of the sum of £300, well and truly paid by my son, Jabez." Signed, April 8, 1761; recorded, April 26, 1762.†

(3) The will of Benjamin⁸ Gorham mentions his son, Jabez, to whom he wills "the dwelling house, where I now live." It also mentions his daughters, Elizabeth Grainger and Sarah Whipple, and grandson, Samuel Owen. To the latter he gives "a pair of silver buckles that were his uncle's, Samuel Gorham." Jabez Gorham, sole executor. Will dated, May 14, 1764; sworn to by witnesses, Feb. 1, 1772; recorded, May 23, 1772.‡

(4) The marriage of Jabez⁴ Gorham to Abigail Field by Richard Waterman, justice, grandfather of Abigail, is recorded in vol. 1, p. 132, of the original MS. records of marriages in Providence. The handwriting of the entry is perfectly legible. Those unable to verify this statement by examining the original records can do so by consulting Snow's "Index of Births, Marriages and Deaths in Providence, 1636 to 1850," pp. 174, 190.

* Providence Register of Deeds, vol. xiii., pp. 368, 369.

† Providence Register of Deeds, vol. xvi., p. 179.

‡ Providence Wills, vol. vi., pp. 38, 39.

(5) Jabez⁴ Gorham of Providence sells land to George Payson. Deed signed by Jabez Gorham and Abigail Gorham, "wife of said Jabez Gorham," Dec. 20, 1763; acknowledged, April 7, 1764; recorded, April 25, 1764.*

(6) Jabez⁴ Gorham of Providence sells land to Benjamin Thurber, Aug. 17, 1778. Deed signed by Jabez Gorham "and wife," Abigail Gorham.† This is the last mention found in the records of Jabez and Abigail.

It is clearly evident from the foregoing: First, that Benjamin⁶ makes no mention of a son, Benjamin, or of any of his descendants, either by deed or will; and second, that it was Jabez⁴, and not Benjamin⁴, who married Abigail Field. Indeed, the only wonder is that such an error was ever incorporated in this line of descent and that it has been so long uncontested. There is, in fact, no other record of an Abigail Field who married a Gorham, in Providence or elsewhere.

In this connection the following communication from Mr. Frank W. Spragne—who has himself examined all the evidence submitted in this article—will prove valuable and suggestive: "I have made a personal search at Bristol, Taunton and Providence, and there is absolutely no trace of Benjamin⁴, or of his children or grandchildren. We know that he was born, but there is no record of him in Providence. I believe the truth is that he died young and unmarried."

In conclusion we subjoin some notes of another branch of the Gorham family.

BRISTOL BRANCH.

(Data supplied by Mr. HENRY S. GORHAM.)

4. ISAAC⁸ (*Jabez*,² *John*,¹), born Feb. 1, 1689; died, 1739–40; married first, Mary ———, who died Sept. 11, 1716; married second, Aug. 6, 1717,‡ Hannah Miles, daughter of Richard Miles of New Haven, Conn.§

Children of Isaac⁸ and Mary, born in Bristol:

10. i. ISAAC,⁴ b. May 28, 1713; d. Dec. 1, 1760; bap.|| July 10, 1715, at Christ Church, Bristol.
ii. HEZEKIAH, b. Feb. 1714–5; d. Dec. 15, 1715; bap.|| July 10, 1715, at Christ Church, Bristol.

Children of Isaac⁸ and Hannah, born in New Haven:

- iii. JOHN.
iv. MARY, b. Oct. 10, 1721.
v. TIMOTHY, b. Nov. 13, 1723.
vi. HEZEKIAH, b. Dec. 5, 1725.
vii. SAMUEL.
viii. ELIZABETH.
ix. HANNAH.

Isaac⁸ Gorham bought lands in New Haven, March 1, 1719–20. He is described as "cooper."¶ He was admitted an inhabitant of the town, Dec. 26, 1720. On May 18, 1725, he gave a receipt for his portion of his father's estate. See page 4 of Providence Notes.

* Providence Register of Deeds, vol. xviii., p. 84.

† Providence Register of Deeds, vol. xx., p. 149.

‡ New Haven Records, vol. i., p. 89.

§ Will of Lieut. Richard Miles of New Haven, dated Jan. 24, 1756. "The remainder and residue of my estate I give, devise and bequeath to my two daughters, Elizabeth Thompson and Mary Gilbert and to the heirs of my daughter Hannah Gorham, deceased." (New Haven Probate Records, Book 8, p. 560.)

|| REGISTER, vol. xxxiv., p. 260.

¶ New Haven Town Records, Book 5, p. 389.

Administration on his estate granted to Richard Miles. Inventory, March, 1739-40. Isaac, eldest son, and seven other children named.*

10. ISAAC⁴ (*Isaac*,³ *Jabez*,² *John*¹), born in Bristol, May 28, 1713; died in Bristol, Dec. 1, 1760; married Oct. 19, 1742, Jemima Potter, daughter of Hopestill and Lydia (Hubbard) Potter. She died Oct. 10, 1806.

Children:

- i. MARY,⁵ b. July 28, 1743; bap. Aug. 7, 1743, at St. Michael's Church, Bristol.
 - ii. HANNAH, b. Sept. 26, 1745; bap. March 17, 1748-49, at St. Michael's Church, Bristol.
 - iii. ISAAC, b. 1747; bap. March 17, 1748-49, at St. Michael's Church, Bristol; d. September, 1795.
 - iv. ALTHA, b. 1751; bap. May 24, 1752, at St. Michael's Church, Bristol; d. June 17, 1823; m. 1774, Gilbert Richmond, b. at Bristol, April 27, 1754; lost at sea March 19, 1782. (See Richmond Genealogy.)
 - v. LYDIA, bap. May 9, 1759, at St. Michael's Church; d. May 10, 1759.
 - vi. WILLIAM, bap. Dec. 9, 1759, at St. Michael's Church; shipwrecked at the Vineyard, Dec. 26, 1773, and perished with the cold.
11. ISAAC⁵ (*Isaac*,⁴ *Isaac*,³ *Jabez*,² *John*¹), born 1747; bap. March 17, 1748-9, at St. Michael's Church, Bristol; died at sea September, 1795, aged 48; married Sept. 4, 1774, Sarah Thomas of Warren, who died Feb. 25, 1835.

Children:

- i. JEMIMA,⁶ b. Aug. 28, 1775; d. Nov. 7, 1798; m. Oct. 1, 1797 (Int. Sept. 27, 1797), Nicholas Peck, b. May 6, 1762; d. 1847.
- ii. ISAAC, b. 1777; d. at sea Aug. 21, 1798, *æ.* 21.
- iii. SARAH, b. May 17, 1780; d. Dec. 16, 1869; m. Feb. 2, 1800, Nicholas Peck.
- iv. HANNAH, b. July 25, 1782; d. Aug. 1, 1846; m. Oct. 28, 1803 (Int. Oct. 23, 1803), Lemuel Clarke Richmond, b. Bristol, Sept. 25, 1781; d. June 23, 1876. He was son of Gilbert and Althea (Gorham) Richmond. (Richmond Gen.)
- v. SUSAN, b. March 11, 1785; d. Aug. 4, 1868; m. Nov. 8, 1807 (Int. Oct. 18, 1807), Abraham Hathaway of Raynham, Mass.
- vi. WILLIAM, b. July 10, 1788; d. at sea June 6, 1809, *æ.* 21. These six children were baptized Nov. 18, 1789, at St. Michael's Church, Bristol.
- vii. MARY, b. Dec. 10, 1791; d. Sept. 26, 1831; m. July 9, 1814, Rev. John P. K. Henshaw, b. Jan. 13, 1792, afterwards Bishop of Rhode Island.
- viii. RUTH, b. April, 1793; d. 1880; m. Feb. 8, 1815 (Int. Jan. 8, 1815), Dr. Jabez Holmes of Stonington, Ct.
- ix. AMOS THOMAS, b. Aug. 20, 1795; d. March 12, 1861.

12. AMOS THOMAS⁶ (*Isaac*,⁵ *Isaac*,⁴ *Isaac*,³ *Jabez*,² *John*¹), born Aug. 20, 1795; died March 12, 1861; married June 18, 1820, Fanny Rutan Sandford, died June 7, 1878, daughter of Ellery and Sally Sandford.

Children:

- i. SARAH THOMAS⁷, b. Aug. 9, 1821; d. Nov. 10, 1898; m. May 31, 1857, William Mumford Colt, who d. Jan. 31, 1895. No children.
- ii. WILLIAM THOMAS, b. July 23, 1824; d. Oct. 4, 1866; m. Oct. 20, 1847, Mary T. Spencer, who d. March 4, 1870. Children: *William Merrill* and *Hattie*.
- iii. ISAAC, b. Sept. 11, 1826; d. Aug. 1, 1863; m. Dec. 14, 1852, Julia F. Franklin, who d. Nov. 16, 1886. Children: *Isaac Hobert*, *Emma* and *Elizabeth*.

* New Haven Probate Records, Book 6, p. 292.

- iv. RUTH HOLMES, b. Feb. 9, 1829; d. July 2, 1876.
- v. FRANCIS THOMAS, b. July 25, 1831; d. Nov. 20, 1886.
- vi. AMOS THOMAS, b. Oct. 18, 1833; m. March 20, 1855, Mary E. Waldron.
Children: *Mary R.* and *Elizabeth O.*
- vii. LAFAYETTE, b. Jan. 31, 1836; d. Oct. 7, 1888.
- viii. WASHINGTON, b. July 2, 1838.
- ix. MARY HANNAH, b. Sept. 6, 1840; m. Nov. 26, 1872, Edward W. Spencer.
- x. LAFAYETTE, b. Feb. 26, 1843; m. Oct. 25, 1877, Elizabeth McNutt.
Child: *Amos Sandford.*
- xi. SANDFORD, b. May 22, 1845.

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