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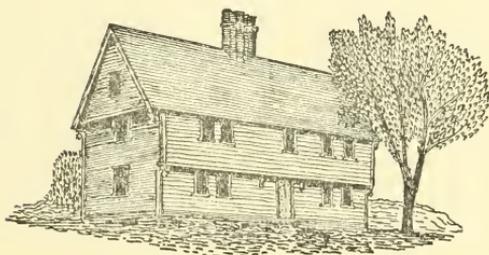
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# GEORGE FRANCIS DOW

## A MEMORIAL

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George Francis Dow, son of George Prince and Ada B. (Tappan) Dow, was born in Wakefield, New Hampshire, on January 7, 1868. On June 1, 1920 he married Alice G. Waters of Salem. He died in Topsfield June 5, 1936.

When he was a child his parents moved to Ipswich, Massachusetts and later to Topsfield. He was educated in Topsfield schools, supplemented by a course at Bryant and Stratton Commercial School in Boston. In 1885 he entered the wholesale metal business with Farrar, Simpson & Co., where he rose steadily in the esteem of the firm. In 1898 he was elected Secretary of the Essex Institute at Salem, and for twenty years as Director of its Museum and editor of its publications, which included the Vital Records of many Essex County towns, he did much to increase the value of the Society. In 1919 he began his long term of service with the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities, serving at various times as curator, editor of "Old Time New England", and director of the museum.

He early became interested in historical affairs and for many years collected material relating to the history of Topsfield. As a result of this interest in local history he organized the Topsfield Historical Society in 1894, and was always its secretary and treasurer. He edited and published the Historical Collections of the Society, having completed the text of the present volume, with the index, before his death. He was active in securing speakers for the meetings of the Society, nearly all of which were held in his home.

When the Parson Capen house came into the possession of the Historical Society in 1913 he was in charge of its restoration. He later had charge of the restoration of a number of seventeenth century houses for individuals and historical societies throughout New England. He also planned the Pioneers' Village at Salem.

As an author he contributed over a hundred articles to various historical magazines, besides editing and publishing a large number of books. As a lecturer on historical subjects he was in constant demand. He encouraged others in historical research and was always ready to advise and help them.

He was a member of the Massachusetts Historical Society, the American Antiquarian Society, the New England Historic Genealogical Society, the American Historical Association and many other historical and literary societies.

The Topsfield Historical Society owes much to Mr. Dow. From the time of its organization until his death he gave to the Society constant and devoted service, and its successful work through many years has been due largely to him.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY  
OF THE  
TOPSFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
FOR THE YEARS 1929-1933

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For various reasons, principally lack of printing facilities, no volume of Historical Collections has been published since 1928 (volume XXIX). The reports in the present volume cover a period of the last five years (1929-1933) and bring records of the activities of the Society up to date.

The membership of the Society on December 31, 1928 was 185; on December 31, 1933 it was 157. During the interval of five years 13 members have died, 5 have resigned and 15 have been dropped for non-payment of dues, while 5 new members have been added. Those who have died were:— Mrs. Emily H. L. Bliss, Newton; Mrs. William O. Chapman, Salem; Miss S. Nella Downing, West Peabody; Mrs. Emma J. Fields, Lynn; Osborne Leach, Danvers; John Wright Perkins, Georgetown; Mrs. Sarah J. Phillips, Lynn; Albert A. Conant, Mrs. Metta Gould, Miss Mary E. Gould, Andrew L. Peirce, Charles J. Peabody, and Miss Annie F. Towne, all of Topsfield.

The Capen House has been occupied continuously and the living quarters on the second floor are now equipped with steam heat, hot and cold water, electric lights and telephone. The front of the roof has been reshingled and the property is in good condition. A well-sweep has been placed beside the old well. The Society is in excellent financial condition.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE FRANCIS DOW,

*Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE TREASURER  
OF THE  
TOPSFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

JAN. 1, 1929—DEC. 31, 1933

RECEIPTS

Jan. 1, 1929	Balance cash on hand	\$5 39	
	Annual dues	99 00	
	Historical Collections sold	29 00	
	" " bindings	62 75	
			\$196 14

PAYMENTS

	Historical Collections, engraving	25 38	
Dec. 31, 1933	Balance cash on hand		\$170 76

REPORT ON ENDOWMENT FUND

JAN. 1, 1929—DEC. 31, 1933

RECEIPTS

Jan. 1, 1929	Balance cash on hand	\$615 02	
	Income from investments	597 57	
	Rent	380 00	
	Admission fees	148 89	
			\$1,741 48

PAYMENTS

	Hanging sign	\$54 00	
	Brass plate	25 00	
	Fire insurance	75 21	
	Well curb and sweep	60 95	
	Rug for table	52 00	
	Priscilla Capen chair	98 85	
	Shingling roof and repairs	79 86	
	Plumbing	125 00	
	Electrical work	74 67	
	Paint and paper	156 77	
	Chimney and cement work	73 50	
	Heater, radiators, etc.	218 00	
	Motor pump, etc.	52 50	
	Excavating cellar, cement, etc.	73 82	
	Printing Hist. Coll., Vol. 29	183 04	
	Binding " "	94 49	
	Miscellaneous	42 92	1,540 58
Dec. 31, 1933	Balance cash on hand		\$200 90

REPORT ON GEORGE L. GOULD  
CAPEN HOUSE MAINTENANCE

JAN. 1, 1929—DEC. 31, 1933

RECEIPTS

Jan. 1, 1929	Balance cash on hand	\$42 53	
	Income from investments	219 58	
		262 11	\$262 11

PAYMENTS

	Miscellaneous repairs	261 11	
Dec. 31, 1933	Balance cash on hand	\$1 00	
		1 00	

REPORT ON MUSEUM BUILDING FUND

JAN. 1, 1929—DEC. 31, 1933

Jan. 1, 1929	Balance cash on hand	\$7 00	
	Income from investments	31 00	
		38 00	
Dec. 31, 1933	Balance cash on hand	\$38 00	
		38 00	

STATEMENT

Parson Capen House and 1 1/5 acre land, cost		\$2,100 00	
Restoration and furnishings		3,715 29	
Endowment Fund: 39 shares U. Shoe Mach. Co.	@ 61	2,379 00	
Gould Maintenance Fund: 14 shares	do @ 61	854 00	
Museum Building Fund: 2 shares	do @ 61	122 00	
Cash on hand		410 00	
		\$9,580 29	

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE FRANCIS DOW,

*Treasurer*

NEWSPAPER ITEMS RELATING  
TO TOPSFIELD

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**T**HIS town narrowly escaped a great conflagration last Tuesday evening, March 26, and but for the prompt action and brave work of our townsmen, the fine residence of Mr. J. E. Stanwood would have been wholly destroyed. The fire was discovered about 7.30 o'clock, by two young men who happened to be passing, in the stable which is closely joined to the house. An alarm was immediately given and the people responded generally with buckets and whatever things, that would be of use, they could lay their hands to. It was found in a room occupied as a woodshed, where it probably originated, the inside of which was all ablaze when discovered. Above the room, and separated by a single board floor, was a large quantity of hay, into which the fire was making rapid headway. At times the men were driven back by the heat and the smoke, which completely enveloped them, and were almost compelled to give up the fight, and but for the large quantity of water which was thrown into

the building it would have been impossible to have saved it. Great credit is due the citizens but for whose efforts the loss would have been greater by a large amount.

The cabinet organ, for the use of the Sabbath School connected with the Congregationalist church, has been purchased at last and was used in their session on last Sunday. It was formally presented to the church, last Friday evening, at which time its good qualities were fairly tested.

A Grand Ball in the Town Hall under the auspices of the Roger Sherman Lodge, No. 224, R. O. S. C. is announced for Fast evening, April 11th.

By the annual report of the School Committee, it appears that the cost of the schools, last year, was as follows: Centre, \$662.74; South, \$306; East, \$288.50; North, \$289.50. The Committee think there are several instances in which parents or guardians have failed in their duty of keeping children at school.

The North School was kept by Miss Fannie A. Johnson, of Wenham, during the summer and fall terms, and by Miss Nellie A. Knowlton, of Hamilton, during the winter term. The East School was taught by Miss Mary E. Wilkins, of Middleton; and the South by Miss Sarah D. Rogers, of Wenham. The primary department of the Centre School was taught by Miss Mary E. Gould, and the grammar by Miss Carrie E. Batchelder. The success of these teachers is generally well spoken of.

The Library Committee report that 154 volumes

have been added, making 1475 in all, besides 160 octavo volumes of reports. They have tried to combine, in the books, real worth with readable qualities. The receipts have been \$206.11, including \$56.63 on hand at the beginning of the year. There has been paid out \$163.97, leaving \$42.14 in the treasury.

*Salem Gazette, March 29, 1878.*

The most important case of crime that has come before the First District Court, of late, was that of Kate Judd or Judge, alias Bishop, alias Flynn, she having, apparently, assumed a new name for every place where she lived. On March 26, an attempt was made to burn the house of Mr. Jos. E. Stanwood of Topsfield, the particulars of which we have already published. It appears that previous to this, the girl Kate, who lived there, was caught in the act of putting out a fire which she said had accidentally caught in the clothes basket, the smoke having attracted attention. After the fire of the 26th, during which the girl got her own trunk on the doorstep, the matter was put into the hands of State Detectives Cronin and Hill, who rather suspected this girl, though the Stanwoods did not believe her guilty; and the girl herself succeeded in diverting suspicions towards a man who lived there. On Thursday, the 28th, the attention of the Stanwoods was directed to stains upon the wall. Tracing them, it was found that kerosene had been poured upon the attic floor where rags similarly saturated had also been placed. Detectives Cronin and Hill went to the place and

made a careful examination of the house, and finally decided that the incendiary attempt had been made by some of the inmates of the house, and these suspicions were communicated to Mr. Stanwood, who still did not believe this girl guilty. On the Tuesday afternoon following, this girl Kate, said she had received a despatch saying that her mother was dying. On being told that she could receive no despatch in Topsfield, she said it had been brought to her from Danvers. By half past six she was started off with sympathetic help from the family, who aided in strapping down her over-full trunk. The subject was again brought to the attention of the officers and it was found that the girl had probably received no despatch. The officers traced the trunk to East Boston, and, on Monday afternoon, officer Cronin came across and arrested the girl at the corner of Milk and Washington streets, Boston. What she then told led to the discovery by the officers of several trunks of clothing at a small one story house in East Boston. In her valuable collection of stolen goods, was a considerable amount of Mrs. Stanwood's property, including a new silk dress, crape shawl, some silver, etc. The girl finally acknowledged that she set the fires at Mr. Stanwood's and that she did it in order to cover up her thefts. It also now appears that the girl lived with a Mr. Aiken, Franklin Falls, N. H., and that, while there, his house was burned to the ground one night. At the District Court, she pleaded guilty to setting fire three times, and to the larcenies. She was put under \$3000 bonds

on each complaint of setting fire, and \$500 on each larceny, making, in all, \$10,500, for appearance at the Superior Court.

*Salem Gazette, April 11, 1878.*

The following is the substance of Deacon A. S. Peabody's address given on Fast Day. It gives a sketch of the Congregational Sunday School:—

Mr. Peabody in opening said: We meet, friends, on the present occasion, to celebrate the 60th anniversary of our Sunday School. This school came into existence on the morning of the 31st of May, 1818, in that venerable building, familiar to but a very small number now present, the old one storied red school house, duplicates of which still linger in some of the more sparsely settled districts of our rural communities.

According to the testimony of one who has long since passed away, our school came into being with four teachers and forty-five scholars. Your Superintendent and a few others of that number yet remain, while the greater part have gone to that bourne from whence no traveller returns. But we trust that, during the 60 years, salutary impressions have been produced upon some minds by the study of God's word, which the records of eternity will unfold; and we trust also that this school will live in the future as it has in the past, and that when the present actors have gone from the stage others shall arise to bless and be blessed by the Congregational Sabbath School of Topsfield. . . .

During several of the earlier years of the school

its superintendency was in charge of Dea. Samuel Todd, of sainted memory, and then from 1828 and onward, for quite a period, Mr. Francis Vose had charge of the school. Mr. Vose was at the time the preceptor of the Academy, then in successful operation, and he was untiring in his efforts in behalf of the Sunday School. The successor to Mr. Vose was Deacon Joel R. Peabody, who faithfully served in the capacity of Superintendent for quite a length of time, being occasionally relieved by those who from time to time taught the Academy, especially by Mr. Asa Farwell. In March, 1843, your humble servant was appointed to the charge of the school, and with the exception of one or two brief intervals he has sustained that charge to the present time, a period of 35 years. At some former periods our school has been considerably larger than it is at the present time, enjoying as high, at one time, as two hundred and sixty. Our number is now but one hundred and seventy-six, with an average attendance of not far from a hundred during the past year. . . .

*Salem Gazette, April 19, 1878.*

Mr. Thomas P. Emerson, who died at the residence of his son-in-law, Mr. Benj. Jacobs, March 30th, aged seventy-four years, was the only son of Billy Emerson, a man of equestrian notoriety, and grandson of Thomas Emerson, who served as Lieutenant under Sir William Pepperell, at the siege of Louisburg, C. B. Rev. S. L. Rodgers, pastor of the M. E. Church, delivered the funeral discourse, portraying the power exerted by a quiet man as charac-

terized by Mr. Emerson. Mr. Emerson was emphatically a peaceable man and truly a gentleman of the old school, commending himself to all classes of the community by his courtesy or polite kindness, geniality, chaste language, and all the kindly influences, and will long be held in remembrance by his friends and townsmen.

The new and well stocked millinery store of Miss Granton of Groveland, in Bailey's building, Main Street, is a convenience to our village, and the well selected stock of goods there is worthy of an examination.

Mr. Benj. Kimball, of Topsfield, has shown to us a local relic in the form of a letter from Rev. Asahel Huntington, father of the late Hon. Asahel Huntington, of Salem, dated Rehoboth, Dec. 8, 1788. This was at the time when Mr. Huntington was about to be settled as minister in Topsfield, and the letter, which was sent to Mr. David Kimball, representing the church in that town, had reference to a temporary supply by Rev. Jonathan Ellis, whom he speaks of as "a gentlemen of good character, and a preacher of the gospel" "bound to the eastward," but "who is not under any special engagements at present." Mr. Kimball also shows us a receipt which indicates that an engagement was made with Mr. Ellis at rates which differ somewhat from those which prevail at the present time. The receipt reads,—"The Town of Topsfield to Jonathan Ellis, Dr., to preaching two Sabbaths, the 21st and 28th of December, 1788, at four dollars per Sabbath, £2-8s-od.

Received of Mr. Jacob Kimball in full of the above, this thirty-first day of December, 1788. Jonathan Ellis."

Mr. Jacob Kimball, Jr., of Topsfield, son of Jacob and Priscilla Kimball, long since deceased, composed a good deal of music, including one or two compilations and at least one bound book of unpublished music all of which have been shown to us, and which will probably be deposited, eventually in the Essex Institute. "Mr. Jacob Kimball was a graduate of Harvard College in 1780, was in practice at the Court of Common Pleas at Rindge as early as 1797, and was there in 1800. He studied law with the late Judge Wetmore, of Salem, and was admitted to the bar in Strafford County in 1795. He was for many years a celebrated teacher and composer of music. He was endowed with a fine genius, and had some talent in writing poetry, as appears by his version of the 65th psalm, inserted in Dr. Belknap's collection. He did not remain long in New Hampshire. He died in Topsfield, Mass., July 24, 1826, in the 66th year of his age." This little obituary of Mr. Kimball is written in the bound volume of his unpublished music, copied from a New Hampshire law publication.

*Salem Gazette, May 3, 1878.*

Capt. Issachar A. Morgan was thrown from his carriage and instantly killed in Topsfield on the 14th inst. The somewhat romantic life of the deceased, and the marked features of his character, make a more than passing notice appropriate. Capt. Morgan

was born in Manchester, in 1808. He was the son of a poor man, and was wont to speak with pleasure of his early hardships and struggles. He had few advantages for education when a boy, his school days being confined to a few weeks' study of navigation. He went to sea with his father when but ten years of age. When twenty years old he became mate of a vessel, and at twenty-two took charge of a schooner. In 1849 he formed a partnership with Capt. Carter, of Manchester,—a life-long friend,—and went to California. While there he lost all his property, which was invested in shipping. Three vessels went down in Beleanus Bay. Still he did not lose heart. Taking a large ranche on the left bank of the Golden Horn, he went to work in middle life to retrieve his broken fortune. His ranche contained several thousand acres, upon which were kept one hundred and fifty cows. His butter ranked second in the California market. Previous to going to California, Capt. Morgan was married to Miss Lydia Girdler, by whom he had several children. In 1869 he returned to New England and bought the "Donation Farm," in Topsfield. In 1871 he married Miss Ellen F., the youngest daughter of Wm. Kimball, Esq., of Topsfield, and took possession of the farm, which he named "River Dale Ranche."

Here he lived with his young and devoted wife in delightful retirement, improving his farm and entertaining his friends, until he was so suddenly snatched away by death. He used to say that "when he lay down to sleep at night he wanted to know,

if he had a dollar, that no man ate the less bread for it." While in California he projected and caused to be built several roads which were pronounced at first impracticable and impossible, but which proved to be of immense value. He possessed marked public spirit. Though he retired from the sea in middle life, he kept up an intimacy with his sailor friends and retained his love for "Old Ocean." When confined to his house two years ago by sickness, he sent his carriage a dozen miles for an old sea captain, that he "might see a man who could talk about a rope."

He leaves a wife and two children, a son and daughter, both residing in California.

*Salem Gazette, May 24, 1878.*

A STRANGE STORY.—George Wilkins Lake, formerly of Topsfield, but lately an importer of Japanese goods in New York city, is under arrest in the latter place charged with incest. It is charged that the woman who lives with him as his wife is really his daughter. Lake's story is that he was brought up on a farm in Topsfield, and after returning from some whaling voyages, was married to Lucy Jane Wilkins, in 1870, by whom he had two children. He got a divorce from his wife in Utah, and she now lives with her father in Middleton. After his divorce he fell in with the daughter of Moses Towne of Topsfield, educated her and adopted her as his daughter. This adopted daughter has two children, one of whom Lake acknowledges, but knows nothing of the younger, now two or

three days old. His explanation for his divorce was at one time that he did not get on well with the Wilkins woman, and at another time that her children were not his.

*Salem Gazette, June 14, 1878.*

Our town Band gave its first performance this season on the common Friday evening. The turnout was small, as the air was too chilly in doors to admit of much enjoyment of "airs" out of doors, moreover, both churches had choir rehearsals and there was not perfect harmony between the music without and that within; but we are glad they have made a beginning and hope they will be well supported.

The Library question in respect to changing books on Saturday evening, started by Rev. Mr. Rodgers in his Sabbath school sermon the other Sunday, is provoking some comment. The young people of course consider any change unnecessary but very many of the heads of families think it a matter which should have prompt attention. The character of the works of fiction constituting the larger part of the reading matter circulated, also should be closely looked into. A considerable "weeding" of the books would be of great advantage to the moral atmosphere surrounding the young readers. Too much novel is a very bad thing.

*Salem Gazette, June 21, 1878.*

TOPSFIELD, June 27.—*Messrs. Editors:*—In a late number of your paper, I noticed some state-

ments concerning the Topsfield Town Library, which, if true, brand the Committee as disseminators of immoral literature. The Committee consists of the Rev. Mr. Fitts, the Congregational minister, who has filled his position for eight years; the Rev. Mr. McLoud his predecessor, who held the same position for twenty-eight years; Dr. Allen, who has been our family physician for twenty years, and Mr. Humphrey Balch who has been a successful farmer and school teacher in the place for forty years. The character of these men is too well known in Topsfield, to need a word of defence there, but as your paper is read not only in Topsfield, but all through Essex County and by Essex men abroad, it is but fair that the *facts* of the matter should be known; and perhaps a word of praise for the able, gentlemanly and christian manner, in which the committee have fulfilled their trust may not be amiss.

To fully understand the nature of their work, it will be necessary to give a short sketch of the Library.

It was started in 1875 by the four gentlemen, whom I have named, and their former associate in the work, the generous and public spirited Sidney A. Merriam, since dead.

They gave their hearts and time to the work of forming a library, which should be both an honor to the town, and a blessing to the people, and nobly have they succeeded.

They gathered together the books of five different associations; viz: the Old Topsfield Library,

which contained works mostly of an historical or theological nature; the Ladies' Library, a collection of books bought by the ladies of the Congregational Society; the Agricultural Library, containing works on agricultural subjects; the Athenaeum Library, which comprised the books of a literary society, which existed here some twenty-five years since; and the Topsfield Literary Club, which included such standard works as were published during the existence of the club.

They were then appointed by the town as Library Committee, and have held that position since, with the exception of Mr. Merriam, who was taken from them by the hand of death; but who in sickness as in health, remembered the library and generously left \$1000, in the hands of the others, to continue the work which he was called to leave.

After collecting the works of these different associations, the committee solicited funds for the purchase of new books, and have also been frequently helped by concerts, dramas, &c., gotten up for the benefit of the library. They have also received three valuable donations of books, one from Mrs. Blake formerly of Salem, one from Mr. Arthur Merriam a brother of Sidney, and one from N. Cleveland, L.L.D., a native of Topsfield. They have also received some smaller gifts of books from other friends.

The whole labor of arranging and classifying the books received, of selecting and carefully examining the books bought, of caring for the funds of the

library, of distributing and receiving the books, of re-covering and seeing to re-binding, &c., in short every labor connected with and incident to a library of over 1600 volumes, has been performed by the committee *personally* in a gentlemanly and efficient manner, and what is still rarer in this selfish age, without money and without price.

Not one cent has the committee been paid for their services, either collectively or individually, by any human being. . . .

Of course novels should not be read alone; nor need they be in Topsfield, as an examination of our catalogue will show.

Of the more than 1600 volumes in the library, only 400 are novels, and I assert and challenge disapproval, that that is a smaller per cent. than will be found in the average of public libraries in the country or State, or in the average of college libraries. . . .

*Salem Gazette, June 28, 1878.*

Another great sorrow has been inflicted upon a portion of this community in the sudden death, last Thursday, from sun stroke, of Mr. Charles D. Perkins, eldest son of Mr. Dudley Q. Perkins,—a young man not quite 25 years of age, whose affable manners, kindly nature, and obliging disposition, had greatly endeared him to a large circle of friends and acquaintances. He was formerly clerk in the store of Mr. Kimball, and in that capacity was highly popular. On Jan. 1st, this year, he was married, and his young widow is so postrated by her sudden

loss as to occasion great anxiety to the family, in reference to her own health. The funeral service on Friday was largely attended, and remarks eulogistic of the deceased and consolatory to the bereaved, were made by Revs. Messrs. Fitts and Rodgers. This is the fourth painfully sudden death in this village this year,—the others being those of Mr. Emerson, Mr. Welsh, and Capt. Morgan.

*Salem Gazette, July 3, 1878.*

*A PLEASANT ANNIVERSARY*

[To the Editors of the Salem Gazette]

On July Fourth, year '78,  
 Our anniversary day and date,  
 A band from church of Doctor Bolles,  
 Numbering some two and twenty souls,  
 And all of them to me well known  
 As hailing from old Salem town,  
 Called on me, wishing me to lead  
 To some cool grove; and we agreed  
 That we would go to "Lake Lomond."  
 By common parlance styled "Hood's Pond;"  
 And there we spent the July day,  
 In a right festive social way,  
 With viands rare, and kickshaw, cake,  
 We walked, and talked, and laughed, and ate;  
 The ladies with their simple grace  
 Doing the honors of the place;  
 And should I a diversion make  
 I'd style them "Ladies of the Lake."

And though the day of knighthood 's past,  
 The same weird spells on us were cast ;  
 And there we staid till Sol's dim light  
 Warned us of the approaching night.  
 So freighted well, within, without,  
 We turned our horses' heads about,  
 And I was left at my own door,  
 With prolonged cheers of loud encore.  
 Now it was in the bill of fare  
 That I a poem should prepare,  
 And I should publish too, the same,  
 Which you'll please do, and in my name.

Yours,

C. H. HOLMES.

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Ladies and gentlemen,—I'd say,  
 This is our country's natal day ;  
 The day that gave our country birth  
 Among the nations of the earth,  
 When we declared ourselves as free,  
 In civil, christian liberty.  
 On this glad day we celebrate  
 The great epochal of our fate,  
 Which all our clust'ring memories fix  
 As July Fourth, year Seventy-Six.  
 And in this shady cool retreat,  
 Where we with gratulations meet,  
 How better can we spend the day  
 Than by discoursing of the way  
 To keep this Union unimpaired  
 For which our fathers' arms were bared ;  
 A scheme for which their souls were tried,  
 For which they fought, and bled, and died ?

So saying I will now commence  
 My theme on homemade influence,  
 And how the fireside can exert  
 A great politic good, or hurt.  
 In Washington's well known advice  
 These words occur, (above all price),  
 Which have become a sort of law :  
 "In times of peace prepare for war."  
 Then how in peace for war prepare  
 Should be our chief concern and care—  
 Not merely in the warlike host  
 And mighty armament we boast ;  
 These answer for our foreign foes,  
 But heal not our domestic woes.  
 From whence do wars and tumults rise,  
 That threaten oft our civil skies ?  
 And wherefore, and from whence began  
 "Man's inhumanity to man?"

To trace the cause remote, abstruse,  
 For present purpose were no use.  
 Since Biblic truth treats in one sum  
 These from our warring members come ;  
 "The eyes' lust, and the pride of life,"  
 These are the elements of strife,—  
 The ways and means of that same power  
 "Who seeks all whom he may devour."  
 Then all our wars and tumults rise  
 From him "the father of all lies"  
 And each contentious evil fix  
 Is a contrivance of old Nick's ;

Which proves, and it is obvious,  
Old Nick has "raised the Devil" with us.

The fact is we have lived too fast,  
We've thought too much of rank and caste ;  
We've spoiled the child and spared the rod,  
And worshipped Mammon more than God ;  
And God has sent upon us woes—  
And worst of all, domestic foes ;—  
Then panics, burnings, tramps, the strike,  
Nature's convulsions, and the like.  
If we God's favor would regain,  
We from these evils must abstain,  
We must retrace our steps, go back  
And gain the puritanic track,  
And emulate in nobler strife  
Their simple habits, modes of life.  
To keep these blessings unimpaired  
For which our father's arms were bared,  
For which they fought at Bunker Hill,  
We must promulgate "peace, good will,"  
And to secure them oft should go  
Back to the source from whence they flow,—  
E'en to the farthest social source,  
Which is our chiefest, best recourse,  
Aye to the simple fireside home,  
From whence our civil blessings come,—  
And there investigate the way  
We bring up "Young America."

To carry out this great design,  
Which all our blessings vast combine,

To well maintain our country's cause,  
 Its institutions and its laws,  
 'Tis proper that we cultivate  
 The social gathering, simple fete  
 And all the little rollick mirths  
 That cluster round domestic hearths,—  
 Keeping these sources clear, and pure,  
 Free from corruption and all lure ;  
 For our true strength and union lies  
 In our domestic social ties.  
 These socials are the little rills  
 That trickle from the far-up hills—  
 The streamlets there that percolate,  
 Uniting in one stream more great,  
 Which give back in a mystic sense  
 An interchanging influence ;  
 Or like the veins remote that start  
 Their currents to the vital heart,  
 And then return them to the source  
 With a reacting living force.  
 First then, our civil blessings come  
 From the *instructed, moral home* ;  
 And then this home with that allied,  
 Extending wider and more wide,  
 Till each concentric social wave  
 Its farthest outer one will lave ;  
 Parent and child 'twill first embrace,  
 Our country next, and next our race ;  
 And forming in a certain sense  
 An interchanging influence,  
 A reactionary life-force  
 An ebb and flow throughout the course.

Thus all of us, yes, all, exert  
 An influence for good or hurt,  
 Extending e'en to our pastimes,  
 As well as to our virtues, crimes ;  
 "For no man liveth to himself ;"  
 Whate'er his poverty or pelf,  
 Whate'er his station, mode of life,  
 The civil or the warlike strife,  
 Or bond or free, or peer, or boor,  
 Or honest man or man of lure,  
 He cannot, would he, keep aloof,  
 But forms a part of warp and woof  
 In the great textured web mundane,  
 Which now and ever must remain.  
 His every act to bless or curse  
 Is written on the universe ;  
 And there the feeblest thought, some say,  
 Is inwrought for the final day ;  
 Then let none say they're powerless,  
 Since e'en *unconscious* they impress,  
 And thus a penalty incur  
 For tendency of character.

. *Salem Gazette, August 2, 1878.*

### A TOPSFIELD LAWN PARTY.

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Correspondence of the Salem Gazette.

TOPSFIELD, Aug. 15, 1878.

*Messrs. Editors* :—On Monday evening last, the friends of Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs of Topsfield, were invited to meet at their beautiful residence, for the

purpose of holding a lawn party. About eight o'clock the guests began to arrive, and in half an hour later about sixty fortunate ones had gathered in response to their invitation. The evening was beautiful, the sky was cloudless, and the moon being full, although partially obscured by the eclipse in the early evening, shone out in all its brightness. While those assembled were enjoying the occasion by social chatting, the Topsfield Brass Band, followed by hundreds of the village people, appeared upon the scene to increase the happiness of those assembled. They were assisted on this occasion by Mr. John M. Flockton, Jr., the popular leader of your celebrated Salem Band. They rendered a fine program, which was highly pleasing and liberally applauded. Mr. Flockton performed a drum solo upon the snare drum, which brought forth the applause of the entire company, together with those collected outside the grounds. It was a surprise as well as a great treat to the people of Topsfield, many expressing the opinion that no such drumming was ever before heard in Topsfield. After an hour or more spent at the beautiful summer house, recently erected by Mr. Jacobs, and promenading around the grounds, the company were invited to a splendid supper, prepared by Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs, which was partaken of and praised by all. After supper the guests were invited into the spacious parlors, and the hours, far in night, were passed in a most social and pleasant manner. Miss Peabody, of Topsfield, recited several humorous readings, which brought

forth the hearty applause of all. The company then joined in singing many beautiful songs and hymns. About midnight, as many were beginning to think of home, the Rev. Mr. Rodgers, of Topsfield, was invited to lead the company in a family worship. Prayer was offered to Almighty God to shed his blessings upon all assembled, especially upon those who had done so much for the enjoyment of those present. "Nearer, my God, to Thee," was sung with a will. After a general handshaking and an earnest good night, the company separated, and departed for their several homes, with their hearts full of joy and thanks for the privilege that had been afforded them of mingling together on an occasion so enjoyable to all; and all felt that they could not express their gratitude for the perfect and successful manner in which all the arrangements had been carried out to make it the most enjoyable occasion within their recollection. ONE OF THE GUESTS.

*Salem Gazette, August 16, 1878.*

A CARD FROM THE TOPSFIELD LIBRARY  
COMMITTEE

Certain persons who from the first have been members of the Library Committee in Topsfield, and who have taken an active part in organizing the library, and as they had supposed with a fair degree of success and acceptance, beg leave to state that the library is managed on the same principles that it has been managed hitherto. They are quite at a loss to know what is intended by the declarations of

a certain critic that he has carried the popular sentiment with him, and that the leaven is working very much to his satisfaction. As heretofore the committee will continue to furnish the library, as they have the means at command, with the best literature in the language, and any denunciation of their selections, as "weak and sentimental trash and love-sick stories" unsustained by facts and specifications, will probably have very little effect upon the committee or the patrons of the library. Against all literature not only pernicious but worthless, have they endeavored to guard, and as far as they know, with entire success, except in a single instance. A book, "Col. Jack," written by De Foe, author of Robinson Crusoe, was, with others, presented to the library, and, in consideration of both author and donor without examination or thought, put into circulation. A member of the committee accidentally discovered the objectionable character of the book, and laid it aside where it remained something more than a year. It was restored to the shelves again by a casual oversight, where it had been two or three months when it was again observed, and removed, before the recent assault upon the library. The committee are not aware of anything like party feeling in town in respect to the library, or any complaint in regard to the management of it; and perhaps had been made a little vain by the compliments they had received on account of their selection of books. Whatsoever of intelligence and judgment they are capable of exercising, they will gladly

use for the furtherance of those ends which a town library is designed to secure. The members of the committee take this opportunity to attest the correctness of the statements in the articles published in the Mercury in defence of the library, against the attacks made upon it.

*Salem Gazette, August 23, 1878.*

Rev. Mr. Rodgers, of Topsfield, wishes us to state that the objectionable book which the committee removed from the Topsfield library is the one that suggested his criticisms; that it was in the library just before those criticisms were made; and that the book is still named in the catalogue. To this we suppose the committee would say that they do not propose to print a new catalogue merely because a book had been withdrawn. Mr. Rodgers also observes that the committee endorse "the statements made in their defence," and say nothing about "the style and objectionable mode" of that defence. He also says "the library, outside of its fiction, is irreproachable," and wishes the committee to read some of the other books and see if they do not find others to remove.—*Eds.*

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On Thursday last, the beach party of the Congregational Sunday School, a hundred and fifty in number, was favored by a splendid day, a large company, plenty of enjoyment, and immunity from accident or any disturbing element. They went forth singing and did not return weeping.

Deborah Kimball of this town celebrates her 99th birthday October 2, and is still smart and active, and able to be about.

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Died in Wasco county, Oregon, on the 16th of May, George H. Deland in the 36th year of his age. Born in Topsfield, Massachusetts, "the cradle of liberty," he was among the first to rally in defence of the Union, and served faithfully through the war. He came to this coast soon thereafter, and marrying, settled in this city, where his generosity and integrity of character won for him a host of friends. Though capable of making his mark anywhere, it was at the family fireside and in the social circle that his warm and ardent nature was displayed most brilliantly. In the various relations of husband, parent, philanthropist, and friend, his life shone brightest. His amiable companion and a daughter of five years survive him.—*Oregon paper. Salem Gazette, August 30, 1878.*

The Harvest Concert of the Methodist Sabbath School came off on Sunday evening last. Great preparation had been made for it in the way of elaborate decorations, and the effect was very brilliant. The church was well lighted, and the flowers, fruits, plants, shrubs, evergreens, autumn leaves, and mottoes, arranged and displayed in great taste, were brought into pleasant prominence. The singing presented a leading feature of the concert. It was conducted by Mr. George Whittemore with his accustomed vigor and skill. Prof. Wildes of George-

town, and Miss Carrie Glazier, the church organist, presided at the organ, a new one placed in the chancel for the Sabbath School and used in public for the first time on this occasion. The cornet accompaniments of Eddie Balch were greatly admired and contributed not a little to the melody of the hour. The recitations were well and carefully rendered, and it was obvious that from the smallest child to the oldest person, *all* had thrown their hearts into the work, and that the undertaking had been a labor of love. The beauty of simple worship was infused into the whole service, and the idea of display was altogether kept in the back ground. The exercises were opened with prayer by the Pastor, and closed with timely remarks from Revds. J. H. Fitts, of the Congregational church and S. L. Rodgers. Mr. C. J. Trowbridge of Boston and other friends lent efficient aid in singing, and the coöperative spirit of a great number was very cheeringly manifested. The church was thoroughly packed, many being unable to obtain admittance. Mr. D. E. Davis, superintendent, presided.

Mr. Elisha P. Andrews narrowly escaped one day last week from what came near being a serious accident, the accident happening in precisely the same manner as the one that proved fatal to the late Capt. I. A. Morgan.

“Uncle Tom’s Cabin” was rendered in such good style and excellent taste, last Friday night in the Town Hall, by Anthony & Parsons’s troupe as to leave little room for criticism; and as a testimony

of the popularity of the drama and the manner of its rendition, the number of the audience and the frequent applause during its performance abundantly show.

*Salem Gazette, Sept. 6, 1878.*

The Seventh day Advents have been holding a series of special services in the small room of the Town Hall, but their audiences were not large enough to warrant their continuance through the week as advertised. Those who sympathize with them in the neighboring towns have rallied round them and their meetings have been quite orderly and devotional and it is worthy of comment that their distinctive views and theories have been enforced with unusual moderation and respect for the opinion of others.

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About one hundred and fifty people from Boxford and Topsfield passed through here on barges last Tuesday morning, *en route* for Plum Island, accompanied by the Boxford Brass Band.—*Advocate.*

*Salem Gazette, Sept. 20, 1878.*

The Salem Light Infantry, Captain Jonathan Osborne, held their annual target shoot and fall parade at Topsfield on Tuesday. The company, mustering some thirty-five men, with ten or twelve invited guests, accompanied by the Salem Band, left its armory at about half past eight, and marched to North Salem, from whence they were conveyed to Topsfield by barges. Upon arriving, the company was received by the Selectmen and citizens, who tend-

ered them the hospitalities of the town. The morning was spent in target practice. The medal for the best shot was awarded to private William F. Parshley, who scored 18. The second best score was made by Captain Osborne, who scored 17. The best score of the day, 20 points, was made by Mr. Albert D. Sanborn, a past member of the company. The corps were handsomely entertained by Mr. B. F. Jacobs, and dined by the citizens. In the afternoon, there was speaking at the band stand by prominent citizens, including Rev. Mr. Rodgers, Lieut. Holmes, Captain Osborne, Dr. Chase, Mr. Peabody, and others; a promenade concert by the Salem Band; and an exhibition drill by the Light Infantry. The day's pleasures closed with a hop in the Town Hall in the evening, and a banquet at ten o'clock. The command returned to Salem just after midnight.

### *A TOPSFIELD DITTY.*

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Correspondence of the Salem Gazette.

TOPSFIELD, Oct. 1, 1878.

The advent of Capt. Osborne with the Salem Light Infantry, Oct. 1st, was quite an event in our town. The weather was serene and delightful and everything well conducted. The company after debouching at the outskirts of the village marched to "the Common" to the stirring music of fife and drum, and in the spacious field of Mr. Holmes practised target shooting till two o'clock, and then escorting the town authorities and their guests

through the beautiful grounds of Mr. Jacobs, and being all button-hole-bouquetted by the fair ladies of the mansion, proceeded to the Town Hall where a plentiful collation was prepared through the assiduities of the Topsfield ladies and committee of preparation. As I viewed the delicate promptness with which the ladies executed their duties I could well say with Walter Scott, by the aid of a parody,

“Oh woman in our hours of ease,  
Uncertain, coy, and hard to please.”  
But when we wish to give a treat  
'Tis then that woman can't be beat.

Adopting the lines of our Topsfield bard,—

“With viands rare, and kickshaw cate,  
We laughed and talked and much we ate,  
Till freighted well within, without,  
As we went in, so we went out,”

and proceeded to the band stand on the Common, where speakers were introduced by the President of the day, who well supported the character of the town, and were happily responded to by Major Chase and Capt. Osborne, the band at intervals discoursing soul stirring music, and the last that we saw of the phalanx was in the mazy evolutions of the dance. The whole affair was a decided success and the strict decorum of the soldiers especially noticeable. Never have I seen in any like event so much polite kindness displayed. At the request of Capt. Osborne, Mr. Holmes chairman of the occasion, has furnished a part of his introductory speech, which is subjoined:—

As the President of the day  
 I have a word or two to say :  
 I'm here to do the town's behests  
 In welcoming our martial guests.  
 We're glad to see you, meet you here,  
 Glad to extend to you our cheer.  
 And in a word, with one acclaim  
 I welcome you in Topsfield's name !

Further I'd say a word or two,  
 And will essay to bring to view  
 Some things our Topsfield fathers done  
 When this town's settlement begun.

The Topsfield fathers early laid  
 The common out for a parade,  
 And staked it out by mete and bound  
 To be for e'er "a training ground."  
 A training ground it e'er has been—  
 A nursery for warlike men.  
 Early as seventeen forty-five,  
 When British did with Frenchmen strive,  
 (To make it plain, go back as far  
 As what we style "the old French war,")  
 A Topsfield Emerson, folks tell,  
 Served with Sir William Pepperell ;  
 And with his full six thousand men  
 Many a Topsfield citizen.  
 In later times which we will fix  
 At 'bout the time of "seventy-six,"  
 A Topsfield man, brave Capt. Gould,  
 Who would by Britain not be ruled,  
 Stood forth a champion in the cause

Of equal rights and equal laws.  
 And with him many patriots more  
 Who in this strife their country bore.  
 And in our late Rebellion's wars,  
 We have a galaxy of stars,—  
 The men that fought, the men that bled,  
 And the revered and sacred dead—  
 Whose sacrifices e'er will be  
 Engraven on our memory.  
 And should our country on us call,  
 We're ready, aye we're ready all,  
 Ready, all ready to be found  
 On the old Common training ground.

*Salem Gazette, Oct. 4, 1878.*

Our Topsfield correspondent sent us a very excellent report of the visit of the Salem Light Infantry to Topsfield, (together with other items), which, by an accidental circumstance, did not come to our notice till after the issue of last week's paper, which we very much regret. Having already published an account of this event, it is now too late to print another; but our correspondent says, "it is now forty years since any military display took place in the village, and there was a great deal of interest manifested, so that the scene was rendered quite lively in the afternoon, by the gathering together of everybody and his neighbor. The company deserve to be congratulated upon their appearance, conduct and skill, and we shall all be glad to see them again."

The Shaffer Bell-ringers gave a good entertainment in the Town Hall on Monday, last week, to a small house.

*Salem Gazette, Oct. 11, 1878.*

Wednesday evening the Topsfield Greenback party had a rally at the Town Hall. Speeches were made by Messrs. M. Hull of Boston, E. S. Metcalf of Salem and E. L. Hill of Danvers, who were escorted to and from the hall by a torchlight procession and a band of music.

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The Town Hall was nearly filled last Wednesday evening by an audience composed of men, women, and children, who had been convened by the combined influences of a torchlight procession, a band of music, and the sounding "brass" of Moses Hull, who spoke in a *seductive* manner for a considerable time, endeavoring to explain the inexplicable, in an attempt to illuminate the mystic theories of the Butler platform. Some persons probably thought he succeeded; he himself undoubtedly being of the number; but there were others (and not a few) who laughed at the fallacies and saw through the flimsy cobwebs by which it was sought to delude the public. His effort was worthy of a better cause; but it was powerless in convincing men's minds and leading them into light. One statement will serve as a sample of the whole in its extravagance. He said that if Butler had been allowed his own way at the commencement of the war the Rebellion would have been put down in *three months*. He did not re-

mind his hearer though that his "*chief*" was superseded in his command because he would not *obey* orders and because he *refused* to fight, before the war closed.

Travelling companies are getting as numerous as tramps and are becoming just about as welcome. "The entertainment" element this season would not suggest starvation and want. The echoes of Shaffer's Bells had hardly died away ere the "Two Orphans" made two abortive and one unsuccessful attempt to take our money away; but "Politics" and home efforts claim nearly all the attention our people are able to give just now, and *they* have no cause to complain of indifference or neglect. Every evening last and nearly every evening this week either has claimed, or will claim the patronage and attention of the public, and yet they show no signs of being tired.

The Village Lecture Course increases in interest and in attendance. Quite a good audience assembled on Tuesday evening last week to listen to a very fine discussion of the Labor problem by Rev. Mr. Maguire of Fitchburg who did justice to his theme and succeeded in pleasantly and profitably holding the attention of his hearers for about an hour, a period by the way long enough for any lecture to last and too long for a great many. Rev. Mr. Thorn-dike delivers the next lecture, on "You and I," on Thursday evening of this week. He is one of the rising ministers of the M. E. Church, and is an eloquent speaker who does *not* use manuscript.

The opening of the *fiftieth* annual course of lectures of the SALEM LYCEUM, which is soon to take place, marks an epoch so notable as to attract an unusual degree of interest to that venerable institution, which is probably the only Lyceum that has maintained its operations successfully, in unbroken series, for the whole half century. . . .

The first attempt was to establish a formidable organization of State, County, and Town organizations. The latter to be the primary bodies, with representatives to constitute the higher bodies. This work was begun in February, 1829, when a public meeting was held at the State House, in Boston, at which Governor Lincoln presided. In the latter part of the same year, a meeting was held in Topsfield, for the purpose of forming an Essex County Lyceum; but the subject was postponed till March, 1830, when delegates from seventeen Town Lyceums assembled at Ipswich, and were organized as a County Lyceum. . . .

*Salem Gazette, Oct. 18, 1878.*

There were two great political meetings last week in the village, which created more excitement than is at all common here.

The first was the Republican Rally on Monday evening. The audience filled the hall and was remarkable for its large proportion of men, although it did not lack the presence of many ladies. The speakers Messrs. Squire and Noyes, (who were escorted by several members of the Committee and the Band,) were equal to the occasion and acquitted

themselves with credit. Their arguments were clear and logical, and all led to the conclusion that for the Government as well as the citizen "Honesty is the best policy."

In a quiet and gentlemanly manner they corrected the errors and exposed the fallacies of the Butler theories, and with great perspicuity unfolded the mischief with which society was threatened by the incendiary policy of the irrepressible General. The speeches were both well received, with the exception, that a few enthusiastic greenbackers displayed "their true inwardness" by unseemly interruptions which formed a marked contrast to the civility and courtesy extended by the Republicans and others to the Butlerites at all their meetings. Their misconduct will probably cost their party several votes.

The second gathering was on Tuesday evening, when the hall was again well filled, and this time there was a great preponderance of ladies and young people who seemed to manifest a weakness in favor of soft money, though if truth may be told, they paid pretty dearly in yawns and weariness for their fancy. The orator on this occasion was Leo Miller, of New York, the silver tongued champion of Benjamin F. Butler. He is a highly nervous gentleman who manifested a great deal of impatience with the juvenile whisperers in the house, and the audacious smokers in the vestibule. His manner was excited and irritable and did not create a pleasant impression; but for upwards of two hours he poured forth

a continuous stream of eloquent words, attempting to show that the Republicans had betrayed the country, that usury was the boss demon going about, seeking whom he might devour, and that the instantaneous liquidation of bonds by greenbacks, would bring about the halcyon days forthwith. He is an accomplished speaker, but a visionary, who deals in sophistries rather than in sound arguments.

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*THE NATIONAL BANKS.*

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The present national banking system is the best that has ever been devised. . . .

We will explain, concisely, and familiarly, the process of forming a national bank, under the law. The town of Topsfield, if you please, wants a bank. John Bailey, the shoe-manufacturer, Adams and Kimball, the grocers, Edwards the apothecary, Merriam, the depotmaster, and other good folks, put in their money and organize a bank with a capital of \$100,000. They wish to put out a bank note circulation of \$90,000. In order to secure those notes, and render the common people who take them perfectly safe, whatever may happen to the stockholders, the law requires that this particular bank shall invest its entire capital in United States bonds, and that these bonds shall be forwarded to the United States treasury, where the government may keep an eye upon them and be sure that the bank does not sell them again. These bonds are the property

of the bank, which has paid for them; and the government simply holds them in trust, so that, if the banks owners do a losing business and come to grief, the common people, who hold the bank note currency of this smashed up bank, shall get *their* money out of the proceeds of these bonds. Bailey, Adams, Kimball, and Merriam, may sink every dollar of the capital they put into the bank, but every shoemaker and day laborer in Topsfield who holds one of that bank's notes, is perfectly secure, so long as the government is secure. . . .

To go back once more to this Topsfield bank, by way of proving what we say about this matter of responsibility, let us see where it bought its \$100,000 of U. S. bonds. If it bought them of the government it must have bought such as the government has for sale, or bonds bearing 4 per cent. interest. In that case, the bank, by loaning the government money at 4 per cent., enabled that government to pay off so much of its 6 per cent. debt, thus actually enabling it to save 2 per cent. interest, annually, without adding a dollar to its pecuniary responsibility. But suppose the bank went into the market and bought \$100,000 of outstanding bonds, and obtained them in that way. Mr. Charles Herrick, for instance, when the government was in need, loaned his last dollar of \$100,000, in order to help save the country. The government pays him interest regularly, and everybody says that is all right. But today he sells all his bonds to this new bank. The government's responsibility has not changed,

nor increased. Where it was before under obligation to Charles Herrick, it is now under obligation to the bank. Where it before paid interest to Charles Herrick, it now pays it to the Topsfield bank. There is this advantage to the people in the new ownership, however. When Mr. Herrick invested all his capital in those bonds, he was made free of taxes. When the Topsfield bank invests \$100,000 in those same bonds, it at once begins to pay State, county, and town taxes on the cash value of the capital thus invested. So the community gets a benefit out of the changed ownership of the bonds. We may say, right here, that the banks of Salem pay a tax of \$35,895 on their stock, exclusive of what they pay on real estate. . . .

*Salem Gazette, Oct. 25, 1878.*

B. P. Adams, of Topsfield, was nominated as candidate for representative by "the workingmen and greenbackers" at a caucus held in Topsfield on Wednesday night. The vote "was made unanimous by acclamation." J. Balch was President of the caucus, and Charles Carmody, Secretary. The 13th district is composed of Middleton, Lynnfield, Saugus and Topsfield, and this is the Topsfield year. This nomination is expected to unite both the Butler Greenbackers and other Democrats to a certain extent.

*Salem Gazette, Nov. 1, 1878.*

The following facts may not be uninteresting or unimportant.

It became our turn this year, as one of the four towns comprising the 13th district, to send a rep-

representative to the General Court, and a caucus was held Nov. 30th for the purpose of nominating one in the interest of the Republican party, when the final ballot presented the following result: John H. Potter 34, John H. Towne 14, Irving Phillips 6, and Dudley Bradstreet 3. Delegates were then elected to represent the caucus at the Convention to be holden at Lynnfield, and the choice fell on Messrs. Samuel Todd, Augustine Peabody, Edward Towne, George Averill, Webster Galloup, Eugene Wildes, Proctor Perkins, and Wm. Kimball. It seems, however, that some objection was made at said convention, by the Saugus delegates, to the name of Mr. Potter, whereupon the first named half of our delegates betrayed strong "Bradstreet proclivities" and notwithstanding the sturdy resistance of the other half, the result was, that the *minority* of the caucus became the *majority* of the convention. As soon as this strange state of things became known another caucus was called, which assumed the character of an "indignation meeting," and the result of the ballot then cast was as follows: whole number of votes 40, for Potter 39, for Bradstreet 1. The delegates were on motion dispatched to Saugus next day, to see what could be done; but the anti-Potter element again prevailed, and the result so far as Topsfield is concerned, was a plurality of 11 in favor of the Greenback candidate.

Moral, Let the relations between a caucus and its delegates be better defined in future, and let men be elected who will not go back upon those who sent them.

REPUBLICAN.

[It is our impression that the above account makes one important omission. If we were correctly informed, the original caucus, after expressing its decided preference, as above stated, for Mr. Potter, passed a vote which practically authorized the delegates to support some other candidate in case they saw good reason, in Republican interest, so to do, and refused to instruct them to vote for Mr. Potter absolutely. We presume the delegates who voted against Mr. Potter did so upon the representation of the Saugus Republicans that Mr. Potter could not command the Republican vote of that town, some saying that Mr. Hood was elected over him once before, and others finding fault that, pending Mr. Hood's contest of the seat, Mr. Potter voted for Mr. Dawes for senator instead of for Gen. Banks, whom Saugus wanted,—a very judicious act, on Mr. Potter's part, we would take occasion to say. We do not profess to know anything personally of this squabble, but if we have been correctly informed about the instructions, it seems to us to alter the case.—*Eds. Mercury.*]

The political events of last week have left tranquility and peace behind them notwithstanding that the hopes and expectations of many have been sorely disappointed. The town meeting was largely attended, and the hall was well filled during most of the time the polls were open. The general opinion seemed to be that "the General" would not be Governor of Massachusetts, and that Benjamin P. Adams the Greenback nominee would be the rep-

representative to the General Court, of the united towns, owing to the "split in the camp" in regard to the Republican nomination, in this town, of Mr. John H. Potter, which was overruled by the other three towns, and the name of Mr. Dudley Bradstreet, Chairman of the Selectmen, substituted. Nevertheless, the matter went straight, and the latter was elected. The vote stood, Bradstreet 102, Adams 113. Mr. Adams's vote was quite complimentary, all things considered. Mr. Bradstreet, who suffered by the bolt, is a lineal descendant of old Governor Bradstreet, and occupies the old family farm in this town.

*Salem Gazette, Nov. 8, 1878.*

[We were no doubt in error, in stating, last week that a vote was passed at the Republican caucus in this town to the general effect that the delegates were not, *of necessity*, to be bound by the vote expressing a preference as to a candidate. It was no doubt a misunderstanding of our own, arising from the simple fact that no special vote of instruction to delegates was actually passed beyond the vote for a candidate, which seems to be regarded, according to the practice in the country towns, as equivalent to instruction.—*Eds. Mercury.*]

*Salem Gazette, Nov. 15, 1878.*

The grand concert and dance to be given in the Town Hall on Thanksgiving evening, by the Germania Band of Boston, commends itself to the patronage of every lover of music in the community. The celebrated performer, Mr. E. M. Bagley, who

has made the tour of Europe as the first cornet soloist of Gilmore's band, has recently returned, and will make his first appearance on this occasion. The distinguished sopranoist, Miss Florence Carlisle, of Boston, will also appear as vocalist. The program is in all respects equal to the best performances of this most celebrated band. The supper, including ices, salads, &c., will be furnished by a Boston caterer. The very limited terms of admission to the concert, 35 cents, is within the means of every one, for a musical entertainment, far superior to anything ever before brought out in this vicinity. To accommodate those who wish to attend the concert from adjoining towns, a special train of cars will be waiting at the depot at the close of the concert, to convey passengers to Danvers, Boxford and Georgetown.

*Salem Gazette, Nov. 22, 1878.*

Quite a week of excitement has the last been, and if the money spent in pleasure is any criterion, it is quite clear that the cry of "hard times" is more visionary than true.

On Monday the Jubilee Singers of Harper's Ferry, Virginia, gave an exquisite entertainment at the Methodist church, which was lent for the purpose. They were certainly equal to, if not in some respects superior to, the famous Fiske Troupe. The contralto, alto and bass voices, are not to be surpassed. A more enjoyable evening can scarcely be experienced, than that which their concert affords.

On Wednesday the Spaulding Bell Ringers made

another of their annual appearances; but from a variety of causes were not so well supported as in previous years; still a select audience greeted them in the Town Hall, and in return were well satisfied.

On the evening of Thanksgiving Day, quite an elaborate provision was made here for the pleasure loving people of this and the neighboring towns by a committee who acted under the auspices of the Library Committee, and notwithstanding the unfavorable weather, the undertaking was quite a success. A very large attendance, a concert, a dance, and a supper, formed a combination which yielded both pleasure and money, though the expenses were too large to admit of much profit. A good time was experienced, and thanks are due to the energy of the chairman, Mr. Green Merriam, who was the moving spirit of the affair.

Thieves are abroad and at home also, it would seem, by the fact that Mr. Thomas Pierce, Jr., drove into one of B. P. Adams' sheds the other evening, with a valuable robe in his buggy; but on starting for home he found said robe missing, and although the constabulary have been in motion, no tidings have yet been heard of the stolen article.

Other depredations are said to have taken place, which are not made public, for the sake of facilitating detection, but caution and care will have to be the order of the day and night too, if folks desire to keep their own.

Mr. G. F. Whittemore has started a singing school, which is to be held on Monday evenings,

at Wesley Hall. Persons should enter at once, in order to get the benefit of the early lessons. Quite a large number have given in their names already, and it is expected the class will be well filled.

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Cider at 5c per gallon at the Topsfield Cider Mill. We are selling good Cider fresh from the press for 5 cts. per gallon at the mill. Cider delivered at reasonable rates. Casks and Kegs of all sizes furnished if desired, at the lowest market prices.

J. A. PETERSON. P. O. Box 69.  
*Salem Gazette, Nov. 28, 1878.*

It is pleasant to notice that T. W. Pearce, Esq. a citizen of this town, is betraying interest in the intellectual welfare of the people, and that one way in which he is seeking to promote it, is by inaugurating a course of free lectures on interesting and instructive themes, to be delivered during the first three months of the new year.

A committee has been nominated by Mr. Pearce to aid him in carrying out this arrangement. They met for the first time on Friday evening and organized, Rev. Mr. Fitts being appointed chairman, Rev. Mr. Rodgers, secretary, and Benjamin Poole, Jr., Esq., treasurer. It is expected that an attractive program will be completed very shortly, of which due announcement will be given in our columns. Meanwhile we commend the liberality of Mr. Pearce as an example worthy of being followed by influential inhabitants of our smaller villages. He proposes to bear the entire expense himself.

The committee selected represent both the churches and the town equally, and they doubtless will execute their trust to the best of their ability. They are already in correspondence with several eminent lecturers, and will lose no time in discharging the duties entrusted to them.

The lecture course given in the Methodist church just completed, may be regarded, all things considered, as a success, and as an evidence that there is a growing interest in the minds of the people in favor of intellectual recreation. The average attendance was about a hundred, and a fee was charged for admission. It is right that this town should awaken to the importance of this method of self improvement and culture, inasmuch as it has a rightful claim to be regarded as pioneer in the lecture field. In the old coaching days, when Topsfield was a central spot and its hotel a place of renown, some of the foremost lecturers on anti-slavery and other topics used to convene large audiences from all parts of the county. Interesting reminiscences therefore, as well as present advantage, should combine to lend emphases to every new movement in this direction.

There were two funerals last week in the town, a most unusual occurrence. The infant child of Mr. Quint, of chronic heart disease, and Mr. Chamberlain, the victim of the sad and mysterious railway accident at Haverhill, he having been run over by an engine while on the track. His death was almost instantaneous.

*Salem Gazette, Dec. 13, 1878.*

An excellent miscellaneous concert was given in the Town Hall, Tuesday of last week, by Prof. Metcalf and his singing school, to a very small audience, which is more to be regretted, as the entertainment was an exceptionally good one. The chorus of about fifty voices exhibited fine qualities and bore testimony to a rigorous drill ; vigor, precision and ease were pleasantly manifested. Miss Maud Tucker, of Boston, was the only stranger soloist present and she was a host in herself. A rich melodious voice which falls upon the ear with such sweetness, and a charming simplicity of manner, are combinations which never fail to fascinate, and these this lady possesses in a high degree. She appeared three times, and each time was enthusiastically encored. Should she come here again, she will certainly prove a great attraction. Insufficient advertising was probably one cause of the scant attendance. The season of the year and the hard times another. The Professor conducted with his customary skill, and did not lack aid of the right kind in the material he had before him.

Great preparations are being made for Christmas. Amusement appears to be the order of the day this week. The Sabbath Schools of both societies take the lead, and have prepared elaborately for the entertainment of their friends on Christmas eve. The Congregationalists have secured both the large and small rooms of the Town Hall, and the Methodists will use their church and vestry. It is to be hoped that the Christmas trees will be very fruitful, and

that there will be no disappointments, that the oysters and confections will not atone for.

The Odd Fellows on the evening of Christmas day will follow with many combined attractions. The Eureka Club have promised to do their best and require no puffing. Everybody knows that everybody will be satisfied, and therefore of course nobody will stay away. The neighboring lodges are expected in large numbers, and if the weather is propitious there is no doubt of a great success. The eating, drinking, music and dancing will commend themselves to their respective votaries.

On New Year's night, Mr. Green Merriam proposes taking the place by storm once more. Gilmore's Band, Levy, the Temple Quartet, Smith, the Boston caterer, with a staff of waiters, —a new light to rival the sun for brightness,—&c., are talked of as a small part of the program, while special trains are to run from almost everywhere; so at least it is said, for the facts we shall have to wait till next year.

On the 2nd or 3rd of January the Free Lecture Course, is expected to commence. "Russia and Turkey" will be the interesting theme of the first lecture, but the arrangements are not quite completed.

The Centennial Jubilee Singers whose performance gave so much satisfaction to a small audience, a little while ago, and whose second coming has been so clamorously demanded, are expected to come again on Monday, January 6, when they are to give an entirely new entertainment in the Methodist Church.

*Salem Gazette, Dec. 20, 1878.*

The amusement season has been inaugurated gallantly this year; the two Sunday Schools having had excellent entertainments which were well patronized.

At the Methodist Festival, every seat was occupied before the time of commencement, and during the evening a large number had to be content with standing room. The program was very attractive, and all present speak loudly in praise of the way in which it was carried out. The Topsfield band acquitted themselves in their usual efficient manner. Santa Claus was liberal, and the Christmas tree was certainly more prolific than the best laden apple tree this fall. The singing, the declaration, the drama and the supper, all far exceeded satisfaction point, and the company dispersed just in time to wish each other a Merry Christmas before the good old day dawned upon them.

The Odd Fellows on Christmas night fully realized the large expectations they had raised. The Eureka did themselves justice and proved that they can hold their own with any amateur dramatic club in this county at least. The attendance if not quite up to last year was very large, especially when the festivities of the previous evening were considered.

Report was not so far ahead of truth as it often is, in the grand concert arrangements for new year's night. Brown's brigade band and the Temple Quartette of Boston, together with the world renowned cornet soloist Levy of New York are actually engaged, and will surely be on hand. Smith, the cel-

ebred "Hub" caterer, with a staff of assistants, will provide the best supper of the season, and Prof. McFadden of the Boylston Museum will illuminate the common from 7 o'clock during the whole evening, with the beautiful calcium light which he will also introduce into the hall in many varieties of colors during the dances. Arrangements have been made for free hacking between the depot and the hall for those who have purchased concert tickets, and also for barges and coaches at low charges, from Danvers, Wenham, Ipswich, Middleton, Rowley and the other towns in the vicinity. The midnight freight will have a passenger car attached, and every facility will be afforded to enable all who will to attend the greatest entertainment of the kind this region has ever had. Mr. Green Merriam is the manager.

*Salem Gazette, Dec. 27, 1878.*

New Year's night will long be remembered in this village for the most splendid entertainment ever held in it. Our beautiful Town Hall was well filled with an audience, which for character and appearance would do credit to a much more pretentious place. Brown's band may safely be pronounced the best of its kind, its style and execution is as near perfect as possible, every member of it is an artist of good caliber, while in W. H. C. Brown it has a most efficient leader. Levy, the world famed cornetist, requires no comment, his command of his instrument and the tones he brings from it are simply wonderful, and he probably did himself full

justice on this occasion. The Temple Quartette too for their class of vocalizing cannot be excelled. The program was well selected, but altogether too short; it contained only ten numbers; of so good a thing there did not seem to be nearly enough. Nothing promised was lacking save the calcium light. Prof. McFadden did not put in an appearance; but the moon did good service and rendered any artificial illumination out of doors unnecessary. All other parts of the entertainment are well spoken of, but we fear, notwithstanding the large audience, that it could not have paid expenses, seeing that the fee of Mr. Levy alone was \$100, and the other demands were of course proportionately high; but then it is clear that profit was not the object for which it was gotten up.

The Free Lecture Course: The first lecture was delivered on Friday evening by Col. J. W. Preston of Boston, to an audience which considering the inclemency of the weather, was a very good one, though of course but few ladies were able to be present. The lecture was a thoughtful discussion of the present aspects and future prospects of Russia. The presentation of the theme was a very happy one and was listened to with marked attention. The lecturer was introduced by Rev. J. H. Fitts, who took occasion to allude briefly to the obligation the town was under to T. W. Peirce, Esq., for his liberality in providing this course of lectures for its benefit. The next will be delivered by J. A. Cass, A. M. of Somerville, on Tuesday the 14th instant. Subject,

“A ramble among the mountains.” The press speak very highly of this lecture, which is said to abound in humerous anecdotes, witty illustrations, and eloquent descriptions, and to be delivered in very forceible and attractive style. Mr. Cass is a young man and a gifted speaker.

Mr. Green Merriam, the manager of the New Year’s concert, had a narrow escape on Wednesday afternoon. He was on board the cars, and on attempting to go from one part of the train to another his foot slipped and he fell. It was supposed he was run over, but he managed in some way to support himself by clinging to the end of the car, until assistance came and rescued him from his perilous position.

The week of prayer is being observed this week at the Congregational vestry and in Wesley Hall.

Col. Levi Pearson, formerly a popular landlord of the Pentucket house in Georgetown, recently fell down a flight of stairs in his barn in Topsfield, and injured himself considerably but not dangerously.

*Salem Gazette, Jan. 3, 1879.*

*A Novel Suit Against the Selectmen.*—Lewis S. Higgins has entered a suit against the selectmen of Topsfield in the first district court, claiming that, being a resident of Topsfield, having paid all taxes, and being otherwise duly qualified, he was refused registration previous to the last State election. The plaintiff says that he was working in Danvers, just previous to the election, and that he did not apply

for registration until the day of election. He was then told that registration had ceased at 9 P. M. on the Saturday previous, by order of the selectmen. The action will excite some interest from its novelty, and also as it involves the right of selectmen to limit the hours of registration.

*Salem Gazette, Jan. 10, 1879.*

The Peirce Free Lecture Course is a great boon to the town. The second lecture, delivered Tuesday of last week by Rev. Jno. Cass of Somerville, deserves all the favorable opinions that have been passed upon it. It is elegant in style, affluent in description, and forceful in delivery, with "hits" and humor enough to please any reasonable audience. It leaves an impression upon you that mountains are more important than you previously thought them, particularly the White mountains. The Town Hall was filled with a good representation of our most influential and intellegent citizens, whose satisfaction was shown by frequent applause. Dr. Nahum Capen comes next, on the 31st inst., to tell us about Spurzheim and his Philosophy. Then follows Prof. Levi Stockbridge, to talk a little of what he knows about farming, which is something more, we take it, than the lamented Tribune theorist ever attained to; and they do say the Professor is always interesting to his hearers be his theme what it may. Prof. Moses T. Brown is said to be unequalled as a reader and delineator of Charles Dickens and other humorists, and Prof. Bolles of the Essex Institute is sure both to please

and profit. These will bring us to the end of February and then there are two others to follow, on dates not yet fixed,—Dr. Perkins of New York and Mr. Spofford of Newburyport. This is an exceptionally good course and will doubtless be duly appreciated.

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*THE MORAL OF A KISS.*

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FROM THE PEN OF C. H. HOLMES

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Among the blisses here below,  
 The gods above on men bestow,  
 I've fancied oft there's not a bliss  
 Whose rapture can surpass the kiss.  
 Where'er we go, to arctic dire,  
 E'en to antarctic "land of fire,"  
 The untaught native of the isle,  
 Or he who's reared in lordly style,  
 The universal whole express  
 One language in the love caress.  
 In fact, so common 'tis with us  
 It may be called an omni-buss,  
 In the expression and the name,  
 Though oft the spirit's not the same,  
 Another thing I've fancied strange,  
 That in our love expression's range  
 There seems to be but just one way  
 We ever our endearments pay:—  
 Two joined lips parting so and so,  
 And these lips meeting other two

With inhaled and susceptible noise,  
 Causing in us transporting joys—  
 Sealing in fact our very fate  
 And by a single act check-mate!

But then it is the simplest things  
 From which our chiefest pleasure springs;  
 And more, the spirit we enact  
 That always sanctifies the act;  
 So when we form love's sentiment  
 There is a holy feeling lent,  
 An inspiration from above,  
 Vouchsafed to us, where all is love;—  
 And when the inspiration's high  
 'Tis then we draw the loved one nigh,  
 Encircling in a fond embrace,  
 The blushing, half averted face,  
 While on the lips, the cheek, the brow,  
 In every way and manner how,  
 The gushing kisses there we pour  
 In oft-repeated freshness o'er.  
 And if we meet a kind return  
 'Tis then the tidings glad we learn:  
 And the expression of the kiss  
 Indeed love's sweetest language is;  
 While every kiss, and every sigh  
 Breathes forth a raptured ecstasy.

Speaking of love Lord Byron says,  
 In one of his sublimest lays—  
 "Yes, Love indeed is light from Heaven,  
 With angels shared, by Allah given,—

A ray from him, who formed the whole,  
 A glory circling round the soul!"  
 Then if this ray divinely darts  
 From Heaven to all susceptible hearts,  
 Refining into chaste desire  
 Each sordid thought by its tense fire,  
 'Tis just as true it does reflect  
 The love express, the way direct;  
 And on this point the Bible says:  
 Kissing the son his ire allays.  
 The ray inspires the holy kiss—  
 And when the ray reflected is  
 On any two adapted hearts,  
 Where both reciprocate their parts  
 It bears the impress to the son  
 And thus reflective kissing's done.  
 'Tis thus in all things with our race,  
 The moral's wrought by reflex grace,  
 Which does the image first impart  
 To each disposed, susceptible heart,  
 And then reflective bears above,  
 The impress to the realms above.  
*Since kissing is the moral way,  
 Who'd not the moral law obey?*

*Salem Gazette, Jan. 17, 1879.*

"Nothing moving" will best summarize all the items of last week, with the single exception of the sleighs, sleigh bells and trotters, and these have attained something like perpetual motion. Hood's pond has been a scene of great excitement these several afternoons and if the equipages were not quite

up to those of Central Park the riders seemed as exhilarated, contented and happy, to say the least.

Saturday evening, Jan. 25, a house in Topsfield, owned by David Pingree of Salem, had a part of the roof blown off during the gale. The occupants were badly frightened but escaped without injury.

*Salem Gazette, Jan. 31, 1879.*

Mrs. Hattie Ray, wife of Mr. John Ray of North Reading, who but recently removed from this, their native town, died suddenly at their new home, at about midnight on the second instant. Her funeral took place on Wednesday, at the Methodist church here, of which she was a member. She was very much respected, and a large number of mourners and friends attended the service. Rev. J. F. Mears of Reading, and Rev. S. L. Rodgers conducted the exercises, and a great deal of sympathy was manifested with the bereaved. In consequence of the above funeral, the entertainment announced for the same evening, did not take place.

**The Right of Registration:** The case of Lewis Stillman Higgins, who sued for damages from Dudley Bradstreet and others, members of the board of Selectmen of Topsfield, for denying him the right of registration on the day of the State election, in November last, was tried before Judge Osgood, in the first district court of Essex county, on Saturday. The plaintiff claimed that the defendants held no session for purposes of registration on the day of election as required by law, and upon his application he was refused and denied his right to vote.

The court rendered judgment for the plaintiff in the sum of \$5 and costs (taxed at \$16.01), making the total of \$21.01, which amount was paid by the defendants. Wm. H. Gove appeared as counsel for the plaintiff, and Solomon D. Hood for the defendants.

*Salem Gazette, Feb. 7, 1879.*

By the annual report of the Selectmen, it appears that the gross indebtedness of the town is now \$22,750. This is reduced by certain available cash assets, including \$2,925.22 in treasury, to \$20,278.78.

The town expenditures, last year amounted to \$13,968.76, as follows: Schools, \$1,305.67; repairs on highways \$1,432.39; repairs on bridges, guards, \$242.93; burial grounds, \$63.51; pathing snow, \$285.49; overseer's department, \$1,765.30; interest, \$1,242.04; state aid, \$512.00; printing, \$48.22; abatement of taxes, \$146.67; repairs on hall, schoolhouses, almshouse, \$523.49; state tax, \$420.00; county tax, \$776.60; discount on taxes, \$238.95; town officers, \$535.65; loan paid, \$2000; notes paid, \$2,000.00; Morgan road, \$343.37; miscellaneous expenses, \$86.48.

*Salem Gazette, Feb. 21, 1879*

A TRIBUTE OF RESPECT.—It is seldom that such a tribute of respect is paid to the memory of a citizen of any town as was paid to the remains of the late Ariel H. Gould, of Topsfield, yesterday. Mr. Gould died on Sunday last, after a brief illness of three days, and the Congregational Church was filled yesterday by his townsmen and friends to at-

tend his funeral. He was a member of Mosaic Lodge of Masons, of Danvers, which with Amity Lodge, were represented by some 30 members. He was also a member of the Essex Agricultural Society, also represented. The casket was brought up the aisle by his brothers of the mystic tie, while the organist of the lodge, Mr. Barnard, officiated at that instrument. The casket was an elegant one of rosewood, and was wreathed about with smilax in bloom. Around the plate, which bore the name and age of the deceased, was an elaborate floral wreath, composed of choice exotics skillfully arranged. At the head of the casket on a table lay a pillow composed of white carnations, fringed with bouvardia and rosebuds, bearing the word "Father," in purple immortelles. This came from his daughter.

On the foot of the casket was a large and elegant floral lyre, with three of its five strings broken, composed of Marshal Niel, niphatas, jacquiminot and other choice rosebuds, heath, deutzia, violets, pansies, lily of the valley, carnations, azaleas, camellias, forget-me-not, rare ferns, mignonette, and many other gems from Flora's kingdom. This was sent by Josiah B. Thomas of Peabody, and was, with the wreath, the work of Benj. D. Hill of Peabody. The church was filled with the rich perfume of the flowers. The services commenced by Rev. Mr. Rogers of the Methodist Church offering prayer, followed by Scriptural selections. Rev. J. Fitz, the pastor of the Congregational Church, then delivered a glowing eulogy upon the deceased. He said that it was very rare that a citizen of any town

died leaving such a vacancy in a community as did the death of Mr. Gould, and spoke of the extent of his business acquaintance, not alone in Topsfield, but throughout the adjoining States, where his excellent qualities and moral integrity reflected credit not alone on him but the town where he resided. He alluded to incidents of his own knowledge, which proved his moral quality and integrity, and of the great help he had been to the town, church and neighborhood, and of his Christianity, which made a better Christian of him than of many church members and professors.

He alluded to the expectations of the deceased that he should not live to reach three score years, and when he had passed that, the 18th of March last, that he did not expect to live until his 61st, and how those thoughts became a reality. He closed his remarks with an earnest appeal for the Divine protection and care of the bereaved family and town. At the close of his remarks the Masonic brethren advanced to the casket and performed the usual funeral ceremonies of their order, closing with the Lord's prayer, in unison. After all in the church had passed around by the casket, and taken a last look at one who had so endeared himself to them, the lid was closed and the pallbearers removed the casket to the hearse, and the long concourse of sincere mourners followed the remains to the village cemetery, where the Masonic fraternity, with the usual impressive services of the order, laid the remains to rest beside the two children who had preceded him to the spirit land. His faithful dog,

which had been his companion for many years, misses his master sadly and refuses to eat, watching from the windows for the arrival of the master who has gone to that bourne from whence no traveller returns.—*Boston Herald.*

In Friday's Gazette we gave an account of the obsequies of the late A. H. Gould, a respected citizen. The following has since been received: At the close of Mr. Fitt's address, the beautiful ritual service of the Freemasons was very impressively rendered by Rev. Mr. Sanger and others, instead of at the grave, as is usual when the temperature is suitable. The floral tributes were very fine, among them an elegant wreath, a cushion on which the word "Father" was very tastefully displayed, and a Harp of five strings of which three were represented as broken. This was an insignia of the domestic circle of the deceased. Three taken and two left, viz. his widow and daughter.

On Friday evening the Eureka Club gave an entertainment with their usual success. The drama was brief but good and was succeeded by a species of amusement which greatly pleased those who engaged in it. The Haverhill quadrille band which is very popular here furnished music. The Eureka's do not wear out, seldom failing to command a crowd, and always giving satisfaction.

The examinations at the several schools in the town took place last week and the vacations have commenced.

*Salem Gazette, Feb. 28, 1879.*

Our town meeting caused a little more excitement than in some previous years. It was preceded by two caucuses, and the attendance was very large, most of our citizens were present. Several changes in the different offices and committees were for a wonder made this year, and the anticipation of them did not fail to impart some interest to the occasion. The utmost good humor, however, prevailed, and there was not a single breeze to give zest to the meeting.

A curious circumstance has evolved out of the count for Town Hall Committee, through a mistake in summing up, and Mr. Daniel Fuller was declared by the moderator to be elected, whereas it turns out that Mr. B. A. Orne received ten more votes than he, and as he, Mr. Orne, has been janitor for some time, he is naturally desirous of retaining his position; but how he is to do so, unless his rival should voluntarily retire, which he is likely to do, is a problem there might be some difficulty in solving. There is no doubt whatever that the error was a simple accident, but still it is clear there was an error.

Rev. J. H. Fitts and Rev. S. L. Rogers were nominated by the moderator as a committee to draft a resolution thanking T. W. Peirce, Esq., for the course of free lectures he so liberally provided for the town, and the same was adopted by a unanimous and hearty vote.

The above two ministers and the retiring Selectmen were elected a committee to prepare resolutions on the death of the late colleague of the latter

(Mr. Ariel Gould) and the Town Clerk was instructed to engross the same on the records and also to send it to the *Salem Mercury*, for publication, when ready. The following is a list of the appointments.

On Tuesday, March 4, the town meeting was called to order by the town clerk, and Sam'l Todd was chosen moderator. E. S. Towne, clerk. Constables, H. W. Lake and James Wilson. Selectmen, S. D. Hood, B. P. Pike and J. H. Potter. Assessors, S. D. Hood, Jeremiah Balch, and M. B. Perkins. Overseers of the Poor, I. M. Woodbury, J. H. Potter and B. B. Towne. School Committee, D. Q. Perkins and B. P. Pike. Hall Committee, A. B. Richardson, H. H. Potter, Daniel Fuller. Fish Committee, S. D. Hood, Wm. H. Kneeland, D. A. Perkins, E. Otis Gould, and Richard Ward. Library Committee, Dr. Justin Allen. Burial Ground Committee, John B. Lake, Geo. A. Towne, and Sam'l Todd. Fence Viewers, Wellington Donaldson, G. A. Frame and D. J. Carlton. Pound Keeper, John Janes. Surveyors of Highway, Jeremiah Balch, Wm. P. Gallup, Geo. F. Averill, Baxter P. Pike, Andrew Gould, Proctor Perkins, E. T. Phillips, Wm. Graves, E. L. Wildes, Jos. E. Andrews, Josiah P. Perkins, Jacob A. Towne, Chas. J. Peabody. Common Committee, Samuel Todd, A. W. Potter, and C. H. Holmes. Surveyors of Lumber, J. H. Potter, Dan'l Willey and H. H. Potter. Field Drivers, W. P. Gould, A. W. Potter, H. E. Lake, B. P. Pike, Wm. Herrick, Frank Welch, D. S. Clarke, D. A. Conant, Sam'l

Bickford, Dudley P. Towne ; Treasurer and Collector, J. Porter Gould.

Voted, to raise same amount of money as last year \$9000 ; \$1200 for schools and \$750 for highways.

Voted that the compensation for highway work be 15 cents per hour.

The following was voted amid much enthusiasm :

“Whereas, the town has been pleased and profited by the liberality of T. W. Peirce, Esq., in providing a course of free lectures during the past year. Voted, that the thanks of this town meeting be cordially extended to him for the same.”

### *RICHARD DEXTER*

FIRST REGULAR PHYSICIAN OF TOPSFIELD

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Richard Dexter was the first practitioner of the medicamental art, who devoted his time exclusively to it, in Topsfield. His predecessors had been Michael Dwinnel and Joseph Bradstreet, but they were little entitled, Cleaveland thinks, to the title of Doctor. Dr. Dexter began his practice here in 1740 and continued till his death, which occurred November 25, 1783, at the age of seventy years.

In speaking of Dr. Dexter, Cleaveland says: “He had, I believe, the confidence of the people here, not only as a physician but as a citizen. In regard to his professional skill, I can only say, that whatever it might be, it was not justly subject to the reproach of being merely ‘book-learned,’ for his medical library contained just two volumes.”

Dr. D. married Mehitable, sister of Gen. Israel Putnam, May 24, 1741. She was then living in Boxford, probably, with her sisters, Mrs. Francis and Thomas Perley. She was born in 1722, and died September 2, 1801, and, it is said, possessed many conspicuous traits of character similar to those of her brother.

Cleaveland says that he can state nothing regarding Dr. D.'s origin; to supply this deficiency these notes have been made.—Dr. Dexter—one of eight children—was born in Malden, Mass., June 15, 1713, and was a brother of Rev. Samuel Dexter, of Dedham. His father was John Dexter, who died in 1722, and who was for many years a deacon of the church, and selectman of that town, and commanded a Company of Foot, under George the First, receiving his commission from Governor Samuel Shute in 1717. His mother was Winneford Sprague of Malden, born 1673, and died in 1752, who, says her reverend son, “was a very pious woman, strictly religious, lived in the fear of God, and died strong in faith, and full of comfort and joy.”

Dr. D.'s grandfather was also named John, and lived in Malden, married Sarah ——, and died in 1677, aged 38 years. The last named was a son of Richard Dexter, likewise of Malden, and who appears to have been the earliest of the name in the same ancestral line who came to New England.

SIDNEY PERLEY.

*Salem Gazette, Mar. 7, 1879.*

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## TOPSFIELD IN THE CIVIL WAR

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BY GEORGE FRANCIS DOW

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THE following records of service of Topsfield men in the Civil War are based upon the official records in the office of the Adjutant General at the State House in Boston. Various biographical details have been added but no attempt has been made to list the actions in which each man took part,—these may be found in the regimental histories published from time to time and to be found in every public library in the State. There is a lamentable lack of correspondence between soldiers in the service and their families and friends at home. During a period of many years we have learned of the present-day existence of only a few letters. The contemporaneous newspaper items relating to Topsfield in the war, will be found printed in these Historical Collections, Volume XX (1915) and Volume XXII (1917), and the summary of activities of the town in connection with the war is reprinted from Schouler's "History of Massachusetts in the Civil War," Boston, 1871.

TOPSFIELD.—Population in 1860, 1,292; in 1865, 1,212. Valuation in 1860, \$624,769; in 1865, \$687,610.

The selectmen in 1861 were John Wright, A. S. Peabody, Dudley Bradstreet; in 1862, 1863, and

1864, A. S. Peabody, Samuel Todd, Dudley Bradstreet; in 1865, Jacob Foster, J. W. Batchelder, David Clark.

The town-clerk during all these years was J. P. Towne. The town-treasurer in 1861 was Benjamin Kimball; in 1862, 1863, and 1864, Nehemiah Balch; in 1865, Jeremiah Balch.

1861. A legal town-meeting was held May 17th, at which the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:—

Considering the present position of our country, not as waging war against the South, nor a party device, but an essay of the people to sustain their own rights, preserve their own institutions, give efficiency to their own laws, invigorate their execution, and perpetuate the inheritance of our fathers unimpaired,—

*Resolved*, That we, the loyal people of Topsfield, in town-meeting assembled, constitute ourselves a National Guard for the preservation of our national integrity.

*Resolved*, That we appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars to meet the exigency of a national requisition on any detachment of our National Guard, giving a bounty of ten dollars to each one who may conform to this requisition.

*Resolved*, That there be a discretionary committee of five, chosen by ballot, to furnish good and sufficient support from such appropriation to the families of those who may be detailed by our Government into its service, giving said committee power to draw on our treasury for the same.

Voted, to appropriate a sufficient sum to pay each soldier twenty dollars a month while in the military service.

1862. July 22nd, Voted, to pay a bounty of one hundred and twenty-five dollars to each volunteer enlisting to the credit of the town for three years' military service; and the treasurer was authorized to borrow nineteen hundred dollars to pay the same, and to pay State aid to the families. The Selectmen were requested to use their utmost endeavors to procure enlistments. August 12th, The bounty to volunteers was raised to two hundred dollars for each inhabitant enlisting to the credit of the town. A committee of seven was chosen by ballot to help the selectmen in recruiting men in the town; and if a sufficient number of the inhabitants could not be enlisted within two days to fill the quota, "then to secure them wherever they may be obtained." The treasurer was authorized to borrow money. It was also voted that "any person who may be drafted from this town during the war shall be liberally provided for during his term of service." August 20th, The selectmen were directed to take legal advice in regard to raising money and paying monthly pay to volunteers, and to be governed thereby. August 29th, Voted, to pay a bounty of one hundred and fifty dollars to each volunteer enlisting for nine months' military service, to the credit of the town; and the treasurer was authorized to borrow money.

1863. No vote appears to have been taken during this year in regard to military matters.

1864. February 9th, A committee of five was chosen by ballot to aid the selectmen in recruiting men to fill the quota of the town. April 12th, Voted, to pay a bounty of one hundred and twenty-five dollars to each volunteer enlisting to the credit of the town; and the treasurer was authorized to pay three hundred and seventy-five dollars to certain citizens who had advanced this amount for recruiting purposes. June 29th, The same amount of bounty was voted to be paid to any one enlisting to the credit of the town in the army or navy. July 28th, The treasurer was authorized to borrow twenty-seven hundred and fifty dollars to pay bounties, and the selectmen were directed to continue recruiting. Nothing further of importance appears to have been done during the year, and recruiting continued.

1865. May 19th, The town voted to raise thirty-four hundred and sixty dollars to repay money advanced by individual citizens for the encouragement of recruiting.

Topsfield furnished one hundred and thirteen men for the war, which was a surplus of six over and above all demands. Five were commissioned officers. The whole amount of money appropriated and expended by the town for war purposes, exclusive of State aid, was fourteen thousand seven hundred and forty-six dollars and thirty-five cents (\$14,746.35).

The amount of money raised and expended by the town in the payment of State aid to the families of volunteers during the four years of the war,

and which was afterwards reimbursed by the Commonwealth, was as follows : In 1861, \$307.46 ; in 1862, \$1,628.58 ; in 1863, \$2,259.00 ; in 1864, \$2,020.00 ; in 1865, \$1,419.06. Total amount \$7,634.10.

The ladies of Topsfield worked heartily in the cause of the soldiers during the war, and forwarded to the army, money, clothing, and hospital stores to the value of five hundred dollars.

The news of the firing on Fort Sumter reached town about five o'clock in the afternoon, a militia officer bringing it over the road from Salem, and three men, James Wilson, David Casey and Edward Otis Gould, dropped their tools and started at once for the rendezvous at Salem. James Wilson was the only one of the three who had a uniform and proper equipment and was accepted on the first call.

LIST OF TOPSFIELD MEN WHO SERVED IN THE ARMY AND NAVY, IN THE CIVIL WAR, INCLUDING ALSO THOSE FROM OTHER TOWNS WHO SERVED ON THE QUOTA OF TOPSFIELD OR WHOSE NAMES ARE CREDITED TO TOPSFIELD IN THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S RECORDS, AND MEN LIVING IN TOPSFIELD AT THE TIME OF ENLISTMENT ON THE QUOTA OF OTHER TOWNS.

*Aaron A. Andrews*, married, butcher, son of Moody and Mercy (Perkins) Andrews, born Feb. 1, 1823 (Topsfield), died May 9, 1877 (Topsfield), enlisted 1861 ; sworn into a company but not mustered into U. S. service,—23rd Mass. Infantry, Co. H.

*Daniel H. Andrews*, private, single, shoemaker, age 29 yrs., born in 1832; enlisted Nov. 27, 1861, for three years; mustered in Nov. 27, 1861, 24th Mass. Vols. Co. H, mustered out Apr. 20, 1863, cause, disability, discharged Apr. 20, 1863, served in the quota of Topsfield.

*Ephraim Perkins Averell*, private, single, shoemaker, age 28 yrs. son of Ephraim and Lydia (Potter) Averell, born in Ipswich, March 10, 1836, died in Topsfield, Nov. 29, 1909, enlisted June 26, 1861 for 3 years, mustered into service June 26, 1861, 12th Mass. Infantry, Co. D, mustered out July 8, 1864, corporal, served in quota of Topsfield.

*George F. Averell*, private, single, age 18, farmer, son of Thomas and Sophronia (Moore) Averell, born Jan. 6, 1844, died July 26, 1926; enlisted July 1, 1862, for six months, mustered into service, July 1st, 1862, 7th Mass. Infantry, Co. B. mustered out Dec. 31, 1862, served in the quota of Topsfield.

Enlisted a second time July 9, 1864, for 100 dys., mustered in July 15, 1864, 6th Mass. Vols. Co. I, mustered out Oct. 27, 1864, served in the quota of Topsfield.

*Richard Baker*, age 23, shoemaker, Boston, rank, ordinary seaman, enlisted June 14, 1861, Boston, 1 year, credited to Gloucester, vessel *North Carolina*, discharged June 26, 1862, from vessel *Connecticut*.

*Richard Baker*, private, age 25, seaman, born in England in 1837, enlisted Dec. 3, 1862 for 9 mos.,

mustered in Dec. 3, 1862, 48th Mass. Vols. Co. D, mustered out Sept. 3, 1863, served in quota of Topsfield. Resided in Ipswich at time of enlistment. An alien not enrolled anywhere. He deserted immediately on receiving his bounty and has not been heard of since.—*Topsfield Town Records*.

*Jeremiah Balch*, private, age 39, married, shoemaker, son of Perley and Sarah (Perkins) Balch, born May 17, 1823, died July 27, 1904, in Waltham, enlisted Oct. 11, 1862, for nine mos., mustered in Oct. 11, 1862, 50th Mass. Vols. Co. K. mustered out Aug. 24, 1863, served in the quota of Topsfield.

*Felix Barker*, age 16 yrs. born in Manilla, P. I. enlisted June 29, 1861 for two years, rank, landsman, vessel *Vincennes*, discharged Aug. 1, 1862, from R. S. *Ohio*, served in the quota of Topsfield.

*George E. Batchelder*, age 27, married, farmer, son of Joseph W. and Nancy (Fuller) Batchelder, born in Middleton, Aug. 14, 1836, died in Worcester, enlisted Aug. 14, 1862, for three yrs., mustered in Sept. 3, 1862, 40th Mass. Vols. Co. F. (corporal), mustered out June 28 (?), 1865, served in the quota of Topsfield. Transferred to Veteran Reserve Corps, Aug. 1, 1863, M. O. from Co. B. 13 V. R. C. June 28, 1865, while at convalescent camp at Alexandria, Va. Aug. 9, 1863.

*Benjamin Benson*, age 39 yrs. seaman, born in Sweden, enlisted July 21, 1861, in Boston. Vessel, *North Carolina* and "Supply." Discharged July 1,

1863, Vessel, *Minnesota*. Served in the quota of Topsfield.

*Albert W. Bixby*, private, married, shoemaker, age 29 yrs. son of Asa and Lucy Ann (Shepard) Bixby, born May 28, 1840, died Sept. 24, 1899, in Rowley; enlisted Aug. 23, 1864 for one year, mustered in Aug. 23, 1864, 28th unattached Co. Hy. Art'y, afterwards 4th Mass. Hy Art'y Co. M, mustered out June 17, 1865. Served in the quota of Topsfield.

*Charles W. Bixby*, private, single, age 18 yrs, shoemaker, son of Haskett G. and Harriet (Blodgett) Bixby, born in Boxford, Oct. 11, 1844; enlisted Aug. 14, 1862 for three years, mustered in Sept. 3rd. 1862, for 3 years, 40th Mass. Vols. Co. F; mustered out June 16, 1865, served in quota of Topsfield.

*Joseph Addison Bixby*, private, age 19 yrs., shoemaker, son of Asa B. and Lucy A. (Shepard) Bixby born Dec. 26, 1842, died in Salem. Enlisted Sept. 1, 1862 for 9 months, mustered in Sept 24, 1862, 48th Mass. Vols. Co. D. mustered out Sept. 3rd, 1863, served in quota of Topsfield.

Enlisted a second time Sept. 5th, 1864, Veteran Reserve Corp. Co. K. 13 Regt. mustered in Sept. 5th, 1864, mustered out Nov. 30, 1865, served in the quota of Salem.

*John Blaisdell*, private, age 33, married, shoemaker, son of Samuel and Annis (Averill) Blaisdell born Jan. 22, 1832, died Dec. 11, 1889; enlisted

Aug. 18, 1862 for 3 years, mustered in Sept. 3, 1862, 40th Mass. Vols. Co. D.; mustered out June 16, 1865, cause—order War Dept., served in quota of Topsfield. Discharged at Richmond, Va., May 28, 1865 at Camp Lee.

*Thomas G. Boardman*, private, age 23, single, carpenter, son of John and Louisa (MacKenzie) Boardman, born Feb. 12, 1839, enlisted Sept. 10, 1862 for 9 mo. mustered in Sept. 24, 1862, 48th Mass. Vols. Co. D. mustered out Sept. 3, 1863, served in quota of Topsfield.

*Francis Bohen*, private, laborer, age 22 yrs., single, enlisted July 12, 1864 for 3 years, mustered in July 12, 1864, 35th Mass. Vols. Co. D. mustered out by being transferred June 9, 1865, to 29th Mass. Vols. Co. D., served in quota of Topsfield, credited to Boston when in the 29th Infantry, mustered out July 29, 1865 as absent, sick.

*Thomas S. Booth*, age 32 yrs., born in New Bedford, enlisted July 3, 1861, at Boston, in the Navy for 2 years, rank boatswain's mate, vessel *North Carolina*, deserted Nov. 30, 1863, from *Potomac*, served in quota of Topsfield.

*John H. Bradstreet*, single, age 27 years, farmer, shoemaker, son of Josiah and Sally Bradstreet, born in 1834, died Dec. 10, 1863 at New Orleans, La. of dysentery at St. Louis Hospital. Enlisted Sept. 21, 1861 for 3 years, mustered in Sept. 21, 1861, 4th Light Battery M. V., Capt. Manning, served in quota of Topsfield.

*George W. Brown*, private, ordinary seaman, age 30 yrs., single, born in Ipswich, enlisted in Navy May 11, 1861 for 3 years, served in *Ohio*, *North Carolina*, and *Ohio*, mustered in July 21, 1861, wounded December, 1862, discharged May 3, 1863 at Boston, served in quota of Topsfield, was of Newburyport at time of enlistment. At time of discharge gave name as George N. Brown.

*James Brown*, single, age 22 yrs., shoemaker, born in Ireland (?) died Dec. 13, 1862, at Fredricksburg, Va., enlisted June 26, 1861, for 3 yrs. mustered in June 26, 1861, 12th Mass. Infantry Co. D, as 1st Sergt., served in the quota of Topsfield.

He had lived in Topsfield for about five years previous to his enlistment. Had an uncle living in Peabody, a currier, named Mahoney. The records state that he was killed by a fragment of a shell, but Abijah B. Richardson informed me that it was reported at the time that he was shot in the back by men of his own company.

*Timothy (E.) Bryant*, age 26 yrs. born in Nova Scotia; enlisted July 2, 1861 at Boston, in the Navy for 3 years; rank, ordinary seaman; vessels *North Carolina*, *Vincennes*, and *Tennessee*. Discharged Oct. 5, 1864 from ship *Ohio*, served in quota of Topsfield.

*Michael Buckley*, private, age 26 yrs. married, blacksmith, son of John and Mary Buckley, born Apr. 2, 1836 at North Andover; enlisted Sept. 11, 1862 for 9 months, mustered in Sept. 24, 1862,

48th Mass. Vols. Co. D., mustered out Sept. 3, 1863, served in the quota of Topsfield.

Enlisted a second time in 4th Hy. Arty. Co. M. private, blacksmith, age 28 yrs. married, residence Boxford, enlisted Aug. 23, 1864 for 1 year, mustered in Aug. 23, 1864, mustered out June 17, 1865, served in quota of Boxford.

*Cyrus H. Burke*, private, married, music-teacher, age 31 yrs., enlisted Feb. 4, 1864 for 3 years, mustered in Apr. 21, 1864, 59th Mass. Vols. Co. K. transferred June 1, 1865 to 57th Mass. Vols. Co. G. rank, sergeant; mustered out July 30, 1865, cause, expiration of service, served in quota of Topsfield.

*Peter Burns*, private, laborer, residence, Boston, age 24 yrs. single, enlisted Oct. 6, 1861 for 3 yrs. 28th Regt. Mass. Vols. Co. A., mustered in Dec. 13, 1861, wounded Dec. 13, 1862, deserted Aug. 21, 1863, served in quota of Topsfield.

*Charles Carmody*, private, age 20 yrs. single, butcher and shoemaker, born in 1840 in Salem, died Dec. 1, 1913; enlisted June 26, 1861 for 3 years, mustered in June 26, 1861 in 12th Mass. Infantry Co. D. deserted May 9, 1864, served in the quota of Topsfield.

Taken prisoner by the rebels at the first battle of "The Wilderness," May 8, 1864. Imprisoned at Andersonville, Ga., 5 months and afterwards at Florence, S. C., 3 months. Was paroled after the eight months imprisonment and reached home about the 1st of June, 1865. During the last 7 months his food was with a few exceptions, 1 pint of coarse

corn meal each day, and during the whole time of his imprisonment the food supply was wholly insufficient in quantity.—*Statement to Town Clerk, Sept. 28 and Oct. 4, 1867.*

*David Casey*, age 23 yrs., butcher, son of Daniel Casey, born Sept. 19, 1835; enlisted May 25, 1861 for 3 years, mustered in May 25, 1861, 2nd Mass. Vols. Co. C., mustered out Dec. 3, 1863. Mustered in Dec. 31, 1863, 2nd Mass. Vols. Co. C. Promoted July 1st, 1864, to commissary sergeant. Commissioned 2nd Lieut. July 3, 1865, mustered out July 14, 1865, served in quota of Topsfield.

*Leonard Channell*, private, age 18 yrs., single, farmer, died Oct. 14, 1862 at New Orleans, La. Enlisted Sept. 18, 1861, 26th Mass. Vols. Co. D. for 3 years, served in quota of Topsfield.

*Lewis A. Chapman*, private, single, age 16 yrs., farmer, son of Amos S. and Eliza A. (Perkins) Chapman, born July 23, 1848, died Jan. 8, 1917, enlisted Sept. 1, 1864, for 1 year, mustered in Sept. 1, 1864, 4th Mass. Light Arty. Transferred to 13th Mass. Light Arty., Jan. 17, 1865, mustered out June 16, 1865, served in quota of Salem, saw service in Louisiana, Arkansas and Tennessee.

*Charles H. Clarke*, age 19 yrs., private, single, shoemaker, son of Samuel and Anna P. (Gould) Clarke, born Sept. 12, 1841 in Lynn, died June 28, 1886 in Danvers; enlisted May 25, 1861, for 3 years, mustered in May 25, 1861, 2nd Mass. Vols. Co. F., mustered out May 25, 1864.

Enlisted (2nd time) Aug. 23, 1864 for 1 year, mustered in Aug. 23, 1864, 28th Unattached Co. Hy. Arty., afterwards 4th Mass. Hy. Arty. Co. M. rank, corporal, mustered out June 17, 1865, cause, expiration of service, served in quota of Topsfield.

*Charles P. Clarke*, private, age 45 yrs., married, farmer and shoemaker, enlisted Oct. 12, 1861, for 3 years, mustered into U. S. service Oct. 12, 1861, 23rd. Mass. Vols. Co. F., discharged Dec. 28, 1861, disability; cause, injury resulting from a fall, served in quota of Topsfield.

Enlisted (2nd time) July 1, 1862, for 6 months, mustered in July 1, 1862, 7th Mass. Vols. Co. B., mustered out Dec. 31, 1862, rank, private, shoemaker, served in a fort in Boston harbor for about six months.

Enlisted (3rd time) Apr. 20, 1863, for 3 years, mustered in Apr. 22, 1863, 1st Battalion Hy. Arty. Co. C., deserted Aug. 17, 1863, private, shoemaker, age 45 yrs. residence Salem (?), served in quota of ———.

*George G. Clarke*, private, age 28 yrs., married, residence Danvers, son of Samuel and Anna P. (Gould) Clarke, born in Ipswich, Apr. 19, 1833, enlisted July 5, 1861 for 3 years, mustered in July 5, 1861, 1st Mass. Hy. Arty. Co. I., mustered out Dec. 14, 1863, to re-enlist, served in the quota of Danvers.

Enlisted (2nd time) Dec. 15, 1863, mustered in Dec. 15, 1863, 1st. Mass. Hy. Arty. Co. I., rank,

sergeant, deserted Aug. 5, 1865, served in quota of Danvers.

In the Battle of the Wilderness, North Annah River, Gaines Mills, Petersburg, Turkey Bend, Popular Grove Church, Hatch's River, etc.

*Joseph H. Clarke*, private, residence Pawtucket, R. I., credited to Topsfield, fisherman, age 21 yrs., enlisted Apr. 28, 1864 for 3 yrs., mustered in Apr. 28, 1864, 29th Mass. Vols. never assigned to a Co., served in the quota of Topsfield, unassigned 3rd. Rhode Island Cavalry, no Co., deserted Apr. 29, and enlisted in 29th Mass. Vols., Sept. 29, 1864, arrested and tried by General Court Martial, found guilty and sentenced to be dishonorably discharged and confined to hard labor for three years.

*William W. Clarke*, private, age 23 yrs., shoemaker, son of Samuel and Anna P. (Gould) Clarke, born in Topsfield, June 3, 1838, enlisted in Navy, Aug. 2, 1861, at Boston for 2 yrs., gunboat *Louisville*, Benj. A. Dove, commander, assigned to a vessel at the naval station D. C., Aug. 24, 1861, discharged Dec. 20, 1862, from vessel *Clara Dolsen*, cause, physical disability, served on quota of Boston, credited to Boston, sick on *Louisville* and sent to a hospital at Cairo, Ill., Sept. 30, 1862, (see also Co. A. 23rd. Mass. Infantry.)

Enlisted (2nd time) Oct. 18, 1864, private, shoemaker, age 26 yrs., married, Lynn, mustered in Oct. 18, 1864, 23rd Mass. Infy. Co. A., mustered out June 25, 1865, credited to Ward II, Salem.

*George W. Cheeney*, private, age 19 yrs., single, farmer, enlisted Dec. 21, 1863 for 3 years, mustered in Jan. 14, 1864, 59th Mass. Vols. Co. C., transferred June 1, 1865 to 57th Mass. Vols. Co. E. mustered out Aug. 8, 1865 by order of War Dept. absent, wounded, since June 17, 1864.

Enlisted (2nd time) Jan. 20, 1864, age 22 yrs., bootmaker, Northbridge, mustered in Jan. 25, 1864 for 3 years 57th Mass. Vols. Co. E., discharged May 25, 1865, wounded, June 17, 1864.

*William P. Conant*, private, age 33 yrs., single, farmer, Topsfield, son of John and Ann Maria Conant, born July 22, 1828 in Topsfield, enlisted Sept. 3, 1861, for 3 yrs. mustered in Sept. 28, 1861, 23rd Mass. Vols. Co. A., served in quota of Topsfield, mustered out Dec. 2, 1863 to re-enlist.

Enlisted (2nd time) Dec. 2, 1863 for 3 years, mustered in Dec. 3, 1863, 23rd Mass. Vols. Co. A., mustered out June 25, 1865, at expiration of service, served in quota of Topsfield.

*Edward Cummings*, private, age 18 yrs., farmer, single, Topsfield, born out of town, died Dec. 21, 1894, at Soldiers' Home, Chelsea, enlisted Oct. 16, 1861 for 3 years, mustered in Oct. 16, 1861, 23rd Mass. Vols. Co. F., discharged Oct. 4, 1862, cause, physical disability, served in quota of Topsfield.

Reenlisted July 17, 1863, in 19th U. S. Infy. Co. A., discharged July 17, 1868. Essex Institute, Salem, has a photograph.

*Charles H. Curtis*, age 18 yrs., landsman, born

in Burroughsville, R. I., enlisted Feb. 3, 1863 at New Bedford, for 2 years, credited to Topsfield, assigned to East Gulf Squadron, deserted July 4, 1863, from the *Ohio*.

*Francis Curtis, Jr.* private, age 26 yrs, married, farmer, Topsfield, son of Francis and Lorinthia (Davis) Curtis, born in Boxford, July 29, 1836, died in Topsfield, May 29, 1900, enlisted Aug. 16, 1862, for 3 yrs., mustered in Sept. 3, 1862, 40th Mass. Vols. Co. F., mustered out June 16, 1865, cause, expiration of service, served in quota of Topsfield.

*Calvin Day*, private, age 22 yrs., single, farmer, Topsfield, born in Shapleigh, Maine, enlisted Aug. 15, 1862 for 3 yrs., mustered in Sept. 3, 1862, 40th Mass. Vols. Co. F., mustered out June 16, 1865, cause, expiration of service, served in quota of Topsfield.

*Benjamin F. Dealand*, private, age 25 yrs., single, shoemaker, son of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Ross) Dealand, born in Danvers, Oct.—, 1835, died in Rowley, Jan. 3, 1907, enlisted Aug. 30, 1861 for 3 years, mustered in Sept. 28, 1861, 23rd Mass. Inf. Co. A., mustered out Dec. 2, 1863 to re-enlist, served in quota of Topsfield.

Enlisted (2nd time) Dec. 2, 1863 for 3 years, mustered in Dec. 3, 1863, 23rd Mass. Vols. Co. A. mustered out June 25, 1865, at expiration of service, served in quota of Topsfield.

*Moses Dealand*, private, shoemaker, Topsfield, son of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Ross) Dealand,

born in Ipswich, Nov. 8, 1838, killed in battle, May 30, 1864, near Pamunky River, Va., enlisted 1861, mustered in Aug. 22, 1861 for 3 yrs., in 23rd Mass. Vols., served in quota of Danvers.

*Royal A. Dealand*, private, single, age 18 yrs., laborer, shoemaker, Topsfield, son of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Ross) Dealand, born in Boxford Dec. 7, 1843, died in Washington, D. C. June 20, 1864, enlisted Sept. 1, 1862 for 9 mo., mustered in Sept. 24, 1862, 48th Mass. Vols. Co. D., mustered out Sept. 3, 1863, served in quota of Topsfield.

Enlisted (2nd time) Dec. 21, 1863 for 3 years, mustered in Jan. 5, 1864, 59th Mass. Vols. Co. B., served in quota of Topsfield, wounded in right leg, June 3, 1864, at Bethesda Church, Va., and died at Emergency Hospital, Washington, D. C., June 20, 1864.

*Albert Dickinson*, private, single, age 19 yrs., shoemaker, Lynn, son of Horace and Eunice Dickinson, born July 13, 1842 in Topsfield, died Aug. 27, 1866 in Topsfield, enlisted Oct. 26, 1861 for 3 yrs., mustered in Oct. 26, 1861, 4th Light Battery, Capt. Manning, discharged Feb. 22, 1863, cause, physical disability, served in the quota of Topsfield.

*Benjamin C. Dodd, Jr.*, private, age 18 yrs., single, shoemaker, mechanic, Topsfield, son of Benj. C. and Elizabeth T. (Goodale) Dodd, born May 22, 1844 in Danvers, died Nov. 16, 1905 in Topsfield, enlisted Aug. 14, 1862 for 3 yrs., mustered

in Sept. 3, 1862, 40th Mass. Vols. Co. F., (corporal) mustered out June 16, 1865, cause, expiration of service, served in the quota of Topsfield, saw service in Virginia, South Carolina, Florida and Maryland.

*Ignatious S. Dodge*, private, single, age 26 yrs., shoemaker, Topsfield, enlisted Oct. 18, 1862 for 9 mo., mustered in Oct. 18, 1862, 50th Mass. Vols. Co. E., mustered out Aug. 24, 1863, served in the quota of Topsfield, afterwards lived in Georgetown.

*Otis F. Dodge*, private, age 20 yrs., single, Topsfield, clerk, son of William P. and Rebecca (Perkins) Dodge, born July 15, 1841 in Topsfield, died Mar. 7, 1865 in New Boston, N. H. buried in Boston St. cemetery, Topsfield, enlisted May 25, 1861 for 3 yrs., mustered in May 25, 1861, 2nd Mass. Inf. Co. F., discharged at Fairfax Courthouse, Va., June 16, 1863, on account of physical disability, served in quota of Topsfield.

*Moses H. Downes*, private, age 20 yrs., Topsfield, son of Moses and Anstiss P. (Balch) Downes, born Sept. 3, 1846 in Topsfield, enlisted Apr. 13, 1864 at Boston, mustered in Apr. 13, 1864, signal corps, served until July 25, 1865. By reason of disability was discharged Sept. 1, 1864 at Petersburg, Va., served in quota of Boston.

*John S. Dudley*, private, age 24 yrs., married, farmer, shoemaker, Topsfield, son of Cyrus and Almira Dudley, born in 1837 in Gloucester, enlisted Oct. 12, 1861 for 3 yrs., mustered in Oct. 12,

1861, 23rd Mass. Inf. Co. F., mustered out Oct. 13, 1864 at expiration of service, served in quota of Topsfield, was at the taking of Newburn, N. C.

*William Duffie*, private, age 28 yrs., single, farmer, born out of town, enlisted July 26, 1861 for 3 yrs., mustered in July 26, 1861, 20th Mass. Inf. Co. H. wounded Dec. 11, 1863, transferred Sept. 18, 1863 to V. R. C., served in quota of Topsfield.

*James Dunlop*, private, age 19 yrs., single, farmer, shoemaker, Topsfield, born out of town, died July 30, 1864, enlisted June 26, 1861 for 3 yrs., mustered in June 26, 1861, 12th Mass. Infy. Co. D., mustered out Dec. 9, 1863, for promotion, served in quota of Topsfield. Received 2nd. Lieutenant's Commission Dec. 9, 1863 in 59th Mass. Vols. Co. K., re-enlisted Oct. 16, 1863, mustered in Mar. 7, 1864. Received 1st Lieut. Commission June 21, 1864, mustered in to the credit of Newbury, June 21, 1864, killed July 30, 1864. John Smith says (1893) that he died of sunstroke. Other accounts state that he was shot by his own men.

*Charles Edwards*, private, married, New York City, blacksmith, age 23 yrs., enlisted Apr. 25, 1864 for 3 yrs., mustered in Apr. 25, 1864, 28th Mass. Vols. never assigned to a company, served in quota of Topsfield.

*Loring B. Edgerly*, private, single, seaman, Bath, Maine, age 37 yrs., enlisted Dec. 29, 1864 for 1 yr., mustered in June 2, 1865, 1st Batt. Frontier Cav. Co. E., mustered out June 30, 1865, cause, expiration of service, served in quota of Topsfield.

*Albro Fletcher*, private, farmer, age 29 yrs., single, Topsfield, enlisted Aug. 22, 1864 for 1 yr., 28th Unattached Co. Hy. Arty. afterwards 4th Mass. Hy. Arty. Co. M., mustered out June 17, 1865.

*Charles J. Floyd*, private, age 32 yrs., married, shoemaker, born in Newburyport, Mar. 16, 1829, died in Topsfield, June 1, 1890, enlisted Oct. 23, 1861 for 3 yrs., mustered in Oct. 23, 1861, 23rd Mass. Inf. Co. F. discharged Aug. 1, 1863, cause, disability, served in quota of Topsfield.

*Jacob Foster*, private, age 21 yrs., enlisted Aug. 8, 1862 for 3 yrs., deserted August 1862.

*William H. Foster*, landsman, age 22 yrs., shoemaker, son of Stephen B. and Lucy (Peabody) Foster, born in Topsfield, Feb. 11, 1839, died on board U. S. S. *Wyandank*, in Potomac River, Nov. 15, 1862, enlisted July 30, 1861 at Portsmouth, rank, landsman, for 3 yrs., credited to Topsfield, assigned to a vessel at the Naval Station at Washington, D. C., Aug. 24, 1861.

*Francis J. Frame*, (enlisted as F. J., should have been F. C.) private, shoemaker, age 20 yrs., Topsfield, born July 30, 1845, at Truro, Nova Scotia, enlisted by C. H. Holmes, May 21, 1864, for 3 years, mustered in May 30, 1864, 15th Unattached Co., afterwards Co. L. 3rd Regiment Mass. Hy. Arty. and stationed at Fort Scott, near Washington, D. C. Reported absent sick when regiment mustered out. Mustered out Dec. 17, 1884 to date

from July 15, 1865, "to complete his military record under the provision of the act of Congress, approved July 5, 1884." His own statement—served in quota of Tewksbury, Mass., but Topsfield records and Adjutant's records at State House credit him to Topsfield.

He made the following statement in Dec. 1896, "Enlisted with A. J. Phillips, as above, going first to Galloupe's Island, Boston Harbor, from there to Washington, D. C., then to Fort Scott. In August, 1864, was taken sick and sent North to various hospitals, reached home Dec. 1684, and stayed there."

*Murdock Frames*, private, single, age 19 yrs., painter, Topsfield, died at Cedar Mountain, Va., Aug. 9, 1862, enlisted May 25, 1861 for 3 years, mustered in May 25, 1861, 2nd Mass. Vols. Co. C., killed at battle of Cedar Mountain, Va. Aug. 9, 1862, served in quota of Topsfield.

*John Galbraith*, private, single, age 18 yrs., farmer, Ipswich, enlisted Dec. 1, 1862 for 9 months, mustered in Dec. 1, 1862, 48th Mass. Vols. Co. D. mustered out Sept. 3, 1863, served in quota of Topsfield.

*Michael R. Glispin*, private, age 18 years, single, carder, Groveland, died at Washington, D. C., July 22, 1865, enlisted Feb. 13, 1865 for one year, mustered in Feb. 13, 1865, 2nd Mass. Cav. Co. K., served in quota of Topsfield.

*Cleaveland Gould*, private, age 29 years, married,

shoemaker, Topsfield, son of Allen and Mary Ann (Brown) Gould, born in Danvers, May 12, 1833, enlisted Oct. 6, 1862 for 9 mo., mustered in Oct. 16, 1862, 8th Mass. Vols. Co. K., discharged from hospital in New Orleans, Apr. 23, 1863, cause, disability at Newburn, N. C., served in quota of Topsfield.

*Edward Otis Gould*, private, single, age 20 yrs., shoemaker, son of Andrew and Mary T. (Lake) Gould, born in Boxford, Feb. 11, 1841, enlisted May 25, 1861 for 3 years, mustered in May 25, 1861, 2nd Mass. Infy. Co. F., discharged July 25, 1862, cause, disability. Wounded in the leg above the knee and taken prisoner at Winchester, Va. May 25, 1862; soon after, was recaptured by Union forces and discharged in consequence of his wound.

*Emerson P. Gould*, private, single, age 44 years, butcher, Topsfield, son of Joseph and Ruth (Parker) Gould, born in Topsfield, Mar. 9, 1812, died at Baton Rouge, La., June 5, 1863, of erysipelas, enlisted Dec. 3, 1862 for 9 mo., mustered in Dec. 3, 1862, 48th Mass. Vols. Co. D., served in quota of Topsfield. Died from the effects of a wound and bruises received from an animal in the slaughter-house yard.

*John Alanson H. Gould*, private, single, age 22 years, shoemaker, Topsfield, son of Allen and Mary Ann (Potter) Gould, born in Danvers, Oct. 3, 1838, enlisted June 26, 1861 for 3 years, mustered

in June 26, 1861, 12th Mass. Inf. Co. D., discharged April 1, 1863, cause, disability, (dropsy) served in quota of Topsfield.

*Nathaniel Gould*, private, age 33 years, married, shoemaker, Topsfield, son of Allen and Mary Ann (Potter) Gould, born in Danvers, Apr. 22, 1831, died in Boston, Jan. 10, 1898, enlisted Aug. 23, 1864 for 1 year, mustered in Aug. 23, 1864, 28th Unattached Co. Hy. Arty., afterwards 4th Mass. Hy. Arty. Co. M., mustered out June 17, 1865 at expiration of service, served in quota of Topsfield.

*William H. Green*, private, single, age 20 years, waiter, Middleton, enlisted June 8, 1863 for 3 yrs., mustered in June 20, 1863, 2nd Mass. Cav. Co. H., mustered out July 14, 1865, cause, expiration of service, served in quota of Topsfield (Middleton?), absent, sick, prisoner from Aug. 10, 1864 to Feb. 16, 1865. Furnished by A. A. Lawrence for \$200.

*John H. Gunnison*, private, farmer, age 40 years, married, Topsfield, son of William and Hannah (Smith) Gunnison, born Dec. 16, 1821 in Topsfield, died Mar. 28, 1897 in Topsfield, enlisted Sept. 22, 1861 for 3 yrs., mustered in Sept. 22, 1861, 23rd Mass. Inf. Co. G., discharged Sept. 5, 1862, cause, physical disability, served in quota of Topsfield.

*Francis E. Hadley*, private, married, age 32 yrs., mechanic, painter, Topsfield, born out of town, enlisted Aug. 14, 1862 for 3 yrs., mustered in

Sept. 3, 1862, 40th Mass. Vols. Co. F., with the rank of sergeant, mustered out June 16, 1865, cause, expiration of service, served in quota of Topsfield.

*William H. Hadley*, private, age 18 years, clerk, Topsfield, born out of town, died at New Baltimore, Va., July 25, 1863, enlisted Aug. 19, 1862 for 3 yrs., mustered in Sept. 3, 1862, 40th Mass. Vols. Co. F., drummer. Killed by accidental discharge of a gun in the hands of another person, at New Baltimore, Va.

*John Haley*, age 23 yrs., married, butcher, Topsfield, son of James and Euphemia Haley, born in Newbury, Vt. in 1839, died in Chicago, 1897-8 (?), enlisted Sept. 10, 1862 for 9 months, mustered in Sept. 24, 1862, 48th Mass. Vols. Co. D., corporal, mustered out Sept. 3, 1863. Was in engagements at Port Hudson and Danielsonville.

Enlisted (2nd time) Aug. 23, 1864, mustered in Aug. 23, 1864, corporal, 4th Hy. Arty. Mass. Co. M., mustered out July 17, 1865, cause, expiration of service, served in quota of Topsfield.

*Bernard Harkins*, private, painter, age 34 years, Topsfield, enlisted June 6, 1863 for 3 yrs., mustered in June 20, 1863, 2nd Mass. Cav. Co. H., deserted July 10, 1863. Furnished by A. A. Lawrence for \$200.

*James Hennessey*, private, age 18 years, laborer, Reading, enlisted Dec. 29, 1864 for 1 year, mustered in Jan. 2, 1865, 1st Battalion Frontier Cav.

Co. E., mustered out June 30, 1865, cause, expiration of service, served in quota of Topsfield.

*Benjamin Herrick, Jr.*, age 37 years, married, shoecutter, Topsfield, son of Benjamin and Nancy (Endicott) Herrick, born in Topsfield, Jan. 8, 1824, enlisted Dec. 3, 1861 for 3 years, mustered in Dec. 3, 1861, Mounted Rifle Rangers, Eastern Bay State Reg. afterwards called 3rd Unattached Mass. Cav., Read's Co., discharged June 15, 1862 at New Orleans, La., cause, physical disability, served in the quota of Topsfield.

Enlisted (2nd time) July 31, 1862, mustered in July 31, 1862 for 3 years, 1st Mass. Hy. Arty. Co. C., mustered out Jan. 4, 1864 to re-enlist, served in quota of Salem.

Enlisted (3rd time) Jan. 5, 1864, mustered in Jan. 5, 1864 1st Mass. Hy. Arty. Co. C., corporal, mustered out Aug. 16, 1865, served in quota of Topsfield.

*Benjamin F. Higgins*, of Boston, age 29 yrs., single, cabinet maker, Topsfield, son of Major and Caroline (Stackpole) Higgins, born in Salem, enlisted Oct. 22, 1862 for 3 years, mustered in Oct. 22, 1862, 13th Bat. Light Art. Mass. Vols., rank, Q. M. Sergeant, transferred to V. R. Corp, Apr. 21, 1864, discharged Dec. 21, 1865, served in quota of Topsfield.

*Melvin Arvet Hill*, private, age 35 years, shoecutter, Topsfield, born out of town, enlisted Oct. 16, 1861 for 3 years, mustered in Oct. 16, 1861, 23rd Mass. Inf. Co. F., discharged July 8, 1862,

cause, defect in eyesight, served in quota of Topsfield.

*George F. Hobson*, private, mechanic, age 24 yrs. married, Topsfield, son of Prescott and Dorothy Hobson, born in Rowley, died at Georgetown, D. C., Oct. 25 [29], 1862, cause, erysipelas, enlisted Aug. 15, 1862, mustered in Sept. 3, 1862, 40th Mass. Vols. Co. F., served in quota of Topsfield. He was the first man on Topsfield's quota to die in the war.

*Charles H. Holmes*, lawyer, Topsfield, son of John and Sarah Ann (Brooks) Holmes, born at Alfred, Maine, Oct. 30, 1810, died in Topsfield, July 14, 1886, enlisted May 12, 1864 for 3 years, mustered in May 12, 1864, 16th Unattached Co. Mass. Hy. Arty. afterwards 3rd Mass. Hy. Arty., rank 2nd Lieut., resigned Sept. 22, 1864, commissioned 1st Lieut., May 10, 1864, revoked, served in quota of Topsfield.

*Francis A. Hood*, private, age 37 years, married, mechanic, shoemaker, Topsfield, son of Francis and Hannah Hood, enlisted Aug. 14, 1862 for 3 years, mustered in Sept. 3, 1862, 40th Mass. Vols. Co. F., died June 27, 1864 in Patterson Park Hospital, Baltimore, Md., of effects of wounds received at the battle of Cold Harbor, served in quota of Topsfield.

*Daniel Hoyt*, private, farmer, age 34 years, Topsfield, born in Boston, died in Andersonville prison, Ga., Sept. 19, 1864, enlisted (drafted) May 13,

1864, mustered in May 13, 1864, 19th Mass. Vol. Co. E., served in quota of Topsfield. Left home May 10, 1864, and was taken prisoner near Petersburg, Va. on June 22, 1864, and died in Andersonville prison three months later.

*Charles F. Huntress*, private, seaman, age 21 yrs. Topsfield, enlisted June 9, 1863 for 3 years, mustered in 2nd Mass. Cav. Co. H., deserted July 10, 1863. Furnished by A. A. Lawrence for \$200.

*Henry Jackson*, age 23 yrs., born in Pawtucket, R. I. enlisted Dec. 25, 1862 at New Bedford, for 1 year, rank, landsman, vessel *Sacramento*. Discharged Dec. 25, 1863 at expiration of service, served in the quota of Topsfield.

*James Jackson*, age 21 yrs., waiter, born in Syracuse, N. Y. enlisted Dec. 17, 1862 at Boston for 1 year, vessel *Minnesota*, rank, landsman, discharged Dec. 21, 1863 at expiration of service, served in quota of Topsfield.

*Joseph P. Janes*, corporal, age 30 yrs., shoemaker, mechanic, Topsfield, son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Boardman) Janes, born Mar. 6, 1832 in Topsfield, enlisted Aug. 14, 1862 for 3 years, mustered in Sept. 3, 1862, 40th Mass. Vols. Co. F. (corporal) discharged Mar. 1, 1863, cause, dysentery, served in quota of Topsfield.

*William H. Janes*, age 22 yrs. single, farmer, son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Boardman) Janes, born in Topsfield, Nov. 18, 1839, died in Topsfield, June 14, 1866, enlisted Oct. 12, 1861 for 3 years, mustered

in Oct. 12, 1861, 23rd Mass. Inf. Co. F., discharged Nov. 12, 1863, cause, disability, served in quota of Topsfield. Was in battles of Roanoke Island, N. C., Newbern, N. C., South Westbrook, N. C., Kingstown, N. C., White Hall, N. C., Goldsboro, N. C.

Enlisted (2nd time) Oct. 19, 1864, in Vol. Relief Corp. mustered in Oct. 19, 1864, discharged July 31, 1865, cause, disability, served on quota of Salem. At second enlistment he received city and state bounty \$460. Was living in Lynn at time of second enlistment.

*Henry Johnston*, private, musician, age 33 years, married, Topsfield, born in England, enlisted Oct. 11, 1862 for 9 mos., mustered in Oct. 11, 1862, 50th Mass. Vols. Co. K., musician, appointed principal musician May 9, 1863, mustered out Aug. 24, 1863, served in quota of Topsfield.

Enlisted (2nd time) Jan. 1, 1864 for 3 years, mustered in Feb. 4, 1864, 59th Mass. Vols. Co. E. transferred to 57th Mass. Vols. Co. E., mustered out July 30, 1865. Born in England and never had a residence in this country and never was taxed.

*John Johnson*, age 27 years, carpenter, born in Dracut, Mass., died July 31, 1863, enlisted Dec. 16, 1862 at Boston for 1 year, rank landsman, vessels *Nahant* and *Vermont*, discharged on *Vermont*, served on quota of Topsfield.

*John Jones*, age 22 years, born in Petersburg, Va. enlisted Dec. 30, 1862, at Boston for 1 year, rank,

landsman, vessels, *Minnesota* and *Brandywine*, served in the quota of Topsfield.

*Henry Kerwin*, private, machinist, age 19 years, single, enlisted Feb. 10, 1865, mustered in Feb. 10, 1865, 56th Mass. Vols. Co. K., mustered out July 12, 1865, cause expiration of service, served in quota of Topsfield.

*Aaron Porter Kneeland*, private, age 44 yrs., shoemaker, Topsfield, son of Aaron and Lucy Kneeland, born Nov. 21, 1815 in Topsfield, died Sept. 29, 1897 in Topsfield, enlisted Aug. 26, 1861 for 3 yrs., mustered in Sept. 28, 1861, 23rd Mass. Vols. Co. A., deserted Nov. 11, 1861 at Lynnfield, Mass. mustered out Oct. 23, 1862, cause, discharged for disability, Oct. 28, 1862 at Boston, served in quota of Topsfield. Arrested by order of Provost Marshall C. F. Blake, in August, 1862, as a deserter and sent to Fort Independence and afterwards discharged.

*Alfred A. Kneeland*, private, married, age 33 yrs. shoemaker, Topsfield, son of Humphrey and Mary (Chapman) Kneeland, born in Topsfield, Feb. 19, 1829, died in Topsfield, Aug. 29, 1863, enlisted Sept. 10, 1862 for 9 months, mustered in Sept. 24, 1862, 48th Mass. Vols. Co. D., served in quota of Topsfield. Was in the assault on Port Hudson, at the retaking of Donaldsonville when he received a gunshot wound in the right side. Was sent home with a portion of the sick and wounded of his regiment where he arrived Aug. 19, 1863, and died on the 29th of the same month at Topsfield. He came

home sick and exhausted and sank rapidly after his arrival but said he had never regretted and did not then regret having become a soldier.

*Henry Porter Kneeland*, private, age 27 yrs., single, shoemaker, Topsfield, son of Aaron Porter and Elizabeth D. (Phillips) Kneeland, born in Topsfield, Nov. 20, 1836, died at Andersonville, Ga., in Oct. 1864, drafted May 13, 1864, mustered in May 13, 1864 for 3 years, 19th Mass. Vols. Co. E. served in quota of Topsfield. Taken prisoner near Petersburg, Va., on June 22, 1864, and died about the middle of Oct. in Andersonville prison.

*William H. Kneeland*, private, shoemaker, Topsfield, age 29 years, son of Humphrey and Mary (Chapman) Kneeland, born in Topsfield, Dec. 15, 1834, died May 5, 1909 in Topsfield, enlisted Aug. 23, 1864, mustered in Aug. 23, 1864, 28th Unattached Co. Hy. Arty., afterwards 4th Mass. Hy. Arty. Co. M., mustered out June 17, 1865, cause, expiration of service.

*George H. Knowlton*, private, married, cooper, Boston, age 23 years, enlisted June 9, 1863 for 3 years, mustered in June 20, 1863, 2nd Mass. Cav. Co. H., deserted May 24, 1865, served in quota of Boston. Furnished by A. A. Lawrence for \$200.

*Charles H. Lake*, private, age 22 years, farmer, shoemaker, Topsfield, son of Eleazer and Hannah (Gould) Lake, born Jan. 21, 1839 in Topsfield, enlisted May 25, 1861 for 3 years, mustered in May 25, 1861, 2nd Mass. Vol. Co. F., mustered

out Nov. 15, 1863 to re-enlist, served in quota of Topsfield, wounded at Winchester, Va. May 18, 1863 by ball in right leg, was in battles at Ball's Bluff, Va., Edenburg, Va., Mt. Jackson, Va. Strausburg, Va., and Winchester, Va.

Enlisted (2nd time) Nov. 11, 1863 in Regular Army of U. S., discharged to receive appointment of Hospital Steward, Nov. 15, 1863, discharged as Hospital Steward Aug. 29, 1865, cause, physical disability.

*David Gould Lake*, sergeant, single, age 29 yrs., machinist, Topsfield, son of David Jr. and Lucy P. Lake, born in Topsfield, Aug. 20, 1831, died in Peabody, Nov. 20, 1900, enlisted Apr. 15, 1861, mustered in Apr. 20, 1861, 8th Mass. Vols. Co. F. known as "Salem Zouaves," mustered out Aug. 1, 1861.

Enlisted (2nd time) Sept. 22, 1861 for 3 years, mustered in Sept. 22, 1861, 24th Mass. Vols. Co. B. rank, sergeant, discharged Dec. 20, 1862 for promotion, served in quota of Topsfield.

Also served in 1st North Carolina Vols. Co. A. promoted to 1st Lieut. Jan. 1, 1863, promoted to Captain of Co. F. Feb. 26, 1864, mustered out Mar. 5, 1864, discharged June 27, 1865 at Newberne, N. C.

David G. Lake, who attempted suicide by shooting himself in the breast, Sunday morning, died from the secondary effect of his wounds a little after 2 o'clock this morning. The funeral services will take place Thursday afternoon and will be at-

tended by Jordan lodge of Masons. The interment will be at Topsfield.

The deceased was born in Topsfield, Aug. 20, 1831, and had lived in Peabody the greater part of his life. He was married in 1865 and his widow and two daughters survive him. Mr. Lake had a very brilliant war record and served his country faithfully and well through the civil war. At one time, in North Carolina, a bounty of \$1000 was offered for his head. He left Salem, April 18, 1861, in the Salem Zouaves, Capt. Devereaux; was discharged August 1, 1861, and re-enlisted Sept. 29, of the same year, in Co. B. 24th regiment, M. V. M., as sergeant.

He was discharged December 20, 1862; promoted to first lieutenant, Jan. 1, 1863, of Co. A. First Regiment of North Carolina V. M., (white), by Edward Stanley, military governor of North Carolina; promoted to captain of Co F., February 26, 1864, by Maj. Gen. B. F. Butler, subject to the approval of the president of the United States; discharged as such, June 27, 1865, at Newbern, N. C.

He was in the battles of Roanoke Island, Newbern, and at the seige of Little Washington. Brig. Gen. Foster highly commended him for his brilliant record. Mr. Lake was for a long time with the engineer corps of the army and assisted in the construction of all fortifications in North Carolina. Until a few years ago he a member of the Grand Army. He was a man of modest and retiring nature and never boasted of his service in the army.

It was only a few years ago that he received from the government his travelling fees from Newberne, where he was mustered out, to his home in this town. Mr. Lake for many years was an active Mason and an officer in Jordan lodge.

His death was caused by a malarial chill, to which he had been subject every other day for some time, coupled with the effects of his wounds, which brought on fever, which his system was not able to combat.—*Salem News*, Nov. 20, 1900.

*John Brown Lake*, private, age 44 years, farmer, Topsfield, son of Enos and Ann (Gould) Lake, died in Boxford, enlisted Oct. 12, 1861 for 3 years, mustered in Oct. 12, 1861, 23rd Mass. Vols. Co. F., wounded Feb. 8, 1862, discharged June 1, 1862, cause, disability, served on quota of Topsfield.

*John Warren Lake*, private, age 18 years, farmer, Topsfield, son of John Brown and Ann (Gould) Lake, born in Topsfield May 20, 1846, died at Baton Rouge, La., Aug. 5, 1863, diphtheria, enlisted Sept. 24, 1862 for 9 mos., mustered in Sept. 24, 1862, 48th Mass. Vols. Co. D., served on quota of Topsfield.

*Benjamin Lane*, private, age 24 years, shoemaker, Topsfield, married, son of David S. and Lydia Ann Lane, born in Gloucester, Aug. 6, 1839, died June 18, 1915, Topsfield, enlisted Aug. 23, 1864 for 10 months, mustered in Aug. 23, 1864, 28th Mass. unattached Co. Hy. Arty. afterwards 4th Mass. Hy. Arty. Co. M. mustered out June 17, 1865, cause, expiration of service.

*John Lavin*, age 20 years, corporal, tin worker, and shoemaker, Roxbury, enlisted June 26, 1861 for 3 years, mustered in June 26, 1861, as corporal, in 12th Mass. Vols. Co. D., deserted Aug. 24, 1862 at Rappahannock Station, Va.

*Joseph H. Lovett*, age 19 years, single, clerk, Topsfield, son of Joseph and Sarah A. Lovett, born in Topsfield, Aug. 29, 1843, enlisted Aug. 15, 1862 for 3 years, mustered in Sept. 3, 1862, 40th Mass. Vols. Co. F., corporal, mustered out June 16, 1865, cause, disability, served on quota of Topsfield. Taken prisoner at Drury's Bluff, May 16, 1864, exchanged in July, 1864, was absent in General Hospital at Readville, Mass.

He, with a soldier from Ipswich and another from Methuen was among the exchanged soldiers who arrived at the Naval School Hospital, Annapolis, Md., from the Richmond prison.

*Salem Gazette, Sept. 16, 1864*

Wounded May 16, 1864 at Drury's Bluff, Va. by rifle ball resulting in amputation of left leg just below the knee. Taken prisoner and carried to Richmond Prison, an old Tobacco warehouse at Cor. Main and Cary Sts., a short distance from Libby Prison. Also see *Tops. His. Coll's. Vol. XV*

*Henry Marks*, private, age 18 years, farmer, Lowell, enlisted June 18, 1863 for 3 years, mustered in June 20, 1863, 2nd Mass. Cav. Co. H. mustered out July 20, 1865, cause, expiration of service, deserted June 21, 1865. Furnished to the town of Topsfield by A. A. Lawrence for \$200.

*Lewis W. Mather*, private, brakeman, Holliston, credited to Topsfield, age 26 years, enlisted Dec. 29, 1864 for 1 year, mustered in Jan. 2, 1865, 1st Battalion Frontier Cavalry, Co. E., rank, sergeant, mustered out June 30, 1865, cause, expiration of service, served on quota of Topsfield.

*Sidney A. Merriam*, private, age 21 years, single, medical student, Topsfield, son of Dr. Royal A. and Adeline (Marsh) Merriam, born in Topsfield, Mar. 11, 1841, died in Topsfield, Aug. 14, 1876, enlisted Aug. 6, 1862 for 3 years, mustered in Aug. 22, 1862, 40th Mass. Vols. Co. B., promoted to hospital steward, Sept. 4, 1862, com. 1st Lieut. Feb. 18, 1865, mustered out June 16, 1865, cause, expiration of service, served on quota of Topsfield.

*William H. Munday*, private, age 32 years, married, butcher, Topsfield, son of William and Mary (Moore) Munday, born June 9, 1830, died in Topsfield, Oct. 10, 1901, enlisted Sept. 10, 1862 for 9 months, mustered in Sept. 24, 1862, 48th Mass. Vols. Co. D., discharged Dec. 12, 1862 (disability) on petition of his father, he having furnished a substitute who deserted before he had taken his place in the company and was not seen afterwards.

*Charles O'Neil*, private, Worcester, age 27 years, farmer, Topsfield, enlisted Apr. 25, 1864 for 3 years, mustered in Apr. 25, 1864, 28th Mass. Vols., never assigned to a company, served on quota of Topsfield.

*Chandler L. Parker*, rank, musician, age 25 years, mechanic and cordwainer, Georgetown, enlisted

Oct. 11, 1862 for 9 months, mustered in Oct. 11, 1862, 50th Mass. Vols. Co. K., mustered out Aug. 24, 1863.

*George W. Parker*, private, shoecutter, age 21 years, single, residence Georgetown, enlisted Aug. 18, 1862, mustered in Sept. 19, 1862, 50th Mass. Vols. Co. K. mustered out Aug. 24, 1863.

*Chester Porter Peabody*, private, turner, Topsfield, age 22 years, son of Moses and Lydia Peabody, born in Topsfield, Oct. 30, 1839, enlisted Feb. 17, 1862 for 3 years, mustered in Feb. 17, 1862, 1st Mass. Heavy Arty. Co. D., mustered out Feb. 21, 1864, to re-enlist, served on quota of Topsfield.

Re-enlisted Feb. 22, 1864 and credited to Roxbury, died of disease at 2nd Corps, June 4, 1864.

*Thomas Peabody*, private, age 36 years, married, carpenter, shoemaker, Ipswich, son of Thomas and Lydia Peabody, born Sept. 3, 1825, in Topsfield, died Dec. 18, 1872, at Georgetown, aged 47 years, enlisted Oct. 9, 1861 for 3 years, mustered in Oct. 9, 1861, 23rd Mass. Vols. Co. I., discharged Aug. 16, 1863, cause, disability.

*Edward G. Perkins*, age 18 years, Topsfield, son of Elbridge F. and Rebecca P. (Dodge) Perkins, born in Topsfield, Aug. 8, 1847, enlisted in Navy, June 3, 1863 at Boston for 1 year, discharged July 7, 1864.

Re-enlisted (2nd time) July 9, 1864 for 100 days, mustered in July 18, 1864, 8th Mass. Vols. Co. D, served on quota of Topsfield.

Re-enlisted (3rd time) Sept. 7, 1864 for 1 year, mustered in Sept. 8, 1864, 30th Mass. Vols. Co. C., discharged May 31, 1865, private, shoemaker in Topsfield, credited to Westfield.

Was at Philadelphia, on board his vessel, June 20, 1863, served on the *Saratoga*, *Powhatan*, and *Neptune*, and was discharged from the latter on July 7, 1864.

*Elbridge W. Perkins*, private, single, farmer, Topsfield, age 18 years, son of Elbridge F. and Rebecca P. (Dodge) Perkins, born in Topsfield, Dec. 8, 1845, enlisted July 20, 1863 for 3 years, mustered in Sept. 16, 1863, rank, corporal, 10th Co. Unattached Mass. Hy. Arty. afterwards 3rd Mass. Hy. Arty. Co. F., deserted July 1, 1865, served on quota of Topsfield.

*Lewis K. Perkins*, private, age 19 years, farmer, shoemaker, Topsfield, son of Thomas and Elizabeth W. Perkins, born Sept. 5, 1843 in Topsfield, died at Folly Island, Charleston Harbor, Oct. 12, 1863, of dysentery, enlisted Aug. 14, 1862 for 3 years, mustered in Sept. 3, 1862, 40th Mass. Vols. Co. F., served on quota of Topsfield.

*Andrew Jackson Phillips*, private, age 39 years, seaman, Topsfield, son of Samuel Phillips, died in Ipswich, enlisted May 20, 1864 for 3 years, mustered in May 30, 1864, 3rd Mass. Hy. Arty. Co. L., mustered out Sept. 18, 1865, cause, expiration of service.

*Erwin Timothy Phillips*, private, age 22 years, single, shoemaker, Topsfield, son of Timothy M. and Adeline (Gould) Phillips, born in Boxford,

July 12, 1838, died Jan. 31, 1906, at Hamilton, enlisted May 25, 1861 for three years, mustered in May 25, 1861, 2nd Mass. Vols. Co. F., mustered out May 28, 1864, served on quota of Topsfield.

Enlisted 2nd time, mustered in Aug. 23, 1864, for 1 year, rank, corporal, 4th Mass. Hy. Arty. Co. M., mustered out June 17, 1865, cause, expiration of service.

*Henry W. Phillips*, private, age 21 years, shoemaker, Topsfield, son of John and Elizabeth B. (Lake) Phillips, born in Topsfield, Jan. 3, 1841, died in Lynn, May 8, 1897, enlisted Sept. 10, 1862 for 9 months, mustered in Sept. 24, 1862, 48th Mass. Vols. Co. D., corporal, mustered out Sept. 3, 1863, served on quota of Topsfield, wounded severely in lower jaw, (another account says in thigh), at Fort Hudson, La., May 27, 1863.

*John M. Phillips*, sergeant, age 24 years, shoemaker, single, son of John and Elizabeth B. (Lake) Phillips, born Aug. 27, 1838 in Topsfield, died Nov. 11, 1897 in Haverhill, enlisted June 26, 1861 for 3 years, mustered in June 26, 1861, sergeant, 12th Mass. Vols. Co. D., mustered out June 25, 1864, served on quota of Topsfield, slightly wounded in second battle of Bull Run, and severely wounded in hip and breast at Antietam. Was in battles of Cedar Mountain, Rappahannock, Sulphur Springs, Thoroughfare Gap, second Battle of Bull Run, Chantilly, South Mountain, and Antietam. Was transferred Dec. 11, 1863, to 6th Regt. Co. B., Veteran Reserve Corps, discharged June 25, 1864.

*John Phillips*, private, chemist, age 43 years, married, residence Salem, enlisted Aug. 6, 1862 for 3 years, mustered in Aug. 6, 1862, 1st. Hy. Arty. Co. A.

Re-enlisted Dec. 31, 1863, bounty paid \$414.66, discharged by order July 6, 1865, at expiration of service, credited to Topsfield.

*Henry H. Potter*, private, age 18 years, carpenter, son of John H. and Hannah W. (Whitaker) Potter, born in Topsfield, Oct. 27, 1847, died Jan. 3, 1927 at Chelsea, Mass., enlisted July 9, 1864 for 100 days, mustered in July 18, 1864, 8th Mass. Vols. Co. D., served on quota of Topsfield.

Re-enlisted Sept. 17, 1864 at Baltimore, Md., mustered in Sept. 17, 1864 for 1 year, 2nd. Mass. Hy. Arty. Co. G., discharged June 26, 1865, credited to Springfield, Maryland.

*George Provence*, seaman, Topsfield, age 22 years, single, enlisted Apr. 26, 1864 for three years, mustered in April 26, 1864, 13th. Battery Light Arty. Mass. Vols. transferred to Navy May 17, 1864, served on quota of Topsfield.

*John Webster Ray*, private, single, age 19 years, farmer and shoemaker, son of William and Louisa (Coburn) Ray, born in Topsfield, July 1, 1843, enlisted Aug. 14, 1862 for 3 years, mustered in Aug. 14, 1862, 32nd Mass. Vols. Co. H., mustered out Jan. 4, 1864, to re-enlist Jan. 5, 1865, served on quota of Topsfield.

Re-enlisted (2nd time) Jan. 5, 1864, mustered

in Jan. 5, 1864, 32nd Mass. Vols. Co. H., mustered out June 29, 1865, cause, expiration of service.

*William W. Ray*, private, married, age 23 years, shoemaker, son of William and Louisa (Coburn) Ray, born in Topsfield Mar. 24, 1839, enlisted Aug. 8, 1862 for 3 years, mustered in Aug. 11, 1862, 32nd Mass. Vols. Co. H., discharged May 30, 1865, cause, order of War Department, served on quota of Topsfield.

*John William Rea*, private, age 18 years, single, shoemaker, born in Marblehead, died Jan. 30, 1920 at Hamilton, enlisted Nov. 15, 1861 for 3 years, mustered in Nov. 15, 1861, Mounted Rifle Rangers, Eastern Bay State Regt., afterwards called 3rd (unattached) Co. Mass. Cav'ly, H. A. Durivage, Capt., Co. M. rank, corporal, served on quota of Topsfield, mustered out Feb. 1, 1864 to re-enlist Feb. 19, 1864, mustered in Feb. 19, 1864, 3rd Mass. Cav., Co. M. rank, sergeant (May 20, 1865), mustered out Sept. 28, 1865, cause, expiration of service, served on quota of Georgetown.

*John S. Roberts*, private, single, age 19 years, shoemaker, son of George and Sally Roberts, born July 12, 1843 in Topsfield, enlisted July 26, 1861 for 3 years, mustered in July 26, 1861, 19th Mass. Vols. Co. C., discharged Oct. 13, 1862, at Fortress Munroe, cause, chronic diarrhoea, served in quota of Topsfield.

Enlisted (2nd time) May 4, 1863, mustered in May 4, 1863 for 3 years, 3rd Mass. Hy. Arty., Co. D, mustered out Sept. 18, 1865, cause, expiration of service, served on quota of Topsfield.

*Joseph E. Roberts*, private, shoemaker, single, age 24 years, Topsfield, son of George and Sally Roberts, born in Topsfield, March 20, 1837, enlisted Oct. 1, 1861 for 3 years, mustered in Oct 5, 1861, 1st Mass. Cav'y, Co. H, deserted Dec. 9, 1861 at Readville, Mass.

*Nathan Hanson Roberts*, private, shoemaker, age 33 years, married, Topsfield, son of Paul and Annie Roberts, born in Alfred, Me., Aug. 12, 1830, died in Andersonville (Ga.) prison, July 25, 1864, drafted May 2nd, 1864, mustered in May 13, 1864 for 3 years, 19th Mass. Vols., Co. E, served on quota of Topsfield, taken prisoner June 22, 1864 and died July 25, 1864 at Andersonville, Ga., only two months and twelve days between life at his home in Topsfield to death in the United States Service.

*Edwin F. Rust*, was living in Topsfield when he enlisted Sept. 7, 1864, on the quota of Salem.

*John Ryan*, aged 31 years, enlisted at Boston for 3 years as seaman on U. S. S. "Ohio," substitute for Albert A. Conant. Mr. Conant showed me certificate to that effect in December, 1916.—*G. F. Dow*

*John Seymour*, private, seaman, Topsfield, aged 34 years, enlisted Apr. 26, 1864 for three years, mus-

tered in April 26, 1864, 13th Battery Light Arty. Mass. Vols. Transferred to Navy, May 17, 1864, served on quota of Topsfield.

*Charles H. Shumway*, aged 47 years, Topsfield, born in Boston, rank, gunner, enlisted Nov. 26, 1861, as seaman, at Boston, for 3 years, credited to Boston, vessel U. S. S. *Philadelphia*, discharged, Sept. 30, 1864.

*Daniel H. Smith*, private, aged 26 years, Danvers, shoemaker, son of Daniel and Patience (Bennett) Smith, born in Alfred, Maine, died in Andersonville prison, Aug. 7, 1864, enlisted June 24, 1861, for 3 years, mustered in July 5, 1861, 14th Mass. Vol. Co. I. (afterward known as 1st Regt. Hy. Arty.), served on quota of Danvers, taken prisoner near Petersburg, Va. June 22, 1864, and died at Andersonville prison, Ga., Aug. 7, 1864.

*James Smith*, private, aged 28 years, Topsfield, born in Ipswich, enlisted Dec. 1, 1862 for 9 months, mustered in Dec. 1, 1862, 48th Mass. Vols. Co. D., served on quota of Topsfield, deserted Dec. 12, 1862, at Readville, Mass.

*John Smith*, private, aged 43 years, cordwainer, shoemaker, Topsfield, son of John and Barbara (Fellows) Smith, born in Portsmouth, Eng., May 7, 1818, died Oct. 15, 1897, in Topsfield, enlisted Sept. 8, 1861, for 3 years, mustered in Sept. 28, 1861, 23rd Mass. Vols. Co. B., mustered out Oct. 13, 1864, cause, expiration of service, served on quota of Topsfield.

*John P. Smith*, private, aged 18 years, single, laborer and shoemaker, son of John and Sarah (Phillips) Smith, born in Topsfield, April 28, 1843, died at Andersonville, Ga. Sept. 2, 1864, enlisted July 5, 1861 for 3 years, mustered in July 5, 1861, 14th Mass. Vols. Co. A., afterwards, called 1st Regt. Hy. Arty. mustered out Nov. 4, 1863 to re-enlist, served on quota of Topsfield.

Enlisted (2nd time) Nov. 5, 1863, mustered in Nov. 5, 1863, 1st Mass. Hy. Arty., died in Andersonville prison, Sept. 2, 1864, served on quota of Topsfield.

*John Stevens*, musician, aged 18 years, Topsfield, single, shoemaker, born in Boston, enlisted Aug. 23, 1861 for 3 years, mustered in Aug. 23, 1861, 20th Mass. Vol. Co. H., drummer, mustered out Dec. 20, 1863, served on quota of Topsfield.

Re-enlisted Dec. 20, 1863, and credited to Boston. Was captured at Gaines Mills, Va., June 2, 1864, and confined at Richmond, Va., June 3, 1864, then sent to Andersonville, Ga., June 8, 1864. He died while a prisoner of war at Florence, S. C. Date or cause of death not known. Another account states that he was supposed to have been killed in the last battle of the "Wilderness" as he was missing from his regiment thereafter. He swam the river at Ball's Bluff unharmed. He lived with William Garrett at Topsfield and is said to have come from New York city to Topsfield.—*A. T. Merrill*

*Alfred Strangman*, age 18 years, shoemaker, Topsfield, enlisted July 9, 1864 for 100 days, mus-

tered in July 18, 1864, 8th Mass. Vols. Co. D, mustered out Nov. 10, 1864, served on quota of Topsfield.

*Jacob T. Strangman*, private, age 40 years, married, carpenter, Topsfield, born in Prince Edward Island, enlisted Sept. 18, 1862 for 9 mos., mustered in Sept. 24, 1862, 48th Mass. Vols. Co. D, mustered out Sept. 3, 1863, served on quota of Topsfield.

*George Enos Sweeney*, born in Halifax, N. S., died Sept. 4, 1921 in Topsfield, enrolled Mar. 15, 1865, private in Co. K, 15th Maine Infy., discharged Mar. 15, 1866.—*From his discharge paper.*

*Joel Lake Sweeney*, private, age 21 years, shoemaker, son of Charles and Anna H. (Lake) Sweeney, born in Topsfield, Nov. 29, 1839, died in Lynn, May 1, 1901, enlisted June 26, 1861 for 3 years, mustered in June 26, 1861, 12th Mass. Vols. Co. D, mustered out July 8, 1864 at expiration of service on account of wound received in the "Battle of the Wilderness," rank, 1st sergeant, June 25, 1864, wounded May 5, 1864, was absent sick, served on quota of Topsfield.

*Trowbridge Curtis Taylor*, age 45 years, married, shoemaker, Topsfield, died in Ipswich, enlisted Sept. 10, 1861 for 3 years, mustered in Sept. 28, 1861, musician, 23rd Mass. Vols. Co. A, mustered out April 16, 1862, cause, disability, served on quota of Topsfield.

*Eugene H. Todd*, private, age 19 years, shoemaker, son of Samuel and Harriet L. (Chase) Todd, born

in Topsfield, June 3, 1842, died at Port Hudson, La., Sept. 30, 1863 of chronic diarrhoea, enlisted in December, 1861 for 3 years, Eastern Bay State Reg. Cavalry afterwards 3rd Mass. Cav. Co. M, mustered in Jan. 9, 1862.

*Jacob Albert Towne*, age 19 years, single, farmer, son of Jacob Waldo and Lydia (Perkins) Towne, born in Topsfield, July 26, 1844, died in Topsfield, Aug. 26, 1883, enlisted May 25, 1863 for 3 years, mustered in Sept. 16, 1863, 3rd Mass. Hy. Arty. Co. F, mustered out Sept. 18, 1865.

*John Henry Towne*, private, student, age 23 years, son of Benjamin B. and Esther (Peabody) Towne, born in Topsfield, Feb. 2, 1841, died July 15, 1913, in Topsfield, enlisted Aug. 2, 1864 for 100 days, mustered in Aug. 6, 1864, 16th unattached Co. Mass. Vols., mustered out Nov. 14, 1864 at expiration of service, served on quota of Topsfield.

*Henry Wallis*, age 31 years, private, married, stocking knitter, Ipswich, enlisted Dec. 3, 1862 for 9 mos., mustered in Dec 3, 1862, 48th Mass. Vols. Co. D, deserted Dec. 12, 1862 at Readville, Mass., served on the quota of Topsfield. Also carried on rolls as "Richard Henry Wallace." Resided in Ipswich at the time of his enlistment, but was never enrolled. Deserted from Ipswich, where he left a wife, as soon as he received his bounty, never saw his company.

*William P. Walsh*, served in the Navy as a substitute for John A. Ordway, enlisted June 29, 1864.

*Jacob F. Welch*, son of Samuel and Mary A. Welch, born in Hamilton, enlisted April 8, 1865 for 1 year, mustered in April 8, 1865, 7th New Jersey Vols. Co. E, transferred from Co. D, 5th Regiment, deserted June 9, 1865 at a Camp near Washington.

*William P. Welch*, age 25 years, married, shoemaker, born out of town, died at Folly Island, Charleston, S. C. of dysentery, Nov. 7, 1863, enlisted Aug. 14, 1862, mustered in Sept. 3, 1862, 40th Mass. Vols. Co. F, served on the quota of Topsfield.

*Jeremiah Y. Wells*, private, teamster, age 34 years, married, Topsfield, died at Gettysburg, Pa., July 21, 1863, enlisted Dec. 2, 1861 for 3 years, mustered in Dec. 10, 1861, 19th Mass. Vols. Co. K, served on quota of Topsfield, died of wounds July 21, 1863 at Gettysburg, Pa.

*Francis A. Wildes*, civil engineer, age 28 years, Topsfield, son of Asa W. Wildes, enlisted Jan. 28, 1864 for 3 years, mustered in Mar. 5, 1864, 59th Mass. Vols. Co. G, rank, captain, mustered out Sept. 9, 1864, cause, disability, served on quota of Topsfield. Removed to Maine.

*Haywood L. Wildes*, private, age 18 years, Salem, son of Moses and Sarah Ann (Adams) Wildes, born in Topsfield, Oct. 24, 1845, died in Topsfield, Sept. 1, 1865 of disease contracted in the service, enlisted Sept. 6, 1864 for 1 year, mustered in Sept.

6, 1864, 13th Mass. Vols. Battery, discharged May 24, 1865 on account of disability.

*James B. Wildes*, private, single, age 22 years, clerk, Georgetown, enlisted Oct. 11, 1862 for 9 mos., mustered in Oct. 11, 1862, 50th Mass. Vols. Co. K, mustered out Aug. 24, 1863, cause, expiration of service, served on quota of Georgetown (?).

*Lewis H. Wildes*, private, age 21 years, single, shoemaker, son of Humphrey and Olive (Perkins) Wildes, born in Topsfield, July 10, 1841, died Dec. 28, 1907, enlisted Sept. 10, 1862 for 9 mos., mustered in Sept. 24, 1862, 48th Mass. Vols. Co. D, mustered out Sept. 3, 1863, served on quota of Topsfield.

*William H. Wildes*, age 20 years, shoemaker, son of Humphrey and Olive (Perkins) Wildes, born in Topsfield, Oct. 13, 1843, died Aug. 19, 1930 in Topsfield, enlisted July 9, 1864 for 100 days, mustered in July 18, 1864, 8th Mass. Vols. Co. D, mustered out Nov. 10, 1864, served on quota of Topsfield. He was the last veteran in Topsfield to die.

*George Wilson*, private, painter, age 28 years, enlisted Feb. 9, 1865 for one year, mustered in Feb. 9, 1865, 61st Mass. Vols. Co. K, mustered out July 16, 1865, cause, expiration of service, served on quota of Topsfield, absent sick in August, 1865 since June 22, 1865.

*James Wilson*, private, age 31 years, single, carriage builder, son of Lawrence and Mary (Brase-

lane) Wilson, born in Dunbarton, Scotland, Feb. 28, 1830, died in Topsfield, Nov. 18, 1902, enlisted April 16, 1861 for 3 months, mustered in May 10, 1861, 5th Mass. Vols. Co. A, mustered out July 31, 1861, served on quota of Topsfield.

Re-enlisted Sept. 1, 1862 for 9 mos., mustered in Sept. 24, 1862, 48th Mass. Vols. Co. D, mustered out Sept. 3, 1863, served on quota of Topsfield, 2nd Lieutenant, commissioned Sept. 10, 1862. Taken prisoner at the Battle of Donaldsonville, La., July 13, 1863, absent, a prisoner of war, when his regiment was mustered out.

# THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH CHOIR

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BY CHARLES H. LEACH

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An Address Delivered on Old Home Sunday,  
August 15, 1909.

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. . . Fifty years and more ago the choir assembled in the front gallery, the sopranos occupying the front settees, while back of them sat the altos on one side, with the basses and tenors similarly seated on the other, and in the rear was placed the orchestra.

Mr. Humphrey Balch was the choir leader when Susan Adams, Elizabeth Gould, Ann Kimball and Mrs. McLeod were the sopranos; Mrs. Thomas P. Munday, Mrs. Charlotte Perkins, Mrs. Mary Perkins, and a few others, the altos; Mr. Humphrey Balch, Benjamin Kimball, Jeremiah Balch, William Bradstreet, Dennis Perkins and James Gifford, the basses; and Thomas K. Leach, Isaiah M. Small, and Benjamin Johnson Balch, the tenors.

Of the stringed instruments, Charles Winslow played the violin; Jeremiah Balch, the clarinet; Frederick Stiles, the single bass—now known as the cello; Amos Perkins, the double bass; and now and then, Albert Austin Conant, the flute.

This arrangement continued for some time, save for a few changes in the personnel of the choir and orchestra, some going and others coming. But after

a period of time a change of leaders occurred and the church elected Mr. Ephraim Averill to have charge of its choir singing. This change of leadership was not pleasing to the former leader, and a great dislike sprang up between them that lasted until "Death parted them asunder." Some of the members of the choir stood by their former leader and departed when his services terminated, but still there were enough valiant members left who would not forsake the service of God for such a little matter as this and, with additions that came soon after the new leader took command, made a choir that was powerful both numerically and otherwise.

Mr. Ephraim Averill was possessed of one of the sweetest and deepest bass voices it was ever my good fortune to hear. No music was too difficult for him to handle,—in fact, he loved to delve in the great oratorios and I have heard him sing many a bass solo from the "Creation," time and again. With tuning fork in hand, he would start any part,—soprano, alto, tenor and bass on the correct key, in anthem, hymn or solo work. No discord, however slight, escaped his attention, and I have heard him require singers to repeat their work that they should be correct. In a word, he was a perfect wonder. But still, with all of these excellent qualifications, he was unable to cope with the jealous dispositions of singers of his day,—dispositions that resorted to all kinds of vituperation to injure or malign each other,—in fact, as one man expressed it, "they had religion enough to fight."

The Hornites,—the regular choir,—or followers of Moses Horn, found one Sunday morning that their seats were occupied by the members of Mr. Willey's singing-school and they proceeded to make things distasteful for the latter. One bass singer sat down in the lap of an alto, and the avoirdupois that he possessed compelled the alto to vacate. Another was approached at the close of the service and sneeringly asked how he enjoyed the singing. He replied, "I should have liked it better if you had sandpapered your throat before the service."

The Rev. Anson McLeod showed his craftiness in the Hornites and Willeyites episode, by announcing after the reading of the hymn, that singing would be omitted and then began his sermon, and his action was approved by a large majority of the congregation. This decidedly unpleasant affair showed to what extent singers in those days would go to satisfy their jealous dispositions.

But how could singers exist that sang :

Lord, if thine eyes survey our faults,  
 And justice grows severe,  
 Thy dreadful wrath exceeds our thought,  
 And burns beyond our fear.

Thine anger turns our frame to dust  
 By one offense to thee,  
 Adam and all his sons have lost  
 Their immortality.

And :

Hark! From the tomb a doleful sound,  
 Mine ears attend thy cry.  
 Ye living men come view the ground  
 Where you must shortly lie.

and hundreds of other similar verses, without leaving a sour, disgruntled and hateful disposition. Always the hard-hearted God who delighted in the death of his saints was drilled into the church-going people, Sunday after Sunday, instead of a kind, gracious, loving and forgiving Saviour.

From this church choir have gone forth such eminent musicians as Jacob Kimball, who was born in the Kimball-Hutching's house close by, and was a composer of rare merit. His compositions of "Rural" and "Essex Harmonies" were greatly prized. "Essex Harmony" contains hymns and anthems dedicated to almost every town and city in Essex County,—hence its name.

I would also mention Mr. Norman McLeod, son of our former minister, Rev. Anson and Jane McLeod. He was both a singer and an organist and played for many leading churches in Boston. He was finally stricken with heart-failure just as he was preparing to resume his evening service upon which he had made great preparation, in Berkeley Temple. His death was a great shock to us all and was keenly felt by his musical associates. He was chosen by our Ladies Society the first Chairman of a Committee to procure the funds that enable us to hear the beautiful, sweet-toned instrument that confronts us today.

The Ladies Society, in 1857, under the leadership

of Mrs. Thomas P. Munday, placed a Stevens organ in the gallery of the church. It was the first pipe organ to be placed in any church in the surrounding towns and provoked much praise, both for its power and its beauty. The organ at its installation was played by Thomas Ryder, the famous organist of Boston, Mass., and the singing, under the direction of Mr. Averill, was grand. Mrs. Low and Mrs. Warren, sisters, of Boxford, were the soloists.

My father, Thomas K. Leach, who came into the choir in 1839, was still a member and he had brought with him his nine year old daughter, whose singing (standing on a cricket), won for her a place next to the leading soprano, causing those over whom she had been advanced to leave the choir, but they soon saw the error of their ways and returned in a few Sundays.

I well remember hearing Mrs. Susan Perkins render "Mighty Jehovah" in her clear, beautiful soprano voice, as well as listening to my father's voice in "Scotland," and "The Voice of Free Grace Cries Escape to the Mountains."

I will now begin to tell what I know from my own connection with our church choir. In 1868 I first entered the choir by delivering a message to Mr. W. Webster Galloup for a member of the congregation. He grasped my hand and drew me into the seat beside him. I could sit in the congregation without embarrassment, but sitting in the face and eyes of the people was a different proposition, and I was so afraid that I stood behind him to attract

as little attention as possible, merely holding my "Watts and Select Hymns" and looking over his shoulder into the "Dulciana" for the music. I will mention a few of the names of the choir of those days which will no doubt bring back pleasant memories to,—well, the older portion of my hearers: Mrs. Joseph Towne, Caddie Higgins, Mrs. Winslow, sopranos; Hattie Kimball and Sarah K. Leach upheld the alto, with Ephraim Averill and E. K. Foster, the basses.

In the year 1878 Mr. McLeod gave a most excellent concert. Great preparations were made for the many singers and the gallery was extended out over the pulpit. The increased choir was assisted by Boston singers, among whom was that sweet, gifted singer, Mrs. Eleanor Fuller of Middleton. The program, which was bountiful, included "Inflam-matus," "Hallelujah Chorus," and selections from "Il Trovatore." At this concert I heard for the first time "The Lost Chord" sung by Mr. McCallar, whose singing was heavenly and made a great impression upon the audience.

As the years rolled on the choir was led by many excellent masters. Mr. Daniel Emerson Hurd was the leader for a long period of years. Mr. Edwin K. Foster, a prominent singer of his day, could not understand, as Rev. Mr. Harrington had selected music set to "Hamburg," five times, why we should not sing it.

Miss Hattie Kimball will be remembered by many present today as the sweet alto, and Mrs.

Sarah K. (Leach) Woodbury (my sister), who was the organist for nine years, and a singer for over thirty years, manifested great interest in the welfare of the choir.

Miss Lizzie Porter Lake, who was the organist from 1879 to 1905 also directed the choir for many years with excellent results. Under Miss Lake I have sung all parts, even leading the congregation. Today, up to the close of our service, our choir has been under the leadership of the brightest and best musician of them all,—Mr. Lyman Almy Perkins, —a son of Mrs. Susan Perkins, referred to in the early part of this paper. You all know what Mr. Perkins has accomplished, and to him, principally, are we indebted for the beautiful pipe organ here installed—which will forever stand as a monument of his interest in this church and its music. He has always required a proper rendition of hymns and anthems “to the Glory of God” and the work of the choir for the last five or six years has been a genuine surprise to all its members, performing as we have the works of the great masters in such a manner as to provoke the praise of eminent singers.

## BRIGHAM YOUNG DESCENDED FROM FRANCIS PEABODY

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COMMUNICATED BY CHARLES S. TAPLEY

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It is well known that Joseph Smith, the founder of Mormonism, descended from a Topsfield ancestry, his father having been born here on July 12, 1771. Brigham Young, the second President of the Mormon church, could also claim a Topsfield ancestry, through his mother, Abigail Howe, a great-great-great granddaughter of Francis Peabody, whose house was located about a quarter of a mile distant from the Smith house, so that the ancestors of these two leaders of the Mormon church were near neighbors.

The line of descent of Brigham Young from Francis Peabody is as follows, viz :

Lieut. Francis Peabody, the settler, had  
    Mary Peabody, who married  
John Death. They had  
    Hepzibah Death, who married  
David Howe. They had  
    Thankful Howe, who married  
Peter Howe. They had  
    Phineas Howe, who married  
Susannah Goddard. They had  
    Abigail Howe, who married  
John Young. They had  
    Brigham Young.

## WINTER TRAVEL ON THE NEWBURYPORT TURNPIKE IN 1811

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Judge Daniel Appleton White in a letter to his wife written from Boston and dated Feb. 5, 1811, describes his experiences in traveling from Newburyport to Boston over the turnpike. He was State Senator at the time and as the Federalists and Democrats were about evenly divided in the Senate, he made every effort to be present at each session. In fact in this letter he mentions that his absence gave the Democrats a majority of one and "had I not come in before tomorrow, they would have had an opportunity to choose their Senator for Congress, and oust Mr. Pickering." Mr. White's letter is printed in "Memorials of Mary Wilder White," Boston, 1903, and is, in part, as follows:—

"I reached Topsfield very well, and in good season on Sunday evening, and had a good night's sleep. There I found a man with a sleigh, bound to Boston. On Monday morning, the inn-keeper,\* with four or five stout men and horses turned out to help us on our way, but, after proceeding about two miles, they gave it up as impracticable, and we returned to the Hotel and dined,—when two other men with sleighs arrived, bound to Boston: so after dinner, we all set out again, with shovels as well as horses and men, and made out to proceed about seven miles, when we were compelled to take shelter for the

\*The Turnpike hotel was kept at that time by Ephraim Wildes, Jr.

night in a not very comfortable habitation. This morning we set out again, and succeeded in reaching Boston this afternoon. You told me not to venture on horseback, but I had no other way, but to come on foot; and, as the other men were good enough to precede me with their sleighs, I was enabled to ride almost the whole of the way, whereas they walked behind their sleighs a great part of it. The snow was, in some places, drifted extremely, some banks from twelve to twenty feet deep. But I am safe at my lodgings, and feel very well."

Mrs. White, writing to her husband from Newburyport on the same day, assumed that he had stopped at the Byfield Hotel, and mentions that the Boston mail had not reached Newburyport between Saturday and Tuesday and then it was brought on horseback.

PETITION OF STEPHEN PERKINS  
AND SOLOMON DODGE

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To the Honourable Council of the State of Massachusetts Bay and House of Representatives in General Court assembled March the 3<sup>d</sup> 1778

The Petition of Stephen Perkins and Solomon Dodge Humbly Sheweth - That they was appointed to the Command as Captain and first Lieutenant of the 4<sup>th</sup> Company in the third Regiment of Militia in the County of Essex in the year 1776 Sence which we have Endeavored to obey to the uttmost of our power Every resolution of the General Court for raising men for the defence of this and the united States of America. But so it was, that when the resolve passed for raising one seventh part of the men in each town to compleat an army for three years or dureing the war we was not able to Inlist our Cota of men in our Company for that Service. We then made Sundry Drafts of men, but they all paid their fines, which amounted to such a sum, that your Petitioners apprehended they had money enough to hire the men they then wanted, of their number, we procured all but three as we suppose, But your Petitioners being advanced in years and in a poor State of health, and being after Called upon to March with part of our Company to places of greate distance which we ware not able to preforme we thought it our duty to ask the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Council to grant us a dismission from that Service, which we

did, which the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Council granted in the month of January Last, Sence which a Resolve passed the general Court that all officers that had not Completed their Cota of the Continantal army by the first day of March Instant Should be presented for their fines agreeable to a Resolution of the general Court in the month of August last. But by reason of the Inhanced prize that men now ask, their is not money enough raised in the Company to procure the men that are wanted for our Cota, and as your Petitioners have now no authority to make any more Drafts in said Company either for men or money, and as we apprehend their is no other person or set of men that can be subjected to pay a fine on that account, or that have power to make any further drafts for them men in said Company, The Second Lieutenant being in the Service from home, Your Petitioners Therefore Humbly prays that your Honors will take their Circumstances into your wise consideration and point out Som way Either by empowering the Selectmen and Com<sup>tee</sup> of Safty &c to procure said men that are now wanted in s<sup>d</sup> Company or otherwise as in your wisdom shall judge proper to direct, so that your Petitioners may not be subjected to pay a fine when it is not in their power to prevent it And your Petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray

Dated Topsfield

STEPHEN PERKINS

March 2<sup>d</sup> 1778

SOLOMON DODGE

State of Massachusetts Bay

In Council March 5th, 1778

In the Petition of Capt. Stephen Perkins and Lieut.  
Solomon Dodge

Resolved that the Prayer of said Petition be Granted, and that the Selectmen and Committee of Correspondence &c of the Town of Topsfield for the time being, be and they hereby are empowered and directed to proceed immediately to the completing the number of men yet wanted for the Continental Army in the fourth Company of Militia in the third regiment in the County of Essex, by drafting or otherwise as the resolutions of the General Court direct: and the said Capt. Perkins and Lieut. Dodge be and they hereby are directed immediately to pay into the hands of the said Selectmen & Committee all such sums of money as they may have received of said Company, or any individual of said Company & yet remaining in their hands for the purposes above mentioned, while, they had the Command of said Company.

Sent down for Concurrence

JNO AVERY Dy Secy

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## ASAEI SMITH TO JACOB TOWNE.

A LETTER WRITTEN IN 1796

The following letter was written by Asael Smith, grandfather of Joseph Smith, first President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints :

“TUNBRIDGE, JAN. 14th, 1796.

“*Respected Sir.*—Having a favorable opportunity, altho’ on very short notice, I with joy and gratitude embrace it, returning herewith my most hearty thanks for your respect shown in your favor of the 30th of November, by Mr. Willes, which I view as a singular specimen of friendship, which has very little been practised by any of my friends in Topsfield, altho’ often requested.

“My family are all, through the goodness of the Divine Benediction, in a tolerable good state of health, and desire to be remembered to you and to all inquiring friends.

“I have set me up a new house since Mr. Willes was here, and expect to remove into it next spring, and to begin again on an entire new farm, and my son Joseph will live on the old farm, (if this that has been but four years occupied can be called old), and carry it on at the halves, which half I hope will nearly furnish my family with food, whilst I with my four youngest sons shall endeavor to bring to another farm, etc.

“As to news, I have nothing, as I know of, worth noticing, except that grain has taken a sudden rise amongst us, about one-third.

“As to the Jacobin party, they are not very numerous here, or if they are, they are pretty still ; there are some in this State, viz, in Bennington, who, like other children crying for a rattle, have blared out against their rulers, in hopes to wrest from them, if possible, what they esteem, the plaything of power and trust. But they have been pretty well whipt and have become tolerably quiet again, and I am in hopes, if they live to arrive to the years of discretion, when the empire of reason shall take place, that they will then become good members of society, notwithstanding their noisy, nicious behavior in their childhood, for which they were neither capable of hearing or giving any reason.

“For my part, I am so willing to trust the government of the world in the hands of the Supreme Ruler of universal nature, that I do not at present wish to try to wrest it out of his hands, and I have so much confidence in his abilities to teach our Senators wisdom, that I do not think it worth while for me to interpose, from the little stock of knowledge that he has favored me with, in the affair, either one way or the other. He has conducted us through a glorious revolution and has brought us into the promised land of peace and liberty, and I believe that he is about to bring all the world into the same beatitude in his own time and way ; which, altho’ his ways may appear never so inconsistent to our blind

reason, yet may be perfectly consistent with his designs. And I believe that the stone is now cut out of the mountain without hands, spoken of by Daniel, and has smitten the image upon his feet, by which the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver and the gold, (viz.) all the monarchial and ecclesiastical tyranny will be broken to pieces and become as the chaff of the summer thrashing floor, the wind shall carry them all away, that there shall be no place found for them.

“Give my best regards to your parents and tell them that I have taken up with the Eleventh commandment, that the negro taught to the minister, which was thus—

“The minister asked the negro how many commandments there were, his answer was, ‘Eleben, sir.’ ‘Aye,’ replied the other, ‘what is the Eleventh? that is one I never heard of.’ ‘The Eleventh commandment, sir, is mind your own business.’

“So I choose to do, and give myself but little concern about what passes in the political world.

“Give my best regards to Dr. Meriam, Mr. Willes, Joseph Dorman, and Mr. Cree, and tell Mr. Cree I thank him for his respects and hope he will accept of mine. Write to me as often and as large as you can and oblige your sincere friend and well wisher,

ASAEI SMITH.

“MR. JACOB TOWN, JUN.”

The following appears on the back of the first page of the letter, being evidently of the nature of a postscript—

“Give my hearty thanks to Mr. Charles Rogers for his respect shown in writing me a few lines, and tell him that I should a wrote to him now had I had time, but now waive it for the present, as I have considerable part of what I intended to a writ to you.

“If I should live and do well, I expect to come to Topsfield myself next winter, which, if I do, I shall come and pay you a visit. Farewell.

“Tell Mr. Joseph Cree that if he will come here and set up his trade, I will warrant him as much work as he can do, and good pay.”

On the margin of the second page of the letter appears the following—

I expect my son Joseph will be married in a few days.”

On the outside of the letter, besides the superscription, “Mr. Jacob Town, Topsfield, Commonwealth of Massachusetts,” is this, “Rec’d. Feb. 14, 1796, from Asael Smith.” From which it appears that the letter was one month on the journey from Tunbridge, Vt., to Topsfield, a distance of 150 miles, and was probably carried by private conveyance.

# VITAL STATISTICS OF TOPSFIELD, MASS.

FOR THE YEAR 1929.

## BIRTHS

1929	
Jan. 28	_____
Feb. 10	Donald Philip Johnson, son of Hallet P. and Mabel V. (Rollins) Johnson. Born in Beverly Hospital.
Mar. 4	_____
Apr. 1	Laura Elizabeth Jackson, dau. of Joseph Morrison and Stella Marie (Hull) Jackson.
Apr. 8	Donald Cole Andrews, son of Alfred Nelson and Gladys (Cole) Andrews. Born in Salem Hospital.
Apr. 14	Gordon Bernard Dymment, son of Clifford Alexander and Henrietta I. (Warren) Dymment. Born in Salem Hospital.
Apr. 16	Hilda Louise Ford, dau. of Roy Ferguson and Edna Jackson (Peabody) Ford.
May 15	Oliver Silva, son of Alexander and Jennie C. (Espindula) Silva.
May 18	Nathalie Warren, dau. of Albert Lysander and Alice (Burnham) Warren. Born in Salem Hospital.
May 21	Joan Frances Nangle, dau. of Harry and Nellie (King) Nangle.
June 4	Leslie Sewall Ray, Jr., son of Leslie Sewall and Hope Frances (Towne) Ray. Born in Salem Hospital.
June 9	Norman Henry Smith, son of Percy Elliott and Nellie B. (Swindell) Smith. Born in Salem Hospital.
June 13	Gardner Francis MacGregor, son of Frank and Annie (McGoff) MacGregor. Born in Salem Hospital.
July 11	_____
July 18	George Alfred Stanwood, Jr., son of George Alfred and Bertha Elizabeth (Titus) Stanwood. Born in Salem Hospital.
Aug. 7	Angelo Modisterio Coppola, son of Pietro and Maria (Del Vecchio) Coppola.
Aug. 12	Costanzo Bianco, son of Carmen and Maria Guiseppe (Cotoia) Bianco.
Aug. 16	Phyllis Gardner, dau. of Harrison and Eloise (Lawrence) Gardner. Born in Phillips House, Boston.
Aug. 17	Marcia Ella Blodgett, dau. of Francis and Marcia (Springer) Blodgett.
Aug. 23	Anne Derby Saltonstall, dau. of John Lee and Margaret (Tucker) Saltonstall. Born in Beverly Hospital.
Nov. 19	Mabel Evelyn Hardy, dau. of John Molton and Bertha Alice (Kneeland) Hardy.
Dec. 29	Russell Harry Mayo, son of Harry A. and Evelyn E. (Wills) Mayo. Born in Beverly Hospital.
Dec. 29	Winifred Rose Carter, dau. of A. Belman and Norma (Nutter) Carter. Born in Beverly Hospital.

## MARRIAGES

1929

- Jan. 19 Carl Alton Weaver (Topsfield), son of Warren A. and Minnie (Morse) Weaver.  
Ruth Margaret Taylor (Marblehead), dau. of Frank H. and Annie M. (Trasher) Taylor. (Married in Marblehead).
- Feb. 1 Howard W. Brown (Brookline), son of Howard N. and Inez A. (Wicks) Brown.  
Gabrielle M. (Dexter) Peirce (Topsfield), dau. of Stanley W. and Gabriella (McAllister) Dexter. (Married in Boston).
- Mar. 2 Carl Synder Bergmann (Georgetown), son of Charles F. and Abbie (Synder) Bergmann.  
Doris Alva Smith (Topsfield), dau. of Charles Herbert and Emma Jane (Lendall) Smith. (Married in Topsfield).
- Mar. 9 Richard Loring Rust (Topsfield), son of Forrest W. and Alice (Perkins) Rust.  
Florence Wells Canning (Melrose), dau. of John W. and Emma J. (Scott) Canning. (Married in Danvers).
- Apr. 23 Archie Johnson (Topsfield), son of John R. and Martha (Hamilton) Johnson.  
Mary B. (Mead) Newry (Manchester, N. H.), dau. of Samuel H. and Sarah J. (Batchelder) Mead. (Married in Danvers).
- Apr. 27 Earl Woodbury Sawyer (Concord, N. H.), son of Willis J. and Genevieve (Woodbury) Sawyer.  
Edna Mae Dunn (Concord, N. H.), dau. of Orlando R. and Mary (—) Dunn. (Married in Rowley).
- June 18 Thaddeus Zuchowski (Topsfield), son of Frank and Catherine (—) Zuchowski.  
Helen Irene Stevens (Topsfield), dau. of David and Effie (Cutter) Stevens. (Married in Topsfield).
- June 29 Henry Giovannacci (Topsfield), son of Pietro and Clotilda (Russi) Giovannacci.  
Mary Blanche Couillard (Newburyport), dau. of John and Victoria (La Belle) Couillard. (Married in Newburyport).
- Aug. 15 Robert Isaac Woodbury (Topsfield), son of Edward B. and Bessie C. (Clerk) Woodbury.  
Marjorie Odell Dana (Topsfield), dau. of John L. and Maria L. (Odell) Harrigan. (Married in Hampton, N. H.)
- Aug. 24 Herbert L. Grutchfield (Wollaston), son of Herbert S. and Daisy (Beresford) Grutchfield.  
Doris Porter Gould (Topsfield), dau. of Allen P. and E. Blanche (Chaff) Gould. (Married in Topsfield).

- Aug. 31 William Truesdale Andrews (Topsfield), son of William S. and Edith (MacCormack) Andrews.  
Dorothy Elwell (Topsfield), dau. of William P. and Ada (Welch) Elwell. (Married in Topsfield).
- Aug. 31 Robert Holt Stetson (Danvers), son of Almon B. and Nellie M. (Holt) Stetson.  
Evelyn Althea Potter (Topsfield), dau. of Charles H. and Florence A. (Bryant) Potter. (Married in Ipswich).
- Sept. 4 Ronan J. Laskey (Topsfield), son of Frank J. and Ellen (Caffrey) Laskey.  
Alice L. Roberts (Topsfield), dau. of Elwood D. and Mary L. (Chamberlain) Roberts. (Married in Topsfield).
- Sept. 7 Edwin Saxon Weaver (Topsfield), son of William E. and Alice E. (Query) Weaver.  
Sarah M. Guild (Hamilton), dau. of Rueben E. and Mary M. (Cushman) Guild. (Married in Sterling).
- Sept. 25 Warren D. Rust (Topsfield), son of Forrest W. and Alice L. (Perkins) Rust.  
Sarah Virginia Burpee (Topsfield), dau. of William H. and Kezia Ann (Smith) Burpee. (Married in Danvers).
- Oct. 9 Luigi Di Francesco (Topsfield), son of Vincenzo and Annie Dell (Castell) Di Francesco.  
Eunice E. Dodge (Hamilton), dau. of Wendall W. and Helen M. (Smith) Dodge. (Married in Danvers).
- Nov. 30 Stephen Gray Cushing (Beverly), son of Austin A. and Inez E. (Gray) Cushing.  
Helene Cole (Beverly), dau. of Harry and Helen (Stevens) Cole. (Married in Topsfield).

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## DEATHS

1929

- Jan. 28 \_\_\_\_\_
- Feb. 27 Hazel Scroxton, wife of Carl Scroxton and dau. of William and Margaret (Sullivan) Mann. Aged 31 yrs. 11 mos. 23 dys.
- Mar. 4 \_\_\_\_\_
- Mar. 12 Otto Eleazer Lake, son of Eleazer and Hannah (Gould) Lake. Aged 77 years.
- Apr. 7 Andrew L. Peirce, son of William and Emily J. (Twombly) Peirce. Aged 73 years.
- Apr. 25 Norman McLeod, son of Kenneth and Betsey (Maxwell) McLeod. Aged 85 years.
- May 9 Avon D. Smith, son of George M. and Adaline (Cary) Smith. Aged 56 yrs. 11 mos. 17 dys.

- May 31 Benjamin L. Woodbury, son of Isaac and Salome (Morgan) Woodbury. Aged 80 yrs. 8 mos. 10 dys.
- June 30 Annie F. Towne, dau. of John H. and Laura (Roberts) Towne. Aged 45 yrs. 4 mos. Died in Beverly Hospital.
- July 11 ———
- July 31 Frank L. Smith, son of Joseph and Abigail (Parkhurst) Smith. Aged 85 years.
- July 28 Ellen A. Peabody, widow of Ephraim P. Peabody, and dau. of Israel and Servia (Towne) Berry. Aged 88 yrs. Died in Danvers State Hospital.
- Oct. 23 Laura P. Gould, widow of Herbert W. Gould, and dau. of James H. and Eunice G. (Janes) Conley. Aged 75 yrs. 10 mos. 19 dys. Died in Beverly Hospital.
- Oct. 24 Annie S. Poor, wife of Harry W. Poor, and dau. of Isaac and Sarah K. (Leach) Woodbury. Aged 45 yrs. Died in Salem Hospital.
- Nov. 18 Dana Kallock, son of Levi and (——) Kallock. Aged 53 yrs. 9 mos. 27 dys. Died in Monson State Hospital.
- Nov. 25 Robert Forsyth, son of Walter and Margaret (Stewart) Forsyth. Aged 61 yrs. 8 mos. 3 dys.
- Dec. 26 Mary A. Peirce, widow of Andrew Peirce, and dau. of Benjamin and Eliza A. (Bartlett) Poole. Aged 80 yrs. 8 mos. 16 dys.

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### DEATHS IN OTHER PLACES, INTERMENT IN TOPSFIELD.

1929

- Apr. 3 Etta B. Glidden, died in Gardiner, Maine. Aged 78 yrs. 4 mos. 16 dys.
- June 27 Melvin W. Gould, died in Haverhill, Mass. Aged 72 yrs. 7 mos. 12 dys.
- July 23 George H. Curtis, died in Beverly, Mass. Aged 59 yrs. 4 mos. 10 dys.
- Sept. 6 Mary Fowler, died in Danvers, Mass. Aged 68 yrs.
- Sept 23 Frank E. Batchelder, died in Danvers, Mass. Aged 74 yrs. 10 mos. 7 dys.
- Oct. 8 Louis F. Fowler, died in Danvers, Mass. Aged 62 yrs. 7 mos.
- Oct. 16 Harriet R. Whitney, died in Boxford, Mass. Aged 81 yrs. 3 mos. 13 dys.
- Oct. 27 Shepard Balch, died in Danvers, Mass. Aged 69 yrs.
- Oct. 29 Anna M. Butler, died in Boston, Mass. Aged 65 yrs. 11 mos. 9 dys.
- Nov. 27 Rufus S. Carter, died in Salem, Mass. Aged 35 yrs. 6 mos. 5 dys.
- Dec. 6 John W. Emerson, died in Albany, N. Y. Aged 92 yrs. 5 mos. 21 dys.

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FOR THE YEAR 1930.

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BIRTHS

- 1930
- Jan. 4 Priscilla Louise Russell, dau. of Vernon and Margaret (Knowles) Russell. Born in Danvers.
- Jan. 5 Norman Johnson Jewell, son of George Manley and Hilda Agnes (Day) Jewell.
- Jan. 10 ———
- Jan. 17 ———
- Jan. 26 Robert Andrew Campbell, son of George R. and Mary M. (Gillette) Campbell.
- Mar. 3 ——— Foster, son of Maxwell E. and Elizabeth (Vincent) Foster. Born in Boston.
- May 31 Richard Lewis Rodd, son of William F. and Almira (Bentley) Rodd. Born in Salem Hospital.
- July 11 Elena Bianco, dau. of Carmine and Marie (Cotoia) Bianco.
- July 17 Yvonne Germaine St. Cyr, dau. of George and Yvonne (Nadeau) St. Cyr. Born in Beverly Hospital.
- July 27 Peter Frank Coppola, son of Peter and Maria (Del Vecchio) Coppola.
- Aug. 3 George Thompson Starbuck, son of Ward H. and Lucy (Langzettel) Starbuck. Born in Beverly Hospital.
- Aug. 4 Doris Camplese, dau. of Sandy and Hilda (Massinni) Camplese.
- Aug. 30 Ann Jeanette Walsh, dau. of James Thomas and Mary Louise (Nadeau) Walsh.
- Sept. 19 Frank Thomas Noel, son of Edward Charles and Sylvia Helene (Boulanger) Noel.
- Oct. 19 Clara Louise Smith, dau. of Percy E. and Nellie B. (Swindell) Smith. Born in Salem Hospital.
- Oct. 22 Rita Victoria Giovannacci, dau. of Henry P. and Blanche (Couillard) Giovannacci. Born in Salem Hospital.
- Nov. 20 Hallet Power Johnson, Jr., son of Hallet and Mabel V. (Rollins) Johnson. Born in Beverly Hospital.

## MARRIAGES

- 1930
- Jan. 1 Andrew Elwell (Topsfield), son of William P. and Ada L. (Welch) Elwell.  
Ruth M. Curtin (Peabody), dau. of Timothy E. and Mary J. (O'Keefe) Curtin. (Married in Peabody).
- Mar. 1 Philip Louis Godbout (Danvers), son of Quesime and Marie Louise (Dube) Godbout.  
Ruth Hunter (Danvers), dau. of Myles and Bessie (Munn) Hunter. (Married in Topsfield).
- Mar. 3 Wilfred A. Wilson (Topsfield), son of Bradford R. and Anna (Nadeau) Wilson.  
Mary Rose Vallee (Webster), dau. of Wilfred and Rose Alma (Duquette) Vallee. (Married in Webster).
- Apr. 5 David Duston Hall (Haverhill), son of Roscoe Belmont and Bessie Jane (Duston) Hall.  
Doris Elizabeth Perkins (Topsfield), dau. of Harris Ephraim and Elizabeth Ann (Poor) Perkins. (Married in Topsfield.)
- June 7 Elmer H. Walter (Topsfield), son of Melvin A. and Alice O. (Hall) Walter.  
Mildred (Bowser) Fuller (Topsfield), dau. of George L. and Myrtle E. (McKay) Bowser. (Married in Danvers).
- June 22 Victor Paul Sanborn (Topsfield), son of Byron and Mary R. (Leavitt) Sanborn.  
Elsie Dean Kenerson (Cliftondale), dau. of Joseph Edward and Jean (Gray) Kenerson. (Married in Saugus).
- June 30 Raymond E. Bouchard (Topsfield), son of Ovide and Marie Louise (Leveille) Bouchard.  
Alma A. Beaulieu (Salem), dau. of Joseph and Alma (Michaud) Beaulieu. (Married in Salem).
- July 12 Yann Dedons de Perrefeu (Milton), son of Alain and Elsa (Tudor) de Perrefeu.  
Ellen Hemenway Taintor (Topsfield), dau. of Charles Wilson and Caroline Tileston (Hemenway) Taintor. (Married in Manchester).
- Aug. 3 Samuel B. McGlew (Rowley), son of Jeremiah T. and M. Luella (Chase) McGlew.  
Orinonna X. Hardy (Georgetown), dau. of Warren T. and Hattie J. (Pickard) Hardy. (Married in Topsfield).
- Aug. 10 Wilbur J. Feyler (Boston), son of Wilbur W. and Isabel (O'Leary) Feyler.  
Margaret E. Riordan (Topsfield), dau. of Michael and Mary (Lynch) Riordan. (Married in Boston).

- Oct. 18 William O. Fessenden (Rowley), son of Elwyn and Dorothy M. (Searle) Fessenden.  
Florence Mary Stone (Topsfield), dau. of James Arthur and Sarah (Gorman) Stone. (Married in Ipswich).
- Nov. 15 Andrew M. Farrar (Topsfield), son of Calvin S. and Lilla (Daggett) Farrar.  
Annie Tracy (Fort Fairfield, Me), dau. of Augustus and Mildred (Witham) Tracy. (Married in Boxford).
- Nov. 16 Frank Armstrong Titus (Boxford), son of Frank and Ruth E. (Gilliland) Titus, Jr.  
Doris Mae Rockwell (Topsfield), dau. of Leonard W. and Katharine Mae (Jarvis) Rockwell. (Married in Boxford).
- Nov. 27 James Mason (West Peabody), son of Benjamin and Annie Jones (Lord) Mason.  
Mary Margaret Welch (Topsfield), dau. of William Lawrence and Alma Elizabeth (Saulnier) Welch. (Married in Topsfield).

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 DEATHS

1930

- Jan. 10 ———
- Jan. 17 ———
- Jan. 23 Horace Ray, son of William and Louise (Coburn) Ray.  
Aged 82 yrs. 11 mos. 30 dys.
- Jan. 27 Fred K. Andrews, son of James M. and Elizabeth A. (Blanchard) Andrews. Aged 44 yrs.
- Feb. 16 Fred W. Deering, son of William and Margaret (Manning) Deering. Aged 62 yrs. 11 mos.
- Mar. 1 Mercy C. Curtis, widow of George Curtis, and dau. of Liberty and Betsy (Warren) Drew. Aged 84 yrs. 6 mos. 9 dys.
- Mar. 23 Lucy R. Callanan, widow of William T. Callanan, and dau. of William and Mehitable (Harrington) Hicks. Aged 77 yrs. 3 mos. 4 dys.
- May 29 Farley C. Lord, son of James A. and Sarah F. (Rust) Lord. Aged 49 yrs. 2 mos. 17 dys.
- June 15 Michael Collins, son of Patrick and Ann (Haggerty) Collins. Aged 89 yrs. 5 mos. 26 dys.
- June 21 Annie E. Kelley, widow of William E. Kelley, and dau. of William G. and Ann (Ward) Cole. Aged 75 yrs.
- June 23 Elizabeth Ann Mellish, wife of Isaac Murray Mellish, and dau. of John William and Ann (Eddy) Holman. Aged 86 yrs. 2 dys.
- Aug. 13 Sarah E. Perkins, wife of William H. Perkins, and dau. of Edward H. and Mary A. (Gould) Ferguson. Aged 70 yrs. 1 mo. 15 dys.

- Aug. 19 William H. Wildes, son of Humphrey and Olive B. (Perkins) Wildes. Aged 86 yrs. 10 mos.
- Aug. 29 Martha E. Gould, widow of William Pitman Gould, and dau. of Warren and Mary (Gould) Nichols. Aged 73 yrs.
- Sept. 30 William Henry Walsh, son of William P. and Abbie (Atosia) Walsh. Aged 62 yrs. Died in Boxford.
- Oct. 29 Carmine Marciano, son of Euplio and Mary (Zizza) Marciano. Aged 48 yrs.
- Nov. 21 William Clarence Ray, son of John W. and Hattie S. (Batchelder) Ray. Aged 64 yrs. Died in Hiram, Me.
- Nov. 5 Charles Joel Peabody, son of Joel R. and Sarah (Dole) Peabody. Aged 83 yrs. 2 mos. 3 dys.
- Nov. 17 George W. Harris, son of George and Grace (Fisher) Harris. Aged 34 yrs.
- Nov. 30 Ada Bingham Dow, widow of George Prince Dow, and dau. of Daniel Dana and Abigail (Marsh) Tappan. Aged 92 yrs. 1 mo. 23 dys.
- Dec. 13 Eva M. Jerrard, dau. of George W. and Marcia E. (Chick) Jerrard. Aged 57 yrs. Died in Beverly Hosp.

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DEATHS IN OTHER PLACES,  
INTERMENT IN TOPSFIELD

1930

- Feb 24 Hector MacDougall, died in Salem. Aged 46 yrs. 11 mos. 23 dys.
- Mar. 14 Maria Rees Hodges. Aged 74 yrs. 7 mos. 22 dys.
- Mar. 17 Abbie E. Welch, died in Haverhill. Aged 84 yrs. 7 mos. 27 dys.
- June 3 Ellen Kimball Morgan, died in Bourne. Aged 88 yrs. 2 mos. 11 dys.
- June 24 Esther A. R. Perkins, died in Georgetown. Aged 87 yrs. 6 mos. 4 dys.
- Sept. 5 Sarah R. Phillips, died in Lynn. Aged 91 yrs. 2 mos. 8 dys.
- Sept. 7 Keith P. Smerage, died in New York, N. Y. Aged 31 yrs.
- Sept. 26 Nettie McPhee, died in Danvers. Aged 82 yrs.
- Oct. 22 Mary L. Banks, died in Salem. Aged 62 yrs. 11 mos.
- Nov. 20 Angie Thompson, died in Woonsocket, R. I. Aged 87 yrs.
- Sept. 8 Marion A. Perkins, Ashes buried in Topsfield.  
Cremated September 5.

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FOR THE YEAR 1931.

## BIRTHS

1931		
Jan.	8	Nancy Elwell Andrews, dau. of William T. and Dorothy (Elwell) Andrews. Born in Salem Hospital.
Jan.	21	Raymond Elmer Lee, son of Raymond S. and Edith (Burnett) Lee. Born in Beverly hospital.
Jan.	26	Joan Fales, dau. of Leslie B. and Evelyn (Smerage) Fales. Born in Hunt Memorial Hospital, Danvers.
Feb.	11	Margaret Auchmuty Saltonstall, dau. of John L. and Margaret (Tucker) Saltonstall. Born in Boston Lying-In Hospital.
Feb.	12	Manuel Lincoln Silva, son of Alexander and Jennie (Espindula) Silva.
Mar.	6	Bradford Sargent Wellman, son of Sargent H. and Mary (Lines) Wellman. Born in Salem Hospital.
Mar.	25	Marilyn Lois Castle, dau. of Clarence J. and Gertrude (Wilkins) Castle. Born in Salem Hospital.
May	4	Thomas George Tagg, son of Thomas and Nora (Freer) Tagg. Born in Beverly Hospital.
June	8	Donald Albert Titus, son of Frank and Doris (Rockwell) Titus. Born in Beverly Hospital.
Aug.	12	Norma Andrews Bennett, dau. of J. Stanley and Aimee (Geiger) Bennett.
Aug.	12	Nancy Edmonds Bennett, dau. of J. Stanley and Aimee (Geiger) Bennett.
Aug.	13.	Robert Henry Balentine, son of Hermon W. and Catherine (Harris) Balentine. Born in Salem Hospital.
Aug.	20	David Hamilton Smith, son of Clifford B. and Grace (Bushee) Smith. Born in Beverly Hospital.
Sept.	8	Charles Ayer Steward, son of Gilbert L. and Anne (Ayer) Steward. Born in Cambridge Hospital.
Sept.	9	Alice May Longley, dau. of Edwin P. and Dorothy (Smith) Longley. Born in Salem Hospital.
Sept.	16	Douglas Sanborn Whyte, son of Arthur J. and Jeane (Sanborn) Whyte. Born in Beverly Hospital.
Oct.	15	Barbara Alzena Dymont, dau. of Clifford and Henrietta (Warren) Dymont. Born in Salem Hospital.
Nov.	12	Jane Theresa Walsh, dau. of James T. and Mary (Nadeau) Walsh.
Dec.	19	_____
Dec.	21	_____
Dec.	28	Richard Malcolm Clark, son of Allen M. and Alma (Powers) Clark. Born in Beverly Hospital.
Dec.	28	_____ Foster, dau. of Maxwell E. and Elizabeth (Vincent) Foster. Born in Boston Lying-In Hospital.

## MARRIAGES

- 1930
- Sept. 8 Robert H. Perkins (Topsfield), son of Arthur F. and Leonie A. (Cruchet) Perkins.  
Ruth S. Wilson (Brighton), dau. of George O. and Katherine A. (Duffy) Wilson. (Married in Newburgh, N. Y.)
- 1931
- Apr. 8 Parker F. Swindell (Topsfield), son of Isaiah and Emma (Neves) Swindell.  
Mary Elizabeth Harnois (Newburyport), dau. of Noah and Catherine (Bradley) Harnois. (Married in Newburyport.)
- May 6 Theodore Fortune (Topsfield), son of Frank and Louise (Frazier) Fortune.  
Ula Jameson (Henniker, N. H.), dau. of Sharon and Eva (Huntington) Jameson. (Married in Danvers.)
- May 10 Warren Jackson (Marblehead), son of Raymond E. and Winnifred (Torrey) Jackson.  
Dorothy G. Burnham (Topsfield), dau. of Fred C. and Jessie M. (Killam) Burnham. (Married in Salem.)
- June 13 Morell Mearan (Parkway, N. J.), son of Guy B. and Agnes (Fitzgerald) Mearan.  
Eleanor Balentine (Topsfield), dau. of Linwood P. and Florence Louise (Plummer) Balentine. (Married in Salem.)
- June 27 George Francis Dingle (Topsfield), son of Fred W. and Lucy (O'Keefe) Dingle.  
Alice Spofford Evans (West Newbury), dau. of David H. and Carrie (Sawyer) Evans. (Married in Newburyport.)
- July 12 John Francis Lynch (Topsfield), son of John and Mary (Levalle) Lynch.  
Loretta (Finnegan) Madden (Lawrence), dau. of James and Mary (McCormack) Finnegan. (Married in Lawrence.)
- July 18 Alfred Perry Anthony (Topsfield), son of Daniel Webster and Emma (Yeo) Anthony.  
Mary Edna McNeil (West Newton), dau. of James M. and Margaret (McDonald) McNeil. (Married in West Newton.)
- July 25 Reginald Albert Lewis (Topsfield), son of Edward B. and Mamie I. (Soule) Lewis.  
Margaret Jane MacMillan (Topsfield), dau. of Alexander and Margaret (Maxwell) MacMillan. (Married in Topsfield.)

- July 26 Charles Peachey (Marblehead), son of Charles and Isabelle (Smethers) Peachey.  
Margaret Jean MacDougall (Topsfield), dau. of Hector Angus and Minnie (Morgan) MacDougall. (Married in Concord, N. H.)
- Oct. 15 Harold Dana Walsh (Topsfield), son of William Henry and Margaret Lena (Cullinane) Walsh.  
Eva Martha Duquette (Beverly), dau. of Ovide Augusta and Georgie Anna (Benoit) Duquette. (Married in Beverly.)
- Nov. 24 Harold Mudford Price (East Providence, R. I.), son of Robert Walter and Cora May (Burns) Price.  
Helen May Towne (East Providence, R. I.), dau. of George Elijah and Hattie Ellsworth (Bell) Towne. (Married in Topsfield.)
- Nov. 24 Franc Douglas Ingraham (Brookline), son of Alexander and Eliza (Caldwell) Ingraham.  
Martha Wheatland (Topsfield), dau. of Richard and Mary Kimball (Robinson) Wheatland. (Married in Topsfield.)

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 DEATHS

1931

- Jan. 1 Henry Pingree Long, son of Henry F. and Margaret (Pingree) Long. Aged 20 yrs., 7 mos.
- Jan. 13 Thomas J. Kneeland, son of Aaron Porter and Elizabeth D. (Phillips) Kneeland. Aged 82 yrs.
- Jan. 28 Joan Fales, dau. of Leslie Baker and Evelyn (Smerage) Fales. Aged 2 days. (Died in Hunt Memorial Hospital, Danvers.)
- Feb. 10 Mary F. Sanborn, wife of Francis A. Sanborn and dau. of Judah K. and Miranda (Sanborn) Drisko. Aged 70 yrs., 6 dys.
- Feb. 12 Amos L. Hodgdon, son of \_\_\_\_\_ and Mary (Bragdon) Hodgdon. Aged 90 yrs., 3 mos. (Died in Rowley).
- Feb. 26 Lois Towne Averell, widow of George F. Averell and dau. of Daniel and Fanny (Small) Towne. Aged 83 yrs.
- Mar. 9 Mary E. Gould, widow of Melvin W. Gould, and dau. of Daniel and Mary Q. (Perkins) Smith. Aged 70 yrs., 10 mos., 12 dys. (Died in Boston).
- Mar. 16 Genevieve Michaud Berube, wife of David Berube and dau. of George and Juliene (Soucy) Michaud. Aged 66 yrs.

Mar.	19	Isabelle McCormack, widow of James McCormack and dau. of Valentine and Catherine (Cameron) Chisholm. Aged 88 yrs.
June	21	Albert A. Conant, son of Nathaniel and Elizabeth K. (Dodge) Conant. Aged 97 yrs., 11 mos., 26 dys. (Died in Arlington.)
Dec.	6	John D. Murphy, son of John and Mary (Harrington) Murphy. Aged 52 yrs. (Died in Beverly).
Dec.	19	_____
Dec.	19	Dykeman Gidney, son of Harry and Martha (Dykeman) Gidney. Aged 63 yrs., 3 mos., 5 dys.
Dec.	20	John W. Carter, son of John and Nancy (Stuart) Carter. Aged 69 yrs. (Died in Cohasset).
Dec.	21	_____
Dec.	29	George W. Burnham, son of Ansel and Elizabeth (Roberts) Burnham. Aged 76 yrs., 11 mos.

### DEATHS IN OTHER PLACES, INTERMENT IN TOPSFIELD.

1931		
Jan.	8	Adeline J. Perkins, died in Danvers. Aged 85 yrs. 6 mos., 21 dys
Jan.	16	John Wright Perkins, died in Milton. Aged 89 yrs., 4 mos., 26 dys.
Jan.	23	Annie E. Hicks, died in Peabody. Aged 75 yrs.
Jan.	31	Albert S. Kneeland, died in Salem. Aged 85 yrs., 8 mos., 8 dys.
Feb.	26	Lizzie Marion Hanlon, died in Lynn. Aged 72 yrs., 3 mos.
Feb.	28	Laura A. Long, died in Beverly. Aged 73 yrs., 4 mos., 13 dys.
Mar.	14	Anna T. Bradstreet, died in Hamilton. Aged 51 yrs.
Apr.	7	Ella Hobbs, died in Danvers. Aged 76 yrs.
Apr.	8	John Arthur MacLaughlin, died in Boxford. Aged 53 yrs., 11 mos.
May	26	Nellie B. Hood, died in Salem. Aged 74 yrs.
July	10	Georgie B. Elliott (Bixby), died in Haverhill. Aged 83 yrs., 2 mos., 21 dys.
July	19	Herbert B. Thompson, died in Boston. Aged 68 yrs.
Nov.	21	Thirza A. Merrill, died in Beverly. Aged 66 yrs., 10 mos., 2 dys.
Dec.	5	Ellen Dunton Perkins, died in Ogden, Utah. Aged 72 yrs., 9 dys.
Dec.	16	Eleanor Hood, died in Baltimore, Md. Aged 65 yrs.

# VITAL STATISTICS OF TOPSFIELD, MASS.

FOR THE YEAR 1932.

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## BIRTHS

- 1931
- May 26 Alfred Warren Andrews, son of Alfred Nelson and Gladys (Cole) Andrews. Born in Salem Hospital.
- 1932
- Jan. 31 Harriet Ann Watson, dau. of Herbert L. and Lillian G. (MacNeil) Watson. Born in Mass. Memorial Hos.
- Mar. 23 Jane Watson, dau. of Ernest W. and Hazel M. (Armstrong) Watson. Born in Salem Hospital.
- May 8 Gail Peabody, dau. of Myron and Pearl (Hunter) Peabody. Born in Beverly Hospital.
- July 4 George Lester Walter, son of Elmer H. and Mildred E. (Bowser) Walter. Born in Beverly Hospital.
- July 6 Marilyn Louise Farrar, dau. of Andrew M. and Annie B. (Tracy) Farrar. Born in Beverly Hospital.
- Aug. 9 Gordon Armand Smith, son of Frank A. and Dorothy P. (Andrews) Smith. Born in Salem Hospital.
- Sept. 28 Edward Louis Mazzetta, son of Augustino and Antoinette (Stilline) Mazzetta. Born in Cable Memorial Hospital, Ipswich.
- Oct. 5 Frances Mary Coppola, dau. of Peter and Maria Del (Vecchio) Coppola.
- Nov. 15 Ronald Henry Giovannacci, son of Henry and M. Blanche (Couillard) Giovannacci. Born in Beverly Hospital.
- Nov. 17 Eleanor Silva, dau. of Alexander and Jennie Cecilia (Espindula) Silva.
- Dec. 4 Annie Rose Di Francisco, dau. of Ralph and Mary (Maioni) Di Francisco. Born in Beverly Hospital.
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## MARRIAGES

- 1932
- Feb. 13 Eugene S. Clark (Belmont), son of George E. and Mildred (Green) Clarke.  
Helena G. Welch (Topsfield), dau. of William L. and Alma E. (Saulnier) Welch. (Married in Portsmouth, N. H.)

- Mar. 10 Frank Augustus Smith (Topsfield), son of Charles H. and Emma J. (Lendall) Smith.  
Dorothy Pearl Andrews (Topsfield), dau. of Ira Roy and Callie A. (Clarke) Andrews. (Married in Georgetown.)
- Mar. 26 Stephen Patrick Tierney (Beverly), son of Stephen Patrick and Carrie Frances (Littlefield) Tierney.  
Althea Irene Walsh (Topsfield), dau. of William Henry and Margaret Lena (Cullinane) Walsh. (Married in Beverly.)
- May 18 Donald Melvin Smerage (Topsfield), son of Melvin W. and Bessie E. (Welch) Smerage.  
Carolyn Stella Dole (Georgetown), dau. of Alfred H. and Catherine (Dwyer) Dole. (Married in Topsfield.)
- June 18 Patrick John Sullivan (Bozrah, Conn.) son of John Simeon and Lucy Agnes (McGrath) Sullivan.  
Hazel Rebecca Hamilton (Topsfield), dau. of Henry and Mary Elizabeth (Pace) Hamilton. (Married in Topsfield.)
- Aug. 7 Joseph William Welch (Topsfield), son of William L. and Alma E. (Saulnier) Welch.  
Marcella De Sales Griffin (Newburyport), dau. of Thomas William and Annie (Burns) Griffin. (Married in Newburyport.)
- Aug. 10 Arthur St. Laurent (Plaistow, N. H.) son of Fred and Alexina (Couturier) St. Laurent.  
Thelma Irene Cline (Topsfield), dau. of Clifford A. and Helen E. (Potter) Cline. (Married in Haverhill.)
- Aug. 12 Randall Leslie Ferguson (Topsfield), son of Ephraim P. and Marguerite (Copeland) Ferguson.  
Amanda Eva (Berube) Condon (Beverly), dau. of David and Genevieve (Michaud) Berube. (Married in Boxford.)
- Aug. 21 Victor A. Popruk (Somerville), son of Alexander and Mary (Sherbuck) Popruk.  
Dorothy Wolfenden (Topsfield), dau. of James C. and Charlotte (Smith) Wolfenden. (Married in Walpole, N. H.)
- Sept. 6 Benjamin Walter Perkins (Topsfield), son of Arthur F. and Leonie A. (Cruchet) Perkins.  
Hazel E. (Robinson) Hubbard (Lynn), dau. of George W. and Lois A. (Hirtle) Robinson. (Married in Lynn.)

- Oct. 22 Roger Johnston Edwards (Topsfield), son of Joseph H. M. and Susan Frances (MacNamara) Edwards.  
Ruth Bramhall Hosley (Waban), dau. of Walter Alexis and Caroline Simmons (Eddy) Hosley. (Married in Waban.)
- Nov. 29 Pasqualino Loconte (Haverhill), son of Michaelangelo and Concetta (Palomba) Laconte.  
Olympia Marciano (Topsfield), dau. of Carmine and Theresa (Coppola) Marciano. (Married in Topsfield.)

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## DEATHS

- 1932
- Mar. 26 Anthony Carnes, son of John and Elizabeth (Armstrong) Carnes. Aged 85 yrs.
- Mar. 27 Daniel W. Hubbard, son of John and Sarah (Hoyt) Hubbard. Aged 69 yrs., 10 mos.
- Mar. 29 Isaac M. Woodbury, son of Jacob and Salome (—) Woodbury. Aged 85 yrs., 8 mos.
- Apr. 5 Annie P. Frame, widow of Augustus Frame and dau. of Stephen and Mary E. (Foster) Perley. Aged 76 yrs., 6 mos., 2 dys. (Died in Salem Contagious Hospital.)
- Apr. 6 Phebe Ellen Kneeland, dau. of Cyrus Alden and Eliza A. E. (Welch) Kneeland. Aged 72 yrs., 9 mos., 29 dys.
- Apr. 22 Alice May Longley, dau. of Edwin P. and Dorothy A. (Smith) Longley. Aged 7 mos., 17 dys. (Died in North Shore Baby Hospital.)
- May 11 Margaret Thelma Whitney, dau. of Fred and Margaret E. (Coffey) Whitney. Aged 22 yrs., 2 mos., 10 dys.
- May 28 Mary E. Tuttle, widow of Jason C. Tuttle and dau. of Thomas W. and Mary (Ayers) Hannable. Aged 81 yrs., 19 dys.
- July 24 Frank E. Watson, son of Ainsley and Mary (Wolverton) Watson. Aged 60 yrs., 2 mos., 4 dys.
- July 25 Forrest Warren Rust, son of Loring and Mary A. (Towne) Rust. Aged 61 yrs., 8 mos.
- Aug. 1 Horace D. Bradstreet, son of Dudley and Mehitable (—) Bradstreet. Aged 77 yrs., 10 mos., 24 dys. (Died in Beverly Hospital.)
- Aug. 4 Mary Elizabeth Gould, dau. of Charles and Mary A. (Gould) Gould. Aged 93 yrs., 12 dys.
- Aug. 20 Hazen R. Wildes, son of William H. and Eunice (Richardson) Wildes. Aged 66 yrs.

- Sept. 1 Callie Aften Andrews, wife of Ira Roy Andrews and dau. of Charles H. and Addie A. (Andrews) Clarke. Aged 54 yrs., 6 mos., 21 dys.
- Sept. 22 Abbie M. Hubbard, widow of Daniel W. Hubbard and dau. of Benjamin and Eliza (Foster) Fuller. Aged 66 yrs.
- Oct. 5 Elmira Baker, widow of Angus Baker and dau. of Edward and Sarah (Warner) Kaulbach. Aged 67 yrs., 10 mos., 22 dys.
- Oct. 11 Carl Sidney McGlew, son of Jeremiah T. and M. Luella (Chase) McGlew. Aged 31 yrs., 7 mos., 26 dys.
- Nov. 1 Wilbur T. Hood, son of Salmon D. and Methenia (Pearson) Hood. Aged 76 yrs., 11 mos.
- Dec. 4 Mary A. C. Rust, widow of Loring Rust and dau. of Jacob and Sarah (—) Towne. Aged 86 yrs., 7 mos.
- Dec. 10 Cyrus Alden Spofford Kneeland, son of Alonzo and Eliza (Welch) Kneeland. Aged 71 yrs., (Died in Danvers State Hospital.)

DEATHS IN OTHER PLACES,  
INTERMENT IN TOPSFIELD

1932

- Feb. 18 Lydia A. Peabody, died in Wenham. Aged 83 yrs., 1 mo., 24 dys.
- Feb. 20 \_\_\_\_\_
- Apr. 18 Amy E. Corthell, died in Haverhill. Aged 69 yrs., 6 mos., 13 dys.
- May 25 George A. Wildes, died in Beverly. Aged 77 yrs., 7 mos., 15 dys.
- May 28 Anna Phoebe Brown, died in Boston. Aged 63 yrs., 8 mos., 7 dys.
- June 5 Eva B. Leach, died in Beverly. Aged 47 yrs., 10 mos., 17 dys.
- June 21 William H. Andrews, died in Ipswich. Aged 81 yrs., 11 mos., 9 dys.
- July 2 Andrew V. Walker, died in Medway. Aged 88 yrs., 8 mos., 3 dys.
- July 4 Clarence L. Dame, died in Laconia, N. H. Aged 72 yrs., 10 mos., 6 dys.
- Sept. 6 Arthur C. Andrews, died in Boston. Aged 51 yrs., 4 mos., 18 dys.
- Nov. 16 Rachel Farnum Porter, died in Brookline. Aged 89 yrs., 8 mos., 5 dys.
- Nov. 20 Mary Adeline Welch, died in Melrose. Aged 59 yrs., 9 mos., 29 dys.
- Dec. 21 Forrest O. Jones, died in Haverhill. Aged 67 yrs., 8 mos., 5 dys.
- Dec. 22 Ruth A. Woodbury, died in Danvers. Aged 76 yrs., 11 mos., 22 dys.

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FOR THE YEAR 1933.

## BIRTHS

1933

- Jan. 20 Robert Lee Cline, son of Clifford A. and Helen E. (Potter) Cline.
- Feb. 7 David Walsh, son of James T. and Mary (Nadeau) Walsh.
- Mar. 8 Donald Eugene Clarke, son of Eugene S. and Helena G. (Welch) Clarke. Born in J. B. Thomas Hospital, Peabody.
- Mar. 11 Robert Lynn Stylas, son of Harold Lynn and Margaret (Wear) Stylas. Born in Hunt Memorial Hospital, Danvers.
- Mar. 22 Mary Catherine Lynch, dau. of John F. and Loretta A. (Finnegan) Lynch. Born in Beverly Hospital.
- Mar. 23 David Sante Camplese, son of Sante and Hilda Camplese.
- Apr. 26 Ann Elizabeth Cornish, dau. of Charles W. and Ruth F. (Taylor) Cornish. Born in Beverly Hospital.
- June 5 John Franklin Bagley, III, son of John F. Jr., and Margot (La Place) Bagley. Born in Salem Hospital.
- June 15 William Warren Rust, son of Warren D. and Sarah V. (Burpee) Rust. Born in Beverly Hospital.
- Aug. 24 Richard Curtis Spaulding, son of Charles H. and Gladys E. (Messer) Spaulding. Born in Beverly Hospital.
- Aug. 25 William Alan Scribner, son of Walter and Carrie (Wyman) Scribner.
- Aug. 26 Susan Burly Saltonstall, dau. of John Lee and Margaret (Tucker) Saltonstall. Born in Richardson House, Boston.
- Sept. 12 Anne Veola Di Francesco, dau. of Luigi and Eunice Evelyn (Dodge) Di Francesco. Born in Cable Memorial Hospital, Ipswich.
- Oct. 3 ——— dau. of Alfred Perry and Mary Edna (McNeil) Anthony. Born in Salem Hospital.
- Nov. 21 Anthony Michael Coppola, son of Peter and Maria (Del Vecchio) Coppola.
- Dec. 18 Ernest Bianco, son of Carmine and Maria Guisseppe (Cotoia) Bianco.
- Dec. 25 Serino Silva, son of Alexander and Jennie Cecilia (Espindula) Silva.

## MARRIAGES

1933

- Jan. 1 Robert Bruce MacGregor (Topsfield), son of William Wallace and Mina Belle (Weeks) MacGregor.  
Ethel Susie Holden (Topsfield), dau. of Ira John and Cora (Maddox) Holden. (Married in Danvers.)
- Feb. 26 Salvatore Gangi (Topsfield), son of Damiano and Gesualdo (Abadessa) Gangi.  
Mary Elizabeth Greenway (Newburyport), dau. of Fred and Birdie (Murphy) Greenway. (Married in Newburyport.)
- May 27 Clayton D. Farrar (Topsfield), son of Calvin F. and Lilla M. (Daggett) Farrar.  
Mary A. Oulette (Newburyport), dau. of Ernest and Eva (Hubert) Oulette. (Married in Newburyport.)
- June 5 Charles L. Lord (Danvers), son of Albert S. and Hattie (Payson) Lord.  
Norma E. Durkee (Danvers), dau. of Roy and Dorothy (Doble) Durkee. (Married in Topsfield.)
- Sept. 20 Everett Richmond Drummond (Waterville, Maine), son of Albert F. and Josephine L. (Prince) Drummond.  
Elizabeth Elkins Sanders (Salem), dau. of Thomas and Eleanor C. (Harris) Sanders. (Married in Topsfield.)
- Oct. 12 Euplio R. Marciano (Topsfield), son of Carmine and Theresa (Coppola) Marciano.  
Rose Grace Di Donato (Beverly), dau. of Cosimo and Isabelle (Carratu) Di Donato. (Married in Beverly.)
- Oct. 17 Calvin Melvin Watson (Topsfield), son of Fred and Hattie E. (Fuller) Watson.  
Marie Estelle Melanson (East Hamilton), dau. of Alfred and Mary Jane (Robiechaud) Melanson. (Married in Hamilton.)
- Nov. 29 Hilge Conrad Trulson (Norwood), son of Alex C. and Maria (Johnson) Trulson.  
Druge Hannah Nyberg (Boston), dau. of Johan and Johanna (Person) Nyberg. (Married in Topsfield.)
- Dec. 17 Bjorn S. T. Friis (Topsfield), son of Frederick T. and Miciel Palmyra Friis.  
Kathryn D. Lovell (Huntington, Pa.), dau. of Arthur T. and Bessie L. (Given) Lovell. (Married in Manchester, N. H.)

## DEATHS

1932

- Aug. 17 Grace T. Blanchard, dau. of Park and Flora (Daley) Blanchard. Aged 55 yrs. 6 mos. 15 dys.  
Died in Boston.
- Sept. 6 Arthur C. Andrews, son of Joseph and Mary E. Chapman) Andrews. Aged 51 yrs. 4 mos. 18 dys.  
Died in Peter Bent Brigham Hospital.

1933

- Jan. 15 Alice L. Le Claire, wife of Louis Le Claire, and dau. of Walter and Ella (Peabody) Blodgett. Aged 32 yrs.
- Jan. 24 Annie B. Burnham, widow of George W. Burnham, and dau. of Benjamin and Annie (Head) Pitman. Aged 70 yrs. 7 mos. 28 dys.
- Jan. 31 Catherine J. Thayer, widow of Edward S. Thayer, and dau. of Benjamin and Hannah (Raymond) Felt. Aged 94 yrs.
- Feb. 3 Andrew McCollum, son of Charles and (——) McCollum. Aged 68 yrs. 10 mos. 17 dys.
- Apr. 27 Robert H. Balentine, son of Herman and Catherine (Harris) Balentine. Aged 1 yr. 8 mos.  
Died in Salem Hospital.
- May 9 Mildred Edna Tracy, widow of Augustus Tracy, and dau. of George and Elvira (Patterson) Witham. Aged 57 yrs. 9 mos. 14 dys.
- June 16 Benjamin Dupar, son of Samuel and (——) Dupar. Aged 67 yrs. 2 mos. 22 dys.  
Died in Beverly Hospital.
- July 3 Mary Longo, wife of Thomas Longo, and dau. of Thomas and (——) Spiridigliozzi. Aged 64 yrs.
- July 11 Fred Hodgdon, son of Amos L. and Mary (Mariner) Hodgdon. Aged 62 yrs. 6 mos. 26 dys.  
Died in Rowley.
- July 26 F. Arthur Sanborn, son of Cyrus and Helen Sanborn. Aged 72 yrs. 7 mos. 7 dys.  
Died in West Boxford.
- Sept. 14 Ellen Ellard, widow of George Ellard, and dau. of John and Mary (Mooney) Ryan. Aged 83 yrs.
- Sept. 20 Walter Armstrong, son of James and (——) Armstrong. Aged 49 yrs. 10 mos. 3 dys.  
Died in Beverly Hospital.

DEATHS IN OTHER PLACES, INTERMENT  
IN TOPSFIELD.

1933

- Jan. 21 Maryette Long, died in Manchester, N. H.  
Aged 78 yrs., 4 mos. 20 dys.
- Feb. 3 Charlotte A. Ingalls, died in Danvers.  
Aged 84 yrs., 9 mos.
- Mar. 14 Harold C. Gilliland, died in California. Aged 26 yrs.
- Apr. 28 Fred P. Andrews, died in Georgetown.  
Aged 62 yrs., 3 mos., 25 dys.
- May 9 Rufus Stanton West, died in Boston. Aged 68 yrs.
- May 24 Stephen E. Cortheel, died in Haverhill.  
Aged 74 yrs., 11 mos., 22 dys.
- June 25 Frank Callanan, died in New York. Aged 72 yrs.
- Sept. 29 Huldah M. Fiske, died in Danvers.  
Aged 91 yrs. 1 mo. 3 dys.
- Oct. 27 Francis Lefavour, died in Hamilton.  
Aged 83 yrs. 17dys.
- Nov. 18 Emma Field, died in Lynn. Aged 79 yrs. 5 mos. 23 dys.
- Dec. 1 William Taylor, died in Boston. Aged 38 yrs.
- Dec. 15 Viola F. Lefavour, died in Wenham.  
Aged 79 yrs. 2 mos. 14 dys.
- Dec. 16 Emma I. Hatch, died in Newburyport.  
Aged 66 yrs. 6 mos. 23 yrs.
- Dec. 19 Elizabeth (Case) Towne, died in Watertown.  
Aged 67 yrs. 21 dys.
- Dec. 23 Isaac M. Mellish, died in Lynnfield. Aged 91 yrs.

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