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AN article on this subject was communicated by William R. Cutter, and published in the April, 1875, number of the REGISTER, which was, in reality, the material gathered by his father, Dr. Benjamin Cutter, many years before, with a few additions from data found in Sewall's "Woburn," and some later sources; but since that publication so much of great value has been gathered, and so many sources of information have been made available through manuscripts and printed works, opening a broader field of the subject, that the compilers have undertaken the following work of entire revision, and the correction of many previously printed errors.

1. HENRY<sup>1</sup> BROOKS, a resident of Concord in 1639, having a wife and children previous to his coming to Woburn about 1650, married, after arrival here, before Mar. 27, 1651, Susanna, the widow of Ezekiel Richardson. She, in 1670, was described by an authority of that time as "an ancient and skilful woman, living at Woburn," famous for her attainments in medical science.\* She died Sept. 15, 1681; and Henry Brooks married, probably his third wife, Annes Jaquith, July 12, 1682, and died Apr. 12, 1683. In his will, dated July 18, 1682 (six days after his last marriage), he names wife Annes; son-in-law, John Mousall; sons, John, Timothy and Isaac; and daughters, Sarah and Lestor; also grandchildren, Isaac and Henry, sons of his son Isaac, and Miriam, their sister. All his children were probably by his first marriage.

## Children:

- i. JOSEPH,<sup>2</sup> b. at Concord, "12. 2. 1641."
2. ii. JOHN, of Woburn.
3. iii. TIMOTHY, of Woburn, Billerica and Swanzey.
4. iv. ISAAC, of Woburn.
5. v. SARAH, m. John Mousall, May 13, 1650.
6. vi. LESTOR (daughter).

William Brackenbury, of Charlestown, conveyed to Henry Brooks six parcels of land in Woburn (178 acres) at a place commonly called Horn Pond, together with a house frame, Dec. 20, 1650. The homestead estate of Henry Brooks is described in the Woburn Records, in 1678. The buildings were then located on what was called South Street (present lower Main Street). In 1798 this homestead was owned by Capt. Nathaniel<sup>6</sup> Brooks, son of Nathaniel<sup>5</sup> [25].

In a suit, Dec., 1658, Henry Brooks testified he was then aged "about 66" years.

\* Compare *Mass. Hist. Coll.*, i., 163, W. R. Cutter's sketch "Woburn," and Hurd's *Midd. Co.*, i., 366-367. Ezekiel Richardson, her former husband, died Oct. 21, 1647. He was one of the three brothers Richardson, prominent in the first settlement of Woburn, and his brother, Samuel Richardson, in a deed dated Mar. 27, 1651, mentions Ezekiel Richardson, "my brother," Thomas Richardson, "our brother," and "my sister, Susanna Brooks (who was wife of my deceased brother, Ezekiel Richardson)." Henry Brooks and wife Susanna conveyed property to Theophilus Richardson, the son of Ezekiel, which stands as a confirmation of this relationship; and Theophilus Richardson's widow married John<sup>2</sup> Brooks, son of Henry<sup>1</sup> Brooks.

An abstract of the will of Henry Brooks is published in the Hon. Edward F. Johnson's "Abstracts of Early Woburn Deeds," p. 31. He described himself in the will as a clothier, and as "stricken in years,"—his age being then about ninety-one years.

The will of Henry Brooks describes his lands with some particularity; to his daughter, Lester, or Lestor, he gives and bequeaths 5 shillings, and no more, because "she hath received her portion already"; to his "Rev. pastors, Mr. Thomas Carter and Mr. Jabez Fox," he gives 20 shillings apiece. Isaac, his son, was his sole executor, and his trusted friend, Lieut. William Johnson, he desired should be overseer, and he gave him 20 shillings. He made his executor his residuary legatee, and desired that his two grandchildren should not alienate any of the land he gave them during their father's life.

The inventory discloses about 20 acres of upland on the east side of the highway; 7 acres of meadow, adjoining to said land; 8 acres of meadow in Forty Pound Meadow, given to the children of Isaac Brooks; about 80 acres of upland on west side of the highway on both sides of the river, given to the two sons of Isaac Brooks; the great lot in Woburn Common,\* given to Miriam, daughter of Isaac Brooks, 42 acres; 3 small lots in Woburn Common, amounting to about 15 acres; for a division of woodland in Woburn Common land, the half given to the two sons of Isaac Brooks; 6 acres of meadow land in Shred Pine Meadow; for the town privilege in herbage, the half given to the two sons of Isaac Brooks; 54 acres of swamp bottom; and 15 acres of land by Mount Discovery.

These lands can be traced by deeds for three generations. (See "Early Woburn Deeds," by Hon. Edward F. Johnson.)

2. JOHN<sup>2</sup> BROOKS (*Henry*<sup>1</sup>), born about 1623, before his father came to Woburn, and of a wife whose name and record is unknown to her Woburn posterity, was married, Nov. 1, 1649, to Eunice, daughter of Deacon John Mousall, a founder and much honored citizen of Woburn, the erector of one of the first houses. Deacon Mousall died Mar. 27, 1665, leaving a widow, Joanna, a son, John Mousall, and a daughter, Eunice (above), the wife of John Brooks, "but the name of Mousall (pronounced Mowz-zall) as a surname, is now extinct from the place." The will of the senior John Mousall (19th of the 4th month, 1660) makes his two sons, John Mousall and John Brooks, joint executors; gives to his son Brooks's three children, and to his grandchild, Sarah Brooks, and to his grandchild, Eunice [Unis] Brooks; to his son, John Brooks (in whose house John Mousall, Sr.'s, widow was to have a peaceable living); gives also to his grandchild, Joanna Brooks; and certain residue of his lands to his two sons [John Mousall, and son-in-law John Brooks]. John Mousall, Jr.'s, wife being the sister of John Brooks, this relationship of the son is more clearly understood. It was the case of being doubly brothers-in-law; Brooks marrying the only sister of Mousall, and Mousall marrying a sister of Brooks. From this circumstance arose a partial (not total) combination of the property of Deacon John Mousall and Henry Brooks, of which more is said in an article by one of the present writers, in the REGISTER, vol. xlvii., p. 462, *et seq.*

In his will, Deacon John Mousall gives his great meadow [at Woburn Centre, in the vicinity of Prospect Street, a tract now covered with build-

\* Meaning not the present Woburn Common, now a square in Woburn Centre, but lots in Woburn common lands or land, as is shown a little further on in the paragraph.



ings] to his two sons equally, but in case the son, John Mousall, died without children, then he (John Mousall, Jr.) could give his share to his wife, for use during her life, and after the decease of John Mousall, the said son, and his wife leaving no heir, the share was to return to the son [in-law] John Brooks's children.

John Mousall, Jr., did die without children, and some of his property returned to John Brooks's children, in accordance with the terms of the will.

In 1673, a house described in the town records as the "Hopewell House" was owned in common by John Mousall, Jr., and John Brooks, being a part of their inheritance from their father, Deacon John Mousall.

Mrs. Eunice (Mousall) Brooks, wife of John<sup>2</sup> Brooks, died in Woburn, Jan. 1, 1684; and he married, Feb. 25, 1684, Mrs. Mary (Champney) Richardson, a daughter of John Champney of Cambridge, and the widow of Theophilus Richardson of Woburn, the son of John Brooks's stepmother, Susanna, the wife of Henry<sup>1</sup> Brooks. This second wife survived John<sup>2</sup> Brooks, her second husband, and died in Woburn, Aug. 26, 1704.

John<sup>2</sup> Brooks was born about twenty years before the settlement of Woburn, and it is known that he was about 45 years of age in 1668. In 1690, at the age of about 67 years, he participated as a soldier in the Phips Expedition to Quebec. The will of John Brooks, Sr., dated July 29, 1690, probated Nov. 16, 1691, he . . . "being bound for Canada in the Expedition against the French enemy" . . . mentions wife, Mary; sons, Jabez, John and Ebenezer; daughters, Deborah, Eunice, Sarah and Joanna; grandchildren, Eunice Buck, Eunice Carter, Eunice Roberts, and John Buck, John Carter, John Brooks, David Roberts; and Mary and Elizabeth, his son John's two children; Eunice Brooks, daughter of his son Ebenezer; and Mary, daughter of his daughter, Deborah Richardson. He also names son John Richardson [husband of Deborah]; and mentions John Dane [Dean], an apprentice, and Rev. Pastor Mr. Jabez Fox. To son John Brooks he gives that piece of land . . . called by the name of English Hills. He gives the care of his son Jabez to Lieut. James Converse, during his minority.

John Brooks, Sr., in Sept., 1691, was dismissed from ordinary trainings on account of his decrepitness and incapacity to serve. He was evidently a soldier in King Philip's War, 1675-6, but his identity is not positive.

In "A true list of those persons who have a just claim (either in Woburn, or the next adjacent towns) to the bounty of the General Court, by being (either personally, or by their ancestors) in the Canada expedition, Anno 1690.—Taken in Woburn, Feb. 19th, 1738, by virtue of an order of the said General Court, bearing date Dec. 22d, last past," appears:

"23.—Jonathan Brooks, in right of his grandfather John Brooks, both of Woburn. Attested by Joseph Reed." (Mass. Archives, 36: 246-47; 115: 574.)

John<sup>2</sup> Brooks died Sept. 29, 1691.

Children, born in Woburn:

- i. JOHN,<sup>3</sup> b. Nov. 23, 1650; d. Nov. 22, 1653.
- ii. SARAH, b. Nov. 21, 1652; m. Ephraim Buck, Jan. 1, 1670-71. He d. Jan., 1720-21. In his will, dated Nov. 23, 1717, probated Mar. 24, 1720-21, he mentions his wife, Sarah; his sons, Ephraim, Samuel, John and Ebenezer; and his daughters, Sarah Grover, Mary Spike and Eunice Buck; and also Eunice Richardson, whom he brought up; Sarah Grover being the wife of Thomas Grover, and Mary Spike the wife of Nathaniel Spike, or Pike. Ephraim

- Buck was, at one time, an inmate of Dea. John Monsall's family, and is named in the latter's will.
- iii. EUNICE, b. Oct. 10, 1655; mentioned in grandfather Dea. John Monsall's will, 1660, as were also her sisters, Sarah and Joanna Brooks. She m. at least three times. First, Rev. Samuel Carter (eldest son of Thomas, the first settled minister in Woburn), H. U. 1660; school teacher; town officer; and afterwards minister at Lancaster and Groton (Sibley's *Harv. Graduates*, ii., 65). He d. in 1693, aged about 53. Second, Capt. James Parker, originally of Woburn, and then and afterwards of Groton, as his second wife (for confirmation of this marriage see REGISTER, xxx., 236). He d. in 1701. Third, John Kendall (Francis<sup>1</sup>), as his third wife. He d. in 1732 (REGISTER, xxxix., 18). She appears to have survived this last husband, but the date of her death has not been ascertained.
  - iv. JOANNA, b. Mar. 22, 1659; m. David Roberts, Oct. 2, 1678. He d. Sept. 4, 1724; and she d. Dec. 1, 1724, in Woburn. Of their children, *Eunice* and *David* are named in her father's will, before mentioned; and *Giles*, another child, and two daughters, *Joanna* and *Sarah*, are named on the Woburn records of births.
  7. v. JOHN, b. Mar. 1, 1664.
  8. vi. EBENEZER, b. Dec. 9, 1666.
  - vii. DEBORAH, b. Mar. 20, 1669; m. John, son of Theophilus and Mary (Chamney) Richardson (whose mother became the second wife of Deborah's father, John<sup>2</sup> Brooks). Deborah had a daughter, *Mary*, named in John<sup>2</sup> Brooks's will; and Brooks named son John Richardson (Deborah's husband) in his will. John and Deborah had other children besides *Mary*, named in Woburn records of births, viz.: *John*, *Deborah*, *Sarah*, *Josiah*, *Nathan* and *Eunice*. She d. Feb. 12, 1703-04, in Woburn; and he d. Oct. 29, 1749.\*
  9. viii. JABEZ, b. July 17, 1673; in his minority when his father died.
3. TIMOTHY<sup>2</sup> BROOKS (*Henry*<sup>1</sup>), the time of whose birth and name of whose mother is unknown, married first, Mary, daughter of John Russell, Sr., Dec. 21, 1659. She died in Billerica, Sept. 15, 1680; and he married Mebitable (Mowry) Kinsley. It is believed that his first wife was the mother of nearly all his children. Before removing to Swanzey, he lived some years in Billerica (see Hazen's *Billerica*, p. 18, etc.). His father-in-law was a prominent Baptist, and Timothy<sup>2</sup> was also interested in the Baptist tenets as held at that day, which was perhaps the occasion of his removal to Swanzey, or Swanzey, where a church of that faith flourished under the protection of the Plymouth government.†

Children, born in Woburn:

- i. TIMOTHY,<sup>3</sup> b. Nov. 10, 1660; d. Jan. 20, 1661.
10. ii. TIMOTHY, b. Oct. 9, 1661.
11. iii. JOHN, b. Oct. 16, 1662.
- iv. MARY, d. July 2, 1670, at Billerica, where her parents had removed after her birth.

[It is supposed that other children of Timothy<sup>2</sup> were born in Woburn, and this supposition would seem to be correct. See below.]

Children, born in Billerica (see Hazen's "Billerica"):

- v. MARY, b. Dec. 15, 1670; d. Jan. 14, following.
- vi. MARY, b. Dec. 10, 1671.
- vii. ПЕРФИЛІА, b. Feb.—, 1673-4; m. Pelatiah Mason, May 22, 1694.‡

\* For a fuller sketch of John Richardson and his descendants, see Richardson Memorial, pp. 46, etc.

† Compare Sewall's "Woburn," pp. 155, etc.; Johnson, "Marriages" (III.) p. 55.

‡ For an account of this family, see article entitled "Sampson Mason, the Baptist," in REGISTER, vol. xviii., pp. 250, 251.

viii. ANNA, b. Jan. 23, 1675-6; living with her Aunt Sarah Mousall, of Woburn, June 15, 1702, and named in her will.

ix. LYDIA, b. Jan. 8, 1677-8.

x. REBECCA, b. Oct. 5, 1679; m. Melatiah Martin, Nov. 6, 1696.

The following children were probably born in Woburn, their marriages having occurred in Swanzey:

xi. ELIZABETH, m. Thomas Lewis, Apr. 10, 1689.

xii. ABIGAIL, m. Levi Preston, Oct. 16, 1695.

The following son was probably by the second wife:

xiii. JOSIAH, b. in Swanzey, Aug. 26, 1681. After 1710, he became a resident of New Jersey. (See further under 10 and 11.)

Timothy<sup>2</sup> Brooks, of Swanzey, and Mehitable, his wife, conveyed to Henry Esten certain land, on June 3, 1685. In this deed is the declaration that Roger Mowry, of Providence, was the father of Mehitable, the aforesaid wife, and that she had been married before to Eldad Kinsley, of Rehoboth (*Providence Early Records*, vol. xiv., pp. 129, 188).

Previously, on March 9, 1680 [1681], Timothy Brooks and wife Mehitable, of Swanzey, conveyed to Benjamin Mozey [Muzzy], of Rumney Marsh, Boston, real estate in Billerica. (*Middx. Co. Deeds*.)

4. ISAAC<sup>2</sup> BROOKS (*Henry*<sup>1</sup>), the date of whose birth, and whose mother's name, is unknown, married, Jan. 10, 1665-6, Miriam Daniels, and died in Woburn, Sept. 8, 1686. His widow, Miriam, is named in Woburn tax lists in 1688. He was a cavalryman in King Philip's War, 1675-6, and was appointed quartermaster of the "Three County Troop," June 1, 1677, and was so named in the town tax lists of 1684 and 1685. He was one of the two persons present when Samuel Converse was killed by the water-wheel of Converse's father's mill, in Woburn, Feb. 20, 1669-70 (*Hurd's "Middlesex County, Mass.,"* i., 351). Isaac<sup>2</sup> was aged 27 in 1670, per Middlesex County files. Previously, in April, 1668, he gave his age, in court, as about 25. It is supposed from this that he was born about 1643.

Children:

- i. SARAH,<sup>3</sup> b. May 14, 1667; d. July 2, 1667.
  - ii. MIRIAM, b. May 29, 1668; d. young.
  12. iii. ISAAC, b. Aug. 13, 1669.
  13. iv. HENRY, b. Oct. 4, 1671.
  - v. MIRIAM, b. Dec. 16, 1673; m. Henry Merry, or Merrow, of Woburn, a tailor. Henry and Miriam had a daughter *Elizabeth*, b. in Woburn, Jan. 21, 1695. She received 55 acres as a bequest from her grandfather, Henry Brooks, which she mortgaged. The transfers of Woburn real estate by Henry and Miriam Merry, or Merrow, are given in Hon. E. F. Johnson's "Abstracts of Early Woburn Deeds." Henry was the son of Henry Merrow, of Woburn and Reading, who married Jane Wallace (a widow) at Woburn. The real estate transactions of the son included lands located now in the limits of the town of Stoneham. (See "Early Woburn Deeds"; Wyman's "Charlestown"; and Johnson's "Woburn Marriages" (III.) p. 283, note.)
5. SARAH<sup>2</sup> BROOKS (*Henry*<sup>1</sup>) married John<sup>2</sup> Mousall of Woburn, May 13, 1650. He was the son of Dea. John<sup>1</sup> Mousall. They died

without issue. John<sup>2</sup> died in Woburn, April 2, 1698, and with his wife's death the name became extinct in Woburn, the line of Dea. John being carried down through the descendants of his daughter Brooks, wife of John<sup>2</sup> (*Henry*<sup>1</sup>). We have already said much regarding the Mousall family under the heading of John<sup>2</sup> Brooks [2]. John<sup>2</sup> Mousall granted to his "loving cousin," Joseph Wright, Jr., and Elizabeth, wife of said Joseph, his homestead and other estate, saying of the latter: "having experience of her respects and care of me and my wife for many years together, and now also in our age the said Joseph Wright and Elizabeth his wife, have engaged themselves to take care of me and my wife, during our natural lives," I do, "in consideration of love and good will," convey the homestead and other property; Joseph Wright "to have all after the decease of me and Sarah, my now married wife." The date of this transfer was Feb. 19, 1694.\* Sarah, the widow, died before 1706. Her will, dated June 15, 1702, probated Sept. 10, 1705, signed by her mark, appointed her "loving cousin," Joseph Wright, Jr., and his wife Elizabeth, executors, and Major James Converse and Lieut. Josiah Converse, overseers, and mentions a number of relatives, whose connection opens some interesting genealogical material.

6. LESTOR<sup>2</sup> BROOKS (*Henry*<sup>1</sup>), a daughter. Her father in his will says: "I give and bequeath to my daughter Lestor, five shillings, and no more, because she hath received her portion already, as will appear by a receipt under her hand." This is the extent of our knowledge concerning this individual.
7. JOHN<sup>3</sup> BROOKS (*John*<sup>2</sup> *Henry*<sup>1</sup>), born in Woburn, March 1, 1664, married Mary (Bruce) Cranston, Dec. 30, 1684 (one record), or Jan. 30, 1685 (another). He died Aug. 7, 1733. His wife, Mary, born June 15, 1665, was the widow of Walter Cranston, and daughter of George and Elizabeth (Clark) Bruce. In 1693 and in 1710, she and her husband, John<sup>3</sup> Brooks, agreed to division of her father's and her mother's estate (Midd. Probate Records). After the death of John<sup>3</sup> in 1733, she (then of Woburn) married Peter Hay of Stoneham, Jan. 15, 1734.

John<sup>3</sup> Brooks in his will, dated Aug. 23, 1726, probated Dec. 3, 1733, mentions wife Mary; sons, John, Timothy and Nathan; daughters, Mary and Sarah; granddaughter, Margaret Richardson; and also his son-in-law, Timothy Winn, and two grandchildren, Timothy and Elizabeth Winn, children of the deceased daughter Elizabeth.

Children:

- i. MARY,<sup>4</sup> b. Dec. 4, 1685; d. the same day.
- ii. JOHN (twin), b. Dec. 30, 1686; d. Jan. 2, 1687.
- iii. EBENEZER (twin), b. Dec. 30, 1686; d. Dec. 31, 1686.
- iv. MARY, b. Apr. 1, 1688; m. Thomas Henshaw, May 26, 1712. He d. Sept. 11, 1726. When her father's estate was settled, she was deceased, and her son Thomas Henshaw signed for the heirs of his deceased mother. Her death is not on record. For further account, and children, see Sewall's "Woburn," p. 616.

\* See REGISTER, Vol. Alvi, pp. 464-465, etc.; Johnson's "Early Woburn Deeds," pp. 10, 49, 50.

- v. ELIZABETH; birth and marriage not on Woburn records; m. Timothy Winn of Woburn. She d. May 14, 1724, aged about 34 years (gravestone). He d. Jan. 5, 1752, a. 65 y. Her children, *Timothy* and *Elizabeth*, are named in her father's will. (See Sewall's "Woburn," p. 650, for further records.)
- vi. SARAH, b. Aug. 14, 1692; m. Samuel Richardson (*Richardson Mem.*, p. 523), whose daughter, *Margaret*, was the Margaret Richardson named in John<sup>3</sup> Brooks's will. They lived in Woburn till 1719, the year when their third child was born. At a later date they were of Exeter, N. H.
- vii. JOHN, b. Nov. 28, 1694; removed to Connecticut. The Woodstock, Ct., records give the marriage intention of "John Brooks, of Woburn, and Phebe Richardson, of Woodstock," Feb. 22, 1717-18; and their marriage occurred June 2, 1719, per Pomfret records. Previously, on June 11, 1718, land was deeded at Pomfret to "John Brooks, Jr., of Woburn, Co. Middlesex, Colony of Mass. Bay." John Brooks died Mar. 29, 1743, per gravestone in cemetery near the Ashford Congregational Church. The inscription reads: "John Brooks, husband of Mrs. Phebe Brooks." The last figure of the year of his age is reported as illegible, but the age was evidently 48 years. Phebe (Richardson) Brooks, b. in Woodstock, Feb. 21, 1700-1, was daughter of Zachariah and Mehitabel (Perrin) Richardson, formerly of Woburn (*Richardson Mem.*, p. 188).
- viii. ABIGAIL, b. Aug. 19, 1697; d. Oct. 12, 1697.
14. ix. TIMOTHY, b. Feb. 14, 1700.
- x. ISAAC, b. 1703; d. Aug. 24, 1719.
15. xi. NATHAN, b. Nov. 1, 1706.
8. EBENEZER<sup>3</sup> BROOKS (*John*,<sup>2</sup> *Henry*<sup>1</sup>), born Dec. 9, 1666, married Martha Wilder, June 14, 1687. He was a soldier in Phips's Expedition to Quebec in 1690, and on Nov. 3, 1711, he and his wife, Martha, conveyed their homestead in Woburn to John Buck. At a selectmen's meeting in Woburn, on Dec. 12, 1699, an account was made, in which "The wife of Ebenezer Brooks received, when her husband was gone to Canada, by Samuel Blogget, Senior, . . . 00. 02. 06." In 1738, Jonathan Brooks, of Woburn, claimed, in right of his uncle Ebenezer Brooks, the uncle's share in the lands granted to soldiers in the Canada Expedition of 1690, by the General Court of Massachusetts. Ebenezer Brooks's rates were forgiven on March 2, 1695-6 (Woburn Town Records, vol. 4, p. 64). In Nov. 1696, his rate was erased per order, because of his extreme poverty. — *Ibid.*, 80.

On Sept. 22, 1716, Ebenezer Brooks and Martha, his wife, were received into full communion, at the church in Killingly, Conn., and on Sept. 2, 1716, Ebenezer, Jabez, Eleazer, Martha, Eunice and Priscilla, children of Ebenezer Brooks, were baptized there (*Killingly Church Records*, "Putnam's Historical Magazine," v. 3, p. 225; v. 4, p. 27).

Children :

- i. EUNICE,<sup>4</sup> b. Mar. 18, 1688; d. Feb. 4, 1698.
- ii. JOHN, b. Mar. 22, 1690.
- iii. EBENEZER, b. Aug. 8, 1691; of Killingly, Ct., per deed in 1731.
- iv. JABEZ, b. Jan. 7, 1693.
- v. ELIEZER, b. July 13, 1694.
- vi. MARTHA, b. Mar. 24, 1697.
- vii. EUNICE, b. Feb. 14, 1700.
- viii. PRISCILLA, b. — 17, 1701.

9. JABEZ<sup>3</sup> BROOKS (*John,<sup>2</sup> Henry<sup>1</sup>*), born July 17, 1673, married first, Dec. 18, 1694, Rachel, daughter of Samuel and Rachel (Leven) Buck. She died Feb. 23, 1698, aged 22; and he married second, June 7, 1698, Hephzibah, daughter of Richard and Frances (Perriman-Amsden) Cutter, of Cambridge. She died Jan. 1, 1745-6, aged 75; and he died in Woburn, Jan. 30, 1746-7, aged 74 (grave-stones). Jabez Brooks, of Woburn, husbandman, "in consideration of love, good will, and affection . . . towards my loving wife, Hepsibeth Brooks," conveys certain household articles and wearing apparel, one large Bible, one silver spoon, a large cupboard, and all "my linen," and a bond due to her from "my son," Ebenezer Brooks . . ., Jan. 16, 1739-40. On the same date, Jabez Brooks, in a similar conveyance, mentions his sons, Nathaniel Brook, husbandman, Samuel Brooks, husbandman, John Brooks and Ebenezer Brooks, housewrights, and Benjamin Brooks, husbandman, all of Woburn, to whom he conveys his right in a "way leading from the country road between my house and Mr. Belknap's house to the Richardsons' Row, to lie for an open road," etc. The originals of these deeds, with many other papers of this family, are deposited in the Wyman Collection in the Woburn Public Library.

Child by first wife:

- i. RACHEL,<sup>4</sup> b. Nov. 29, 1695; m. Joseph Wright, Nov. 19, 1729; d. June 21, 1750, a. 55. (See Wright family, in REGISTER, xxxvii., 73.)

Children by second wife:

- ii. JABEZ, b. May 13, 1700; apparently went to Connecticut.  
 iii. HEPHIZIBAH, b. Nov. 18, 1701; m. John Cutter, Dec. 26, 1734; d. about 1777, aged 76, according to widow of Henry Gardner, her granddaughter ("Hist. Cutter Family," pp. 91, 266).  
 16. iv. NATHANIEL, b. Aug. 17, 1703.  
 v. DEBORAH, b. 1705; m. Jacob Wright, Sept. 20, 1733; d. Feb. 5, 1781, aged 75. (See REGISTER, xxxvii., 82.)  
 vi. SAMUEL, b. Apr. 18, 1707; of Woburn, per bonds of 1732 and 1741.  
 17. vii. JOHN, b. Jan. 14, 1708-9.  
 18. viii. JONATHAN, b. Aug. 27, 1710.  
 19. ix. EBENEZER, b. June 1, 1712.  
 x. SARAH, b. Dec. 25, 1714; m. Thomas Richardson, Oct. 18, 1742; d. June 12, 1784, a. 69. (*Richardson Mem.*, p. 222.)  
 20. xi. BENJAMIN, b. Apr. 14, 1717.

10. TIMOTHY<sup>8</sup> BROOKS (*Timothy,<sup>2</sup> Henry<sup>1</sup>*) married Hannah Bowen, Nov. 10, 1685. A receipt of John Brooks, of Swansea, as attorney for Timothy and Hannah, his wife, of "Cohanzo," in the County of Salem, in the Province of West Jersey, dated Mar. 10, 1711-12, is recorded in vol. iii., p. 76, of Bristol County, Mass., Wills.

Children (per births in Swansea printed records):

- i. TIMOTHY,<sup>4</sup> b. Apr. 23, 1687.  
 ii. SETH, b. Jan. 19, 1688.

Probably others, born elsewhere.\*

\* James Brooks, who married Hannah Mulford, may have been the son of Timothy and Hannah (Bowen) Brooks; or of Josiah Brooks, brother of Timothy. They resided in Swansey, but removed to Cohansey, Salem County, New Jersey, about 1710, with other families from Swansey. To this family the name of Hopewell, Cumberland County, N. J., near Cohansey, has a significance. It is derived, apparently, from the "Hopewell House" of their ancestor, Dea. John Mousall, in Woburn.

11. JOHN<sup>3</sup> BROOKS (*Timothy,<sup>2</sup> Henry<sup>1</sup>*). The will of John Brooks of Swansea, dated Apr. 9, 1713, probated Dec. 20, 1714 (Bristol Co. Wills, vol. iii., p. 212) mentions his elder brother, Timothy Brooks, of West Jersey, and his brother, Josiah Brooks, of the same location.
12. ISAAC<sup>3</sup> BROOKS (*Isaac,<sup>2</sup> Henry<sup>1</sup>*), born in Woburn, Aug. 13, 1669, married Hannah, daughter of William and Ann (Putnam) Trask, of Salem (REGISTER, vol. lv., pp. 325-326, 385). He was a soldier from Woburn, in 1690, in Phips's Expedition to Quebec. It is supposed that he was dead by 1702, and all of his children by 1738, as his nearest of kin at that time was Jabez<sup>3</sup> Brooks, a cousin (*John,<sup>2</sup> Henry<sup>1</sup>*).

Hannah Brooks of Woburn, evidently his widow, married Timothy Wright of Charlestown (the part now Stoneham), May 25, 1702.

In 1738, Jabez Brooks, of Woburn, claimed Isaac<sup>3</sup> Brooks's share of land granted by Massachusetts to the soldiers of the Quebec expedition of 1690, "in right of his kinsman, Isaac Brooks," attested by Joseph Reed.

Children:

- i. ANNA,<sup>4</sup> b. Aug. 10, 1689.
  - ii. SARAH, b. Nov. 28, 1693.
  - iii. WILLIAM, b. Mar. 1, 1696.
13. HENRY<sup>3</sup> BROOKS (*Isaac,<sup>2</sup> Henry<sup>1</sup>*), born in Woburn, Oct. 4, 1671, married Mary Graves, of Sudbury, Dec. 9, 1692. He was of Sudbury in 1696, per Middlesex County Deeds. Henry Brooks, husbandman, sold (about 1693) to Jonathan Richardson 80 acres in Woburn which were given him by the will of his grandfather, Henry Brooks, dated July 18, 1652 (Johnson, "Woburn Deeds," p. 30).\*
- Child:
- i. MARY, b. in Woburn, Sept. 15, 1693.

\*The supposition is advanced that this Henry Brooks removed to New London, Conn., about 1699, and many items in Joshua Hempstead's "Diary," published recently by the New London County Historical Society, would appear to support this claim. For example, the age of Henry Brooks, who died in New London, Feb. 17, 1733-4, in his 64th year, corresponds with the date of birth of Henry Brooks of Woburn. The resemblance in individual names to members of the Woburn stock is especially significant of the relationship.

The following is offered in support of this theory:

Henry Brooks, who died Feb. 17, 1733-4, in New London, Conn., in his 64th year, married (second?), May 30, 1704, Eleph, daughter of George Chappell of New London, Conn., who died Feb. 5, 1751-2, aged about 74 years.

He had children:

Mary, m. int. pub., Feb. 17, 1711-12, to Joshua Bradford.  
Miriam, d. May 13, 1713, in New London; dan. of Henry Brooks, living at Jos. Beckwith's.

Isaac, bapt. Sept. 29, 1706, in New London.  
Hannah, bapt. Sept. 29, 1706, in New London; m. May 4, 1722, John Beckwith.  
Ruth, bapt. Sept. 29, 1706, in New London.  
Timothy, bapt. Sept. 29, 1706, in New London; m. Nov. 16, 1732, Eliza Culver.  
John, bapt. May 1, 1709, in New London; pub. May 31, 1730, to Sarah Lester.  
Comfort, bapt. June 4, 1710, in New London; m.  
Elif, bapt. Sept. 28, 1712, in New London; pub. Apr. 22, 1733, to David Culver.  
Samuel, bapt. Aug. 29, 1714, in New London; m. Dec. 9, 1733, Mary Calkins.  
Josiah, bapt. July 22, 1716, in New London; m. Nov. 5, 1738, Bathsheba Fargo.  
Mary, bapt. Aug. 13, 1721, in New London; m. Feb. 25, 1742, Daniel Chapman, of Norwich.

See further, in addition to Hempstead's Diary, "The Later History of the First Church of Christ of New London, Conn.," by Rev. S. Leroy Blake, D.D.

14. TIMOTHY<sup>1</sup> BROOKS (*John,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> Henry<sup>1</sup>*), born Feb. 14, 1700, married first, Jan. 19, 1725, Abigail, daughter of Lieut. Seth and Esther (Johnson) Wyman. She was born Feb. 6, 1699, and died Mar. 16, 1780. He married second, intention dated Mar. 30, 1781, Sarah (Evans) Converse, widow of Josiah Converse (REGISTER, 1, 351). She died Feb. 22, 1789, aged 81; and he died Oct. 13, 1786, in his 86th year. Timothy<sup>1</sup> Brooks, captain, gent, died intestate and insolvent (a common thing with many prominent citizens after the Revolutionary War). He was a quartermaster (cavalry), 1738; lieutenant, 1744-1753; and a captain, 1746, and following years.

Children by first wife:

21. i. TIMOTHY,<sup>2</sup> b. Nov. 3, 1726.  
 ii. ABIGAIL, b. Oct. 5, 1729; m. (1) John Lewis, Jr., of Lynn, July 25, 1751; m. (2) Samuel Belknap, of Woburn, Dec. 15, 1757. She d. Oct. 16, 1761.
15. NATHAN<sup>1</sup> BROOKS (*John,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> Henry<sup>1</sup>*), born Nov. 1, 1706, married first, Sarah, born Aug. 18, 1706, died Feb. 21, 1747-8, aged 40y. 6m. 3d., daughter of Jonathan and Hannah (Fowle) Wyman. He married second, intention dated Mar. 18, 1749, Elizabeth, born Feb. 3, 1716, in Woburn, daughter of Jacob and Mary (Broughton) Fowle. He died Jan. 6, 1751, aged 45. Elizabeth Brooks, widow, was appointed guardian of Abigail, about five months old, in 1752. In 1761, Jacob Fowle, of Lancaster, appears to have been appointed guardian of Abigail Brooks. The will of Elizabeth Brooks, of Woburn, dated Dec. 17, 1760, gave to her only child, her daughter, Abigail Brooks, "her whole estate," when she arrived at the age of 21, or was married. Jacob Fowle, the brother of Elizabeth, was appointed administrator. He presented her will to the court on Oct. 6, 1761, which shows that she had died before that time.\* For particulars regarding the guardianship of the children, see Middlesex County Probate Records, file 1852.

Children by first wife:

22. i. NATHAN,<sup>2</sup> b. Nov. 6, 1727.  
 23. ii. ISAAC, b. July 31, 1729.  
 iii. JONATHAN, b. Aug. 26, 1731; d. Dec. 30, 1733.  
 iv. JOHN, b. May 6, 1733; a housewright, of Hollis, N. H., per deed in 1774. Mar. 9, 1752, James Russell, of Haverhill, was master of John Brooks, who asked for the appointment of Isaac Snow, of Woburn, as his guardian. For further account of him and his descendants, see Hayward's "Hist. of Hancock, N. H.," p. 394, etc.; also Worcester's "Hist. of Hollis, N. H.," p. 368.  
 v. JONATHAN, b. Feb. 21, 1735; of New London, Conn., cabinetmaker, per deed in 1782. He m. Mercy Bill, daughter of James Chapman of New London, Dec. 3, 1766. Children: 1. *Jonathan*,<sup>2</sup> b. Aug. 29, 1767. 2. *Sarah*, b. Oct. 9, 1769; d. Sept. 30, 1770. 3. *Sarah*, b. July 12, 1771. 4. *Nathan*, b. Jan. 15, 1774. 5. *John*, b. May 21, 1776; d. at Demerara.  
 vi. WILLIAM, b. Mar. 3, 1737; a blacksmith, of Hollis, N. H., per deed in 1774. Ebenezer Converse was appointed guardian of Jonathan and William, over 14 years, in 1752. For further account of him and his descendants, see Hayward's "Hist. of Hancock, N. H.," p. 382, etc.; also Worcester's "Hist. of Hollis, N. H.," pp. 207, 268.

\* She is evidently the Elizabeth Brooks who was published to Gershom Flagg, June 14, 1760.



- vii. SARAH, b. Mar. 1, 1739-40; wife of James French, of Hollis, N. H., per deed in 1774. Nathan Richardson was appointed guardian of Sarah, Mary and Elizabeth, under 14 years, in 1752. For further account, see Worcester's "Hist. of Hollis, N. H.," p. 375.
- viii. SETH, b. Apr. 1, 1740; of Acton, house joiner, per deed in 1774.
24. ix. ZACHARIAH, b. Apr. 20, 1742; a tailor, of Woburn, per deed in 1774. Isaac Snow was guardian of Seth and Zachariah, under 14 years, in 1752.
- x. MARY, b. Mar. 1, 1744.
- xi. ELIZABETH, b. in 1746; m. Giles Johnson, of Woburn, Oct. 14, 1766. He was "late of Woburn, and residence at a place to the Eastward, known by the name of Major Bagaduce," with Elizabeth, his wife," per deed of Feb. 3, 1775.
- xii. SAMUEL, b. July 16, 1747; aged 5 years in 1752; in 1766, Paul Wyman was appointed his guardian. He m. Aug. 8, 1769, Martha, daughter of Zurishaddai and Abigail (Johnson) Pierce.
- Child by second wife:
- xiii. ABIGAIL, b. Sept. 8, 1751; m. June 27, 1771, Francis,<sup>5</sup> Jr., b. Apr. 2, 1746, d. Sept. 18, 1803, æ. 60, son of Francis<sup>4</sup> and Sarah (Wyman) Johnson, of Woburn. She d. Jan. 1, 1835, æ. 84.
16. NATHANIEL<sup>4</sup> BROOKS (*Jabez*,<sup>3</sup> *John*,<sup>3</sup> *Henry*<sup>2</sup>), born Aug. 17, 1703, married Submit, born in Lexington, June 16, 1708, died in Woburn, June 1, 1799, aged 91 years, daughter of Jonathan and Elizabeth Poulter. He died in Mar., 1776. His will, dated Aug. 16, 1772, lodged Apr. 23, 1776, proved Mar. 25, 1777, names wife Submit; sons Nathaniel, Jonathan, Josiah, Reuben and David; and daughters Submit Wyman and Elizabeth Richardson. The funeral charges for Submit Brooks, widow, found with these papers, mentions her death as occurring in June, 1799. After her death, Esther Brooks, widow of her son Nathaniel,<sup>3</sup> petitioned the court that Samuel Thompson, Esq., be appointed administrator; and in an account rendered he mentions, under legacies, the following persons: Josiah Brooks, David Brooks, Submit Wyman, Moses and Mittie Jones,† Reuben Brooks, Thomas and Elizabeth Knight, Zachariah Richardson and wife Elizabeth, Zachariah Richardson for Amos Brooks, deceased, a daughter of Josiah Brooks absent, the heirs of Jonathan Brooks.
- Children:
- i. SUBMIT,<sup>3</sup> b. Jan. 3, 1731; m. Nathaniel Wyman of Lancaster, Mar. 14, 1761; she d. Nov. 25, 1804, aged 74.‡
25. ii. NATHANIEL, b. July 18, 1734.
26. iii. JONATHAN, b. July 16, 1737.
- iv. JOSIAH, b. Dec. 14, 1739; m. (1) Aug. 11, 1763, Betty,§ dau. of Gershom and Betty (Tidd) Flagg. She d. July 3, 1761, aged 29.

\* Castine, Maine.

† Mittie Brooks and Moses Jones, both of Lancaster, were married Apr. 17, 1791 (*Lancaster Records*, pp. 131, 146). Mittie (otherwise Submit) was the daughter of Josiah,<sup>3</sup> son of Nathaniel<sup>4</sup> [16]. Submit Jones, wife of Moses, died in Lancaster, Dec. 18, 1810 (*Records*, p. 184), and one of their children was named Amos Brooks Jones, born in 1798, for the uncle who died in Woburn in 1797. (See also *Lancaster Records*, pp. 357, 431.) Elizabeth Knight may have been the daughter of Reuben,<sup>3</sup> son of Nathaniel [16].

‡ There is extant a receipt signed by Submit Brooks for money received of her father, Nathaniel Brooks, "for labor I have done for my said father, from the time I arrived to the age of eighteen years to this day," May 11, 1761. A similar receipt is extant from his daughter Elizabeth Brooks, dated 1767.

§ Nathaniel Brooks, of Woburn, was appointed guardian to Betty Flagg (at her own election), a minor in her 15th year, daughter of Gershom Flagg, Jr., late of Woburn, deceased, July 2, 1759.

(Gravestone in Woburn.) He was afterwards of Rockport, Mass. where, by (2) wife Rebecca, he had children baptized: *Bettie*, Sept. 6, 1767; *Amos*, July 23, 1769; *Submit*, Feb. 16, 1772; *Josiah*, June 19, 1774. *Amos*,<sup>3</sup> his son, died testate, in Woburn, Jan. 27, 1797, aged 27; will dated Dec. 8, 1796, probated May 2, 1797. His uncle Zachariah Richardson, Jr., was appointed administrator, to whom the whole estate was given. *Josiah*<sup>3</sup> was reported as killed at the battle of Bunker Hill. (See Mass. Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolution.) His children were evidently brought up by their relatives. See foot note under Nathaniel<sup>4</sup> Brooks (16) for a further partial explanation.

- v. ELIZABETH, b. Apr. 22, 1742; m. Zachariah Richardson, Dec. 30, 1767. She d. without issue, Aug. 5, 1807, aged 65. He d. Dec. 17, 1814, aged 70. (See "Richardson Memorial," p. 223.) Zachariah Richardson, Jr., and Elizabeth Richardson joined in a receipt to their father, Nathaniel Brooks, for her portion of household goods, in part, Jan. 12, 1768.
- vi. RUBEN, b. Jan. 8, 1744; was of Rockport, Mass., where, by his wife Abigail, he had children baptized: *Rubens*,<sup>8</sup> Jan. 7, 1770; *Elizabeth*, Dec. 13, 1772; *David*, Feb. 19, 1775. Elizabeth was m. to Thomas Knight, per list of heirs of her grandmother, Submit Brooks, about 1799.
- vii. DAVID, b. Mar. 29, 1749; m. June 14, 1774, Patience, dau. of Joseph and Patience (Ball) White of Lancaster. He resided in Princeton, Mass., where he d. Sept. 7, 1840, aged 91, and his widow, Patience, d. May 24, 1844, aged 90. (See "Descendants of John White," vol. II., p. 290.)

17. JOHN<sup>4</sup> BROOKS (*Jabez*,<sup>3</sup> *John*,<sup>2</sup> *Henry*<sup>1</sup>), born Jan. 14, 1708-9, married first, Hannah Cutter. (See "Cutter Family," p. 45.) She was of Cambridge, the part now Arlington. "Anna," his wife, died Apr. 14, 1742, aged 27 yrs. (gravestone at Woburn); and he married second, Elizabeth Kendall, published at Woburn, Mar. 9, 1744. He removed to Lancaster. For further particulars regarding the marriages of his children, see Cutter's "Cutter Family," p. 45; Cutter's "Hist. of Arlington," pp. 197, 216; Nourse's "Lancaster Records," pp. 84, 85; Wyman's "Charlestown," p. 135.

Nov. 19, 1776, a discharge from the heirs of Hannah Brooks names John Brooks, Jabez Brooks, Tilly Littlejohn, and Thomas Brooks.

Children by first wife, all born in Woburn:

- i. JOHN,<sup>5</sup> b. Dec. 5, 1734.
- ii. JABEZ, b. Sept. 30, 1736; m. Lucy Sawyer, Jan. 27, 1757.
- iii. HANNAH, b. June 4, 1739; m. Tilly Littlejohn, Dec. 1, 1757.
- iv. THOMAS, b. Mar. 22, 1742; m. Hannah Cutter, Nov. 24, 1763.

18. JONATHAN<sup>4</sup> BROOKS (*Jabez*,<sup>3</sup> *John*,<sup>2</sup> *Henry*<sup>1</sup>), born Aug. 27, 1710, married, Aug. 23, 1738, Phebe, daughter of John and Sarah (Johnson) Simonds. He removed to Lancaster, Mass., after 1749. His will, dated Apr. 7, 1777, proved June 4, 1777, names wife Phebe; sons, Joshua and John; and mentions other children, whose names are not given. (Worcester Co. Probate Records.) His daughter Phebe was the only one of his children born in Woburn.

Children, all but the first, born in Charlestown:

- i. PHEBE,<sup>5</sup> b. Feb. 22, 1739; m. Nathaniel Pierce, Sept. 6, 1759; d. Mar. 22, 1808. He d. in Medford, in 1776.
- ii. JONATHAN, b. Dec. 26, 1741; m. Susanna Winship, Aug. 17, 1762, in Medford.
- iii. JOHN, b. Feb. 22, 1743-4; d. in Sterling, Mass., Oct. 24, 1815, aged 72.
- iv. ESTHER, b. Aug. 12, 1746.
- v. SARAH, b. Jan. 30, 1748-9.

19. EBENEZER<sup>4</sup> BROOKS (*Jabez*,<sup>3</sup> *John*,<sup>2</sup> *Henry*<sup>1</sup>), born June 1, 1712, married first, Oct. 28, 1736, Jemima, daughter of William and Jenima (Russell) Locke. She died Nov. 5, 1774, aged 57; and he married second, Elizabeth Symmes, intention dated Nov. 15, 1776. She was the widow of Zachariah Symmes of Cambridge, and daughter of Francis and Elizabeth (Winship) Locke of Cambridge. His death date is not ascertained.\* She died in Mar., 1803, aged nearly 88.

Children by first wife :

- i. JEMIMA,<sup>5</sup> b. Aug. 29, 1737; m. Jesse Richardson, Dec. 29, 1756; d. Sept. 11, 1817, aged 80. He d. Nov. 5, 1813, aged 83. (*Richardson Memorial*, pp. 261, 262.)
- ii. HEPHIZIBAH, b. Jan. 15, 1739; m. Josiah Converse, Mar. 28, 1758. He d. Feb. 2, 1810, and she d. Mar. 11, 1813, aged 74. (See REGISTER, vol. 1, p. 352.)
- iii. SALLY, b. Dec. 9, 1740; m. Zadock Richardson of Reading, Apr. 27, 1762. He d. Nov. 19, 1803, and she d. Sept. 14, 1828. (*Richardson Memorial*, p. 251.)
- iv. EBENEZER, b. Sept. 15, 1742; m. June 29, 1769,† Relief, dau. of Joseph and Rebecca (Houghton) Moore of Lancaster. Their son, *Calvin*,<sup>6</sup> b. in Boylston, Oct. 29, 1771, d. in Woburn, June 3, 1855, aged 84, m. Mary Richardson (*Richardson Memorial*, pp. 253, 256), Dec. 1, 1803, who d. June 5, 1824, aged 49. They had Mary,<sup>7</sup> b. in Woburn, July 7, 1805; m. May 20, 1825, Luther, son of William and Elizabeth (Brown) Holden of Stoneham, who d. Nov. 12, 1865.
- v. MOLLY, b. Aug. 29, 1744; d. young.
- vi. WILLIAM, b. Apr. 5, 1745 [1746]; resided and d. in Sterling. He m. (1) June 29, 1770, Tbankful Fairbanks; and m. (2) Benlah Wilder, Nov. 10, 1773. (See "Book of the Lockes," pp. 37, 73.) William Brooks served two days at the time of the Lexington Alarm, Apr. 19, 1775, in Fox's (Woburn) Company. He was taxed in the East List, in 1775.
- vii. SARAH, b. Apr. 6, 1748; m. Joseph Skinner, Nov. 1, 1768.
- viii. JONAS, b. May 6, 1750; m. Nov. 19, 1771, Joanna, dau. of David and Joanna (Jones) Cummings of Woburn. (See "Book of the Lockes," p. 73; Lapham's "Hist. of Norway, Maine," pp. 472, 473; Lapham's "Hist. of Woodstock, Maine," p. 184.) His son, *David Cummings*,<sup>6</sup> from Athol, was living with Jonathan Simonds, in Woburn, in 1787. (Town Records, 11: 109.) Other children, born in Woburn, were: *Joanna*,<sup>6</sup> bapt. Jan. 31, 1773; *Jonas*, bapt. Jan. 24, 1774. The father removed to Athol, Mass. For a fuller list of the children of this family, see "Book of the Lockes," p. 73.
- ix. ABIGAIL, b. June 2, 1752; m. Oct. 29, 1772, Isaac, Jr., son of Dea. Isaac and Ruth (Hall) Warren, of Medford. He was b. Dec. 13, 1745. (See Wyman's "Charlestown," p. 996; Temple's "Framingham," pp. 736, 737.)
- x. JABEZ, b. May 8, 1755; d. between 1778 and 1780, in the military service, having served at that period for 15 mos. in the 3 years' service, as proved by documents extant in the Woburn Public Library. The family tradition was that he was lost at sea. He served as one of the quota of Boston, as well as of Woburn. For further details of service, see Mass. Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolution.

\* Nov. 24, 1783, James Locke, of Lexington, granted the use of a room in a house belonging to him in Woburn, to Ebenezer Brooks. (Wyman Coll., Woburn Public Library, 6: 37.) This James Locke's wife was a daughter of Ebenezer Brooks's second wife. For an account of these families, see "Book of the Lockes," p. 37, etc.; Cutter's "Arlington," pp. 298, 307.

† REGISTER, vol. VII., p. 309.

He was reported discharged from service, Jan. 2, 1778; some obscurity, therefore, rests on the time, place, and manner of his death.

- xi. MARY, b. Nov. 14, 1758; m. as his second wife, Abraham Skinner, Dec. 30, 1777. (See No. 20, i.; also, "Epitaphs, Woburn Secound Burial Ground," p. 141.)
  - xii. RUFAMAN, b. Mar. 4, 1761; m. as his second wife, Watts Turner of Medford, Sept. 30, 1789. She d. in Medford, Sept. 9, 1833 (Sept. 10, 1833, per Medford Records), aged 72. (See Wyman's "Charlestown," p. 974.) He d. in Medford, Sept. 16, 1833.
  - xiii. BETTY, b. Mar. 8, 1766; d. Oct. 14, 1789, aged 22, unmarried (at Jesse Richardson's, of "phthisis"). Her m. int. to Calvius Howard, of Acton, was pub. Jan. 1, 1789.
20. BENJAMIN<sup>4</sup> BROOKS (*Jabez*,<sup>3</sup> *John*,<sup>2</sup> *Henry*<sup>1</sup>), born Apr. 14, 1717, married, intention dated Apr. 5, 1746, Susanna, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Kendall. Her mother's surname is unknown. He was killed by the falling of a tree (jury's verdict accidental), Jan. 6, 1769, aged 52. On his gravestone at Woburn is a curious and oft-quoted epitaph. His widow married second, Josiah Johnson, Esq., Aug. 5, 1771, and died her widow, Dec. 19, 1808, aged 86, as per record.
- Susanna Brooks, widow, mentions in her administratrix account children: Susanna, Jerusha, Joseph and Hephzibah. The widow continued her account under the name "Susanna Johnson, formerly Susanna Brooks."
- Children:
- i. SUSANNA,<sup>3</sup> b. June 4, 1747; m. Abraham Skinner, July 6, 1769; d. Jan. 8, 1769 [1770], aged 22. He d. June 30, 1799. He was named in the administratrix's account of Benjamin Brooks's estate.
  - ii. BENJAMIN, b. July 2, 1749; d. Sept. 1, 1749, aged 8 weeks, 4 days.
  - iii. BENJAMIN, b. June 20, 1750; d. Aug. 17, 1753, aged 3 years, 1 month, 27 days.
  - iv. JERUSHA, b. July 13, 1757; m. (1) Josiah Richardson of Stoneham, Apr. 11, 1776, who d. Dec. 28, 1795; m. (2) Ebenezer Wade, Dec. 9, 1806, who d. Dec. 18, 1837, aged 95. She d. Sept. 17, 1842, aged 84.\* (See *Richardson Memorial*, pp. 259, 260.)
27. v. JOSEPH, b. Dec. 28, 1759. Josiah Kendall, of Lancaster, was appointed his guardian, Apr. 15, 1776.
- vi. HEPHZIBAH, b. Mar. 3, 1762; m. Elijah Leathe, June 22, 1780. James Tufts, of Medford, was appointed her guardian, Apr. 15, 1776. She d. July 18, 1829, aged 68; and her husband d. Dec. 13, 1835, aged 80.
21. TIMOTHY<sup>5</sup> BROOKS (*Timothy*,<sup>4</sup> *John*,<sup>3</sup> *John*,<sup>2</sup> *Henry*<sup>1</sup>), born Nov. 3, 1726, at Woburn, married, intention dated Aug. 20, 1748, Ruth, daughter of Ensign Samuel and Susanna (Simonds) Wyman, by whom he had ten children, born in Woburn. Later he removed to Salem. He was Ensign in Capt. Jonathan Fox's company of Woburn militia, commissioned Mar. 29, 1768; and continued in this office from 1768 to 1772, and from 1776 to 1778. He was reported as "out of town" in 1777, apparently having removed at about that date to Salem.

\* Among the articles of feminine wear Jerusha had, from July, 1771, to Dec., 1773, were a silk gown and trimming, a satin cloak, a pair of ear-rings, a pair of silver shoe-buckles, a pair of silk mittens, a black handkerchief, a hat and trimming, gauze, four pairs of cloth shoes, and two pairs of leather shoes, with their reduplication at different periods. She had also, stone ear-rings and striped handkerchiefs. (Documents in the Wyman Coll., Woburn Public Library.)

## Children :

- i. JOHN,<sup>6</sup> b. July 19, 1749; m., int. dated Oct. 17, 1771. Abigail, dau. of Joshua and Abigail (Carter) Richardson, of Woburn. She d. May 1, 1831, in Salem, aged 80; and he d. in Salem, Apr. 22, 1796. ("Richardson Memorial," p. 541.) *Abigail*,<sup>7</sup> dau. of John and Abigail, d. Aug. 1, 1778, aged 13 mos.
  - ii. TIMOTHY, b. Oct. 24, 1751; m., at Trinity Church, Boston, in July, 1776. Abigail, dau. of Aaron and Abigail (Reed) Mason, who was b. at Marlborough, Mass., Mar. 24, 1755, and d. at Salem, in 1822. He d. at Salem, in 1810. He was a Revolutionary soldier, from Woburn, before 1777; and was taxed in the East List, in 1776.
  - iii. RUTH, b. Jan. 13, 1753; m. Apr. 11, 1776. Josiah, son of Joshua and Abigail (Carter) Richardson. She d. Sept. 6, 1807; and he d. Apr. 29, 1826. (*Richardson Memorial*, pp. 541, 579.)
  - iv. ABIGAIL, b. June 18, 1756; m. (1) Oct. 3, 1773, at Seabrook, N. H., Asahel,<sup>8</sup> son of Josiah<sup>4</sup> Porter of Woburn. She at that time was of Salem. They had son, *Asahel*,<sup>9</sup> b. in Woburn, Feb., 1775; m. Elizabeth Atwill, of Reading, Jan. 17, 1796; and d. in Reading, Feb. 2, 1819; she d. in Reading, Aug. 5, 1869, aged 94; they had 9 children. Abigail<sup>6</sup> (Brooks) Porter m. (2), int. pub. Nov. 30, 1782, Ephraim Pierce of Stoneham; and she d. Jan. 9, 1840. Asahel<sup>9</sup> Porter, who was killed by the British on Lexington common, Apr. 19, 1775, was a descendant of Sergt. John<sup>1</sup> Porter of Salem, through Israel,<sup>2</sup> William,<sup>3</sup> and Josiah.<sup>4</sup>
  - v. SAMUEL, b. Dec. 21, 1758; m. Elizabeth Gill of Salem, Dec. 22, 1791. He d. Nov. 28, 1805; and she d. May 13, 1811. "Nov. 12, 1805. Samuel Brooks, Merchant, died of nervous fever, aged 47. The fever continued for twenty-three days. He moved into Salem from Woburn, and married at 33 years, a Gill." (Bentley.)
  - vi. SETH, b. Mar. 2, 1760; settled in Salem, where he d., unmarried, Dec. 2, 1806.
  - vii. SUSANNA, b. Mar. 11, 1764.
  - viii. THOMAS, b. Mar. 31, 1767; m. Jan. 29, 1789. Mary, dau. of Joshua and Abigail (Carter) Richardson. He d. Mar. 20, 1827; and she d. Aug. 31, 1830. Both were of Salem.
  - ix. ASA, b. Aug. 24, 1768; m. Ann Gill, at Salem, Apr. 25, 1804. He d. Jan. 24, 1825; and she d. Jan. 17, 1861.
  - x. LUKE, b. Sept. 23, 1772; m. Mary Hathorn, June 3, 1798. He d. May 14, 1850, and she d. Oct. 10, 1853. (See "Brooks Genealogy," by Luke Brooks, in *Essex Institute Hist. Coll.*, 21: 24-32.)
22. NATHAN<sup>5</sup> BROOKS (*Nathan*,<sup>4</sup> *John*,<sup>3</sup> *John*,<sup>2</sup> *Henry*<sup>1</sup>) born Nov. 6, 1727, married, intention dated Dec. 28, 1752. Elizabeth, daughter of Pierson and Elizabeth (Nichols) Richardson. (*Richardson Memorial*, p. 245.) He died Jan. 26, 1758, aged 30; and his widow married second, Jan. 6, 1764, Zebadiah Wyman, and died Aug. 12, 1776, aged 42.
- Nathan<sup>5</sup> Brooks in his will, dated Jan. 9, 1758, names Elizabeth, his wife, and two children: their "only son" Nathan, and their "only daughter," Elizabeth; also his brother Ebenezer Richardson. His inventory, dated Jan. 30, 1758, shows a large estate.
- Children :
- i. NATHAN,<sup>6</sup> b. July 26, 1754; d. Apr. 24, 1774, aged 20.
  - ii. ELIZABETH, b. Apr. 8, 1755; d. June 19, 1755, aged 10 weeks.
  - iii. ELIZABETH, b. June 11, 1757; d. Feb. 12, 1758, aged 8 months.
23. ISAAC<sup>5</sup> BROOKS (*Nathan*,<sup>4</sup> *John*,<sup>3</sup> *John*,<sup>2</sup> *Henry*<sup>1</sup>), born July 31, 1729, married, intention dated June 23, 1753. Joanna, daughter of Jonathan and Joanna (Wyman) Holden. He died Mar. 23, 1768, aged 38; and his widow married second, David Geary of Stoneham (per deed dated 1791), and died Aug. 19, 1808, aged 74.

## Children :

- i. JOANNA,<sup>6</sup> b. Feb. 19, 1755; m. Jonathan Kendall, Dec. 1, 1774. (See REGISTER, vol. xxxix: p. 22.)
  - ii. ISAAC, b. Aug. 16, 1757; removed to Amherst, N. H. (deposition of 1810), where he was a prominent man. He m. Abigail Kendrick, May 28, 1791, who d. May 23, 1826. He d. Dec. 20, 1840. (See Secomb's *Hist. of Amherst, N. H.*, and Isaac Brooks Dodge's *Historical Genealogy*.) Children: *Isaac E.*<sup>7</sup> b. Sept. 26, 1791, at Amherst, N. H., birth entered on Woburn Records; and others, b. at Amherst.
  - iii. MARY, b. Sept. 11, 1765; m. (1) Francis Colburn, or Coburn, of Dunstable, as shown by deed from Ebenezer Bancroft, administrator, to Mary Colburn, dated Apr. 30, 1787; m. (2) Jan. 22, 1795, Stephen Cummings of Woburn. He d. Apr. 12, 1804; and she d. Feb. 6, 1853, aged 87. On Dec. 6, 1787, the selectmen of Woburn being informed that one Joanna Gary, and the widow Mary Colburn and her children, named William and Francis, from Dunstable, were stopping at the house of Joanna Gary, the selectmen disallowing thereof, these persons were therefore "warned," according to the custom of the time, to depart.
24. ZACHARIAH<sup>5</sup> BROOKS (*Nathan*,<sup>4</sup> *John*,<sup>3</sup> *John*,<sup>2</sup> *Henry*<sup>1</sup>), born Apr. 20<sup>1</sup> 1742, married first, Oct. 13, 1763, Hannah, daughter of Ebenezer and Hannah (Fowle) Wild, or Wilde, and granddaughter of Capt. John Fowle. Aug. 26, 1750, Ebenezer Wilde, of Boston, receipted for his daughter's interest in her grandfather's, Capt. John Fowle's, estate. (Wyman Coll., Woburn Public Library, 1: 74.) She died Nov. 24, 1778; and he married second, June 21, 1780, Susanna, daughter of Samuel and Susanna (Swan) Watts. He died in Woburn, Feb. 5, 1792, aged 49; and his widow Susanna married second, intention dated Oct. 3, 1799, David Dexter of Atkinson, N. H., who was originally of Malden, Mass. She died in Medford, Sept. 2, 1839, aged 81, and is buried there.

Zachariah<sup>5</sup> Brooks, aged 17 years, was impressed from Woburn, for service in the French War, in 1759. He remained all winter in Canada, as a soldier at that time. He was again in service in the French War, in 1762; and was also in active service in the Revolutionary War, at different times, from Apr. 19, 1775, to Apr., 1778. For details of service, see *Mass. Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolution*. He, described as "Gentleman," died intestate; his estate was represented as insolvent; and the account was allowed, Nov. 6, 1794.

## Children by first wife :

- i. ZACHARIAH,<sup>6</sup> b. Apr. 19, 1765; d. Apr. 26, 1765.
- ii. ELIZABETH, b. June 8, 1767; m. May 15, 1787, James Wyman of Salem. He d. in 1792; and she d. in 1831.
- iii. ZACHARIAH, b. Apr. 10, 1770.
- iv. PATTY, b. Dec. 28, 1772.

## Children by second wife :

- v. SAMUEL WATTS, b. Sept. 22, 1781; m. (1) Apr. 10, 1803, Eleanor Young; m. (2) Mar. 3, 1847, Harriet (Jones) Flagg, who d. Sept. 14, 1882, aged 84 years, 2 months, 9 days.
- vi. SUSANNA, b. Apr. 8, 1784.
- vii. NATHAN, m. Jan. 20, 1814, Maria Smith. He d. Dec. 21, 1830, aged 42; and she d. Apr. 30, 1889, aged 93 years, 3 months, 17 days. An infant son of Nathan d. July 11, 1814, aged 9 hours.
- viii. MARY, m., as his second wife, James Ford of Medford.
- ix. HANNAH, b. Mar. 13, 1789.

- x. JAMES WYMAN, b. June 29, 1792; m. Rebecca Wade of Medford. He resided in Medford and Woburn. He d. June 23, 1864, aged 72; and she d. Feb. 25, 1891, aged 95 years, 10 months, 26 days.
25. NATHANIEL<sup>5</sup> BROOKS (*Nathaniel*,<sup>4</sup> *Jabez*,<sup>3</sup> *John*,<sup>2</sup> *Henry*<sup>1</sup>), born July 18, 1734, married, Jan. 16, 1756, Esther, daughter of Capt. Benjamin and Esther (Richardson) Wyman. For his Revolutionary services, see *Mass. Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolution*. He became a captain of Woburn militia in 1781, and was commonly called by that title. He died intestate, Apr. 3, 1783, his widow being administratrix; and she died Mar. 4, 1815, aged 78. There is on file in the Woburn Public Library a plan of his lands, dated June, 1800. (Wyman Coll., 6: 67.)
- Children:
- i. ESTHER,<sup>6</sup> b. Oct. 14, 1756; m. Sept. 12, 1776, Nathaniel White, Jr., of Lancaster.
  - ii. HANNAH, b. Oct. 11, 1758; d. Apr., 1776.
  - iii. LUCY, b. Oct. 24, 1760; m. Jan. 16, 1783, Jonathan Locke. (See "Book of the Lockes," p. 86.)
  - iv. NATHANIEL, b. Mar. 8, 1763; d. Feb. 6, 1820, aged 58. He was Captain of Woburn militia, 1793-97, 1804.
  - v. BENJAMIN, b. May 18, 1765; d. Jan. 19, 1810, aged 45, being frozen to death on the celebrated "Cold Friday" of that year. (See No. 27.) He was a cordwainer, and deceased intestate, per inventory dated 1810.
  - vi. ABEL, b. May 3, 1768; of Robbinston, Maine, shipsmith, per deed in 1820.
  - vii. REUBEN, b. Apr. 27, 1778; d. Oct. 5, 1790, aged 12.
  - viii. HANNAH, b. June 30, 1781; m. June 26, 1804, Josiah Richardson. He d. June 17, 1860, aged 80; and she d. June 26, 1870, aged 89. (See *Richardson Memorial*, p. 328.)
26. JONATHAN<sup>5</sup> BROOKS (*Nathaniel*,<sup>4</sup> *Jabez*,<sup>3</sup> *John*,<sup>2</sup> *Henry*<sup>1</sup>), born July 16, 1737, married, Feb. 18, 1762, Ruth, daughter of Col. Jonathan and Ruth (Carter) Fox. He held the office of Sergeant in the Revolution, and at one time, in 1779, commanded a detachment of men from Woburn in service as guards at Bunker Hill. He died Mar. 17, 1795, aged 58.
- Children:
- i. MARY,<sup>6</sup> b. Sept. 30, 1764; m. Dec. 16, 1784, James Leathe.
  - ii. RUTH, b. July 21, 1770; m. Oct. 5, 1794, Joseph Webber of Lexington.
  - iii. JOHN, b. Aug. 10, 1772; m. (1) Lneretia, dau. of William and Eleanor (Cutter) Gowen of Medford; and m. (2) Aug. 26, 1810, her sister Abigail, better known as "Maria del Occidente." He d. in Boston, May 11, 1823, aged 51. (See Cutter Family, p. 261; Usher's *History of Medford*, p. 479; and *Medford Historical Register*, vol. 2, p. 150.)
  - iv. SUMMIT, b. Jan. 28, 1775; d. in Princeton, Mass., Dec. 21, 1844.
  - v. WILLIAM, b. Nov. 19, 1780.
  - vi. ELIZABETH, b. Oct. 13, 1782.
27. JOSEPH<sup>5</sup> BROOKS (*Benjamin*,<sup>4</sup> *Jabez*,<sup>3</sup> *John*,<sup>2</sup> *Henry*<sup>1</sup>), born Dec. 28, 1759, married first, Sept. 7, 1780, Sarah, daughter of John and Lydia (Nichols) Vinton, of Reading. She died Mar. 4, 1784; and he married second, Sept. 28, 1791, Rebecca, daughter of Nathan and Rebecca (Russell) Wyman. She died July 23, 1810, aged 48; and he died Jan. 18 or 19, 1810, aged 50. On Jan. 18, 1810, he and

his cousin Benjamin (25, v.) went into the woods a little before noon to cut wood, the weather being then very mild; but in the evening it became excessively cold, and they were supposed to have perished from its effects, on that or the following day. They were found on the 20th. The 19th was the memorable "Cold Friday," according to the record of that period.

Joseph<sup>5</sup> Brooks was a soldier, from Woburn, in the Revolution, and his record will be found in Mass. Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolution.

Children by first wife :

- i. SUSANNA,\* b. Jan. 8, 1732; m. Mar. 11, 1802, John Felch of Royalston.
- ii. A CHILD, d. Mar. 26, 1784

Children by second wife :

- iii. KENDALL, b. Jan. 10, 1792.
- iv. BENJAMIN, b. Aug. 19, 1793.
- v. CHILD, d. Oct., 1803; aged 8.
- vi. NATHAN, b. Oct. 12, 1797.
- vii. REBECCA, b. Feb. 23, 1800.
- viii. JOSEPH, b. Sept. 25, 1804.







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