

METCALF.

EPHRAIM, b. in England, in the year 1770; emigrated to America some twenty years later, and settled on a farm in Newbury, near the northwest corner of Bradford, and was one of the first settlers in that region, clearing the land and building the buildings on the farm that still bears his name. His wife, Martha, d. in 1845, and he d. in 1858, leaving two sons, John and Burgess. Burgess continued on the homestead and m. Lucy Hall of Newbury, in 1819. They had three c., Ephraim, Olive and Isaac, the two latter dying young, while Ephraim continued on the farm with his parents. Mrs. Metcalf d. in 1860, and Burgess in 1880. Ephraim B. Metcalf m. Sophronia Avery of Topsham in 1854. Their c. were, Isaac J., C. H., Lucy, Fannie, John, Mary and Sarah. All died young except Isaac J., and Sarah, who m. James Clark of Bradford, while Isaac J. continues on the old farm with his mother.

MILLS.

This family originated in Argyleshire, Scotland, and were of the Scotch colony which came from the north of Ireland about 1725, and settled in Londonderry, N. H. With them came the McDuffies, McKeens, McGregors, McAllisters, and other well-known families. John and Robert Mills, brothers, came about 1720, or the next year. John settled in Haverhill, Mass., but after a few years rem. to Coleraine, in that state, where he was killed by the Indians. Robert settled in Chester, N. H. He was m. before coming to America. John, son of Robert, m. Susan Ferrin of Chester. Their c. were, John, Thomas, James and Mary. The last named John served in the French and Indian war, came early to Coös, and was a grantee of Haverhill, but settled in Newbury, his farm being that now owned by W. W. Brock, Jr. His wife, was a daughter of Archibald McDuffie. He built not far from 1780, the house now known as the Davenport house at South Newbury. This house has been greatly altered, and was, back in the early '60s, a square-roofed house of large size. John Mills and his son, John, served as scouts in Capt. John G. Bayley's Co. in the Revolutionary war, one month, each. John Mills (whether father or son is unknown) served as a corporal in Capt. Ezekiel Ladd's Co. of Bedel's regiment, from April 6, 1778, 11 months, 25 days. John Mills, Sr., was a carpenter, mechanical ingenuity being hereditary in that family. The date of his death is unknown. He was a member of the Presbyterian church at Chester; as witness, this certificate in the town records:

"Chester, Nov. 25, 1787. This may certify whom it may concern, that John Mills, son of Deacon John Mills, was in full communion in the Presbyterian church of Chester, and was brought up a Presbyterian. Witness my hand. Matthew Forsyth, Ruling Elder."

Both father and son were held in respect and filled many public offices. One of them was of the committee which built the "Old Meeting House" in 1788. The names of all the c. of John Mills, Sr., are not known, but the following marriages recorded on our town records are believed to be of his family: "Josiah Pratt and Mary Mills, Oct. 13, 1785. James Kent and Tamar Mills, Jan. 31, 1793. James Caruth and Molly Mills, Oct. 20, 1800. Archibald McDuffie Mills and Anna Aikin, Dec. 4, 1800. Samuel Hall and Sally Mills, Dec. 28, 1800." Another dau. m. John Orr of Ryegate. John Mills, Jr., was admitted to the church, Dec. 2, 1791, and his wife, May 5, 1793, and the following baptism of c. are reported: Nathan, May 5, 1793; Susanne, Sept. 25, 1796; Betsey, April 29, 1798; Mindwell, Sept. 8, 1799. He is said to have become one of the first settlers of Derby, but seems to have returned here, as the following inscriptions in the cemetery at the Ox-bow seem to indicate. "John Mills, d. March 21, 1833, aged 78. Elizabeth, his first wife, d. June 5, 1796, in her 44th year. Susanna, second wife, d. March 6, 1843, aged 84." Archibald McDuffie Mills settled on the homestead, where most of his c. were b., but later, exchanged his farm with Ben Porter for wild land in Topsham, whence he rem. He built the house called the John Johnson

house, just below the Bradford line, before he went to Topsham, and lived there some years. He was b. Sept. 13, 1775, and his wife, Anna Aikin, was b. April 16, 1780.

Children of Archibald and Anna Mills. (Dates of their births from Topsham town records).

- i. William, b. Nov. 7, 1802; m. Aug. 27, 1829, Esther, dau. of Adam Dickey.
- ii. Jacob, b. March 30, 1805; m. Jan. 22, 1829, Marion Dickey.
- iii. Archibald, b. March 4, 1807; m. Jan. 8, 1832, Sarah Ann, dau. of Samuel Eastman; d. 1894.
- iv. Calvin, b. June 26, 1809; m. Mary Forsyth; d. March 22, 1891.
- v. Caroline, b. June 9, 1813; m. a Mr. Dickey.
- vi. Horace, b. Nov. 30, 1815; m. Jane Batchelder.
- vii. Joseph, b. March 6, 1817; m. 2d, Nancy Felch.
- yiii. John, b. March 5, 1820; d. y.
- ix. Hiram, b. March 1824; m. Jane Forsyth.

The Mills brothers were all carpenters of rare skill and they probably erected more buildings in this vicinity than any equal number of men. This family has always been prominent in Topsham.

MINARD.

JOHN H., son of Amos and Betsey (Hopkins) Minard, b. Tunbridge, May 25, 1817; lived in Duxbury, Waterbury and Bradford, coming to West Newbury in 1877. He m. in Duxbury, Feb. 26, 1843, Roxalana, dau. of Amos and Mary (Fuller) Moore, (b. Andover, N. H., March 10, 1826; d. Jan. 14, 1900).

Children:

- i. Edwin Abbey, b. Duxbury, Apr. 7, 1844; d. 1859.
- ii. James H., b. Duxbury, Sept. 3, 1848. Was in the west several years. Came to Newbury, 1879 and m. Dec. 27, 1887, Mrs. Elizabeth (Brock) Jewell. He has a collection of rare books.
- iii. Susan E., b. Duxbury, Dec. 22, 1850; d. y.
- iv. Edwin Asa, b. Waterbury, June 16, 1862; laborer; res. West Newbury; m. Feb. 25, 1891, Jennie Godfrey. C., (1) Alice, b. May 21, 1892. (2) Jessie J., b. May 15, 1894.
- v. Jesse, b. May 15, 1885; d. 1891.

MOORE.

SAMUEL A., b. in Dorset, N. H., Jan. 29, 1810; was in the lumber business at McIndoes for 30 years before 1873. He operated mills at McIndoes, and before the days of railroads was largely occupied in taking large quantities of lumber down the Connecticut river in rafts. He lived in Wells River after 1873, then rem. to St. Johnsbury, but returned to Wells River to engage in the lumber business again. He m. Jan. 29, 1846.

Children:

- i. John A., b. Jan. 13, 1847; d. Feb. 18, 1898. He was in the clothing business in St. Johnsbury, where he was succeeded by his son.
- ii. Lillias B., m. Dr. James R. Nelson.
- iii. Jane, m. Charles P. Joy.

MORSE.

TIMOTHY, son of Stephen and Sally (Ray) Morse, b. Haverhill, N. H., April 27, 1803. He came to Newbury about 1824, and was one of the most active business men in this region for about thirty-five years. He was in trade with several men, and erected a large building where J. B. Hale's store now stands, in which he kept store. Mr. Stevens was his partner some years, D. N. Burnham for some time before and after 1834, and James M. Chadwick. He owned the large farm which is now that of F. E. Kimball, and built the house which was burned in 1898, also built, among others, the brick house where the Leslie family have long lived, the one in which S. L. Swasey lives, and the one now owned and occupied by C. F. Darling,