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TO THE MEMORY
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Daniel Shelton,
THIS VOLUME
IS REVERENTIALLY
DEDICATED.



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PREFATORY.

IN a country of such wide extent and room for dispersion as our own, where there are no enduring homes, and no laws tending to their perpetuity, it is not surprising, if we observe among our people in general, a premature hardening of character, the lack of a reverential spirit, and of a delicate sentiment for much which should be esteemed sacred. If our advantages are many ; with freedom, range, and opportunities for ambition hitherto unequalled ; if the fetters of caste are stricken off, and every one is the maker of his own fortune, there must be, of necessity, from the drift and hurry of our lives, counterbalancing losses. The ties of families are disrupted nearly as soon as formed, while a continual exodus is going on from the older settlements, although abundant lands remain there in a state of nature, as when the Indian roamed over them. From the restricted valleys of New England, the young hurry to the ampler domains

of the far West, and from what used to be called the far West, even farther still, over the whole "boundless Continent,"— to the

—————"continuous woods
Where rolls the Oregon,"—

to the gold mines of California, at present to the "Black Hills," or to any fields of enterprise which promise speedy wealth, never to reassemble around the old hearth-stones. Such disintegration might be the less deplored, as a final and common lot, since habits of self-reliance and personal independence are thereby formed, were it not likewise followed by alienation of heart from associations the most tender. When the voluntary exile returns, old and gray-headed, with a feeling, it may be, no warmer than that of vague curiosity, to his early haunts, it is to find the former landmarks gone, and perhaps not one left of the "old, familiar faces." It is safe to say, that many not only lose sight of, but cease to retain any affection for their immediate brethren; that the majority cannot trace back their lineage to the distance of three generations, and are as ignorant of their kin as if they had been cast forth as waifs upon the world, or left as foundlings at some door-way in a basket.

It is surely a proper endeavor, to cherish and keep alive, by such means as we have, the natural, instinctive love of home and kindred; and not only so, but where so much boast is made of wide-spread intelligence, it were well for us to be neither ignorant of ourselves nor of those we spring from. There are indeed a few who

pride themselves upon their blood; proud of some ancestor who possibly would have been ashamed of them, had he the gift of foresight, and who appear to think that their respectability is enhanced the further removed they are from original greatness. This is folly, for instead of trickling along in dwindled insignificance, after a long descent and many a fall, it is better to be the very fountain of nobility. It was the reply of the most self-reliant and colossal man "who ever lived in the tide of times," to one who inquired about his lineage, "*I am my Ancestor!*"

Avoiding extremes, and looking at the matter in a sensible way, it is of great practical utility that the records and statistics of families, however humble, should be preserved inviolate. They are of interest, or should be, to those whom they concern, as they are not infrequently of inestimable value. There is a kind of information which begins to be appreciated, when the "gain thereof" is that of houses and lands, dollars and cents. We are, however, somewhat apt to sneer at those who grope for dates among dusty depositories, or give themselves to the driest compilations. But well-authenticated dates often clear up more important matters than those which they adhere to. Facts too and incidents in the lives of obscurest individuals frequently serve to illustrate the times, impart a hue to a broader page, and furnish a hint in the generalizations of history. We may regard it, then, as a favorable omen, if an increasing taste is manifest for a line of studies hitherto neglected, if genealogies are traced with scrupulous care, and family gatherings, sometimes on an extensive scale, including

branches and alliances, are not uncommon. They conduce to strengthen the bonds of fellowship among those of the same blood, to rivet firmly some links in a broken chain, and to add a little to the stock of fading reminiscences. To be conscious of no ties is to lose one of the most genial incentives to human action, and he is not to be envied who can mingle in such groups as we have named, without a sentiment that is ennobling. With the warmth and glow proceeding from a communion of this kind, there must be felt a sense of personal responsibility; a desire to maintain the respectability of names which may have been never tarnished; to be, each in his sphere, an example of those virtues that adorn domestic life; to stand at least on an equality with the best of his kinsmen, or if you please, to tower among them, with a laudable ambition. The consolidation of States is secured by the cementing not only of atoms, but of masses, and the harmony of States, by that of happy and undivided families.

These reflections, it is hoped, may be deemed not inappropriate as preliminary to the Discourse which is to follow. That and a few other papers are committed to the press, not for the public eye, but as worthy of preservation by a relationship, which, though of modest worth, lays claim to the distinction of having "many members." On Thursday, the fourteenth day of June, 1877, it is computed that nearly two hundred persons

assembled, on invitation of Edward N. Shelton, of Birmingham, Connecticut, to assist at the inauguration of a monument erected by him to the memory of DANIEL SHELTON, the ancestor of those bearing his surname in New England, who emigrated from Derbyshire, England, in the year 1687, or thereabout, and settled in the town of Stratford, now Huntington, Connecticut. If the summons to this meeting had reached all for whom it was intended, doubtless more would have responded, as letters have since been received from distant places, and one or two from English sources. The attendance was sufficiently large to prove the interest which had been awakened, and how widely the tree had branched, whose stock was early planted in this region. A company so composed of those related in various degrees of consanguinity, the descendants of one man through seven sons, coming from all quarters and from many States, would be to any one an interesting study. For amid diversities and modifications, resulting from intermarriages and other causes, perhaps the curious observer might be able to detect among the throng some general resemblances, as there were no doubt physionomical features, as well as mental traits, carried down from age to age and from generation to generation.

Few consider—it is a subject in its philosophical aspects altogether too extensive here to discuss, as it concerns the secret mysteries of our being—how much they are involved in their progenitors. Expressive marks perpetually reappear to occupy their accustomed positions, and so too the self-same smiles which have

been worn in ancient times by other faces, beams of pleasant humor and of right good will, as if their primal light were shining yet as bright as ever in the heavens. The same holds true with respect to qualities of whatever kind, which so often come down to us as an inherited possession, intrenching themselves in the midst of our individuality, and influencing us as they may. In the family now met, it is believed that no inheritance has been stronger or more decided than the love of kindred.

Questions of the deepest moment must inevitably present themselves, when we see a very numerous assembly of those sprung from the same blood, few of which are, in some of their bearings, capable of solution to the man of little faith; but besides those of a physiological kind, the scene referred to was suggestive of other thoughts, alike to the moralist and to the Christian. Although the ostensible object of the gathering was as has been stated, yet a simple act of homage to the dead would be of little value, if not for its ameliorating influences upon the living. Many of those brought together saw each other for the first time, and were first made conscious of those ties, which ought never again to be relaxed or completely sundered. A mere knowledge of relationship among those who have lived always separate, can have no more effect on the feelings or the heart, than the perception of any common fact or circumstance. Making allowance for those repelling forces which must keep some people perpetually apart, a sympathy of real force, by our very natures, can hardly exist without some actual contact.

Another advantage was acquired by meeting face to face upon ancestral ground. We think it may be said of all who came, that they derived that kind of inspiration which was to be got from breathing together, like those who pledge themselves from the same cup, their *native* air, as it flowed from the hill-sides and valleys of Connecticut. It mattered not where they individually happened to be born, the cradling-spot of the family was here, the hearthstone of him from whom all the race descended. We might go back to our English origin, but knowing nothing for certain of our relations "beyond the flood," we were content to date our beginnings here, in this beautiful realm, a State not large in her domains, but proud as any in her historic records.

An agreeable feature of the assembly was the attendance of so many characteristic "old folks," full of lore, whose combined years would equal those of any one of the ancient patriarchs, thus maintaining the credit of a family somewhat noted for longevity in all its branches. It is true, there is no merit in old age, considered merely as an hereditary trait or constitutional tendency, unless the tendency itself be indicative, as it pretty surely is, of even tempers, well-regulated lives, and unblemished consciences. Be that as it may, among old and young, a current of good feeling pervaded the throng, and coursing warmly through so many veins derived unquestionably a certain quality from its distant source, the kindly heart of the original DANIEL. If little were known of him, the sure tradition that he possessed a loving soul, was better than that of historic deeds without virtue. While some then were pleasantly engaged

with the forementioned "old folks," in tracing the line of their descent from one or another of his seven sons, others drew a whiff from the identical tobacco-pipe used by our progenitor, though in the troubled days when he smoked it, and the aboriginal tribes in his neighborhood were far from friendly, it could hardly be called the "calumet of peace." It was of iron with a thin stem and a delicately small bowl, indicating either that he was not an inordinate devotee, or that the "weed," which is even costly still, was then somewhat precious, perhaps only less so than the refreshing herb imbibed out of marvelously small cups at a later period. Likewise the China punch-bowl which our good ancestor had brought with him from the "old country," had been carefully preserved and handed down as an heirloom. This bowl, like the bowl of the pipe, was by no means capacious.

It is not, however, within the scope of this preface to refer to all the many pleasing incidents of a reunion, which will shed its hallowed influence over a life-time, or of a social converse which, it is to be hoped, will ripen into better acquaintance and enduring friendships. Suffice it to add, that the charming hospitalities of our host were in accordance with the sentiments which prompted them, and the hours were winged with gladness, as his kinsmen-guests clustered around his board, or rambled in couples, or in companies, over his beautiful grounds, which, situated on an elevated part of the thriving town, overlooked an expanse of meadows in the flush of summer bloom, with a glimpse of the Housatonic river in the distance.

The ceremonial of the day, which should perhaps have been mentioned first, as it came first in order, took place in the morning, at Long Hill Cemetery, within the limits of Huntington. The spot is a most secluded one, a hollow or small vale surrounded by hills covered with laurel. Few burial-places in our country, where antiquity is only comparative, are more ancient. It has long since become what is called a "fat graveyard," full of tenants, where small space, if any, remains unoccupied. Some of the tomb-stones are rough and undressed slabs, precisely as they were torn from the earth, without even a name scratched upon them, yet as tokens of living affection, doing what it could, not less tenderly commemorative than if they had been smoothly carved and deeply chiselled. Other monuments are of brown stone, having on them plump-cheeked cherubic heads, with expanded wings, or emblematic hour-glass, rough-graven, and others still of more modern date, when art was more advanced, are of costlier marble. Here the body of our forefather was committed to the earth a century and a half ago, lacking one year, with the burial service of the Church of England. His widow and "seven sons," and perhaps daughters stood by, together with a small retinue from the thinly populated hamlet. Now a host of sons had come like pilgrims to a shrine, and the grave, instead of swallowing up, seemed to be the prolific mother of children. Such a recognition, after so long a lapse of time, of one who was unknown to the world, and but the patriarch of his little flock, is of rare occurrence. For in any given locality, families, however numerous may be their

members, often die out root and branch; weeds and briars overrun the spots once guarded with reverential care, until at last no one comes to reconstruct the sunken mounds, or to revisit the neglected sepulchres. The observances then in which we took part, contemplated with all the surroundings, were of very peculiar interest, nor was the retrospection vain. He lives more impoverished than he might, who gathers none of the Past into himself, and to remember a good man, but far more to imitate his worth, is to be a living memorial of him.

The simple religious rite of the occasion,—it was, indeed, in a true sense, all religious,—was the use of this Collect from the Prayer Book, by the Rev. William Shelton, D. D., of the Diocese of Western New York:

“DIRECT US, O LORD, IN ALL OUR DOINGS, WITH THY MOST GRACIOUS FAVOR, AND FURTHER US WITH THY CONTINUAL HELP; THAT IN ALL OUR WORKS BEGUN, CONTINUED, AND ENDED IN THEE, WE MAY GLORIFY THY HOLY NAME, AND FINALLY BY THY MERCY, OBTAIN EVERLASTING LIFE, THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD.” *Amen.*

After this prayer Edward N. Shelton spoke as follows:

MY KINSFOLK AND FRIENDS:

I have invited you here to-day, to join me in paying a tribute to the memory of our first American ancestor, DANIEL SHELTON.

Prompted by the desire that his last resting-place should be so marked that all of his descendants should know it; for the pitiless storms have so worn away the inscription on the stone that stood here, that it has ceased to fulfil its object; and as a mark of respect to his memory, I have erected this monument now to be unveiled.

I also hope that this reunion of the family will serve to make some friends who are now strangers, and increase their interest in the name, and their veneration for the founder of the family.

I have the pleasure of introducing to you one of the most worthy sons of our venerated sire—one who by a long life in the service of his Master, in that Church to which our forefather belonged, has done a great work, having settled in a small parish in the West nearly half a century ago, and now that parish stands to day under his ministry, mother of numerous branches, until his name has become a household word, and not only in the Church, but in the city of his adoption, is spoken with reverence.

He is also, I believe, the nearest living descendant of our progenitor, and we feel highly honored in having him for our historian to-day. I introduce to you the Rev. Dr. Shelton, of Buffalo.

At the conclusion of these remarks and just previous to the delivery of the discourse, Ada, youngest daughter of the speaker, released the fastenings of the flag which partially draped the monument,—a shaft of substantial

granite, and a fitting tribute of respect to one, the influence of whose life shall continue long after the stone has crumbled, for "the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance."

F. W. S.

Carthage Landing, Dutchess County, N. Y.

August 1, 1877





DISCOURSE.

ONE of our strongest regards is for our home and our ancestors. It is not that our home is more valuable than others; for the poorest hovel has a rich and glowing charm, to those who were born and bred in it, which the richest and most attractive palace cannot give, and ancestors are associated with much that is most dear in life. They may be renowned or humble, but with well regulated minds, they are always venerated. They have shaped the destinies of their descendants—they have given bias to remote generations. Qualities descend, and it is not within the power of any one to estimate their influence, for good or evil.

David, the genius of his race, and the man of greater and more diversified charms of intellect than almost all others, is always spoken of as the *Son* of Jesse; as if he had a parent to appeal to who had given an impulse to his character, which he would not have had without.

Among the men of the old world, there is a ceaseless appeal to their ancestors, as if referring the good qualities of the descendants to the virtues which shone in their fathers. No age rests upon its own attainments; we are all indebted to those who have gone before us, for much that makes us what we are; and hence it is, that among all ranks and classes of life, from the highest to the lowest, there is felt an honest and proper pride in recalling the name and the worthy deeds of ancestors, and few persons are indifferent to the character of the originator of their particular family, and no one is careless of the fame of his or her distinguished progenitors, whether renowned for their unostentatious virtues, their wealth of intellect, their learning or their high position; and it is ever a subject of honest pride, that they are allied to, or descend from, those who were distinguished by exalted virtues.

We, as a family, are here to-day, to inaugurate a monument over the grave of our common ancestor, who was buried on this secluded spot in 1728, and therefore one hundred and forty-nine years since. As he is the ancestor of all who bear the name of Shelton, in this portion of the United States, and as we all derive, some more, some less, advantages and blessings from his influences, it is a fit and proper thing that we should seek to pay him honor, and to commemorate his life and qualities, in the best manner we can; and first of all, I wish to say that, in common with all of you, I feel under a high sense of obligation to our generous and thoughtful cousin for convening this assembly, and for erecting this appropriate and worthy monument. It does him credit, and af-

fords us very great satisfaction. The duty which is imposed upon me is one of great delicacy and of equal difficulty. For it is to be noted that we come together as relatives, and are engaged in the same work. We are performing a duty which addresses itself to our sensibilities, as having a common and sacred object in view, equally endeared to each one; and yet we are strangers to one another—few of us have ever looked each other in the face. None of us have any records of the life of our ancestor beyond a few items, and these are valuable more in their consequents, than in their public character. They are interesting to us as his descendants, while they are comparatively of little worth to those who are not of us.

That he came from England, and from the town of Rippon (or as we call it, Ripton), in about 1687; was married in Stratford in 1692; was a Vestryman of that venerable Parish, which is among the oldest in the country; that he was a merchant and farmer; that he had seven children, and that he was a large land owner, as appears by the town records and by the traditional knowledge of his descendants; that he was a devoted and intelligent Churchman, and suffered for his attachment to the holy principles of the Book of Common Prayer, are among the chiefest of our reminiscences of him. But to these there are sequents which are dear to all of us, as I shall endeavor to show.

First: It is well known that he was devoted to, and was governed by those great and grand principles of the Church of England, inherited by her from primitive antiquity; that he did what in him lay to propagate

and to defend them, in this then new and hostile country; that he was thrown into prison, some eight miles from his home, and carried there in an ignominious manner, for refusing to pay his money to support the preaching of doctrines and a system of theology in which he had no belief or confidence—are among the traditions of his life.* This must have been an astonishment to a man who had crossed the ocean to settle himself in a country, regarding which it had been publicly proclaimed that all men were born free, and could worship God in their own manner, provided they did not infringe upon the rights of others. He had come from his native land, which had been distracted by conflicting parties on all religious subjects. The Independents on the one hand, and the corrupt Church of Rome on the other, both equally hostile and equally assailing and persecuting the Church of England. He had looked, doubtless, for peace, and had sought quiet in a new country, where, as he thought, party animosity did not exist. It must have surprised him, I say, to find himself imprisoned,

* They (the Independents) still persisted with vigor to continue their persecution, and seized the body of Daniel Shelton, at his habitation or farm, being about eight miles distant from the town, hurrying him away toward the town, in order to carry him to the county goal. Passing by a house, he requested of them that he might go in and warm him, and take some refreshments, which was granted; but they being in a hurry, bid him come along, but he desiring a little longer time, they barbarously laid violent hands on his person and flung his body across a horse's back, and called for ropes to tie him on the horse; to the truth of which several persons can give their testimony and are ready when thereunto called; and having brought him to the town, they immediately seized the bodies of William Rowlinson and Archibald Lunlap and carried them all three to the county goal, it being the 16th day of January, 1709, and there confined them until such time as they disbursed such sums of money as the goaler demanded of them, which money was last in the hands of the Lieut. Governor, Nathaniel Gould, Esq., he promising them that the next general Court should hear and determine the matter, and that the money left in his hands should be disposed of as the Court should order, and they were at present released, being the 17th day of the same inst.—“*Documentary History of Connecticut.*” Edited by the Rev. Dr. Hawks and the Rev. Mr. Perry.

and evil treated, because he would not pay for the support of a system of religion in which he did not believe. He was really in the condition in which this country claimed to be, many years after, when the war-cry was raised against the mother country, because she exacted a tax without representation.

He was a member of the Church of England, and yet a religious society rudely took him from his farm and thrust him into prison, where he was confined at least one night. It is not stated that he refused to contribute to the support of Divine religion, for he was at one time a Vestryman of his Parish Church, which he would not have been, had he proved himself so far forgetful of his duty, as not to promote the temporal as well as spiritual interests of religion; and it is recorded, that on All Saints Day, in 1722, sixteen Episcopalians, inhabitants of Ripton addressed a paper to the Secretary of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, asking for a pastor of their own, or for stated supplies every third Sunday, from the ministers settled in Stratford and New Haven. "We are emboldened," they state, "to hope this, both because we design to set apart a Glebe for our spiritual guide, when he comes, and also because we suffer great persecution for the Churches sake, from those who have the Civil power here, and who have made that a handle to grasp the Ecclesiastical." The second signature to this document was that of DANIEL SHELTON, and the fifteenth was undoubtedly that of his son, JOSEPH, then twenty-four years of age and ripening into the fortitude and manliness of defending the principles in which he had been educated by his

father. It is recorded also, that the elder died before a Church had been built in Ripton, under the ministrations of Dr. Johnson; but he left a name, it is said, and an influence behind him, which lived and was fruitful in good works.

His name stands among the earliest Churchmen of Stratford, which then included Huntington, and next to the head of the list of those who petitioned the Bishop of London, in 1707, to aid them in the midst of the most rigid Presbyterians and Independents. Violent opposition and threatened imprisonment followed the ministrations of a Church Missionary, who had visited the town of Stratford, and officiated, and administered the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper. These petitioners especially desired of the Bishop that he would send over, with a missionary allowance from the Society, "an exemplary man in conversation, fluent in preaching, and able in disputation, that he might silence the cavils of their enemies."

These items are mentioned for two reasons; one, to show the zeal and the active interest taken by our ancestor in the cause of the Church, and the other to show the spirit of those who would stop her progress, and prevent, as far as possible, her being planted upon the soil. But it is to be observed that the principles of toleration have been slow in their progress, and nothing in all the history of man has been more vindictively and cruelly persecuted than differences of opinion upon the subjects of religion. You are all aware that each one of the compilers and reformers of our preëminently holy Book of Common Prayer, was burned at the stake for

no other act than that they denied the power and authority of the Papacy, and all of her peculiar errors. They were not permitted to live, but were condemned by the Papal authority to die in the most public and in the most dreadful manner, *by fire!* This should be an everlasting witness to all people, that the Church, of which we are members, has no affinity with the Church of Rome. If such testimony be not sufficient to satisfy the minds of men, nothing can. When a man has given up his life for the truth, he has done what he could.

The Inquisition, which was the terror of Europe for centuries, and was the most cruel, the most refined in its long-drawn and dreadful tortures, was established, and all its horrible scenes were enacted, to procure uniformity of opinion and worship; not because the victims of their dread inflictions believed and taught untruths, but because they had presumed to speak and to act contrary to an established set of errors, and, I may be permitted to say, errors with nothing to support them but arbitrary power. The massacre of St. Bartholomew's day in Paris, in which hundreds and thousands of innocent, peaceable, and most respectable citizens and good Christians, were murdered in cold blood in their beds, and driven to the streets to wander and perish, or to roam in disguise as beggars over the whole of Europe, was perpetrated to prevent men from using their liberty, to think, to speak, and to act, in conformity with the Word of God, as it had been generally understood for the first six hundred years of the Christian era; and you all know that the martyrs of the first ages of our religion were sent to the flames, to the wild beasts, and

to other horrible deaths, because they would not acknowledge and worship by sacrifices, as the idolators of heathendom demanded. No deeds have been more ruthless than those which have been enacted under the authority of those who have been moved by the spirit of persecution for religious opinion. But it should not be forgotten that no earlier and no greater voice was lifted up in behalf of universal toleration than that of the brilliant and great Bishop, Jeremy Taylor (in his *Liberty of Propheying*), who lived and wrote in the middle of the 17th century.

We, then, need not repine under the conviction, that our venerable ancestor was imprisoned and indignantly treated and variously persecuted, because he refused to pay his money where he was not represented, and for the support of a system of faith in which he had not confidence. Let us rather rejoice and be thankful that it was no worse.

In looking into the past, and in seeking some evidences of the character of our ancestor, I find, first of all, that like most Englishmen, he was a lover of land; and with him as with others of his countrymen, land was land, however barren, however hilly, however rocky, for he became possessor in the Parish (which was called after his native place, Ripton,) of many acres of very rough, very hilly, very rocky land, upon which his descendants have lived in contentment ever since; and I may safely say, from certain facts, that while he successfully cultivated these rugged lands, he was a virtuous and sober man, of sound morals, and not given to change. I think so because of his religion, and because we have

no tradition that he was otherwise; and next, because it may be said, with every regard to truth, that a more thoroughly moral set of men and women never descended from any man than his immediate children. Our escutcheon may be said to be unstained. Sobriety characterizes our name wherever it may be found, with very rare exceptions, and I also conclude, that he was not fired with any false ambition, either for power or place. His laudable and true ambition seems to have been gratified, by leaving to his family many broad acres, no matter if they were stony, hilly and rocky, still they were acres. He taught them to cultivate these lands, and they learned from him the sterling virtues of industry, frugality and integrity, with the grand principles of religion and the Church. He taught his children to believe in the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, believing as he did, that she was the same, in all her characteristics, as when first organized by her Divine Founder, when He commissioned His chosen Apostles to go into all the world, and preach the Gospel to all nations, baptising them, He promising to be with them to the end of the world.

These principles must have been deeply seated in the hearts of his sons and daughters; for, with a remarkable degree of uniformity, they have been cherished and believed in, during all the years, from his day to this. There may have been, and there may be, *some* who have gone from the faith of the founder of the name, in this country, but almost an universal assent has been given by his descendants to the faith and doctrine of the Church as they have been held by the Church of Eng-

land, and as they were held by all Christendom for the first six hundred years, when there was no Popery, no purgatory, no celibacy of the clergy, no worship of the blessed Virgin, no transubstantiation, no superstitious pilgrimages, no auricular confessions, and no personal and priestly absolution. The Church of England had gloriously freed herself from all these errors, and placed herself, by the manifold grace of God, on the firm foundation of primitive and Apostolic order and doctrine—a foundation which never has been shaken, although it has been assailed by every sect, and by all who will so shut their eyes that they will not see her beautiful order and Divine origin.

Shall I be permitted to say, that this legacy, which our common ancestor bequeathed, and which has been transmitted, as far as his influence and example could go, is of a greater worth than all the acres he may have left to his children. It transcends the gold of Ophir, and is of more value than all those treasures which are most precious among men. These will soon be lost in the changes of this ever-changing world; but the Church and her ever-lasting truths, first planted and proclaimed upon the hills, and in vales, which environ the sea of Gallilee, in the land of Judea, will endure and bless the world, until the trumpet of the Archangel shall proclaim that time shall be no longer.

Nothing can exceed the instability of mere earthly riches. They do indeed take to themselves wings and fly away, and if you look out upon the surface of the country, you will see that the affluence of one age is succeeded by the poverty of the next; that great wealth

is followed by dissipation and dissolute living, which are the sure antecedents of want and poverty and disgrace. Only few large estates remain long as they are, and generally are fatally impaired if not destroyed in the second, or at most the third generation; but the sacred truths of the Church, which have existed for more than eighteen centuries, have ever been a blessing, far beyond in value all that is most esteemed by men of the world. *The one*, perishes in the using; *the other*, never dies—rather they go on brightening, and are more and more resplendent as they are more and more understood. Use them as they should be, in daily life, and they will ever be a means of safety and true prosperity. I therefore am grateful to our common ancestor, in bearing my testimony to his memory, for having imbued our respective fathers and predecessors with a love for and a knowledge of the Church; for having enkindled a fire which I trust will never go out. And I may ask, is it not our duty to do what in us lies, to perpetuate to those who shall come after us, the same unalloyed love, the same eternal principles, *that same Church*, which is the Divine casket which Christ our blessed Lord provided, to preserve to all time his jewels of truth.

The race to which we belong, while it has been distinguished for good morals, and religious worth, has never reared statesmen, or men of military renown. We have no Websters, or military heroes. But is it so, that only the men of high fame are to be honored? That "an honest man is the noblest work of God," is a phrase that has become a maxim. Men of frugality, of industry, and sterling worth and high integrity, are the

stay and bulwarks of any country, and it may be said that a nation's pride should be in the worth of its great middle classes—in those who devote themselves to the duties of practical life, whose word can be relied upon as their bond, whose truth is unimpeachable.

It is true, we have had excellent medical men, clergymen, and a few successful merchantmen, and bankers, *but the great body of the name have been husbandmen*, who have taught their households to consider that the work of cultivating the soil is always honorable and respectable, that it is promotive of the solid virtues of life, honesty and industry, frugality and contentment. But the comparative barrenness of the soil of our native State, and its abundant population, have forced her sons to seek a richer soil, and fairer fields, away from home. Doubtless, those western lands were unknown and unheard of when these were first plowed. Had the West been first seen, the East had been left unoccupied.—There is, however, a satisfaction in knowing that the richest fields do not always produce the greatest content or higher *real* prosperity and happiness. Prosperity overmasters most men; it is often the parent of luxury, idleness, extravagance, and dissolute living. It is the ruin often of peace and virtue, of the moral, religious, and social character of its possessors. But frugal living sharpens the faculties, increases industry, promotes deeper contentment, and ever brings the heart nearer and nearer to the Great Being from whom all blessings flow.

Give me neither poverty nor riches. Let me have the happy medium, and never may I be fired with the

passion for and love of that wealth which is one of the greatest enemies of the human race. These hills and this rough soil have produced a race of men, and women, virtuous and good, happy and peaceful, religious and unostentatious, who may not have been gifted with the graces and manners which sometimes adorn the palaces of your merchant princes; but they have reared those humble and profoundly to be valued persons, whose cheek never blanches. Crime and villainy have no dwelling place among these peaceful and retired homes of our family. God grant a long continuance of these dispositions.

In again looking into the history of the past, it is painful to learn how short lived is the memory of once prosperous and numerous families. I am forced to acknowledge the truth of this reflection, by the unsuccessful efforts which have been made to trace the history of our family for the short period of our existence in the land we live in. I am satisfied that but few of us know any more than that we had a common ancestor, and that his name was DANIEL; but from which of his sons we respectively descended, we are generally ignorant, and yet the period of the death of this first man is less than one hundred and fifty years since.

I was reminded forcibly of the truth of this statement, by a discovery made last autumn of a colony of our name who are settled upon lands near the head of Seneca Lake. I had often been reminded, by my Bishop, that there was living, in a small and obscure town in western New York, called Catharine, a numerous family of our name. I determined to visit them, and I

found them occupying lands which their father had cleared from the primitive forest. He had emigrated from the old home in 1806, and located himself upon lands which he never could have seen, until he found himself, with his wife and children, permanently settled on them, and with his axe in his hand, determined not to be deterred by the Herculean labors which at a glance he saw before him. An untouched wilderness of tall and heavy timber was to be cleared, roads were to be made, a school house was to be erected, and above all a church was to be built. Yet, upon that spot he spent his days, returning to his place of birth perhaps once, to gratify that natural longing to visit again the home of childhood. At his death he left eleven children to go on with the labor of his life, and here, with their descendants, they remain. When I came among them, their first inquiries were of their ancestors and origin. They knew little of it. The most they could tell was, that their father's name was Lemuel, and his father's Ebenezer, and that Huntington was the name of his home. This was the measure of the knowledge of their genealogy, and yet their removal had been but seventy years ago.

We were strangers to each other, yet the fact of a common ancestry and name, and faith, brought us to be one, in feeling, in a moment. I found them living in close neighborhood to one another, and upon their father's land. The first eleven had so multiplied that a long street was filled with their quiet and retired homes. The oldest son had preserved the name of the oldest son of the first man—*Joseph*. Here they have lived for

two generations, with a third fast coming to maturity, diligently occupied in the cultivation of their lands.

I found them all Churchmen, and devoutly attached to the faith of their fathers. In common with a few other families, with their narrow means, they had reared a respectable and commodious Church, and although they lived at a distance of several miles from it, and with a long and rugged hill intervening, yet the tradition is that its doors were never opened but some one or more of the name were present. I have no words to express my satisfaction. It was a source of highest gratification to know that they had not deserted the Church, or forgotten her faith and practice, but had expended largely of their hard earned money for the erection and support of a Church, which had been the means (with God's blessing) of preserving their families and themselves in the paths of peace, of truth, of virtue, and true religion.

My friends: In looking so many of you in the face, who have, with me, a common origin, whose blood is the same, with whom I have so many associations and common views, I can but be deeply moved. It is an occasion never to recur, and I may be allowed to say, that I wish its influences may last, with each of us, as long as life itself. I trust it may strengthen the tie that binds us as one family. I trust it may enkindle a fire of love and good will in each one that may never go out. Your relatives are mine, mine are yours, and although we have been strangers to each other, and have been ignorant of our respective histories or fortunes, yet is there an electric spark which quickens us and makes us friends, through means of our common origi-

nator. I may add, we are a long lived and stable race. The older and first members of it, almost all transcended the age of the old Barzilli—four score, and there lie in the churchyard at Ripton, in close proximity, three brothers of the last generation who each attained the age of eighty-two, and another of the same family was eighty-four. But though they lived so long and so worthily, there are, even among ourselves, but few who can recall their appearance, or their peculiar virtues. One who occupied the site upon which four generations have lived, and in which fourteen of his brothers and sisters were born, I chanced to have known more intimately and had more personal affection for than any other of my ancestral relatives, and if the other members of his family had his gentle and even temper, his kindness of heart, his simplicity and sterling integrity, they were to be loved and honored by all who knew them. I knew one of the fourth generation from the first man who retained the name of his eldest son—Joseph, and I never recall his kindly and manly countenance but with an honest and strong affection, which will never die out. He lived and died not far from the oldest home, giving another example of many not only of the great age of the race, but of its stability. I have said that there were lands still held by members of the family which they derived from the first owner, and this can be proved by a multitude of examples. My immediate family own some two hundred acres, which descended from him. They are of no great value, but strong and almost sacred associations have endeared them, and their rocks and hills, to me as no other lands

can be, and given them a value which no other have, however rich and beautiful. I may be allowed to add some other evidences of the stability of our race. My venerated father lived forty years, in the only parish he ever served. My younger brother lived thirty-seven years, in the only charge he ever had, and I myself have presided over my own beloved parish forty-eight years.

These are examples of stability which do not often appear in this changing and uncertain age. And I make no doubt they are to be attributed, in a large degree, to the staid and firm spirit of our substantial and well principled and grave ancestors, whose influence has not yet died out. It is also owing to the fact, that the Church in whose fold we are, is the only permanent and stable body on the earth. Nations and governments change. Denominations (self-made) constantly change, and never remain long as they were; but the Church is ever the same, and inculcates firmness and permanence. She is the creature of God, and cannot change, and as she was formed for all time, so she promotes stability as one of her characteristics.

In closing this discourse, I beg to say, that the scene before me is one of the most interesting of a life which has far outrun three score years and ten. I trust I have said nothing which shall cause a moment's pain to any one, and if I have awakened an interest in those of our our name and blood in our common ancestor and his faith, I shall feel that I have performed a valuable and worthy act, and given new impulses where they were wanted.

We part, never to meet here again in this place, or under these auspices; but there will be a meeting under infinitely different circumstances. If we shall have lived faithful and true lives here, we shall, through the great Atonement, meet in the glories, and among the wonders of Paradise.



CONCLUDING STANZAS OF A

POEM

Read at Long Hill Cemetery, June 14, 1877.

IN vain may be the broad-based column reared ;
In vain the characters which love has traced ;
The lasting trophies of a life endeared,
Are graven in letters not to be effaced.
The tooth of Time, a century of years,
Cut deeper than the chisel in the stone ;
The kissing winds, heaven's rains, or softer tears,
Wear out the adamant : good name alone
Is monumental, and renews its bloom
In everlasting sweetness o'er the tomb.

F. W. S.

POEM

BY MRS. S. T. ROGERS,

Of Bridgeport, Conn.

READ BY SAMUEL T. ROGERS.

I.

WE gather here from far and near,
Sire of us all, to lay
The reverent homage of our hearts
Before thy feet to-day.
Not in memoriam of thee,
Does this fair marble rise,
Thou art a Presence now,
Though seen with sublimated eyes.
Two hundred years, with gathering arms,
Their growing burden bring
Of love and pride and earnest work—
Behold our offering.
Worth should be honored worthily;
Whate'er thy clear eyes see
That clouds their high serenity,
We mourn on bended knee.
The copious fount that caught the sun
Upon its lengthening way,
Should see its primal light extend,
As it broadens to the bay.

And as before its volumed swell
 Of life and strength we stand,
 We feel the inspiration,
 We hear the imperative command.

II.

Two hundred years! what changes
 Have the rushing seasons brought!
 Too numerous for rehearsal—
 Scarce in the scope of thought;
 One hath become a thousand,—
 The thousand, thousands ten
 Girt by thy swarming sons, thou stand'st
 A Banyan among men.
 The broad fields and the solemn woods
 By more than Orphean spell,
Now smile in frequent villages,
 That honor labor well.
 E'en the broad river which you loved,
 That swept, uncheck'd and free,
Now, curbed and bridled by your *sons*,
 Obedient seeks the sea.
 With changing times have manners chang'd,
 But honor, truth sublime
 And freedom tend the old camp fires—
 The Guebre light of time.
 Two hundred years ago—how slow
 The lazy sail would creep
 With tidings from the well-loved land,
 You only saw in sleep!

Now, we speak across a friendly sea,
 And we trust the waiting years
 Will closer rive each living bond
 That strengthens and endears.
 The tricksey sprite that boasted, he
 Could "girdle round the earth
 In forty minutes," finds his claim
 Of little present worth.
 The forces of the universe
 Strike hands with us to-day,
 And man, rejoicing, sees
 New glories crowd his way,—
 We are so limitless in power,
 So stalwart and so strong,
 We well may, if we choose, *endure*,
 But not *commit* a wrong.
 Vast as our opportunities,
 So should our efforts be,
 The leader of the world's advance—
 Hope of humanity.
 Our part and portion in this work
 'T is yours from us to claim,
 'T is ours to do the duty well,
 And magnify thy name.

JUNE 14, 1877.

Appendix.



GENEALOGY.

IT was thought desirable to add to the foregoing account of the ceremonies on June 14th, a Genealogy of the Shelton Family. The attempt to give four generations after DANIEL, the immigrant, has been made; but owing to the limited time for the accomplishment of the work, it is very incomplete in some branches, and doubtless contains many errors. It is desired that those having definite information will correct any inaccuracies that may appear, and add to the record, if it be only a single name or date. It will also confer a favor if such corrections or additions be sent to EDWARD N. SHELTON, Birmingham, Conn., in order that if, at any future time, the publication of a more complete Genealogy is undertaken, the data may be at hand for its preparation. For such purpose information regarding the later generations is also requested.

J. DE F. Shelton

Greystone, Birmingham, Conn., Aug. 1877.

SHELTON OF CONNECTICUT.

The surname, SHELTON, is evidently a local one, signifying either the enclosure or town abounding in shells, or the enclosure, dwelling or town of Schelte or Shelto, if there was such an Anglo Saxon forename, which is not improbable, as Schelte was an old Frisian name, and Scheltinga, i. e., Schelte's son, is still a West Friesland family name.

There are places called Shelton in at least four counties of England, and seven coats of arms to the surname are given in Burke's Armory; but from the slight differences between some of them, they appear to be but variations of three original coats.

The principal family of the name in England, who derived their appellation from the village of Shelton (Sceltuna in Domesday), Co. Norfolk, were early settled at Stradbroke in Suffolk.

John De Shelton appears to be the first on record. By deed, without date, he tied his manor of Stradbroke to the Prior of Butle, and John, his son, confirmed it. In 1215, Nicholas De Shelton had purchased an estate in Weybred, and was then one of the rebelling Barons against King John.

Sir Ralph De Shelton was knighted at the battle of Crecy, in 1346. He married Joan, daughter of John De Plais, and dying in 1373, was buried in the chancel of St. Mary's church at Shelton, under a monument bearing his effigy in armor complete, with this epitaph:

"Pryez pour l'ame du Monsieur Raulf De Shelton le pere jadis Maister de Ceste Ville qui morust le XVII jour de Novembre l'an de Grace MCCCCLXXIII et pour le femme Fil du Mounsieur Plays.

"Le Corps du quel gist ici
Dieu de Son ame eit Merci."

In 1504, Sir John Shelton, Knight of the Bath, was

High Sheriff of Norfolk and Suffolk. His son, Sir John Shelton, served the same office, which was also held in 1570, by Sir Ralph Shelton.

The estates continued in the family until 1694. Shelton Hall, a noble mansion, has long been in ruins.*

DANIEL SHELTON, the founder of the New England branch of the family, was born at Deptford, Yorkshire, England. He and his brother, Richard, emigrated to this country before 1690. Daniel settled at Stratford, Conn., and Richard in Virginia.

The earliest mention of Daniel Shelton, on the Stratford Records, is in 1687, when he is described as "Merchant." On his tombstone he was styled "Lieutenant Daniel Shelton," but in which country he served, or from which he received his commission, is not known. There is no record of his having served in this country. v

He was one of the non-resident proprietors of Waterbury, as appears by grant of G. Saltonstall, Governor, dated 28th Oct., 1720. He owned lands in Stratford, Stamford, Farmington, Oxford, Woodbury, Corum, Ripton and Derby.

He settled in that part of Stratford called Long Hill. His land there was a tract about two miles square, extending from Long Hill through Corum to the Housatonic river, and on which three of his sons settled.

He married, 4th April, 1692, Elizabeth Welles, dau. of Hon. Samuel Welles, of Wethersfield, Conn., and Elizabeth Hollister. [Samuel Welles was son of Hon. Thomas Welles, one of the first settlers of Hartford, and one of the early Governors of Connecticut. Elizabeth Hollister was dau. of John Hollister, Jr., of Wethersfield, and Joanna, dau. of Hon. Richard Treat.]

* *New Eng. Hist. & Genl. Reg.*, July, 1857.

Mrs. Elizabeth (Welles) Shelton was born in 1670; died 1st April, 1747, æ 77.

Daniel Shelton died early in 1728, and is supposed to have been about 60 years old.

Children of Daniel and Elizabeth Shelton,* [First Generation]:

Elizabeth,	born 2nd January, 1693.
Sarah,	" 26th March, 1694.
Joseph.	" 24th June, 1696.
Daniel, Jr.,	" 21st July, 1700.
Thaddeus,	" 1702.
Samuel,	" 1704.
James,	" 1710.
John,	" 1712.
Josiah,	" 1714.

Elizabeth, dau. of Daniel Shelton, m. 1st Oct., 1717, Nicholas Masters of Woodbury.

Sarah, dau. of Daniel Shelton, m. James Wakelee.

Children of James and Sarah Wakelee [Second Generation]:

Mary,	born
Martha,	"
Ephraim,	"
David,	"
.....?	"

Mary, dau. of James Wakelee, m. her first cousin, John Shelton, son of Daniel Shelton, Jr., and Mary Hubbell. [See descendants of Daniel, Jr., second son of Daniel.]

Martha, dau. of James Wakelee, m. Capt. Nathaniel Jones of Farmington, Conn.

David, son of James Wakelee, m. Abigail Hull of Derby.

* On ante p. 19, the number of Daniel Shelton's children is erroneously stated as *seven*.

Joseph, first son of Daniel Shelton, m. 11th May, 1726, his second cousin, Mary Hollister, of Glastonbury, Conn., the dau. of Joseph Hollister and Ann—? [Joseph Hollister was son of John Hollister, Jr., and Sarah Goodrich, the dau. of William Goodrich and Sarah Marvin.]

Joseph Shelton lived at Long Hill, not far from his father's house. He died there 10th Aug. 1782, æ 86.

Mrs. Mary (Hollister) Shelton was born 25th Aug. 1704; died 26th May, 1782, æ 78.

DESCENDANTS OF JOSEPH SHELTON, FIRST SON OF DANIEL.

Children of Joseph and Mary Shelton [Second Generation]:

Joseph,	born 2nd April, 1727.
Ann,	" 1728.
Elizabeth,	" 1733.
Mary,	" 1735.
William,	" 26th July, 1739.
Esther,	" 1746.

Joseph, son of Joseph Shelton, died 5th Nov. 1741, æ 14.

Ann, dau. of Joseph Shelton, m. 9th May, 1750, William Welles of Glastenbury (her second cousin). William Welles was grandson of Samuel Welles, who was a brother of Elizabeth Welles, who married Daniel Shelton.

Mrs. Ann (Shelton) Welles died 26th May, 1762, æ 34.

William Welles was born 3d March, 1724, died 12th April, 1778, æ 54.

[They are both buried at Glastonbury.]

Children of William and Ann Welles [Third Generation]:

Ann,	born 4th March, 1751.
Thomas,	" 1st Sept., 1752.

William,	born 22d Nov., 1754.
Mary,	" 14th Aug., 1757.
Martha,	" 12th Aug., 1759.
Joseph,	" 4th Jany., 1762.

Martha Welles, fifth child of William and Ann Welles, m. 23d Dec. 1783, Benjamin Hale, of Glastonbury. Benjamin Hale was son of Capt. Timothy Hale, Jr., and Hannah Hale (second cousins). [Hannah Hale was grand dau. of Mary Welles, dau. of Samuel Welles, and sister of the Elizabeth Welles who m. Daniel Shelton.]

Mrs. Martha (Welles) Hale died 20th April, 1837, æ 78.

Benjamin Hale was born 30th Oct. 1759; died 28th Feb. 1786.

Children of Benjamin and Martha Hale [Fourth Generation]:

Philo Hale, born 16th March, 1785; died 29th Oct., 1847; m. Caroline M. Butler.

Hannah Hale, born 14th Nov. 1786; died 5th March, 1827; m. Rev. Prince Hawes.

Timothy Hale, born 14th Oct., 1788; died 19th July, 1819; m. Ann Hale.

Benjamin Hale, born 16th Sept., 1790; died 22d Sept. 1859; m. Lavinia Talcott.

Eunice Hale, born 22d, Oct. 1792; died 28th Feby. 1843; m. Ebenezer Buckingham.

Anna Hale, born 9th March, 1798; died 25th Sept. 1867; m. Alvah Buckingham.

Jerusha Merrick Hale, born 19th Sept. 1797; died 25th April, 1847; m. Eben. P. Sturges.

Lucy Hale, born 22d March, 1800; died 25th July, 1859; m. Solomon Sturges.

Elizabeth, daughter of Joseph Shelton, m. 24th Sept. 1754, Ebenezer Plummer, of Glastonbury.

Mrs. Elizabeth (Shelton) Plummer died in Glastonbury, 8th Feb. 1806, æ 73.

Children of Ebenezer and Elizabeth Plummer [Third Generation]:

Joseph,	born 18th Nov. 1755.
Isaac,	" 24th Sept. 1757.
Mary,	" 26th March, 1759.
Esther,	" 3d July, 1762.
Elizabeth,	" 5th April, 1766.
George,	" 6th April, 1768.

Mary, dau. of Joseph Shelton, m. Andrew Hurd, of "Old Mill," Stratford. Andrew Hurd was son of Ebenezer Hurd and Abigail — ?

Mrs. Mary (Shelton) Hurd died 12th Jan., 1819, æ 84. Andrew Hurd was born 14th July, 1730; died 29th April, 1819, æ 89.

Children of Andrew and Mary Hurd [Third Generation]:

William,	born 14th Oct. 1756.
Abigail,	" 26th Nov. 1758.
David,	" 28th Oct. 1760.
Joseph,	" 24th June, 1762.
Isaac,	" 2d Aug. 1764.
Joseph,	" 2d June, 1766.
Andrew,	" 4th June, 1768.
Mary,	" 12th May, 1770.
Ebenezer,	" 14th Nov. 1772.
Asahel,	" 6th Jan. 1774.
Rebecca,	" 11th June, 1778.

William, son of Andrew Hurd, m. Martha Smith of Long Island. They had three children: Benjamin, David and Charity. William Hurd died 31st Jany. 1826.

Abigail, dau. of Andrew Hurd, m. William Birdsall, of Peekskill, N. Y. They had two children: William and a dau. who m. Mr. Bloodgood, of Flushing, L. I., and had three children. William Birdsall died and Mrs.

Abigail (Hurd) Birdsall m. Capt. David Phipps, a naval officer, of New Haven, Ct.

David, son of Andrew Hurd, was killed during the Revolutionary war; he was not married.

Joseph, son of Andrew Hurd, died young.

Isaac, son of Andrew Hurd, m. Hannah Haight, of Waterford, N.Y.; she died 13th June, 1855, æ 82. Isaac Hurd died 28th Nov. 1832.

Joseph (2d), son of Andrew Hurd, m. Patience Twichel, of Oxford, Conn. They had four children: Andrew, Lucretia, Mary, and ——?

Andrew, son of Andrew Hurd, died unmarried 28th March, 1822, æ 54.

Mary, dau. of Andrew Hurd, died unmarried 2nd Sept. 1817, æ 47.

Ebenezer, son of Andrew Hurd, died unmarried.

Asahel, son of Andrew Hurd, m. Pauline Hubbell. They had seven children: Julia Ann m. Charles Lewis, Ebenezer, Jennet, Cornelia m. — Drew, Mary m. — Hubbell, Isaac (of West Stratford, Conn.), Ebenezer 2d of Southbury, Conn. Mrs. Pauline (Hubbell) Hurd died 21st Feb. 1872, æ 92. Asahel Hurd died 21st Feb. 1833, æ 59.

Rebecca, dau. of Andrew Hurd, m. Isaac Burroughs. They had six children: Cornelia, Mary Cornelia, Rebecca, Isaac, Abijah, Catharine Ann. Mrs. Rebecca (Hurd) Burroughs died 7th Jan. 1861, æ 83. Isaac Burroughs died 11th Jan. 1861, æ 85.

William, son of Joseph Shelton, m. 1st Oct. 1764, Susannah Strong, of Brookhaven, L. I., dau. of Thomas Strong and Susannah Thompson. [Thomas Strong was the son of Selah Strong, a grandson of Elder John Strong, who came from Taunton, Somersetshire, England, about 1630. Susannah Thompson was the dau. of Samuel Thompson and Hannah Brewster. Samuel

Thompson was a grandson of Rev. William Thompson of Braintree, Mass., and also of Jonathan Brewster, son of Elder William Brewster. Hannah Brewster was dau. of Rev. Nathaniel Brewster (one of the first class graduated at Harvard College, 1642,) and Sarah Ludlow, dau, of Roger Ludlow, Dep. Gov. of Mass.]

William Shelton lived at Long Hill, near his father's house; he died 27th Jan. 1812, æ 73.

Mrs. Susannah (Strong) Shelton was born 1st Feby. 1743; died 13th April, 1816, æ 74.

Children of William and Susannah Shelton [Third Generation]:

Joseph,	born 27th Aug. 1765.
William, Jr.,	" 3d March, 1767.
Selah,	" 4th Jany. 1770.
Nancy,	" 20th April, 1773.
Elizabeth,	" 25th May, 1776.
Philo,	" 35th May, 1778.
Thomas Strong,	" 15th May, 1782.
George,	" 6th Nov. 1785.

Joseph, son of William Shelton, m. 24th Nov. 1791, Charity Lewis, of Stratford, dau. of Stephen Lewis and Jerusha Curtiss. [Stephen Lewis was son of John Lewis and Sarah Sherman. John Lewis was son of Captain James Lewis of Stratford. Sarah Sherman was dau. of Nathaniel Sherman, and grand-dau. of Samuel Sherman and Sarah Mitchell. Samuel Sherman and Sarah Mitchell came from England with their parents on the ship "James," in 1635; he was 17 years old and she was 14. The Shermans were from Dedham, Essex Co., and the Mitchells from Halifax, Yorkshire.]

[Jerusha Curtiss was dau. of Stephen Curtiss and Sarah Judson. Stephen Curtiss was son of Abram Curtiss, the grandson of William Curtiss, one of the first settlers in Stratford. Sarah Judson was dau. of David Judson and Phebe Stiles. David Judson was son of

James Judson, the grandson of William Judson the "settler," and of Rebecca Welles, grand-dau. of Gov. Thomas Welles.]

[Phebe Stiles was the dau. of Ephraim Stiles, the son of Francis Stiles and of Bathsheba Tomlinson, the dau. of Henry Tomlinson the "settler."]

Joseph Shelton lived at Long Hill, in the house that belonged to his grandfather, Joseph Shelton, the house and twenty acres of land having been given to him by his grandfather, for whom he was named, when he was two years old. He died 1st Sept. 1848, æ 82. Mrs. Charity (Lewis) Shelton was born 27th March, 1769; died 27th May, 1847, æ 78.

Children of Joseph and Charity Shelton [Fourth Generation]:

Delia,	born 30th Nov. 1792.
Henry,	" 3d April, 1795.
Stephen Lewis,	" 2d Sept. 1797.
Nancy Bateman,	" 30th Jan. 1800.
Joseph Augustus,	" 19th March, 1803.
Philo Strong,	" 15th Dec. 1805.
Elizabeth White,	" 8th Aug. 1808.
Edward Nelson,	" 4th Sept. 1812.

Delia, dau. of Joseph Shelton, died 19th Nov. 1824, unmarried.

Henry, son of Joseph Shelton, m. 15th Jany. 1835, Helen King, dau. of Hon. Elisha King, of N. Y. Henry Shelton was drowned at sea 9th Jany. 1843.

Stephen Lewis, son of Joseph Shelton, died 19th Jan. 1834, unmarried.

Nancy Bateman, dau. of Joseph Shelton, m. 2d Sept. 1822, Hon. Nehemiah Curtiss Sandford, of Woodbury, Conn., son of Stephen Sandford and Sarah Curtiss. He was born 29th Oct. 1792, died 23d June, 1841.

Joseph Augustus, son of Joseph Shelton, died 18th April, 1835, unmarried.

Philo Strong, son of Joseph Shelton, m. June, 1833, Georgiana Albertina Homer, dau. of Benjamin Parrott Homer of Boston, Mass.

Elizabeth White, dau. of Joseph Shelton, died 23d Feby. 1848, unmarried.

Edward Nelson, son of Joseph Shelton, m. 14th July, 1840, Mary Jane De Forest, dau. of Linson De Forest, of N. Y., and Jane Hawléy.

William, Jr., son of William Shelton, graduated at Yale College 1788; was a physician and lived in Huntington. He married, in 1789, Caty Tomlinson, dau. of Joseph Tomlinson and Elizabeth Curtiss. [Joseph Tomlinson was a grandson of Henry Tomlinson, of Stratford, the "settler."] Mrs. Caty (Tomlinson) Shelton was born in Aug. 1771; died 14th July, 1858. Dr. William Shelton died 29th Aug. 1819, æ 42.

Children of William and Caty Shelton [Fourth Generation]:

William,	born
Caroline,	"
Cornelia,	"
Edwin,	" 20th April, 1801.
Catharine,	"
James Hovey,	" 12th March, 1806.

William, son of William Shelton, Jr., m. — Thompson of Stratford. He was a physician in Stratford, and died there in 1869.

Caroline, dau. of William Shelton, Jr., died in Nov. 1864, unmarried.

Cornelia, dau. of William Shelton, Jr., m. 4th Jany. 1819, Rev. Edmund Drinan Barry, D. D. Dr. Barry was born in Kinsale, Ireland. He was the son of William Barry and Mary Drinan, of Cork, Ireland. He died in Jersey City 20th April, 1852. Mrs. Cornelia (Shelton) Barry died 19th Sept. 1869.

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Edwin, son of William Shelton, Jr., m. 13th Sept. 1830. Susan Curtiss of Stratford, dau. of Silas Curtiss and Avis Shelton. Edwin Shelton died 29th Sept. 1874.

Catharine, dau. of William Shelton, Jr., m. Christopher Newton Shelton, of Huntington, son of Agur Shelton and Abigail Newton. Christopher Newton Shelton died 21st Nov. 1872. Mrs. Catharine (Shelton) Shelton died 10th Nov. 1855.

James, son of William Shelton, Jr., m. 24th Dec. 1834, Hannah Shelton, dau. of Samuel Frederick Shelton, son of Daniel Shelton and grandson of Samuel. He was a physician and lived in Huntington, where he died 10th May, 1868.

Selah, son of William Shelton, m. Oct. 1787, Phebe French. They removed to Delaware, Ohio. He died Aug. 1831.

Children of Selah and Phebe Shelton [Fourth Generation]:

Susan,	born	.....	1790.
Alfred,	"	.....	1792.
Betsey,	"	.....	1794.
Emily,	"	.....	1796.
Julia,	"	.....	1798.
Abby,	"	.....	1800.
Harriet,	"	.....	1802.
Polly,	"	.....	1804.
George,	"	.....	1808.
Susan,	"	.....	1812.

Susan, dau. of Selah Shelton, died 16th Nov. 1803, unmarried, æ 15.

Alfred, son of Selah Shelton, m. Ruth Beardsley. He died 8th May, 1857.

Betsey, dau. of Selah Shelton, m. first Samuel Hubbell; second, Henry Fitts.

Emily, dau. of Selah Shelton, m. David Lewis.

Julia, dau. of Selah Shelton, m. Joseph Lewis.
 Abby, dau. of Selah Shelton, died unmarried.
 Harriet, dau. of Selah Shelton, m. Elly Lewis.
 Polly, dau. of Selah Shelton, m. Joseph Prince.
 George, son of Selah Shelton, lived in Ohio and
 Missouri.
 Susan, dau. of Selah Shelton, m. Samuel Whitney.

Nancy, dau. of William Shelton, m. 25th Dec. 1798,
 Calvin Bateman, of Southbury, son of Stephen Bate-
 man and Eunice Curtiss. Calvin Bateman was born
 11th Dec. 1770; died 29th March, 1848, æ 77. Mrs.
 Nancy (Shelton) Bateman died at Williamstown, New
 Jersey, 13th Feby. 1848, æ 74.

Children of Calvin and Nancy Bateman [Fourth
 Generation]:

Stephen,	born 16th April, 1800.
Eunice,	" 15th Nov. 1801.
William,	" 23d Aug. 1803.
Verren Dike,	" 3d Jany. 1806.
Susan,	" 6th Sept. 1807.
Ira Barnes,	" 28th March, 1809.
Zipporah Angeline,	" 25th Jan. 1811.
Thomas Strong Shelton,	" 10th May, 1814.
Ursula Ann,	" 16th Feby. 1816.
Henry Burdett,	" 1st July, 1819.

Stephen Bateman m. Marie Benham, of Naugatuck,
 Conn.

Eunice Bateman lives in New Jersey, unmarried.

William Bateman m. Frances Stevens, of Naugatuck,
 Conn.

Verren Dike Bateman m. Nancy Anderson, of Scipio,
 New York.

Susan Bateman m. John B. Meers, M. D., of Nauga-
 tuck, Conn.

Ira Barnes Bateman m. Ann Christy, of Phila., Pa.

Zipporah Bateman m. Isaiah Little, of Meriden, Ct.
 Thomas Bateman m. Harriet Tomlinson, of New Haven, Ct.

Ursula Ann Bateman m. John Kane, of Naugatuck, Conn.

Henry Burdett Bateman m. Hannah Mead, of Somerset, N. Y.

Elizabeth, dau. of William Shelton, m. 20th July, 1794, John White, a teacher in Hartford, Ct. He was a son of Lemuel White, of East Hartford; was born 28th April, 1771, died in 1832. Mrs. Elizabeth (Shelton) White died 15th, Feby. 1804.

Children of John and Elizabeth White [Fourth Generation]:

Charles Shelton, born

Martha C., "

Martha White m. Rev. Sturges Gilbert, an Episcopal clergyman. They lived in Cherry Valley, N. Y.

Philo, son of William Shelton, died 24th Feby. 1804, unmarried.

Thomas Strong, son of William Shelton, m. Mary Ann Beardsley, of Huntington. She died in Canandaigua, N. Y., 29th Feby. 1830, æ 53. Thomas Shelton died 13th Jany. 1860, æ 78. They had no children.

George, son of William Shelton, m. 6th Nov. 1809, Betsy Wooster, of Huntington, dau. of Joseph Wooster and Charity Curtiss. He lived at Long Hill in the house built by his father, where he died 27th Sept. 1852. Mrs. Betsey (Wooster) Shelton was born 23d Feby. 1784; died 7th June, 1856, æ 72.

Children of George and Betsy Shelton [Fourth Generation]:

Augusta Ann, born 26th May, 1811.
 George Wellington, " 10th Sept. 1812.
 Henrietta, " 8th Sept. 1814.
 Charles Smith, " 28th Aug. 1819.

Augusta Ann, dau. of George Shelton, m. 19th Oct. 1842, Charles Ansel Sterling, of Sharon, Conn., son of of Judge Ansel Sterling and Isabella Canfield.

George Wellington, son of George Shelton, m. 9th Oct. 1835, Abigail Rudd, of Huntington, dau. of Hezekiah Rudd and Maria De Forest. [Maria De Forest was a daughter of Othniel De Forest, and grand-dau. of Beach Tomlinson and Charity Shelton, dau. of Josiah Shelton.] Mrs. Abigail (Rudd) Shelton died 1st March, 1838, and he married (second) 6th Jany. 1840, Cornelia Curtiss, of Stratford, dau. of Levi Curtiss and Betsy Ufford. Mrs. Cornelia (Curtiss) Shelton died March 23d, 1849, and he married (third) 30th Oct. 1850, Margaret Grey Atwood, dau. of Elijah Gregory Atwood and Jane Grey, of Salem, N. Y.

Henrietta, dau. of George Shelton, is unmarried.

Charles Smith, son of George Shelton, m. 6th July, 1848, Henrietta Mills Hyde, of Brooklyn, L. I., dau. of Zabdiel Hyde, of Lebanon, Conn., and Julia Ely. He is a physician, and was for eight years medical missionary at Madura, India.

Esther, dau. of Joseph Shelton, m. George Thomson, of Edinburgh, Scotland. They lived at Huntington Landing. George Thomson was born 1744, died 14th Jany. 1777, æ 33. Mrs. Esther (Shelton) Thomson died 7th March, 1799, æ 53.

Children of George and Esther Thomson [Third Generation]:

Polly,	born
Betsy,	"
Nancy,	"

Esther, baptized Jany. 1770.
 George William, born
 Arabella, "
 Sarah Avis, "

Polly Thomson m. Capt. William Whitney, of Derby.
 Children of William and Polly Whitney [Fourth
 Generation]:

Harriet, born
 Polly, "
 Henry, "
 William, "
 Giles, "
 Sheldon, "
 Barnard, "
 Charles, "

Harriet Whitney m. Dr. Kellogg, of Oyster Bay, L.I.

Polly Whitney m. — Plumb, of Milford, Conn.

Henry and William Whitney were "sea captains"
 and died unmarried.

Betsy Thomson m. Joseph Blackleach, of Ripton.

Children of Joseph and Betsy Blackleach [Fourth
 Generation]:

Samuel, born
 Richard, "
 George, "
 Peter, "
 Abigail, "
 Maria, "
 Betsy, "
 Charity, "
 Hudson, "
 Polly, "

Nancy Thomson m. Clark Elliott, of Stonington,

Conn., son of Asa Elliott and Mary Beebe. Captain Elliott lived at Huntington Landing.

Children of Capt. Clark and Nancy Elliott [Fourth Generation];

Jennet,	born
George Thomson,	"
Betsy,	"
John,	"
Caroline,	"
William,	"

Jennet Elliott m. Stephen Coles, of New York.

George Elliott m. Rebecca Foster, of New York.

Betsy Elliott is unmarried.

John Elliott died unmarried.

Caroline Elliott m. Thomas Burlock, of New York.

William Elliott died at Rome, Italy, unmarried.

George William, son of George Thomson, m. —?

Sarah Avis, dau. of George Thomson, m. Asahel Scott of Waterbury, son of Ebenezer Scott and Mary Weed.

Children of Asahel and Sarah Avis Scott [Fourth Generation]:

Marcus,	born
George Thomson,	"
Henry Whitney,	"
Esther,	"
Anthony Burritt,	"
Fanny,	"

Marcus Scott m. Harriet Westcott, of Greenfield, N. Y.

George Thomson Scott m. Persis Dickenson, of Phelps, N. Y.

Henry Whitney Scott m. Susan Fenn, of Middlebury, Conn.

Esther Scott m. Nelson Hurlburt, of Groton, N. Y.
 Anthony Burritt Scott m. Caroline Skeels.
 Fanny Scott m. Charles Hicock, of Southbury.

Daniel, Jr., second son of Daniel, m. Aug. 1727, Mary Hubbell, probably dau. of Richard Hubbell, of Fairfield. Daniel Shelton, Jr., lived in Corum, where he died in 1773, æ 73. Mrs. Mary (Hubbell) Shelton died —? —?

DESCENDANTS OF DANIEL SHELTON, SECOND SON OF DANIEL.

Children of Daniel and Mary Shelton [Second Generation]:

John,	born
Nathan,	"
Abijah,	"
Ebenezer,	"
Abigail,	"
Sarah,	"
Mehitabel,	"
Phebe,	"
Mary,	"
Anah,	"

John, son of Daniel Shelton, Jr., m. about 1750, Mary Wakelee, his first cousin, dau. of James Wakelee and Sarah Shelton. [Sarah Shelton was dau. of Daniel Shelton and Elizabeth Welles.]

Children of John and Mary Shelton [Third Generation]:

Gideon,	born
Jeremiah,	"
Mary,	"

Gideon, son of John Shelton, m. Joanna —? He was drowned 10th April, 1788.

Children of Gideon and Joanna Shelton [Fourth Generation]:

John,	born
Elizabeth,	"
Charity,	"
Ephraim,	"

Elizabeth, dau. of Gideon Shelton, m. Joseph Gray, of Huntington.

Charity, dau. of Gideon Shelton, m. Andrew Shephard, of Newton.

Mary, dau. of John Shelton, m. Hezekiah Beach.

Children of Hezekiah and Mary Beach [Fourth Generation]:

Rebecca,	born
Shelton,	"
Hezekiah Selleck,	"

Rebecca dau. of Hezekiah Beach, m. Agur Judson.

Nathan, son of Daniel Shelton, Jr., m. Abigail Griffin.

Children of Nathan and Abigail Shelton [Third Generation]:

Sarah,	baptized June, 1760.
Martha,	" March, 1763 or 4?
Eunice,	" Nov. 1765.
Hannah,	" Dec. 1769.

Martha, dau. of Nathan and Abigail Shelton, m. 12th Nov. 1780, Isaac Welles Shelton (her second cousin), son of Samuel Shelton and Abigail Nichols. (See descendants of Samuel Shelton, fourth son of Daniel.)

Abijah, son of Daniel Shelton, Jr., m. his second cousin, Ruth Wakelee, dau. of David Wakelee and Abigail Hull. David Wakelee was son of James Wakelee and Sarah Shelton, the dau. of Daniel Shelton and Elizabeth Welles. Abijah Shelton died 1st Dec.

1813, æ 76. Mrs. Ruth (Wakelee) Shelton died 30th Sept. 1813.

Children of Abijah and Ruth Shelton [Third Generation]:

Abigail,	born	1760.
Abiah,	"	24th Oct. 1762.

Abigail, dau. of Abijah Shelton, died 12th Feb. 1784, æ 24.

Abia, dau. of Abijah Shelton, m. Richard Mansfield, son of Rev. Dr. Mansfield of Derby. They lived at Corum in the house occupied until recently by Mr. Charles Tomlinson. Richard Mansfield died 10th Aug. 1810, æ 58. Mrs. Abiah (Shelton) Mansfield died 18th Aug. 1817.

Children of Richard and Abiah Mansfield:

Richard, died 4th May, 1814, æ 22.

Abijah Shelton, was drowned in the Mississippi River, Dec. 1811, æ 27.

Ebenezer, son of Daniel Shelton, Jr., m. Abiah —?

Children of Ebenezer and Abiah Shelton [Third Generation]:

Everett,	born
Lemuel,	"
.....?	"

Abigail, dau. of Daniel Shelton, Jr., m. — Black-leach.

Sarah, dau. of Daniel Shelton, Jr., m. — Hawley.

Mehitabel, dau. of Daniel Shelton, Jr., m. her first cousin, Daniel Shelton, son of Samuel Shelton and Abigail Nichols. She died Feby. 1813. [See descendants of Samuel, fourth son of Daniel.]

Phebe, dau. of Daniel Shelton, Jr., m. Nathan Nichols.

Mary, dau. of Daniel Shelton, Jr., m. — Curtiss.

Anah, dau. of Daniel Shelton, Jr., m. Abijah Nichols.
 Mehitabel, dau. of Abijah and Anah Nichols, m.
 Ephraim Lewis. Their dau. Hannah, m. Judson Cur-
 tiss Shelton, son of Samuel Frederick Shelton and Eu-
 nice Hannah Curtiss. Samuel Frederick Shelton was
 son of Daniel Shelton the son of Samuel. [See descen-
 dants of Samuel Shelton, fourth son of Daniel.]

Thaddeus, third son of Daniel Shelton, m. 17th Oct.
 1733, Esther Hollister, of Glastenbury, Conn., dau. of
 Joseph Hollister and Sarah Goodrich. Esther Hollis-
 ter was a sister of Mary Hollister, who m. Joseph Shel-
 ton, the brother of Thaddeus. Thaddeus Shelton died
 10th Nov. 1781, æ 79. Mrs. Esther (Hollister) Shelton
 was born 28th Aug. 1709, died 6th May, 1778, æ 59.
 Thaddeus Shelton lived at White Hills.

DESCENDANTS OF THADDEUS SHELTON, THIRD SON OF
 DANIEL.

Child of Thaddeus and Esther Shelton [Second Gen-
 eration]:

Daniel, born 4th April, 1735.

Daniel, son of Thaddeus Shelton, m. Mary French,
 of Stratford, Conn. He died 15th Oct. 1816. Mrs.
 Mary (French) Shelton was born 28th Feby. 1739; died
 6th July, 1820.

[Daniel Shelton was a very large man, and was called
 "Great Daniel" in distinction from his cousin Daniel,
 the son of Samuel, who was called "Little Daniel."]

Children of Daniel and Mary Shelton [Third Gen-
 eration]:

Thaddeus,	born 22d July, 1758.
Benjamin,	" 20th Dec. 1759.

Jeremiah,	born 11th Dec. 1761.
Esther,	“ 25th Dec. 1763.
Gershom,	“ 20th Sept. 1764.
William,	“ 16th Jany. 1766.
Isaiah,	“ 11th Sept. 1769.
Gloriana,	“ 30th July, 1771.
Victory,	“ 10th April, 1773.

Thaddeus, son of Daniel Shelton, m. Mary Clark, dau. of Nathan Clark and Elizabeth Shelton, dau. of Samuel Shelton and Abigail Nichols.

Benjamin, son of Daniel Shelton, m. Rebecca Pierce, daughter of Nathan Pierce and Mabel Wheeler.

Children of Benjamin and Rebecca Shelton [Fourth Generation]:

Benjamin,	born
Pierce,	“

Benjamin, son of Benjamin Shelton, m. Sylvia Perry, dau. of Dr. Bennett Perry, of Newtown, and Sarah Beers. He practiced law in Stamford in 1812.

Pierce, son of Benjamin Shelton, m. Julia Curtiss, dau. of Dr. Curtiss.

Gershom, son of Daniel Shelton, m. Lotty Beardslee.

William, son of Daniel Shelton, died 31st Jany. 1811.

Isaiah, son of Daniel Shelton, died 22d Oct. 1812.

Gloriana, dau. of Daniel Shelton, m. Nov. 1803, James Smith, of Derby, Conn., son of Abram Smith and Mary French. He died 21st Oct. 1847, æ 80. Mrs. Gloriana (Shelton) Smith died 2d Dec. 1862, æ 91.

Child of James and Gloriana Smith [Fourth Generation]:

Mary,	<u>born 18th July, 1806.</u>
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Victory, son of Daniel Shelton, m. Lydia —? He died 10th April, 1817, æ 34. Mrs. Lydia (—?) Shelton died 3d Feby. 1848.

Children of Victory and Lydia Shelton [Fourth Generation]:

Russell,	born 1st July, 1800.
Jennet,	" 2d June, 1802.
Almira,	" 20th May, 1808.
William Nelson,	" 12th May, 1812.

Jennet, dau. of Victory Shelton, m. first Horace Shelton, son of Jeremiah Shelton; second, Lewis Shelton, son of Isaiah Shelton (both her first cousins).

Almira, dau. of Victory Shelton, m. Amos P. Parker of Louisville, Ky.

William Nelson, son of Victory Shelton, m. Frances Wilkinson.

Samuel, fourth son of Daniel Shelton, m. Abigail Nichols, dau. of Philo Nichols and Mehitabel —? He lived in Huntington, on the place now occupied by Mrs. David Shelton, where he died 12th Nov. 1772, æ 68. Mrs. Abigail (Nichols) Shelton was born in 1714; died 21st Feby. 1794, æ 80.

DESCENDANTS OF SAMUEL SHELTON, FOURTH SON OF DANIEL.

Children of Samuel and Abigail Shelton [Second Generation]:

Mary,	born 13th Feby. 1736.
Daniel,	" 26th April, 1737.
Samuel,	" 23d Aug. 1738.
Elizabeth,	" 13th Feb. 1740.
David,	" 16th June, 1741.
Abigail,	" 29th Dec. 1742.
Joseph,	" 2d Feb. 1744.
Andrew,	" 5th Nov. 1746.

Sarah,	born 18th July, 1748.
Ann,	" 7th Feb. 1750.
Josiah,	" 30th Dec. 1751.
Philo,	" 5th May, 1754.
Isaac Wells,	" 11th March, 1756.
Agur,	" 11th Aug. 1758.

Mary, dau. of Samuel Shelton, m. May, 1790, Charles Lane.

Daniel, son of Samuel Shelton, m. 1760, Mehitabel Shelton, dau. of Daniel Shelton, Jr., and Mary Hubbell. He was called "Little Daniel." He lived on Booth's Hill, Huntington, where he died 12th May, 1813, æ 76. Mrs. Mehitabel (Shelton) Shelton was born in 1740; died 22d Sept. 1812, æ 72.

Children of Daniel and Mehitabel Shelton [Third Generation]:

Jane,	born 19th March, 1761.
Elizabeth,	" 5th Feby. 1768.
Susannah,	" 22d Oct. 1769.
Samuel Frederick,	" 4th Aug. 1771.
Elijah Daniel,	" 5th Jan. 1773.
Avis Newton,	"
Isaac,	" 13th June, 1779. } twins.

Jane, dau. of Daniel Shelton, m. Samuel Edwards. She died 5th Nov. 1830, æ 69. Samuel Edwards was born 20th Oct. 1758; died 5th Aug. 1838, æ 80.

Children of Samuel and Jane Edwards [Fourth Generation]:

Shelton,	born 31st Dec. 1781.
Lydia,	" 25th Sept. 1782.
Elizabeth,	" 11th Nov. 1784.
Samuel Lynson,	" 14th Feby. 1789.
Sophia Shelton,	" 2d Oct. 1795.

Shelton Edwards died 8th Sept. 1796. He was murdered in Bridgeport, Conn.; cause unknown.

Lydia Edwards m. Johamah Gunn. She died Sept. 1850.

Elizabeth Edwards m. Banford Gilbert. He was born in 1738; died 21st Sept. 1805.

Samuel Lynson Edwards m. first, 12th May, 1819, Harriet Bristol, of Clinton, N. Y.; second, Julia Gorham, of Stratford, Conn. He was born in Fairfield, Conn.; graduated at Yale; practised law in Manlius, N. Y.; was elected Judge of Court of Common Pleas, 1831, and was N. Y. State Senator from 1832 to 1840. He died 7th April, 1877.

Sophia Shelton Edwards m. 1st April, 1812, Alanson Hall. He was born 25th Sept. 1790; died 18th June, 1863. Mrs. Sophia S. (Edwards) Hall died 4th Jany. 1861.

Elizabeth, dau. of Daniel Shelton, m. 20th Nov. 1790, David Walker. She died 13th March, 1840, æ 72.— David Walker was born 27th Aug. 1789; died 25th Nov. 1829.

Children of David and Elizabeth Walker [Fourth Generation]:

Eliakim,	born 17th Oct. 1791.
Clarissa,	" 2d Aug. 1795.
Orlando,	" 26th Sept. 1797.
Mehitabel,	" 19th Nov. 1799.
David,	" 16th Aug. 1803.
Charles,	" 2d Nov. 1805.
Abigail,	" 16th Nov. 1808.

Eliakim Walker m. May, 1813, Lucretia Gilbert. He died 27th March, 1847.

Clarissa Walker m. May, 1814, David Beardsley.— She died Oct. 1875.

Orlando Walker m. 8th Jany. 1823, Betsy Edwards. He died 1st May, 1856.

Mehitabel Walker died unmarried 28th June, 1782.

David Walker m. Jany. 1827, Eliza Edwards. He died 2d Dec. 1846.

Charles Walker m. Aug. 1848, Delia Riggs. He died March, 1877.

Abigail Walker m. Nov. 1832, Sterling Booth. She died 27th Aug. 1847.

Samuel Frederick Shelton m. 3d Dec. 1795, Eunice Hannah Curtiss. He died 11th June, 1852, æ 81. Mrs. Eunice H. (Curtiss) Shelton was born 23d Jany. 1775; died 13th June, 1866, æ 91.

Children of Samuel Frederick and Hannah Shelton [Fourth Generation]:

Samuel Daniel,	born 28th Dec. 1796.
Judson Curtiss,	" 17th Oct. 1798.
Juline,	" 14th Sept. 1800.
Sally,	" 21st Oct. 1803.
Hannah Maria,	" 5th Dec. 1809.
Abigail Avis,	" 19th Nov. 1811.

Samuel Daniel, son of Samuel Frederick Shelton, m. 25th March, 1829, Sylvia Beardsley. He died 15th Oct. 1871. Mrs. Sylvia (Beardsley) Shelton was born 23d March, 1796.

Judson Curtiss Shelton m. 12th Feby. 1822, Hannah Lewis, dau. of Ephraim Lewis and Mehitable Nichols. Mehitable Nichols was dau. of Abijah Nichols and Anah Shelton, dau. of Daniel Shelton, Jr. Hannah Lewis was born 20th March, 1802. [Their fourth son, Gould Abijah Shelton, M. D., graduated at Yale, 1869; resides in Shelton, Conn.]

Juline, dau. of Samuel Frederick Shelton, m. 15th Nov. 1847, John H. Whitney, of Bridgeport, Conn.— She died 1st Oct. 1876.

Sally, dau. of Samuel Frederick Shelton, m. 12th June, 1834, Philip Beach, of Trumbull. She died 20th June, 1864.

Hannah Maria, dau. of Samuel Frederick Shelton, m. 24th Dec. 1834, James Hovey Shelton, M. D., of Huntington, son of William Shelton, M. D., and Caty Tomlinson. [See descendants of Joseph Shelton, first son of Daniel.]

Abigail Avis, dau. of Samuel Frederick Shelton, m. first, 18th March, 1834, Noah Munroe; second, 3d May, 1840, Alden Burton, of Bridgeport, Conn.

Susannah, dau. of Daniel Shelton, m. Samuel Hawley, son of Elijah Hawley and grandson of Milton Hawley and Hepzibah De Forest. She died 10th Jany. 1809. Samuel Hawley died 5th March, 1814.

Children of Samuel and Susannah Hawley [Fourth Generation]:

Mehitabel,	born
Amelia,	"
Urania,	"
Schuyler,	" 1792.
Charles,	" 1794.
Elijah,	" 1796.

Mehitable Hawley m. — Andrews.

Amelia Hawley m. — Summers.

Urania Hawley m. Josiah Burritt, of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., son of Anthony Burritt, M. D., and Anna Curtiss. Josiah Burritt was born 8th Oct. 1784; died 1851.

Schuyler Hawley died 1812, æ 20.

Charles Hawley died 1812, æ 18.

Elijah Hawley died 1817, æ 21.

Elijah Daniel, son of Daniel Shelton, m. 23d Jany. 1806, Sarah Beardsley. She was born 1783; died 12th Aug. 1859. He died 2d Jany. 1811.

Children of Elijah Daniel and Sarah Shelton [Fourth Generation]:

Isaac Cook, born 1806.

Elijah Lynson, " 1808.

Grandison Beardsley,

Isaac Cook Shelton died in 1827; he resided in N. Y.

Elijah Lynson Shelton lives in Atlanta, Ga.

Grandison B. Shelton died —; resided in New Orleans.

Avis Newton, dau. of Daniel Shelton, m. 18th April, 1802, Silas Curtiss. He was born 29th Feby. 1776; died 14th Sept. 1845. Mrs. Avis (Shelton) Curtiss died 4th, Dec. 1858.

Children of Silas and Avis Curtiss [Fourth Generation]:

Helen M., born 2d Jany. 1804.

Jane Mehitabel, " 15th Sept. 1805.

Ezra Eli, " 26th July, 1807.

Hannah Susan, " 31st Dec. 1810.

Nancy Maria, " 28th Dec. 1813.

Abigail Avis, " 21st July, 1816.

Elizabeth Sophia, " 30th July, 1818.

Helen Curtiss m. Ambrose Shelton, son of Eli Shelton and Hepsy Nichols. [See descendants of Samuel, son of Samuel, fourth son of Daniel.]

Jane Mehitabel Curtiss m. George Wells. They reside in Lockport, N. Y.

Ezra Eli Curtiss died 21st Oct. 1830; was accidentally shot while hunting.

Hannah Susan Curtiss m. 13th Sept. 1830, Edwin Shelton, of Huntington, Conn., son of William Shelton, M. D., and Caty Tomlinson. [See descendants of Joseph first son of Daniel.] Edwin Shelton died in Lockport, N. Y., 29th Sept., 1874.

Nancy Maria Curtiss m. 15th Aug. 1848, James Scribner, of Lockport, N. Y.

Abigail Avis Curtiss m. 21st Aug. 1840, Silas H.

Marks, of Lockport, N. Y., son of Hezekiah Marks, of Huntington. Conn. He died 15th Oct. 1874.

Elizabeth Sophia Curtiss m. 27th Oct. 1841, Birdseye Booth. of Stratford, Conn.

Isaac, son of Daniel Shelton, m. 3d July, 1810, Catharine, dau. of Zachariah Shelton and Elizabeth Marks. [See descendants of Samuel, son of Samuel, fourth son of Daniel.] She was born 27th Nov. 1792; died 27th Dec. 1872. Isaac Shelton died 20th Sept. 1846.

Children of Isaac and Catharine Shelton [Fourth Generation]:

Sylvanus Pierce,	born 16th Jany. 1814.
Isaac Beach,	" 30th Sept. 1817.
Cornelia,	" 10th July, 1820.
Mary Ann,	" 25th Dec. 1825.
Hannah E.,	" 25th Dec. 1826.

Sylvanus Pierce Shelton m. 4th Jany. 1843, Marietta Hawley. She was born 9th Oct. 1819.

Isaac Beach Shelton, m. 19th Jany. 1848, Clarissa Benedict, of Huntington. She was born 24th Jany. 1826. Isaac Beach Shelton lives on the place where his grandfather, Daniel Shelton, lived.

Cornelia Shelton m. 10th October, 1842, Thaddeus Beardsley.

Mary Ann Shelton m. 15th March, 1843, Ira Hawley, a brother of Marietta Hawley, who m. Sylvanus P. Shelton. Ira Hawley died 26th Dec. 1856.

Hannah E. Shelton m. 25th Dec. 1846, David Hicock, of Southbury, Conn. He was born 12th April, 1815.

Samuel, Jr., son of Samuel Shelton, m. ^{John} Booth.

Children of Samuel and — Shelton [Third Generation]:

Zachariah,	born
Eli,	"

Silas,	born
Samuel,	"
Anna,	"
Tabitha,	"
Abby,	"
Nancy,	"

Zachariah, son of Samuel Shelton, Jr., m. July, 1789, Elizabeth Marks. He died 10th July, 1833, æ 67. His wife, Elizabeth Marks, died 2d Aug. 1801, æ 32.

Children of Zachariah and Elizabeth Shelton [Fourth Generation]:

Roswell,	born 19th Nov. 1790.
Catharine,	" 27th Nov. 1792.
Polly Betsy,	" 19th Sept. 1794.
Caty Maria,	" 6th Sept. 1796.
Hiram,	" 3d Jany. 1799.
Nelson,	" 25th June, 1801.

Roswell, son of Zachariah Shelton, m. Mary Hicock, dau. of Benjamin Hicock and Mary Pierce.

Catharine, dau. of Zachariah Shelton, m. 3d July, 1810, Isaac Shelton, son of Daniel and Mehitabel Shelton. [See descendants of Samuel, fourth son of Daniel.]

Polly, dau. of Zachariah Shelton, m. Joseph French.

Caty Maria, dau. of Zachariah Shelton, died 2d Jany. 1797, æ 2 yrs. 4 mons.

Hiram, son of Zachariah Shelton, m. — Pierce.

Nelson, son of Zachariah Shelton, died Dec. 21st, 1851, æ 52. Mrs. Elizabeth (Marks) Shelton died 2d Aug. 1801, æ 32, and Zachariah Shelton m. Phebe Welles, who died 1st Jany. 1853, æ 75.

Children of Zachariah and Phebe Shelton [Fourth Generation]:

Marinna,	born 29th June, 1803.
Philena,	" 21st Nov. 1804.
David Wells,	" 30th Jan. 1806.

Zachariah,	born 25th July, 1807.
Phebe Ruth,	" 23d Oct. 1810.
Prosper Mills,	" 21st Nov. 1812.
Sally W.,	" 16th May, 1814.
Hannah Edward,	" 19th May, 1816.
Jane Ann,	" 2d April, 1820.

Marinna, dau. of Zachariah Shelton, m. first, James C. Andrews. He died 8th Sept. 1851, æ 43; and she m. second, Bennet Lune of Oxford. She died 27th Jany. 1860, æ 56.

Philena, dau. of Zachariah Shelton, m. Abner Welles.

David Welles, son Zachariah Shelton, m. Lydia Julia Buckley.

Zachariah, son of Zachariah Shelton, died 23d April, 1824, æ 6 yrs. 8 mos.

Phebe, dau. of Zachariah Shelton, died 12th Aug. 1824, æ 4 yrs. 9 mos.

Sally, dau. of Zachariah Shelton, m. Madison Edwards. She died 11th July, 1850, æ 36.

Hannah Edward, dau. of Zachariah Shelton, died 27th April, 1830, æ 14.

Jane Ann, dau. of Zachariah Shelton, m. Charles Lindsay.

Eli, son of Samuel Shelton, Jr., m. 22d March, 1798, Hepsy Nichols, of Booth's Hill.

Children of Eli and Hepsy Shelton [Fourth Generation]:

Minerva,	born 4th Dec. 1798.
Jennette,	" 24th Sept. 1800.
Ambrose,	" 27th May, 1802.
John C.,	" 19th Sept. 1804.
Phebe M.,	" 1st May, 1813.

Minerva Shelton m. 7th May, 1818, Arnold Hurd, of Munroe; she died 7th Nov. 1856.

Jennette Shelton m. 27th Nov. 1823, David Curtiss, of Newtown; resides at Painted Post, N. Y.

Ambrose Shelton m. 23d Dec. 1824, Helen M. Curtiss, dau. of Silas Curtiss and Avis Newton Shelton, dau. of "Little Daniel." [See descendants of Daniel, son of Samuel 4th, son of Daniel.] Mrs. Helen (Curtiss) Shelton died 10th March, 1877.

John C. Shelton m. first, 23d Dec. 1824, Mary Gregory; second, Sally Mallett, of Trumbull. He died June, 1871.

Phebe M. Shelton m. 22d Sept. 1834, Ephraim Curtiss.

Silas, son of Samuel Shelton, Jr., m. — Burritt, of Bridgeport.

Children of Silas and — Shelton [Fourth Generation]:

Mary,	born
Sarah Ann,	"
Hetty,	"
Harriet,	"
Henry,	"
Frank,	"

Mary m. — Hughes.

Sarah Ann died unmarried.

Hetty m. — Lansfield.

Harriet m. — Bassett.

Samuel, son of Samuel Shelton, Jr., m. Anna Beardslee, of Monroe.

Children of Samuel and Anna Shelton [Fourth Generation]:

Nancy,	m. Eli Beard.
Joel,	m. — Mallett, of Trumbull.

Elizabeth, dau. of Samuel Shelton, m. Nathan Clark.

David, son of Samuel Shelton, m. — Masters.

Children of David and — (Masters) Shelton [Third Generation]:

Ransom,	born	.....
Chloe,	"	.....
Selden,	"	.....
Joseph,	"	.....
Polly,	"	.....
Stephens,	"	.....
Maria,	"	.....

The children of Selden [Fourth Generation] are Joseph Carlos and William David.

Abigail, dau. of Samuel Shelton, m. John Stephens.

Andrew, son of Samuel Shelton, m. Sarah Booth.

Children of Andrew and Sarah Shelton [Third Generation]:

Lewis,	born	.....
Sarah,	"	.....
Abigail,	"	.....
Josiah,	"	.....
Elijah Booth,	"	.....
Abijah,	"	.....
Nathan,	"	.....
Lydia,	"	.....
Sylvia,	"	.....
Maria,	"	.....

Lewis, m. Aug. 1790, Charity Edwards.

Children of Lewis and Charity Shelton [Fourth Generation]:

Charity,	born	.....
Sarah,	"	.....
Lockwood,	"	.....
Marcenia,	"	.....
Lucinda,	"	.....
Andrew,	"	.....

Harry,	born
Charles,	"
Betsy,	"
Polly Maria,	"

Charity, dau. of Lewis Shelton, m. July, 1814, Joseph Pierce, of Southbury, Conn.

Sarah, dau. of Lewis Shelton, m. Josiah Wheeler, of Huntington, Conn.

Lockwood, son of Lewis Shelton, died in 1832, unmarried.

Marcenia, dau. of Lewis Shelton, died in 1819, unmarried.

Lucinda, dau. of Lewis Shelton, m. March, 1816, Henry Post.

Andrew, son of Lewis Shelton, m. Mary Tirrel.

Harry, son of Lewis Shelton, died in 1832, unmarried.

Betsy, dau. of Lewis Shelton, m. Elisha Shelton, son of James and Hepzibah (Scott) Shelton, of Munroe. [See record of descendants of James Shelton, fifth son of Daniel.]

Polly Maria, dau. of Lewis Shelton, m. Donald Judson, of White Hills, son of David Judson and Grisel Warner.

Sarah, dau. of Andrew Shelton, m. — Patterson.

Children of — and Sarah Patterson [Fourth Generation]:

Phebe,	born
Mary,	"
John,	"
Josiah,	"
Sarah M.,	"

Abigail, dau. of Andrew Shelton, m. David Welles, 10th Sept. 1797.

Children of David and Abigail Welles [Fourth Generation]:

Shelton,	born	.....
George,	"	.....
Nathan,	"	.....
Maria,	"	.....
David,	"	.....
Aurelia,	"	.....
Norman,	"	.....
Mary Ann,	"	.....
William,	"	.....

Elijah Booth, son of Andrew Shelton, m. ———?

Children of Elijah B. and ——— Shelton [Fourth Generation]:

Zachariah,	born	.....
Lydia Ann,	"	.....
Edward,	"	.....
Elijah,	"	.....
William Charles,	"	.....
Jane,	"	.....

Abijah, son of Andrew Shelton, m. ———?

Children of Abijah and ——— Shelton [Fourth Generation]:

Julia,	born	.....
Frederick,	"	.....
Harvey,	"	.....
Lucius,	"	.....
Mary,	"	.....
Elizabeth,	"	.....
Martha,	"	.....
Hiram,	"	.....

Nathan, son of Andrew Shelton, born at Huntington, Conn., June 6, 1784. Graduated at Yale College in 1802, in the same class with Jeremiah Everts, David D.

Field, Gideon Tomlinson, Peletiah Perit, and Junius Smith, originator of Atlantic steam navigation. Commenced his medical studies at Medical School in Newtown, Conn., and was then placed under the care of Dr. Shelton, a practising physician in Huntington. Licensed by the State Medical Society of Conn. He then attended a course of lectures at the Medical School connected with Columbia College, New York. Came to Jamaica, L. I., in 1806, where he continued in active practice over fifty years and was eminent and greatly esteemed in his profession. Married (first) Eliza Henrietta Starman, eldest daughter of Frederick William and Mary Dundas Starman. Children [Fourth Generation]:

Frederick William, born	
Frederick William, "	
Mary Starman, "	
John Dundas, "	
Sarah Graves, "	

Frederick William. Died in infancy, May 2, 1813.

Frederick William. Graduated at Princeton College in 1834, and at Gen. Theo. Seminary, New York, and ordained Deacon in 1847. Rector first of Trinity Church, Fishkill, N. Y., afterwards of Christ Church, Montpelier, Vt., and is at present Rector of St. Mark's Church, Carthage Landing, N. Y.

John Dundas, M. D. Graduated at Princeton College, 1836. After spending a year in the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York, he completed his studies and received his Medical Diploma from University of Pennsylvania in 1840, and to the end of his life was engaged in the practice of his profession. Died Dec. 10, 1862, \approx 46 years.

Sarah Graves. Died 1826.

Mrs. Eliza H. S. Shelton died Feb. 23, 1828, \approx 38 yrs.

Nathan Shelton married (second), Oct. 28, 1831, Mary Ann Sophia, dau. of Frederick William and Mary Dun-

das Starman (sister of his first wife), by whom he had one child, James Dundas, who died Jan. 3, 1838, æ 5 yrs.

Mrs. Mary A. S. Shelton died Dec. 11, 1839, æ 45 yrs.
Nathan Shelton died July 25th, 1864, æ 80 yrs.

Lydia, dau. of Andrew Shelton, m. 4th April, 1813, Samuel French, of Huntington.

Child of Samuel and Lydia French [Fourth Generation]:

Lydia M. born

Lucy, dau. of Samuel and Lydia French, m. Edward Lewis, of Birmingham, Conn.

Sylvia, dau. of Andrew Shelton, m. Oct. 1816, William Edwards.

Children of William and Sylvia Edwards [Fourth Generation]:

Shelton, born

Maria G., "

Maria, dau. of Andrew Shelton, m. Jany. 1825, Dr. Lewis French, of Huntington, Conn.

Sarah, dau. of Samuel Shelton, m. 28th Jany. 1768, Samuel Booth.

Children of Samuel and Sarah Booth [Third Generation]:

Elisha, born 29th May, 1770.

Clarissa, " 18th Sept. 1774.

Sally, " 14th April, 1776.

Elijah, " 1st Dec. 1778.

Susa, " 16th May, 1783.

David, " 28th Feby. 1787.

Naby, " 3rd March, 1789.

Ann, dau. of Samuel Shelton, m. Josiah Tomlinson.

Philo, son of Samuel Shelton, m. Lucy Nichols, of Stratford, dau. of Philip Nichols and Mary Prince. She was born 6th April, 1761; died 1838. Philo Shelton graduated at Yale College, 1775; ordained by Bishop Seabury, at Middletown, Conn., Aug. 3d, 1785; for forty years Rector of St. John's Church, Bridgeport, and of Trinity Church, Fairfield, Conn.; died 27th Feb. 1825.*

Children of Philo and Lucy Shelton [Third Generation]:

Lucy,	born 27th June, 1782.
Joseph Prince,	" 18th May, 1784.
Maria,	" 4th Jany. 1787.
Philo Nichols,	" 8th Feby. 1790.
Henrietta,	" 16th Jany. 1792.
Henry,	" 31st Jany. 1795.
William,	" 14th Sept. 1798.
George Augustus,	" 25th Nov. 1800.
Margarite,	" 26th Aug. 1803..

Lucy, dau. of Rev. Philo Shelton, died unmarried, 31st May, 1874.

Joseph Prince, son of Rev. Philo Shelton, m. Henrietta, Hoyt. He died 19th Oct. 1826.

Maria, dau. of Rev. Philo Shelton, m. Jeremiah Sturges; he was born 30th April, 1779, died 12th Dec. 1845. Mrs. Maria (Shelton) Sturges died 12th Feby. 1861.

Child of Jeremiah and Maria Sturges [Fourth Generation]:

Henrietta, born

Henrietta, dau. of Jeremiah Sturges, m. Henry Perry, of Southport, Conn.

Philo Nichols, son of Rev. Philo Shelton, m. Sarah Allycock. He died 1st April, 1842.

* For Inscription on his Monument, see (D) subsequent part of this volume.

Henrietta, dau. of Rev. Philo Shelton, died unmarried 22d May, 1877.

Henry, son of Rev. Philo Shelton, m. Mary Ann Tweedy, dau. of Reuben Tweedy and Mary — ?

Mrs. Mary (Tweedy) Shelton was born 24th July, 1802. Henry Shelton died 2d Oct. 1867.

Children of Henry and Mary Shelton [Fourth Generation]:

Henry Tweedy,	born 29th Aug. 1831.
Hamilton Spencer,	" 4th Feby. 1834.
John Thatcher,	" 14th April, 1835.
Mary Jane,	" 10th March, 1837.
William Augustus,	" 15th March, 1839.
Lucretia Stanley,	"
Reuben Tweedy,	"

Henry Tweedy, son of Henry Shelton, m. Josephine Lyon, of Bridgeport, dau. of Hanford Lyon and Hetty — ?

John Thatcher, son of Henry Shelton, m. Martha Colton, dau. of Charles Ball and Mahalaha — ?

Mary Jane, dau. of Henry Shelton, m. Ezekiel Birdseye, son of Gould Birdseye and Mary Lane.

William Augustus, son of Henry Shelton, died at Galveston, Texas, 27th July, 1875, unmarried.

Lucretia Stanley and Reuben Tweedy, children of Henry Shelton, died in infancy.

William, son of Rev. Philo Shelton, m. Lucretia Stanley Grosvenor, born Aug. 1798. He graduated at the Genl. Theo. Seminary, N. Y. city, 1823; ordained Deacon by Bishop Brownell in 1823, and Presbyter by the same in 1825, in the old Church on Mill Plains, Fairfield, Conn., in which his father had served forty-two years and under the chancel of which he was buried. The present year (1877) is the forty-eighth of his

Rectorship of St. Paul's Church, Buffalo, New York.

George Augustus, son of Rev. Philo Shelton, married Fanny Bartow. He died 27th Dec. 1863.

Isaac Wells, son of Samuel Shelton, m. 12th Nov. 1780, his second cousin, Martha, dau. of Nathan Shelton (son of Daniel Shelton, Jr.) and Abigail Griffin. Mrs. Martha (Shelton) Shelton was born 9th Dec. 1763, died 12th Sept. 1809, æ 46, and he m. second, Dec. 1812, Nancy Starr, of Middletown, Ct. He died 3d March, 1831, æ 75 years.

Children of Isaac Wells and Martha Shelton [Third Generation]:

Betsy,	born 21st Aug. 1781.
Charity,	" 19th June, 1784.
Sally,	" 18th Oct. 1786.
Sally (2d),	" 19th Aug. 1788.
George Wells,	" 15th May, 1791.
Harry Wells,	" 8th Feby. 1797.

Betsy, dau. of Isaac Wells Shelton, m. ——— Leach. She died 6th March, 1800.

Child of — and Betsy Leach [Fourth Generation]:

Betsy,	born 1799
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Betsy, dau. of — Leach, m. — Hill.

Charity, dau. of Isaac Wells Shelton, m. Asa Bartholomew, of Bristol, Conn., son of Jacob Bartholomew. Mrs. Charity (Shelton) Bartholomew died 15th Sep. 1859, æ 75. Asa Bartholomew died 31st Oct. 1864, æ 88.

Children of Asa and Charity Bartholomew [Fourth Generation]:

Emily,	born 1st Jany. 1804.
George Wells,	" 19th June, 1805.
Harry Shelton,	" 3d June, 1807.
Paulina,	" 18th June, 1809.

Jennett,	born 31st March, 1811.
Asa,	" 5th Feby. 1815.
Nancy Maria,	" 22d Dec. 1817.
Jane C.,	" 22d Feby. 1821.

Emily, dau. of Asa Bartholomew, m. 25th Nov. 1824, Rennselaer Upson. She died 16th May, 1877, æ 73.

George Wells, son of Asa Bartholomew, m. first, Angeline (Rich) Ives, 14th Jany. 1829. She died 13th March, 1861, and he m. second, Julia (Marvin) Cole (widow of Edwin H. Cole), 29th Jan. 1864.

Harry Shelton, son of Asa Bartholomew, died 7th Oct. 1827, æ 20.

Paulina, dau. of Asa Bartholomew, m. 12th Sept. 1832, Alvin Alpress.

Jennett, dau. of Asa Bartholomew, m. 8th May, 1833, Eli S. Merriman.

Asa, son of Asa Bartholomew, m. 10th Nov. 1835, Mary L. Birge.

Nancy Maria, dau. of Asa Bartholomew, m. 9th May, 1839, Alanson Winston.

Jane C., dau. of Asa Bartholomew, m. 13th Sept. 1842, Wellington Winston.

Sally, dau. of Isaac Wells Shelton, died 3d Nov. 1786.

Sally (2nd), dau. of Isaac Wells Shelton, m. John Mitchell.

Child of John and Sally Mitchell :

Edward, born

George Wells, son of Isaac Wells Shelton, died 13th Dec. 1793.

Harry Wells, son of Isaac Wells Shelton, died 14th Oct. 1821, unmarried.

Agur, son of Samuel Shelton, m. Abigail Newton, of

Huntington, dau. of Rev. Christopher Newton and
— Fowler. He died 24th June, 1845.

Children of Agur and Abigail Shelton [Third Generation]:

Polly Emilia,	born 8th Sept. 1780.
Charles,	" 16th July, 1782.
Avis,	" 19th Oct. 1786.
Abigail,	" 9th April, 1792.
Christopher Newton,	" 16th April, 1795.
David,	" 17th Sept. 1799.

Polly Emilia, dau. of Agur Shelton, m. Aug. 1813,
Philo Wakelee, son of James Shelton Wakelee.

Children of Philo and Polly Wakelee [Fourth Generation]:

Abigail,	born
James Shelton,	"

Abigail, dau. of Philo Wakelee, m. William Nettleton.

James Shelton, son of Philo Wakelee, m. Abby Gilbert.

Charles, son of Agur Shelton, m. Lucinda Cornwall,
of Cheshire, Conn.

Children of Charles and Lucinda Shelton [Fourth Generation]:

Charles,	born
Grace,	"
William R.,	"

Charles, son of Charles Shelton, m. Caroline M. Casilear,
of New York.

Grace, dau. of Charles Shelton, m. Edwin H. Budington,
of Milford, Conn.

William R., son of Charles Shelton, m. Annie Louise Casilear,
of New York.

Avis, dau of Abigail Shelton, m. Isaac Judson.

Abigail, dau. of Agur Shelton, died unmarried.

Christopher Newton, son of Agur Shelton, m. Catharine Shelton, of Huntington, dau. of Dr. William Shelton and Katy Tomlinson. She was born 14th July, 1798, died 10th Nov. 1855. Christopher Newton Shelton died 21st Nov. 1872, æ 77.

Children of Christopher N. and Catharine Shelton [Fourth Generation]:

Caroline,	born
William,	"
Charles,	"

David, son of Agur Shelton, m. 4th March, 1830, Jane Perry, dau. of Azariah Hawley Perry and Polly Leavenworth. Mrs. Jane (Perry) Shelton was born 18th March, 1811. David Shelton died 2d June, 1782.

Child of David and Jane Shelton [Fourth Generation]:

Mary Jane,	born 8th Feby. 1833.
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Mary Jane, dau. of Daniel Shelton, m. 23d May, 1860, Edwin Wooster, of Birmingham, son of Sheldon Wooster and Sally Hull. Mrs. Mary (Shelton) Wooster died 4th June, 1864. Mr. Wooster died 20th April, 1876.

James, fifth son of Daniel Shelton, m. Anna Wheeler of Stratford, Conn., dau. of Robert Wheeler. Mrs. Anna (Wheeler) Shelton was born in 1717, died 5th Feby. 1793, æ 76. James Shelton died 21st March, 1802, æ 92. He lived in Huntington, not far from the Long Hill Cemetery.

DESCENDANTS OF JAMES SHELTON, FIFTH SON OF DANIEL.

Children of James and Anna Shelton [Second Generation]:

Hannah,	born
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Anna, born 3d Feby. 1742.
 Elisha, " 5th Nov. 1745.
 Elizabeth, " 14th Oct. 1759.
 Two other daughters died in childhood.

Hannah, dau. of James Shelton, m. Rev. Samuel Andrews, of Wallingford, Conn.

Children of Rev. Samuel and Hannah Andrews [Third Generation]:

George,	born
Elisha Shelton,	"
Samuel James,	"
Philo Andrews,	"

Samuel James, son of Rev. Samuel Andrews, had a son of the same name, who was member of Congress from Rochester, N. Y.

Anna, dau. of James Shelton, m. first, James Beardslee; second, Thaddeus Clark.

Children of James and Anna Beardslee [Third Generation]:

Two daughters who married two brothers, Simeon and Joel Goodyear.

Child of Thaddeus and Anna Clark [Third Generation]:

One son who married ——?

Children of that son and ——? [Fourth Generation]:

Marshall,	born
James,	"
——?	"

Marshall, son of Thaddeus Clark, m. Louisa Martinborough, dau. of a West Indian, and grand-dau. of Rev. Richard Mansfield, D. D., of Derby, Conn.

Elisha, son of James Shelton, m. Abigail Hawley, of Huntington. Mrs. Abigail (Hawley) Shelton was born

15th April, 1751; died 13th May, 1827. Elisha Shelton died 6th Oct. 1803, æ 56.

Children of Elisha and Abigail Shelton [Third Generation];

James,	born 7th July, 1776.
Philo,	" 27th Oct. 1778.
Anna Bethiah,	" 27th Oct. 1781.
Lucy,	" 29th Nov. 1783.
Elisha,	" 4th April, 1786.
Hannah,	" 22d Feby. 1788.
Polly Betsy,	" 15th Sept. 1791.

James, son of Elisha Shelton, m. Hepzibah Scott, of Munroe, dau. of William Scott and Philena Hawley. [Philena Hawley was dau. of Milton Hawley and Hepzibah De Forest, dau. of Samuel De Forest. Samuel De Forest was grandson of Isaac De Forest, of Rochelle, France. He was a Huguenot, and fled from from persecution to Leyden, Holland, from whence he removed to New York about 1635.]

[Milton Hawley was a descendant of Joseph Hawley who came from England to Stratford about 1639. His eldest son, Samuel, m. Mary Thompson, of Farmington, a grand-dau. of Hon. Thomas Welles. Samuel Hawley's eldest son, Samuel, Jr., m. Bethiah Booth; their son, Francis, m. Ann Clark. Francis and Ann (Clark) Hawley were the parents of Milton Hawley. Mrs. Hepzibah (De Forest) Hawley was a woman of unusual intellect and talent. She died in 1831, æ 97.]

Mrs. Philena (Hawley) Shelton was born 11th Aug. 1780; died 27th Sept. 1820, æ 40. James Shelton died 9th Sept. 1815, æ 39.

Children of James and Philena Shelton [Fourth Generation]:

Abigail,	born 24th April, 1800.
Nancy,	" 11th Oct. 1802.
Philo,	" 23d Oct. 1804.

Elisha,	born 1st April, 1806.
Lucy Ann,	" 5th Feb. 1808.
James Ambrose,	" 18th Sept. 1809.
Mary,	" 18th June, 1812.
Stephen,	" 20th Feb. 1814.
Hepzibah,	" 23d Nov. 1815.

Abigail, dau. of James Shelton, died æ 18 unmarried.

Nancy, dau. of James Shelton, m. 30th May, 1824, Sturges Bulkly, M. D., of Monroe, Conn. Dr. Bulkly died 9th July, 1857.

Philo, Lucy Ann, James Ambrose, Mary, Stephen, and Hepzibah, children of James Shelton, all died in childhood.

Elisha, son of James Shelton, m. Betsy Shelton, dau. of Lewis Shelton. [See descendants of Saml. Shelton.]

Anna Bethiah, dau. of James Shelton, m. — Booth. She died 2d April, 1803.

Lucy, dau. of James Shelton, m. Agur Beardslee, son of Elisha Beardslee, of Munroe, Conn. She died 10th March, 1812.

Hannah, dau. of James Shelton, m. Rev. Thomas Ruggles. She died 2d of Oct. 1814. Rev. Thomas Ruggles died in 1836. They had one dau. Hannah, who died unmarried.

Elizabeth, dau. of James Shelton, m. James Brace, of Harwinton, Conn.

Children of James and Elizabeth Brace [Third Generation] :

Betsy,	born
Electa,	"
Minerva,	"
Nancy,	"

John, sixth son of Daniel Shelton, died in 1733, æ 21, probably unmarried.

Josiah, seventh son of Daniel Shelton, m. Eunice Nichols, dau. of Philo Nichols and Mehitabel ———? She was a sister of Abigail Nichols, who married Samuel Shelton, the brother of Josiah. Mrs. Eunice (Nichols) Shelton was born 1719; died 6th Jan. 1805, æ 86. Josiah Shelton died 2d April, 1782, æ 68. He lived at Long Hill.

DESCENDANTS OF JOSIAH SHELTON, SEVENTH SON OF DANIEL.

Children of Josiah and Eunice Shelton [Second Generation]:

Charity, born 1737.
Eunice, " 1741.

Charity, dau. of Josiah Shelton, m. 25th Oct. 1752, Beach Tomlinson, son of Zachariah Tomlinson and Hannah Beach. Mrs. Charity (Shelton) Tomlinson died 19th Nov. 1809. Beach Tomlinson was born Dec. 1726, died 28th Nov. 1817.

Children of Beach and Charity Tomlinson [Third Generation]:

Josiah,	born 29th July, 1753.
Henry,	" 1st March, 1755.
Agur,	" 1st Dec. 1756.
Eunice,	" 24th Oct. 1758.
Victory,	" 12th Sept. 1760.
Mary,	" 6th March, 1762.
Hannah,	" 28th March, 1764.
Charity,	" 22d March, 1766.
Zachariah, }	" 14th May, 1768.
Elizabeth, }	
Gideon,	" 2d May, 1770.
Elizabeth (2d),	" 1st Oct. 1772.

Gideon (2d), born 19th July, 1774.

David Joseph Nichols, " 22d May, 1779.

Hannah, dau. of Beach Tomlinson, m. 18th July, 1784,
Othniel De Forest, of Huntington, son of Benjamin De
Forest. [Benjamin De Forest was grandson of Isaac
DeForest, of Rochelle, France.] Mrs. Hannah (Tom-
linson) De Forest died 1st Sept. 1803, æ 39. Othniel
De Forest was born 10th April, 1761; died 21st Feby.
1811, æ 50.

Children of Othniel and Hannah De Forest [Fourth
Generation]:

Linson, born 1st March, 1784.

Nancy, " 31st May, 1786.

Linson (2d), " 13th Aug. 1787.

Sydney, " 22d March, 1789.

Maria, " 8th April, 1790.

Charles, " 1st March, 1794.

Linson, son of Othniel De Forest, died in infancy.

Nancy, dau. of Othniel De Forest, m. Rev. — Allen,
of Woodbridge, Conn.

Linson, 2d, son of Othniel De Forest, m. 8th Sept.
1807, Jane Hawley, of Munroe, Conn., dau. of Cyrus
Hawley and Mary Curtiss. Cyrus Hawley was a son
of Milton Hawley and Hepzibah De Forest. Mrs. Jane
(Hawley) De Forest was born 22d Aug. 1797; died 21st
Feby. 1849, æ 51. Linson De Forest died — May, 1823,
æ 36.

Sydney, son of Othniel De Forest, died unmarried.

Maria, dau. of Othniel De Forest, m. Hezekiah Rudd,
of Huntington, Conn.

Charles, son of Othniel De Forest, m. Catharine Bur-
lock, of New York.

Eunice, dau. of Josiah Shelton, m. David Wakelee.

Children of James and Eunice Wakelee [Third Gen-
eration]:

Josiah Shelton,	born	.....1760.
Daniel,	"	.....
Nicholas,	"	.....
James,	"	.....
Gideon,	"	.....
Elijah,	"	.....
Three daughters,	"	.....

One daughter died young; one daughter m. a son of Ebenezer Shelton; another m. a son of — Lewis, of (Old Mill) Stratford.

The original town of Stratford was about twelve miles square, fronting on the Sound, and bounded on the east by the Housatonic River. It was early divided into the Parishes of Ripton, New Stratford, North Stratford, and Stratfield.

In 1789, the Parishes of Ripton and New Stratford were incorporated into a town by the name of Huntington. Long Hill, Corum, and Huntington Landing, are in the town of Huntington.

In 1798, the Parish of North Stratford was taken from Stratford and incorporated into a town by the name of Trumbull.

In 1821, the Parish of Stratfield was incorporated by the name of Bridgeport; and in 1823, New Stratford was taken from Huntington and incorporated by the name of Munroe.

The Rev. Isaac Taylor, in his "Words and Places," pages 121 and 122, says: "Worth is a place warded and protected, and has a meaning nearly the same as *ton* or *garth*. It is probably an enclosed homestead for the churls subordinate to the tun. Anglo-Saxon "Weorthing," English "Worth." A "ton," or "tun" was a place surrounded by a hedge or rudely fortified by pal-

lisades (page 120). Hence arrive the terminations of so many persons and places with "worth" and "ton."

Very little is known of the descendants of Richard Shelton, who went to Virginia. The name is occasionally heard in different parts of the South, and there is a town called Shelton in South Carolina.

Hon. Judge Rives, of Charlottesville, Va., married a grand-daughter of Elizabeth Shelton, dau. of David Shelton. It is a tradition in their family that their progenitor settled in Hanover, Va., and was descended from Sir Ralph Shelton. The Shelton mansion in Hanover was built of brick imported from England; it was recently burned.

Patrick Henry's first wife was a Miss Shelton, of Hanover, Va., and of the same family as David Shelton.

Thomas Benton, of North Carolina, married one of the Virginia family of Sheltons.

John Shelton settled in Rappahannock Co., Virginia, before the war of the Revolution; he was probably a son of Richard. The name, "Richard," is continued among his descendants.

ERRATA.

- Page 46, lines 12 and 13, *for* died 28th Feby. 1786, *read* 24th Dec. 1831.
 Page 54, line 4, *for* John *read* Joseph.
 Page 61, line 16, *for* 59 *read* 69.
 Page 65, line 1, *for* Johamah *read* Jobamah.
 Page 65, line 18, *for* 1789 *read* 1767.
 Page 65, line 19, *for* Nov. *read* Oct.
 Page 65, last line, *for* for June, 1782 *read* Jan. 1872.
 Page 69, line 5, *for* 3 July, 1810, *read* 31 Aug. 1809.
 Page 69, lines 30 and 31, *read* Tabitha in place of _____
 Page 71, line 9, *for* Lune *read* Lum.
 Page 71, line 15, *for* 1824 *read* 1814.
 Page 72, last line, *read* Elizabeth in place of _____
 Page 73, first line, *read* Elizabeth in place of _____
 Page 76, after 17th line insert Anna Scriba.
 Page 76, after 32d line insert: Anna Scriba died 1818, \approx 2 years.
 Page 77, line 9, *for* Lydia *read* Lucy.

ADDENDA—Page 72, etc.

David Shelton, son of Samuel, m. Elizabeth Masters, probably dau. of Samuel Masters, and grand-dau. of Nicholas Masters and Elizabeth Shelton. She was born in 1754, and died 24th May, 1827, æ 73. He died 12th Oct. 1824, æ 83.

Children of David and Elizabeth Shelton [Third Generation]:

Abigail,	born 20th July, 1772.
Samuel Masters,	" 13th Oct. 1774.
Ransom,	" 31st Aug. 1776.
Chloe,	" 9th July, 1778.
Selden,	" 16th Nov. 1781.
Joseph,	" 20th Oct. 1783.
Polly,	" 1786.
Stevens,	"
Hetty Maria,	" 1792.

Abigail, dau. of David Shelton, died 5th Sept. 1775.

Samuel Masters, son of David Shelton, died 30th Aug. 1775.

Ransom, son of David Shelton, m. Mary Pomeroy Burbank. She was born in 1778; died 14th July, 1849. He died 17th April, 1861.

Children of Ransom and Mary Shelton [Fourth Generation]:

Francis Burbank,	born
Mary Ann,	" 1806

Francis Burbank, dau. of Ransom Shelton, m. Edward Nicoll.

Mary Ann, dau. of Ransom Shelton, died 14th March, 1849, unmarried.

Chloe, dau. of David Shelton, died 13th Sept. 1857, unmarried.

Selden, son of David Shelton, m. 23d Feb. 1808, Julia Ann Welton. He died July, 1853.

Children of Selden and Julia Ann Shelton [Fourth Generation]:

Joseph Carlos,	born 6th Dec. 1808.
William D.,	" 1st Nov. 1813.

Joseph, son of David Shelton, m. Martha Canby, of New Haven. She was born 19th Nov. 1786; died 24th Feby. 1842. He died 20th June, 1864.

Children of Joseph and Martha Shelton [Fourth Generation]:

George Edward,	born 18th Dec. 1809.
Augusta Maria,	" 30th Aug. 1811.
Elizabeth Amelia,	" 19th July, 1813.
Augustus Canby,	" 7th Feby. 1816.
Martha Jane,	" 22d July, 1818.
David,	" 3d Nov. 1820.
Nancy Martha,	" 25th Feby. 1823.
Emily,	" 10th Dec. 1824.
Isaac Welles,	" 14th Jany. 1828.
William Joseph,	" 13th Nov. 1829.
Mary Ann,	" 4th April, 1832.

George Edward, son of Joseph Shelton, m. (1st) 5th Oct. 1848, Betsey Clark. She was born in 1813; died 17th March, 1850. He m. (2d) 20th March, 1876, Elizabeth Adah Larkin.

Augusta Maria, dau. of Joseph Shelton, m. 12th Sept. 1833, William R. Bishop. He was born 13th March, 1806.

Elizabeth Amelia, dau. of Joseph Shelton, is unmarried.

Augustus Canby, son of Joseph Shelton, m. 19th Nov. 1858, Ellen Alma Crook. She was born 17th July, 1838.

Martha Jane, dau. of Joseph Shelton, died 30th Sept. 1819, unmarried.

David, son of Joseph Shelton, m. Abigail Bradley.

Nancy Martha, dau. of Joseph Shelton, m. 1852,

Charles Roberts. He was born in 1807; died 6th May, 1870. She died 1st Oct. 1874.

Emily, dau. of Joseph Shelton, m. 2d Sept. 1851, John E. Tallmadge.

Isaac Welles, son of Joseph Shelton, m. 17th Sept. 1850, Caroline Tolmes. She was born 15th June, 1835.

William Joseph, son of Joseph Shelton, died 16th Sept. 1830.

Mary Ann, dau. of Joseph Shelton, died 22d Oct. 1832.



Inscriptions on Monument.

The Monument is a square shaft of Millstone Granite, four feet six inches at the base and eighteen feet high. It is in four pieces: A sub-base, a moulded base, a highly polished die, and shaft. The inscriptions on the die are:

(1)

DANIEL SHELTON,
 BORN IN ENGLAND, DIED 1728.
 MARRIED APRIL 4, 1692,
 ELIZABETH WELLES,
 BORN 1670. DIED APRIL 1, 1747.
 THEIR CHILDREN
 ELIZABETH, BORN JAN'Y 2, 1693.
 MARRIED NICHOLAS MASTERS.
 SARAH, BORN MARCH 26, 1694.
 MARRIED JAMES WAKELEE.
 JOSEPH, BORN JUNE 24, 1696, DIED AUG. 10, 1782.
 DANIEL, BORN JULY 24, 1700, DIED APRIL 4, 1775.
 THADDEUS, BORN DIED NOV. 10, 1781.
 SAMUEL, BORN 1704, DIED NOV. 12, 1772.
 JAMES, BORN 1710, DIED MARCH 21, 1802.
 JOHN, BORN 1712, DIED JUNE 19, 1786.*
 JOSIAH, BORN 1714, DIED APRIL 12, 1782.

On the base is SHELTON, in very large letters in relief.

* 1733.

(2)

JOSEPH SHELTON,

BORN JUNE 24, 1696, DIED AUG. 10, 1782.

MARRIED MARY HOLLISTER MAY 11, 1726.

BORN AUG. 25, 1704, DIED MAY 26, 1782.

THEIR CHILDREN

JOSEPH

BORN APRIL 2, 1727, DIED NOV. 5, 1741.

ANN

BORN 1728, DIED MAY 26, 1762.

MARRIED WILLIAM WELLES MAY 9, 1750.

ELIZABETH

BORN 1733, DIED FEB'Y. 8, 1806.

MARRIED EBENEZER PLUMMER SEPT. 24, 1754.

MARY

BORN 1735, DIED JAN'Y. 12, 1819.

MARRIED ANDREW HURD.

WILLIAM

BORN FEB'Y. 26, 1739, DIED JAN'Y. 27, 1812.

ESTHER

BORN 1746, DIED MARCH 7, 1799.

MARRIED GEORGE THOMSON.

(3)

WILLIAM SHELTON

BORN FEB'Y. 26, 1739, DIED JAN'Y. 27, 1812.

MARRIED OCT. 1, 1764,

SUSANNAH STRONG OF BROOKHAVEN, L. I.

BORN FEB'Y. 1, 1743, DIED APRIL 13, 1816.

THEIR CHILDREN

JOSEPH

AUG. 27, 1765. — SEPT. 1, 1848.

WILLIAM

MARCH 3, 1767. — AUG. 30, 1819.

SELAH

JAN'Y 4, 1770, — AUG. 1830.

NANCY

APRIL 20, 1773, — FEB'Y. 13, 1848.

ELIZABETH

MAY 25, 1776, — FEB'Y. 15, 1804.

PHILO

MAY 25, 1778, — FEB'Y. 24, 1804.

THOMAS STRONG

MAY 15, 1782, — JAN'Y. 13, 1860.

GEORGE

NOV. 6, 1785, — SEPT. 27, 1852.

(4)

JOSEPH SHELTON

BORN AUG. 27, 1765, DIED SEPT. 1, 1848.

MARRIED NOV. 25, 1791,

CHARITY LEWIS OF STRATFORD, CONN.

BORN MARCH 27, 1769. DIED MAY 27, 1847.

THEIR CHILDREN

DELIA

NOV. 30, 1792, — NOV. 19, 1824.

HENRY

APRIL 3, 1795, — JAN'Y. 9, 1843.

STEPHEN LEWIS

SEPT. 2, 1797, — JAN'Y. 19, 1834.

NANCY BATEMAN

JAN'Y. 30, 1800, —

JOSEPH AUGUSTUS

MARCH 19, 1803, — APRIL 18, 1835.

PHILO STRONG

DEC. 15, 1805, —

ELIZABETH WHITE

AUG. 8, 1808, — FEB'Y. 23, 1848.

EDWARD NELSON

SEPT. 4, 1812, —

On the base is engraved:

ERECTED BY
E. N. SHELTON,
1877.

(D)

The Rev. Philo Shelton.

A handsome Monument, elegantly cut in Italian marble, has been erected over his ashes, which were removed from under the chancel of the old Church, in Fairfield, to the new Cemetery in Bridgeport. It is inscribed:

IN MEMORY

OF THE

REV. PHILO SHELTON, A. B.,

Born in Huntington, 1755. Died in 1825.

Graduated at Yale College in 1775, and was forty years Rector of St.

John's Church, Bridgeport, and of Trinity Church, Fairfield;

with the charge also of the Church in Weston

for many years.

A faithful Pastor—A guileless and Godly man.

For twenty-four years a member of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, a firm supporter of Ecclesiastical authority, and a gentle but steady upholder of primitive and apostolic order.

He was one of the four who first received Ordination from the hands of the first American Bishop, the Right Rev. SAMUEL SEABURY, D. D., who commenced on this Continent, in its full offices, the one Catholic and Apostolic Church, in the certain faith that it would continue to the end of the world.

This Monument is erected as a tribute of filial affection, and in grateful remembrance of the piety and virtues of loved and honored parents.

On the other sides are the following :

LUCY SHELTON,

WIDOW OF THE REV. PHILO SHELTON,

Died in 1838, aged 78.

She was a good mother, a devout Christian woman, very conversant with the great subjects of Christ and His Church, and left a name only to be loved and honored by her friends.

LUCY SHELTON, died 1874, aged 90.

HENRIETTA SHELTON, died 1877, aged 83.

Excellent daughters and exemplary Christian women.

Letters.

FROM THE RIGHT REV. JOHN WILLIAMS, D.D., L.L.D., BISHOP
OF CONNECTICUT.

MIDDLETOWN, June 9th, 1877.

My Dear Mr. Shelton :

I find, to my great regret, that I cannot be with you on the 14th. I am very sorry that I must lose the pleasure, for I should be glad thus to evidence my regard for yourself, and also for a family which has so honorable a record in the history of our Church as yours has. I know of no family which is more identified with it.

With kind regards to the family, I am,

Dear Sir, Truly Yours;

J. WILLIAMS.

FROM R. SHELTON MACKENZIE, L.L.D.

PHILA., 1712 LOCUST ST., June 9, 1877.

Dear Sir :

It would have given me much pleasure to have "assisted" at the Dedication of the Shelton Monument on Thursday next, but I had arranged to pass a few days at Ansonia, and I cannot leave this earlier.

The Shelton family came originally from Norfolk in England. Over thirty years ago I visited the village of Shelton, in that county, and found an old Church, with the remains of stained glass windows, on which had been blazoned the three scollp shells argent, (arranged thus * * "two and one," in the language of heraldry,) which indicated that, in the remote past, one of the race had been a pilgrim to the Holy Land. The crest of the



Sheltons of Norfolk, Nottingham and Yorkshire, is "a Lion passant, gules, gorged with a chaplet of laurel, vert." There also are Sheltons of Worcestershire, Staffordshire, and Suffolk. I believe that the original Norfolk crest was "a Saracen's head, proper." The Lion passant was granted in September, 1690.

My great-grandfather was a captain in the English army which the Prince of Orange, afterwards William III, brought to Ireland, to battle with James II, in 1690, distinguished himself so much that he settled in that country, on a large estate in Limerick county, which is now held by my cousin, the Rev. Frederick Shelton.

Our branch of the family has always had a military leaning, and have served in all the wars since the battle of Boyne, on July 1, 1690. There are several of them now in the army.

Longevity is a characteristic of our race. Captain Robert Shelton was 100 years old on June 22, 1809, the day of my birth, and I remember him as far back as 1815,—a fine old man, with white hair in long curls on his shoulders. My mother died at 88, and my aunts respectively at 91, 89, and 87.

I do hope this family gossip may not bore you; and wishing you fine weather on Thursday, have the honor to remain,

Your faithful servant,

R. SHELTON MACKENZIE.

Other letters received have been mislaid.



Inventory of ye Personal Estate of Daniel Shelton.

Administrators, he having died intestate, were appointed by the Probate Court. The Probate Records in Fairfield contain first the Inventory of his personal estate, bearing date April 11, 1728. It is long and a few only of the items are annexed. The Inventory of the real estate was probably destroyed, perhaps by the British when they burned the Court House.

	<i>£</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>p.</i>
One small gilded trunk,	2		6
One book Treating concerning ye Sabbath,			5
A Catechism Book,	3		
Two Service Books,	3		
A Church Catechism,	1		
Book Treating Concerning Faith,	6		
One Quaker Book,			6
Fourteen small books paper covers,	3		
One great History Book,	1	0	0
[Sir Wm. Dugdale's History of the Late Troubles in England: London, 1680.]			
One Book containing Arguments between ye Church & Dissenters,	3		
A Spelling Book,	1		
A small Sermon Book,	1	8	
One Indian Slave called Dick,	45	0	0
One Negro woman called Libb,	50	0	0
One Negro man called Abel,	40	0	0
One Negro man called Aaron,	90	0	0
One Mulatto boy called Ned,	35	0	0
One Negro boy called Tim,	12	0	0
One Negro boy called Cuffee,	55	0	0
One Negro boy called Sharper,	40	0	0
One hogshed sugar,	20	0	0
One hogshed with Rhum,	12	10	
One half and a sixteenth part of a vessel called Indever (Endeavour)	112	10	
300 gallons Rhum,	77	10	

The first mention made in the Probate Courts of the District of Fairfield of any of the Shelton name is of the distribution of the Estate of Daniel Shelton :

	<i>£</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>p.</i>
To the heirs of his widow Elizabeth Shelton,	283	6	8
To Joseph, Daniel, Thaddeus, Samuel, James and Joseph Shelton, the sons living, and the heirs of John Shelton, deceased, and to Elizabeth Masters, the wife of Nicholas Masters, of Woodbury, the same to each,	774	8	0
To Sarah, wife of James Wakelee,	1354	0	1

The property consisting of personal estate and lands lying in Stratford, Stanford, Farmington, Corum, Ripton, Oxford, Derby, Woodbury, at Waterbury, Buck's Hill in the village, at Hancock's Meadow, on Town Plot, at One Pine Bridge, &c. The Record of Distribution is made March 17th, 1747, the Inventory April 11th, 1728, so that Daniel Shelton's estate was not distributed until after the death of his widow.

Widow,	283	6	8
Joseph,	1574	2	8
Daniel,	774	10	3
Thaddeus,	774	8	0
Samuel,	774	8	0
James,	774	8	0
Josiah,	774	8	0
John's heirs,	774	8	0
Elizabeth,	774	8	0
Sarah,	1354	13	1

John Shelton, dying probably unmarried, his estate was distributed to his brothers and sisters by order of the Court of Probate, April 4th, 1749, being £703.15 each to eight persons. Total £5630.

Sept. 4th, 1733, Joseph Shelton was appointed Administrator on the Estate of John Shelton.

The Will of Mrs. Elizabeth Shelton,

WIDOW OF DANIEL SHELTON.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Elizabeth Shelton, of Stratford in Fairfield County, being aged and Sick and apprehensive of being near my End, but through ye Goodness of God have ye use of Reason and understanding y^t it is appointed for all to die think best to make this my Last Will and Testament, and first of all I fully Resign my Soul unto y^e hands of God who gave it, hoping and trusting in ye mercy of God and ye merits of Jesus Christ my only Saviour and Redeemer to find pardon and acceptance, and my body to be committed to y^e dust from whence it was taken to a Deasent buriall at ye discretion of my Executor hereafter named, and as for what worldly Goods and Estate it hath pleased y^e Lord to besto upon me, I freely give and bequeath as followeth: In the first place my will is that all my just debts and funeral expenses shall be fir-t paid and satisfied.

Item—I hereby Give and bequeath unto my Loveing Dafter Sarah Wakelee to her and her heirs for Ever my Gold Beeds and also y^e Equal half of my wareing Appariel and twenty pounds bills of credit of y^e old Tennor.

Item—I freely Give and bequeath unto my Loveing Son James Shelton and to his heirs and Assigns forever my Negro Girl called Darciss.

Item—I freely Give and bequeath unto my Loveing Son Josiah Shelton and to his heirs forever my four Negroes namely Abel, Libb, Olive and Noah.

Item—I freely Give and bequeath unto my Loveinu Dafter Elizebeth Masters of Woodbury y^e Equil half of all my wareing apparil and also ten pounds in bills of Credit of y^e old tenor to her and her heirs for Ever.

An my will further is that all y^e Rest of my Estate shall be eqaley divided between my children hereafter named, that is to say, Joseph Shelton, Danl. Shelton, Thadiah Shelton, Saml. Shelton and Josiah Shelton, to them and there heires for Ever; and I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty and Loveing friend Capt. Richard Hubble of Stratford to be my sole Executor of this my Last Will and Testament, hereby revoking and makeing null and voided all other and former wilts by me heretofore made Ratefying and Confirming this to be my Last Will and Testament. In witness I do hereby Sign Seal publis and declrear this my to be Last will and Testament.

ELIZABETH SHELTON, [L.S.]

In presents of Saml Beard, Jur., Mary Beard, James Beard.

Noat—in y^e bequest to Sarah Wakelee part of two lines past and also ye words and twenty pounds bills of credit old tenor was Interling before Signing and Sealing.

