

359. MARY SOPHIA THOMAS, b. at Charlestown, Mass., June 15, 1839. She is a teacher in the Boston schools, where she has taught for thirty years; umm.
300. CHARLES WARREN THOMAS, b. at Boston July 26, 1849; m. Ophelia Bolton; lives at Jefferson City, Mo., and has issue. c. D. T.

134. LEWIS AVERY THOMAS<sup>o</sup> (son of William,<sup>4</sup> Dr. William,<sup>5</sup> Amon,<sup>6</sup> William<sup>1</sup>) was b. at Hardwick, Vt., May 22, 1807. He was a graduate of Williams College and was also a student in the Yale Law School.

His course in life was so erratic and so many of those contemporary with him are dead or lost sight of, that it would be impossible to give a concise biography without investigating the early records of Iowa, where, after receiving his education, and a short sojourn in Troy, N. Y., he made his home the rest of his days. Some time in the last half of the "thirties" he commenced the practice of law at Dubuque, on the Upper Mississippi, and was prominent in the affairs of that region and of that territory after it was organized. He was early District Attorney for Dubuque and State's Attorney for Iowa. Although from an unbroken line of Whig stock, he early advocated Democratic doctrines as best for that western world. He established a newspaper which was called the *Miners' Express*, of which he was the editor and ran it in the interest of the Democratic party.

After Iowa became a State he was a candidate for Congress, and, starting a campaign paper called the *Spike*, facetiously remarked in the prospectus that it was given that name because it was intended to spike the big guns of Whiggery. However, he was not elected, and was never an M.C.; but spent many winters in Washington, advocating Western enterprises—among them a railroad to the Pacific. A company was finally organized, composed of wealthy and influential men in all parts of the country, North and South, many of them members