

farmer and land surveyor, and his services were frequently called into requisition in settling disputed claims.

Seth R. Shackford

From his Journal, Jan. 15, 1810.

In 1810, he set out on the 15th of January for the Ohio country, and

traveled the entire distance to the Sciota river on foot. Much of his way lay through an almost pathless wilderness, with often nothing but an Indian trail to guide him. He returned on horseback, having purchased a horse there, and in returning, crossed the Alleghany mountains. During this journey he kept a minute daily journal of the distance made, places visited, condition of the land and settlements, and other interesting items. This old journal is a document of great value, from its description of places visited, and deserves to be published as a contribution to local history. He reached home, April 4th, 1811. He went to Ohio with the intention of living with a great uncle, Capt. Josiah Shackford,¹ a resident of Portsmouth, but not being pleased with the prospect, returned. He was a man of full information, a great reader, and though not of strong health, lived to the age of sixty-five. He died 9 April, 1848. His wife died 11 July, 1863. Children :

48. William Adams,⁶ b. 8 March, 1807.

49. Elizabeth Boardman,⁶ b. 22 May, 1808. Resides at Newmarket.

50. Samuel Adams,⁶ b. 22 Aug. 1810; d. 3 Feb. 1864, at Chicopee, Mass.

51. Mary Ann,⁶ b. 16 April, 1812.

52. Martha Lane,⁶ b. 7 Jan. 1815; d. 20 April, 1832.

53. Abba Adams,⁶ b. 1 April, 1819.

54. Ruth Webb,⁶ b. 12 Dec. 1820.

55. Ellen Porter,⁶ b. 7 Nov. 1826. Married B. F. Champion, a lawyer

¹ See Appendix VIII.