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Children of Noah and Harriet (Giddleman) Butts.

Noah Butts learned ropemaking of his father in Cambridgeport, Mass. I have heard him relate a great many times, with a good deal of humor, his first experience in leaving home. During a day of military duty, known in those days as "General Muster", the ropemakers surrounded a house of notorious fame and, with a cable taken from the factory, drew the establishment to an embankment and dumped it into the Charles River. He was a leader in the performance and a warrant was soon made out for his arrest, but before it could be served he was notified by friends, and before daylight next day he was on his way to New York. There was no public convenance in those days except by stage, and even those did not take passengers every day. In fear of arrest, he started on foot and was well on his way before he had been missed. He walked the entire distance to New York and, not finding employment, continued the walk until he reached Baltimore, Md., where he began ropemaking again. A year later found him engaged in steam engineering. Three years later, after a scalding accident on a steamboat in the Chesapeak Bay, he returned to Cambridgeport, where he applied steam power to ropemaking in the Charlestown Navy Yard. He was soon after appointed Chief Engineer, in which capacity he remained until his death, September 3, 1860. He married 168 Harriet Giddleman, of Baltimore, Md., December 25, 1817. She died April 7, 1877. They had