

perhaps, 125 or 130 lbs. She had light brown hair, of a silky texture; a high, broad forehead; large, bright, black eyes; a nose of the Grecian type, and a small mouth and chin. When she was a young woman she was ranked as one of the handsomest women who came to Mendham church.

She was of a lively, jovial turn of mind, much enjoying sallies of wit and repartee. From her childhood she was very fond of reading, not only of books, but of the few newspapers that came in her reach. As she advanced in life, and newspapers and magazines became more abundant, her reading was almost exclusively of that order of literature, by which means she was fully abreast of the times in which she lived, almost to the day of her death. The last year or two of her life her memory of recent events began to fail, but she had a vivid recollection of occurrences of the first part of her life. She could distinctly remember hearing the Mendham church bell tolled when the news was received of the death of General George Washington.

The children of Samuel L. and Nancy Sanders Axtell were:

8th Generation.

1st, Silas Henry, born in Mendham, Morris Co., N. J., Feb. 20th, 1813.

2nd, Ephraim Sanders, born in Mendham, Morris Co., N. J., Dec. 8th, 1814.

3rd, Sarah Ann Rodgers, born in Franklin Co., O., March 8th, 1817.

4th, Samuel Beach, born in Franklin Co., O., Oct. 14th, 1819.

5th, Rufus Sanders, born in Jersey, Licking Co., O., Jan. 7th, 1822.

6th, Mary Reeve, born in Jersey, Licking Co., O., Dec. 25th, 1823.

7th, Martha Dod, born in Mendham, Morris Co., N. J., March 26th, 1826.

8th, Nancy Kezia, born in Mendham, Morris Co., N. J., March 20th, 1828.

9th, Infant daughter, born in Mendham, Morris Co., N. J., Feb. 25th, 1830.

10th, Infant daughter, born in Mendham, Morris Co., N. J., March 21st, 1831.

11th, Josephus Sanders, born in Mendham, Morris Co., N. J., March 20th, 1832.

12th, Phebe Joanna Clark, born in Mendham, Morris Co., N. J., June 6th, 1834.

13th, Pamela Guerin, born in Mendham, Morris Co., N. J., Jan. 22nd, 1837.

14th, Julien Harrison, born in Mendham, Morris Co., N. J., March 4th, 1839.

Silas Henry, first child of Samuel L. and Nancy S. Axtell, was born on a small farm three miles west of Morristown, N. J., on the Washington turnpike. When he was a young man he attended Ezra Fairchild's high school at Mendham, and taught several