

lished in 1802, Dr. Lewis Beers became postmaster, until 1811, when Jabez, his brother, took the office. This migration took place in 1797, from Stratford, Fairfield county, Conn. Dr Beers became very prominent in town and county and occupied the place owned by E. L. B. Curtis, Esq. He was first Justice of the Peace, receiving his commission from Hon. Daniel D. Tompkins, Governor. His brother Jabez succeeded him. He was a member of the Legislature, President of the Owego and Ithaca Turnpike Company until 1841, and first pastor of the New Jerusalem Church (Sweedborgian), which faith he adopted in 1813, and was followed in its ministry by Rev. Dr. Brown. In all his public positions he evinced an unflinching desire to do his whole duty, and died at eighty-three, having filled the full measure of a useful life. In 1805, he brought from Stratford his parents, Abner and Hannah, with his brother Nathan. The aged couple passed away 1816-17. About 1805-6, came Joseph Judson, Nathan Adams with his brother Seymour and wife, and Comfort Butler and wife. (The history of Tompkins county above quoted.)

We have mentioned a tradition that Ephraim (4) went to Ohio with Joseph, his son;—another that he went with David to Howard. It seems that this last statement is correct, and that the Baptist ministers were Thaddeus and Joseph. However there was a Joseph (5) who removed to Indiana about 1820.

Under date of September 11, Hon. B. F. Bennett writes, clearing up some points touched upon. He is son to Rev. Joseph Bennett of Thaddeus of Ephraim (4) and married Eunice, daughter of Green M. Bently, sister to Hannah, wife of Ephraim (5). His statement accounts for Rev. Joseph's interest in "one of Green Bently's girls," as stated by Mrs. Craig. He says that the mother of Eunice was sister to General Nathaniel Green, of Revolutionary fame. I consider this in part doubtful yet that Mrs. Bathsheba (Lewis) Bently was a Green and her children cousins to the General. Circumstances also confirm the tradition. Rhode Island people from Warwick transplanted its name to Orange county, N. Y. Green M. was of both Warwicks. General Nathaniel Green was born in the first named place in 1746, Green M. in 1741. William (3) married late in life, Mrs. Bathsheba bearing William (4), her first son in 1735. It is not of course impossible that the relation of brother and sister existed, but it is more nearly certain that she was sister to the father, who was an "anchor smith," at Warwick, which trade Nathaniel was taught. It would further account for the introduction of the unusual name Green in the family, which is now borne in in the eighth generation. In 1768, Nathaniel became a member of the Colonial Legislature. His military genius becoming known, in 1776, Congress made him a Major General and he became the "right hand of Washington," taking conspicuous part in the battles of Brandywine, Germantown, Guilford Court House, Camden, S. C., Fort Ninety-six and Eutaw Springs, which ended the war in the South. As an honorable reward, Congress voted General Green a gold medal and a captured British standard.

Mr. Bennett says: "Thomas Strait Bennett (6) married my mother, and died at Havana, N. Y. about 1812, leaving two children, Ephraim (7) and Ruby