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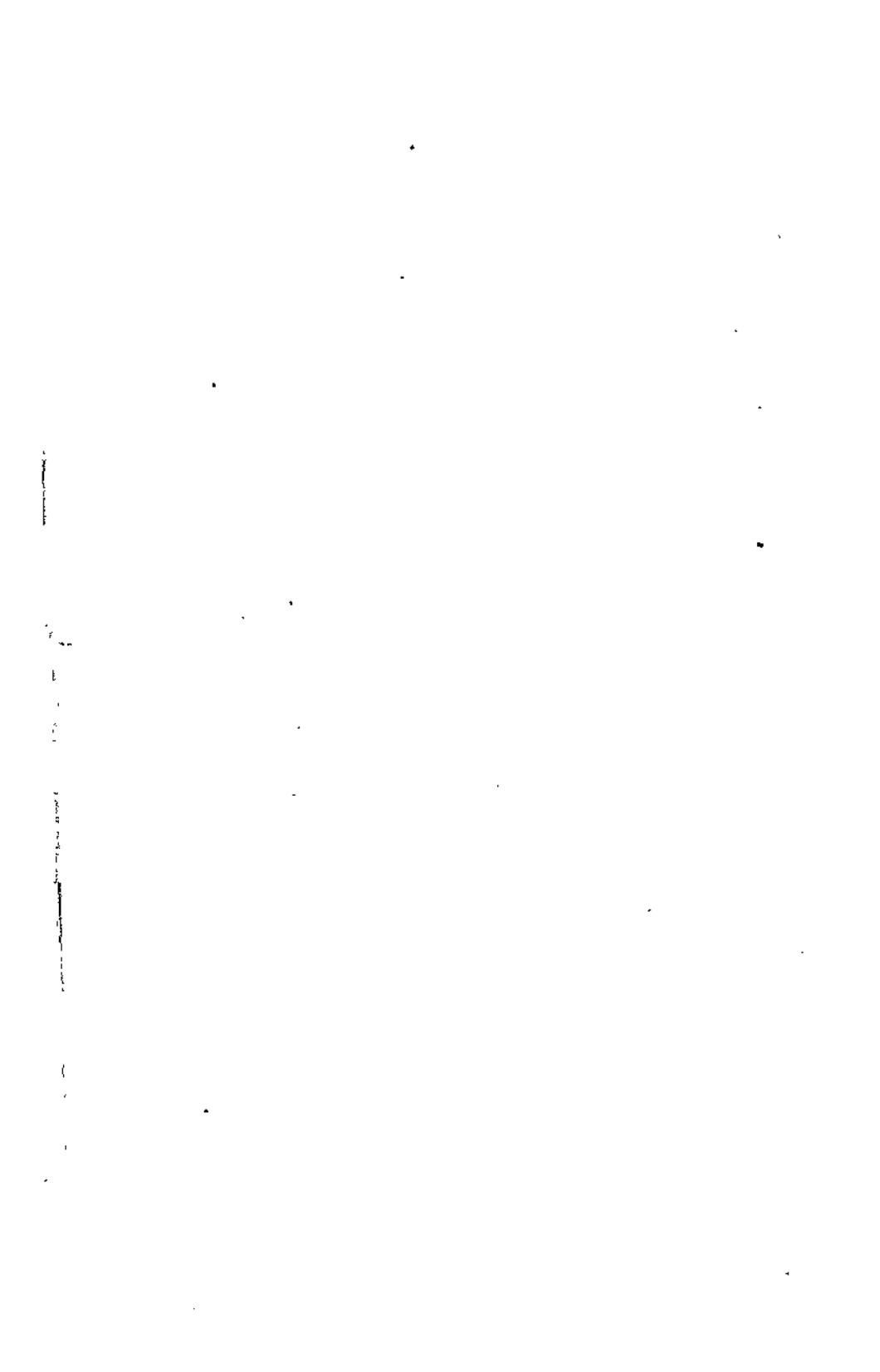
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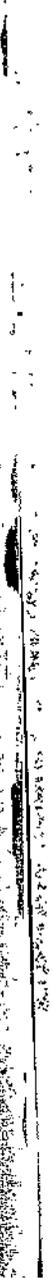
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## ...INTRODUCTION...

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**T**HIS little volume, containing the family history, as far as I have been able to learn, of John Bayles, born in England, although insignificant in size, has occupied much of the writer's time for several years. That this record is incomplete, and perhaps in places inaccurate, I realize. It has been difficult to obtain access to records, and in many instances, I am sorry to say, members of the family have failed to take sufficient interest in the enterprise to answer questions which I have asked of them. Crude as it is it has seemed to me that the importance of placing what I have been able to gather in a permanent form warrants the step which I have taken.

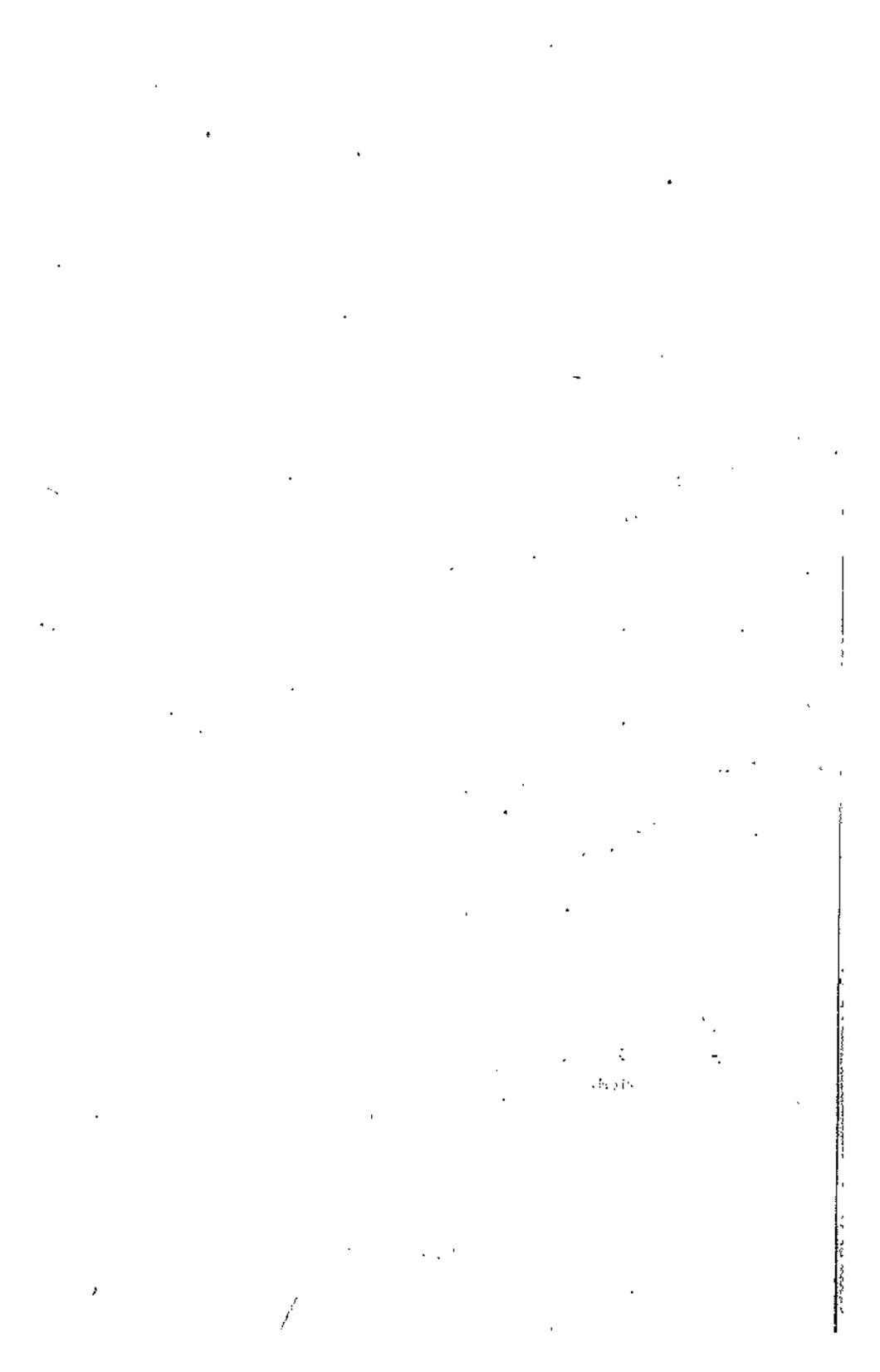
To the relatives and friends who have assisted me with suggestions and information I take this opportunity of returning my thanks. If a perusal of this booklet will inspire any of the members of the family to a more thorough searching out of the ramifications and the history of our family, I shall feel more than repaid for the hours spent upon the pages which follow.

I am, fraternally yours,

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# THE ANCESTORS OF THE BAYLES FAMILY IN THE UNITED STATES.

(SPELLED BAYLES, BAYLIE, BAYLEY, BAYLIS AND BAYLIES).

**J**OHAN BAYLIE (Bayles, Bayley), born in 1617, in England, embarked in the "True Love of London" for the Bermudas in 1635 when eighteen years of age, and was examined by the minister at Gravesend as to Conformity (See Hotton's Early Emigrants.)

In April, 1654, he was in New Haven, came to Southold, Long Island, in 1658, and was the owner of land adjoining Joseph Young. Sept. 22d, 1661, he sold his house and lot to John Tuthill, as per deed recorded in Suffolk County. After that date his name does not appear on the records of Southold. (William Wells, also of Southold, came as a passenger in the same ship with John Baylie in 1635.)

The English settlers of Long Island came across the sound from Connecticut about 1650-55. Among the number was Elias Bayley, whose name appears among the first settlers of Setauket as Elias Baylis. (See Thompson's History of Long Island.) In 1655 he was in Newton, and was an officer of the town from that date until 1660. He may have been, and probably was, a brother of John Baylie, of Southold (afterwards of Jamaica), as John had a son named Elias, and both seemed to have more or less business relations with the Denton family. Elias was Mr. Denton's attorney in Stamford in closing up his business there, and John was associated with his sons in the purchase from the Indians of land in New Jersey.

The Rev. Richard Denton and his three sons were among the earliest settlers of Hempstead and Jamaica. It is supposed that

Mr. Denton came to New England with Sir Richard Saltonstall and Robert Field, who brought over a large party of emigrants about 1680. Prior to that time he was the curate of Coley Chapel, Hipperholme, in Yorkshire, where Saltonstall and Field lived. It is probable that Elias Bayley and many of the Long Island settlers came in the same company.

By permission of the Dutch governor, the settlement of the town now called Jamaica was commenced about 1656. In 1660 a more formal patent was granted by Gov. Stuyvesant, in which it was incorporated by the name of Rusdorpe, from a town of that name in Holland. After the conquest by the English in 1664 the name was changed to Jamaica.

The following is an abstract from the Town Records, March 13, 1662. "It is ordered and agreed by the town that John Bayles shall keep an ordinary in the town of Rusdorpe for the entertaining of strangers, and that he shall forthwith set upon the work to provide for strangers, and to give entertainment to such strangers, as shall come." March 16, 1662. It was ordered by the town that the townsmen (select men or magistrate) shall look after the procuring of a minister. The Townsmen who were charged with the aforesaid business were John Bayles, Nathaniel Denton and Thomas Foster.

A petition to Gov. Nichols, dated Jamaica, Sept. 26, 1664, asking permission to purchase from the Indians a large tract of land in New Jersey, signed by John Bailies, Daniel Denton, Thomas Benedict, Nathaniel Denton, John Foster and Luke Watson, was favorably considered by the Governor, and permission was granted Oct. 28 the same year. The purchase was soon after made and was confirmed by the Governor, December 2, 1664.

The deed from the Indians, which is on record in the office of Secretary of State, Trenton, New Jersey, conveys to John Baylies, Daniel Denton, Luke Watson and associates the tract of land, Staten Island, from the main land and to run northward up after Cull Bay till we come att the first river which setts westward (Passaic) out of the Bay aforesaid. And to run Westward into the Country twice the length as it is broad from the North to the South of the above mentioned bounds (about 200,000 acres.)

The consideration for this land mentioned in the deed was "Twenty fathoms of Trayden Cloth, two made cotes, two gunnes, two kettles, ten barrs of lead, twenty handfulls of powder, and four hundred fathoms of white wampon."

Sept. 8, 1665, John Bayles sold to Philip Carteret, then Governor of New Jersey, his interest in the above purchase, the deed of which is also recorded in Trenton, New Jersey, and is as follows:

"Indenture between John Bayles, of Jamaica, in Yorkshire, upon Long Island, of the one part, and Philip Carteret, Esq., Governor of the Province of New Jersey, upon the main land of America, of the other part, witnesseth: The said John Bayles, for and in consideration of a valuable sum to him in hand paid by the said Philip Carteret, the said Bayles hath sold to Philip Carteret all and every of my lott or lotts, part or parts, of a certain piece of land, situate, lying and being on the main continent of America, commonly called or known by the name of Arthur Cull or Emboyle or what other names soever it hath been, or now is called, which said parcel of land he, the said John Bayles, with several others, did lawfully purchase from the natives, or Indians, bearing date the 28th day of October, 1664, which was confirmed by the Right Hon. Col. Richard Nichols, Governor of His Royal Highness' Territories in America; his grant bearing date the first day of December, 1664. To have and to hold, etc."

It will be noticed that the name is here spelled Bailies, Bayley and Bayles, undoubtedly referring to the same person.

### SECOND GENERATION.

DANIEL BAYLES (son of the above John Bayles), in 1727, bought a tract of land in Middlesex, N. J., of 317 acres, more or less. A copy of the deed of the above 317 acres is taken from the Record of Perth Amboy to Daniel Bayley of ye County of Middlesex.

Daniel had two sons, Samuel and John of Cranbury near Kingstown. We have no date of Samuel's birth. John was born in 1727 and Robert Bayles says "Samuel was an elder in the Church at Cranbury in 1748 when John was only twenty-one." Samuel had three sons, Daniel, Samuel, John, and they served in the Revolutionary War.

### THIRD GENERATION.

JOHN (the second son of Daniel) was born in April, 1727, in Middlesex, near Kingston, N. J. Married Susannah Burtis, March 31, 1847. She was born 1732 and died 1816 and they lived on the homestead.

In the time of the war of the Revolution, he was an officer and held some papers of great importance to our government. The British on hearing of it went to his home and demanded them on peril of his life, which so frightened a fourteen year old daughter, that she died. When he was away in the service the home was left in charge of the women and slaves.

The British officers took possession for several months and on leaving took the horses and many other valuables they could drive and carry away.

## FOURTH GENERATION.

### FAMILY RECORD OF JOHN BAYLES.

JOHN BAYLES was born April 26, 1727. Susannah Burtis was born February 2, 1732, died 1816. They were married March 31, 1747.

#### CHILDREN.

1. Phebe Bayles was born on Saturday, the sixth day of August, 1748.
2. John Bayles was born on Saturday, the fifth day of January, 1751.
3. Anna Bayles was born on Tuesday, the sixth day of April, 1753.
4. Mary Bayles was born on Wednesday, the ninth day of July, 1755.
5. Amey Bayles was born on Saturday, the fourth day of August, 1759.
6. Richard Bayles was born on Thursday, the fifth day of January, 1762.
- + 7. Daniel Bayles was born on Thursday, the ninth day of October, 1764.
8. Sarah Bayles was born on Saturday, the second day of May, 1767.
9. Samuel Bayles was born on Sabbath day, the fourteenth day of January, 1770.
- <sup>2</sup><sub>p/6</sub> 10. Susannah Bayles was born on Tuesday, the first day of July, 1772.
11. William Bayles was born on Tuesday, the thirteenth day of September, 1774.

### ADDITIONAL RECORDS OF FAMILY OF JOHN BAYLES.

PHEBE (1) married Samuel Wetherill, and had children—George, Anna, Sarah.

#### DESCENDANTS OF JOHN BAYLES, OF KINGSTON, N. J.

JOHN BAYLES (2), eldest son of John Bayles and Susanna Burtis, was born January 5, 1751. Married Anna, daughter of Robert Davison, June 17, 1773. She was born April 6, 1753, and died Jan. —, 1789. He married, second, Teuntie, daughter of Matthias Van Dyke, about 1790. He died Nov. 5, 1820, in his seventieth year, and was buried in the cemetery at North

Branch, Somerset County, N. J., as was also his wife Teuntie, who died Jan. 26, 1825, in the sixty-eighth year of her age. His tombstone bears the following inscription: "Major John Bayles, died Nov. 5, 1820, aged sixty-nine years and ten months."

✓ CHILDREN OF JOHN BAYLES AND ANNA DAVISON.

1. Robert, born March 10, 1774.
2. Susanna, born June 13, 1776.
3. John, born Feb. 28, 1779.
4. Rachel, born May 7, 1781. Unmarried. Died Dec. 11, 1857.
5. Samuel, born Sept. 22, 1783. Unmarried. Died March 26, 1813.
6. William, born June 8th, 1786.

CHILDREN OF JOHN BAYLES AND TEUNTIE VAN DYKE.

7. Anna, born, 1770, died June 17, 1791.
8. Eleanor, born April 5, 1792; died Feb. 9, 1868. Unmarried.
9. Sarah, born August, 1793; died Dec. 1, 1865. Unmarried.
10. Mary Ann, born ——— 1795; died ——— Unmarried.
11. Phebe, born April 20, 1798. Married Isaac Voorhees.
12. Catharine, born ——— 1800. Married Ansel Hubbard.
13. Jacob, born Sept. 14, 1801. ✓

✓ ROBERT BAYLES (1), eldest son of John Bayles and Anna Davison, was born March 10, 1774, and died Aug. 2, 1847. Married Rebecca, daughter of Major John Gulick; born Sept. —, 1785, and died Dec. 2, 1857.

He was a merchant farmer and stage proprietor, being largely interested in the stage line carrying passengers from New Brunswick to Trenton, about twenty-five miles, in connection with the steamboats. The railroad which opened in 1835 destroyed the business.

Kingston, where he lived, was midway between New York and Philadelphia, and the only stopping place between New Brunswick and Trenton for the stages.

CHILDREN.

1. William G., born Nov. 9, 1802.
2. Susan Ann, born Nov. 29, 1805.
3. George, born May 2, 1807.
4. Robert J., born Dec. 13, 1810.
5. Margaretta M., born Dec. 31, 1812; died July 3, 1869. Unmarried.
6. Emma, born Jan. 29, 1815.
7. Maria, born Feb. —, 1818, died Jan. 2, 1828.
8. John G., born May 8, 1824.
9. Alexander, b., Jan. 6, 1826.

SUSANNA (2), eldest daughter of John Bayles and Anna Davison; born June 13, 1776; married Benjamin Bullock, of North Branch, N. J., Aug. 13, 1798; died Oct. 10, 1757.

CHILDREN.

1. Nancy, born Jan. 15, 1800; married Cornelius Whitenack; died May 18, 1878.
2. John, born ———, died ———, 1803.
3. Rebecca, born Dec. 15, 1804; married Jacob Pen Eyck; died Oct. 25, 1881.
4. John B., born April 16, 1807; unmarried; died Aug. 7, 1838, in Iowa.
5. Thomas B., born Nov. 18, 1810; married Jane Hixen; died Jan. 8, 1850.
6. Robert B., born March 9, 1812; married Bathsheba Thomas; died Aug. 28, 1852.
7. Samuel, born Sept. 28, 1814; unmarried; died Aug. 20, 1863.
8. Rachel Ann, born Sept. 18, 1816; unmarried; died July 3, 1855.
9. Margaret, born Feb. 27, 1820; unmarried; died Nov. 26, 1839.

JOHN (3), second son of John Bayles and Anna Davison; born Feb. 28, 1779; married Maria, daughter of Col. Bemardus Swartwout, of New York. He was a lawyer by profession and at one time lived in New York. They had three children—Maria, Julia and Cornelia. He died Oct. 8, 1851.

WILLIAM (4), third son of John Bayles and Anna Davison; born June 8, 1786; married Sarah Staats, of Bounk Brook, N. J., who was born March 15, 1787, and died Feb. 16, 1870. He died Dec. 14, 1853. They had but one child, Margaret Ann; born June 24, 1815.

JACOB (5), only son of John Bayles and Teuntie Van Dyke, was born Sept. 14, 1801; died Dec. 23, 1877. Married Brachia, daughter of Richard Stout, of North Branch; born Oct. 16, 1817, and died Aug. 5, 1855.

CHILDREN.

1. Elizabeth S., born Nov. 29, 1842.
2. Jannettie S., born April 17, 1844.
3. John V. D., born May 12, 1845; married Annie B. Hughs.
4. Eleanor, born Aug. 8th, 1847; married Henry M. Wikoff.
5. Richard S., born June 8, 1850.
6. Robert, born March 22, 1852; married Anna L. Conly.

WILLIAM G., son of Robert Bayles and Rebecca Gulick; born Nov. 9,

1802; married Sarah, daughter of Judge Frederick Cruser, of Rocky Hill, Somerset County, N. J., Sept. 24, 1827. She was born Nov. 6, 1802, and died April 22, 1877. He was a prosperous farmer and lived in Middlesex County, N. J.

CHILDREN.

1. Robert, born Sept. 3, 1828.
2. Martha, born Oct. 23, 1830. Unmarried.
3. George A., born June 2, 1833.
4. Frederick C., born April 16, 1838. Unmarried. Now living (1899) in Glasgow, Ky.
5. William Harrison, born June 26, 1841.
6. Westley Hunt, born March 20, 1847.

SUSAN ANN, eldest daughter of Robert Bayles and Rebecca Gulick; born Nov. 29, 1805; died Feb. 11, 1879. Married Dr. Jared I. Dunn, Sept. 24, 1827, a physician of Princeton, N. J., well and favorably known as a surgeon in that part of New Jersey. He died Jan. 21, 1851. Their children were—

1. Robert Thomas, born ——— 1829.
2. Virginia I., born March, 1831; married Karl Langlotz.
3. Edgar W. D.
4. Georgianna, married Rev. Leonidas Coyle.

GEORGE, second son of Robert Bayles and Rebecca Gulick; born May 2, 1807. Married Margaret Ann, daughter of William Bayles, Nov. 10, 1836; born June 24, 1815. He was a physician and practiced his profession in Kingston, N. J., where he died April 3, 1839.

CHILDREN.

1. Charles Olmstead, born Sept. 7, 1837; died Aug. 28, 1849.
2. Georgianna, born Oct. 20, 1839; died Feb. 15, 1843.

MARGARET ANN, widow of George Bayles; married, second, Cornelius W. La Tourette, in 1845, and had children.

1. Frederick B., born April 27, 1846; died Sept. 3, 1849.
2. John, born April 20, 1848; died April 25, 1849.
3. Louis B., born July 28, 1854; died Aug. 3, 1876.
4. Eugene D., born Dec. 29, 1857.

ROBERT JAMES, third son of Robert Bayles and Rebecca Gulick; born Dec. 13, 1810; married Amanda, daughter of Phineas Withington. He lived on a farm near Princeton; died Oct. 15, 1868.

CHILDREN.

1. Annie, born Aug. 17, 1846; married Edmund P. Wills.

2. Sarah W., born Feb. 26, 1848; married Geo. A. Bayles.
3. Alexander G., born March 16, 1852.
4. Maria E., born March 3, 1854; married William Moore.
5. Edward B., born July 13, 1856; died young.
6. Phineas W., born June 2, 1859; died young.

EMMA, daughter of Robert Bayles and Rebecca Gulick; born June 29, 1815; married June 30, 1840, Rev. Wm. H. MacAuley, and went with him to India, where he was a missionary. After living in India several years they returned and settled in Alabama, his native state, where he died.

#### CHILDREN.

1. Anna Rebecca, born April 1, 1841, in Mynapour, India; married Wm. Ross Brown, of Mimford, Ala., May, 1877.
2. Emma Margaretta, born Jan. 27, 1843, in Futtehghur, India; married William J. Russell, April 24, 1868.
3. Eliza Janetta, born Feb. 12, 1848, in Futtehghur, India; married James B. Mallory, of Oxford, Ala., Feb. 8, 1872.
4. William Daniel, born March 13, 1849, in Futtehghur, India. Married Ella E. Underwood, of Uniontown, Ala. Dec. 22, 1875.
5. Robert Chalmers, born March 17, 1852, in Talladega, Ala.; married Laura Dean, Newport, Ark., March 20, 1883.
6. Mary Elizabeth, born Oct. 17, 1854, in Uniontown, Ala.; married John M. Bowie.

JOHN G., son of Robert Bayles and Rebecca Gulick; born May 8, 1824; married Adeline DeGraw, Oct. 5, 1847; died June 29, 1899. Was a physician. Their children were—

1. Robert Paul, born July 16, 1848.
2. John Irwin, born Oct. 7, 1849.
3. Voorhees DeGraw, born March 10, 1851.
4. George, born Nov. 4, 1853.
5. Frank, born March 24, 1856.
6. Addie, born Sept. 5, 1860; died Nov. 23, 1864.
7. Scuyler C., born July 31, 1868.

ALEXANDER, youngest son of Robert Bayles and Rebecca Gulick; born Jan. 6, 1826; married Catherine R., daughter of Isaac Van Dyke, Dec. 14, 1847; born Sept. 8, 1829.

#### CHILDREN.

1. Josephene, born Nov. 26, 1848.
2. John W., born Feb. 21, 1851; died April 17, 1852.
3. Charles A., born April 23, 1853.

4. Robert W., born July 5, 1856.
5. Ella, born June 18, 1857.
6. Cora, born Nov. 10, 1859.
7. Anna J., born Feb. 22, 1862.
8. Margaretta, born Oct. 24, 1865.
9. Van Dyke, born July 2, 1868.
10. Elizabeth, born Sept. 13, 1871.

**ROBERT**, eldest son of William G. Bayles and Sarah Cruser, was born Sept. 3, 1828, in Rocky Hill, Somerset County, N. J., in the house of his grandfather, Frederick Cruser. The house was once occupied by Gen. Washington for several months, at the close of the war, while Congress was in session in Princeton. In this house Washington wrote his farewell address to the army, which is dated "Rocky Hill, near Princeton, Nov. 2, 1783."

He received his education at the village school at Kingston, where his father lived as a farmer. He left home in 1850 and took a position in the American Exchange Bank, at the end of ten years was assistant cashier, and in 1861 was appointed cashier of the Market Bank. Two years after he was elected president, which position he held thirty-three years until 1896, when he retired as chief officer of the bank.

Married Nov. 28, 1865, Martha, daughter of A. Hosford Smith, of Grand Rapids, Mich.

#### CHILDREN.

1. Robert W., born March 16, 1867, is a mechanical engineer, graduate of Stevens' Institute.
2. Chester, born October 9, 1870; graduate of Princeton.
3. Ella H., born Jan. 31, 1872; married Mahlon L. Hoagland.
4. William, born Oct. 11, 1874; graduate of Princeton.
5. Mary Louise, born May 9, 1879.

**GEORGE A.**, son of William G. Bayles and Sarah Cruser; born June 2, 1833; married Sarah W., daughter of Robert J. Bayles, in 1874. He resided on the homestead farm until his father's death, when he purchased a farm in the vicinity of Princeton.

#### CHILDREN.

1. Walter J., born June —, 1876; died Feb. 8, 1888.
2. Frederick, born Oct. —, 1880.

**WILLIAM HARRISON**, son of William G. Bayles and Sarah Cruser; born June 26, 1841; married Oct. 13, 1874, Charlotte Isabel Peck, daughter of Henry W. Peck.

#### CHILDREN.

1. Sarah Josephene, born Aug. 15, 1879.
2. Madge Isabel, born Jan. 21, 1882.

WESTLEY HUNT, youngest son of William G. Bayles and Sarah Crusier; born March 21, 1847; married Mary H., daughter of Isaac Scudder, June 7, 1891. Is a teller in the Market and Fulton National Bank, and resides in Orange, N. J.

#### CHILDREN.

1. Loring, born May 11, 1894.
2. Westley H., born June 5, 1899.

ANNA (3) married James Chambers. Daughter—Elizabeth, married James Copper, of Philadelphia.

MARY BAYLES (4) married Joseph Mount. Has descendents living in Philadelphia.

AMY BAYLES (5) married Samuel Potts. Their children were John, Thomas, William, Eliza and Susannah Potts.

RICHARD BAYLES (6), born January 5, 1762; married Helena Crusier. Their children were Ann and Elizabeth. Vande Water married Ann. Chester Rude married Elizabeth Bayles. Richard died January 5, 1791.

DANIEL (7) married Margout Van Hyce. Their children were David, Aaron, Phebe, William, John, Robert, Mary, Burtis and Susan. *p. 74*

SARAH (8), born May 2, 1767; died 1781 of fright.

SAMUEL (9), born January 14, 1770, and married his brother Richard's widow, Helena C. Bayles. Their children were Cornelia, John, Amy and Henry.

1. Cornelia married Cooper Corbett, of Corbettsville, N. Y.
2. John married Elmira Cooper of the same place.
3. Amy married Mr. Carrier.
4. Henry married Abigail Bercalew, of New Jersey.

CORNELIA BAYLES married Cooper Corbett. Their children—Elizabeth, Ira, Suel, Robert, Emma, Cooper, Virgil, Cornelia, Charles, Mary and Frank.

1. Elizabeth married Vosburg.
2. Mary married William Barnes and lives in Pasadena, Cal. A Baptist Clergyman of Binghamton.

3. Cornelia married Mr. Ross, of Binghamton, a manufacturer.
4. Suel still lives in Arlington, Va.
5. Emma Corbett married Mr. Bennett, two children. Married the second time Judge Shelden of Auburn, N. Y., their children are Cornelia and Mary.
6. Ruth C. Corbett married Mr. Van Slyke, a banker of Madison, Wis.

JOHN BAYLES born July 20, 1799, died May 11, 1873. His wife, Almira Cooper, born September 24, 1802, died March 28, 1851.

General John Bayles was the son of Samuel, received his title when every able bodied man between eighteen and forty-five years of age was obliged to belong to a military company. This comprised the New York State Militia, and was liable to be called out in case of emergency. He took great interest in state matters and passed through every grade of service from Corporal to Brigadier General. This title was well earned, and one of merit.

#### CHILDREN.

Tucson

1. William Henry Bayles, born March 13, 1829. Living at Tucson, Arizona. Married Miss M. Patterson. Children—Cora B. and Charles Stuart.
2. John Bayles, Jr., born November 24, 1830. His wife, Amanda Corbett, born 1838, died 1880. Their children:  
George Corbett Bayles, born April 27, 1862. Son, Stanley Corbett Bayles, born February 1, 1887.  
Franklin Julius Bayles, born February 12, 1865, is Vice President of the Peoples Bank, Binghamton, N. Y. Manufacturer of Wood Alcohol.
- His second wife, Adelaide Corbett. Daughter—Caroline Adelaide Bayles, born June 19, 1884.
3. Caroline Maria, born August 11, 1832, died May 29, 1863.
4. Cemantha Jane, born July 26, 1834. Living at Highland, Kan. Married Abram Miner. Children—Fred, John, Julia, Merton.
5. Alexander Bayles (twin), born January 2, 1837. Living at San Francisco, Cal. Married Julia Irvin. Children—William, Carrie and Samuel.
6. George Bayles (twin), born January 2, 1837. Living at Mexico, N. Y.
7. Cornelius Bayles, born August 18, 1839. Married Mary A. Busby. President of Business College, Dubuque, Iowa. Has a son, Vincent E. Bayles, in real estate and insurance business in Fairmont, Minn., and a daughter, Birdeva Lou Bayles, is a graduate from the Academy of Music and a composer of music.

8. Almira Cooper, born September 16, 1841, died June 12, 1868.
9. Vincent Whitney Bayles, born October 15, 1845. Living at Minneapolis, Minn. Married Clara Pomroy. Children—Harry Cornelson and Louisa.

SUSANNAH (10), born July 1, 1772; married John Van Felt. Their children were Jacob, Ann and Adelaide Van Felt.

WILLIAM (11), born September 13, 1774, married Abigail Maple June 6, 1805, died aged 78 years 11 months. Abigail Maple born April 11, 1785, died 1874, aged 89 years. They had nine children:

1. Emely Bayles died 1830 aged 24 years.
2. Harriet Bayles married John Griggs. Mrs. Daniel Hunt and S. P. Griggs are their children. Mrs. Hunt's only child's name is Maggie B. She married Edward Statzen.
3. James Bayles married Julia Day, who died March, 1895. James died February, 1896. Their children were Dr. George, Lewis Bayles, James C. Bayles and Mrs. Robert L. Payton, who reside in Orange, New Jersey.

#### CHILDREN OF JAMES AND JULIA BAYLES.

Dr. George Bayles, born August 1836. Married 1868.

Catherine L. Johnson, born 1840

#### CHILDREN:

1. Frank Leguine, born October, 1864, married May, 1897, to Grace Barthalow.
2. George James, born August, 1865.
3. Florence Lewis, born September, 1866.
4. Katherine Johnson, born March, 1868.
5. Frederick Phinney, born September, 1872, married September, 1897, to Mary Ella Hill. Daughter, Edith Hill, born December, 1899.
6. Edwin A., born December, 1875
7. Arthur Courtney, born March, 1882, died August, 1888.

Lewis C. born September, 1888, died August, 1864.

Henrietta Bayles, born 1840, married May, 1868, to Robert L. S. Paton.

#### CHILDREN:

1. Lewis Bayles Paton
2. Elizabeth M. Gilracy, Ithaca, N. Y.
3. Ethel Paton, Julia Bayles Paton and Laurie Bayles, all young and unmarried.

James Copper Bayles, has two sons:

Lewis C. Bayles is married, has one son, Gerard Lindley Bayles.  
Howard G. Bayles.

4. Sarah Bayles married Abraham Vanduyn. Their children were Dr. S. W. Vanduyn, Newark; William Vanduyn, Trenton, N. J. and John Vanduyn, Syracuse, N. Y.
5. Benjamin M. Bayles, born August 14, 1814, died December 18, 1879, age 65. Was married to Harriet Matilda Stults, May 26, 1847; born March 5, 1823, died March 22, 1885, age 62 years. Had three children:  
William B., born May 22, 1848, Kingston, N. Y. Married to Mary L. Runyon, 1817. William and Mary had five children: Emma B. Bayles, Maggie R., Cora M., Benjamin M., Jr., born July 2, 1889 and Frank A.  
James A Bayles, born May 27, 1849, died August 29, 1868.  
Luther D. Bayles, born November 22, 1855, married February 18, 1880, to Sarah V. McDowel, born June 11, 1849. Have two daughters, Harriet Matilda, born July 9, 1882 and Jane Elizabeth Bayles, born October 3, 1886.
6. John Bayles, born June 6, 1816, died February 28, 1848, age 32 years. Married M. A. Blackwell, and had one son, Henry Bayles, born 1847. Has a store at Princeton, N. J.
7. Margaret Ann Bayles, born August 19, 1818, died 1881.
8. William Bayles, born April 10, 1820, died 1878 and was buried at Datona, Volucio Co., Florida.
9. Stephen Bayles, born October 2, 1822, married Adaline Creamer. Had several children and lived at Hoboken, N. J.

DANIEL BAYLES, the seventh son of John and Susannah Burtis, married Margaret Van Hyce (or Polly, as she was called) was an orphan, an only child of an only child, heiress to a large estate in Wales, as well as in New Jersey. At the death of her mother she became a ward of the British crown. At the time of the Revolutionary War the Consul was called home. She many times told her grand-children of seeing the Consul with a silver casket containing her private papers, saying to the old so, "These papers will be more safe with me as the town is likely to be destroyed." The Consul put her in the care of John Bayles, as his ward. Polly was then ~~thirteen~~ (25) years of age. Afterwards she married Daniel, ~~son~~ of John Bayles, who served in the war of the Revolution.

DAVID BAYLES, the first son of Daniel Bayles and Polly Van Hyce, born April 18, 1788, and married Abigail Denton Snedaker, February 1815. She was born, July 6, 1793. Were farmers in Binghampton, N. Y., and their children were:

1. John Leroy Bayles, born October 8, 1815, married Cornelia Carrier 1839. Their children were: Henry, Burtis, John, Amelia, Jane, Ella, William, George, Lavernia and Eddie.
2. Daniel Bayles, born June 26, 1817, married Charlotte Burnett, 1841, and the second time to Mrs. Martha Thayer.
3. Eliza Catharine Bayles, born May 11, 1820, married Harry Smith September 16, 1851. Had no children.
4. Mary Ann Bayles, born December 18, 1823, married Henry L. Hitchcock October 6, 1852. Had two children, Mary and George Hitchcock.
5. Julia A. Bayles, born November 3, 1829, married Byron E. Smith July 21, 1853, at Halstead, Susquehannah Co., Pa. Children: May Eugene, married Wm. Rneoller, October 18, 1882, died September 2, 1888. Gaylord B. Smith, born October 8, 1862, married Minnie Merule: one son, Harold Smith.

#### FIFTH GENERATION.

AARON, the second son of Daniel and Polly Bayles, born April 4, 1788 and married Lydia Edmister, September 30, 1809, in Chenango, Co., N. Y. He left New Jersey with his father's family and located in Conklin, Broome Co., N. Y., when young, teaching School in or near Binghamton, N. Y., where he made the acquaintance of and married Lydia Edmister, of that place, and where they lived until their first child was born, August 14, 1810, when they heard favorable reports of the central part of the state, and with his sister, Phebee and husband, Amos Rude, came to Hardenburg Corners, now Auburn, N. Y. Aaron leaving his wife and child with brother-in-law Rude, went prospecting and bought a timbered farm twelve miles north of Auburn, N. Y. and four miles north of Seneca River, and following a pioneer life they lived and prospered with the country, and were parents of nine children, who grew to mature years. In later years he bought and shipped a great amount of grain on the Erie Canal, keeping boats for that purpose, afterwards adding a dry goods and grocery store in Weedsport. He held the office of Justice for fifteen years, until they moved out of the town to the village in 1836, as it was too hard to travel so much, and his store demanded so much of his time. It was said that he did more to build that town than any other dozen men. After many successful years, he was known as Squire Bayles, far and near. He was Captain of the Military Company of Cayuga County, and was very fond of his uniform, plumes and ruffled shirt, and went by

the name of Captain until his office of Justice changed it to Squire, by which title he went in after years. He closed up his business and moved to Rockford, Ill. about 1855, and lived with his children. In 1868 his dear companion, aged eighty years, left him for a better home. After a few lonely years he followed, dying as he had lived, honored and respected by all that knew him.

## SIXTH GENERATION.

### CHILDREN OF AARON AND LYDIA BAYLES,

(All born in Weedsport, N. Y.)

- (a) EMELINE, born August 14, 1810; died Nov. 24, 1887. Married Almond Walker, 1828. They had two children, William and Belinda. William died at twenty-one. Belinda married Jerome Williams. Their children were twins, Mary and Emma. Jerome died and Belinda married William Mills, in Rockford, Ill. Had their Golden Wedding in 1878.
- (b) BELINDA, born Feb. 26, 1812; married Jacob Eaker Jan. 14, 1830; died Sept. 16, 1877. Children were:
1. Lydia Ann, born Dec. 23, 1830; married to James Goodhue, Nov. 5, 1850, by Rev. Valentine. Was a teacher and farmer. Have two children. Belinda born March 10, 1854; married Emery Sennett, of Rockford, Ill. They have three children: Maude Ann, born May 2, 1875; married Mr. Stewart. Children: Glenm and Verne.  
Myron Emery Sennett, born Nov. 18, 1878; drowned Sept. 15, 1885.  
E. Earle, born Sept. 15, 1885.  
Myrtle Irene, born Aug. 27, 1888. William James Goodhue, a farmer, born 1860. James Goodhue died July, 1898. Was a teacher, later a farmer.
  2. John B. Eaker, born April 28, 1834; married Amanda J. Sears Feb. 8, 1855. He was a Union soldier. Their children were: Ida Jane, born March 2, 1857; married Rev. Kenedy, Baptist clergyman; died 1899.  
Mary Eaker, born June 2, 1859; married Arthur Smith, Benton Harbor, Mich.  
Robert J., born March 2, 1861; died.  
Frances E., born March 9, 1863. Rosa married; John died 1893.

3. Robert Eaker, twin of John, born April 28, 1834; married Catherine Andrews Feb. 8, 1865, at Weedsport, N. Y. Now live in Sipio.
4. Annetta Eaker, born Jan. 19, 1856; married Charles Barnes Oct. 27, 1881, at Sipio, N. Y.
5. Mary Viola, born May 18, 1858; married Frank Chapman, March 18, 1875. Their children are the eighth generation.  
Warner Lee Chapman, born Feb. 21, 1850, and died May 4, 1894, Sipio, N. Y.  
Kate Lillian, born Nov. 28, 1885.  
John died and left one son.  
Charles was accidentally killed in Nebraska.
6. David, born June 29, 1836, in Conquest, N. Y.; died in Sipio, N. Y.
7. Aaron B. Eaker, born Nov. 14, 1838; married Susan Felch in Durand, Ill., Oct. 12, 1865.

CHILDREN.

- Elijah Charles Eaker, born June 9, 1867. Was a teacher, but is now in the nursery business.
- Edward Elsworth Eaker, born in Owen, Ill., Oct. 3, 1868; married Ella Robinson; also in nursery business.
- Everett E. Eaker, twin, Oct. 3, 1868; married Florence Miller, July 4, 1890. One girl born Sept. 3, 1893. Died August, 1900.
- Jay Felts Eaker, born Dec. 5, 1872. Is teaching and studying for the ministry, Waterloo, Iowa.
- Earnest J., born Dec. 26, 1874, is home.
8. Josiah Eaker, born Nov. 16, 1840; married Abby Ricker.

CHILDREN.

- Eliza Agnes, born Jan. 24, 1878, Rockford; married William Dickman.
- Blanch Eloise, born Sept. 3, 1879.
- William J., born October 31, 1882, in Burrirt.
- (c) ROBERT BAYLES, born Aug. 15, 1816; married Maria Delemater Feb. 15, 1838, in Cato, Cayuga County, N. Y.; died Dec. 23, 1866, Rockford, Ill.

CHILDREN.

1. Isaac, born Dec. 25th, 1839, and married Jane Barton April 30, 1868, in Sacramento. Two sons:
  - Robert H., born May 15, 1871.
  - Isaac Elmer, born July 4, 1873.

2. Aaron B., born July 24, 1841; married Mary A. Henium, 1871. He enlisted Aug. 11, 1861, in Company D., Eleventh Illinois Volunteers. Served three years, then re-enlisted, then was commissioned as Lieutenant, and was mustered out July 3, 1865. He was in fifteen battles. His children are—  
William Robert, born March 23, 1871.  
Charles A., born Dec. 27, 1872.  
Mary H., born Dec. 30, 1874. Married.  
Isaac and Aaron, born April 17, 1878 (twins).  
Daniel, born March 16, 1880.  
Maggie D., born Dec. 13, 1882.  
California A., born Jan. 20, 1885.  
Cecelia A., born Feb. 27, 1890. All of Biggs, Cal.

3. David Bayles, of Los Angeles, Cal., third son of R. Bayles, born June 25, 1844, in Cato, Cayuga County, N. Y.; married Sept. 10, 1872, to Annie Tilton, who was born August 7, 1853. Adopted son, Murray D. Bayles, son of W. D. Bayles; born August 11, 1877.

David Bayles enlisted in Company D, Eleventh Illinois Volunteer Infantry, the eleventh day of August, 1861, but was not mustered into the service, being too young. March 1, 1862, enlisted in a home company, serving until August 4, 1862, when discharged. On August 11th, 1862, again enlisted, in Company C, 74th Regiment of Illinois Volunteer Infantry; was mustered in on the fourth day of September, 1862, to serve three years or during the war. Was discharged from the service of the United States the tenth day of June, 1865, at Nashville, Tenn., by reason of being mustered out in accordance with instructions from war department, dated May 29, 1865.

Mr. David Bayles is now (1899) a land speculator in Los Angeles, Southern California.

4. Daniel Bayles, of Red Bluff, Cal., born Jan. 28, 1846; enlisted in the 149th Regiment Illinois Volunteers, and was discharged at the close of the war. Has a pension. Married Sarah J. Fish, July 6, 1873. She was born June 19, 1854, in Canada. Their children are:

Blanche Bayles, born Nov. 12, 1875. Is a teacher in Red Bluff, Cal.

Louis Milton Bayles, born Jan. 30, 1878.

Daniel W. Bayles, born Nov. 11, 1879; died Aug. 27, 1894.

Charlotte Bell Bayles, born Nov. 30, 1882, Red Bluff, Cal.

David A. Bayles, born Aug. 13, 1887.

Edna Alberta Bayles, born Nov. 6, 1889.

Burton R. Bayles, born May 20, 1893; died June 22, 1894.

5. William Bayles, of Los Angeles, Cal, born June 30, 1848; married Blanche Murray Sept. 27, 1876, in Sacramento, Cal. Was in the war a short time. Had one son. Blanche died Aug. 30, 1887. William married a second time, Mae Wood, of Illinois, and their children are—

Myrtle Gladys, born May 2, 1885.

James Wood, born July 10, 1894.

6. Sarah Bayles, born October 31, 1849; married A. Halstead Dec. 31, 1872, in Conquest. Their children are—

Katie Ann, born Sept. 27, 1879. She married Joseph D. Marshall Dec. 10, 1890. They have two children: William H. Marshall, born June 9th, 1892; Louis Idella, born Aug. 4, 1878, Conquest, N. Y.

Jessie Bell, born Aug. 21, 1881; died April 19, 1891.

7. Mary H. Bayles, married Frank Spencer, State of Washington, 1879, and died 1885. One girl, Dora Bayles Spencer, born Oct. 27, 1881, lives with her grandparents, Yankee Hill, Cal. Charles Bayles, born 1858; died Nov. 1, 1876, in Cal.

- (d) PERMELIA BAYLES, daughter of Aaron and Lydia Bayles, born June 24, 1818; married David Mills, Jan. 23, 1836, of Cato, N. Y. He died Dec. 4, 1887, in Rockford, Ill. Celebrated their golden wedding Jan. 23, 1886, in Rockford, Ill. Their children are:

1. Mary A. Mills, born Sept. 9, 1840; married Miles Amadon, May 1864. Enlisted in 149th New York Regiment, and was killed the 23rd of May, 1864, at or near Lookout Mountain. He was a noble man, a good soldier, and was buried by David Bayles on the field. Mary was married the second time to Dr. Judson Burns, of Ohio, who practices now (1899) at Grundy Center, Iowa. Their children are—

Edith B., born Sept. 14, 1874, at Grundy Center. Died.

Anna, born Sept. 21, 1876; married Rev. George Morphy, Nov. 14, 1894. He is a Baptist clergyman.

Flossie, born Feb. 1, 1880; married William Scott, Oct. 1898. Engaged in the lumber business at Grundy Center.

- 2.—Lydia Augusta, born Dec. 30, 1842; married May 8, 1873, N. B. Wass, United States Commissioner, Oklahoma. One son, Roy, born March 14, 1876.

3. **Caroline Lucena Mills**, born at Ira, Cayuga County, N. Y., Mar. 7, 1845; married Feb. 18, 1864, to Dr. Darwin Mitchel Keith, who was born at Peru, Ohio, April 20, 1828, and graduated from Cincinnati Medical College in 1852. He had the respect and honor of all who knew him, and enjoyed an extensive practice until his death, June 11, 1888. Two children were born to them:

**Lena Keith**, born March 21, 1865, No. Fairfield, Ohio. Studied at Oberlin College, later practicing art in Chicago Art Institute, and doing some special art work in Europe in 1891. She married Oct. 15, 1889, to Rev. George Henry Marsh, a Congregationalist minister from London, England. Studied at Oberlin College, Ohio. Born at Newport, Isle of Wight, England, June 11, 1859. Their children are—

**Caroline Elizabeth**, born in Rockford, Ill., April 19, 1894.

**Harry Keith**, born in Rio, Wis., Sept. 22, 1896.

**Dr. Darwin Mills Keith** was born October 15, 1867 at North Fairfield, Ohio. Was a student at Oberlin, Ann Arbor and Columbia Medical College, graduated 1888, studied for a specialist in Europe in 1891, and stands at the head of his specialty in Rockford, Ill. Married to Belle Emerson, an artist, of Rockford, Ill., April 27, 1898. Born to them one daughter, who died in infancy.

**Caroline Keith** was married to Lucus S. Day, of Rockford, Ill., December 26, 1891. He was a soldier in the war of the Rebellion, enlisted August, 1861, in Company G., 45th Regiment of Illinois Volunteers. Was engaged in the battles of Fort Donelson, Sheloah and Corinth.

(e) **SUSAN BAYLES**, born June 4, 1820, married F. Cook, of Mentz, September, 1838, and died January 10, 1840. One daughter was born, Susan P. Mills, December 23, 1839. She was given to her sister, Permelia Mills, and was brought up by them as their own child. She came to Rockford, Ill., August, 1854 with E. St. John, studied at the College and was married at his home October 12, 1858, to Oscar Day and lived in the suburbs west of Rockford. Died January 13, 1900.

(f) **ELIZA M. BAYLES**, born December 29, 1822, in Cato, Cayuga County, N. Y.; was married to Eron St. John, of Weedsport, N. Y., January 7, 1841. St. John was engaged in the fruit and grocery business in Rockford, Ill. Celebrated their Silver Wedding in 1866 and their Golden Wedding in 1891. Children born to them were:

1. Caroline L., November 6, 1841; died February 23, 1849.
2. Bayles Edmister, born July 9, 1843; died February 17, 1849.
3. Marshall Lewis, born July 1, 1845; died February 23, 1849.
4. Lydia Emeline, born October 26, 1847; died August 14, 1848.
5. Emma C., born January 28, 1850; died January, 1853.
6. Marshall Bayles St. John, born March 18, 1852, married Ellen M. Day, February 13, 1873. Is president of the Rockford Screen and Box Company, of Rockford, Ill., operating a screen factory and fibre box plant in conjunction with its paper mills at that city. Director of the Peoples Bank, of Rockford, Ill. Children born to them:

Edwin Marshall, born Sunday, November 23, 1873 in Benton Harbor, Mich. Educated at the Northwestern University. Is a practicing lawyer at Rockford, Ill. Married Elizabeth A. Moffatt, June 6, 1900.

Homer Eron, born Friday, March 10, 1877, in Santa Rosa, Cal. Was educated at the University of Illinois. Is now in the office of the Rockford Screen and Box Company.

Marshall Bayles, Jr., born December 29, 1893, at Rockford, Ill.

7. Addie L. St. John (daughter of Eliza M. Bayles and Eron St. John) born Monday, March 26, 1860, in Rockford, Ill. Studied music in Rockford and Chicago, graduating in music, both vocal and instrumental, in Rockford College, afterwards going to London and studying with Prof. Shakespeare. Taught vocal music in Rockford College for ten years, also singing in the Congregational Church for several years, in ladies' quartet and in Mendelssohn Club. Married Bert E. Farnham, Lawyer, of Dunkirk, N. Y., July 26, 1893. Children:

Marshall Evert Farnham, born October 8, 1896.

Robert St. John Farnham, born August 30, 1898; died December 20, 1898.

Robert Bayles Farnham, born December 9, 1899; died May 19, 1900.

(g) CAROLINE L. BAYLES, born August 1, 1826, married Whipple Jilson in 1846. He was in the fruit and grocery business in Rockford, Ill. Caroline L. died October 2, 1897. Children born to them were:

1. Caroline Permelia Jilson, born November 4, 1847, married Charles Lundgren, November 4, 1866, in Rockford, Ill., and died June———. Children were:

Frauk Lundgren; born March 4, 1869, married Rose———. Children were: Frances, Joseph and Bernard Lundgren.

Lewis L., born July 2, 1873.

Ethel, born September 17, 1875, is a stenographer.

Caroline, born October 2, 1877, married Harry Morris, M. D., of Vassar, Mich., September 15, 1898.

2. Harriet Helena, born January 24, 1850, married L. A. Weyburn November 23, 1869. He is president of the Weyburn & Briggs Co., manufacturers and jobbers in Heavy Hardware and Blacksmith Supplies. Director in the Forest City National Bank of Rockford. Children were:

Blanche Weyburn, born July 18, 1872, educated at Chicago Art Institute, married in June, 1896 to R. J. Kerr, a lawyer of Chicago. Live in Oak Park, Ill.

Jennie Weyburn, born April 13, 1877, educated at Chicago University.

Harry B. Jilson, born May 9, 1864, is bookkeeper at Emerson Manufacturing Co. Married Elida Mellen, May 13, 1891 at Winnebago. Live at Rockford.

(h) AARON BAYLES, born November 4, 1831, married Sophia Boyden, February 22, 1856. He founded Bayles & Lincoln Commercial College in Milwaukee, in 1855. He also founded Bayles Business College at Dubuque, Iowa, in 1858. He died in Boston August 2, 1863, and his cousin, Cornelius Bayles succeeded him in the college work, which has been continued until the present time. The children of Aaron and Sophia Bayles were:

1. Lizzie Bayles, born March 4, 1857. Telegraph operator. Married Alex W. Hope February 25, 1873. One child, Cynthia P. born August 9, 1874.

Second time to John L. Crosby, of Kansas City, August 26, 1884.

2. Fannie Bayles, born November 10, 1862, married Wm. D. Rusk, a lawyer, of St. Joseph, Mo., October 16, 1884. Children of Fannie Bayles and Wm. D. Rusk:

Elizabeth, born March 9, 1886.

Nina Louisa, born March 18, 1889.

Hester Mary, born December 26, 1890.

(i) LYDIA JANE BAYLES, born September 23, 1834, died 1883. Married Richard Bloomfield, of Meridan, N. Y., March 1850, in Cato. He was a conductor on the railroad and was killed at Logansport, Ind., by the cars overturning, April 15, 1865. One son, Charles B., born January, 1852, married Frances Blake, of Auburn, N. Y. She died in September, 1882, and was buried at Biggs, California.

**PHEBEE BAYLES**, third daughter of Daniel and Polly, was born January, 1797 and died 1865, at Rockford. Married Amos Rude in 1807.

**AMANDA RUDE**, born June 11, 1808; married John Cambell.  
Children born to them were:

**Eliza. C.**, born August 15, 1826, married Samuel Williams. Children were:

Rose, born August 15, 1840.

Margaret, born October, 1861.

Rosannah, born May 25, 1828, married Walter Winch, died July 28, 1898. Children were:

**Mary Winch**, born March 1, 1849, married Mark Day, of Rockford, Ill. One son, Herbert born 1880, is attending University of Illinois.

**Lullie Winch**, born November 11, 1861, died November 8, 1868.

**Fred Winch**, born April 23, 1857:

2. **Eliza Rude**, born 1812, married Lewis Imlay. Had one son, Lewis. She died in 1898. Married the second time to Noble Bradford; he died in California.

3. Children of Wm. and Susan Rude:  
Josephine, Adamantha, Benton Amorace, Nettie and Noble.

4. **Susan Burtis Rude**, born July 2, 1820, married Henry Miller April 28, 1838. Their children were:

Wm. H. Miller, born March 7, 1840, married Minnie Gilbert August 25, 1867. Children were—

Frank Gilbert, born July 12, 1868, married Ada Beale, April 12, 1898. Live in Pheonix, Arizona. Bookkeeper.

Sarah Towne, born December 21, 1870, married James Joslin, Assistant Cashier in Rockford National Bank, October 8, '91.

Henry Jesse, born November 17, 1873. Electrician. Married October 25, 1900, to Nina May Hulse, Rockford.

2. **Sarah E. Miller**, born November 12, 1844, married Horace Towne, January 3, 1866. Engaged in railroad business. Died January 12, 1870.

3. **May C.**, born August 26, 1858, married James Joslin October 12, 1882; died October 26, 1889. Their children were:

Burtis Thayer, born August 1, 1883.

Fred Miller, born May 11, 1886.

5. **Mary Rude**, born January 8, 1822, married Peter Coventry, of Auburn, N. Y.

6. **Horace** married Elizabeth McCarey. One daughter, Clara born in Michigan.
7. **Peninah** lives in California. Lewis, Sally, Ann and Emily, all of Auburn, N. Y.

**MARY BAYLES**, married Palmer Wood. They had one son, Daniel. Lives in Ashtabula, Ohio.

**WILLIAM BAYLES**, married Jane Leister. Their children were: John, Burtis, Maria, Permlia. Burtis lives in Elyria, Ohio.

**ROBERT BAYLES**, born November 25, 1793, married Lucia Treat January 12, 1819, Levingston, Conesus, N. Y. Their children were:

Harriett, born Oct. 22, 1820; married Andrew Jungalls; died 1862.

Josephine, born July 26, 1822; married to Jonas Johnson; died 1887.

Lucia A., born July 20, 1824.

Robert, married a second time to Jane Beaty, Feb. 1, 1827. He was a prosperous farmer and shepherd, He died Feb. 7, 1876. Their children were—

Edwin, born Feb. 1, 1828.

Elvira, born July 10, 1831. Married John Ingelow.

Elbert, born Jan. 12, 1834; died Jan. 12, 1859.

Alcemana, born Oct. 13, 1837; died March 7, 1864.

Russel, born Oct. 13, 1844.

Emma, born June 13, 1851; died Oct. 16, 1894.

**JOHN BAYLES**, son of Daniel and Polly Bayles, was born near Princeton, N. J., Feb. 21, 1795; married Jemimah Baldwin, 1817, in Mentz, N. Y. 1838 moved to Lorain, O., and from the native forest lived to see it bud and "blossom like the rose." Lived a happy life of fifty-five years, together dying on Dec. 20, 1875. Children:

1. Mary L., died in Erie County, O., 1853.
2. Cyrus B., died in Placerville, Col., Nov. 4, 1864.
3. David B., born Dec. 15, 1824; married Melvina Griffen, had Leverett. Died in the service of the Civil War at Knoxville, Tenn.
4. John married Minnie Height. Have two children—Bessie and Leverett.

5. Florinda Bayles, born Feb. 8, 1827; married S. G. Mapes, 1849, a farmer. Children were—  
 John B. Mapes, married Ella Squires. One child, Nina Grace.  
 Mina, married W. D. Close, minister. Had two children.  
 Fairfield M., has one son.  
 Eva A. Mapes, married G. Elden Hall, a lawyer. Have four girls—Mary, Flora, Eva and Edna.  
 Cora G., married William Stevenson.  
 Belle R., married Barney Snyder, farmer. Have one son, Gilliard.
6. Betsy B., married W. B. Hardy. Had three children. She died 1898.  
 Aretha, married John Washburn.  
 Lewis, her son, was serjeant in the Spanish War, is now a druggist. Walter was in the war; is now in the grocery business in Lorain, O. Bessie is teaching. Orvil and Leister in school.  
 David, son of Betsy Hardy; married Alice Ball. Children—Wayne, Lucele and Ralph.
7. Amelia B., married Nelson Sutton. Children:  
 Cyrus, married. Has one son, Oyrat.  
 William, married Ann Chase. Two children, May and Ray.  
 Ernest J. is a carpenter. Otto B. married Mattie Paulkner.  
 Edith married E. B. Welch, owner of the Diamond Stock Farm, Vermillion, O. One son, Earl.
8. Jamima, born April 2, 1834; died Feb. 5, 1849.
9. Adella, born Nov. 4, 1836.
10. Aleanda, born March 3, 1830. They live at Seaside, Monterey County, Cal.

BURTIS BAYLES, son of Daniel and Polly Bayles, Married Rachael Tichner. Had one daughter, Angeline. She married Mr. Hill, a methodist minister, Mineral Springs, Mich.

SUSAN BAYLES, daughter of Daniel and Polly Vanhill; married Henry Cook, of Mentz. No children.

This is the last of this generation and branch of the John and Susannah Burtis Bayles.

## FROM RECORDS AT PERTH AMBOY.

Sale from Benjamin Harrison, of Amboy, to Daniel Bailey, of ye County of Middlesex. A tract of land in the County of Middlesex. Beginning at a pepperidge tree, marked on four sides, standing in the line between Thomas Leonard and Judiah Higgins, it being on the south side of Heathcote's brook and is commonly called Barker's line. It is also a corner tree of said Higgins' land, from thence running north along said Higgins' line two chains to Heathcote's Brook, thence up the brook as it runs to Samuel Moore's corner of that tract of land that John Harrison conveyed to the said Samuel Moore, and from thence running along the said Samuel Moore's line as his line runs, south five degrees and fifteen minutes, easterly sixty-three chains to said Moore's corner, it being also at or near John Laik's corner, and from thence running along the said Laik's line west eighteen (18) degrees south fifty-nine chains to Nickles Laik's corner, and from thence running north by east sixty chains and a half to a maple tree marked on four sides (extending it stands in a meadow and is the corner tree of Thomas Leonard's land), and from thence running west-north-west along said Leonard's line thirty-five chains to the place where it first began; containing three hundred and seventeen acres of land, be the same more or less.

Dated the first day of January, 1727.

PERTH AMBOY,

August 2, 1875.

J. L. BOGUS,

Register.

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IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN. I, John Bayles, of the Corporation of New Brunswick, in the County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey, yeoman, being weak in Body though of sound Mind and Memory, blessed be God, calling to mind the mortality of my Body, and that it is appointed for all Men once to Die, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament: that is to say, principally and first of all I Give my soul to God my Maker, humbly trusting that through the Merits and Mediation of my Compassionate Redeemer, Jesus Christ, to find acceptance; and as for my body, I Recommend it to the Earth to be buried in a decent and Christian like manner at the discretion of my dear Wife and my Executors hereafter named, nothing doubting but I shall receive it again at the resurrection of the last day; and as for my worldly Estate, I Give, Devise and Dispose of the same in the following manner and form. First, I will that all my just Debts and funeral Charges be Paid. Item, I Give and Bequeath to my dear and loving Wife Fifty Pounds of such Goods and Chattels as she may chuse of my Estate, likewise the Negro Wench as long as she lives, and also the choice of a room in

the House as long as she remains my Widow, and ten pounds yearly during her life. I Give and Bequeath my wearing apparel to be equally divided among all my sons. Item, I will that my Executors hereinafter named be justly and equitably paid for all their necessary time and expenses that they, or either of them, may be at relating to my worldly Estate. Item, I Give and Bequeath to my son Daniel Thirty Pounds, and to my other sons (Richard, Samuel and William) Fifty Pounds each when they shall arrive to the age of Twenty-one Years, and to my Daughter Susannah Fifty Pounds when she shall arrive to the age of Eighteen Years; and it is my Will that my Children, Sons and Daughters, just named, or as many of them as shall have need of it, be put to school until they shall have reasonable and sufficient Learning, and the expense of the same and their support shall be paid out of my estate. Item, I Will and Bequeath to my two Daughters, Phebe and Amy, Two hundred pounds each, to be paid in one year after my decease. Item, I Will and Bequeath to my Daughter Anna's Children Two Hundred pounds, to be equally divided among them when they come of age. Item, I Give and Bequeath to my Daughter Mary the Interest of Two Hundred Pounds yearly during her natural life. And one year after her decease her Children to have Two Hundred Pounds equally divided when they shall come of age. Item, I Give and Bequeath to my Daughter Susannah Two Hundred Pounds, to be Paid to her when she shall arrive at the age of Twenty-one years; and all the rest of my Estate, both real and personal, I Will and Bequeath to my sons John, Richard, Daniel, Samuel and William, to be equally divided among them. I Constitute and appoint my well beloved son John Bayles and Samuel Potts, both of the County and State aforesaid, my only and sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament and Trustees for my Children, giving full power and authority to my said Executors to sell and Dispose of all my Personal Estate, and I do hereby Disallow, Revoke and Disannul all and every former Wills, Testaments and Executors by me in any ways before named, willed or made, Ratifying and Confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this Second Day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-four (1784).

Signed, Sealed, Published, Pronounced and Declared by the s<sup>d</sup> John Bayles as his last Will and Testament in presence of us..

JOHN BAYLES [L. S.]

JAMES LONGSTREET.

JACOBUS SNEDEKER.

STEPHEN KERR.

(Recorded Sept. 22, 1784.)

## RECOLLECTIONS

—OF—

# THE FAMILY OF AARON BAYLES

BY HIS DAUGHTER

ELIZA BAYLES ST. JOHN

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DANIEL BAYLES, son of John Bayles, in 1727 bought a tract of land in Middlesex, N. J., of 817 acres, more or less. His son John was born April 26, 1727; lived on and inherited the same tract his father bought. In March 31, 1747, he married Susannah Burtis. She was born Feb. 2, 1732. They had five boys and five girls.

DANIEL, the third son of John and Susannah Burtis, born Oct. 9, 1764, was my grandfather. He was attending college at Princeton, N. J., when at an urgent call for volunteers, he left college and enlisted as a private. At the close of the war he returned and finished his course. Daniel married Margaret Van Hyce, an only child and a ward of the British Crown, who had been left with the Consul at the death of her mother. As there was real estate there, she must stay in New Jersey. At the time of the War of the Revolution the Consul was recalled. He left Polly as a ward of Daniel's father, John. She was thirteen years of age, and I heard her say she remembered seeing the Consul take the silver casket containing her papers, saying they would be more safe with him as their town was likely to be destroyed by fire.

Daniel and Polly began their married life in or near Kingston, N. J. Most of their children were born there, and as several of them were boys, it was thought advisable to go west where land was plenty. Hearing of the great advantages of New York State, three families—Daniel Bayles, Chester Rude and Mr. Buckaloo—emigrated to Broom County, town of Conklin, N. Y. They bought a township of land, dividing it between them. Each one began improvements

on their own to the best of their ability; as they had been used to slave labor it was hard for them to depend on themselves. Aaron, the second son of Daniel Bayles, born April 4th, 1788, was my father. When he was old enough, he taught school in or near Binghampton and Chenango. It was there he made the acquaintance of Lydia Edminster, and married her September 30, 1809.

After several years of hard labor, Bayles, Rude and Buckaloo found to their great sorrow the title to the lands was not good. They had bought of an unscrupulous man, who took advantage of their inexperience in a new country. What was to be done?—they must pay for land over again or lose what they had paid. Hearing that the central part of the State was far superior for farming lands, they sold their improvements for what they could get, and Daniel Bayles with his family went west to Mentz, Cayuga County, ten miles from Auburn.

The country being new, the provisions, especially luxuries, were none too plentiful for a large and growing family. Butter was a scarce article in the winter. One of the children, asking for bread and butter, grandmother told the girl to just scare the bread with butter; the child looked at it and said, his bread was a fool to be scared at so little butter as that. I heard grandmother tell this story in her old age.

In 1807, Chester Rude's son, Amos, married Phebee Bayles, my father's sister, and with my father, Aaron, located at Hardensburgh Corners, now Auburn,—father leaving mother and babe with his sister, Phebee Rude, till he could go and prospect and see the country. After traveling many miles he found a place that suited him, twelve miles from Auburn and three miles north of Seneca River, in the town of Cato, Cayuga County. It was a timbered farm, but finely located, laying to the sun, which made it very desirable.

In the spring of 1811 he began to prepare for a home. The first thing to do was to find a spring of water, next to cut the trees to make room for a house to stand; and then the trees to make the house. He had to go a long way, marking the trees as he went that he might find his way back, to get help to build his house, as he could not handle the logs alone. One day he got lost in the woods, as it was getting dark; had to stay out all night, finding his way only when daylight came. In the early spring they prepared to move, and with a yoke of oxen and sleigh brought all their belongings to their new home in the wilderness.

Then they began their pioneer work in earnest. They had no hay for the oxen, except what little they could bring with them. As

the buds on the basswood began to grow, he would cut the trees down for the cattle to eat the buds. That was called "browsing." Father's first work was to cut trees and clear a place for a garden—for potatoes, corn and other vegetables. Father would cut the trees, mother would pile brush and set fire. While very busy at his work he was taken ill with the ague and fever, which put a damper on his ambition and checked his labors for a time. Every other day he would do some work; but there was a great amount of work to be done, or the fall crop could not be put in, and a whole year's time would be lost. A man must be found to come and log burn and clear the ground, sow the wheat between the stumps and rake it in, as the stumps were too close together to use a drag. Then, again, the man must be paid for his labor. My mother, being very handy and ingenious, secured a loom and did weaving in part pay for the labor that produced the best crop of wheat they ever had. Father always called it mother's wheat. He was always willing to give mother all the credit she deserved. As soon as possible they put out a nursery of seeds and trees of different kinds that were to be had in that new country. In my childhood I remember the remains of several trees, one large sweet apple tree always bore very hard apples. Mother always used them to make cider apple sauce, with plenty of quinces. A barrel full every winter was the accustomed store she made for her large family.

On Feb. 26, 1812, sister Belinda was born. Many new settlers were moving in, and the county called for roads to be laid out. The new road passed by the east part of the farm, the present house and spring being near the center of the farm. A new house was built on the road. I have not the exact date of the building of the new house; think it must have been 1813. The new building was roomy and comfortable. Mother's bed was in the living room, with a trundle bed rolled under to be pulled out in the evening for the small children, and the older children went up a ladder in the corner of the room to their very comfortable beds up stairs. The location of the house was good, with a fine yard in front. A log barn was built back of the house. I can just remember it being torn down and a garden made on the spot. North of the house was a fruit garden of cherries, peaches, long rows of currants, apples and quinces. Before my remembrance father laid out several acres of land for an apple orchard, thinking he could not get too many apples. This was at the west of the house. In later years he had the poorest fruit grafted. I was very familiar with all the different kinds of fruit—the sweet, bough apple was my favorite. Outside of the house was a brick oven. It was often filled with bread, cake and pies. It was the men's business or bake day to make ready the kindling wood, split fine in long

lengths to burn quickly. The oven was heated to a white heat, the coals were taken out and swept, then it was ready for the baking.

It had been the custom for many years to have general training all through the country, to make the men familiar with fire arms and drill marching in case of war. It was a great gala day for young and old—those that did not march went to see the sights. My father was captain, and with his uniform hat and white plumes, and ruffled shirt, looked very fine and we all felt proud of him. It was the habit of the under officers to awake their captain early by firing a salute around the house. One morning—they had been drinking too freely—they fired through the window, scattered the glass in every direction, and cut some of the children badly in the face and neck. One shot went over the bed and through the back part of a bed curtain and into the log. Had father been in the bed it would have hit him. I have a piece of the curtain, and have seen the hole many a time. That was the last time they ever fired a salute, as father forbade them doing it again.

I have heard my mother tell of going to singing school with my father and eldest sisters. She was a good singer, understood the rules well, and taught my older sisters and myself to read music.

Church accommodations were very poor for my parents, the church being eight miles from home. Mother's sister-in-law, Justice Edminster's wife, used to go with them. They had no fire in the building, but each family had a foot stove—a frame, eight or ten inches square, with perforated tin sides and top, and a sheet iron pan to hold coals to be filled from a neighbor's fire. Between the sermons there would be an hour intermission. As they could not go often the minister would come to them and preach in a school house near by. Once, in my father's illness, he came and preached in his house; father remarked he was able to get some sleep during the sermon, something which he had not had in some time.

About 1820 my father had a severe illness, called the spotted fever. He came near dying. Some months after his recovery, his flesh and hair began turning white in small spots, he having black eyes and hair with dark complexion. In one year he was so changed his own brother did not know him. His hair was milk white and flesh very fair and soft, never being browned by the sun. He was often taken for mother's father when away from home.

The farm by this time was mostly improved, and had a tract of maple trees for making several hundred pounds of sugar for family use. Father raised his own flax and prepared it for mother to spin on the little wheel, the girls carding the tow and spinning it on the large wheel. I can just remember seeing the loom taken down for the last time and burned up.

In 1816 Robert was born, Permelia in 1818, Susan in 1820, Eliza 1822, Caroline 1826,—all in the log house. In after years I well remember mother and sisters telling of the pleasant social times with relatives and neighbors. On one Christmas they had a large fowl of some kind—turkey or goose. It was suspended from a large hook in the chimney above the immense fireplace, over a great pile of wood and coals, with a pan underneath to catch the drippings. It had to be turned and basted as needed; and the faces were baked too, or were red enough to be. It was the custom for mother's bed to be in the living room for want of bed rooms. One of the neighbors when he came in would refuse a chair, preferring to sit on the side of the bed. As the bed was soft with feathers it made it look very mussy, and displeased sister Belinda, who said she would put a stop to that fun. She took a flax hatchel with sharp teeth and put it under the spread. He soon came in and sat down as usual, but jumped up as soon as he sat down; that was the last time he sat on the bed.

In 1825 or 1826 father's family called for a new house, both larger and better. A good site was chosen, with only a large yard between the old and new one. Carpenters were engaged, and all winter they drew stone for the cellar. All things was in readiness for the mechanics to commence in early spring. The timbers had to be hewed and framed, which took them all summer, and we were only ready to move in the fall. We watched with pleasure the completing of the new home, which was large and very roomy and convenient. A large open room or porch connecting the upright and the kitchen; over this was sleeping rooms for hired men, as father now employed many men. This room opened into a large wood-house, holding twenty or thirty cords of wood, which was usually filled in the winter.

Now the time for moving had come. The houses were so near they would carry goods on sleds. I can remember running back and forth as the goods were being carried. One thing impressed my mind in the old house,—the stick chimney would often get on fire if the fire blazed high; that always frightened me for fear the house would catch. In the evening after moving it was cool, and they built a light wood fire. I was afraid the chimney would get on fire, and ran out of doors till assured there was no danger.

My mother and sisters were very busy in getting settled, but there was no work left from the summer or fall to be done. She always said "she would rather drive her work than to have it drive her," so there was nothing in the way of putting things to rights. Father could now make permanent improvements at the north side of the large yard. He built a cider mill and press. Next came

the horse and carriage buildings, which were ample, and corn house with rooms for twenty or thirty barrels of salt pork and beef, and other necessary articles. A large gate opened into a yard that led to a number of hay barns and sheds for sheep and cattle, and adjoining were large grain barns with a stationary threshing machine. Near the house was a large brick milk house for the milk and butter of many cows. Rows of cherry and plum trees were around the yard. The farm was well stocked, and everything prospered under my father and mother's watchful care.

In 1828 sister Emeline was married to Almond Walker and lived three miles from home. Two years later Sister Belinda was married to Jacob Eaker. The weddings were the greatest events of my life. Now the two oldest of the family were gone. I was very sorry to part with them, for they were loving sisters. I think about this time Grandfather Daniel died. He was sixty-six years old. I remember my parents going to the funeral. I was at their home, which was a distance of fourteen miles, when a child. I also visited Uncle John Bayles' family there in Mentz.

Later father bought the Willey Farm, one and a half miles from home. It was mostly meadow land and was easily cared for. Still later he bought the Chaffe Farm, across the road. This was good grain land, and made in all four hundred acres. My father's garden was square with picket fence all around. The gate going in was near the corner of the house. A walk was laid out in the center and a flower bed on each side of the walk. These father prepared with great care, having his men draw muck from the swamp and leaf mold to mix with the other soil, making it light and rich. He would put out plants, sow the seeds (I have known him to bring seeds from New Jersey), and then tell two of the eldest girls to each care for one of the beds. Every morning he would walk out with us to see if they were growing, and if anything was to be done we were glad to do it for him, as he was extremely fond of flowers. He also put flowering shrubs in the front yard, and did not like to have the flowers picked, for they looked better on the shrubs in the yard. His garden was admired by all who passed by, both flowers and vegetables, as they were in sight of the road.

Father had a storehouse in Weedsport, four miles from home, where he used to go every morning, and buy grain from all around the country. As there was no other market near he would go through the country contracting grain—going as far as Oswego, twenty-five miles distant. Buying grain necessitated the buying of boats to carry his grain to market to Albany or New York. He added a dry goods department to his other business. Jerome Fargo was one of his clerks, later was one of the founders of Wells,

Fargo & Co. William Mack, another clerk, afterwards became a wealthy banker in Rochester. He opened a grocery and provision store by his storehouse, to furnish supplies for his boats as well as to people requiring them. This obliged father to go east to sell his grain and buy goods for his store. His absence often caused mother and older sisters much anxiety and worry of mind, as he was so easy to describe, being young looking, yet very white.

When father was going around the country on business he would often take one of his girls, enjoying their company as well as their delight in all they saw. One day mother went with him, and they stopped at the hotel for dinner. When they were ready to leave, the landlord said to mother, "Your father is ready!" and yet he was not an old looking man, except for his white hair and skin. I remember mother going with father to New Jersey. He was very fond of his relatives there. Sister Permelia, being the eldest at home, cared for the children. I remember Cousin Catharine Bayles came from New Jersey to visit us and the friends at Auburn. Another time, father and mother went to Binghampton and Chenango to see his brother, David Bayles, and mother's cousins, Miles Edminster, mother's Aunt Lois and sister. On one of father's trips his pocket-book was stolen while waiting for his baggage, and had to borrow money to get home.

Father's business took most of his time away from home during the day. He would go out in the morning with his men, plan their work for the day, go into the house and tell mother what he had done, and leave the business in her care. One day one of the men was plowing in the orchard; the plow caught in the roots of the trees, the horses stopped, then jumped again, then stopped. The man began whipping, which made them worse. He pounded them till he broke all the whips and everything he had, then told a man to get more. Instead of getting more he went and told mother. She sent word for him to turn the horses into the pasture. He refused at first, using very hard words, saying "He would not, and wishing women would mind their own business;" but he did not dare to disobey and turned them out. When father came home mother told him what she had done. He said she had "done just right," as they were a span of colts, and the man would have made them balky and ruined them.

Mother was an industrious woman, and planned well the business interests of her home, seeing that everything was well done and in proper time. She was a great reader, a good reasoner, and had a retentive memory. She was a good nurse, seldom needing the advice of a physician, and often ministered to the needs of the neighbors.

In 1832 father bought an ecleptic spring carriage, with a swell body. The two seats facing and one in front were cushioned with blue broadcloth. One summer day there was a menagerie at Jake-way's Corners. Father was a justice of the peace and had to sign the permit to let them exhibit their animals. He was also privileged to take all his family. It was in haying time and he had ten men at work. Father told the men to take the large wagon and all go, giving them their time. Father took the girls, young and old, in the new carriage. When all were there father stood them in a row, himself standing at the entrance. As the family passed in the keeper put out his hand on each one, saying "This one? This one?" till all had passed; then he told father he thought he had a pretty large family, causing much laughter. I can remember yet the great demand for palm leaf fans that day. In 1834 father bought the eight-day clock, with carved frame and eagles on the top, paying sixty dollars for it. I wound it every Sunday morning. Helena Jilson Weyburn has it now in her library, minus the eagles.

We children went to a private school, kept by a Miss Horton, a fine cultured lady. As there was five of us who could attend, father felt it paid in more ways than one, as she was a desirable companion for the older girls. Another year we had a Miss Hoyt, also a good teacher.

In November, 1831, Brother Aaron was born; and in September, 1834, Sister Lydia Jane. They were the youngest and naturally favorites with us all. Thus had my parents made a place for themselves and reared their brood in a new and untried land. The rest of the story is not so very different from that of many another family who grew up in the same western country. The children were married and found other homes; my mother, as the circle became larger, was still busier, while my father's affairs became more complicated. As farmer, country squire, store keeper and boat owner, he was known and respected and loved far beyond the narrow circle of his own village. It would not be possible, neither would it be interesting for me, to recall all that happened in the years which followed to the various members of our family. Many things I do recall, however,—some trivial, some important,—which the reader may pardon my setting down in the same fragmentary sort of way that I have been compelled to use in my previous narrative. My father was away much of the time, and sometimes we children would not see him for several days. He never forgot, however, to bring something in the way of presents for us. I well remember one time when he brought home three watermelons late at night. One of them fell out of his arms and split into a dozen pieces, and then what a scrambling out of bed for the pieces! One time he brought home from New York

three very pretty beaded silk work bags with steel clasps, and another time three very handsome brocaded silk parasols made Susan, Permelia and myself the most envied of the village girls. For many years, even after we were married, it was our privilege to have a dress pattern from each new piece of dress goods which came to the store.

In his fifteen years as country justice my father really accomplished much good. His shrewd judgment and sense of fairness made settlements "out of court" possible in many a neighborhood quarrel. Perhaps no incident shows the gentle nature of the man so well as one I recall, in which he said to a farm hand who was swearing wildly, "I will add ten dollars to your wages if you swear no more while you are working for me." Needless to say the man took the offer, and both he and my father kept the bargain. Two things which made more than ordinary impressions on our minds were the attempted robbery of my father's store and the visit to our farm of Grandmother Bayles, with her wonderful tales of the Revolutionary days and of the red coats. The robbing of the store was foiled by some of the boat hands, who being late at their work slept in the store. While the robber was unsuccessful, I remember very well the excitement of his capture and trial, and finally his being sentenced to state prison.

In the spring of 1836, Sister Permelia was married to David Mills. Very fresh in my mind is the bustle and excitement of this event. A dressmaker came all the way from Auburn to make her wedding gown, and the house was busy for days with cooking and other preparations. She wore a dress of flowered silk and her hair was frizzed with silver tinsel in it. In February, 1838, Brother Robert, who was a great favorite with us all, married Maria Delemater, and once more there were great family gatherings. In September of the same year Sister Susan married Francis Cook of Mentz, the son of a highly respected and wealthy family. I was now the oldest at home, and in January, 1841, Eron St. John and I were married. Our first home was the St. John farm, one and one-half miles from the Bayles homestead.

The daily trip to the village became more and more trying for father, so he sold the farm which had been our home so long and moved to the village, living in a house just opposite the store. The younger children went to the select school kept by Elisha Mack, and later to the academy at Elbridge. Aaron soon became old enough to assist his father very materially in the management of his affairs.

The record would be incomplete were not some mention made of the religious side of our family life. We had had few church privileges when in 1836 Elder Knapp, then at the beginning of a career which

made him in after years one of the most prominent divines of the land, came to Ira and began a series of revival meetings there. Under the stimulus of these meetings eight of us were baptized and admitted to the church at Meriden. The christian influence there brought into our lives persisted and made us a still more happy family. In 1837 a new Methodist church was built at Weedsport, and Susan and I both sang at the dedication ceremonies. I still have the note book out of which I sang that day. We took church letters from Meridian to Weedsport, where a new Baptist Church was built in 1839. I sang at this dedication also, as did Eron St. John, to whom I was afterwards married.

The first great sadness came into our lives when in 1840 Sister Susan died, leaving a babe, which, at her request, Sister Permelia took. It would be hard for me to tell how grief-stricken we were; she was so bright, so hopeful and so full of life; and it seemed so unfair that she should be taken just as her life-work was beginning.

In September, 1846, Caroline was married to Whipple Jilson, and moved to Elbridge, six miles distant; Lydia Jane was married to Richard Bloomfield in March, 1850; the same year Aaron was married to Sophia Boyden.

For many years after moving to the village father's home was the center for the social and business activities of the little place; but with old age came business reverses, and very reluctantly he was compelled to give up active work. My parents made their home with Sister Caroline, and passed pleasantly with her the declining years of their lives. In 1852 Brother Aaron, who had been west, came back, loud in his praise of the new country in the middle west. The scenes shifted, and one by one we left behind us the home of our childhood days. Ambitious and keen as we were to take up the struggle of life on a new battle field, the going was not easy. Sacred associations there were that clung about the old home, the green mounds in the country graveyard, the village church, and ties were broken which do not knit again.

My husband and I came to Rockford in 1853, and shortly after Caroline and her husband, Whipple Jilson. With Caroline came my father and mother. Jilson and St. John conducted, as partners, a business in this city, and my father often found great pleasure in being with them about the store. David Mills with his wife, Sister Permelia, settled south of the city. Aaron finally made Milwaukee his home, and Lydia Jane followed her son to California, where she died. Sister Caroline and I lived on adjoining lots, and we often took our sewing and spent the days reading to mother, who enjoyed it greatly. As the evening of life drew on, both father and mother grew more and more feeble until, full of years, they passed away,—

mother, July 9, 1864; and father, May 11, 1875. The story of the full and happy years which were left to us children cannot be told here profitably. Aaron died in August, 1864; Permelia, Dec. 4, 1887; Caroline, October 2, 1897; and I alone, "the last leaf on the branch," am left; but by my side the loving companion who sixty years ago, in the old home, plighted with me his wedding vows.







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