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bald, of Salem; their family was Hiram, now living in Colton, St. Lawrence Co., N. Y., Prudence, Lucina, Diomedea,—married Horace Hatchkiss, and are still living in Hampton,—Solomon, and Betsey Ann. Mr. Pierce moved to Eaton Co., Mich., after the death of his wife.

Ashbel Webster moved into Hampton from East Hartford at an early period. He bought land of Colonel Warren, and settled where the village now stands. H. Martin has his house on the spot. He had fourteen children. Miner Webster, a son, lived on the homestead, but sold off to John P. Adams and Daniel Mallary. Nathaniel Dailey bought of them. Miner Webster built a distillery.

William Morris settled on what is now known as Morris Hill, and gave it his name. He followed weaving, and wove blankets and cloth.

Elisha Kilbourn, Enoch Wright, Samuel Waterhouse, and a man named Carver, owned a large tract of land in the northern part of the town, and were the first settlers. Their land was on the river, north of Low Hampton. Eli Parsons was an early settler, and lived near the river. Among other early settlers near the Whitehall line, west and south of the Baptist church, were Peter and Thomas Christie, Ebenezer West, and a man named McFarlane. Beriah Rogers, supervisor in 1816 and at other times, and also justice of the peace, lived about two and a half miles southwest of Low Hampton. Richard and Samuel Wheat lived in this vicinity. In the southern part of the town, among the early settlers was Captain Stephen Brooks, noted as a hunter. He lived on the road west of Hampton Corners, about three miles out. North of the corners lived Captain Peter P. French and Esquire Samuel Beaman. They built and kept the first store in town, and Captain French kept the first tavern. They were one mile north of the bridge. Captain French and family moved to Pennsylvania. McNoyes kept the tavern after French. Esquire Beaman was agent for the sale of lands and a prominent man in the town, and was supervisor and justice of the peace. His son, the Rev. N. S. S. Beaman, D.D., late of Troy, was born in the town. Lucy, a daughter, married Charles Bulkley of Granville.

Samuel Hooker was an early settler in the southeast part of the town. His son, Martin P. Hooker, resides on the homestead; another son, Samuel P. Hooker, lives in Le Roy, N. Y. Ebenezer Popple was an early settler, and gave the name to Popple Hollow. Roderick Chapin was also an early settler in the Hollow. Caleb Warren and Captain Lemuel Hyde lived on what is the D. Smith farm, about three-fourths of a mile south of where Gideon Warren now lives.

Abiather Millard came from Connecticut. He settled on the hill about half a mile west of Poultney river, at the upper bridge. He was a blacksmith, and followed his trade, together with farming. He was a soldier of the Revolution. His son, Paulinus, born in 1792, is still living on the homestead. He married a daughter of Elder Draper, the first Methodist preacher. Paulinus Millard was in the War of 1812, and was at Plattsburg. His sister, Mrs. Stacy, is living in Benson, Vt.

Another Abiather Millard, also a blacksmith, came in at an early period, and settled at the lower bridge. He and

the Abiather Millard mentioned above were not related by blood, but married sisters.

William Miller, Sr., the father of the celebrated "prophet" Miller, had a family of sixteen children, of whom there are now living in the town and vicinity Solomon P., now living on the homestead on which he was born; Mrs. Shaw, now living in the town with her son-in-law, Levi W. Manchester; and Mrs. Joseph Adams, of Fair Haven, Vt.

From Mrs. Daniel Mallary, residing in Delavan, Wis., we receive the following. She is a daughter of Colonel Pliny Adams, a pioneer of Hampton. Colonel Pliny Adams and wife, Lucretia (Vail) Adams, moved from Salisbury, Conn., to Hampton Corners, about 1793. Here he opened a store, which was the first and only one at this point for a number of years. His first store was the old yellow house, afterwards converted into a tavern, and long kept by Daniel Rockwell. In 1803, Colonel Adams built the house now standing next the tavern building, and resided in it for some years. He built a store across the street from his house, which he occupied till his death, in 1816. He was appointed captain in a militia company, and furnished the uniforms for most of his company from his store. On the breaking out of the War of 1812, he was commissioned as colonel, and led his regiment to Plattsburg.

Among the old settlers were Samuel Beaman, afterwards called "Old Squire Beaman," who owned a large farm on the "intervals," and Major Peter P. French, also a farmer, who raised a large family. Near him, on Hampton plains, lived Mason Hulett, a farmer. His youngest daughter, Mrs. W. H. Webster, now resides in Onovo, Wis. "Old Squire" Jason Kellogg, justice of the peace and farmer, had sons who grew to be men in honorable positions; one of them, Rev. Ezra B. Kellogg, is now a minister of the Episcopal church in Ohio.

Prominent in later years was the family of Eli Richards. He came from Connecticut in March, 1813, and settled on the farm now owned by Ralph Richards, his son. He had one daughter, Mrs. Franklin Norton, of Clermont, N. H. After the death of her husband she returned to Hampton, and resides with her brother.

CIVIL HISTORY.

The town of Hampton was organized by act of the Legislature, March 3, 1786. The following extracts from the records, together with a complete list of town officers, give a full account of its civil history. The old school-house, at which the first town-meeting was held, was situated on the hill just east of the old cemetery, near the present residence of Gideon Warren. The present school-house occupies the same site. The town of Hampton, before it was organized by law, was called Greenfield by the old settlers. The name of Hampton is a common one among New England towns.

HAMPTON TOWN RECORDS.

At a town-meeting held at the school-house, near Colonel Gideon Warren's, May 2, 1786, the following officers were elected: Captain Lemuel Hyde, moderator; Jason Kellogg, district clerk; Captain Lemuel Hyde, 1st supervisor; John Howe, 2d supervisor; Peter Fuller, Joseph Kellogg, and Moses Perkins, assessors; Asa Tyler,





constable and collector; Samuel Church, David Nichols, and Jason Kellogg, commissioners of highways; Lemuel Hyde, Nathan Wheeler, Stephen Brooks, and Samuel Calkins, overseers of highways; Jacob Howe and Lemuel Hyde, overseers of the poor; Derick Kumer, James Michel, Jr., Nathan Wheeler, and Moses Perkins, wardens; Peter P. French, pound-keeper, and his barn yard for a pound; Nicholas Spoor, David Nichols, and Moses Perkins, fence-viewers; Asa Warren, Caleb Warren, and Samuel Church, grave-diggers for the year ensuing; Lemuel Hyde, Joseph Hyde, and Nicholas Spoor, a committee to purchase a burying place at each end of the town, and to set a time to clear the same; Joseph Kellogg and Thomas Treat, choristers. It was voted to raise a tax of eight pounds to defray town expenses for the year ensuing.

In 1787, Jason Kellogg was elected town clerk, and Peter P. French, constable and collector.

Supervisors.—John Howe, 1786; Lemuel Hyde, 1786-87; Gideon Warren, Esq., 1788-89; John Howe, 1790-91; Peter P. French, 1792; John Howe, 1793; Peter P. French, 1794-95; Samuel Beaman, 1796; Jason Kellogg, 1797-98; Pliny Adams, 1799-1801; Jason Kellogg, 1802-5; Samuel Hooker, 1806-8; Pliny Adams, 1809; Samuel Hooker, 1810-11; Jason Kellogg, 1812; Samuel Hooker, 1813-14; Jason Kellogg, 1815; Beriah Rogers, 1816-17; Silas D. Kellogg, 1818-20; Wm. Miller, 1821; Silas D. Kellogg, 1822; Beriah Rogers, 1823; Moses Ward, 1824-25; Beriah Rogers, 1826; Ethan Warren, 1827-28; Wm. Miller, 1829; Ethan Warren, 1830-31; Wm. Miller, 1832; Samuel P. Hooker, 1833; Moses Ward, 1834; Hiram Shaw, 1835; Moses Ward, 1836-37; Hiram Shaw, 1838; Ethan Warren, 1839-40; Hiram Shaw, 1841; Henry S. Beaman, 1842; Hezekiah Bosworth, 1843; Martin P. Hooker, 1844-45; Hiram Shaw, 1846; Roswell Clark, 1847-48; Seth Peck, 1849; John Ward, 1850; Martin P. Hooker, 1851; Wm. S. Miller, 1852; Hiram Hotchkiss, 1853-54; Gilbert Peck, 1855; J. W. Ebery, 1856-57; Thomas Manchester, 1858; Hiram Hotchkiss, 1859-60; Thomas Manchester, 1861; Martin P. Hooker, 1862-63; Solomon P. Miller, 1864; Ralph Richards, 1865-66; Harrison Phelps, 1867; Martin O. Stoddard, 1868-69; Josiah Peck, 1870; Squire A. Warren, 1871; Rufus H. Clark, 1872; L. W. Manchester, 1873; Squire A. Warren, 1874-75; L. W. Manchester, 1876; Rufus H. Clark, 1877-78.

Town Clerks.—Jason Kellogg, 1786 to Jan. 15, 1822, inclusive; Moses Ward, Jan. 15, 1822, to fill vacancy occasioned by the death of Jason Kellogg; John P. Adams, 1822 to 1833, inclusive; Ethan Warren, 1834-36; John P. Adams, 1837; Samuel H. Beaman, 1838; John P. Adams, 1839; Peter Honey, 1840-41; John P. Adams, 1842; Chauncey L. Adams, 1843-46; Rufus H. Clark, 1847-55; John Honey, 1856; Rufus H. Clark, 1857-58; Peter Farham, 1859-60; Henry Martin, 1861-73; Wm. Hyland, 1874; Rufus H. Clark, 1875-77; William Hyland, 1878.

Justices of the Peace.—Horace K. Rice, 1830; Samuel P. Hooker, 1832; Hezekiah Bosworth, 1833; Horace K. Rice, 1834; Wm. Miller, 1835; William Hotchkiss, 1835; Hiram Shaw, 1836; Gilbert Leonard, 1836; Beriah Rogers,

1837; Seth Peck, 1837; Hiram K. Rice, 1838; J. P. Adams, 1839; Hezekiah Bosworth, 1840; Wm. Hotchkiss, 1841; Seth Peck, 1842; Jacob Stowe, 1843; M. P. Hooker, 1843; Geo. W. Neal, 1844; Rueb Ruggles, 1845; H. Bosworth, 1845; Wm. S. Miller, 1846; H. Bosworth, 1847; Nathaniel Daily, 1848; Rueb Ruggles, 1849; N. Daily, 1851; A. Phelps, 1851; Norman Peck, 1852; Wm. Hotchkiss, 1852; A. C. Broughton, 1853; William Hotchkiss, 1854; A. Witherell, 1855; H. W. Webster, 1855; N. Peck, 1856; R. Clark, 1856; J. C. Broughton, 1857; J. Stowe, 1857; B. G. Streetor, 1858; H. Phelps, 1859; Nathaniel Daily, 1859; Levi W. Manchester, 1860; F. Farwell, 1861; J. H. Green, 1861; N. Daily, 1862; N. Peck, 1862; H. Phelps, 1863; Josiah Peck, 1863; Thomas Manchester, 1864; F. Farwell, 1865; N. Peck, 1865; A. C. Broughton, 1867; W. S. Wood, 1868; H. Phelps, 1868; Ira E. Phelps, 1869; A. C. Broughton, 1870; Josiah Peck, 1871; N. Daily, 1872; I. E. Phelps, 1873; Richard McGrath, 1873; A. C. Broughton, 1874; M. P. Churchill, 1875; Lyman J. Warren, 1876; M. P. Churchill, 1876; John H. Miller, 1877; Henry Martin, 1878.

Collectors.—Asa Tyler, 1786; Peter P. French, 1787; John Howe, 1788-89; Solomon Morris, 1790; Peter P. French, 1791; Peter Fuller, 1792-93; Elias Hibbard, 1794-95; Elizer Webster, 1796; David Morgan, 1797-1803; Daniel Rockwell, 1804; David Morgan, 1805; Caleb Warren, 1806; David Morgan, 1807; Moses Perkins, Jr., 1808; John Lawrence, 1809-11; Joel Hyde, David Morgan, 1812-13; Josephus Hyde, 1814; Josiah Lyman, 1815; John Lawrence, 1816-20; Samuel P. Hooker, 1821; Daniel Merritt, 1822; Robert Millard, 1823; Eli K. Post, 1824-26; Ambrose D. Rice, 1827; H. Bosworth, 1828; P. F. Kellogg, 1829; Elliott Lamson, 1830; Arnold Harvey, 1831; C. L. Adams, 1832; Hiram Ransom, 1833; Paul Spink, 1834; Gideon Warren, 1835-36; A. Witherell, 1837; George W. Mather, 1838-39; J. Killour, 1840; George W. Mather, 1841; Otis D. Kellogg, 1842; John Broughton, 1843; Josiah Peck, 1844; Daniel Smith, 1846; O. H. Webster, 1847; Robbins Miller, 1848; L. W. Manchester, 1851; John Honey, 1852; O. D. Kellogg, 1853; B. F. Millard, 1854; J. Williams, 1855-56; Byron Inman, 1857-58; Allen Gilchrist, 1859; J. E. Phelps, 1860; J. Q. Hotchkiss, 1861-62; E. Inman, 1863; Charles J. New, 1864; Thomas B. Clark, 1865; I. E. Phelps, 1866; Junius L. Clark, 1867; L. J. Warren, 1868; William H. Leonard, 1869; Warren Wilson, 1870-71; W. W. Douglass, 1872; Levi W. Prouty, 1873; A. L. Wilson, 1874; T. J. Leard, 1875; W. Wilson, 1876; James Q. Hotchkiss, 1877; Nathan Bachelor, 1878.

We add the following notes taken from the town records:

1792.—Voted, to allow Captain Howe, £1 9s. 1d. for his loss in collecting taxes in 1788; voted, that Esquire Beaman shall pay but twenty shillings for his license to sell spirituous liquors the ensuing year.

1793.—Voted, to pay a bounty of ten dollars for every wolf killed by any inhabitant of this town; said wolves to be pursued from, or killed in, said town.

1794.—Voted, that each town inhabitant shall mow all