

the homestead; Martha, born September 15, 1737, married Simon Leland; Benjamin, captain, born June 30, 1741, settled on what is now called the Mason place near the Bullard homestead.

(V) Colonel Samuel Bullard, son of Lieutenant Benjamin Bullard (4), was born in Sherborn, Massachusetts, August 2, 1729. He inherited a third of his father's farm and built his house where the heirs of the late Elijah Hill resided. He was early invested with the honors of his fellow-citizens, and much confidence through a long life was placed in his judgment and integrity. He was received as captain Bullard, a member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Boston, 1755, chosen selectman 1760 and held that office altogether nine years. He was representative to the general court in 1774. At the commencement and during the revolution he was a leader of the Patriots. He was often on the committee of correspondence and safety. He was colonel of Fifth Middlesex County Regiment in 1775, and served in the Bennington campaign in 1777 with General Stark. He resigned April 14, 1779. He married, December 12, 1751, Martha Perry, who died January 8, 1753, without issue. He married (second), July 10, 1754, Mary (Coolidge) Ware, widow of Benjamin Ware, descendant of the immigrant, John Coolidge, of Watertown. She was born January 7, 1731-32, and died March 11, 1813. In 1763 Colonel Bullard bought of John Morse thirty acres originally granted to Rev. Daniel Gookin and once owned by James Coolidge, his father-in-law, situated on the west side of the county road at the foot of Meeting House Hill. He also bought of Moses Perry three acres on the east side of the road and eighty acres of woodland south of the road from the plain to the farm. In 1769 he bought land of Perry for a malt house. About 1763 he moved to the plain, kept a public house and erected a malt house which he and his descendants carried on for many years. He died March 5, 1807. His eleven children: Mary, born March 27, 1755, married Eleazer Dowse; Adam, born October 27, 1756; Major Asa, born April 27, 1758, died 1804-05; Nabby, born September 11, 1760, died 1850; married Nahum Wight; James, born August 25, 1762, died June 30, 1828; Martha, born July 18, 1764, married Elisha Barber; Julia, born August 24, 1766, died aged about eighteen; Nancy, born February 27, 1768, married Oliver Barber; Samuel, born April 14, 1770, inherited the French gun that had been his great-grandfather Bullard's; Benjamin, born May 14, 1773, see forward; Betsey, born June 16, 1776, died unmarried at Sherborn.

(VI) Benjamin Bullard, son of Colonel Samuel Bullard (5), was born at Sherborn, Massachusetts, May 14, 1773. He settled in Sherborn and married there, March 31, 1796, Persis Babcock, who died August 19, 1809. He married (second) Nancy Dexter, (third) Harriet (Pond) Farrington, (fourth) Widow (Pierce-Daniels) Hines, 1841. He was a resident of Sherborn and a farmer. His children were: Otis, born August 6, 1797, see forward; Ede, born October 8, 1800, died unmarried aged thirty-two; Samuel Dexter, born May 1, 1814, died aged nineteen; Persis Ann, married Michael Guyrn and resided in Sherborn; Benjamin, died aged five days.

(VII) Otis Bullard, son of Benjamin Bullard (6), was born in Sherborn, Massachusetts, August 6, 1797. He married Polly Pierce and resided in Sherborn and Framingham. He was a farmer and knife manufacturer, making knives chiefly for the shoemakers. Their children were: 1. Polly Maria, married James Augustus Loker, of Cochituate, in

the town of Wayland, Massachusetts; he survives her at an advanced age. Their children: Granville Loker, resided in Cochituate, and had two children—Bertha Loker, married J. O. Clifford, of Lenox, Massachusetts; Melville Loker, married and has one child. 2. Theresa Loker, married William H. Bent, formerly a large shoe manufacturer of Cochituate, and they had three children: Elmer E., Millie, Harry, all of whom are married and have children. 3. Ira Otis, born March 31, 1836.

(VIII) Ira Otis Bullard, son of Otis Bullard (7), was born in Sherborn, Massachusetts, March 31, 1836. He learned the trade of machinist in his father's shop and succeeded him in the business of making shoe knives in Natick. The heat from the forge affected his health and he was obliged to change his occupation. He engaged in the drug business in Natick under the firm name of Bullard & Jennison. The pharmacy was opposite the Natick Common on Common street. He finally sold out in 1874 and removed to the growing town of Clinton. He has followed his trade of machinist since living in Clinton. He has a repair shop near his house on High street. Of late years he has worked in the winter, spending his summers at his cottage in Cottage City. Mr. Bullard is a Republican but has never been active in politics. He is a life member of Meridian Lodge, Free Masons, of Natick, and a member also of the Clinton Tribe of Red Men. He married Nancy Elizabeth Piper, born July 27, 1843, daughter of Horace Piper, of Sterling, Massachusetts. Their children: Otis Horace, see forward; Frank Edwin, born at Sterling, December 19, 1868, see forward.

Ira Otis Bullard has at the present time in his possession an old chair which came over from England in 1630. It has been handed down and always in the Bullard family, and in his possession since 1858.

(IX) Otis Horace Bullard, son of Ira Otis Bullard (8), was born in Sterling, Massachusetts, September 17, 1867. He was educated in the Clinton public and high schools. He learned the carpenter's trade of Jeremiah Stuart, of Clinton, a prominent builder. He worked as clerk for a few years in Hosmer's grocery store, Lancaster, a position he gave up on account of illness. For twelve years he has been employed as carpenter in the Lancaster Mills at Clinton. He resides on High street. He is a Republican in politics and a Methodist in religion. He married, September 17, 1892, Nina Brown, born in Irasburgh, Vermont, 1870. Their children: Leslie Otis, born January 27, 1896; Marion Olive, born April 2, 1898.

(IX) Frank Edwin Bullard, son of Ira Otis Bullard (8), was born in Sterling, Massachusetts, December 19, 1868. He was educated in the public schools of Clinton and the Bryant & Stratton Business College of Boston. He was first employed as bookkeeper in a Boston house, then came to the office of the Bigelow Carpet Company, Clinton. He returned to work in Boston after a short time as bookkeeper for O. W. Alden, grocer, Boston. In 1896 he returned to the office of the Bigelow Carpet Company, and became the order clerk, a position he holds at the present time. His home is at 100 East street, Clinton. He is well known in Masonic circles, being at present senior warden of Trinity Lodge of Free Masons, Clinton. He has been through the chairs of Clinton Lodge of Odd Fellows. He is also a member of Clinton Royal Arch Chapter of Masons, Clinton. He is also a member of the local council, Royal Arcanum. He and his family attend the Unitarian Church. He married, June 29, 1892,

Addie J. Fuller, daughter of Asa and Frances (Barnard) Fuller, of Sterling. She was born in Wellesley, Massachusetts, formerly Needham, September 6, 1867. They have two children: Ida Louise, born April 25, 1896; Frances Elizabeth, August 9, 1898.

HENRY GODDARD, deceased, was one of the most esteemed citizens of Worcester, held in honor as one of its pioneer manufacturers in the wire industry and a man of immaculate character. He was particularly beloved by the Masonic fraternity, of which he was a distinguished representative, being at the time of his death the oldest member of the order in the city of Worcester.

Mr. Goddard was a son of Benjamin Goddard, and was born in Worcester, October 4, 1823. He received a liberal education in the best institutions in the city, and early followed in the parental footsteps in the choice of a life calling. At the age of twenty-one, in 1844, he entered the factory of the Worcester Wire Company in South Worcester, of which his father was manager, and from the outset gave every evidence of both inherited and acquired mechanical talents. His first work was in the capacity of a wire drawer, and he was advanced successively until the death of his father, whom he succeeded in charge of the works. He was thus engaged until 1867, when the factory was destroyed by fire, when he was removed to the Grove street mill, returning the following year to the rebuilt South Worcester works. These were closed in 1869, and he was re-transferred to the Grove street factory, in the capacity of foreman of the wire drawing and nail department, of which he had charge until his voluntary retirement on account of failing health, in October, 1898, on his seventy-fifth birthday. He had then been connected with the works of this one company for the remarkable period of nearly sixty years. Beginning as a young man, he showed from the first such ability that he was marked for speedy advancement, and rose from the ordinary routine of manual drudgery to directing the finest and most skilled operations. A man of inventive turn of mind, he was quick to discern opportunity or improved processes, and some of his devices were placed in practical use, their introduction greatly lessening the expense of production and working a corresponding increase of product. He became so thoroughly identified with the institution that one of its greatest departments came to be known by his name. His individuality was so impressed upon the entire personnel of the establishment that his retirement was attended with significant demonstrations of respect by all connected with it, proprietors, fellow-workmen and subordinates alike.

In the year following his retirement (1899) on April 7, Mr. and Mrs. Goddard celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, and the occasion was one of the most notable social events of the day. The preparations had been made by their daughter, Mrs. H. E. Ball, of Worcester. The house was beautifully decorated for the occasion with palms, genista and cut flowers, the predominating color in the dining room being yellow. Many out-of-town relatives and friends were present, in addition to a large city throng which numbered the representative men of the Washburn & Moen Company.

Death came to Mr. Goddard with the wearing out of his physical powers, on January 12, 1904, when he was entering upon his eighty-first year, and the warm affection in which he was held was attested by the attendance of a large and deeply

affected assemblage of people of all ranks upon the occasion of the funeral. The services were conducted by the Rev. Frank Crane, pastor of Union Congregational Church, and the interment was with Masonic ceremonies, conducted by Worcester Commandery of Knights Templar, the pallbearers being four past eminent commanders of that body. The floral tributes were exceedingly rich, and most significant in design, particularly those from the various bodies of the Masonic fraternity with which the lamented deceased had been affiliated. As was said of him, standing at the head of Worcester Masons, Mr. Goddard occupied a highly honored and deserved place in the fraternity. The oldest surviving past master of Morning Star Lodge, he was the representative of patriarchal Masonry in the heart of the commonwealth of Massachusetts. Made a member of Morning Star Lodge on August 4, 1847, he was elected worshipful master in 1852, and was twice successively re-elected. Masonry was then in its infancy in Worcester, and the lodge numbered only about twenty-five members. He became a charter member of Montacute Lodge at its institution, and then aided in forming a third, Athelstan, and was its first master, in 1866, and elected to the chair again in 1880. He was most excellent high priest of Worcester Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, from 1858 to 1864, both years inclusive—a longer period than any other officer of that rank. He was a past master of Hiram Council, Royal and Select Masters, and past eminent commander of Worcester Commandery, Knights Templar. In the larger fields of the Masonic order he was a permanent grand master of the grand lodge of Massachusetts, a member of the grand royal arch chapter of Massachusetts, and of the grand commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. He was also a member of the board of trustees of the Masonic fraternity of Worcester. He was also a member of Quinsigamond Lodge, Independent Order Odd Fellows, in which he had passed the chairs. He was an attendant of Union Congregational Church, and lived a life of unimpeachable practical Christianity, his religion being of that type which found expression in action rather than in expression. He was an exceptionally generous man, thoughtful of others, and while he frequently and generously contributed to organized benevolences, he was noted for his quiet way of relieving the necessities of his follows by unsought for gifts of money or articles of comfort, and the large body of workmen connected with the same factories with himself were particularly the objects of his regard in these respects.

Mr. Goddard married, April 7, 1849, Miss Eugenia D. C. Ball, a native of Holden, Massachusetts, and who was residing in Worcester with her parents at the time of her marriage. Of this union were born five children, of whom two, with the mother, are now living: Julius H. Goddard, of Topeka, Kansas; and Willetta, wife of H. E. Ball, of the same city.

WHITCOMB FAMILY OF LUNENBURG. William Whitcomb, grandfather of George Henry Whitcomb, of Lunenburg, Massachusetts, was a descendant of John Whitcomb, of Dorchester and Scituate, who was born in England and came to New England probably in 1629. He was admitted a freeman June 3, 1652, in the Plymouth colony. He removed to Lancaster about 1652. He died April 6, 1683. A full sketch of his life and many of his descendants will be found elsewhere in this work. Some of his sons remained in Plymouth