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that time to live. He was constable for the blacksmith, yeoman, lieutenant, and latterly east side of Sudbury river, 1717-18; selectman, 1727-29-30-31-32-33-35-36; highway surveyor, 1707-22; town treasurer, 1720; fence viewer, 1724; and assessor, 1730. He was well-to-do, highly respected and influential. He married, in Sudbury, June 26, 1705, Joyce, born there, August 3, 1681, daughter of Deacon Edward and Joyce (Russell) Rice. Samuel Abbott and wife had five children, born in Sudbury, Middlesex county, Massachusetts: Joyce, August 13, 1706; Martha, March 10, 1712; Samuel, February 25, 1713-14; Samuel (see

forward); George, died in infancy,

(IV) Samuel (2), son of Samuel (1) and Joyce (Rice) Abbott, was born May 24, 1716, in East Sudbury, now Wayland, Middlesex county, Massachusetts. He virtually inherited the homestead farm in East Sudbury, and lived in the house built by his father, on the left side of the road from Wayland Center to Concord, Massachusetts. Owing to his premature death, but little is known of him. The Massachusetts archives credit him with the following colonial war service: According to vol. XCV, p. 310, his name appears in a list dated April 25, 1757, pertaining to Captain Moses Maynard's first Sudbury foot company. He was also in Captain Samuel Dakin's company of Sudbury, 1758, in General Abercrombie's expedition against Fort Ticonderoga, and as far as known, is numbered among the unknown dead, probably in the disastrous and unwise assault of July 8, 1758, by Abercrombie, with about fifteen thousand men, on that stronghold, which was garrisoned by about three thousand French troops under Montcalm. He was about forty-two years old.

His marriage was published in Weston, Massachusetts, in 1737, to Abigail Myrick, born April 10, 1719, daughter of John and Abigail (Herrington) Myrick, of Weston. They had ten children, born in East Sudbury, Wayland, Massachusetts; John (see forward); Ephraim, May 27, 1740; Jason, Octo-ber 6, 1742; Samuel, September 27, 1743; Sarah, February 27, 1745; Rebecca, March 11, 1748-49; Abigail, May 7, 1751; Abraham, January 11, 1754; Abijah, July 11, 1756;

Amos, 1759-60.

(V) Lieutenant John Abbott, son of Samuel (2) and Abigail (Myrick) Abbott, was born in East Sudbury, now Wayland, Middlesex county, Massachusetts, June 5, 1738. Lieutenant Abbott is mentioned in old records as

for many years as "gent." He started in life as a blacksmith, living in Sudbury until twenty-three years of age. He probably moved to Holden, Worcester county, Massachusetts, about 1761, as on April 15th of that year he bought of Joseph Davis, in Holden, for £17 6s. 8d., about nine acres near the church. south of the county road, on which in 1763 he built the celebrated and now historic old "Abbott Tavern," which although one hundred and thirty-four years old (1906) is still in a good state of preservation. It was at this old tavern, and with Lieutenant John Abbott, that the covenant entered into by the loyal citizens of Holden to sustain the committee chosen by them to watch for the public safety, etc., was left for a month, during the early days of the revolution, for the inhabitants of Holden to sign, Lieutenant Abbott being one of the six forming the committee of safety. It is stated upon good authority that Lieutenant John Abbott helped to throw the package of tea over-board into the waters of Boston Harbor on that memorable and historic occasion on the eve of the revolutionary war, December 16,

According to Massachusetts archives, vol. XXVIII, p. 52, John Abbott was commissioned during the revolutionary war as second lieutenant, March 5, 1779, in Captain Sam-uel Hubbell's (Third) company of the First Worcester County Regiment, commanded by Colonel Samuel Denny. His resignation was accepted by the council, March 13, 1780. The records of Holden show that he held the following local public offices: Highway surveyor, 1769-74-82-83-84-85-86-91-92-93-94-96; fence viewer, 1770-72-73; warden, 1771; juror, 1770-74; field-driver, 1775; constable, 1777; and sealer of weights and measures, 1777-81-87-88-89. His will, dated October 22, 1796, was probated November 5, 1799. Lieutenant John Abbott died May 23, 1799. His widow died in Holden, August 9, 1814.

He married, September 25, 1760, by Ebenezer Roby, Mary, born in Weston, Middlesex county, Massachusetts, October 25, 1734, daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth (Glesson) Allen. Their children were all born in Holden except Sarah, who was born in Sudbury. Children: Sarah, December 16, 1761; John, 1762; Lemuel, November 3, 1763; Cyrus, January 16, 1765; Isaac, October 2, 1766; Mary, April 9, 1768; Elisha (see forward); Jason; June

(IV) Stephen, son of Benjamin (2) Whipple by his second wife, was born on the homestead farm near Providence, Rhode Island, July 9, 1736, died February 28, 1819. At the time of his marriage he removed to North Providence, where he lived seventeen years and where all but four of his children were born. In 1777 he moved from Providence to Chester, Massachusetts. Was a soldier of the revolution. He married Zilpha Angel, died January 28, 1830. Children: 1. Theodore, born June 22, 1762, died at Rutland, Vermont, June 3, 1843. 2. Asel, born March 12, 1764, died at Hardwick, Massachusetts, July 1, 1846. 3. Andrew (of further mention). 4. Samuel, horn July 12, 1768, died at Chelsea, Massachusetts, December 26, 1853. 5. Mary, born May 31, 1770, died in Canada, December 4, 1813. 6. Oliver, born April 24, 1772, died at Shaftsbury, Vermont, December 28, 1855. 7. Nedabeck, born December 1, 1773, died at Chester, Massachusetts, December 4, 1776. 8. Celinda, born June 14, 1776, died at Chester, Massachusetts, September 16, 1839. 9. Zilpha, born March 28, 1778, died at West Burlington, New York, March 15, 1875, at the great age of ninety-seven years. 10. Stephen, born September 22, 1781, died at Shaftsbury, Vermont, March 6, 1879, aged ninety-eight years. 11. Angel, born July 15, 1784, died at Roscoe, Illinois, January 22, 1874. 12. Benjamin, August 8, 1787, died at Petersfield, Massachusetts, November 6, 1867. One of these children died in childhood, one at the age of forty-three years; the other ten died at ages ranging from eighty-one to ninetyeight years.

(V) Andrew, third child of Stephen and Zilpha (Angel) Whipple, was born at Providence, Rhode Island, September 9, 1765, died at North Pownal, Vermont, August 28, 1851, aged eighty-five years. He married, December 22, 1787, Polly Perkins, born December 26, 1771, died April 28, 1856. Children: 1, Clarissa, born May 25, 1789, died in New York state, January, 1821; married Gideon Clark. 2. Stephen, November 14, 1791, died August 24, 1866. 3. Moses, November 27, 1793, died December 21, 1892; married Clarissa Stratton. 4. Daniel, December 26, 1795, died in Troy, New York, December, 1865; married Louisa Barnard. 5. William, July 2, 1798. 6. Almon, May 20, 1800, died in Cleveland, Ohio. 7. Andrew (2), September 8, 1802, died October 21, 1868; married Mar-

garet Doyle. 8. Laura, December 1, 1803, died December 7, 1862; married S. Hubbell, died May 2, 1837. 9. Nelson, March 10, 1806, died October 19, 1807. 10. Cordelia (of further mention). 11. Alonzo, November 10, 1813; married Nancy Wheeler. 12. John, born November 11, 1817, died October 24, 1843; married Angelina Brimmer,

(VI) Cordelia, tenth child of Andrew and Polly (Perkins) Whipple, was born July 18, 1810, died March 13, 1889. She married, March 16, 1834. George E. Wheeler, born February 20, 1811, died January 4, 1864. Children: 1. Elias, born August 9, 1835, died June 5, 1864; married, April 7, 1858, Elvira Lewis. 2. Edward, born September 8, 1837; married, April 13, 1871, Martha Matthews. 3. Mary, born October 6, 1839, died March 13, 1886; married, June 10, 1861, J. W. Vail. 4. Everett, born July 4, 1841; married, December 1, 1869, Martha Hall. 5. Laura A. (of further mention). 6. Andrew T., born January 14, 1845, died March 27, 1861. 7. George Dallas, born May 10, 1847; married Fanny Proctor. 8. Delia, born June 10, 1850, died March 2, 1877; married, April 22, 1873, Peter Johnson.

(VII) Laura A., fifth child of George E. and Cordelia (Whipple) Wheeler, married George H. Moody, of Lockport, New York (see Moody VIII). She is a member of the Buffalo Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Alexander (2) Williams, son WILLIAMS of Alexander (1) Williams, came from the Black River country in Vermont, and settled early in the nineteenth century in New York, and died in Pembroke, Genesee county. He married Sally ——. Children: 1. Hannah, born at Geneva, New York; married Erastus Sawyer; children: Helen, Chauncey, Henry, Walter, Louise. Augusta, Carrie. 2. Lydia, married Alvin D. Harroun; children: Eliza, Alvin D. Jr., Sylvanus, Henry, Edgar, Ella Harroun. 3. John, married ———, and had children: Cynthia, Allen C., Eimer A. 4. Alexander, mentioned below. 5. Sylvanus, married Sarah Robinson; children: Edward, Mary Jane, Charles.

Mary Jane, Charles.

(II) Alexander (3), son of Alexander (2)
Williams, was born in Pembroke, New York,
in 1811, died August 26, 1853, in the town
of Sheridan, New York. He spent most of