



ASH CREEK - PENFIELD MILLS - 1772

FAMILY INDEX of Old Black Rock

[with a few personal remarks by William Wheeler]

Emphasized names are those of residents in Black Rock.

Parenthetical numbers refer to the index of Homesteads.

The importance given to families is measured by their length of residence in Black Rock. (The Bartram, Burr, Penfield, Squire, and Wilson lines were associated for more than a century with the history of the seaport.)

Genealogical data, given when available, does not aspire to completeness, but is intended to supply clues to genealogists who may wish to bridge the wide gaps in many ancestries between 1800 and 1850,—a period over which town records of Fairfield and Bridgeport are not consecutive.

The chronicle of individual activities is limited to events in Black Rock or mentioned in the Wheeler Journal.

For early genealogies of many families mentioned, the reader is referred to the very accurate "History and Genealogy of the Families of Old Fairfield," by Donald Lines Jacobus.

The arrangement is intentionally informal, but a few heads of families are traced back to their pioneer ancestor.

Notes in italics are quoted from William Wheeler's notebooks.

ALLEN, *Alanson*⁵ (Gideon of Compo¹, Joseph², Benjamin³), son of Benjamin⁴ and Deborah (Disbrow) Allen, born in Westport, died in Black Rock, 6 April 1883, where for many years he occupied the former home of Capt. Ichabod Wheeler (3b). Postmaster of Black Rock and shoemaker. Church deacon. He married (1) 27 Nov. 1823, Nancy

Olmstead, b. 2 Nov. 1797, d. 8 May 1852, daughter of Hezekiah and Hannah (Smith) Olmstead: (2) 27 March 1853, Charlotte (Stow) Ells of Milford. By his first marriage he had one daughter, *Elizabeth*, who married *David Smith*. Four other children died in infancy.

ALLEN, Captain *Charles*⁶ (Gideon of Compo¹, Joseph², Joseph³, Benjamin⁴), son of Captain Charles⁵ and Sarah (Thorp) Allen of Westport, and nephew of *Alanson Allen*, married 23 Dec. 1850, Amanda J. Fairchild of Trumbull. He lived on Ellsworth Street until his death in 1911. Of his four children, Charles T. married (1) *Ella E. Fancher*, (2) Fannie Harmon; Sarah E. married *Joseph Smith*; Nelson married Susan A. Mills; and Mary married John J. Miller.

ALLEN, *Henrietta*, sister of Alanson, married *Benjamin Penfield*.

ALLEN, *Increase*, living in Black Rock in 1840, later of Norwalk. His son, Alfred, married Caroline, daughter of Jonathan and Sarah (Hull) Sturges.

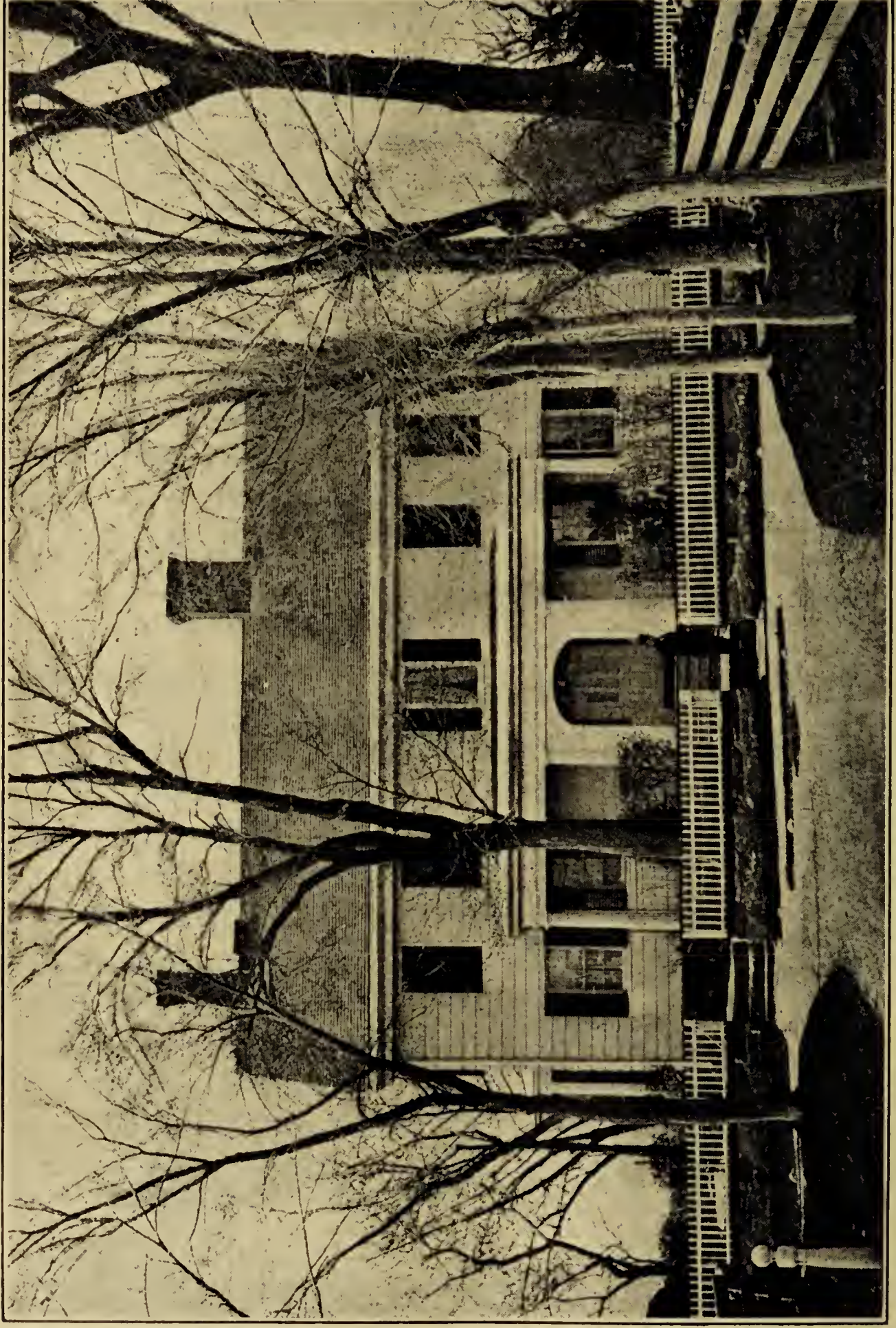
ANNABEL, the family twice victim of tragedy in the Journal, is given in the Fairfield Family Book as that of Anthony, who married 16 Jan. 1748, Sarah, daughter of Jonathan Middlebrook. Their children are named as Samuel, b. 26 June 1751; David, 1753; Sarah, 1754; Ebenezer, 1756; Mary, 1759, and Ann (presumably "Nancy"), born 3 Oct. 1761.

BABBITT, *Abial*, resident of Black Rock in 1840.

BANKS, *Elbert*, resident in 1850, with wife Polly and daughter, Maria, who subsequently married *Cyrus Spencer*.

BANKS, *Jessup*, son of Hezekiah and Sarah (Couch) Banks, married 20 May 1818, Laura Sherwood. She died 27 Sept. 1841. He died in Bridgeport 2 Feb. 1863, aged 72. His household in 1850 consisted of: Mary E. (second wife?); Cordelia, born 1822; Laura A., born 1831; and Edward J. born 1838.

BARLOW, Captain *David*, probably son of David Barlow, Sr., and father of Eunice Barlow who married Joseph Lockwood, Sr.



1801—The Thomas Bartram homestead (20)
(Photographed 1869)

BARSTOW, *John*, resident in 1850, with wife Irene and six children, Charles, Kate, Frances, Harriet, Susan, and William.

BARTRAM, Captain *Ebenezer*⁴ (*John*¹, *John*²), son of *Ebenezer*³ and *Elizabeth* (*Williams*) *Bartram*, born in Fairfield, baptized 18 June 1732, died in Black Rock 3 Jan. 1783. He married *Mary Burr*, came to Black Rock in 1775 when he purchased the *James Wilson* house (16) and his children are mentioned frequently in the Journal. They were;

Joseph, bapt. 28 Sept. 1760, lost at sea December, 1787.

Ebenezer, bapt. 15 Aug. 1762, m. 9 Jan. 1803, *Abigail*, daughter of *Isaac* and *Abigail* (*Gold*) *Jennings*. He occupied the family homestead (16) until Sept. 4, 1818, when he and his household moved to Westmoreland, N. Y.

Thomas, born 22 Feb. 1764, died 4 April 1838. Shipmaster. He built in 1801 his home (20), having married 16 Nov. 1797, *Sarah*, daughter of *Nehemiah* and *Sarah* (*Osborn*) *Burr*, b. 29 March 1771, d. 19 Oct. 1849. They had three children: one daughter, *Sarah Ann*, who married *Isaac DeForest*; *Joseph* who lived in the *John Wheeler* house (15); and *Thomas Burr* who occupied his father's homestead (20). Both sons were shipmasters and merchants.

Mary, bapt. 6 Oct. 1765, m. 7 April 1787, *Daniel Osborn, Jr.*

Job, bapt. 17 May 1767, drowned 28 Oct. 1817. Sea captain. He married 6 Nov. 1798, *Ruth*, daughter of *Thomas* and *Ruth* (*Wilson*) *Holberton*, b. 1772, d. 11 Sept. 1853, and lived in Capt. *Holberton's* old home (8). Their recorded children include *Mary*, bapt. 12 May, 1799, m. *William H. Nichols*; *William*, bapt. 20 Sept. 1801; *John*, bapt. 21 June 1803; *George Wakeman*, bapt. 2 Sept. 1804; *Catherine*, b. 1808, m. *Thomas Ransom*; *Jane*, b. 1814, d. 29 Oct. 1815.

Jerusha, bapt. 6 Aug. 1769, m. 2 Dec. 1792, *Nathan Lewis* of Derby.

Barnabas, bapt. 30 May, 1773, died of yellow fever in

the West Indies 29 June 1805. He married 23 Jan. 1803, *Deborah*, dr. Ebenezer and *Mary (Wheeler)* Squire.

BATTERSON, *Burr*, lived in Black Rock in 1840.

BEACH, *James E.*, resident in 1850, with wife Caroline, and son William.

BEARDSLEE, *Asa*. Resident north of the stage road in 1815. In 1819 he purchased from Sullivan Moulton a wharf and store, which he sold in 1827, with his house and land, to *Samuel Kellogg*. His holdings between the stage road and Ash Creek—about 40 acres—were divided in 1812 by the laying out of north Brewster Street to what was known as “Beardslee’s bridge” across the creek.

BENEDICT, Thaddeus, “*Esq. died 1799—51st year of his age I have heard him in Court— Remarkable for his contradictory remarks.*”

BIBBINS, Israel. Resident near the new road to Holland Heights, laid out in 1812 which cut through his property. He died June 15, 1822, aged 74.

BLACKMAN, *Israel*, aged 67 in 1850, with wife (or daughter) *Minerva*, 40.

BLAKEMAN, *Henry*, listed in 1850 as 43, wife *Sarah E.*, 34, and three children, *Georgetta*, 12; *Franklin*, 8; and *Adeline*, 2.

BRADLEY, Samuel, one of the original shareholders of the upper wharf.

BREWSTER, Captain *Caleb*, born Setauket, L. I., 1747, from Brookhaven, L. I., bought the Ezra Wheeler house (3a) and became one of the most picturesque heroes of Black Rock. Many stories are told of his exploits during the Revolution. In one encounter on the Sound with the British he was defeated, but swam ashore safely, with twelve new linen shirts lashed thriftily on his back. His “customary cruises”

mentioned in the Journal are explained by the notation made by General Knox on his pension application that "he was confidentially employed in an armed boat by the Commander-in-Chief, to keep open communication between Connecticut and Long Island, for the purpose of obtaining intelligence." He was tall and of gigantic strength. He married 18 April 1784, Anna, daughter of Jonathan and Sarah (Osborn) Lewis, bapt. 26 Oct. 1760, d. 30 Aug. 1834. Their children included: *Sarah*, b. 5 March 1785, d. 18 May 1875, who long occupied the homestead after the death of her parents; (*Jonathan*) *Lewis*, b. 5 Nov. 1786, d. 28 Oct. 1836, who kept a store near the wharf; *Sturges*, b. 20 Jan. 1789; *Racilia*, b. 17 April 1794; *Benjamin*, b. 17 Aug. 1796, drowned 30 Jan. 1817; *Elizabeth Burr*, b. 11 July 1792, d. 23 June 1796.

BRITTIN, Captain *John Pierson*, b. New York, 14 Feb. 1805, d. 13 Jan. 1878, married *Lavinia Wilson*, dr. *Daniel* and *Anne* (Jennings) *Wilson*, b. 17 April 1805, d. 8 Sept. 1875. Their son, *John William Brittin*, b. 25 April 1836, d. 30 Aug. 1911, m. (1) *Anna Burr*, dr. *Lewis* and *Eliza* (Olmstead) *Burr*: m. (2) *Rebecca Brewster Walker*, dr. *Eliphalet* and *Frances Elizabeth* (Burr) *Walker*. Their home was at the corner of Ellsworth and Hackley Streets.

BROTHERTON, *Alva*, resident in 1840.

BULKLEY, *Joseph* of Fairfield (1743-1776) married *Elizabeth Lewis*. Their children included *Joseph, Jr.*; *Morehouse* (mentioned in the Journal); *Adad* and *Medad* (twins); *Lewis*; *Elizabeth*, who married *David Penfield*; and *Esther*, who married *David Patchen*.

BULKLEY, *Nathan*, bought in 1770 from *David Wheeler* 3d. 15 acres "commonly called *Cable's Field*" between the stage road and the Cove.

BULKLEY, *Uriah*, son of *Joseph* and *Ellen* (Hubbell) *Bulkley*, purchased in partnership with his brother *Joseph* a store and wharf which they sold in 1817. He also owned the property and presumably built the house (13) later occupied by Captain *William H. Nichols*. He married *Jane Sayre*, dr. of Rev. *James* and *Eunice* (Dennie) *Sayre*.

BUNCE, *William Pernet*, born 25 Sept. 1835, died 10 May, 1869, married 10 May 1857, Harriet Elizabeth Fancher, daughter of *Henry Wilson* and Elizabeth (Benedict) *Fancher*.

BURR, David died 1825 aged 67 he was a very jovial good-natured man, beloved by everyone— in his latter years he was very corpulent—being at a store he told a stranger he did a great deal of work— “You do not look as if you did much or could”— I am a Quil driver.

BURR, James died 1826 aged 40— I was particularly acquainted with him— he was a schoolmaster and a sailor, very ingenious and honest.

BURR, John (1698-1752), son of Col. John Burr, lived on the road to Stratfield, and was grandfather of William Wheeler. His children included: Elizabeth, who married Col. Abraham Gold; Deborah, who married *Captain Ichabod Wheeler*; Ozias*; Abigail, who married Moses Jennings; John, struck by lightning and killed at the Stratfield meetinghouse in 1771; Justus, crushed by his own oxen against his barn door in 1766; Wakeman, found dead in a pasture, 1799; Amos; Catherine, who married Captain Robert Wilson; Ann, who married Thomas Sherwood.

BURR,* Ozias⁵ (Jehu¹, Nathaniel², John³), son of John⁴ and Catherine (Wakeman) Burr, b. 1739, d. 5 Sept. 1836. His home was on the old Stratfield Road. He married Sarah Nichols (b. 1766) and their children included: Rebecca, and Charity (who died in 1794 within a few days); Justus, Ozias, *Nichols* (who lived near the creek on the old road); Sarah (who married Seth Couch); and Mary.

BURR, *Nehemiah*⁴ (Jehu¹, Daniel², Seth Samuel³), built about 1762 a small house (5) in Black Rock. He was son of Seth Samuel and Catharine (Wakeman) Burr, b. 18 April 1734, d. in Black Rock July 1814. He served as one of the guards at the Black Rock fort in 1779. He married 21 April 1762 Sarah, daughter of Eleazar Osborn. Their children included: Thomas; Nehemiah (1765-1766); Ebenezer; Nehemiah; Hannah; Sarah, b. 29 March 1771, m. *Thomas Bartram*; Eleazer; *Noah**

BURR, *Noah**, bapt. 9 Sept. 1777, d. 25 Dec. 1857. Lived in his father's house (5). He married Anna, daughter of Isaac and Abigail (Gold) Jennings, b. July 1785, d. 16 March 1830. Their children included: Seth (went west and died there unmarried); Francis (died in Mexico); Isaac (killed during a voyage); Oliver; Sarah; Henry; *Abigail* (married *David Lockwood*).

BURR, *Oliver**, lived in his father's house until after 1850, when he built on Ellsworth Street. He married Emily Sherwood of Greenfield. Their children included Anna Frances, born 1856, and Cornelia Sherwood, born 1849.

BURR, *Thaddeus*⁶ (*Jehu*¹, *Nathaniel*², *Nathaniel*³, *Ephraim*⁴, *Peter*⁵), born in Fairfield in 1778, died in Black Rock 21 Feb. 1858. He married Rhoda Meeker who d. 28 Aug. 1834. Their children included: Peter, b. 1801, d. at sea 1827; *Mary* (married George Morehouse); *Albert*, married Sarah Raymond and lived north of the stage road; *Lewis**.

BURR, *Lewis**, b. 1806, d. 14 March 1881. In 1830 he bought the Wilson Knap house (19). He married 25 Oct. 1829 Eliza Olmstead, sister of Alanson Allen's first wife and daughter of Hezekiah and Hannah (Smith) Olmstead, b. 2 Jan. 1807, d. 16 July 1889. Their children included: *Woodruff Lewis* (1830-1909) who married Marietta Sturges (1839-1896), daughter of Jonathan and Sarah (Hull) Sturges; his twin, Sarah Brewster, b. 8 Dec. 1830, d. 6 Oct. 1846; *Franklin Edgar*, b. 10 Jan. 1834, d. 4 Dec. 1869; his twin, Frances Elizabeth, d. 18 Nov. 1869, married *Eliphalet Walker*; Anna Jane, b. 10 June, 1837, d. 18 Feb. 1883, married *John W. Brittin*; her twin, Mary Jane, d. 6 Sept. 1891, married David M. Greenough; and Virginia Elizabeth, b. 17 March 1840, d. 12 Sept. 1853.

BURTON, *William*, on census list of 1850.

CALLON, *William*, married Caroline, daughter of Chauncy and Caroline Matilda (Beers) Wheeler. She married (2) Rufus Fancher. They lived near the upper wharf about 1830.

CARSON, Walter, a Fairfield schoolmaster, married 12 March 1775, Sarah Squire daughter of Joseph and Mehitable (Burr) Squire. They owned several acres in Black Rock, and may have lived near the stage road. William Carson, their son, and Catherine, their daughter (who married Jason Gold in August, 1794), are mentioned in the will of Sarah Squire Carson.

CHAUNCY, Robert⁴, of Stratfield (Rev. Charles¹, Rev. Israel²), son of Rev. Charles³ and Sarah (Wolcott) Chauncy, married Hannah Wheeler, daughter of Samuel and Hannah (Wheeler) Wheeler. One of his children, Hannah, married into the Beardslee family of Stratford, the others lived in or near Black Rock,—Lois marrying *David Wheeler*, Ann marrying Samuel Patchin, and Wolcott*.

CHAUNCY, *Wolcott**, (1732-1805) married Anne Browne. His home (11) was next the Middle Wharf. His children included: Punal, b. 5 Sept. 1763; Elizabeth, b. 6 Nov. 1765; Charles Wolcott, b. 28 Jan. 1767, d. 26 Nov. 1784; Polly, b. 1 Sept. 1769, d. 16 Jan. 1770; Isaac, b. 20 Feb. 1772, d. in Washington 20 Jan. 1840, where, William Wheeler writes: "*he was president of the Board of Navy Commissioners. In the War he took 5 vessels at one time and a large quantity of arms and stores— He had the noble bearing of a Gentleman and an Officer— Born at Black Rock—left 3 sons—John & Charles, lieuts. Navy—& Peter, a Clergyman.* (He married Catharine Sickles.) Other children of Wolcott and Ann Chauncy were: Robert, b. 8 Oct. 1774; Lucy Ann, b. 6 Dec. 1778, d. 30 Nov. 1801; Sally, b. 14 Sept. 1781; and Ichabod Wolcott, b. 18 June 1784.

CHEPRON, *Peter*, resident in 1840.

CHINNOCK (?), Charles, an English inventor, resident in 1850, with his wife, Marion, and four children: George, Sabina, Charles, and Mary.

CHRISTIE, *John*, appears in the census of 1840.

CLARK, Cornelius, in partnership with John Y. Provost, at a store on the upper wharves in 1837.

- EDDY, *Joseph H.*, assistant keeper of the Black Rock Light, married 26 Oct. 1870, Abbie Robbins of Rocky Hill, Conn.
- ELIOT, Rev. *Andrew*, pastor of Christ Church in Fairfield, during the Revolution was one of the most famous divines in New England, and it is evident from the essays and Journal that his teachings made a deep impression upon young William Wheeler.
- ELLSWORTH, *Verdine*, born 1791, died 3 May 1871. He occupied the house, now the Congregational parsonage, at the corner of Ellsworth Street and Bartram Avenue. His wife, Jane Agnes, died 20 Oct. 1867. Five children, Thaddeus, Verdine, Helen, William, and Charles, died young.
- ELY, Isaac M. His name appears as owner of the John Wheeler house (15) in 1827.
- FANCHER, *Henry Wilson*, born 29 Jan. 1806, died 23 Nov. 1889. He married Elizabeth Benedict (born 4 Dec. 1809, died 14 Oct. 1878), and lived in the Silliman house (7) for many years. His children included: Frances Caroline (married Charles B. Smith); Nelson Montgomery; *Sherman**; Millicent Benedict (married George Bulkley Nichols); Harriet Elizabeth (married *William Pernet Bunce*); William Henry; *John Nelson**; Andrew Bell.
- FANCHER, Captain *Sherman**, born in New Canaan 17 Sept. 1830, died 4 Sept. 1883. He married 14 June 1852, Ann Augusta Merrill of Catskill, N. Y. Their children included: Captain *Charles Henry*; Ellen Elizabeth (married *Charles T. Allen*) Granville; and Sherman Thorp.
- FANCHER, *John Nelson**, born 15 June 1845, lived on Seabright Avenue. He married (1) Sarah Ann Brady and (2) Mary Jane Stewart.
- FIELDS, *Thaddeus*, mentioned in the Journal, and *Moses*, who in 1850 was a member of the household of Mrs. Job Bartram, were sons of Moses and Ellen (Penfield) Fields.
- FITCH, Hezekiah, son of Hon. Thomas Fitch of Norwalk, part-owner of the Middle Wharf and purchaser of land from David Wheeler in 1765. He married Jerusha, daughter of

Col. Andrew Burr, and later moved to Salisbury, when he deeded his Fairfield property to Comfort Sands, Hezekiah Nichols, and Samuel Penfield.

FORGUE, Francis *died 1783 aged 54 He was a Frenchman taken in Canada in the war of 1756, an excellent surgeon—when David Squire had both hands blown off at the battery he probably saved his life (Surgeons were then rare) it was observed that he lived just long enough and died when the war was over—he was witty—he said that when he died it would be said—Job, what are you?—“A strict Presbyterian”—then go among the Presbyterians— to another what are you—“An Episcopalian”—then go among the Episcopalians—finally—Dr. Forgue what are you—“I am nothing”— You go where you please— A man having his house burnt, the whole company told how sorry they were—Forgue slipped a dollar into his hand saying I am sorry a dollar, how much are you sorry? (He married Sarah (Thompson) Dennie, who died 24 Jan. 1796. His son Francis established the first printing press and newspaper in Fairfield.)*

FOSTER, Junius, resident in 1850, aged 43, with Electa, his wife, 43.

FOWLER, Stephen, had a waterlot laid out to him in 1794. His name also occurs in the list of residents in 1779.

FYLER, Elhanan, from Vermont, lived in the house formerly David Trubee's, on the stage road about 1880.

GOLD, Abel, one of the owners of the Middle Wharf, held several acres elsewhere in Black Rock. His son, Abel Gold, Jr., may have been resident in Black Rock for a few years, according to various references.

GOLD, Col. Abraham, his brother, killed at Ridgefield, was a shareholder in the Middle Wharf, and owned property between the stage road and the Cove (Burr Creek).

GOLDING or GOLDIN, Daniel, born 1782, died 19 Sept. 1862, came from Glen Cove, L. I., to manage the tide mills on the creek and built the house now standing near the site of the

old mills. He married in Glen Cove Charlotte Travis, b. 1786, d. 16 Nov. 1868. Of their nine children, the oldest, Ephraim, married Caroline Morehouse of Fairfield, Augustus married Jeanette Hanford of Norwalk, and Charlotte married *George Penfield*. (A curious explanation of the change of name is that the original form, Golding, was too long for marking barrels, and so, for business convenience, the miller dropped the final "g"!)

GOULD, Medad⁵ (Nathan¹, Nathan², Onesimus³), son of Nathan⁴ and Abigail Gold, baptized (Greenfield Hill) 26 May, 1765, died in Black Rock 16 April 1843. He married 30 Jan. 1794, Elizabeth Jackson of Fairfield, who died 29 July 1852, aged 87. Their children, baptized in Fairfield, included Azariah, Maretta, Austin, Eliza, Roderick, and Morris*.

GOULD, *Morris**, born 23 May 1811, died 9 Sept. 1890, married 20 Nov. 1833, Fanny B. Wilson, born 5 Nov. 1810, died 13 April 1886. Deacon Gould lived in a house, since replaced, on Ellsworth Street. His children included: Eliza Frances, b. 10 June, 1835, d. 16 Sept. 1870, m. 8 Aug. 1855, Rev. Marcus Ogden Burr; *George Austin*, b. 30 June 1837, d. 17 March 1901, m. *Viola Jane Smith*, dr. *Aaron Smith*; *William Jackson*, b. 11 May 1839, married Abby Jane Sturges; Sarah E., b. 5 April 1844; Charles Morris, b. 5 April 1846.

GRAY, *Monson*, lived near the upper wharf about 1830. He married Catherine Kennedy in 1828. He was a partner of Captain *Gershom Sturges* at one time.

GREEN, *Joshua L.*, came from Long Island about 1801, purchasing the mills and acreage on Grovers Hill in behalf of Oliver and John B. Coles of Glen Cove, for whom he and his son managed the mills for several years.

HALL, Captain *William*, came to Black Rock in 1856, purchasing the shipyard from four owners, and property on Ellsworth Street where he built a large house, later home of the Ruthven family. He died in 1860, aged 48, his wife, Lucy D., aged 58, Sept. 9, 1878. Three children, Ella, Georgiana,

and Walter, died in childhood, and one son, William N., born 8 March 1841, moved to Pasadena, California. Another son, *George*, was a resident of Black Rock.

HAWKINS, *William Henry*, shipbuilder, resident in 1850, was born in New York about 1814. His wife Catharine (born about 1817) and four children are named in the census: John H., born 1840; Lucy, 1844; Ann M., 1845; and Charlotte R., 1848.

HAWKINS, Munson, seaman, aged 40 in 1850, his wife Sarah, 34, and four children: Caroline, 15; Mary, 10; David, 8; Sarah E., 3; and Charles, 5 months, appear also on the census of that year.

HERBERT, *William H.*, shoemaker, born in France, married 20 March 1819, Eliza Wager; their family in 1850 included Mary L., aged 22; William W., a carpenter, 17; Jane A., 4; and Edgar C., 1.

HILLARD, Captain, partner with Edward Rew at the shipyards after the Civil War, does not appear in the records before 1850.

HENDRICKS, *Elias*, son of Nathan and Abigail (Elmwood) Hendrick (or Hendricks) of Norwalk, born 1800, died 6 April 1871, a resident on Ellsworth Street. His wife, Matilda, died 23 Nov. 1851, aged 47. He married (2) 27 Dec. 1864. Mrs. Elizabeth Goodale.

HOBART, Rev. Noah *ordained 1732 died 1773— Just before he died he said he was going to receive the mercy of God through Christ— His funeral sermon was preached by Mr. Wells of Stamford from “Remember them which have the rule over you, whose faith follow.”— he preached the funeral sermon of Isaac Frazier a thief who was executed at Fairfield, from “Be not over much wicked neither be thou foolish, why shouldst thou die before thy time?”— Mr. Hobart found once a skunk under his barn floor and desired Job Bartram a facetious neighbour to come & kill him— “Everyone kill their own skunks,” says Job & passed on, which became a proverb for a long time after.*

HOBBY, Captain *David*, resident for a short time in Black Rock after the Revolution. He moved to Westchester County, N. Y.

HOLBERTON, Captain *Thomas* (1739-1822), son of John and Mary Holberton of Stratford, bought land in Black Rock in 1763 from *David Wheeler* and built a home (8). He married (1) 31 May, 1770, Ruth, daughter of Robert and Catharine Wilson, bapt. 7 Oct. 1744, died
He married (2) Mary Wakeman who died 3 Jan. 1792; and (3) Bathsheba Peet who died 14 April 1824. His daughter, Ruth, married Captain *Job Bartram*; his son, George, born 1775, died 5 Oct. 1777; Catherine married 22 Aug. 1799, John Wheeler, as his second wife.

HOLBERTON, *William*, brother of Captain Thomas, married Eunice (Booth) Burr, widow of William Wheeler's uncle John Burr. Of their children, Susan married 30 Nov. 1816, Patrick Keeler; Frances married Samuel French; Mary married *Jesse Scofield*; Charity married George Clark of Elmira, N. Y.; Eunice died unmarried. Three sons were William Fayerweather, George, and John Burr. William Holberton served on guard at Black Rock during the Revolution.

HOLDREDGE, Captain *Nathan*, at his death left a household which included his widow, Eliza, and a daughter, Mary; his sister-in-law, Jane Meany, and her three children, Charles, Jane Agnes, and William Henry, who subsequently moved to New York.

HOWES, Captain William B., son of Sears and Sarah (Hurus) Howes of Sag Harbor, L. I., born 22 Sept. 1817, married (1) Harriet Thorpe, 26 Dec. 1843 (daughter of Sturges Perry Thorpe), who died 6 June 1848. He married (2) 16 May 1853, in New York City, Almira Mills. Captain Howes bought from Captain Daniel Wilson the house built by Captain Walter Thorp (12) and lived for many years in Black Rock. He had been captain of whaling vessels, and had made long trips in the South Atlantic and Indian Oceans. After settling in Black Rock, however, he left the sea and

established a coal business on the wharf which had recently been built by Captain Wilson on the salt meadow across the road from the Thorp house. By his first marriage he had one son, William T., b. 8 Nov. 1844. His other children, seven by his second marriage, were Harriet, Sarah Frances, Agnes, Charles S., James Edward, Susan A., Abraham Lincoln and Almira.

HOYT, James and Munson "of Stratford" bought in 1777 land from Nichols Wheeler upon which they erected a storehouse, sold in 1784 to James Hovey, from whom it was bought by David Penfield and used as part of the Middle Wharf property.

HOYT, Rufus, son of Samuel and Mary (Hoyt) Hoyt, born 7 Dec. 1792, in Stamford, died in Stamford 15 Dec. 1862. He and his brother, Nathaniel Weed Hoyt (born Stamford 6 April 1788), were both residents of Black Rock about 1830. Rufus Hoyt married Julia (Thorp) Perry, widow of Bradley Perry, and had two daughters, Delia Perry, born 5 April 1833, and Anna Seymour, born 1 Jan. 1835.

HOYT, William, son of William and Mary (Weed) Hoyt of Stamford, born 10 July, 1771, married in June, 1808, Harriet, daughter of David and Sarah Hubbell of Greenfield. He occupied the John Wheeler house (16) in Black Rock, before removing to Greenfield where he died 7 Sept. 1820. His wife died 12 Oct. 1842, aged 56. Their children included David, b. 21 Jan. 1810; Harriet, b. 5 Sept. 1811, d. 16 Aug. 1825; William, b. 11 July, 1815, d. New York 23 Aug. 1849; Rufus, b. 28 Aug. 1820, m. 17 July, 1851, Mary C. Quintard. He had also a brother Rufus, born 10 Feb. 1769, who died unmarried 26 Dec. 1791.

HUBBELL, Capt. Amos *died 1801 aged 55 years also Amos Hubbell Junr. also Wilson Hubbell, his son died 1799 aged 26, thrown into the Ocean by a french Prize master.*

HUBBELL, Onesimus *died Sept. 1824—69th year (son of Daniel and Sarah (Gregory) Hubbell) was very curious to "suck of the abundance of the seas and treasures hid in the land"—Often have I seen him sit solitary in his boat with his large*

dog, gliding down the cove to Burr's ware (in fish, clam and pigeon days)—his shaggy Cur often lay at his feet in cold seasons—

He was remarkably tenacious and communicative on the old stories of Capt. Kidd (the pirate) hiding his money, the expeditions and incantations to find it, generally in the night season; the thunder and lightning and apparitions attending the enchanted money.

He was ingenious in his knowledge of plants.—A Bachelor.

HUBBELL, Richard, lived in Stratfield, but owned property in Black Rock. He married Penelope Fayerweather, and their daughter, Christiania, married Capt. *Joseph Silliman*.

JARVIS, Captain *Isaac*, born in Norwalk 1756, died in Black Rock 1788, son of Isaac and Lydea (Taylor) Jarvis. His mother married (2) Captain *John Squire*, who lived near the Revolutionary fort on Grovers Hill where Captain Jarvis commanded the little band of defenders who repulsed the British attack in 1779. He married in 1775 Abigail Squire, niece of his stepfather, daughter of Captain Samuel and Abigail (Maltbie) Squire, born 26 Feb. 1755, died 12 Feb. 1816. One daughter, Esther Jarvis, born 16 April 1784, died 3 Feb. 1803, married Captain Abraham Benson of Fairfield, another, Lydea, married 19 April 1800, Jonathan Silliman.

JENNINGS, Jeremiah, at whose house occurred the inoculation in 1793, mentioned in the Journal, married Elizabeth Smith. His son William, born in 1766, died 5 July 1842, had two sons, *Jeremiah** and *William A.**, who lived in Black Rock, also a daughter, Laura, who married *William Bouton*, a resident of Black Rock at one time. Another daughter, Eliza, born 23 Aug. 1804, married William H. Brown, a New York ship builder who had a home in Fairfield.

JENNINGS, *Jeremiah**, born 1799, died 15 Aug. 1875, lived opposite the Burr house at the corner of Balmforth Street and Grovers Avenue. He was a shipcarpenter. His first wife, Rosanna, born 1804, died 18 Aug. 1843. His second

wife, Sarah (Crouch), was born in 1822, in England. He had several children.

JENNINGS, Captain *William A.**, born 1796, d. 5 Sept. 1851, bought from Captain Daniel Wilson in 1837 the Squire homestead lot on Grovers Hill. His wife, Harriet A., to whom he willed the house, was the only member of his family mentioned in his will.

JENNINGS, Deacon Moses, of Fairfield, was part owner of the Middle Wharf. He sold his share to another shareholder, Col. Abraham Gold.

JOHNSTON or *Johnson, Peter*, lived in the Wilson house (16) in 1827.

JONES, Isaac W., born 1806, died 20 Oct. 1863, lived on Ellsworth Street, where he achieved certain local fame by sitting on the wrong end of a limb which he was sawing from a tree. He long survived the achievement however. His wife, Polly (Waterbury), born 1808, died 3 July, 1884. They had one son, Charles Henry, who died 29 Aug. 1863, aged 19, another, James H., born 28 Feb. 1829, died 9 Jan. 1913, and a third, Charles H., was born in 1844.

JUDSON, David, married 13 Nov. 1783, Esther, daughter of Nathan Bulkley, and acted as trustee for the Bulkley heirs (and also for the Sayers during their exile from Fairfield) in several transactions involving Black Rock property 1788-1800.

JUDSON, Captain Isaac, born 1760, died in 1814, keeper of the Black Rock Light.

KEELER, David, owner of house (3b)—later home of Alanson Allen—from 1810 to 1814.

KEELER, Rufus, son of Jonah and Rebecca (Raymond) Keeler of Ridgefield, married (1) 10 Oct. 1826, Jane Lewis, dr. Capt. *Gershom Sturges*. She died 7 Jan. 1829. He married (2) Ann Eliza Fowler of New York.

KENNEDY, *Peter J.*, who died of cholera, lived near the upper wharves.

KNAPP, Captain *Wilson*, son of Ebenezer and Mary (Wilson) Knap, owned the house (19) later the home of Lewis Burr. Here the Knap family lived from 1813 until after Captain Knap's death in 1822. His widow, Clara, as guardian for Mary and Catherine Knap, minors, sold the property to Lewis Burr in 1830. That same year, on November 3, Catherine Knap married Alden Wilson, Jr. and ten years later—22 Nov. 1840—"Mrs. Clara Knap married Alden Wilson, Sr."

KNAPP, Ephraim, owned a house (2) which in 1813 he sold to Roswell Wells.

KNAPP, James. The names of James Knap, Sr. and his son, James Knap, Jr. (who married 19 Aug. 1792, Abigail Penfield), occur often in the land records. Abigail Knap died 11 June 1804, leaving a daughter, Eliza, and a son, Squire, who died 11 Nov. 1819, aged 27. James Knap, Jr., married again, and his Black Rock property was distributed in 1839 after his death, to his widow, Cynthia (Wheeler), and to his children, Eliza, wife of Elnathan T. Webb, Emeline, wife of Washington Webb, Abigail (married Philo Gregory), Frederick, Harriet, and Henry.

LACY (LACEY), John *died 1793 in the 84th year of his age.*

LACEY, Mary, *consort of John Lacey died 1810 in the 91st year of her age I recollect well their antiquated home with diamond windows seen to the right as I passed to my father's woods, and how the husband bedridden was busied in singing Psalms, resolving that I would do the same when in like circumstances.*

LEIGH, *William*, an Englishman, lived in Black Rock in 1850 with his wife, Rebecca, and four children, William, a coach lace maker, aged 27 (this was in the days of the old carriage shop in "the Lane")—Elizabeth, 21; Lorine, 15; and Frederick, 12. X

LEWIS, Jonathan of Fairfield, whose daughter Anne married *Caleb Brewster*, was a shareholder in the Middle Wharf.

LOCKWOOD, *David*⁷ (Robert¹, Sgt. Joseph², Robert³, Gershom⁴, Gershom⁵), son of Joseph⁶ Lockwood of Westport, and Eunice (Barlow) Lockwood, born 20 February 1811, died 22 Oct. 1885. He was a shoemaker, in early youth apprenticed by his father to *Alanson Allen*, and came to Black Rock about 1837, when he bought land from William Wheeler and built a home near the church. He married (1) Abigail Jennings Burr, daughter of *Noah Burr*. He married (2) Phebe Burton (Tuttle) Norman, b. 30 Aug. 1816. His daughter by his second marriage, Helen Melvina, married *Marcus Henry Mansfield* and occupied her father's house.

LOCKWOOD, *Hezekiah*, son of Joseph of Westport, bapt. 1 Oct. 1815, was living in Black Rock in 1850.

LYON, *Levi*, son of Nehemiah Webb and Sarah (Treadwell) Lyon of Weston, born 14 Sept. 1788, died in Bridgeport 25 Aug. 1878. He and his wife Ann were living in Black Rock after 1850, on the stage road at the corner of Brewster Street above "Lyon's Pond," long since filled in and forgotten except by aged skaters.

MALTBIE, *John* (1769-1809), son of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Allen) Maltbie or Maltby. He married 8 Sept. 1803, Rachel Mason, daughter of Salathiel and Huldah (Wheeler) Mason, and was first keeper of the Black Rock Light on Fayerweather Island where he died in 1809. His widow later left Black Rock and her name appears on various deeds as "Rachel Eden of New York City."

McMULLEN, *Edward*, occupied the house next the turpentine works, burned in the spectacular fire that destroyed the factory.

MIDDLEBROOKS, *John M.*, whose occupation is given as "boot crimping," was a resident in 1850. The members of his family were Rebecca, aged 53, Lucy R., 22, Harriet, 14, and Anna H., 10.

MILLS, *Ruth*, living in Black Rock in 1850, had two daughters, Mary J., aged 22, and Eliza, 18.

MOORE, *Stephen T.*, keeper of the Black Rock Light from 1817 until his death, when his daughter, Catherine (Kate), succeeded him. The story is that Kate Moore kept secret the news of her father's death at the lighthouse until she had received from Washington the confirmation of her appointment—a week later. She was for many years the heroine of other tales which confirm her resourcefulness and courage. Her record of faithful performance of her duties was perhaps never fully appreciated by her fellow-townpeople in a day when "credit for public service was a masculine prerogative." The Moore family in 1850 included Stephen, aged 70, his wife, 65; Catharine, 30; Mary, 24; and Alexander, 25.

MOREHOUSE, Stephen, drowned off Black Rock harbor 28 Oct. 1817, son of William and Anne (Burr) Morehouse, was baptized 20 May 1787. His widow, Sally (Bibbins), died 23 Nov. 1865, aged 80. The family lived near Holland Heights.

MOULTON, Sullivan, "of Greenwich," partner with William Hoyt in several transactions about 1820.

MURREN or MURRAIN, Meeker,—son of Daniel and Mary Murren, baptized at Greenfield Hill 29 Jan. 1764.

NICHOLS, William⁷ (Sgt. Francis¹, Isaac², Isaac³, Richard⁴, Theophilus⁵, Philip⁶), born 10 March 1755, died 21 July 1837. He served in action at Ridgefield. By his first marriage—with Patience Edwards—he had seven daughters,—by his second—with Huldah Downs—he had seven sons. His children included: Sarah (married Isaac Seeley); Mehitable (married *Asa Beardslee*); Prudence (married Capt. William Goodsell); Hannah; Anna (married *Levi Lyon*); Servena (married Abijah Beardsley); Betsey m. (1) George Remington; David; *William Hanford**; Wakeman; Elam; Stephen; and Philip Edwards. Another son died an infant.

NICHOLS, Captain *William* Hanford*, born 26 Jan. 1799, died 26 Jan. 1838, lived in Black Rock, where he bought the property overlooking the harbor, formerly belonging to

Uriah Bulkley (13). He married, 17 July 1821, Mary Burr Bartram, daughter of Captain Job and Ruth (Holberton) Bartram, bapt. 12 May 1799, died 16 March 1854. Their children included: Mary Frances, b. 12 June 1824, m. 13 Sept. 1847, Jonathan Beers; Hanford*; Catharine Jane, b. 4 April 1829, m. 1 June 1858, Samuel Wheeler Baldwin; Georgiana, b. 7 Dec. 1831, m. 30 Jan. 1856, Dr. Clement A. Walker; Charles William, b. 3 Dec. 1834, d. 6 April 1866, m. 10 May 1859, Sarah Frances Penfield, dr. of *Charles* and Eliza (Baldwin) *Penfield*.

NICHOLS, Captain *Hanford**, born 4 Feb. 1827, died 25 May 1881, lived in the family homestead. He married in Brooklyn, Sarah Elizabeth Thurston, daughter of Jasper and Frances (Durando) Thurston. They had eight children: Charles Hanford, Clarence Thurston, William Henry, Clement Walker, Mary Ransom, Francis Durando, Georgiana, Robert Prescott.

NICHOLS, Hezekiah, of Fairfield (son of Ephraim and Rebecca (Gold) Nichols), married Ann Penfield, daughter of Peter and Mary (Allen) Penfield. Their children, several times mentioned in the Journal, included: Allen, Ann, Silas, Hezekiah, Elizabeth (who married John Gold Allen), Sarah (who married James Allen), Samuel Allen, and Gershom.

OGDEN, *John*, lived in Black Rock near the upper wharves about 1845. His wife, Laura A., was born about 1827, and two of their children were Harriet, born 1845, and John William, 1847.

OLMSTEAD, Ashbel of Fairfield, married Eliza Eans (?) 18 July 1816.

OLMSTEAD, *David* (1772-1850), son of Joseph and Mary (Charles or Childs) Olmstead of Derby. He married Elizabeth Woodcock of Milford (1764-1841) and was a millwright. He died in Black Rock 24 Feb. 1849.

OLMSTEAD, Hezekiah (1771-1850) married 17 Dec. 1793 Hannah Smith, of Patchog. Their three children given in the Olmstead genealogy are Seymour, who died 29 Oct.

1796, four days old, Nancy, born 2 Nov. 1797, who married 27 Nov. 1823 *Alanson Allen*, and Joseph Smith. There were, however, other children, including Eliza, who married 25 Oct. 1829 *Lewis Burr*. She died 16 July 1889.

OSBORN, *Hezekiah*, son of David and Mary (Beers) Osborn of Mill Plain. He married Nancy Perry, daughter of Peter and Sarah (Bradley) Perry. After "keeping store" at Mill Plain, going to sea and becoming a captain, he moved to Black Rock where he lived by the upper wharves (14). Later he and his family moved to Verona, N. Y.

PALMER, *George H.*, who died 3 Sept. 1867, married Mary, daughter of *David Penfield*. They lived on Brewster Street and had three sons, William, David, and Charles.

PARROTT (Parit, Parritt, Parrett), *Abraham* (1752-1817), lived near Ash Creek. Eliza Wheeler, his granddaughter, writes: "He died July 5, 1817, aged about 65 years. He had three wives and ten children." He was son of John and Sarah (Hubbell) Parrott, bapt. 22 July 1753. One of his daughters, Rhoda, born 3 Jan. 1780, died 26 Nov. 1808, married *William Wheeler*. Another, Eliza, married *David Wheeler*.

PATCHEN (Patchin) David, mentioned as Rhoda (Parrott) Wheeler's greatuncle, was grandfather of Ephraim Patchen (baptized 6 Oct. 1790) possibly the E. Patchen drowned in 1803.

PENFIELD, *David* (1769-1845), after the death of his father, James, and the sale of the mills on Ash Creek, came in 1803 to Black Rock and occupied the house moved by Barlow Sturges to the corner above the Middle Wharf (10), which he bought, together with the three shares of the wharf previously held by the Sturges brothers. He married, 7 Oct. 1804, Elizabeth Bulkley, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Lewis) Bulkley, b. 12 June 1780, d. 1 March 1871. Three of their sons, William, Henry, and Samuel, died unmarried. Three others, *Ephraim**, *George**, and *Benjamin**, lived in Black Rock. Captain *Charles Penfield*, b. 22 May 1805,

occupied the Silliman house (7) for a few years, then moved to Bridgeport. Mary married *George H. Palmer*, and Elizabeth married (1) *George T. Solley* and (2) *John Y. Provost*, remaining in Black Rock.

PENFIELD, Captain *Ephraim Lewis**, born 18 July 1809, died 29 Jan. 1880. He lived in his father's homestead until after the Civil War. He married (1) Mary Ann Clark; (2) Roxana (Wyckoff) Palmer. Of his four children, one died in infancy; Mary Catherine married James Gray; *Samuel Edgar* married, 7 Nov. 1866, Elizabeth Howick French; and Captain *George Mortimer* married (1) Zella Irene Jennings of Brooklyn; (2) *Cornelia Adelaide Penfield*, daughter of Benjamin.

PENFIELD, Captain *Benjamin**, born 16 Oct. 1807, died 6 Nov. 1882. He bought the Gershom Sturges house (9) shortly after his marriage 8 Oct. 1832 to Henrietta Allen, daughter of Benjamin and Deborah (Disbrow) Allen of Westport. He was master and owner of the "Wonder," sailing from Bridgeport to New York. He had six children: William Henry; *Cornelia Adelaide*; *Caroline Elizabeth*; John Benjamin; Martha Clinton (who married George B. Nichols of Newark); and a daughter who died in infancy.

PENFIELD, *George**, born 29 May 1811, died 1 June 1880. He lived near Ash Creek in a house later occupied by his son and daughter. He married 2 May 1839, Charlotte Golding, daughter of *Daniel Golding*. Of their eight children, *George Oscar* and *Virginia Elizabeth* lived in Black Rock, occupying their father's house until about 1905. Three sons died in childhood; two, Milton Roof and James Golding, followed the sea; and a daughter, Mary Jane, died in 1893.

PENFIELD, Samuel (1734-1811), lived in Fairfield, where he owned the Sun Tavern on the Green. He was a brother of James Penfield, Sr. and father of Josiah, drowned in 1784. His son, Henry L. Penfield of Rye, married Mary, daughter of Peter Perry, and with her transferred a share of the Perry wharf property to Bradley Perry.



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BUILT AT BALTIMORE, MD., 1858.

PERRY, *Bradley* (1785-1830), son of Peter and Sarah (Bradley) Perry of Mill Plain, came to Black Rock about 1820, purchased the Riley store and wharf and lived in the house later the property of Captain Holdredge. He had three daughters, Catharine, Julia and Sarah. His widow, Julia (daughter of Walter Thorp), married *Rufus Hoyt*.

PERRY, *Seth*, born 9 April 1780, died 1866, married Kate Stoddard. He bought the store, house and wharf that had been property of his brother-in-law, *Hezekiah Osborn*, in 1812. He was a merchant and ship-owner. His house (21) stood at Brewster Street and Grovers Avenue and was subsequently occupied by his son, *Robert Perry*.

PLUMB, *John*, long resident in Black Rock, was born in 1796, and his wife Sally about 1807. Their children included Frederick, born about 1831; Sarah, 1836; and Leonard G., 1844.

PROVOST, *John Youngs*⁶ (Elias¹, Johannes², Johannes³, Daniel⁴), son of Daniel⁵ and Lydia (Jones) Provost, born 13 Oct. 1811, died 8 Jan. 1892. He married (1) 24 Nov. 1834, Mary Wilmot, and (2) 24 Oct. 1877, Elizabeth (Penfield) Solley. His children, all by his first marriage, were: Mary Elizabeth, b. 15 Aug. 1835, m. 14 May 1854, Joseph L. Chapman of Damariscotta, Maine; Anna A., b. 28 June 1838, m. 27 Nov. 1867, Theodore Fox of South Norwalk; Eliza Frances, b. 16 Sept. 1840, m. 3 Feb. 1864, Bradley Banks of Easton; and John H., b. 27 June 1848, m. (1) 28 Dec. 1870, Julia M. Olmstead, and (2) 25 Oct. 1881, Annette Evans. The Provost homestead was on Brewster Street. (The family name was originally Provoost—of Knickerbocker origin.)

RANSOM, *Thomas*, died 15 May 1888. He was a merchant in Black Rock and later in Bridgeport. He married Catherine, daughter of Captain *Job Bartram*, b. 1808, d. 25 Jan. 1892. They had five children, Mary Gardner, d. 13 Jan. 1881, aged 44; William, d. 31 May, 1893, aged 42; Robert Clinton, d. 11 Oct. 1840, aged 13 months; Thomas Bartram, d. 14

Feb. 1832, aged 2 years, and Cornelia R., d. 26 Feb. 1837, aged 2.

RAYMOND, *Curtis*, son of Sturges and Finetta (Banks) Raymond of Greenfield, died in Black Rock 27 July, 1880. He married Charlotte Ruth Henrietta of Brooklyn, and made his home on Ellsworth Street, later occupied by his son, *Henry Casper Raymond*, married Hattie E. Banks, dr. Abram and Sarah (Goodsell) Banks of Greenfield.

READ, *Samuel*, lived on the stage road near Ellsworth Street about 1800.

REW, Rev. *Edward T.*, son of John Rew of North Carolina, born 10 April 1821, died 4 June 1889. He married 10 April 1844, Mary Jane, daughter of Jesse Olmstead of Norwalk. His son Edward, with *Eliphalet Walker*, formed the firm of Rew & Walker at the Black Rock shipyard. The children of Edward T. and Mary Jane Rew were: Jesse, b. 14 Aug. 1846; Sarah Elizabeth, b. 24 Dec. 1847; Mary Jane, b. 10 July, 1849, married Rufus J. Banks; Edward T., her twin, d. 14 July, 1849; Edward T., b. 28 June, 1856; and John Aurelian, b. 3 Oct. 1857, drowned in Black Rock harbor, 31 Dec. 1872.

RILEY, *Terence*, from Staten Island, came to Black Rock in 1803, when he purchased John Wheeler's house, store, and wharf, and also another wharf, originally surveyed for Philo Ruggles. His business ventures were over-extended and after his sudden death in New York, his property was taken over by his creditors. He left a widow, Sarah, and a daughter, Eliza.

RUGGLES, Philo, original proprietor of wharf laid out later to John Wheeler. He was from Milford and married 21 July 1799, Ellen Bulkley of Greenfield. He died shortly afterwards.

SAYRE, Rev. James, of the Episcopal church in Fairfield, after a vain appeal to Tryon to save his house in 1779, lost all of his property and with his family left Fairfield in the British man-of-war. He later returned and continued his ministry

until his death in 1798. He was part-owner of the Middle Wharf. Of his four daughters, *Jane* married *Uriah Bulkley*, and his son *Dennie* owned the property in Black Rock, where other members of the family were frequent visitors.

SCOFIELD, *Jesse*, married *Mary*, daughter of *William Holberton*. In 1850 they had one daughter, *Mary*, living with them, and their granddaughter, *Mary L. Camp*.

SEELEY, *Sturges*, in 1850, lived on *Ellsworth Street* in a house still occupied by his family. His daughter, *Martha*, married 30 July 1880, *William C. Harrison* of *Elizabeth, N. J.*

SILLIMAN, *Anna*, wife of *William Silliman* died 1776 aged 19 her monument is large, full of verses almost romantic her husband died in the western country. He was by some called a simple man, be that as it may, I shall always with pleasure remember him as a friend that helped me along in Religion, often stopping me as I past his house to talk on sacred subjects in (to me) a most pleasing way—we are never enough thankful to our human friends that would save us from eternal despair.

SILLIMAN, Captain *Joseph*⁴ (*Daniel*¹, *Robert*², *Nathaniel*³), (1732-1788), married in 1762 *Christiania* (or *Christian*) *Hubbell*, daughter of *Richard* and *Penelope* (*Fayerweather*) *Hubbell*. They lived in the house built by Captain *Silliman* on *Grovers Avenue* (7) where their five children were born, *Nathaniel**, *Sarah*, *Mary*, *Rhoda*, and *Phebe*.

SILLIMAN, Captain *Nathaniel** (1763-1795), lived in the old homestead and was a frequent visitor at the *Wheeler* house, where he told many sea stories none probably so tragic as that of his own death, narrated by the *Journal*.

SILLIMAN, *Seth* died 1808 aged 67 I knew the amiable man well... His ancestor *Capt. Silliman* tradition reports to have enlisted and taken out a company to *Cartagena* in 1741, few ever returned—20,000 *Englishmen* perished by the unhealthy climate—*Silliman* was glad to escape, having, it is said, sold his commission for a hogshead of molasses.

SKINNER, *John*, living in Black Rock in 1850 and his wife, Catharine, had two sons in 1850, Roger Sherman, aged 4 and Willie Perry, 2.

SMITH, *Aaron*, born 16 July 1815, died 16 April 1886, son of David and Margaret (Lane) Smith, married 25 Oct. 1838, Margaret Calderwood, daughter of Jonathan and Charity (Hall) Calderwood, born 1 Aug. 1815, died 2 May 1900. He and his family sailed from North Haven, Maine, in a schooner, settling in Black Rock, where they lived, next to the Ransom house in "the lane" now Calderwood Street. Two children died young, the others were Black Rock residents,—*Jeremiah* (married Jane M. Green of Milford); *Viola Jane* (married George A. Gould, son of *Morris Gould*); *Orland*; *Fairfield*; and *Joseph* (married Sarah W. Allen, daughter of Captain *Charles Allen*).

SMITH, *David*, son of Reuben and Eleanor (Williams) Smith of Greenfield, bapt. 18 Feb. 1796, married Elizabeth, daughter of *Alanson Allen*.

SOLLEY, *George Thomas*, son of Thomas and Melinda (Landers) Solley, born 18 Jan. 1823, died 12 Sept. 1872. He married in 1848, Elizabeth, daughter of *David Penfield*. They had no children, but adopted a daughter, Mary Ann Howell, who married Charles J. Palmer.

SPENCER, *Cyrus P.*, from Damariscotta, Maine, married 14 Nov. 1853, Maria S. Banks, and lived on Ellsworth Street.

SQUIRE, Captain Samuel⁴ of Fairfield (George¹, Ensign Samuel²), son of Lieut. Samuel³ and Mary (Silliman) Squire, part-owner of the Middle Wharf, and original owner of the Squire Wharf, lived near the Penfield Mills on the old road, and his children are mentioned frequently in the Journal and in the records. He married (1) Abigail Maltbie, (2) Abigail Squire, daughter of John and Sarah (Rumsey) Squire, and (3) Ellen Gold, daughter of Abel and Ellen (Burr) Gold. His seven children were: *Samuel*; *Sarah* (who married *Daniel Wilson*); *John*; *David* (injured at the fort in 1779); *Abigail* (married *Isaac Jarvis*); *George*; and *William*.

SQUIRE, Captain *John*, his brother, built a house (6) near the Money Beach about 1762. He married (1) Deborah Smith, (2) Mary Harper of Martha's Vineyard, and (3) Lydea (Taylor) Jarvis of Norwalk, whose son, *Isaac Jarvis, Jr.*, became a member of his household. His own children included Deborah; Mary; John; Lydea; Peter; Lydea (2d) who married *John Wheeler*, as his first wife; and *James* who, with his son Peter, died in camp at Plattsburgh.

SQUIRE, Captain Joseph⁴ (George¹, Ensign Samuel²), son of Joseph³ and Abigail (Hill) Squire, first cousin of Captain John and Captain Samuel, lived in Fairfield, but owned property in Black Rock. He married Mehitable, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Wakeman Burr. His children were: *Joseph*, who married (1) Sarah, daughter of Rev. Andrew Eliot and (2) Ann Wetmore; Ebenezer, who married *Mary Wheeler*, daughter of Capt. Ichabod, and had thirteen children occasionally mentioned in their uncle's Journal; Abigail, who married Ebenezer Jessup; *Sarah*, who married *Walter Carson*; Elizabeth; Andrew; George; and Mehitable, who married David Jennings.

STAPLES, *Thomas, Jr.* and *Walter*, are mentioned in the census of 1800 as living near the creek by the mills, and in 1820 the name of *Samuel Staples* occurs in the wharf daybook of David Penfield, so that the family was resident in Black Rock over at least that period of time.

STURGES,—Four of the children of Seth Sturges and his wife, Mary (daughter of Peter Burr), of Fairfield, were residents of Black Rock:—

STURGES, Captain *Benjamin*³ (Benjamin¹, Seth²), who in 1783 married Thankful Darrow, moved to Southport.

STURGES, Captain *Barlow*, his brother (1769-1819), after a brief sojourn during which he managed a tavern (10) at the Middle Wharf, moved to Compo and later to Ohio where he died. He married in 1789, Eunice Osborn. They had two sons, Frederick, b. 1 Aug. 1790, and Barlow, b. 7 Aug. 1793.

STURGES, Captain *Gershom*, the third brother (born 1 June 1773, died 17 March 1835), remained in Black Rock where, after his third-share of the Middle Wharf, with those of Barlow and Benjamin, had been sold to David Penfield, he transferred his business to the upper wharves, with a succession of store-keeping partners. He married (1) 6 Dec. 1807, Elizabeth Lewis (6 Jan. 1783-2 May 1817), and (2) 21 Sept. 1818 Elizabeth Rowland. Three children, Elizabeth, Mary Ann, and Jonathan, died in infancy; *Jane Lewis*, b. 19 Aug. 1808, d. 7 Jan. 1829, m. 12 Oct. 1826, *Rufus Keeler*. One son survived him,—*George Burr Sturges*, b. 3 Dec. 1809, m. 1835, Harriet Young of Montreal, and after selling the family homestead to *Benjamin Penfield*, moved to Brooklyn and then to Peoria, Ill., where he died 24 Nov. 1870.

STURGES, *Eunice*, a sister, married Captain *Woodhull*.

STURGES, *David Hull*⁵ (Benjamin¹, Seth², Seth³, Jr.), son of Jonathan⁴ and Sarah (Hull) Sturges, born in Fairfield 30 Aug. 1844, married Sarah Eliza Gould, daughter of *Morris* and Fanny (Wilson) *Gould*, born 5 April 1844, died 23 April 1872. He lived on Ellsworth Street, next to the Congregational Church.

THORP, Captain *Walter*, son of Captain Eliphalet and Eunice Thorp of Fairfield (baptized 18 Feb. 1770, d. 21 Oct. 1837), married Ruamah Wakeman. He came to Black Rock early in the nineteenth century, first occupying the Silliman house (7) and then building his own home (12) next to David Penfield on the new road (now Seabright Avenue). His children included: Wakeman, bapt. 21 Jan. 1794 (married 8 Sept. 1817, Marietta Osborn); Edward, bapt. 19 June, 1803, d. 17 Feb. 1831; Walter, Jr., b. 1813, drowned 24 Sept. 1818; George (who died 9 Sept. 1817 in North Carolina); Charles (who married 14 Nov. 1824, Almira Beers); Eunice, bapt. 21 Jan. 1794; Miranda, bapt. 21 Jan. 1794, married Jonathan Bulkeley; Julia Anna, bapt. 3 Feb. 1798, m. (1) 17 Nov. 1817, *Bradley Perry*, and (2) 1 April 1832, *Rufus Hoyt*; Mary Wakeman, bapt. 2 Feb. 1800,

m. John Gould; Delia Marcia, bapt. 30 June 1805, m. John Beardsley; and Priscilla, m. Henry Beers.

TRUBEE, *David*⁴ (Andris¹, Ansel²), son of Samuel Comfort³ and Elizabeth (Curtiss) Trubee, lived in the house (now remodeled) on the northwest corner of Ellsworth Street and Fairfield Avenue, later home of *Elhanan Fyler*. He married Sarah Gifford Doane, and was resident in Black Rock in 1867.

TURNEY—Several of the Turney family occupied homesteads across the creek, and are frequently mentioned in the Journal, although Captain *Andrew Turney* alone owned Black Rock property.

TURNEY, Aaron of Fairfield, served at the Battery in Black Rock in 1779, and in 1782 as 2d Lieutenant under Capt. *Woodhull* on the "Spy," "Fox," and "Firebrand."

TURNEY, Captain *Andrew*, bought in 1839 Munson Gray's house, barn, wharf-lot, and store.

TURNEY, John, son of David and Sarah (Gold) Turney, born 20 Oct. 1767, died 6 Dec. 1807. He married Eunice, daughter of James and Ellen (Burr) Penfield, b. 28 Feb. 1773.

WAKEMAN, *Wyllis*, son of Ebenezer and Eunice (Bradley) Wakeman of Greenfield Hill, born 4 July 1794, died 15 Feb. 1848. He married 31 Oct. 1819, Anna Jennings, born 2 June 1796. Of his four sons, the eldest, *James Henry*, b. 21 March 1821, d. 12 Nov. 1876, also lived in Black Rock on Ellsworth Street. He married (1) 29 Sept. 1846, Catharine Beach, b. 27 Oct. 1826, d. 28 Aug. 1855, and (2) 6 June 1859, Sarah M. Beardsley. Of his six children, none remained in Black Rock.

WHEELER Family. The "History of the Wheeler Family in America," compiled by Albert G. Wheeler, Jr., traces the several branches of the Fairfield pioneers, but omits a few lines. For the most part, these are to be included in D. L. Jacobus' "First Families of Fairfield," so that the following notes concern individuals mentioned in the Journal. The most important source, William Wheeler himself, supplies several dates in the first pages of his record:

“My Grandfather had 2 wives—I am told he had one Son only (John) by his first wife he had several children daughters & by his last wife Lydia he had 5 sons, Obadiah, Daniel, Jabez, Ichabod & John, and died in his 92d year.

Obadiah had 3 sons, Ezra, Josiah & Abram

Ichabod Wheeler was born Jan. 11 1725/6

Married to Deborah Burr January 1st 1752

She was born May 14th Old Stile 1730

They have 3 children Mary born May 21st 1756

Myself Wm Wheeler Born July 12th 1762 & John

(*Note interposed*—William Wheeler died at sunrise January 28th, 1845, aged 82 yrs. 6 mo. 16 dys.) & John February 24th, 1765.

(John Wheeler died February 13, 1846, at halfpast nine in the evening aetat 81.)

Obadiah Wheeler died November 6th 1753

My grandfather John Wheeler died March 29th 1754 in the 92 year of his age.

My father Ichabod died September 14th 1806 in the 81st year of his Age.

My wife Rhoda Parrit born Jan. 3, 1780, died Nov. 26, 1808.

My son William born June 7, 1802

Eliza born April 7th 1804 Died June 15th, 1839.”

In addition to this and other data in the Journal, a few important and hitherto unrecorded details concerning the family have been discovered in various records consulted in the preparation of this book, and are included in the following brief summary of Wheelers resident in Black Rock.

WHEELER, Sergeant John² (Thomas¹), died in Black Rock in 1690. His first wife was Judith Turney, his second, Elizabeth Rowland. His children included Judith, John^{*}, Elizabeth (married Daniel Comstock), Thomas (see page 5), Mary, Rebecca, Joseph, Abigail (married John Brinsmade), Obediah, Ann (married Lemuel Sherwood), Jonathan^{*}, David^{*}, and Hannah (married Samuel, son of Isaac Wheeler), whose daughter, Hannah Wheeler, married (1) Dr. John Wheeler of Stratfield and (2) Robert Chauncy.

WHEELER *John*^{*3}, married (1) Abigail Burr, and (2) Lydia Porter of Windsor. His children, summarized by William Wheeler above, included:

*John*⁴ (1694-1725/6) m. Elizabeth Burr, and had two children, John, bapt. 1725 and Abigail, who inherited her father's house (3b—see page 128).

Sarah, Abigail, Mary, Elizabeth and Judith Ann.

*Obediah*⁴ (1716-1753), who, with his wife Mary, lived in Black Rock. Two sons, *Josiah* and *Abram*, moved to Redding, about 1779, and the remaining brother, *Ezra*, settled in Weston in 1788.

*Daniel*⁴ (1718-) left Black Rock about 1745.

*Ichabod*⁴ (1725/6-1806) lived in Black Rock in the house built for his eldest brother (3b). Of his three children, Mary (1756-1828) married 29 June 1776, Ebenezer Squire; *William*, author of the Journal, married 13 April 1800, Rhoda Parrit, and had two children, *William* and *Eliza*. *William Wheeler, Jr.*, and his wife *Almira*, were residents of Black Rock. He died 12 July 1878, and she died 13 May 1879, leaving no children. The third child of Captain *Ichabod*, *John Wheeler*, married (1) *Lydia Squire*, dr. of Capt. *John* and *Lydia* (Taylor) Squire, b. 30 June 1769, d. 24 May 1799, and (2) 22 Aug. 1799, *Catherine Holberton*, dr. Capt. *Thomas Holberton*. By his first marriage he had three children, Deborah, George, and Lydia, and by his second marriage six others. He moved to Westmoreland, N. Y., but frequently visited his brother.

*John*⁴, b. 3 June 1729, d. 3 Feb. 1819, was named after his deceased eldest brother. He lived in Black Rock only a short time before moving to North Fairfield.

WHEELER, *Jonathan*³, born 1686, died 20 Feb. 1772, married Abigail, daughter of Timothy Wheeler. Three of their children were Sarah, who married Jonathan Cope; *Jonathan*⁵, Jr., referred to by William Wheeler as "an odd fellow"; and *Abel*⁵, b. 1737, d. 26 March 1772, m. Rebeckah

Whitear, who had one daughter, Huldah (see footnote, page 48).

WHEELER, David³ (1689-1775), married (1) 20 March 1716 Esther Nichols and (2) Martha (Morehouse?). He had at least four children, Temperance, Patience, Eunice, and *David*.

*David*⁴ (always referred to in the land records as David Wheeler, 3d, because of another David of Stratfield) b. 1726, d. 10 May 1806, m. Lois, dr. Robert and Hannah (Wheeler) Chauncy. They had at least three daughters,—Patience (married Nathan Thorp), Biat (married Ammon Johnson) and Lois (married John Perry), and two sons, *Nichols*⁵, who d. unm. and *Chauncy*⁵, b. 17 Dec. 1751, d. 2 April 1803, m. 12 Oct. 1781, Caroline Matilda, dr. Nathaniel Beers of Stratford. The nine children left by Chauncy's death (page 71) included Patience, b. 18 Aug. 1782; Huldah, b. 28 March 1784; David, b. 4 May 1786; Phebe, b. 5 April 1789; Lois, b. 14 Sept. 1791; Nichols Chauncy, b. 26 Dec. 1793, d. 6 Feb. 1859; Nathaniel, b. 1796; *Caroline*, b. 5 Oct. 1798; and *Simeon*, b. 4 March 1801, m. 1 Feb. 1824, Betsy Ann Brown.

*Simeon*⁶ lived in Black Rock, where four children are mentioned in 1850,—Stratton Theodore (?); Howard Washington; William Augustus; and Elizabeth Frances.

WELLS, *Roswell*, son of Gideon, married in 1813, Marietta Gould, daughter of Medad and Elizabeth (Jackson) Gould. His daughter, Eliza, married Thomas Ward Taylor. She died 18 Nov. 1842, aged 27. The Wells family occupied the old Jonathan Wheeler house (2).

WHITNEY,—Several families of this name appear in the Black Rock records.

WHITNEY, *Roswell*, living in Black Rock in 1850, born about 1807, had a wife Eliza, born about 1810, a daughter, Mary, aged 9 and a son, Augustus S., aged 8. Members of the same household were Raymond Whitney, aged 45, Marinda, 44, and Charles S., 12.

WILSON, Captain *James* (cousin of William Wheeler), who built a house (16) in Black Rock in 1767, was son of Robert and Catherine (Burr) Wilson, born 1742/3, died in Newfoundland 12 Oct. 1773. His wife, Sarah, daughter of Daniel and Sarah Morris, died 29 March 1771, in her 26th year. William Wheeler says of him that he *went commander of the Ship Duff (?) & Missionaries to the S. Seas, was taken prisoner and sold to Hyder Ali by the French— He escaped from the castle by dropping 40 feet from its walls down to the river. A boy followed him, whom he caught in his arms. He swam four branches of the river that night, another he crossed in a canoe—he then came to the largest stream and how long he was crossing it, he did not know, thought he might have been asleep, left the boy behind (as he could not swim), was taken again, stripped naked, tied, marched 40 miles with the distance he swam that day and night—returned to his former prison, from thence had to march 500 miles on foot, full of sores, chained to another soldier, to Hyder's presence, urged to enlist, put in prison for 23 months— They employed themselves to catch white ants to fry them. When exchanged, only 32 remained of 153— When among his friends, he began to think of new services,—so strong is hope. He built in Black Rock (16) but his son James, Jr., lived in Stratfield.*

WILSON, Amos, son of Robert and Catherine (Burr) Wilson, born 1764, married (1) Eleanor, daughter of Benjamin and Margaret Lacy who died 23 June 1795, aged 27. He married (2) Phebe Bangs (1765-1842). He, with John Squire Wilson, was interested in a wharf-store early in the nineteenth century. His children were: James Benjamin*; Catherine (1786- ?), married John Squire Wilson, son of Daniel and Sarah (Squire) Wilson; Ruth (1788-1867), married Moses Gould; Benjamin; Eleazar (1792-1856), married Grisel Brothwell (1788-1871); Laura (1800-1880), married Jonathan Sturges of Fairfield (1801-1875); Mildred (1807-1847).

- WILSON, James Benjamin*, son of Amos, born 1798, died 1872, married Maria Brothwell (1799-1883). His children were: Phebe (married William Squire Wilson, son of John Squire Wilson); Fanny (married (1) Fairchild Wilson, (2) Samuel French); Julia (married William Wakeman); Amos (1826-1828); James Burr (married (1) Mary I. Sherwood, (2) Elizabeth Sturges, daughter of Jonathan); Isaac Bangs (married Julia Lockwood); Mary Jane (married Abraham Morehouse); Lemuel H. (married Cornelia Morehouse).
- WILSON, Daniel, son of Nathaniel, Jr., and Mary (Silliman) Wilson, born 26 July 1747, died 17 Aug. 1795. He married 20 April 1769, Ann daughter of Samuel and Abigail (Maltbie) Squire. (His sister Ann married Samuel Squire, Jr.) His children were: Daniel*; David (married Betsey Bibbins); Samuel; Sarah; Mary Silliman; John Squire.
- WILSON, *Daniel**, son of Daniel, born 1769, died 14 May 1822. He married Anne, daughter of David and Mary (Staples) Jennings. Their children were: *Daniel**, b. 1792; David Jennings, b. 1794; Ann, b. 1796; Maria, b. 1799, d. 8 May 1850; Sarah Squire, b. 1800; Alanson, b. 1802, d. 28 Nov. 1816; Lavinia, b. 17 April 1805, d. 8 Sept. 1878 (married Captain *John P. Brittin*); Levi, b. 1811; Mary, b. 1814.
- WILSON, Captain *Daniel*, son of Daniel and Anne (Jennings) Wilson, born 1792, died 11 April 1854. He married (1) 25 Nov. 1820, Maria, daughter of David and Esther (Bradley) Keeler, born 1797, died 25 Nov. 1838. He married (2) Harriet Bradley Keeler, her sister, born 1807, died 9 July 1865. His children (by his first marriage) were: William, b. 1821, d. 22 Aug. 1822; Mary Jane, b. 1823, d. 8 May 1832; *Catherine Augusta*, b. 25 Jan. 1825, married *William Morrison*; Daniel David, b. 4 Oct. 1826, d. May 1846; George Keeler, b. 24 Dec. 1828, d. 15 Jan. 1859; Elizabeth Keeler, b. 4 Nov. 1831, m. 21 March 1883, James Morris Turney of Newtown; *Samuel*, b. 15 Dec. 1868, d. Newburgh, N. Y., 22 June 1863.
- WILSON, *Wakeman*, came to Black Rock about 1840. He is recorded as "of Greenfield" when he married, 3 Jan. 1841,

Jane Hurd. His children were Jane; Samuel; Fanny; Georgiana; William; and Isabel. He lived on Grovers Hill in a house built in 1806 by James Squire. His widow Jane died 20 Oct. 1885, aged 72. His son, William, married Ida Lewis of Lime Rock Light ("the Grace Darling of America").

WOODHULL, Captain *Abraham Cooper* of Brookhaven, L. I., married (1) Jane, daughter of Gilbert Smith, and (2) 17 April 1782, Eunice, daughter of Seth and Mary (Burr) Sturges, born 4 Aug. 1765, died in Fairfield 21 Feb. 1836. After his death, Eunice Woodhull taught school in Fairfield. Their children included: Mary, b. 15 Nov. 1785; Eunice, b. 8 Aug. 1791; Isaac, b. 1 March 1794; Abraham Cooper, b. 19 May 1798; Samuel, b. 5 Jan. 1800; and Richard, b. 15 Jan. 1802.