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WHEELER FAMILY IN AMERICA

In America, prior to the year 1650, it may confidently be affirmed that no other one surname was borne by as many families as the name Wheeler. Numerous families bearing that name were domiciled in Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Virginia. In the New England colony Savage says that in the year 1640 there were in Concord alone thirty-five families bearing the name, and Hudson says that there were more families of that name in town than of any other.

That this large number of families could not all be closely related to each other is evident, although in some cases relationship is certified to by wills, and the degree of relationship between any fixed number of them is problematical. While the interlocking of relationship could be more widely established by search in England, it is by no means certain that all the links in the chain could be secured as many parish registers there were not kept at a period which would include the years when these entries must necessarily have been made. Such research, moreover, is definitely outside the scope of this work, in which the labor has been confined entirely to Wheeler families after their settlement in America.

The principal reasons for the emigration of the Wheelers from England naturally closely paralleled the causes which led to almost all the emigration at that period. Chief among these reasons was the infamous Act of 1593 which said "all persons above sixteen years of age, who obstinately refuse to attend divine service at some established church, should be committed to prison, without bail, until they should conform and make public confession of conformity, in terms prescribed by the statute itself." "This atrocious statute," said Edward Everett, "in its final result peopled New England."

Hopes that relief from the iniquities of this Act would be realized upon the accession to the throne of James in 1603 were grievously dashed when James himself said, "no bishop, no King; I will make them conform themselves; or I will herry them out of the land, or else do more—." The direct evidence that this religious persecution was the leading cause for the emigration is shown in a letter of Dr. Samuel Collins, Vicar of Braintree, Essex, written to Dr. Duck under date of Jan. 18, 1632, after Bishop Laud threatened to employ the arm of the High Commissioner against him for not forcing the parishioners to conform. "It is no easy matter to reduce a numerous congregation into order—" he said, and added, that "if he had suddenly fallen upon the strict practice of conformity he had undone himself and broken the town to pieces. Upon the first notice of alter-

ation many were resolving to go to New England." He further explains that by this "moderate and slow proceedings" he has "made stay of some."

Charles I ascended the throne in 1625 and the following nine years were troublous ones for England. The struggle with the Crown for the maintenance of the constitutional rights of Englishmen and the conflict between the liberty of the people and the royal prerogative, in addition to a religious movement became part of the great political strife which resulted in Civil War and culminated in the death of the King. In 1627 many people of large means refused on constitutional grounds to pay the "Ship Money tax," or forced loan of Charles I because it was not levied with the consent of Parliament.

As early as 1629, Charles had summoned and prorogued four Parliaments because each had dared demand redress against the King's illegal acts — redress against the extortion of gifts and forced loans; against the arbitrary commitment to prison and the degradation of the judiciary. Charles resolved to govern without Parliament. For eleven years no Parliament sat at Westminster. For eleven years the king taxed his people without representation, and confined in the Tower those who questioned his right. The people of England rose in one mighty protest against such tyranny. They found their leaders in Elliot and Pym and Hampden. Political and constitutional liberty was dead, except as it lived in the hearts and memories of the Englishmen, who could not forget Rune-mede and Magna Carta. All of these things resulted in a steady stream of emigration of Separatists and Puritans, who sought toleration in Holland, and especially in America, recognizing the "special hand of Providence in raising this plantation." Green says that "between the sailing of Winthrop's expedition (1629) and the assembly of the Long Parliament (1640), in the space of ten or eleven years, two hundred emigrant ships had crossed the Atlantic, and twenty thousand Englishmen had found refuge in the West.

Individuals of the name of Wheeler appear in Massachusetts, Maryland, Virginia, Connecticut and Pennsylvania as early as 1629 in some places, and in considerable numbers during the next five years in all the others except Pennsylvania. The Concord settlers came from Odell, Bedfordshire, twelve families according to Walcott embarking at London May 9, 1635, in the ship "Susan and Ellen" under the leadership of Rev. Peter Bulkeley, and later with the Rev. John Jones in the ship *Defiance*, landing Oct. 3, 1635.

The Rev. Mr. Bulkeley came from Odell in the Hundred of Willy, County of Bedford, England, where he was rector 1623-1629. He was suspected of Puritanism and suspended for nonattendance at the Visitation of Aug. 26, 1634. He confessed that he never used the surplice nor cross in baptisms. He was to appear before the High Commissioner on the first court day in November, "if he reformed not before."

Whether or not any of the Wheelers came at the same time as the

Rev. Peter Bulkeley is a matter of conjecture, although the name is to be met with in every shire in England. It is absolutely certain that a number of them came from Wiltshire and Bedfordshire, and events show the close relationship between some of them and Mr. Bulkeley in America. It is presumable that this connection had existed prior to their emigration, but the evidence seems to point against the most prominent of them having come at that time. Indeed this evidence seems conclusive, for, as will be seen by a petition that appears elsewhere in this book, under date of Sept. 7, 1643, certain of them say, "Whereas your humble petitioners came into this country about four years agoe, and have since then lived at Concord —," which would indicate the time of their arrival as 1638-9. This would imply that these latter had followed at a later date taking time to dispose of property in England and to make the other preparations that would be necessary to people of substance with important affairs to administer. Everything indicates that the Wheelers were well-to-do, or even wealthy, when they arrived at Concord, and their position and possessions enabled them at once to assume prominence among the leading citizens of the town. It may be remarked that throughout the Colony generally matters of precedence were jealously guarded. Even to the seating of the meeting houses, this method was followed, and in the distribution of lands and favors, everyone ranked according to his "wealth, social position and prominence in the community." This same condition applies equally to the Maryland family, and to those of Connecticut, some of which were related to the Concord families.

In this regard the records denote the importance of the Wheelers, and their wealth. In many instances they are stated to have been the wealthiest individuals in their communities, which, by reason of their number, would naturally have made them the wealthiest family of their time. Colonial history contains many instances of their prominence as officers of trust for the colonists at large, while their untiring activity in military affairs and their unselfish philanthropy in military and ministerial affairs were as well known as their high importance in educational and civic matters. Welles American Family Antiquities says: "In the world of letters members of the Wheeler Family are preëminent, and the number of authors and their valuable contributions to theology, history, science, art, poetry, philosophy, and travels is something remarkable, and surpassed by very few."

A. G. WHEELER, JR.

DESCENDANTS OF
GEORGE WHEELER
OF CONCORD, MASS.

100. GEORGE WHEELER. Probably of all of the Wheelers who came to America before the year 1640 none was of greater distinction or of more importance to the town in which he lived than George Wheeler of Concord. His name appears on the Concord records the 1st year they were kept and every year thereafter till he died. The circumstantial evidence of his having been the brother of Timothy Wheeler and of Capt. Thomas Wheeler is of the highest order. The English records make it quite clear that George Wheeler had a brother Thomas and Thomas is clearly proven to have been a brother of Timothy. With Timothy he owned considerable property jointly, and together they were in possession of most of the real estate left by the Rev. Peter Bulkeley. Authorities agree that George Wheeler came to Concord about the year 1638 with his wife Katherine and several children. Walcott in his *History of Concord* asserts that he was one of the few men who "were foremost in the town's business, by virtue of their large estates as well as their integrity and good judgment." He was a man of education, and the owner of a large amount of property, his house lot alone consisting of eleven acres, while he possessed lands in every part of the town, at Brook Meadows, Fairhaven Meadow, the Cranefield, by Walden Goose Pond, Flint's Pond, on the White Pond Plain, on the Sudbury line, etc. He held as many positions of trust and was as active in the direction of the town's affairs as any individual in Concord, serving at various times on substantially every committee of consequence, and leading in all matters of moment, as is evidenced by the fact that nearly every town deed and petition of any importance from either the Church or the civic community of that time bears his signature. His will, which is given here, is dated January 28, 1684-5 and was admitted to probate June 2, 1687, thus establishing the approximate time of his death.

WILL OF GEORGE WHEELER, SR.,

I George Wheeler Senir in the Town of Concord in the County of Middlesex in the Massachusetts Colony in new england being in a confident measure of memory & understanding: praised be God: doe make this my last Will & Testament in manner and forme as fol-

loweth: First: My soul I commite to God y^t gave it me believing in the Lord Jesus Christ my onely Lord & Savior who will raise my body att the last & great day to life eternall: & my body to decent buryall: first: I will y^t my due debts be honebly paid & funnerall charges satisfied: for my temprail estate as followeth: first I will that my whole estate shall stande engaged & be responseable for my comfortable maintenance in all respects during the term of my life: & as to my funnerall charges to be borne by my whole estate also the charges of execution & all court confirmation and enroulment be borne by my whole estate: I will to my two sons Thomas Wheeler & John Wheeler my mansion dwelling house barns cow houses & orchards with y^t part of the home lot joyning to said house & orchards down to the cross fence y^t stood cross ye sd lot in equall right of p^rpriety the lower part of sd lot down to John Scorthford house I give to my son Thomas & y^t part of my lot lying between Joshua Wheeler & John Scorthford I give to my son John: I give to my two sons Thomas & John my six acers bought of Gershon Bulkeley lying over the hills equally in right: also I give to my sons Thomas & John my twenty eight acers of woodland lying in the north quarter over the river equall in right: also I give to the children of my son William, deceased as a legacy out of my estate the sume of sixty six pounds seven shillings to be paid to them by the executors of this my will in equall right of propriety onely my will is y^t my medow at brooke medow on both sides of the brook excepting y^t p^t I give to my son Thomas as also my one acer in ash swamp at Fairehaven: be by the executors of this my will be dispoessed of to my son Williams children & to be as pte of y^t above sd legacy: also the two acers & a halfe of a medow on the northwest side of the brake at brooke medow joyning to my son Williams pastor it is not my said son Williams but I will it to my executors to administer upon it as my estate: I give to my son Thomas my piece of medow at Brooke medow joyning to John Wheeler medow lying on the northwest side of the brooke three acers more or less: I give to my son John my two acers & a halfe of medow in spring medow more or less: I give to my two sones Thomas & John my medow in ye medow called the great medow with my pte of the post in equall right: I give to my son John my fourteen acers at the south field on the east side of the Country way againt Compe's house also two acers in muddy medow swamp: I give to my sons Thomas & John my fourty four acers lying north of Waldon Pond in equall right: I give to my son Thomas my fourteen acers lying on the southeast of the south river joyning to Nathaniel & John Billings I give to my son John my six acers joyning to Daniel Dane southeast from mount Taber: I give to my Sones Thomas & John my eight acers joyning to Mr. Flints pond lying by the east quarter lyne in equall right: I give to my son John my four acers in John Mills pastor joyning to the south river: also I give to my two sons Thomas & John out of my moveable estate

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five pounds a piece: I give to my son Thomas ten pounds out of my moveable estate in consideration he is short of his brothers in receipt of parts (msg) give to my daughter ffoxes children six pounds equall amongst them: I give to my four daughters Elizabeth Fletcher, Sarah Dudley, Ruth Hartwell & Hanah Fletcher the sume of fifteen pounds apiece in good & currant Countery pay to be paid to them in Concord currant price: allso I will & reserve to my selfe during my life a comfortable maintenance in all respects & y^e Charge of my maintenance upon my estate viz begine in the year one thousand six hundred eighty & two on to the day of my Death: which said Charge is to come out & be leavied upon my estate I meane this my estate in this my will given & legacys bequeathed: & my will is y^t when that all Charges concerning my maintenance & decent buryall & otherwise be satisfied: y^t then each legacye & estate given doe then abate their due & true & just proportion: what y^e executors of this my will shall bring in account truly due all & each of my children sons & daughters resting contented with their due part of my estate in this my will given be it more or less ye whole ore but part here given: for I know not the day of my death & so not what my comfortable maintenance may spend: I give to my sons Thomas & John my seven acers lying in ye corner nere Watertown lynne also my will is that no legacy shall be required untill two years after my death: these lands I give to my two sons Thomas & John their heirs & assigns be it more or less also I will constitute & make my two sons Thomas Wheeler & John Wheeler the executors of this my will & equally to pay all legacys each his equall p. portion: This I George Wheeler Senir make this my laste will all my former Wills to be annullity & voide. Witness my hand & seal this twenty eight day of January in the year one thousand six hundred eighty & four.

GEORGE WHEELER (Seal)

His x mark

Signed & sealed in pr sene of SAMUEL MERIAM

JONATHAN HUBARD JOHN SCORTHFORD

By his Excellency the Governo^r

The hereunder written Samuel Meriam and Jonathan Hubard witnesses to this will personally came & appeared before me & made oath on the holy Evangelist that they saw the above written George Wheeler signe seale & declare this to be his last will & testament.

Sworne y^e second day of July 1687
before me

E. ANDROS.

JOHN WEST, D Secr'y.

Children:

101. WILLIAM WHEELER.
102. THOMAS WHEELER.
103. RUTH WHEELER.
104. ELIZABETH WHEELER, died June 14, 1704; m. Oct. 11, 1656, Francis Fletcher.

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105. HANNAH WHEELER.

106. SARAH WHEELER, born in Concord, Mass., Jan. 30, 1640; d. there Dec. 12, 1713; m. Oct. 26, 1665, Francis Dudley.

107. JOHN WHEELER, born Jan. 19, 1643.

108. MARY WHEELER, born July 6, 1645, d. Dec. 24, 1678; m. Oct. 26, 1665, Eliphalet Fox, who d. Aug. 15, 1711, son of Thomas Fox and Rebecca (—) Fox.

101. WILLIAM WHEELER, son of George (100) and Katherine ——. He was born in England and probably came to America at the same time as his father. He died Dec. 31, 1683, intestate, and letters of administration on his estate were granted to his widow Hannah. He married in Concord, Mass., Oct. 30, 1659, Hannah Buss (or Busse) who was born Feb. 18, 1641, dau. of Lieut. William Buss and Ann (—) Buss.

Children:

109. HANNAH WHEELER, born Oct. 23, 1660; d. April 8, 1673.

110. REBECCA WHEELER, born Feb. 26, 1661-2; m. Nicholas Shevally.

111. ELIZABETH WHEELER, born Jan. 2, 1663; m. James Burley.

112. WILLIAM WHEELER, born Feb. 8, 1665.

113. JOHN WHEELER, born May 10, 1668.

114. RICHARD WHEELER, born Sept. 19, 1672; d. March 31, 1699.

115. GEORGE WHEELER.

102. THOMAS WHEELER, son of George (100) and Katherine ——. He was born in England, and died in Concord, Mass. before Sept. 21, 1687 when his widow Hannah was granted letters of administration upon his estate. He married Oct. 10, 1657, Hannah Harrod, or, as it is now spelled, Harwood. He was made tythingman at Concord, in 1680.

Children:

116. HANNAH WHEELER, born Oct. 25, 1658; d. Aug. 12, 1659.

117. THOMAS WHEELER, born Jan. 1, 1659.

118. JOHN WHEELER, born Sept. 2, 1661.

103. RUTH WHEELER, dau. of George (100) and Katherine ——. Born in England. Married at Concord, Mass., Oct. 26, 1665, Samuel Hartwell, who was born March 26, 1645, son of William Hartwell who had settled in Concord about 1635. He was a soldier in King Phillip's War.

Children:

SAMUEL HARTWELL, born Oct. 6, 1666; d. Nov. 27, 1744; m. Nov. 23, 1692, Abigail Stearns.

MARY HARTWELL, born Feb. 16, 1667-8.

RUTH HARTWELL, born Oct. 17, 1669.

WILLIAM HARTWELL, born Aug. 19, 1671; d. Dec. 11, 1742.

JOHN HARTWELL, born June 16, 1673.

HANNAH HARTWELL, born Oct. 8, 1675; d. Jan. 5, 1755; m. Feb. 13, 1695-6, Thomas Hosmer.

ELIZABETH HARTWELL, born Oct. 23, 1677.

SARAH HARTWELL, born July 10, 1679.

ABIGAIL HARTWELL, born May 1, 1681.

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REBECCA HARTWELL, born Feb. 14, 1682-3; d. March 29, 1776; m. Oct. 23, 1705, Simeon Hayward.
 JANE HARTWELL, born Nov. 30, 1684.
 JOSEPH HARTWELL, born April 23, 1691; d. March 16, 1693-4.
 JONATHAN HARTWELL.

→ 107. JOHN WHEELER, son of George (100) and Katherine ——. Born at Concord, Mass., Jan. 19, 1643; died Sept. 27, 1713. Married March 25, 1663-4, Sarah Larkin, who was born Jan. 12, 1647; died Aug. 12, 1725, dau. of Edward Larkin and Joanna (—) Larkin. He was made constable at Concord in 1684.

Children:

119. SAMUEL WHEELER, born July 6, 1664.
 120. SARAH WHEELER, born Dec. 12, 1666.
 121. EDWARD WHEELER, born July 17, 1669.
 122. JOANNA WHEELER, born Dec. 21, 1671; d. young.
 123. MARY WHEELER, born Sept. 15, 1673.
 124. LYDIA WHEELER, born Oct. 27, 1675; m. (1) May 19, 1692, Timothy Wheeler (2008); m. (2) April 21, 1720, Nathaniel Stow.
 125. ESTHER WHEELER, born Oct. 1, 1678; m. May 5, 1698, Samuel Prescott.
 → 126. EBENEZER WHEELER, born April 3, 1682.
 127. THANKFUL WHEELER, born April 3, 1682; d. Nov. 1716; m. Oct. 5, 1699, Jonas Prescott.

112. WILLIAM WHEELER, son of William (101) and Hannah (Buss) Wheeler. Born at Concord, Mass., Feb. 8, 1665, and died there March 29, 1752. Married Sarah Fletcher, who was born at Concord, Mass., Feb. 22, 1669; died Sept. 23, 1744, dau. of Francis Fletcher and Elizabeth (Wheeler 104) Fletcher.

Children: (born at Concord, Mass.)

128. WILLIAM WHEELER, born Jan. 9, 1693-4.
 129. JOSEPH WHEELER, born Feb. 2, 1695-6.
 130. FRANCIS WHEELER, born Feb. 8, 1697-8.
 131. HEZEKIAH WHEELER, born June 13, 1700.
 132. NATHANIEL WHEELER, born Sept. 18, 1702.
 133. ELIZABETH WHEELER, born Oct. 2, 1704.
 134. SARAH WHEELER, born March 8, 1706-7; d. Nov. 26, 1707.
 135. JEREMIAH WHEELER, born Nov. 22, 1709.

113. JOHN WHEELER, son of William (101) and Hannah (Buss) Wheeler. Born at Concord, Mass., May 10, 1668. Killed by Indians at Oyster River (Durham, N. H.) April 27, 1706. It is almost certain that one of his children was killed at the same time as the administrator of his estate mentions the funeral expenses of a child dying practically the same date. No wife is named and three sons (minors) appear to have been sole heirs. The guardianship of these boys was granted to their uncle William Wheeler, of Concord, Mass., Dec. 10, 1711, at which time William & Richard were old enough to choose their guardian viz., (14 years) but Joseph was not. The account of the guardianship being rendered and allowed June 8, 1719, the wards had presumably come of age. June 13, 1719, William

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EPHRAIM WOOD, born Feb. 4, 1702; m. Mary Buss, and had
 Ch: 1. Oliver W—, b. April 11, 1730. 2. Ephraim W—, b.
 Aug. 1, 1733. 3. Amos W—, b. April 14, 1737. 4. Peter W—,
 b. July 23, 1740. 5. Mary W—, b. March 8, 1741. 6. Rebecca
 W—, b. Feb. 21, 1743.

DORCAS WOOD, born Feb. 10, 1704.

HANNAH WOOD, born Aug. 29, 1705.

126. EBENEZER WHEELER, son of John (107) and Sarah
 (Larkin) Wheeler. Born at Concord, Mass., April 3, 1682, and
 died there Feb. 26, 1748. Married at Concord, Mass., Dec. 26, 1706,
 Mary Minott, who was born Nov. 16, 1689, and died Sept. 3, 1760,
 dau. of James Minott and Rebecca (Wheeler 1903) Minott. He
 removed to Grafton, Mass., and appears as one of the trustees in the
 original deed from the Indians, March 19, 1727. He received from
 the town the following grants of land: March 3, 1728, 41 acres;
 Sept. 29, 1731, 5 acres, 65 rods; Sept. 30, 1731, 1 acre, 125 rods;
 Sept. 29, 1731, 11 acres, 138 rods; Nov. 21, 1729, 7 acres, 143 rods;
 Nov. 17, 1737, 14 acres, 140 rods.

Children: (born at Concord, Mass.)

170. REBECCA WHEELER, born Sept. 2, 1712.

171. MARY WHEELER, born May 8, 1714.

172. EBENEZER WHEELER, born Jan. 6, 1715-16.

173. TIMOTHY WHEELER, born Feb. 21, 1716-17.

174. SARAH WHEELER, born July 24, 1720.

175. JAMES WHEELER, born April 7, 1722.

128. WILLIAM WHEELER, son of William (112) and Sarah
 (Fletcher) Wheeler. Born at Concord, Mass., Jan. 9, 1693-4. In
 all probability he married at Concord, Mass., Dec. 10, 1716, Abigail
 Hartwell, as he appears to have been the only William born in Con-
 cord who would have been at a reasonable marriageable age at that
 time.

130. FRANCIS WHEELER, son of William (112) and Sarah
 (Fletcher) Wheeler. Born at Concord, Mass., Feb. 8, 1697-8, and
 died there Nov., 1774. Married (1) Mary Merriam, who died in
 Concord, Mass., June 24, 1737. Married (2) Jan. 23, 1740-1, Sarah
 Blood, who died May 17, 1769. He was a farmer at Concord, Mass.

Children, 1st marriage: (born at Concord, Mass.)

176. FRANCIS WHEELER, born Feb. 22, 1724-5; d. Dec. 14, 1727.

177. MARY WHEELER, born Aug. 27, 1726; d. June 21, 1736.

178. FRANCIS WHEELER, born July 31, 1728; d. June 25, 1778.

179. RHODA WHEELER, born Aug. 24, 1730; m. Jan. 22, 1750, Abraham
 Smith, of Sudbury, Mass.

180. NATHANIEL WHEELER, born April 29, 1732; d. July 11, 1736.

181. MIRIAM WHEELER, born Jan. 3, 1733.

182. SOLOMON WHEELER, born Nov. 5, 1735; d. Nov. 30, 1786.

Children, 2d marriage:

183. SARAH WHEELER, born June 23, 1742.

184. SAMUEL WHEELER, born Oct. 5, 1743.

185. PHINEAS WHEELER, born April 3, 1745.

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THANKFUL BROWN, born Dec. 16, 1740; d. Sept. 9, 1776; m. July 6, 1758, Edward Wright.
 EPHRAIM BROWN, born Dec. 20, 1742; d. Jan. 18, 1812.
 HANNAH BROWN, born April 1, 1745; d. June 8, 1745.
 SARAH BROWN, born Sept. 25, 1746.
 THOMAS BROWN, born March 25, 1749; d. April 25, 1774.
 SAMUEL BROWN, born Feb. 18, 1752; d. Oct. 29, 1819; m. Elizabeth Brown.

170. REBECCA WHEELER, dau. of Ebenezer (126) and Mary (Minott) Wheeler. Born at Concord, Mass., Sept. 2, 1712; died July 12, 1755. Married John Page, who was born Oct. 11, 1704; died Feb. 18, 1782, son of Nathaniel Page and Susanna (Lane) Page.

Children:

JOHN PAGE, born Sept. 2, 1733; d. Oct. 31, 1789.
 JAMES PAGE, born May 12, 1735; d. Jan. 18, 1817.
 EBENEZER PAGE, born June 3, 1737; d. June 9, 1784.
 SUSANNA PAGE, born Oct. 21, 1739; d. Feb. 26, 1750.
 TIMOTHY PAGE, born June 11, 1741. Was killed in the battle of White Plains Oct. 25, 1776.
 NATHANIEL PAGE, born June 20, 1742; d. July 31, 1815.
 REBECCA PAGE, born Aug. 23, 1743; m. Solomon Cutler.
 MARY PAGE, born July 5, 1745; d. Oct. 18, 1745.
 JOANNA PAGE, born June 15, 1746; m. Samuel Reed of Woburn, Mass.
 SARAH PAGE, born June 8, 1747; m. as 2d wife Dec. 29, 1784, Josiah Beard.
 ELIZABETH PAGE, born Aug. 3, 1748; m. Micah Reed of Woburn, Mass.
 SUSANNAH PAGE, born June 12, 1750; m. Amos Haggitt of Concord, Mass.
 SAMUEL PAGE, born Aug. 1, 1751.
 MARY PAGE, born Oct. 9, 1753; d. Oct. 21, 1753.

→ 172. EBENEZER WHEELER, son of Ebenezer (126) and Mary (Minott) Wheeler. Born at Concord, Mass., Jan. 6, 1715-16; died Dec. 17, 1801. Married (1) (int. pub. at Grafton, Mass., March 17, 1739) Rachel Wood of Upton, Mass.; they were married in April of that year. She died April 27, 1751. He married (2) (int. Sept. 6, 1751) Lois Corbit, who died March 29, 1758. He married (3) (int. Sept. 5, 1753), Mrs. Priscilla Hayward, who died Feb. 24, 1801, in her 75th year.

Children, 1st marriage:

265. EBENEZER WHEELER, born April 13, 1741.
 266. JONATHAN WHEELER, born April 2, 1743.
 267. RACHEL WHEELER, born Jan. 14, 1744-5; m. Timothy Winter.
 268. SUSANNA WHEELER, born Oct. 4, 1746.
 269. ZACCHEUS WHEELER, born Sept. 30, 1749.
 270. MARY WHEELER, born March. 20, 1751.

Child, 2d marriage:

271. NATHAN WHEELER, born April 6, 1752.

Children, 3d marriage:

272. EPHRAIM WHEELER, born June 7, 1754.
 273. PRISCILLA WHEELER, born June 1, 1755.
 274. JAMES WHEELER, born Dec. 22, 1756.
 275. REBECCA WHEELER, born Aug. 27, 1758; m. James Dexter.

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1757. He removed to Upton, Mass., 1774, and later removed to Alstead, N. H.

Children:

- 456. REUBEN WHEELER, born Sept. 23, 1772; d. Dec. 21, 1776.
- 457. JASPER WHEELER, born Nov. 28, 1773; d. Sept. 12, 1775.
- 458. EPHRAIM WHEELER, born Aug. 7, 1775.
- 459. HANNAH WHEELER, born Feb. 5, 1777.
- 460. WASHINGTON WHEELER, born July 22, 1779.
- 461. JOSEPH WHEELER, born May 1, 1781; m. Hannah Brown.
- 462. TIMOTHY WHEELER, born Nov. 14, 1782.
- 463. MARCY WHEELER, born March 26, 1785; m. Palmer Sheldon.
- 464. POLLY WHEELER, born Jan. 23, 1787; m. May 25, 1808, Joseph Elliott, of Leicester, Mass.
- 465. REUBEN WHEELER, born Feb. 18, 1789.
- 466. JOHN ADAMS WHEELER, born March 28, 1790.
- 467. JUBAL WHEELER, born Oct. 28, 1793.
- 468. JONATHAN WHEELER, born April 5, 1795.
- 469. DAVID WHEELER, born April 5, 1795.

273. PRISCILLA WHEELER, dau. of Ebenezer (172) and Priscilla Hayward Wheeler. Born at Grafton, Mass., June 1, 1755; died May 12, 1791. Married April 14, 1773, Lewis Thurston, who was born July 30, 1751, son of Benjamin Thurston and Elizabeth (—) Thurston.

Children:

- PRISCILLA HOWARD THURSTON, born Feb. 24, 1775; d. Sept. 24, 1775.
- POLLY THURSTON, born Jan. 10, 1777; d. Jan. 17, 1778.
- RECONCILE THURSTON, born April 3, 1779; m. Nov. 29, 1798, James Dexter.
- LEVI THURSTON, born May 25, 1781.
- MARY THURSTON, born June 16, 1783.
- PETER THURSTON, born April 22, 1785.
- BENJAMIN THURSTON, born May 8, 1789.

→ 274. JAMES WHEELER, son of Ebenezer (172) and Priscilla Hayward Wheeler. Born at Grafton, Mass., Dec. 22, 1756; died Feb. 15, 1828. Married at Grafton, Mass., Feb. 26, 1777, Vashti Bigelow, who was born May 19, 1758; died May 2, 1834, dau. of Samuel Bigelow and Phebe (Rand) Bigelow.

Children:

- 470. PRISCILLA WHEELER, born Dec. 17, 1778.
- 471. SAMUEL WHEELER, born Sept. 22, 1780.
- 472. VASHTI WHEELER, born Jan. 31, 1782; m. Oct. 3, 1803, Jonathan Bowen. Ch: 1. Parmer B—, b. April 4, 1804. 2. Samuel Wheeler B—, b. Feb. 3, 1806.
- 473. JAMES WHEELER, born Oct. 8, 1784; m. Nov. 26, 1809, Sally Johnson.
- 474. ANNA WHEELER, born Aug. 2, 1786; d. July 24, 1864; m. Sept. 24, 1809, Reuben White.
- 475. EBENEZER WHEELER, born March 12, 1789; d. Nov. 21, 1789.
- 476. EPHRAIM HOWARD WHEELER, born Sept. 30, 1790; d. Nov. 30, 1832; m. Feb. 7, 1813, Hepzebeth White, who d. June 23, 1834, aged 41. Ch: Candace W—, b. 1819; m. at Grafton, Mass., May 26, 1848, Elbridge G. Harrington.

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477. HUMPHREY BIGELOW WHEELER, born Aug. 26, 1792.
 478. PARTHENIA WHEELER, born Sept. 21, 1794.
 479. EBENEZER WHEELER, born July 7, 1796-7.
 480. MARTIN WHEELER, born May 17, 1798.
 481. ADELINE WHEELER, born Jan. 20, 1800; d. Feb. 2, 1812.
 482. ELMIRA WHEELER, born May 2, 1802.

276. SARAH WHEELER, dau. of Ebenezer (172) and Priscilla Hayward Wheeler. Born at Grafton, Mass., Nov. 5, 1760. Married Oct. 7, 1779, Ithamer Smith.

Children:

- JESSE SMITH, born Sept. 14, 1783.
 SALLY SMITH, born Jan. 9, 1786.

278. EBENEZER WHEELER, son of Ebenezer (172) and Priscilla Hayward Wheeler. Born at Grafton, Mass., Oct. 15, 1764. Married at Grafton, Mass., Nov. 8, 1787, Susannah Ruggles.

Children:

483. POLLY WHEELER, born May 4, 1788.
 484. EBENEZER WHEELER, born April 28, 1790.
 485. SUSANNAH WHEELER, born Jan. 6, 1792.
 486. JOHN R. WHEELER, born March 17, 1794.

279. ANNA WHEELER, dau. of Ebenezer (172) and Priscilla Hayward Wheeler. Born at Grafton, Mass., Aug. 30, 1767. Married June 27, 1786, John Cody Pratt.

Children:

- JOHN CODY PRATT, born April 8, 1787.
 LUKE MORGAN PRATT, born Oct. 1, 1788.
 ANNE PRATT, born Sept. 6, 1790.
 LEVI GROTIUS PRATT, born Sept. 30, 1793.
 JAMES PRATT, born Jan. 3, 1795.
 LUCY PRATT, born Oct. 27, 1797; d. Oct. 21, 1802.
 PHINEAS PRATT, born May 19, 1799; d. Oct. 3, 1802.

282. ELISHA WHEELER, son of Samuel (184) and Keziah (Willinton) Wheeler. Born at Concord, Mass., Nov. 18, 1783. Married (int. at Concord, Mass., Oct. 31, 1815) Eleanor Tower. He was Justice of the Peace at Concord, Mass.

Children: (born at Concord, Mass.)

487. ELEANOR WHEELER, born Feb. 10, 1817; m. (1) Aug. 30, 1840, Rev. Joseph Whitney of Hubbardston, Mass.; m. (2) John Coburn.
 488. MARY WHEELER, born Feb. 2, 1819; m. Henry Bacon. Ch: 1. Mary B— 2. Henry B—
 489. JOEL WHEELER, born Feb. 13, 1821.
 490. HANNAH WHEELER, born Nov. 2, 1822; m. Oct. 5, 1841, Rev. William H. Richards. Ch: 1. Ellen R— 2. Queen Emma R—
 491. NANCY WHEELER, born March 6, 1827; m. Nov. 27, 1845, Charles A. Hubbard.
 492. ELBRIDGE WHEELER, born Oct. 31, 1832.
 493. Child, died July 26, 1829, age 1 week.
 494. Son, died Oct. 3, 1831, age 3 weeks.

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Vashti (Bigelow) Wheeler. Born at Grafton, Mass., Sept. 21, 1794; died Sept. 11, 1828. Married (pub.) April 20, 1811, David White, Jr., who was born at Douglas, Mass., May 12, 1789; died Aug. 16, 1859. He married (2) April 28, 1830, Sarah Temple.

Children:

ELIAS T. WHITE, born Dec. 18, 1812.
 JOHN B. WHITE, born April 25, 1815; m. Abigail S. Prentice.
 DAVID WHITE, born May 5, 1819; m. Caroline M. Wheelock.
 ANDREW H. WHITE, born Feb. 16, 1821; m. Sarah E. Muzzy.
 CLARENDON A. WHITE, born Aug. 2, 1827.

→ 479. EBENEZER WHEELER, son of James (274) and Vashti (Bigelow) Wheeler. Born at Grafton, Mass., July 7, 1796-7; died April 8, 1850. Married Dec. 8, 1819, Rhoda Myrick, who was born April 12, 1798.

Children:

829. CHARLES EDMUND WHEELER, born March 1, 1820; d. June 25, 1821.
 830. ELEANOR PIERCE WHEELER, born Aug. 8, 1821; d. 1910; m. May 14, 1845, Samuel D. Hager.
 831. CHARLES EDMUND LORD WHEELER, born Nov. 13, 1823.
 832. JAMES CLARENDON WHEELER, born Jan. 5, 1825; d. Jan. 19, 1825.
 * 833. ELHANAN CONSTANTINE WHEELER, born May 28, 1826.
 834. OWEN GREGORY WHEELER, born Sept. 2, 1828.
 835. CLARISSA ANN KEITH WHEELER, born July 19, 1832.
 836. ANNA ELIZA WHEELER, born Dec. 11, 1833; d. Aug. 24, 1836.
 837. ANNA ELIZA WHEELER, born Aug. 5, 1838; d. Sept. 9, 1841.

480. MARTIN WHEELER, son of James (274) and Vashti (Bigelow) Wheeler. Born at Grafton, Mass., May 17, 1798. Married (1) (int. Dec. 30, 1820) Lucy Frost, of Paxton, Mass., who died May 1, 1828, aged 30. Married (2) Sept. 29, 1831, Harriet Sherman of Westborough, Mass., who was born Nov. 30, 1806, dau. of Aaron Sherman and Thamar (—) Sherman.

Child, 1st marriage: (born at Grafton, Mass.)

838. VASHTI BIGELOW WHEELER, born Feb. 7, 1825; m. Oct. 16, 1844, Hiram Baird.

Children, 2d marriage: (born at Westborough, Mass.)

839. HARRIET ELIZABETH WHEELER, born Dec. 25, 1832; d. Sept. 13, 1835.
 840. SARAH MARIA WHEELER, born Aug. 23, 1834.
 841. AUSTIN MARTIN LOTHROP WHEELER, born Oct. 30, 1837; d. Oct. 28, 1846.
 842. JAMES LORING WHEELER, born June 27, 1843; d. April 3, 1846.

489. JOEL WHEELER, son of Elisha (282) and Eleanor (Tower) Wheeler. Born at Concord, Mass., Feb. 13, 1821. Married Oct. 19, 1847, Almira Tuttle.

Children:

843. ALICE ALMIRA WHEELER, born Nov. 25, 1848.
 844. NATHAN HENRY WHEELER, born Sept. 2, 1850; d. 1904; m. 1882, Katherine Corledge Howe.

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1262. CHARLES HENRY WHEELER, born Jan. 2, 1865; unm.
 1263. FLORENCE WHEELER, married Frederick H. Atwood. Ch: Thais Atwood, born April 16, 1910.

831. CHARLES EDMUND LORD WHEELER, son of Ebenezer (479) and Rhoda (Myrick) Wheeler. Born at Grafton, Mass., Nov. 13, 1823. Married Dec. 1, 1847, Sarah Willard, who was born at Worcester, Mass., March 5, 1827, dau. of Isaac Willard and — (Partridge) Willard.

Children:

1264. CHARLES MELVIN WHEELER, born May 18, 1848; d. Aug., 1897.
 1265. EDWARD HARTSON WHEELER, born Jan. 7, 1850.
 1266. ADELINE JOSEPHINE WHEELER, born March 10, 1851; d. March 14, 1851.
 1267. FRANK HERBERT WHEELER, born July 20, 1852; d. Aug. 28, 1853.
 1268. FRED MYRICK WHEELER, born Dec. 9, 1853.
 1269. BERTHA MARIA WHEELER, born Feb. 29, 1856; d. March 26, 1863.
 1270. ISORA FRANCES WHEELER, born July 2, 1858; d. 1866.
 1271. MARY ETTA WHEELER, born Oct. 22, 1861; d. 1864.
 1272. ANNIE CARRIBEL WHEELER, born Sept. 2, 1863.

833. ELHANAN CONSTANTINE WHEELER, son of Ebenezer (479) and Rhoda (Myrick) Wheeler. Born at Grafton, Mass., May 28, 1826; died July 19, 1882. Married at Shrewsbury, Mass., Jan. 1, 1849, Susan Ellen Knowlton.

Children:

1273. IDA GERTRUDE WHEELER, born Feb. 27, 1850; d. Jan. 3, 1852.
 1274. WILLIE HERBERT WHEELER, born July 28, 1851; d. Dec. 27, 1851.
 1275. INEZ ELEVA WHEELER, born Feb. 19, 1854.
 1276. FRANCES ELENOR WHEELER, born July 28, 1857.

847. HIRAM EDWIN WHEELER, son of William (498) and Lucy (Miles) Wheeler. Born at Concord, Mass., March 20, 1841; died Nov. 2, 1875. Married at Lowell, Mass., Dec. 20, 1866, Abbie V. Hapgood, who was born at Acton, Mass., Jan. 20, 1843, dau. of James Hapgood.

Child:

1277. ETHEL GERTRUDE WHEELER, born at Lowell, Mass., July 13, 1868; m. at Lowell, Mass., Oct. 9, 1895, Frank Page Cheney, son of John Lorenzo Cheney and Adelaide O. (Baker) Cheney.

849. EDWARD SELFRIDGE WHEELER, son of William (498) and Lucy (Miles) Wheeler. Born at Concord, Mass., June 17, 1844. Married at Lowell, Mass., June 17, 1869, Mary Louisa Sheldon, who was born there May 15, 1843, dau. of Abiel Wheeler Sheldon and Louisa (Folsom) Sheldon.

Child:

1278. RALPH LEIGHTON WHEELER, born April 30, 1874.

857. EDWARD MERIAM WHEELER, son of Edwin (520) and Mary (Rice) Wheeler. Born at Concord, Mass., Dec. 22, 1845.

*Frances Wheeler is grandmother of James V. French & Boston;
 She was with of Stephen A. Borden*