

GENEALOGY

EARLY STROBRIDGES.

“Anno 1719, Janry 22th

“Sundry persons Strangers Latly come into the Town of Boston who by appointm^t of the Sel. men were by M^r John Marrion warned to depart viz^t. [for fear they might become an expense to the town].

“Several persons who came passengers in the Ship Elizabeth capt Robert Homes Master viz^t.

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| All farmers | Robert Doke | George Patterson |
| | William Watson | John Watson |
| | Aaron Bell | James Barnet |
| | Oliver Watson | William Nelson |
| | John White | W ^m Coffram |
| | Will ^m More | Abr ^m Homes |
| | David Morrison | James Cambell |
| | JOHN STROBRIDGE | James Mathews |
| | Robert Houston | John Blair |
| | James More | John Scott |
| | Aspel Macfadrick | Andrew Walker |
| | Thomas Geir | John Nelson |
| | Arthur Nelson | Jane Davis. Widdow |
| | George Arwin | Samuel Smith |
| Rob ^t Mackfarland | Martha Linsy | |

Were on the 3rd of November last warned as above Sd ”

— *From Selectmen's Minutes, 1719 to 1720, p. 63, Boston Record Commissioner's Report.*

JOHN STROBRIDGE, of the foregoing list, was undoubtedly the same one who was married to Elizabeth Andrews, at Dorchester, Mass., Mch. 28, 1721-2, by Rev. Joseph Morse, and had son Samuel, b. May, 1723. (See 21st Report Boston Record Commissioners, pp. 72, 109.) The above John may have been brother to the following :

WILLIAM, JAMES, and THOMAS STROBRIDGE, brothers, came to Middleborough, Mass., exact date of arrival not known.

THOMAS STROBRIDGE, brother of William, d. Aug. 6, 1724, æ. 25; is buried at Thompson Hill cemetery, Lakeville, Mass.

JAMES "STRAWBRIDGE," brother of William, bought of William a lot of land in Middleborough, Mass., containing 18 1-4 acres; date of deed* Mch. 5, 1738-9; paid £40.

JAMES "STROWBRIDGE," brother of William, d. Feb. 7, 1773, æ. 79; buried at Thompson Hill cemetery, Lakeville, Mass. Neither Thomas nor James is known to have left any descendants, and both were probably unmarried.

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ACCORDING to family tradition, WILLIAM STROBRIDGE¹, ancestor of the family whose genealogy will be found in the following pages, was b. about 1690, in some place near Londonderry, in the north of Ireland; m. MARGARET HENRY in 1716; had dau. Mary, b. in Ireland; came with wife and child to America between 1718 and 1722 (probably about 1719). He was a blacksmith, lived in Middleborough (West Parish, now Lakeville), Mass., where he d. Nov. 14, 1777, æ. 87. His wife d. Dec. 8, 1776, æ. 83.

From her earliest remembrance the author has been accustomed to hear that her Strobridge ancestors were "Scotch-Irish"—that is, persons of Scotch blood born in, or residents of, Ireland, and not until within a very short time has she supposed there could be any doubt about it, but of late the question whether she is justified in claiming a Scotch origin for those ancestors has arisen, and she is forced to admit that the objectors have all the evidence there is in their favor.

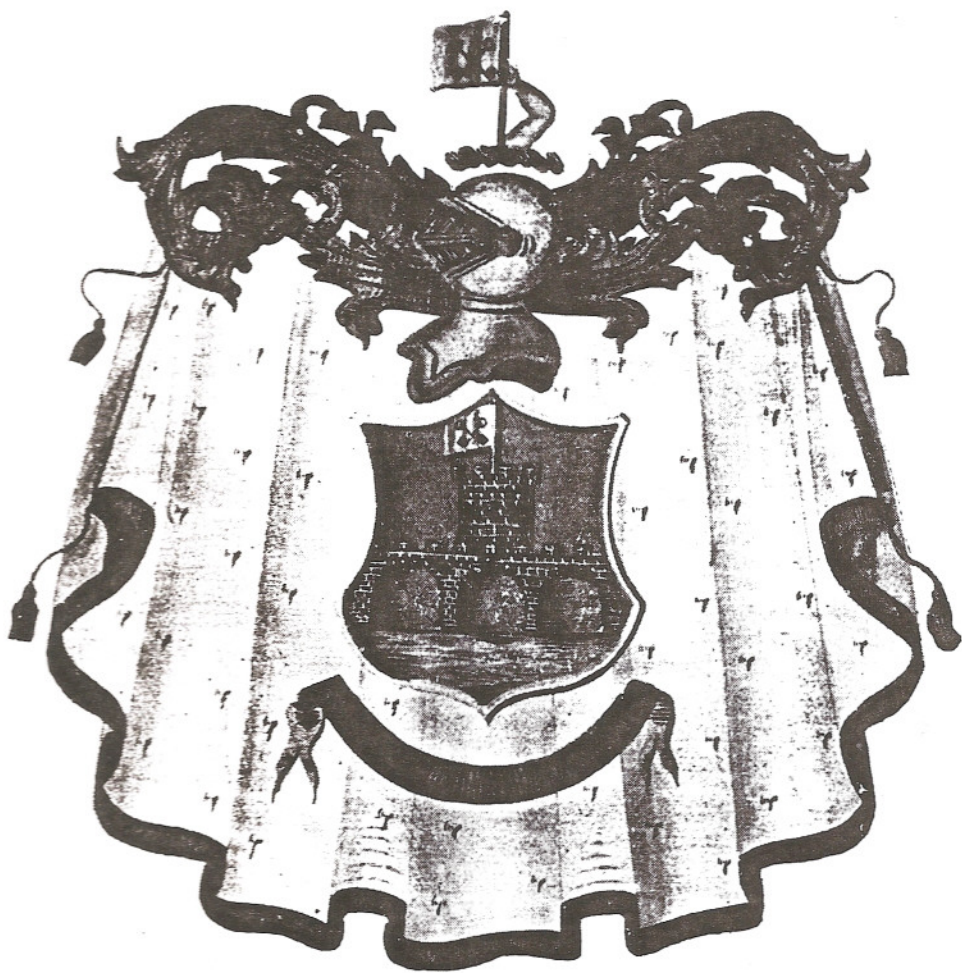
She has long known of the Trowbridge or Strobridge or Strawbridge family of Devonshire, Eng.; but, supposing it to be a branch of an older one, to which the Scotch family also belonged, made no attempt to connect with it. Such investigations of the matter as she has been able to make, however, reveal no information concerning a Scotch branch, and the probability now seems to be that the early ancestors of William Strobridge, and of the various Strawbridges who are known to have come to America from Ireland, went to Ireland from England.

Having arrived at this conclusion, it may be well to give in this connection all that the author has learned of the Devonshire family.

From Chapman's "Genealogy of the Descendants of Thomas

* This deed is in existence.

“VINCIT AMOR PATRIÆ.”



Crowbridge

Trowbridge, who came from Taunton, Somersetshire, Eng., to Dorchester, Mass., in 1636," we take the following:

"The very ancient family of Trowbridge derives its name from its ancient inheritance Trowbridge, in the Parish of Crediton, in Devonshire, where it resided for many centuries, and which was the property of Peter de Trowbridge in the reign of Edward I. This barton was sold by the Trowbridge family about the year 1720 to Samuel Strode, Esq., whose son conveyed it to Giles Yard, Esq. It now (1853) belongs to Miss Eliz. Yard, one of his daughters and co-heiresses. Trowbridge House is occupied by her uncle, John Yard, Esq."

Also this: "The name in the earlier records is variously spelled thus: Trobridge, Troubridge, Trowbridge, Throwbridge, Trobblebridge, Strobridge, and Strawbridge. The mode of spelling now generally adopted is Trowbridge," from which latter remark it is to be inferred that the names Strobridge and Strawbridge are not now common in England.

[The author is acquainted with a lady who is a native of Ashburton, County Devonshire, Eng., who was there a pupil in a school kept by one Thomas Strawbridge, about 1850. The gentleman had a brother whose name was William, but the lady knows nothing of the history or connection of the brothers. The circumstance proves that the name was not extinct in Devonshire in 1850.]

From "Burke's General Armory" we copy the following, which were taken from the "Herald's Visitation of Devonshire in 1620":

"Trowbridge, Co. Devon. John Trobridge, Esq., of Trobridge (visit. Devon, 1620), son of Robert Trobridge, grandson of Richard Trobridge, and great-grandson of Thomas Trobridge, all of same place."

"Or over water ppr. a bridge towered gu."

"Strobridge (Modbury, Bigbury, and Colleton, Co. Devon). (John Strobridge, aged 30, at visit. Devon, 1620, son and heir apparent of Arthur Strobridge of Modbury, grandson of John Strobridge of Bigbury, and great-grandson of John Strobridge of Colleton.)"

"Or over water ppr on a bridge of 3 arches gu a tower of the last and pennon hoisted thereon."

The following pedigree was received by Mr. W. C. Strobridge of Stamford, Conn., from Rev. Mr. Huntington, author of the history of Stamford, who obtained it (probably) during his investigations in England:

means the time he joined the church], William Strowbridge from Donaugh, Ireland, removed 1725 to West Parish [another part of the town, now Lakeville], Middleborough, died Nov. 14, 1777, aged 87"; also: "Margaret Strowbridge, from Donaugh, Ireland, dismissed 1726 to West Parish; died Dec. 8, 1776, aged 83."

There is no doubt about their having been Presbyterians, but it is well known that at the time it was considered imperative that a person should be a member of some church, and as there was then no Presbyterian church with which they could connect themselves, they did the next thing, joined the Congregationalists, and remained with them probably to the end of their lives, although their children appear to have been a few years later among the followers of Rev. John Morehead.

A deed to William "Strawbridge" of Middleborough, dated Dec. 3, 1728, is recorded at Plymouth, Mass., from which it appears that he did not at once become the owner of land. Other deeds dated Sept. 23, 1729; Feb. 12, 1731; Apr. 18, 1733; July 1, 1736; Aug. 1, 1741; May 1, 1742; Nov. 17, 1743; June 30, 1744; Nov. 11, 1747. (Those of 1741, '42, '43 and '47 read *Strobridge*, all the others *Strawbridge*.)

There are also four later deeds to William Strobridge. He is mentioned as a husbandman, and all the early deeds seem to be of woodland.

The author has seen the original deed from William "Strawbridge" of Middleborough, of 18 1-4 acres land in Middleborough to James "Strawbridge"; consideration, £40; date, Mch. 5, 1738-9. This ancient document is the property of Mrs. Harriet B. (Dean) Barstow, of Taunton, Mass., a great-great-granddaughter of William Strobridge, senior. A fac-

William Strobridge

simile of
the sig-
nature to
this deed

is here given. For some time the author was inclined to the opinion that the early members of the family wrote the name Strawbridge, and that Strobridge was a comparatively recent mode of spelling; but the signature to this deed disposes of the question, though why the name should be found spelled *Strawbridge* in the very document *signed* Strobridge is inexplicable. Rev. John Morehead evidently considered the name identical with Strawbridge, for in his records of the baptisms of William Strobridge's grandchildren, he invariably wrote it Strawbridge.

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM AND MARGARET (HENRY) STROBRIDGE.

ALL EXCEPT THE FIRST BORN IN MIDDLEBOROUGH, MASS.

- 2* i. MARY², b. in Ireland or on the passage to America, about 1717-18; m. JOHN MONTGOMERY.
- 3* ii. HENRY, b. Apr. 17, 1722; m. JEAN GORDON.
- 4* iii. WILLIAM, JR., b. Aug. 21, 1824; m. JEAN THOMPSON and Mrs. SARAH (Montgomery) MORRISON.
- 5 iv. THOMAS, b. July 7, 1726; d. Apr. 26, 1749, "in ye 23 year of his age" says his tombstone in Thompson Hill cemetery at Lakeville, Mass.
- 6* v. MARGARET, b. Sept. 1, 1728; m. JAMES PICKENS.
- 7* vi. JAMES, b. 1729; m. MARY GORDON.
- 8* vii. BETSEY (Elizabeth), b. 1732; m. THOMAS THOMPSON.

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MARY STROBRIDGE², dau. of WILLIAM (1), was b. 1717 or 1718 (there is authority for both dates). Some accounts say she was b. in Ireland, others that she was b. on the voyage to America; m. in Middleborough, Mass., to JOHN MONTGOMERY, Jan. 30, 1735, by Benjamin Ruggles of Middleborough, and d. May 16, 1790. It is said that John Montgomery was b. in Scotland, and lived there until he was 7 years of age, when his parents removed to the north of Ireland; that he came to America with William Strobridge, his guardian, when about 12 or 14 years of age. There is also a tradition that he came in company with Rev. John Morehead, but this is certainly incorrect, for Mr. Morehead did not arrive much, if any, before 1727.

The inscription on John Montgomery's gravestone shows that he was b. not far from 1708, and allowing that he was only 12 years old at the time of his arrival in America, it must have occurred in 1719 or '20. All traditions — for there seem to be no authentic accounts — agree that the Strobridges, Pickens, and McCullys, who settled near each other in Middleborough, came from the north of Ireland at the same time, but the exact date of their emigration is a matter of dispute and varies from 1717 to 1722, to suit the circumstances.

William Strobridge was a blacksmith, and of him John Montgomery learned that trade. It is said that he was a man of considerable wealth. In 1729 Rev. John Morehead's church was organized in Boston, and John Montgomery was one of twelve elders of the church, each of whom had special supervision over a portion of the members of the church, who were scattered about in various parts of New England. Elder Montgomery went once a year to Boston to represent his own charge, and on the Sabbath preceding his departure special prayers were offered for his safe return. His gravestone in

Thompson Hill cemetery, at Lakeville, formerly West Parish of Middleborough, Mass., has the following inscription: "Elder John Montgomery* (Died Oct. ye 19, 1787) in ye 80th yr." By it is another stone with this inscription: "Mary Strobridge, wife of Elder John Montgomery, Died May ye 16, 1790."

Since a very large proportion of the persons whose history is given in this work are descendants either of Elder John Montgomery or his sister Sarah, it is proper that the pedigree of the branch of the Montgomery family to which they undoubtedly belonged, should find a place in the work. The author has bestowed considerable study upon the subject, and has come to the conclusion that her ancestress, Sarah Montgomery, and her brother, Elder John, were in some way related to William Montgomerie, of Brigend, Ayrshire, Scotland, who married Isabel Burnett, in Edinburgh, Jan. 8. 1684; came to America 1701-2, and settled in New Jersey.

Elder John Montgomery gave to his children names which prevailed in the Brigend family, viz: John, William, Thomas, Robert, Hugh, Isabel, Jean, and Margaret, while Sarah, his sister, named her five sons by her first marriage, William, Alexander, Robert, James, John, all common in the Brigend family.

This identity of names can hardly be simply a coincidence; John and Sarah Montgomery certainly belonged to *some one* of the Scotch Montgomery families, and the author believes that one to have been the Brigend family of Ayrshire, and she has taken the trouble to trace, on the Montgomery chart accompanying the "Montgomery Genealogy," by Thomas H. Montgomery of Philadelphia, the pedigree of William Montgomery, who settled in New Jersey in 1701-2, back to the first of the name known to history.

Although the relationship between this William and the John and Sarah in whom the author is particularly interested can not at present be shown, she feels sure that such relationship existed, and that it is her own line which she has traced back.

"ROGER DE MONTGOMERIE, COUNT OF MONTGOMERIE, before 912. A native of Neustria himself, his ancestors were probably, for many generations back, natives of that province which, when conquered by the Northmen, was afterwards known as Normandy."

Pedigree traced back 27 generations, to Roger the First.

WILLIAM²⁷ of Brigend, settled in New Jersey, 1701-2; son of HUGH²⁶ of Brigend; d. 1710; son of JOHN²⁵ of Brigend; son of

WILLIAM²⁴ of Brigend ; d. near 1652 ; son of
 SIR NIEL²³ of Lainshaw ; d. ante 1621 ; son of
 SIR NIEL²² of Lainshaw ; m. the heiress of Lord Lyle ; son of
 SIR NIEL²¹ of Lainshaw ; killed at Irvine, 1547 ; son of
 HUGH²⁰, 1st Earl of Eglinton, so created by James IV, in
 1507-8 ; d. 1545 ; son of
 ALEXANDER¹⁹, 2d Lord of Montgomerie ; d. ante 1434 ; son of
 ALEXANDER¹⁸, Master of Montgomerie ; d. before his father,
 in 1452 ; son of
 ALEXANDER¹⁷, 1st Lord of Montgomerie, so created by James
 II in 1448-9 ; d. between 1461 and 1465 ; son of
 SIR JOHN¹⁶ of Androssan, Knight ; d. ante 1429 ; Dominus
 Ejusdem, or of that ilk ; son of
 SIR JOHN¹⁵ of Eaglesham and Eastwood, Knight, and after-
 wards of Eglinton and Androssan, on his marriage with Eliza-
 beth, dau. and heiress of Sir Hugh of Eglinton ; d. about 1398 ;
 son of
 SIR ALEXANDER¹⁴ of Eaglesham and Eastwood, knighted by
 Robert Bruce ; d. 1388 ; son of
 SIR JOHN¹³ of Eaglesham and Eastwood, Knight ; d. 1316 ;
 son of
 SIR JOHN¹² of Eaglesham and Eastwood, Knight ; d. about
 1285 ; son of
 SIR ALAN¹¹ of Eaglesham, Knight ; son of
 SIR JOHN¹⁰ of Eaglesham and Thornton, Knight ; son of
 ROBERT⁹ of Eaglesham and Thornton ; was called "MacCym-
 boric," or son of the Welshman ; d. 1180 ; son of
 PHILIP⁸ ; b. at Pembroke Castle about 1101, and called "The
 Welshman" ; left Normandy about 1113 and came to Scotland
 with David I, and obtained a fair inheritance in Renfrewshire ;
 m. Margaret, dau. of Cospatric, 2d Earl of Dunbar and March ;
 son of
 ARNULPH⁷, Earl of Pembroke ; attainted and banished the
 Kingdom 1102 ; m. Lafracoth, dau. of the King of Munster ; d.
 1119 ; son of
 ROGER⁶, Count of Montgomerie and Count of Exmes ; he
 came to England with William the Conqueror, 1066, and com-
 manded the vanguard of the Norman army at Hastings ; created
 Earl of Shrewsbury, Arundel, and Chichester ; d. and buried at
 Shrewsbury, 1094 ; son of
 HUGH⁵ de Montgomerie, Count of Montgomerie ; m. Joseline
 Tourode, Sire de Pont Audemer by his wife Weva, sister of
 Gunnor, wife of Richard II, Duke of Normandy ; son of
 WILLIAM⁴ de Montgomerie, Count of Montgomerie ; son of

ROGER³ de Montgomerie, Count of Montgomerie; son of
 ROGER² de Montgomerie, Count of Montgomerie; son of
 ROGER¹ de Montgomerie, Count of Montgomerie in Nor-
 mandy, ante Anno Domini 900.

CHILDREN OF JOHN AND MARY (STROBRIDGE) MONTGOMERY.*

- 9 i. MARY³, bapt. Aug. 18, 1737.
 10* ii. ROBERT, bapt. July 13, 1738; m. ELIZABETH COOPER.
 11 iii. MARGARET, bapt. May 31, 1740; m. S. KING and JOHN ANDROS; had
 1 son and 1 dau.; the latter m. a Mr. Caswell; had children.
 12* iv. ISABEL, b. 1740; m. ANDREW RITCHIE.
 13 v. JOHN, bapt. Aug. 30, 1744; m. MARGARET HENRY of North Bridgewater,
 Mass., Feb. 28, 1771. [She was prob. a dau. of Thomas Henry of
 North Bridgewater.†]
 14 vi. WILLIAM, bapt. Aug. 30, 1746; d. 1804, æ. 58; unm.; he was blind.
 15 vii. THOMAS, bapt. Aug. 18, 1749; m. P. HATHAWAY.
 16 viii. HUGH, bapt. Aug. 22, 1751.
 17 ix. SAMUEL, bapt. Aug. 9, 1754; m. CATHERINE WALES.
 18 x. HUGH, bapt. "8^{br}" 14, 1755; m. ANNA SAMPSON.
 19 xi. JEAN, bapt. Nov. 28, 1758; m. GERSHOM FOSTER.
 20 xii. REBECCA, d. unm., May 14, 1798, æ. 39.

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HENRY STROBRIDGE², son of WILLIAM (1), was b. Apr.
 17, 1722, in Middleborough (West Parish, now Lakeville),
 Mass.; m. JEAN GORDON, who was b. at Voluntown, Conn.,
 Dec. 13, 1728. A scrap of paper, yellowed by time, is carefully
 preserved by a descendant of Henry and Jean (Gordon) Stro-
 bridge, on account of what is thereon written. The writing
 reads as follows: "Marriag intended Betwen Henery Strobridg
 of Middlebery and Jean Gordon of Voluntown."‡

* The only complete (or nearly so) record of these children is found in the records of baptisms kept by Rev. John Morehead, a copy of which is in the office the City Registrar, Boston, where the author obtained the dates of the baptism of the children (with one exception) in this list. There is no record of their births in existence probably.

† From Kingman's "History of North Bridgewater, Mass.": "THOMAS HENRY came from Ire-
 land about 1740, and settled in the northeast section of the town, on or near the place occupied by
 Theron Ames. He married Ann Miller, Mar. 21, 1743.

CHILDREN.

- I. THOMAS, b. Mch. 21, 1744.
 II. JAMES, b. Jan. 7, 1746; m. Mehitable Hall, 1770. [Mrs Mehitable (Hall) Henry probably m.
 as 2d husband Alexander Morrison of Worthington, Ohio: if so those interested will find
 her descendants under No. (4) and dependent Nos. of Part II of this work.]
 III. JENNET, b. Dec. 25, 1747; m. Hosea Dunbar of Halifax (Mass ?), Oct. 22, 1767.
 IV. JOHN, b. Feb. 25, 1750.
 V. MARGARET, b. Feb. 10, 1752. [Was not this the one who m. John Montgomery?]
 VI. DAVID, b. Jan. 19, 1754. VII. ANN, b. May 1, 1756. VIII. SAMUEL. IX. WILLIAM.

Mr. Henry and his family, excepting Jennet, removed to Harpersfield, N. Y. Thomas and James
 were killed by the Indians and Tories in 1775 or 1776. John was taken prisoner, carried to Canada,
 and there died. This family was a pious and industrious people."

‡ The following is a copy of a record owned by Mrs. Jane G. (Dean) Jackson of Taunton, Mass.,
 a descendant and namesake of Mrs. Jean (Gordon) Strobridge:

"George Gordon, Born August ye 23, 1726.

Jean Gordon, Born December ye 13, 1728.

Robert Gordon, Born March ye 14, 1731.

Mary Gordon, Born Oct. ye 6, 1733.

The above as appears of Voluntown Records."

They lived in what was then the West Parish of Middleborough (now Lakeville), Mass. Mr. S. was one of the selectmen of Middleborough in 1779 and 1780, and appears to have had a good deal to do with real-estate matters. He d. Nov. 9, 1795, and his son-in-law, Joseph Dean, was appointed administrator to his estate. Mrs. Jean (Gordon) Strobridge survived her husband over nineteen years, dying at her daughter's, Mrs. Joseph Dean's, Feb. 8, 1815.

Her gravestone says she was in her 84th year, but if the Voluntown record is reliable, she was past 86 when she died. She and her husband are buried in the Thompson Hill cemetery at Lakeville, Mass. Mr. Strobridge's tombstone has this inscription:

"Memento Mortis
Henry Strobridge, died Nov. 7, 1795,
aged 74

Look, oh! my offspring, see, my friends,
The mandate which our Saviour sends;
See how the living now are hurled
Before the Judge of all the world."

Among a lot of ancient documents owned by Mrs. Harriet B. (Dean) Barstow of Taunton, Mass., a descendant of Henry Strobridge, there are several deeds which give some idea of his land transactions, as well as of the different ways in which the family surname was spelled at different times and by different individuals:

Nov. 14, 1747, "Philip Padelford, gentleman," deeded to "Henry Strobridg, laborer," 195 acres of land in Middleborough and Taunton; consideration "£1300, Old Tienor."

Witnesses,
Seth Williams.
Thomas pikens.

Sept. 17, 1751, "William Strawbridge Junr his Deed to Henry Strawbridge" three lots of land, containing in all about 86 1-4 acres; consideration "£86. 13. 4. Lawfull money."

Witnesses, } On the back of this deed is the quitclaim
William Canedy. } of William Strobridge, Senior, dated
Elizabeth Canedy. } Nov. 5, 1764.

The author, in endeavoring to trace the Gordon ancestry of family (3), obtained only the following additional items:

"George Gordon m. Jennet Gibson, Dec. 20, 1748.
Robert Gordon m. Jane Kelson, Apr. 21, 1757.
Jean Gordon (dau. of George?) m. John Dixon, May 3, 1764."

July 6, 1754, "Moses Ingloy his Deed to Henery Strowbridge" 22 1-2 acres more or less; consideration £43. 6. in money.

Witnesses.

Jacob Tomson.
Mary Standish.

April 28, 1784. Moses Cain to Henery Strobridge. One quarter part of a gristmill in Taunton, with appurtenances, privileges, and belongings; consideration £17.5 in silver money.

Witnesses.

John Caswell.
William Strobridge, Jr.

May 27, 1788. Robert Strobridge to Henry Strobridge. Land (described in the deed); consideration £50, lawful money.

Witnesses.

Caleb Turner.
John Gordon.

May 27, 1788. Henry Strobridge to Anna Dean, "In consideration of the love and affection which I have towards my Daughter, Anna Dean, the wife of Joseph Dean of Taunton," etc., three lots, one being a certain tract containing 22 1-2 acres in Middleborough, "that I bought of Moses Ingle," another being a tract "that I bought of my Brother James Strobridge that he bought of Moses Ingle the same day that I bought the land Before mentioned," etc.; one other tract "that I had of my Son Robert," etc.

Witnesses.

Caleb Turner.
Phebe Turner.

May 26, 1792. Henry Strobridge to Robert Dean, a minor, one quarter part of gristmill, etc.

Witnesses.

Caleb Turner.
Phebe Turner.

There are papers that show that Henry Strobridge was the owner, in 1771, of a sloop named "Bertaney."

INVENTORY OF THE ESTATE OF HENRY STROBRIDGE.

(Original orthography preserved.)

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| One Hat | \$0.75 |
| One Old great Coat | 0.75 |
| One Old Coat \$1.25. One other Blue Coat \$2.50 | 3.75 |
| Pair of Corderoy breeches | .75 |
| Old brown Jacket 33, one blue Jacket 75 | 1.08 |
| One linen Shirt 75 cents Cotten Shirt 75 | 1.50 |
| One coverlead blue & white best, 1.75 One other coverlead 1.50 | 3.25 |
| Two white blankets woolen | 1.50 |
| Best bed & under bed bolster & two pillars | 10.00 |
| Old bedstead & cord | 0.50 |
| One red & blue coverlead, \$2.50 | 2.00 |
| One other old coverlead | 0.75 |
| Two blankets old woolen | 1.00 |

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| Bed exclusive the ticken Bolster & two pillows | 8.00 |
| Bedstead & Cord | 0.75 |
| One woolen blanket | 1.00 |
| four pillow cases | 0.50 |
| Pair of linen Sheets | 1.25 |
| One other pair \$1.25 one other pair 1.25 | 2.50 |
| One Cotton Sheet \$1 One linnen Sheet 60 cents | 1.60 |
| One diaper tablecloth 75 cts one other 60 | 1.35 |
| One dimety tablecloth | 0.75 |
| Large old Bible & other Books | 1.50 |
| Six old towels | 1.00 |
| Old chist with drawers | 1.50 |
| Case of drawers | 4.00 |
| Round table 75 tea table 75 cents | 1.50 |
| Small square table | .33 |
| Six banester back chares | 2.00 |
| Nine other old chares | 1.00 |
| One block tin tea pot 75 cents Coffee pot 25 cents | 1.00 |
| Six tea cups & sassars | 0.50 |
| five tea spoons silver | 1.50 |
| Two large spoons silver | 3.00 |
| One mug & two glasses | .30 |
| Four puter platters | 2.25 |
| Six puter plates | 0.83 |
| five puter Basons | 2.00 |
| Four porengers | 0.83 |
| Two old quart pots | 0.40 |
| Two pails 30 cents, One washtub 33 cents | 0.63 |
| One dish cittle 30. one small do 20 cents | .50 |
| One Iron bason 30 Spider 30 cents | 0.50 |
| Old Scillet flat iron & bake pans | .42 |
| Crane & Crane hooks | 1.25 |
| Three Iron dogs | 0.50 |
| One old Slice | 0.16 |
| Old looms & tackling \$2.50, great wheel 50c | 3.00 |
| Two old wheels & a Reel | 2.09 |
| One old broad ax 75c One adz 50 | 1.25 |
| Old Iron & pitchforks | 1.33 |
| Two old ox yokes 25c One pair of traces & hames 50 | .75 |
| Old Chains 1.25 Old Harrow 1.50 | 2.75 |
| Old Cart wheels 3.50 Iron bar \$1 | 4.50 |
| Old cedar tub 67c. meat barral 33 | 1.00 |
| Old pilion 50c large old chist \$1.00 | 1.50 |
| Dry old Casks Seven | 1.75 |
| Cubboard large & old | 1.50 |
| One Cow | 13.00 |
| One Note of hand on Abner Kingman Dat ^d August 7 th 1798 \$20 & Intrust | 22.10 |
| Note of Hand on Garshom Foster Dated Sept 15 th 1796 \$30 & Intrust | 36.00 |
| Note on Elijah King Dated June 4 th 1799 \$14.15 & Intrust | 14.69 |
| One pew in precing [precinct] meeting house caled Mr Turners by the Pulpet Stars | 25.00 |
| Middleboroug, January 13, 1800. | |

To the Hon^{ble} Joshua Thomas Esq. Judge of Probate &c. The account of Joseph Dean administrator of the estate of Henry Strobridge of Middleborough in the county of Plymouth Decd.

Wherein the accountant charges himself with the Inventory of the estate of s^d Decd amounting to \$206.54
 also with cash rec^d of Benjamin Strobridge 23.06
 do of David Carver \$29.33^{cts.} of Andrew Leach \$77 106.33
 Cash on hand \$117. Cas Rec^d Tom Samson \$5 122.00
 allowed

Note by Cash Rec^d of Silas Pickins \$15. Ditto Dean Briggs, \$10, 25.00
 Do for two small piggs weight 85^{lb} each 6.00
 two Small hoggs widdow killed, one two year old heffer for ye widow
 that was killed in November 1795 27.
 for what ha was on the Place. Supposed 6 tun 36.
 and about 30 Bushell ry 20.
 for one cow Killed November 1796 18.
 also for one yearling heffer 8.
 also for twelve sheep that Sum ware Killed 14.
 and sum ware sold for Seven Shillings pr Head

Your accoum^t prays allowance for the following Disbursements.
 to a coffin of Simion Maccomber \$4.
 to p^d Diging the Grave to N^t Tomson 1.
 to funeral expenses and for Lining 6.
 to Bording the apprisors 1.33
 pd the apprisers \$2.50 2.50
 pd John Tomson for Gravestones 6.75
 to cash paid Dock^t Job Godfrey \$5 5.
 Ditto will Strobridge \$3.66 3.66
 to pd Eben^r Jones 67 cts, paid Henry Strobridge \$1 1.67
 to Cash pd Andrew Cole for Rates \$3 3.00
 Ditto Benjamin Strobridge \$2.84 2.84
 pd Register Probate 3. Remainder Probate fees \$2.50 5.50
 to my time and troble in settling the estate 25.
 to improvement of a farm the Deceased Lived on from March 2^d
 1791 to November 7, 1795 200.
 allowance to the widow for Nessaries to Keep house 264.60
 Old brod ax and adz \$1.25
 old Iron and pichforks 1.33
 two old ox yokes & one pair traces75
 old chains, old Harrow 1.50
 old cart and wheels 3.50
 Iron bar 1.00
 and half a pew by the pulpit stars 12.50

\$21.83

November 28, 1807.

Received of Joseph Dean administrator to the estate of henry Strobridge of Middleborough Deceased four hundred and eleven Dollars in full of all Demands on said Estate and said Dean is to have half the pew in the meeting hous by the pulpit stairs, Brod ax and adz old Iron and pichforks two old yokes & traces two old chains and Harrow. Iron Bar.

JEAN STROBRIDGE.

Extracts from the "Deed of Agreement" between Jane Strobridge and Elizabeth Strobridge, widow of Robert, dated April 10, 1797:

"Also about sixteen acres & three quarters, mostly in the Sixty fourth lot in the first allotment in the 16 shilling purchase, but some of it in the 63 lot* is bounded as follows. viz: North easterly by land of Hugh Montgomerys, easterly by Elder's pond, North westerly by land owned by Joseph Dean & wife, & South westerly by the line between the said 64 & 65 lots from the westernmost Corner of said Dean's part of sixty fourth lot, running Southeasterly twenty-one rods and a quarter, to the corner of a stone wall thence northeasterly by said stone wall eleven rods, thence South thirty-six Degs East, parralel to the sides of said lot, sixty rods to the edge of the unimproved lands, thence South five Degs, west Seven rods to a red oak tree marked. thence South 17 Degs east to the pond, thence by said pond north-erly to Montgomery's land. Also a peice of Wood and Cedar Swampland in the 62th lot Containing about 17 acres bounded as follows: Beginning at a Cedar tree in the northeast side of said lot & seven rods & a quarter Southeast of the northermost corner thereof, thence South 54 Degs west to the south west side of said lot, to a pitch pine tree, thence South easterly by said line 66 rods & a quarter to a red oak marked, thence north 54 Degs east to the northeast side of said lot, thence to the bounds first mentioned"

"Also the East front room in the great Dwelling house, Bedroom adjoining the same room, the buttery on the back of the same, one third part of the previledge of the Kitchen & Porch & Necessary house at the back, one bedroom in the east End of the Chamber adjoining the cheasroom, the third part of the garret, the cellar under the East End of the house, Previledges of the Doors necessary to pass in front of said house, and dooryard suitable to lay firewood, passing way to and from the well previledges of passing down the lane and to the barrs that open into Rockey pasture so called into that part of the 64th lot herein set to the said Jane with cattlecarts &c in order for her convenience in improving the same, the said third part of the garret above mentioned to be in the east end of said Garrett.

"The above true extract from the within mentioned deed & agreement.

"Attest. ROBT. COTTON, Regr"

CHILDREN OF HENRY AND JEAN (GORDON) STROBRIDGE.

21* i. ROBERT³, bapt. Aug. 22, 1752; m. ELIZABETH NELSON.

22* ii. ANNA, b. Feb. 26, 1755; bapt. Nov. 12, 1756; m. JOSEPH DEAN.

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WILLIAM STROBRIDGE, JR.², son of WILLIAM (1), was b. Aug. 21, 1724, in Middleborough (West Parish, now Lakeville), Mass.; m. (1) June 16, 1748, JEAN THOMPSON (her name is also given as Jennet), who d. Feb. 17, 1757, æ. 32. She was doubtless a dau. of Archibald Thompson, a Scotch-Irish settler of North Bridgewater, and probably was b. at Abington, Mass.†

* Is there an error in giving 63 as above? Should it have been 65?

† Kingman says in his history of North Bridgewater, Mass., that Archibald Thompson, wife, and son Robert, came to America in 1724; resided a short time in Abington (Mass.), afterward at Bridge-

Mr. Strobridge m. (2) MRS. SARAH (Montgomery) MORRISON, widow of William, and sister of Elder John Montgomery of Middleborough, Mass., whose wife, Mary Strobridge, was the oldest sister of Mr. Strobridge. (See Part II for the genealogy of the descendants of William and Sarah (Montgomery) Morrison.

Mr. Strobridge was a farmer and blacksmith (?); lived at Middleborough (West Parish), and d. there Apr. 1, 1797. His farm and the house that he built are still owned by his descendants. Mrs. Sarah (Montgomery) (Morrison) Strobridge d. at Middleborough Oct. 3, 1817, in her 90th year. William Strobridge, Jr., and his two wives are all buried and have tombstones in the Thompson Hill cemetery at Lakeville.

He was a Presbyterian, and Rev. John Morehead's record of baptisms shows that the older children of Mr. S. were christened by him.

It is said that William Strobridge was accustomed to go to Boston once a year on horseback to Communion, his wife riding behind him on a pillion, and usually carrying an infant to be christened.*

The following is a copy of a deed from William Strobridge, Jr., to his brother Henry. It will be seen that the surname of the brothers is spelled "Strawbridge" in the document:

water. Mr. Thompson made the first wheel for spinning linen in New England. He was one of the early settlers of North Parish.

CHILDREN.

- i. ROBERT², m. MARGARET SMITH of Milton, Mass. Had
 1. RACHEL³, b. Dec. 10, 1755.
 2. ELIZABETH, b. Oct. 16, 1757.
 3. JENNET, b. Aug. 26, 1759.
 4. MARGARET, b. Mar. 17, 1761.
 This family removed to Londonderry, N. H.
- ii. JEAN or JANET, b. probably in Abington, Mass., about 1725; m. WILLIAM STROBRIDGE, JR., of Middleborough, Mass. This child is not given by Kingman, as she must have been b. before the family removed to N. Bridgewater.
- iii. THOMAS, m. ELIZABETH STROBRIDGE, 1754.
- iv. ARCHIBALD, m. MARTHA ROBINSON; removed to Nova Scotia.
- v. JAMES; removed to Charleston, S. C. He studied for the ministry and had a call to Blandford, Mass., but appears to have soon given up preaching, for it is said he went to South Carolina as a teacher.
- vi. JOHN, d. young.
- vii. BETSEY, m. a STROWBRIDGE of Middleborough.
- viii. ANNA, m. ROBERT FULTON, July 23, 1767.
- ix. JANE, m. ANDREW GAMMEL, 1756.

There must be several errors as well as omissions in the foregoing record. For instance, "Agness," dau. of Archibald Thompson, bapt. by Rev. John Morehead of Boston, May 21, 1735, is not mentioned. There is no trace of any "Strowbridge of Middleborough" who could have m. Betsey Thompson. Probably the item refers to Jean, who m. William Strobridge, Jr.

A number of the children of Archibald Thompson were bapt. by Rev. John Morehead, which shows that he was a Presbyterian.

* A great-grandson of Mrs. Sarah (Montgomery) (Morrison) Strobridge is the possessor of a pewter platter, said to have been the property of Sarah Montgomery, and to have been brought from the "Old Country." It has on it the letters J. M. S., arranged as shown, and was given to the present owner, Nelson Montgomery Pierce, of Ludlow, Vt., by his mother, for his name. He would like to know what the letters stand for, as would also many others, and if any one reading this possesses the knowledge, he or she is kindly invited to communicate the same to the author of this work.

WILLIAM STRAWBRIDGE, JUN^r, HIS DEED TO HENERY STRAWBRIDGE.

"To all people to whom these presents shall come. Greeting. Know you that I William Strawbridge Junior of the town of Middleborough in the county of Plimouth in New England for and in consideration of the sum of Eighty Six Pounds Thirteen Shillings and four pence Lawful money to me already in hand paid by my Brother Henerly Strawbridge of the Town of Middleborough aforesaid wherewith I do acknowledge myself to be fully satisfied contented and paid, Have freely and absolutely Bargained and Sold alienated Enfeofed and confirmed and by these presents do Bargain Sell Alienate Enfeofe and Confirm unto him the Said Henerly Strawbridge and his heirs and assigns for ever: Two lots of land lying and being in the Purchase of land called the Sixteen Shilling Purchase in the Township of Middleborough aforesaid and in the third allotment in Said Purchase, the one of said lots being in number the one Hundred Twenty first lot containeth about 40 acres: and the other of said lots being in number the one Hundred Twenty eighth lot containeth about Twenty Seven acres & a half: the bounds of Said lots may appear at large upon the Records of S^d Purchase: And also Thirteen Twentieth parts of the one Hundred Twenty Seventh It in number in Said third allotment in said Purchase, the whole lot containeth about Thirty Seven acres the bounds of said whole lot may appear at large upon the Records of said Purchase: To Have and to Hold all the afores^d: 121st lot & also the afores^d: 128th lot: and also all the afores^d Thirteen Twentieth parts of the afores^d 127th lying and being as afores^d with all and Singular the profits priviledges & appurtenances thereunto belonging from me the Said William Strawbridge Jun^r and my heirs unto him the Said Henerly Strawbridge and his heirs and assigns for ever: with all my whole Right title and Interest of and into the same, and every part and parcel thereof To belong and appertain unto the onely proper use benefit & behoof of him the said Henerly Strawbridge and his heirs and assigns for ever: Warranting that at the time of the Signing & Sealing hereof I have Good Right and full power and lawful Authority in my self to Dispose of the abovesaid premises with their appurtenances and every part and parcel thereof as is above Expressed: And do by these presents bind and oblige my self and my heirs for ever to warrant and Defend the title of the same against the Lawful Claims of all persons whatsoever: In witness whereof I the aforesaid William Strawbridge Junior have hereunto set my hand and Seal this Seventhten day of September one thousand Seven hundred fifty one.

William Strobridge

Signed Sealed and Delivered In the presence of us

WILLIAM CANEDY
ELIZABETH CANEDY

Bristol Sc Tanton September the 17 day 1751

Then the above named William Strobridge Juner personally appeared and acknowledged this above written Instrument to Be his act and Deed

Before me

WILLIAM CANEDY Justice of peace "

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM, JR., AND JEAN (THOMPSON) STROBRIDGE.

- 23* i. MARY³, b. Aug. 10, 1749; bapt. Aug. 26, 1749; m. JABEZ FOX.
 24 ii. THOMAS, b. May 30, 1751; bapt. Aug. 22, 1751; d. Feb. 19, 1777, æ. 26; buried and has a tombstone in Thompson Hill cemetery, Lakeville, Mass.
 25 iii. BETSEY, or ELIZABETH, bapt. July 14, 1754; m. NOAH ALLEN; lived in Somers, Conn.; probably had daughters, as it is said she had no sons of her own, and took her sister Mary's son, Jabez Fox, to care for after his father's death.
 26* iv. JOHN, b. July 4, 1756; bapt. Nov. 2, 1756; m. PATIENCE TYLER.

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM, JR., AND SARAH (MONTGOMERY) (MORRISON) STROBRIDGE.

- 27* v. HENRY, b. 1761; m. ZILPHA THOMAS.
 28* vi. WILLIAM, b. Mch. 14, 1762; m. HANNAH CRANE and SUSAN FOBES. [This was the 2d son to whom Sarah Montgomery gave the name William, and the curious part of the matter is that both Williams lived to a good old age.—*Author.*]
 29* vii. SARAH, or SALLY, m. LUTHER CRANE.
 30 viii. BENJAMIN, m. (1) ELIZABETH, dau. of John and Lydia (Snow) WHITMAN of E. Bridgewater, Mass. She was b. 1767 and d. Feb. 3, 1792, æ. 25, and with her infant dau. is buried at Thompson Hill cemetery, Lakeville, Mass. He m. (2) — BURT, thought to be of Claremont, N. H. He d. Sept. 25, 1827, æ. 61; is buried by his 1st wife.
 31* ix. JANE, b. May 13, 1768; m. JEREMIAH PAULL.

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MARGARET STROBRIDGE², dau. of WILLIAM (1), was b. Sept. 1, 1728, in Middleborough (West Parish, now Lakeville), Mass.; m. Aug. 20, 1753, JAMES, son of Thomas* and Margaret (Steele) PICKENS of Middleborough. James Pickens was b. about 1717, in the north of Ireland, was a farmer, and lived on the land owned by and in the house built by his father. He d. at Middleborough Mar. 22, 1800, in his 84th year. Mrs. Mar-

* THOMAS PICKENS—for it is settled that his name was Thomas and not John, as has been claimed by some of his descendants,—is said to have come to America at the same time with the Strobridges and McCulleys. He settled in the West Parish of Middleborough, just when it is impossible to determine. The first mention of a Pickens in the Land Records at Plymouth is in 1736, when Thomas Pickens of Freetown gave a deed of land to John Tinkham (Vol. 31, Registry of Deeds, p. 99). It would seem from this, that if Thomas Pickens came with the Strobridges to America, he did not at

Thomas Pickens

first settle in Middleborough, but in 1739 was at that place according to the following: Thomas Pickens of Middleborough to son James Pickens of Middleborough, deed dated 1739 (Reg. of Deeds, vol. 33, p. 53). The deed to which this signature was attached is dated May 5, 1739. The same deed has an endorsement on the back by two witnesses who saw

Thomas Pickens, *deceased*, sign the deed, which endorsement is dated November of the same year.

Another record is a deed from Thomas Pickens of Freetown to Nathaniel Holloway and Isaac Pierce of Middleborough, in 1748 (Ibid, vol. 39, p. 239).

There is also a deed recorded 1749 in vol. 40, p. 133, of land sold by Thomas Pickens of Freetown, in 1736, to Elkanah Leonard of Middleborough.

The following extract from a letter of Mr. John Pickens of New Bedford to his son John in Boston, Jan. 6, 1807, will be found of interest, for the writer must have known his grandparents, Thomas and Margaret Steele, and could therefore speak with some certainty. He says:

"Of the Father's side. My grandfather, Thomas Picken (the final s was added in this country) with his wife (maiden name was Margaret Steel), and their children were Jane, Andrew, and James, twins about two years old, emigrated to America about the year 1717, one year more or less, and landed at Boston from a rough and tedious voyage of eleven weeks." [Right here a note must be made.

garet (Strobridge) Pickens d. at Middleborough Jan. 28, 1798, in her 70th year.

CHILDREN OF JAMES AND MARGARET (STROBRIDGE) PICKENS.*

- 32 i. JAMES³, b. Nov. 17, 1753; d. July 22, 1791, æ. 38; m. Nov. 25, 1784, MARY TROWANT, who m. (2) JOSEPH BURDEN.
- 33 ii. ALEXANDER, b. Feb. 14, 1755; lived at Claremont, N. H. Alexander Pickens of Claremont, N. H., had a dau. Betsey, who m. and left the place.
- 34 iii. MARTHA, b. Oct. 19, 1756.
- 35 iv. SAMUEL, b. May 1, 1758; m. LYDIA COLE Feb. 14, 1782. - *d. 1821*.
- 36 v. WILLIAM, b. June 22, 1760; m. — HOWLAND.
- 37 vi. MARGARET, b. Apr. 19, 1762.
- 38 vii. DAVID, b. Jan. 25, 1764; m. Oct. 9, 1788, EXPERIENCE PIERCE; removed.
- 39* viii. JOHN, b. Oct. 10, 1765; m. JOANNA (or ANNA) CLARK.
- 40* ix. GEORGE, b. Apr. 18, 1767; m POLLY PICKENS and ABIGAIL HARVEY.
- 41 x. MARY, b. July 2, 1768; d. Oct. 27, 1781.
- 42* xi. REBECCA, b. Apr. 28, 1771; m. SILAS KING.

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JAMES STROBRIDGE², son of WILLIAM (1), was b. 1729, in Middleborough (West Parish, now Lakeville), Mass.; m. MARY GORDON of Voluntown, who was b. at Voluntown Oct. 6, 1733, and was a sister of the wife of his brother Henry. In 1754 Moses Inglee of Halifax, Mass., deeded a piece of land containing 22 1-2 acres to James Strowbridge, Junr. ["Junr" seems to have been added to his name in the document, in order to distinguish him from his uncle, James Strobridge, who was then living at Middleborough.] This land was afterwards conveyed to Henry Strobridge, an older brother of James, and by him deeded in 1788 to his daughter, Anna Dean. James Strobridge removed to Northfield, Mass., previous to or in 1783, and d. there Oct. 23, 1811, æ. 82; his wife d. Mch. 3, 1817, æ. 84; both are buried and have tombstones in an old cemetery at Northfield.

James Pickens d. Mar. 22, 1800, in his 84th year, and must have been b. about 1717. If two years old at the time of emigration, that must have been not *later* than 1719. If a year old or over, *might* have come in 1718. Now if Thomas Pickens and family came to America in 1718 or '19, and in *company* with the Strobridges and others, *then the latter were here before 1720 or 1722*, as claimed by some of the Montgomery family, and the author thinks the evidence is altogether in favor of 1718 or '19.]

They lived in a little town in Milton, thence went to Freetown, soon after (?), settled in the southwest part of Middleborough, on land which some of their grandchildren still inherit.

They came from a town called Ballygully, near Coleraine, in the north part of Ireland. After they came to this country they had two sons and two daughters: Martha, John, Margaret, and Thomas: whether they had any that died young I do not know.))

The remainder of the letter is entirely genealogical, and concerns branches of the family not related to the Strobridges, and will have to be omitted for lack of space.

* In 1778, on the roll of Capt. Amos Washburn's company, raised in Middleborough, appear the names of James Pickens, corp., Alexander, Samuel, and William Pickens, privates, and in Capt. Job Pierce's company, on duty at Rhode Island in 1777, are found the names of Samuel Pickens, corp., and William Pickens, private.

CHILDREN.

- 43* i. WILLIAM³, b. Oct. 19, 1756; m. SUSANNAH HINDS and HANNAH TUTTLE.
 44* ii. "MARY, dau. of James Strawbridge," was bapt. by Rev. John Morehead of Boston, Nov. 28, 1758.
 45* iii. GEORGE, b. Apr. 23, 1760; m. JULIA TUTTLE and BETHSHUA CRAWFORD.
 46* iv. MARGARET, or "Peggy," b. Oct. 14, 1763; m. LUTHER DEAN.
 47* v. JAMES, JR., b. July 16, 1764; m. SARAH LYMAN.
 48 vi. PARNEL, b. Aug. 9, 1767; m. DAVID DEXTER.
 49 vii. MARY, b. at Middleborough, Mass., Feb. 10, 1769; m. — BURT; rem. to Ohio.
 50 viii. GORDON, b. Dec. 31, 1771; m. — LEACH; lived in Northfield, Mass., where he owned saw- and grist-mills. In the History of Northfield his name is spelled "Gurdon." His tombstone in the old cemetery at Northfield says he d. June 4, 1839, æ. 66, but if the date of his death is correct, his age is incorrectly stated, and should be 67 yrs. 5 mos. 3 days.
 51* ix. ANNA, b. May 20, 1774; m. CALEB DEAN.
 52 x. ELIZABETH, b. May 5, or 31, 1777; was a milliner and dressmaker at Claremont, N. H., where she d., unm.
 53* xi. THOMAS HENRY, b. May 5, 1779; m. — LYMAN and HANNAH CLEVELAND.

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BETSEY, OR ELIZABETH, STROBRIDGE², dau. of WILLIAM (1), was b. 1732, in Middleborough (West Parish, now Lakeville), Mass.; m. THOMAS, son of Archibald THOMPSON of North Bridgewater, Mass., who d. at North Bridgewater, May 28, 1810, æ. 81; she d. Oct. 18, 1811, æ. 79.

CHILDREN.*

- 54 i. JOHN³, b. Oct. 23, 1753; m. JENNET ALLEN; rem. to Maine, 1778.
 55 ii. MARY, b. Aug. 10, 1755; m. CARY HAYWARD, 1779.
 56 iii. ANNA, b. Aug. 10, 1760; m. MR. BUXTON.
 57 iv. ELIZABETH, b. Apr. 23, 1763; m. JOHN PETTINGILL, 1784.
 58 v. WILLIAM, b. 1765; rem. to Maine.
 59* vi. THOMAS (Capt.), b. July 4, 1767; m. MARTHA KINGMAN.

THIRD GENERATION.

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ROBERT MONTGOMERY³, son of MARY STROBRIDGE (2), was b. in Middleborough, Mass.; bapt. July 13, 1738, by Rev. John Morehead, minister of the Scotch Presbyterian church of Boston; "was in public service at the taking of Quebec by General Wolfe (1759); went to Warren, Me., in 1763, and settled what is now (187-) the Lushe farm, which his father, a man of wealth, had previously purchased for him, and which is still occupied in part by his posterity; † m. ELIZABETH, dau. of Boice

* From Kingman's History of North Bridgewater.

† From Eaton's Annals of Warren, Me.