

68. BRADFORD LOGAN(11)GIBBS (Frank Bradford Gibbs(10), Fannie Eliza(9), John Hiram(8),
Cyrus(7), Hiram(6), John(5), Thomas(4), Thomas(3),
William(2), William(10)

Born June 4, 1921. Married July 10, 1943 to Lee Whitney Clapp born Feb. 2,
1925.

Two children:

Bradford Logan Jr.
Elizabeth Whitney

Born May 9, 1944
" March 9, 1948

Bradford Logan Sr. and his wife, Lee Whitney, were divorced. He married
again, his second wife being Marjorie F. Knox. No children by the
second marriage.

69. MARJORIE (11)GIBBS (Frank Bradford Gibbs(10), Fannie Eliza(9), John Hiram(8),
Cyrus(7), Hiram(6), John(5), Thomas(4), Thomas(3), William(2),
William(1).

Born June 3, 1925. Married October 3, 1944 to Joseph Burley Clark Jr.,
born Feb. 7, 1924.

Two children:

Judith Gardiner
Joseph Burley III

Born Oct. 19, 1946
" Aug. 3, 1949

70. ELIZABETH (11) GIBBS (Ralph W. Gibbs(10), Fannie Eliza(9), John Hiram(8),
Cyrus(7), Hiram(6), John(5), Thomas(4), Thomas(3),
William(2), William(1).

Born June 5, 1919. Married Jan. 15, 1944 to Charles E. Wilde Jr.

Two children:

Deborah (12) Wilde Born July 16, 1945
Charles E. (12) Wildell Born July 20, 1946

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PHEBE, HOPE, JUDITH and JOHN NELSON FAMILY BRANCH

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SIXTH GENERATION NELSON FAMILY

70. PHEBE (6) NELSON (John(5), Thomas(4), Thomas(3), William(2), William(1)).

Born 1766. Did not marry. Lived with sister Judith(6) and brother John(6), both unmarried, in her father's house(John(5)Nelson).

After the death of brother John(6)Nelson August 10,1828, an agreement was entered into by the remaining heirs at law of Col. John(5)Nelson to permit Pheb(6) Nelson and her sister, Judith, continued occupancy but insuring the remaining heirs of their right and title. It is recorded in Plymouth Deeds 165; 41 generally as follows:

"Agreement between Pheb Nelson and Judith Nelson, on the one part of Middleboro, Mass. and Hiram Nelson(6), Noble Canedy and Hope Canedy(Hope Nelson(6) his wife in her right, Horatio Nelson(7) and Abeil M.Sampson and Bathsheba(7) Sampson, his wife in her right (note:Horatio and Bathsheba were son and daughter of Ezra Nelson,deceased) witnesseth that John Nelson lately deceased possessed an estate in Middleboro to which the above are the heirs at law. They surrender to Phebe and Judith the farm and all personal estate for life but at the death of the same Phebe and Judith Nelson the farm is to return to the heirs(Sept.5,1828

Phebe (6)Nelson died Aug.27,1844 and is buried in the Nelson graveyard.

71. HOPE(6)NELSON (John (5),Thomas(4),Thomas(3),William(2),William(1)).

Born about 1767-68. Married Noble Canedy. Buried Precinct Cemetary. No other data available except reference will be found in the History of the Town of Middleboro, pages 434-5-6 generally as to the Canedy family.

72. JUDITH(6)NELSON(John(5),Thomas(4), Thomas(3), William(2), William(1)).

Born Sept.6,1769. She never married. See comments under "70 Phebe Nelson" as to their living always in the house of John(5)Nelson, their father. Judith died Dec.31,1858 and is buried in the Nelson graveyard.

73. JOHN (6)NELSON(John(5), Thomas(4),Thomas(3),William(2), William(1)).

Born 1771. He never married. See comments under (70 Phebe(6)) as to his living with his two sisters, Phebe(6) and Judith(6). He died Aug.10,1828 and is bried in the Nelson graveyard.

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EZRA NELSON(6)

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SIXTH GENERATION-NELSON FAMILY

74. EZRA(6) NELSON(John (5), Thomas(4), Thomas(3), William(2), William(1)).

Born 1773. Married Abigail King of "Taunton Way" Dec.21,1797 in Middlebro. (From Taunton Precinct Church Records) She was born 1778.

Ezra began building a house but died before he finished it. Hiram Nelson bought and finished it and lived in it as his home.

Ezra died July 25,1803, age 30. His wife, Abigail, survived for many years. She died April 25,1844, aged 66 years.

It is interesting to note that despite the survival of the widow, on Nov. 8,1803, after the death of Ezra(6), Abigail Nelson Cole and her husband, Andrew Cole("Uncle Cole") were appointed guardians for Ezra's two children-minors under 14, and they filed several accounts of guardianship, the last one on Nov.8,1814.

Children were:

- 75. Bethsheba(7)
- 76. Horatia(7)

Born June 5,1798
 " about 1800 (possibly before
 Bethsheba)

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75. BETHSHEBA(7)NELSON (Ezra(6),John(5),Thomas(4),Thomas(3), William(2),William(1))

Born June 5,1798 in Middleboro. She married Abiel Macomber Sampson of Middleboro about 1815. He was born Sept.4,1796 in Middleboro, son of Elias Sampson and Betty Macomber of Taunton.

Abiel was a farmer and they lived just south of Col.John(5)Nelson's farm. Abiel died of dropsy March 4,1867 in Lakeville. Bethsheba(7)Nelson survived him, dying Dec.24,1877, "cause of death unknown,in Lakeville" (State House Record 293 and 301. No record as to where buried.

Children were:

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| 77. Ezra(8)Nelson Sampson | Born June 14,1816 |
| 78. James (8)Sampson | Date of birth unknown |
| 79. Horation Nelson(8)Sampson | " " " " |
| 80. Angelina(8)Sampson | " " " " |
| 81. A biel Sampson(8) | " " " " |

82. and 83. Two other daughters (8) one of whom became Mrs. Abby Clark and lived in Providence and the other who became Mrs. James McDonald and lived in Portland,Oregon.

76. HORATIO(7)NELSON (Ezra(6),John(5),Thomas(4),Thomas(5),William(2),William(1)).

Born about 1800. Did not marry. Lived and died in Lakeville, next house and farm west and north of Col.John(5)Nelson. Lost a leg above the knee in an accident.

He was an ardently religious man. As a Baptist deacon he often conducted religious services.

He died abut 1869 and is buried in the Nelson graveyard.

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The next seven descendants are the children of Bethsheba(7)Nelson Sampson and while they do not bear the Nelson name are so closely connected the information known about them is given and they are numbered and included in the eighth generation.

- 77. EZRA(8)NELSON SAMPSON (Bethsheba(7),Ezra(6),John(5),Thomas(4),Thomas(3), William(2),William(1)).

Born June 14,1816. In 1839 he married Cynthia F. Hamilton born Dec.9,1817 in Edinburgh, N.Y. Both died in Wilmington, Delaware-Ezra on May25,1855 and Cynthia 1892.

Ezra and Cynthia Sampson had a daughter, Viola D. Sampson born April 1,1849 in Wilmington, Del. She married Luther A. Rose Oct. 7,1867 in Wilmington,Del. She died Jan.28,1874.

Luther Rose and Viola Sampson had a daughter, Erace D.Rose who in 1940 was librarian in the Morristown Library, Morristown,N.J. and lived at 41 Franklin Street in that city. She had numerous authenticated records of the Nelson family.

- 78. JAMES (8)SAMPSON Married and lived in Middleboro. He was said to have been a volunteer 1861-65. No other data.

- 79. HORATION (8)NELSON SAMPSON) They are said to have owned and occupied the
- 80. ANGELINA SAMPSON) house built by Col.John(5)Nelson. Angelina held many Nelson and Sampson family antiques including the bridal veil of Hope Nelson (3) but their disposition is not recorded. Horatio Nelson Sampson was reported to have been a volunteer 1861-65.

After the death of Horatio and Angelina the old Col.John(5)Nelson house is reported to have been sold, dismantled and moved to Chatham as a summer residence for some New Yorker.

- 81. ABIEL(8)SAMPSON Married, lived in Providence,R.I.

- 82. MRS. ABBY CLARK Lived in Providence,R.I.

- 83. MRS. JAMES McDONALD Lived in Portland,Oregon

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DESCENDANTS
of
THOMAS NELSON(5)

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The children of Thomas Nelson(5) are in the sixth generation of the Nelson family and they were in order:

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| (1) Job | (3) Stephen |
| (2) Thomas | (4) Judith |
| (5) Abiel | |

Each one of the four sons and their respective descendants are treated hereinafter as four separate family branches. Judith, the only daughter, died as an infant as indicated on the chart, therefore, no further reference is made to this child.

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SIXTH GENERATION-NELSON FAMILY

85. JOB(6)NELSON(Thomas (5),Thomas(4),Thomas(3),William(2),William(1)).

Born Lakeville, Sept.6,1766. He was a graduate of Brown University, Providence, A.M. 1790. Studied law with Hon. Seth Padelford of Taunton. He was at home in Lakeville 1795 in the practice of law as indicated by notes of his cases made in the diary of his brother,Stephen S.(6)Nelson.

The same diary reports Job's removal to Maine under the date of Nov.3, 1795--the entry reading: "This day Dad went to M.A.Coles after money for Job. Jobset off to Penobscott with 120 dollars in the stage to Boston...."

He made his home in Castine,Hancock Co.Maine of which county he was made Judge of Probate in 1804. Previously he had represented the town in the Legislature at Boston--~~Maine~~ then being a part of Massachusetts. He remained in office as Judge of Probate until 1836 when he ceased to hold office by limitation at age 70. He then moved to Boston for two years but returned to Maine and soon after moved to his farm at Orland,Maine after the burning of his house. In 1812 this house was considered one of the best and during the war was commanderred for the commanding officers located there.

Dr. Abiel W.(8)Nelson made the following comments about Job:"He was a man of integrity and fine character. I remember him as standing in the yard near the front door of his niece, Anna Perkins, wife of Dr. John Perkins, daughter of Dr. Thomas Nelson(6), about 1845. He was tall, of good figure with abundant short gray hair and carefully appared. There is a fine portrait of him at the home of his son, Henry W,(7), Marshfield Heights, Mass.(about 1895)".

Job Nelson was married Jan.3,1802 to Margaret Farwell of Boston, daughter o of Ebenezer Farwell and Jane Howard of vassalboro,Maine but whose family came from Dunstable, Mass.

Margaret was born March 21,1781. S he was said to have been "a very lovely woman in manner and character". She died 1858 in Boston.

Job Nelson died July 2,1850 probably atSouth Boston where his son,Henry W. then lived.

Children were:

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| 36. Thomas | born about 1803-4 |
| 37. William | " " 1805 |
| 38. Horatio | " " 1806 |
| 39. Jane Howard | " " 1808 |
| 90. Frances Dumaresq | " " 1809-10 |
| 91. Henry Wells | " July 28,1811 |

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86. THOMAS(7)NELSON (Job(6), Thomas(5), Thomas(4), Thomas(3), William(2), William(1)).

Born about 1805-4. Married Margaret Gardiner, daughter of William Gardiner of Gardiner, Maine.

They had at least one child:

(92) Margaret. Date of birth unknown.

87. WILLIAM(7)NELSON (Job(6), Thomas(5), Thomas(4), Thomas(3), William(2), William(1)).

Born about 1805. Died about 1880.

Miss Dorothea(7)Nelson comments: "I think he was a Bowdoin graduate but was essentially a "plain farmer". Unmarried. Lived during later years at Marshfield and was remembered by my brothers as silent and keeping much to himself."

88. HORATIO(7)NELSON (Job(6), Thomas(5), Thomas(4), Thomas(3), William(2) William(1)).

Born about 1806. Lived in Castine and Orland, Maine. Was keen on raising horses and was killed by a kick from one. His death occurred, it is thought, in his thirties. He never married. It is said he was "much loved by all his family".

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89. JANE(7)HOWARD (Job(6), Thomas(5), Thomas(4), Thomas(3), William(2), William(1))

Date of birth about 1808. Never married. Miss Dorothea(9)Nelson makes the following comment about her great Aunt Jane: "I knew her. Handsome, very much of a person, decided and much beloved by her family. She brought up my "cousin" Francis Dumaresq who said he owed everything to her training.

The date of her death has not been determined but it is thought to have occurred at Marshfield-the family home. She is buried in Mt. Auburn.

90. FRANCES DUMARESQ(7)NELSON (Job(6), Thomas(5), Thomas(4), Thomas(3), William(2) William(1)).

Born about 1809-10. Never married. Miss Dorothea(9)Nelson comments about her: "I knew her-a complete contrast to Aunt Jane. Short, dumpy, uninteresting tho' Good-natured-always followed Jane's lead."

She lived to mature life dying in 1895 at the family home in Marshfield which at the time was the home of her brother, Henry W.(7)Nelson. In 1952 her room and the furnishings are preserved almost intact as they were when she died. Frances's aunt Sarah(Sally)Farwell married James Dumaresq which undoubtedly accounts for her second name.

91. HENRY W.(7)NELSON (Job(6),Thomas(5),Thomas(4),Thomas(3),William(2),William(1)).

Born July 28,1811. Married to Mary Wells of Hartford,Conn. Born in 1811 she was the daughter of Lieut.James A. Wells and Lucy Ball and a direct descendant of Gov.Thomas Wells of Conn. and Elizabeth Dewing who resided in Hartford in 1636.

A family record is authority for the following data about Henry W.Nelson- "He left Castine at the age of 16. He was brought up a Baptist but came early under the training of his future brother-in-law,the Rev. Eleazer Mather Porter Wells and was by him baptised into the Episcopal church, taking also the name of Wells for his middle name. He is said to have told his father,Job, that if he could have "the white mare" he would make his own way in the world and relieve his father of his support leaving his inheritance to be divided between his sisters,Jane and Frances. In Judge Job's will, therefore, the only thing left to his son,Henry, is the clock-the one that now stands in the dining room of the house at Marshfield."

That he lived up to his promise is evidenced by the following brief history. He started life as a civil engineer and became active in railroad construction both as a Civil Engineer and Contractor. He participated in building the railroad line from Providence,R.I. to Taunton,Mass and The Old Colony R.R. Boston to Plymouth,Mass. It is reported that subsequently he became manager of a successful Copper Mining Company owning properties in the Lake Superior area.

Family letters from William Farwell and James D. Farwell indicate Henry was in partnership also with James D. Farwell in various shipping ventures. William Farwell appears to have been a brother of Margaret Farwell Nelson, Henry W.'s mother. James D. Farwell appears to have been a son of William Farwell. James D. appears to have sailed, as captain, various ships especially "Danube" and "Farwell". Other Farwells were also in shipping.

During Henry's lifetime he acquired a very old house in Marshfield Heights,Mass. and extensive farm lands. Part of the house was fortified and was used as a fort in "King Philip's War" 1675-6. The house, located high on a hillside, overlooked a beautiful valley of equal historical fame in Colonial days. To the house and farm Henry W.(7) moved and made it his home. Upon his death it passed on to his son and in turn to his grandchildren, one of whom, Miss Dorothea Nelson, still lives in the old house(1952).

Henry W.(7)Nelson died 1897. His wife died Jan.16,1871, it is thought in Boston.

Children were:

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| 93. Henry W.(8) Jr. | Born Aug.3,1839 |
| 94. Frank (8) | Born about 1842 |
| 95. Thomas(8) | |

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continued in the
EIGHTH GENERATION of the NELSON FAMILY.

92. MARGARET(8)NELSON(Thomas(7), Job(6), Thomas(5), Thomas(4), Thomas(3), William(2),
(William(1)).

Date of brth not determined. Married Rev. Thomas Fales of Waltham. No other data has been obtained except Miss Dorothea(9)Nelson reports that a silver tea set, belonging to "Cousin Margie Fales", as she was known, came to her family and was given to Ruth Sherman, daughter of Frank H. Nelson.

93. HENRY W.(8)NELSON Jr.(Henry W.(7), Job(6), Thomas(5), Thomas(4), Thomas(3),
William(2), William(1).

Born Aug.3,1839. He attended a college in Burlington, N.J. founded by the elder Bishop Doane. He then attended Berkeley Divinity School, following which he further prepared for the ministry in Middletown, Conn. under Bishop Williams. He was married in 1865 to Hortense Chew Lewis of New London, Conn. born July 28,1846, daughter of George Richards Lewis and Mary Hallam Chew.

Henry W. Jr. was an Episcopal minister and a Doctor of Divinity. He first served as Assistant to Dr. Hallam at St. James Church, New London. Then in Hartford, Conn. as assistant to Mr. Doane, later Bishop. First rector of Church of Good Shepherd, Hartford, Conn.

About 1876 he became rector of Trinity Church, Geneva, N.Y. where he remained until 1901 when he was forced to retire because of blindness due to cataracts. He then moved to the family home at Marshfield where he lived with his family until his death-March 31,1928. His wife survived him until Jan.2,1931.

It is said that in his prime he was a great tennis enthusiast. He was interested also in finance and during the twenty odd years of blindness, after his retirement from the ministry, he became interested in and a close follower of financial markets. He was fortunate in being possessed of considerable wealth which upon his death was left to his children and various charities.

His children were:

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| 96. Margaret Howard(9) | Born July 7,1866 |
| 97. George Lewis(9) | " Oct.7, 1867 |
| 98. Frank H. (9) | " Sept.6,1869 |
| 99. Mary Hortense(9) | " Feb. 7,1872 |
| 100. Dorothea (9) | " Dec.3,1880 |
| 101. Edith (9) | " Aug. 1884. |

94/ FRANK (8)NELSON(Henry W.(7), Job(6), Thomas(5), Thomas(4), Thomas(3), William(2),
William(1)).

Born about 1842. Died May 1862. Unmarried. He was a Lieutenant of Volunteers and was killed in the Battle of Williamsburg, Virginia(Civil War).

95. THOMAS(8)NELSON.(Henry W.(7), Job(6), Thomas(5), Thomas(4), Thomas(3), William(2),
William(1)).

Date of birth not determined but it is known he was born in Boston on what is known as Fort Hill and as later this was entirely levelled it is a family anecdote that he used to say:"I was not born on earth."

He married Annie Smith Bigelow, daughter of Albert Smith Bigelow and —Sylvester. They lived in Boston where he was in the Copper business with his father.

Thomas(8) died in Boston Nov.19,1897. His wife, Annie Smith, died 1891 in Boston upon the birth of her daughter.

102. Annie Victoire Adeline Born March 8,1891.

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96. MARGARET HOWARD (9)NELSON (Henry W. Jr.(8), Henry W.(7), Job(6), Thomas(5), Thomas(4), Thomas(3), William(2), William(1).

Born July 9, 1866. Never married. Said to have been like her great Aunt Jane, the leader of her family and loved by all. Spent much of her life in Boston bringing up Annie Victoire(9)Nelson, who lost her mother at birth and her father at the age of six years. After Annie Victoire's marriage in 1913, Margaret Howard moved to Marshfield and lived with her parents until they died. She then continued living in the family home at Marshfield as the head of the family until her death July 6, 1945.

97. GEORGE LEWIS (9)NELSON (Henry W. Jr.(8), Henry W.(7), Job(6), Thomas(5), Thomas(4), Thomas(3), William(2), William(1).

Born New London, Conn. Oct. 7, 1867. He attended St. Paul's School, Concord, N. H. He graduated from Harvard University in 1891. In 1903 married Caroline Emily Wright of Buffalo. He died June 19, 1951 at his home in Brookline, Mass.

The Alumni Horae (Spring 1952) published by the Alumni Association of St. Paul's School gave the following notice after his death. His career since leaving S.P.S. in '86 can best be given in his statement for the Fiftieth Anniversary Report of the Harvard Class of 1891: "After leaving college I held a variety of positions in the financial business in New York, Buffalo, Philadelphia and Boston. In the early part of 1900, I went to Puerto Rico to engage in sugar-cane planting as a "Colono" in association with Central Aguirre, which had been organized the year before by a group of Boston men.

In 1903 I married Caroline Emily Wright of Buffalo and brought her to the plantation.

In November 1912 I became associated with the Trust Department of the Commonwealth Trust Co. of Boston and continued with that organization (later the Atlantic National Bank) until my retirement in 1931. Since that time I have been slightly occupied as executor and trustee. I might add that I have had a variety of military experience having been a member of Troop A in New York from 1891 to 1893, a member of Battery A. in Boston from 1896 to 1900, and a member of the First Motor Corps in Boston from 1917 to 1919!

His wife, Caroline Emily, died Jan. 13, 1952. There was one child by this marriage who died at birth.

98. FRANK H. (9)NELSON (Henry W. Jr.(8), Henry W.(7), Job(6), Thomas(5), Thomas(4), Thomas(3), William(2), William(1).

Born Hartford, Conn. Sept. 5, 1869. He attended St. Paul's School, Concord, N.H., graduating in 1886. Then entered Hobart College, graduating in 1890 he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts; was Valedictorian of his class and a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

He graduated from the General Theological Seminary in New York City 1894. On May 19, 1894 he was made a deacon in his father's church in Geneva, N.Y. He had already assumed duties at St. George's Church, New York City in which he continued. He was advanced to the priesthood of the Protestant Episcopal Church Nov. 14, 1897, continuing at St. George's as Assistant Minister until May 21, 1899 when he became Assistant Rector of Christ Church, Cincinnati, joining with his friend, the Reverend Alexis Stein, who had become rector in December 1898.

It was not for long that he held the post of Assistant Rector for in February of 1900 the rector-Alexis Stein, fell a victim to tuberculosis and was forced to move west and give up all active work. On May 5th, 1900 Frank H. Nelson was elected Rector of Christ Church, Cincinnati, in which capacity he served for forty years until his retirement in 1939.

Frank H. Nelson was probably one of the most outstanding, courageous ministers of his day, in fact it may be said, "of all time". He was one of the outstanding leaders of the liberal faction in the National organization of the Episcopal Church. Under his leadership Christ Episcopal Church became the most powerful in the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Ohio. In 1929, he was almost elected, against his will, Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of Southern Ohio. Despite his objection, delegate after delegate to the Convention rose to insist that he be elected. He was forced to repeat his request and his name was withdrawn.

His leadership as a liberal at various Episcopal Church conventions was well covered in an article published after his death in the New York Herald Tribune of Nov. 1, 1939.

Frank H. Nelson was not only a leading churchman for he had not been in Cincinnati long before his presence was felt in almost every walk of life. Protestants of all denominations, Hebrews, Roman Catholics, yes, all faiths and even those of no faith, looked to him for leadership and friendship. His organizing ability led him into every type of welfare and charitable work. He became and was recognized as one of the first citizens of the City of Cincinnati, a successful Crusader for honest government and the foremost Protestant clergyman.

The true character of the man and the almost unbelievable story of his life is admirably presented in book form under the title "Frank H. Nelson of Cincinnati" written by Warren C. Herrick, with a foreword by Charles P. Taft. It was published by The Cloister Press, Louisville, Ky., 1945. It is a story worth reading not only for the picture it gives of the man but as an inspiration as to what one man of deep, honest and fearless religious convictions can accomplish with and for the benefit of his fellow men.

Frank H. Nelson was the recipient of honorary degrees:- D.D., 1906; L.L.D., 1924; and S.T.D. 1935. At the time of his death he had many interests being listed as Member Board of Directors, University of Cincinnati and the Cincinnati Community Chest; member of the Council of Social Agencies; Jewish Protective Association; Anti-Tuberculosis League. He was a member of the Sigma Phi fraternity, Phi Beta Kappa Society; a Mason. He also held membership in the following Cincinnati clubs: University, Commercial, Commonwealth and Cincinnati Country Club.

He married Mary Adams Eaton of Cincinnati June 6, 1907. There were no children by this marriage. They adopted one child, a daughter, named Ruth (1903) now (1952) Mrs. William E. Sherman of Bar Harbor, Me.

Frank H. Nelson was stricken with a heart attack in July 1939 just before he was scheduled to preach for the last time. He was moved east, accompanied by his wife and daughter, to his summer home in the Cranberry Isles, Maine, where it was hoped he would recuperate. This proved not to be the case and he was finally removed to the old family home in what is now known as North Marshfield where he died Oct. 31, 1939.

The funeral services were held in Christ Church, Cincinnati. For a night and day preceding the service his body lay in the Chapel while great numbers of men, women and children of all faiths came to pay final tribute.

He was buried in Spring Grove Cemetery and at his own request in a plot of ground called "God's Acre" which, years before, had been given, as a result of his efforts, to Christ Church for the poor and friendless and the forgotten men--and there he lies--among the least of men.

- 99. MARY HORTENSE (9) NELSON (Henry W. Jr. (8), Henry W. (7), Job (6), Thomas (5), Thomas (4), Thomas (5), William (2), William (1).

Born Feb. 7, 1872 probably in Hartford, Conn. Married Edward Lillie Pierce July 3, 1901. He was President of the Solvay Process Co. and at its merger with the Allied Dye and Chemical Co. he was made a Vice President of the latter. Shortly thereafter he resigned and retired from business. He and his wife, in 1953, are residing at their home in Princeton, N.J. Children are:

- 104. Henry Nelson Pierce born Aug. 5, 1902
- 105. ~~Mary~~ Margaret Hortense Pierce born May 1, 1904 ~~or 04~~
- 106. Elizabeth Kingsbury Pierce born Dec. 25, 1905 or 06.

- 100. DOROTHEA (9) NELSON (Henry W. Jr. (8), Henry W. (7), Job (6), Thomas (5), Thomas (4), Thomas (3), William (2), William (1).

Born Dec. 8, 1880. After her father's retirement she lived with him and her sister, Margaret, in the family home at North Marshfield.

To-day (1952) Dorothea, who has not married, lives in and maintains the old family home and some two hundred acres of ground. A handsome, dignified, aristocratic type of woman best describes her appearance but when one meets her and is welcomed into her home one is even more impressed by her genuineness, sincerity and warmth of friendship offered.

The old house standing on the side of a hill is rambling and built on many levels as rooms have been added from time to time. The outside walls of the first floor parlor are those of the old King Philip's War fort. Several feet thick, they are covered by an outside wall erected up to what used to be the second floor overhang, now not discernible except from the deeply recessed windows.

As one wanders through the house words are lost for every room is filled with museum pieces of furniture, ornaments and pictures. Fabulous pieces from China and other oriental places are relics of Hortense Lewis Nelson forebears' activities in the China trade. Early American furniture standing where placed many years ago is almost overlooked because of its profusion. And there one finds the portraits of Judge Job, Henry W. Sr. and Jr. and many others. It is truly a leaf out of the past but genuine in its

simplicity and state of preservation.

Each summer and sometimes in the holiday seasons the old house is still gay and festive for Dorothea's sister, Mrs. Pierce, and her children and grandchildren are regular visitors as was also true of her cousin and her husband, the Feltons, and their daughter and grandchildren.

But the center of the picture now is Dorothea Nelson, a gracious person, active in community life and still finding time for many outside interests especially that of the Episcopal Church and the diocese in which she lives, but above all, the welfare of her relatives and friends.

101. EDITH(9)NELSON (Henry W. Jr.(8), Henry W.(7), Job(6), Thomas(5), Thomas(4), Thomas(3), William(2), William(1).

Born Aug. 1884 bt died within a month of birth.

102. ANNIE VICTOIRE ADELINE (9)NELSON (Thomas(8), Henry W.(7), Job(6), Thomas(5), Thomas(4), Thomas(3), William(2), William(1).

Born March 8, 1891. Married Oct. 21, 1913 to Samuel Morse Felton. He is a Harvard graduate and was prominent in athletics at college. Was for many years an active Investment Banker-White Weld and Co. of Boston, but now, in 1952, is retired and living in Rutland, Vermont. They were frequent visitors at the Nelson home in Marshfield. (Addenda. Mrs. Felton died April 1953) There was one child-a daughter:

107. Annie Bigelow (10) Felton Born Oct. 20, 1925.

JUDGE JOB NELSON FAMILY BRANCH
continued in the
TENTH GENERATION of the NELSON FAMILY.

104. HENRY NELSON(10)PIERCE (Mary Hortense(9), Henry W. Jr.(8), Henry W.(7),
Job (6), Thomas(5), Thomas(4), Thomas(3),
William(2), William(1).

Born Aug.5,1902. Died Sept.9,1925. No other data determined.

105. MARGARET HORTENSE (10)PIERCE (Mary Hortense(3), Henry W.Jr.(8), Henry W.(7),
Job(6), Thomas(5), Thomas(4), Thomas(3),
William(2), William(1)

Born May 1,1904. Married July 11,1931 to Frederic A. Milholland.
They live in Princeton, New Jersey, where Mr.Milholland is in business
specializing in restorations of old houses and interior decoration.
Children by this marriage are:

108. Jean Adair Milholland Born Dec.9,1932
109. Edward Lillie Pierce Milholland " Dec.9,1935

106. ELIZABETH KINGSBURY (10)PIERCE (Mary Hortense(9), Henry W.Jr.(8), Henry W.(7),
Thomas(5), Thomas(4), Thomas(3),
William(2), William(1).

Born Dec.25,1905 or 1906. She was married in 1937 to Hugh Lawrence
Tyson. She died Dec. 13,1940. Children by this marriage were:

110. Penelope Lewis Tyson Born 1938
111. Hugh Kinsbury Tyson " Nov.1940

107. ANNIE BIGELOW (10)FELTON (Annie Victoire Adeline(9), Thomas(8), Henry W.(7),
Job(6), Thomas(5), Thomas(4), Thomas(3),
William(2), William(1).

Born October 20,1925. She married John McCulloch Spencer. By this
marriage there are four children:

112. John Mitchell Spencer Born Aug.21 ,1946
113. Deirdre Spencer " Aug.14,1947
114. Stephanie Bigelow Spence " Dec.22,1948
115. Luisa Felton Spencer " Aug.25,1950

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DR. THOMAS NELSON BRANCH

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DOCTOR THOMAS NELSON FAMILY
BRANCH

See Chart "D"

116 THOMAS(6) NELSON (Thomas(5), Thomas(4), Thomas(3), William(2), William(1)).

Born Lakeville Feb 26, 1770. He was a graduate of Brown University, Providence and was a doctor of medicine.

Thomas married Susan Shepard Oct. 25, 1794 and in 1795 built a home in Lakeville which was subsequently owned by his brother, Abiel and in turn by the latter's daughter, Elizabeth Peirce Nelson. This house was said to have been "fifty rods south of his father's the East side and a little back of the Street on a slight rise of ground. It is square, old fashioned with two front rooms to each story, once painted yellow with green blinds, shaded with fine trees. Just south was a pretty terraced garden". It appears also that there were extensive apple orchards and a fine stretch of tillage.

From comments in the diary of his brother, Stephen S. (1795-6) it appears that Dr. Nelson was busy in Lakeville in his profession in both surgery and general practice. He was interested in the organization of the Pond Meeting House, Baptist, as were his father and brother Stephen S.

He removed to Bristol, R.I. in 1801. His wife, Susan, died April 23, 1802. She is buried in the cemetery at Bristol Neck. Her gravestone reads:

Mrs. Susan Nelson
The amiable wife of
Dr. Thomas Nelson
She departed this life
in the triumphs of faith
April 23rd A.D. 1802 in
the 29th year of her age.

(This is followed by a couplet not legible)

Dr. Nelson married again, Dec. 12, 1802. His second wife being Nancy Shepard, born April 5, 1779—sister of his first wife.

Further evidence of Dr. Nelson's interest in and loyalty to the Baptist faith is found in the "History of Bristol, R.I. Chapter 36, of which the following is said to be an extract:

"The Bristol Church 1811-1880. The First Baptist Church in Bristol originated in the conscientious convictions of a pious physician, Dr. Thomas Nelson. He came to Bristol in the year 1801, and feeling the want of the church privileges to which he had been accustomed he determined to remove and with this end in view, he sailed for New York. A terrific storm arose the packet was wrecked and all on board were lost except two, one of whom was Dr. Nelson. The impression upon his mind was such that he felt himself another Jonah, having attempted in vain

to flee from the presence of the Lord. This was at the close of 1807. He returned to Bristol and in a few years welcomed into the Town a number of the same faith as himself. In 1811 there were enough it was thought to constitute a church, which was accordingly formed August 22, of that year, with twenty-five members. By the close of the following year this number was more than doubled. Preaching was maintained at intervals by different ministers, then stately by the Rev. Simeon Combs. Rev. James M. Winchell the first Pastor commenced his labors in October 1812. By an act of courtesy on the part of Bishop Griswold, then rector of St. Michael's Episcopal Church, the ordination services took place in that church, the sermon being preached by President Messer of Brown University. At this time the Baptist place of worship was in the house of Dr. Nelson on what is now State St., a large upper room having been finished by him for that purpose. The house is still standing next east of the present Baptist parsonage (1895). Meanwhile arrangements were made to build the substantial stone edifice, still occupied by the church (1952), which was dedicated in November 1814. Historical sketch by the Rev. Howard M. Jones.

"The first minister to administer the communion to the little flock was the Rev. Stephen S. Nelson, a brother of Dr. Nelson. The "Stone Chapel" so the building was called for many years was finished at a cost of \$7000. The Baptists of Bristol were too poor to bear all the expense of its erection, although the Town following the precedent it had established several years before in the case of the Methodists, had granted them a portion of the Common as a site for the edifice. The needed funds were therefore procured by means of a lottery then the most common expedient for raising money. (Foot note.-No one's moral sense was offended or shocked by this. The Congregational Church and St. Michael's Church had more than once replenished their exhausted funds in this way.)"

Dr. Nelson did not live to witness the completion of the "Stone Chapel". He died in 1814 a few weeks after the departure of Mr. Winchell. His loss was felt by his fellow Baptists to be almost irreparable.

Dr. Nelson is buried in the Cemetery at Bristol Neck next to the grave of his first wife, Mrs. Susan Nelson. His gravestone reads:

Sacred
to the memory of
Dr. Thomas Nelson
Who died March 2, 1814 aged 44 years. As a Man
Physician and Christian he lived beloved and died lamented.
Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

This memento
of
Departed worth is erected by the First Baptist Church
in this Town of which he was a member and the Father.

Dr. Nelson's second wife, Nancy, survived him for many years as the date of her death is recorded as Oct. 5, 1850. She is buried in John G. Nelson Lot 9158 Sec. 13. Greenwood Cemetery, Brooklyn, N.Y. (J.C.N. being nephew and very close to Thomas S. Nelson, her stepson or son).

Children of Dr. Nelson are listed in the order and as given by Dr. Abiel W. Nelson(8) but it is not possible to indicate with authority by which wife he had each child for dates of birth are not given except for Job born 1800- which would be by the first wife, and Angelina, who, he says, was oldest daughter by second wife. From his presentation it does seem reasonable to assume the following as correct:

By first wife:

117.	Ann A.(7)	Born in Lakeville
118.	Job (7)	Born 1800
119.	Thomas S.(7)	No data.

By second wife:

120.	Angelina (7)	
121.	Susan(7)	
122	Catherine (7)	
123.	Jane (7)	
124.	Abby(7)	

DR. THOMAS NELSON FAMILY BRANCH
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SEVENTH GENERATION of the NELSON FAMILY

117. ANNA(7)(NELSON (Thomas(6), Thomas(5), Thomas(4), Thomas(3), William(2), William(1)

Born in Lakeville—date of birth not determined; apparently child of first wife of Dr. Thomas.

Anna(7) married Dr. John Perkins of Middleboro who studied medicine with Dr. Thomas Nelson (6). She died aged about 65 or 70—date not determined. No children.

118. JOB (7) NELSON (Thomas(6), Thomas(5), Thomas(4), Thomas(3), William(2) William(1)

Born 1800, child of first wife of Dr. Thomas Nelson. Never Married. Reported to have had an accident resulting in a head injury from which he became insane.

Died 1846. Buried in the Nelson graveyard.

119. THOMAS (7) S. NELSON (Thomas(6), Thomas(5), Thomas(4), Thomas(3), William(2)
 (William (1).

Date of birth not known but believed to have been child of first wife of Dr. Thomas Nelson which would place his birth before April 1802, the date of her death.

Thomas(7) married but the date of marriage and name of wife not determined.

He lived in New York City and was a partner in the firm of Holbrook and Nelson which was said to have been prosperous. Holbrook was brother-in-law of his partner, Thomas(7) Nelson, being the husband of Angeline(7) Nelson.

Thomas S.(7) Nelson died 1862; buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Children were:

125. Thomas	128. Jennie
126. Benjamin W.	129. Fanny
127. Susan H.	130. Mary

120. ANGELINA (7) NELSON (Thomas(6), Thomas(5), Thomas(4), Thomas(3), William(2),
 (William (1).

Date of birth not determined but she is said to have been the oldest daughter of the second wife of Dr. Thomas. This would indicate her date of birth as 1803-4 or later. Place of birth—Bristol, R.I.

She married Lowell Holbrook; date not determined. Presumably he was in business in New York City with her brother, Thomas S., under the firm name of Holbrook and Nelson—merchants. No further data obtained except that there were two children, both daughters, namely:

131. Angelina (8) <u>Holbrook</u>	Date of birth not determined
132. Annie (8) <u>Holbrook</u>	" " " " "

- 121. Susan (7) Nelson)
- 122. Catherine (7) Nelson (Thomas(6),Thomas(5),Thomas(4)
- 123. Jane (7) Nelson) Thomas(3),William(2), William(1)
- 124. Abby (7) Nelson (

No data has been found about these four daughters except that it is said they were children of the second wife.

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Continued in the
EIGHTH GENERATION of the NELSON FAMILY.

- 125. THOMAS (8)NELSON (Thomas S.(7),Thomas (6),Thomas(5),Thomas(4),
Thomas (3), William (2), William (1)

Unmarried; no other data.

- 126. BENJAMIN W.(8)NELSON (Thomas S.(7),Thomas(6),Thomas(5),Thomas(4)
(Thomas(3), William (2), William(1).

- 127. SUSAN H. (8)NELSON Thomas S.(7),Thomas (6), Thomas (5),Thomas(4)
Thomas (3),William (2), William (1).

No data found except re interred May 22,1856 in Greenwood Cemetery,
N.Y. Lot 9158 Sec.13.

- 128. JENNIE (8)NELSON (Thomas S.(7),Thomas(6),Thomas(5),Thomas(4),Thomas(3)
William(2),William(1).

No data found.

- 129. FRANCES WRIGHT (8)NELSON Thomas S.(7),Thomas(6),Thomas(5),Thomas(4),
Thomas (3),William(2),William(1).

No data found.

- 130. MARY (8)NELSON Thomas S.(7),Thomas(6), Thomas(5),Thomas(4),Thomas(3),
William (2), William(1).

No data found.

REVEREND STEPHEN S. NELSON FAMILY BRANCH
continued in the
ELEVENTH GENERATION of the NELSON FAMILY.

176. GEORGE STUART (11) NELSON (Frederick Seymour(10), W. Ripley(9), William S.(8) ,
(John G.(7), Stephen S.(6), Thomas(5), Thomas(4),
(Thomas(3), William(2), William(1).

Born New York City, Nov. 15, 1953.

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ABIEL NELSON FAMILY BRANCH

See CHART C.

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ABIEL NELSON (6)

FAMILY BRANCH

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SIXTH GENERATION-NELSON FAMILY

1781. ABIEL(6)NELSON (Thomas (5), Thomas(4), Thomas(3), William(2),William(1)).

Born in Lakeville, Mass., July 20, 1777. Married Nov. 12th, 1803 to Sally Peirce, his second cousin, daughter of Capt. Job Peirce and Elizabeth Peirce of W. Middleboro, Job being a cousin of Thomas(5) Nelson.

Capt. Job Peirce and his brother, Capt. James, were both soldiers in the French war and the Revolution. Abiel Ward(9) Nelson gave an interesting story of Capt. Job's service reading as follows:

"Job at the age of 20 enlisted to serve in the French war April 5, 1758, half his pay to go to his master William Strobridge of Middleboro a Backsmith; he served 7 mo. and 19 days and received 15 10s. 9d. half for himself only. He was in the disastrous battle of July 6 and 8 1758 at Ticonderoga under Lord Howe.

April 6, 1759 he again enlisted and served 30 weeks; the service being in Nova Scotia. For this 30 weeks he received 13 9s. 4d. or 44 dollars 89 cents.

The ship in which he sailed to return home was driven from her course short of stores became unseaworthy and unheard from all were supposed to be lost. They made a lone island in the West Indies there to wait a passing vessel. His funeral was celebrated his gravestone set up.

The warm sun that brings seed-time and harvest has returned and Job Peirce the brave soldier tempest-tossed has secured a passage to New England and safely lands at New Bedford, 15 miles from his home. "He out-travels the news of his arrival and stands upon his native hills again. Scenes familiar orchards and beechen forests meet his eyes, but save the lowing of cattle and the singing of birds a death-like stillness prevails for it is Sunday a New England Sabbath kept after the manner of the Puritan fathers, the entire family have repaired to attend public worship.

Arriving during the long prayer he at its close walked reverently up the aisle to the family pew and there took his seat creating no small stir among the worshippers; for the superstition of that day invested the sight with far less novelty than fear. The preacher quite upset (in) his plans without opening his book gave out the passage of the scripture, 'For then my son was dead and is alive again, he was lost and is found'.

In 1762 March 24 Job Peirce is again "in his majesty's service", he served till March 1763; 50 weeks and 6 days. His wages was 22 17s. 9d. of which he had taken 14s. in beer. His brother then served with him. At the time of the 'Lexington alarm' he was commissioned 2nd Lieut., on the 9th of May he became Captain. He was in the service in 1777 also in 1778 at the landing of the British at Dartmouth, Mass. Capt. Peirce was a man of religious feeling and showed his faith by his works. He died July 22, 1819 in Lakeville.

Abiel Ward(8) Nelson in "Ancestral Echoes" makes some interesting comments about his grandfather Abiel(6), namely: "Abiel Nelson was inclined to follow his brothers to College but was influenced to remain with his father and mother. He was, I have heard from his daughter Sarah, fitted to enter College and taught school somewhat. He was religiously bent and also his wife Sally though not finally Calvinistic but what is known as Christian Baptist, as was his son Job Beirce, a denomination inclined to Unitarianism. He inherited much land from his father; the larger part of the homestead and probably other farms. He owned two farms besides the homestead on Assawomsett Neck the Samuel Cole and the Long Point farms, and the Hobart farm near Middleboro Center and scattered pieces of woodland, a prosperous man as the world goes. He and Mrs. Nelson entertained many of their faith and gave of their money liberally to ministers who came to them or whose services they attended.

In the Stephen (5) Nelson's Diary 1795 '96 and '97, so full of family life, he (Abiel) is spoken of as "going with ore" or butchering or helping his father or swapping horses or in a sleigh ride or "dance", being then 13 19 and 20 yrs. old. He was a small man very erect and active and his death was hastened probably by this very activity in one instance.

North and South of the old homestead extends a grassy meadow above a quarter mile long not as deep towards the west, this has always been called the Great Meadow.

In his time soon after daylight the haymakers were mowing from the south corner of Great Meadow to the north and back, a full half mile both ways. Mr. Nelson sometimes swung a scythe and the year before his death in the early morning he lead the mowers; when nearly back to the starting point he had a severe hemorrhage from the lungs and was carried to his house, hardly after to be actively occupied.

This Great Meadow is an exceedingly fine sketch of cultivated field the pride of the owner. Near the west side runs a brook usually dry in summer and a little way both sides in swale. Overlooking the Great Meadow 1/6 mile across swamps and woods west is a considerable and regular rise of clear and wooded land overlooking the lakes and the road and extending south and west about a mile. By the roadside midway North and South upon the high part of the Great Meadow was the early home of Thomas Nelson, afterwards in the time of his son or grandson transferred across the street where is still a comfortable and sightly residence."1896

In the "History of Middleboro" on page 486 in the chapter "Ecclesiastical History" there is a reference to the Christian Church and Abiel Nelson's connection therewith: "Ma ny years ago there was a small church of the denomination in Lakeville, of which Rev. Daniel Hick was the first Pastor, and where afterwards the Rev. George Peirce preached for a little time. Abiel Nelson was the deacon and clerk of the church. It has, however, long since become extinct, and no records of the church organization are known to exist."

Abiel (6) Nelson died April 29, 1829 of consumption. Date of wife's death not ascertained.

Children were:

179 Elizabeth Peirce(7)	Born Oct. 5, 1805
180 Job Peirce (7)	" Oct. 17, 1806
181. Mary Harding (7)	" Apr. 23, 1809
182 Abiel S. (7)	" July 28, 1810
183 Sarah A. (7)	" Dec. 29, 1812

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179. ELIZABETH PEIRCE (7)NELSON (Abiel(6), Thomas(5), Thomas(4), Thomas(3),
(William(2), William(1).

Born Oct.5,1905. She married Benjamin White of Fair Haven, Mass. She is said to have been "a woman of fine character and education. She died Nov. 11,1931 of consumption. She had no children.

It appears that her husband, who survived her, married a second time.

180. JOB PEIRCE (7)NELSON (Abiel(6), Thomas(5), Thomas(4), Thomas(3),William(2),
(William(1).

Born Oct. 17,1906. Married Oct. 9,1834 Fatra Baker, a daughter of Ward and Phebe Baker of Upton.

Abiel Ward(8)Nelson in "Ancestral Echoes" gives an interesting word picture of his father as follows:

"Physically Job Nelson(7) was somewhat short of stature face a little florid and full head large brown hair dark blue eyes with very small hands and feet. His bones by inheritance were very fragile, as were those of three of his children, and several times broken. He was always of delicate health, subject to headaches, dispeptic and by habit abstemious. He died suddenly after a severe headache more persistent than usual. He was much in the open air looking over his farm and work; his work however was with his brain rather than his hands; he knew how to get his work done properly with only necessary outlay. He was somewhat indifferent to the fashion of his apparel, though never unneat in that nor in his manners and speech, he neither hunted nor went fishing and he read few books. Was silent and retiring, of very even temper and resolute and independent of spirit. He was fond of riddles and thus amused his children, one of whom he very frequently took with him in his wagon, about town and out of town. In hospitality he was like his father and grandfather very free; he was careful in his outlays but was unfortunate in outside investments. In politics he was a hard money man, a free trader, or a Jackson democrat, till the Kansas incident in 1856 when he became a republican and so remained to his death. In religion a Christian Baptist, he constantly attended service with his family, and contributed to its support. He was chiefly instrumental in the setting off of the town of Lakeville from Middleboro, and the new town just before its incorporation voted almost unanimously for the name Nelson in his honor, but he steadily objected and Lakeville was inserted in the act of incorporation, although the better name Laketon was previously suggested. He was much interested in the improvement and shortening of the crooked old roads of the town. In his occupation he was a farmer in advance of his neighbors, and original in his methods of cultivation, he plowed deep fertilized thoroughly mowed early in the season while the grass was full of juices and got in his hay before sun and rain had spoiled it. He owned the larger part of the land of his father."

Thomas Sydney Nelson, another son, at the age of eighty-five wrote a letter dated Mch.7,1925 (in Mary Luella(9) Nelson's possession in 1953) a part of which is quoted as it throws further light on the naming of Lakeville:-

"Lakeville should be Nelson - Harrison Staples made one of the greatest errors. Far better would have been Laketon as desired by A.J.Roberts. My father insisted when the vote was not unanimous that the name of Nelson be withdrawn. He was ~~by~~ one voter and should have received only one vote consideration. Politically he lost all influence by his act --Harrison Staples meant well. Father wished to be generous. Neither saw that to accept the town's vote was a duty.--"

To his mother Abiel Ward Nelson paid a brief but worthy tribute in saying "She was a woman of good presence and of high intellectual and moral character."

Additional data about Job Nelson is quoted from the article in the Boston Sunday Globe Feb.7,1904--"He spent most of his life on the farm at Lakeville. For a time he was associated with Eber Briggs in the manufacture of straw goods at Middleboro, and also conducted the stage line from Wareham to Lakeville where it connected with the stagecoach running from New Bedford to Boston".

The New England Genealogical and Antiquarian Register Vol.xx July 1866, Page 265 provides an interesting notice about his death as follows:

"Nelson, Job Peirce, Esq. Lakeville, Plymouth County, Mass. aged about 51 years. An only son of Deacon Abial and Sally (Peirce) Nelson, grandson of Thomas and Anna (Smith) Nelson, great grandson of Lieut. Thomas and Judith (Peirce) Nelson, and gr. gr. grandson of Thomas and Hope (Higgins (3) Nelson. On the maternal side he was a grandson of Capt. Job Peirce and wife Elizabeth (Rounsevell), gr. grandson of Ebenezer Peirce and wife Mary (Haskins), gr. gr. grandson of Isaac Peirce of Duxbury, and gr. gr. gr. grandson of Abraham Peirce of Plymouth.

The deceased bore an irreproachable character, and was a leading man in religious and secular affairs, succeeding his father in the place of Deacon, which office they both used well, and recommending himself by his well ordered life, godly conversation and liberal support he rendered the Gospel ministry.

The old town of Middleborough was divided in 1853, and that in which Mr. Nelson resided set off as a new town, and the inhabitants, by vote in open town meeting, decided that the name of the town should be "Nelson" in honor of their respected townsman, Job P. Nelson, whose modesty caused it to be changed to Lakeville; a modesty worthy of a descendant of the man whose name he bore, who, when making a bequest of forty thousand dollars for benevolent purposes, presented it in the name of a trustee, for Capt. Job Peirce knew that:

"Who builds for God and not for fame
Will never mark the marble with his name."

Job Peirce Nelson died Dec.3,1862. Job's wife, Fatima Baker, died Feb.12,1871. Children were:

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|------|---------------------|------|---------------|
| 184. | Abiel Ward(8) | Born | Aug. 24, 1835 |
| 185. | Elizabeth Peirce(8) | " | Dec. 3, 1836 |
| 186. | Thomas M.(8) | " | July 28, 1840 |
| 187. | Sydney T.(8) | " | Aug. 12, 1845 |
| 188. | Caroline Baker(8) | " | June 25, 1849 |

181. MARY HARDING (7) NELSON (Abiel(6), Thomas(5), Thomas(4), Thomas(3), William(2), William(1)).

Born April 23, 1809. Never married. Died May 12, 1831 reportedly of consumption. Abiel Ward(8) Nelson commented about her: "She was a favorite with her people, very witty and humorous. She was of full woman's height, slender, of dark hair and complexion."

182. ABIEL S. (7) NELSON (Abiel(6), Thomas(5), Thomas(4), Thomas(3), William(2) William(1)).

Born July 28, 1810. Died Nov. 24, 1811. No other data.

183. SARAH A.(7) NELSON (Abiel(6), Thomas(5), Thomas(4), Thomas(3), William(2), William(1)).

Born Dec. 29, 1812. Married Sidney Tucker of Middleboro. He was for some years Postmaster at Middleboro.

Comments of Abiel Ward(8) Nelson about his Aunt Sarah were : "She was a woman of fine religious character, ever true to principle and freind. "Aunt Sarah" was synonym of goodness and kindness." She died Aug. 2, 1889.

Sarah and Sidney Tucker had one daughter, Mary Tucker, born June 2, 1842. She married Benjamin Baker of Brewster, Mass., Captain of a New York Packet Ship. He died about 1892. At about 1895 Mrs. Baker was living in Middleboro. They had one son, Sydney T. Baker, born Sept. 15, 1875. The Baker family are not included in the Nelson family charts as individuals.

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184. ABIEL WARD (3) NELSON (Job Peirce(7), Abiel(6), Thomas(5), Thomas(4), Thomas(3),
(William(2), William(1).

Born Aug. 24, 1835 in Lakeville. He married Nov. 23, 1875 Jennie C. Salter, daughter of Rev. Thomas S. Salter, a chaplain in the U.S. Navy.

Abiel Ward Nelson attended Brown University till the end of the Junior Course. Subsequently he attended the Harvard Medical School and received his M.D. degree in 1861.

In 1862 he was serving as Asst. Surgeon 13th Mass. Volunteers until he was disabled in Virginia. Later he served as a physician at the Taunton Insane Asylum. Beginning in 1866, for many years thereafter, he practiced as a physician and surgeon in New London, Connecticut.

Some time prior to 1893 apparently he retired and thereafter devoted much of his time to research as to the Nelson family history and genealogy. In addition to the two typewritten documents (1) Nelson Genealogy-American Branch, and (2) Ancestral Echoes written by Dr. Nelson and referred to in the "Foreword" the compiler has seen some other letters and notes of Dr. Nelson, principally among Mary Luella Nelson's papers, but the bulk of Dr. Nelson's notes and papers to which he refers from time to time seem to have disappeared in the settling of his estate and all efforts to trace them have failed up to this writing (1933).

Abiel Ward's wife died Sept. 9, 1893. He died at New London, Conn., Nov. 23, 1875. Apparently there were no children by this marriage.

185. ELIZABETH PEIRCE (3) NELSON (Job Peirce(7), Abiel(6), Thomas(5), Thomas(4), Thomas(3),
(William(2), William(1).

Born Dec. 3, 1836. She and her sister, Caroline Baker, never married. They owned and occupied the old homestead and farmed the land. After her sister's death in 1894 Elizabeth made her home with her brother, Dr. Abiel Ward(3) Nelson whose wife died in 1893. She continued to own the old homestead until her death which occurred apparently after February of 1896.

186. THOMAS M. (3) NELSON (Job Peirce(7), Abiel(6), Thomas(5), Thomas(4), Thomas(3),
(William(2), William(1).

Born July 28, 1840. He studied law but never practiced. He became a contractor and real estate dealer while living in Chicago, Ill. He is said to have founded Fruitport, Michigan in his youth. From correspondence he apparently travelled regularly between Fruitport and Chicago even to within a few months of his death at the age of 85 for in a letter dated Fruitport, Mich. March 7th, 1925 he says:--"I go to Chicago Monday and feared I might forget you on my return".

Other comments in the same letter show his stamina such as "That I should live to be more than 85 years of age seems preposterous. I was always the weak one of the three boys. If I survive the winter season I am able to recover. I am not satisfied the doctor's diagnosis is correct". Another comment indicates his optimism: "And is it to be that at 85 I am to see so bright sunshine as to entice me to make one more trip to see you all? I hope so."--

But this did not happen for he died in Fruitport, Mich. May 1925. A news item read as follows:

"Lakeville Boulder to
Mark Michigan Grave"

(Special Dispatch to the Herald)

"Lakeville, May 7. A great granite boulder from Lakeville will be rolled onto the grave of Thomas M. Nelson, a native of this town who has just died in Fruitport, Michigan, at the age of 85. Mr. Nelson founded the town of Fruitport in his youth. In 1923 he returned here and dug up a boulder from the old homestead and had it transported to Fruitport as a marker for his grave. He was a brother of the late Sidney T. Nelson "

Mr. Nelson was married, according to a nephew, rather late in life and he had no children.

187. SYDNEY T. (3) NELSON (Job Peirce(7), Abiel(6), Thomas(5), Thomas(4), Thomas(3), William(2), William(1).

Born Aug. 12, 1845. He was a farmer and lived one mile north of the Nelson homestead on the shore of Assawomset Lake, said to have been a beautiful spot. He subsequently occupied the old Nelson Homestead after the death of his sisters Elizabeth Peirce and Caroline Baker Nelson (about 1894-1895).

Sydney T., according to a news story printed in the Boston Sunday Globe, Feb. 7, 1904, "was educated at the Peirce Academy at Middleboro, and soon thereafter entered into public life."

"He served 20 years as a member of the School Committee, 8 years as Selectman and Assessor and represented the town (Lakeville) in the legislature in 1888. Mr. Nelson is also a member of the Committee for the Suppression of Crime and has been Justice of the Peace for 15 years. Mr. Nelson is a member of the South Bristol Farmers Club of New Bedford and Newasket Grange, P of H of Middleborough. He is one of the prominent farmers of the town and daily ships hundreds of quarts of milk to dealers in New Bedford."

The article continued further to say: "On Mrs. Nelson's side of the house there were some famous ancestors whose deeds of daring and skill have spread abroad. One of the most notable of these was Dr. Phineas Parkhurst, her great grandfather, who was a surgeon in the Army during the French and Indian War."

Sydney T. (8) Nelson was married twice. His first wife was Emma Parkhurst. They were married June 13, 1872. She died August 1st, 1881, leaving three children, hereinafter listed. His second wife was Elizabeth Parkhurst, sister of his first wife. They were married Nov. 15, 1886. There were no children by the second marriage.

Sydney T. Nelson died in 1919. Children by first marriage were:

189. Thomas Sydney (9) Nelson
190. Maud (9) Nelson
191. Clifton W. (9) Nelson

Born Jan. 14, 1874
" Feb. 19, 1875
" June 28, 1878

188. CAROLINE BAKER(8)NELSON (Job Peirce(7),Abiel(6), Thomas(5),Thomas(4),Thomas(3),
(William(2), William(1).

Born June 25,1849. She and her sister, Elizabeth Peirce Nelson, never married. Owned and lived in the old homestead which they farmed.

Caroline B. died April 19,1894 at the old homestead rather suddenly though long an invalid. AbielWard(9)Nelson said of his aunt:"Was a woman of fine character and culture, not to be forgotten by friends and neighbors who had known her."

ABIEL NELSON FAMILY BRANCH
continued in the
NINTH GENERATION of the NELSON FAMILY

189. THOMAS SIDNEY(9)NELSON (Sidney T.(8), Job Peirce(7), Abiel(6), Thomas(5), Thomas(4), Thomas(3), William(2), William(1).

Born Jan. 14, 1874. He married Oct. 31, 1899 Lillie Thomas, daughter of George B. Thomas of Middleborough. She died July 20, 1951. He was a Boston realtor and resident of Jamaica Plains for 55 years. Following his retirement he died March, 1954 and was buried in the Nelson burial ground in Lakeville.

There was one child, namely:

192. Thomas(10)Nelson Born Dec.16,1900

190. MAUDE (9)NELSON Sidney T.(8), Job Peirce(7), Abiel(6), Thomas(5), Thomas(4), Thomas(3), William(2), William(1).

Born Feb 19th, 1875. She married Dr. Harry Lee of New London, Conn. She died Jan. 24, 1949.

There was one child by this marriage, namely:

193. Marjorie(10) (Lee) Born Aug.6,1902

191. CLIFTON W.(9)NELSON Sidney T.(8), Job Peirce(7), Abiel(6), Thomas(5), Thomas(4), Thomas(3), William(2), William(1).

Born June 28, 1878. Married Nov. 6, 1904 to Mary Elliott of Boston, Mass, daughter of Nicholas and Catherine Greene Elliott. In April 1952 Clifton was retired from business and living in Lakeville, Mass. Mrs. Nelson died Nov. 29, 1953 and was laid to rest Dec. 2nd in the Nelson burial ground. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson on the 6th of the previous November had been married 49 years.

There were two children by this marriage:

194. Sidney (10) Nelson Born Nov. 20, 1906
 195. Elliott (10) Nelson " June 2, 1908

Mr. Nelson has been most cooperative in providing data for this History and his suggestions as to other persons to be consulted resulted in unearthing a vast amount of material collected but never assembled by other members of the family most of which is now included in this history.

ABIEL NELSON FAMILY BRANCH
continued in the
TENTH GENERATION of the NELSON FAMILY

192. THOMAS (10) NELSON Thomas S. (9), Sidney T. (8), Job P. (7), Abiel (6), Thomas (5),
 Thomas (4), Thomas (3), William (2), William (1).

Born Dec. 16, 1900. Married to Doris Williams of Dover, N.H., daughter of Richard W. Williams. In 1954 he was President of the American Twine and Fabric Corp, Boston and head of Machinery Lubricants, Inc. Boston.

Children by this marriage were:

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| 196. Thomas (11) Nelson | Born Aug. 18, 1944 |
| 197. Richard (11) Nelson | " Apr. 21, 1947 |

193. MARJORIE (10) LEE (Maud Nelson (9) Lee, Sidney T. (8), Job P. (7), Abiel (6) Thomas (5),
 Thomas (4), Thomas (3), William (2), William (1).

Born Aug. 6, 1902, the daughter of Maud Nelson and Dr. Harry Lee. Marjorie married Edward Nevins of New York City. In 1952 they were living in New York City and have one unmarried daughter, Patricia Nevins (11) born Jan. 27, 1931. (Not listed on charts.)

194. SIDNEY (10) NELSON (Clifton W. (9), Sydney T. (8), Job P. (7), Abiel (6), Thomas (5),
 Thomas (4), Thomas (3), William (2), William (1).

Born Nov. 20, 1906. Married April 14, 1934 to Gladys Ball of Boston, daughter of Eunice and Reno Ball.

In 1952 they were living in Arlington Heights, Mass. and he was a bank employee. No children by this marriage.

195. ELLIOTT (10) NELSON (Clifton W. (9), Sydney T. (8), Job P. (7) Abiel (6), Thomas (5),
 Thomas (4), Thomas (3), William (2), William (1).

Born June 2, 1908. In 1951 he was unmarried, living in Lakeville, Mass., and was engaged in business as a silver Inspector.

ABIEL NELSON FAMILY BRANCH
continued in the
ELEVENTH GENERATION of the NELSON FAMILY

196 THOMAS(11)NELSON (Thomas(10), Thomas Sidney(3), Sydney T(3), Job P.(7), Abiel(3),
Thomas(5), Thomas(4), Thomas(3), William(2), William(1)

Born Aug. 18, 1944.

197 RICHARD (11)NELSON (Thomas(10), Thomas Sidney(9)? Sydney T.(3), Job P. (7), Abiel(3),
Thomas(5), Thomas(4), Thomas(3), William(2), William(1).

Born April 21, 1947. Died Dec. 23, 1950.

PART 111
CHAPTER 111

DESCENDANTS
of
REV. WILLIAM NELSON

See Chart F.

DESCENDANTS
of
REV. WILLIAM NELSON

Rev. William Nelson (28) may have had more than one child but the most diligent search of vital statistics and family records and papers definitely locates only one child-Samuel-born 1779.

Dr. Abiel Ward Nelson in his "Ancestral Echoes" credited Rev. William with two other possible sons: Nathaniel, subsequently known as Col. Nat and an Ebenezer. As to Nathaniel there seems to have been some doubt in Dr. Nelson's mind for he says "Possibly however son of Rev. Ebenezer Nelson(5) his brother." This supposition seems correct based upon a record found in the Middleboro Public Library. Nathaniel is treated therefore in this history as a son of Rev. Ebenezer(5)Nelson.

On a subsequent page Dr. Abiel Ward Nelson refers to "Rev. Ebenezer (6) Nelson son of Rev. W.N.(5) m. Rebecca Childs." Again he seem to have been confused for as will be learned hereafter Rev. Ebenezer(6) who married Rebecca Childs is definitely established as the son of Rev. Ebenezer(5)Nelson.

Thus, Samuel(6) is left as the only known child so he and his descendants are treated hereinafter as a family branch and the only one descending from Rev. William(5)Nelson.

DESCENDANTS OF REV. WILLIAM NELSON
in the

SIXTH GENERATION of the NELSON FAMILY

198. SAMUEL (6) NELSON Rev. William(5), William(4), Thomas(3), William(2), William(1).

Born 1779. He married Sally Ward, sister of General Ephraim Ward, according to Dr. Abiel Ward(9) Nelson's record which appears to be correct. The Haskin's family record (a descendant of Samuel and Sally married a Haskin) states Samuel married Sally Hammond, a sister of Mrs. (General) Ephraim Ward. This is very evidently a mistake for it was Samuel(3), son of Rev. Samuel(5) who married Sally Hammond.

Comparatively little data about this family branch has been found but Abiel Ward Nelson comments that Samuel had the William(4) Nelson farm (not the homestead) and that there were eleven children of which, however, he listed only five as hereinafter noted.

Samuel Nelson died Sept. 9, 1831, age 52 years. His wife Sally died Jan. 30, 1835 age 52 years. Both are buried in the Nelson graveyard and are said to have "very large and beautiful Italian marble gravestones, finest in the Nelson burial ground."

The five known children of the eleven are:

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| 199. Hannah | Born Dec. 5, 1808 |
| 200. Sarah) | " about 1810 |
| 201. Mary) twins | |
| 202. William Ward | " Oct. 14, 1811 |
| 203. Joshua | " 1814 |
| 204. Six other children on whom no data found but records do indicate a total of eleven children. | |

SAMUEL NELSON FAMILY BRANCH
continued in the
SEVENTH GENERATION in the NELSON FAMILY

199. HANNAH B.(7)NELSON (Samuel(6), Rev.William(5),William(4),Thomas(3),William(2)
 (William(1)).

Born Dec.5,1808. She was married in 1846 to John L.Everett of Wareham, Mass. No children by this marriage.

Date of Hannah's death not determined.

200. SARA H.(7)NELSON Samuel(6),Rev.William(5),William(4),Thomas(3),William(2) ,
 William(1).

Born about 1810-twin sister of Mary. Married to James Holmes of Boonton,N.J. They had a son (205), Samuel Nelson(8)Holmes who graduated from West Point. He married but nothing else is recorded except he was burned to death in a hotel.

No other data regarding Sarah and her husband.

201. MARY (7)NELSON (Samuel(6), Rev. William(5),William(4), Thomas(3),William(2),
 (William(1)).

Born about 1810. Twin sister of Sarah. Married Chandler Ward of Hartford, Conn. No children by this marriage. No further data.

202. WILLIAM WARD(7)NELSON (Samuel(6),Rev.William(5), William(4),Thomas(3),William(2),
 (William(1)).

Born Oct. 14,1811. He was married Sept. 14,1837 to Susan Alder Kingsley born Dec. 20,1816. Abiel Ward Nelson comments that William Ward had the William Nelson farm (Presumably William(4) and the farm previously held by his father).

He then states that after William's death it was sol to Capt. Elisha Cudworth, a whaling captain of New Bedford. This statement may well be in error for the Cudworth property is described in the History of the Town of Middleboro as having been started by Samuel Nelson and finished by his son,William, but that it changed hands in 1806. Thus it could not have been William Ward as he was not born until 1811.Apparently Abiel Ward Nelson confused William Ward(7) and his father, Samuel(6) with William(6) and his father, Rev.Samuel (5)Nelson to whom the writer accredits ownership of the house that became known as the Cudworth House.

William Ward Nelson died Nov.29,1844 and is said to be buried in the Thompson Hill Cemetery. His wife died January 18,1860.

There is a record on only one child:

206. Sara Kingsley(8)Nelson Born July 11,1844

This child was born barely five months prior to the death of her father but seven years after the marriage of her parents. It is quite possible that there were other children whose births were not recorded in the Haskins family record in which the date of Sarah's birth was found as she married a Haskin.

The data about William Ward and his descendants was taken from a chart marked "Copied from Susie Haskin's chart, Sept. 1932", found in Mary Luella(9) Nelson's papers. Another note from the same source confirms the data and adds the following anecdote about William Ward's death—"Sarah's father—was very sick with typhoid. After he got better one day when he was up around the house he ate a lot of cider apple sauce. It made him sick again and he was worse and died soon after".

203. JOSHUA (7) NELSON (Samuel(6), Rev. William(5), William(4), Thomas(3), William(2),
(William(1)).

Born 1814. Died Aug. 17, 1831—age 17 years. No other data.