

Mr. Ayer came to Lincoln not later than 1845 and was in the employ of Jas. H. Bowler, afterwards in company and ten years later he was associated with Jos. A. Whittier. He was in business many years by himself, and was for a long period agent of the Mattanawcook Mill Co. until the time of his death.

Mr. Ayer was Justice of the Peace, and was frequently elected on the Board of Selectmen, and as Town Clerk, and was prominent in local affairs.

CHILDREN

2*1—Ella Elizabeth, b. 25 May 1851; m. 12 June 1877, James Hendricks McAvity of St. John, N. B.

3*2—Horatio Swasey, b. 4 July 1854; m. 29 Sept. 1879, Mary R. Ayer.

4 3—Martha B., b. 24 Aug. 1856; d. 2 Dec. 1857.

2 Ella Elizabeth Ayer, b. 25 May 1851; m. James Hendricks McAvity.

CHILDREN

5 1—Rebecca McAvity.

6 2—Emily McAvity.

7 3—Margaret McAvity.

8 4—Nora McAvity; d. in infancy.

3 Horatio Swasey Ayer, b. Lincoln, 4 July 1854; d. 22 Oct. 1928; m. 29 Sept. 1879, Mary Roxanna, dau. of George and Margaret (Breck) Ayer. She was b. 24 July 1858.

CHILDREN

9 1—William Robinson, b. 24 Aug. 1880; m. 5 May 1903, Henrietta M. Parent.

ch. Louise M., b. 31 Jan. 1904.

10 2—Nathan Clifford, b. 15 Aug. 1882.

11*3—Margaret Breck, b. 1 Apr. 1887; m. Wilfred I. Butterfield.

12*4—Dorothy, b. 16 March 1893.

11 Margaret Breck Ayer, b. 1 Apr. 1887; m. Wilfred I. Butterfield, 10 May 1916. Resides Bangor, Me.

CHILDREN

- 13 1—Jerome Ayer Butterfield, b. 9 Sept. 1918; d. Sept. 1918.
 14 2—Wilfred Butterfield, Jr., b. 24 Dec. 1920.
 15 3—Ruth Elizabeth Butterfield, b. 5 May 1924.
- 12 Dorothy Ayer, b. 16 Mar. 1893; m. Harry B. Stevens.

CHILDREN

- 16 1—Joseph Ayer Stevens, b. 21 May 1913.
 17 2—Galen Fenton Stevens, b. 23 Jan. 1916.
 18 3—Clifford Alton Stevens, b. 29 Mar. 1919.
 19 4—David Franklin Stevens, b. 24 Nov. 1925.

BABCOCK

The Babcock family of Chester, Winn and Lincoln were very numerous, but the records are not sufficient so that any clear understanding can be had of them. Jesse Babcock's first wife, Betsey, d. 5 Apr. 1825, aged 33, and he m. Mary E. and is reported to have had twenty-one children. The names of several of these are known, but the record cannot be made complete. The father of Jesse was probably William Babcock of York, Me. One of his sons was James, who was born Apr. 1819, and m. Hannah P. Miller of Lincoln and had a family.

- 1 1 James Babcock was active on the river for many years, keeping a hotel at Mattawamkeag for two years. About 1867 he came to Lincoln Center and opened the Penobscot House which he kept until 1884. Not far from this time he built a small steamer on the river, called the Josephine, for his daughter, of which she professes not to have been proud.

The following children are known:

- 2 1—Alfred Godfrey.
 3 2—Althea.
 4*3—Hannah Evelyn, b. 19 May 1850; d. 7 Feb. 1923.
 5 4—Josephine, m. Fred L. Doten, Hollywood, Calif.

- 4 Hannah Evelyn, b. 19 May 1850; m. John Harvey Reed, 6 July 1871. He was a son of Alden and Christianna (Keen) Reed.

CHILDREN

- 6*1—Louis Waterman Reed, b. 3 Feb. 1874, Vinalhaven; d. 13 Feb. 1921, at Harrington, Me.
 7*2—Winnifred Agatha Reed, b. 2 May 1876, Lincoln Center; d. 26 Sept. 1923, Bangor, Me.
 8*3—Bernice Estelle Reed, b. 4 Mar. 1878.
 9*4—John Byron Reed, b. 15 Aug. 1880.

- 6 Louis Waterman Reed, b. 3 Feb. 1874; m. Marcia McRoy of Harrington, Me.

CHILDREN

- 10 1—Owen.
 11 2—Morrill.
- 7 Winnifred Agatha Reed, b. 2 May 1876, m. Abner H. McPheters of Old Town, Me., 18 Dec. 1902.

CHILDREN

- 12 1—Donald Reed McPheters, b. 5 Oct. 1903.
 13 2—Byron William McPheters, b. 20 June 1905.
 14 3—Mildred McPheters, b. 7 Sept. 1906.
 15 4—Arnold McPheters, b. Apr. 1909.
 16 5—Norman McPheters ———
 17 6—Robert McPheters, b. May 1915.
- 8 Bernice Estelle Reed, b. 4 Mar. 1878; m. Merton D. Littlefield of Lincoln, Me., 27 Sept. 1904.

CHILDREN

- 18 1—Vernon Winston Littlefield, b. 14 July 1905.
 19 2—Vance Reed Littlefield, b. 16 Nov. 1906.
 20 3—Harvey Harrison Littlefield, b. 1 Aug. 1908.
- 9 John Byron Reed, b. 15 Aug. 1880; m. Mary Hannah Beard, Manchester, N. H.

CHILDREN

- 21 1—Molly Evelyn Reed, b. 2 April 1912.
 22 2—Bernice Lilian Reed, b. 24 June, 1914.
 23 3—Elizabeth Stafford Reed, b. 9 Nov. 1917.

BAILEY

- 1 1 Capt. Samuel Bailey, b. 1756; d. Sunkhaze, 16 May 1829; m. 8 Oct. 1777, Eleanor Bird, prob. dau. of Matthew and Eleanor Bird. He was a drum major in the Revolutionary War. His wife d. in Lincoln 20 Oct. 1841, aged 85.

CHILDREN

- 2 1—Sarah, b. 9 July 1778.
 3 2—Samuel, b. 19 June 1781; d. Sunkhaze 19 Jan. 1832. m. 20 Nov. 1802, Katy Dudley.
 4 3—William, b. 18 Feb. 1783; d. 23 June 1877.
 5 4—Amos, b. 26 Sept. 1784.
 6 5—Matthew, b. 22 June 1786.
 7 6—Thomas Tileston, b. 20 March 1788. d. 21 Dec. 1852.
 8 7—Polly, b. 1 Oct. 1790; d. 21 Jan. 1876; m. Jeremiah Jameson, of Lincoln.
 9 8—Jennie, b. 12 July 1793.
 10 9—John, b. 21 Feb. 1796; d. Lincoln, 26 April 1859. m. Prudence Reed of Sedgwick, Me.
 11*10—David, b. 9 March 1799.
 12 11—Daniel, b. 12 April 1801. d. 9 May 1850. m. 3 July 1841, Amanda Blanchard. She d. 14 Oct. 1883, aged 33 y. 8 m.
- 11 David Bailey, b. 9 March 1799; d. Lincoln, 5 Sept. 1884; m. 13 Jan. 1850, Rachel Ann, dau. of Jotham Moulton. She was b. in York, Me., 29 Dec. 1824, and d. in Lincoln, 29 Jan. 1919.

CHILDREN

- 13 1—Eleanor Bird, b. Lincoln, 22 Oct. 1850; d. 27 Feb. 1908.
 14 2—David Judson, b. Lincoln, 20 Sept. 1853; d. Pasadena, Calif., 7 April 1923; m. 2 June 1884, May Antisdale, of Rochester, N. Y.
 15 3—Richard Willey, b. 9 Nov. 1857; d. 1 May 1901.
 16 4—Louiza Josephine, b. 12 July 1860; m. 7 Nov. 1889,

Henry Newton DeMarey, Everett, Mass.

17 5—Alice Follett, b. 24 Dec. 1871.

BEMIS

Joseph Bemis was b. in England, 1619, emigrated to Watertown, Mass., 1640, and d. there 7 Aug. 1784.

Jonathan, descendant of Joseph in the fifth generation, was b. 12 June 1762, removed to Paris, Me., m. there 22 Sept. 1781, Mary, dau. of Capt. Samuel Stearns.

Jonathan, sixth generation, son of Jonathan, was b. 26 Feb. 1788. He went to Lincoln about 1827 and built the saw-mills at the foot of Long Pond. He managed the mills for several years and was also engaged in trade several years, at one time in company with Richmond Hayward, and was Justice of the Peace, remaining in Lincoln till 1848. He m. Olive, dau. of Benjamin Hammond, and d. in Biddeford, Me., 25 Sept. 1851.

CHILDREN

- 1—Mary Stearns, b. 22 July 1821; m. 14 March 1846, John M. Hersey.
- 2—Elizabeth Hammond, b. 16 Nov. 1823.
- 3—George Henry, b. 13 Aug. 1826; m. 16 Nov. 1848, Louisa W. Cone.

(There were possibly other children.)

BESSE

Rev. Sylvester Besse was a son of John and Betsey W. Tripp Besse of Paris, Me. He was b. in Paris 25 June 1815, the seventh of fourteen children.

Mr. Besse went to Lincoln the 28 Nov. 1845, was ordained pastor of the Baptist church in 1846 and remained twenty-five years. He was ever an honest man, kindly and a good advisor.

He was school committee of Lincoln in 1851, 1854 and 1857, and was later elected Selectman and Treasurer of Chester. In 1870 he bought the A. J. Heald farm in Chester and lived there, and on 9 Jan. 1894 was admitted to the

George Nugent Home for Baptists at Germantown, Pa., and died there 22 June 1898. He was buried at Lincoln Center. He never married.

BITHER

The immigrant was Elisha Bither from England. The time of his coming is not known. He m. Rebecca ——— and had a son, Peter, and either he or a descendant of the same name was b. in Limington, Me., in 1785 and d. in 1868.

- 1 1 Peter Bither m. Sally Harmon, who was b. in Cornish, Me., and they lived in Charleston where the following children were probably born:

CHILDREN

- 2 1—Ira, d. unmarried.
 3 2—Betsey, m. Samuel Drew.
 4 3—Amos Tibbetts, m. Clarissa Scribner.
 5 4—Joseph, m. Angie Sawyer.
 6*5—Asa Kilbreth, m. Deborah F. Nute.
 7 6—Dennis Johnson, m. Hannah Hibbard.
 8 7—George Washington, m. Mary Strout.
 9 8—William Harrison, m. Delphina Tobin.
 10 9—Lovina, m. Adoniram Bickford.
 11 10—Emily Adaline, m. Edwin Dunning.
 12 11—Irene Hill, m. Francis Crane.
 13 12—Sarah, d. unmarried.

- 6 Asa Kilbreth Bither, d. Saginaw, Mich., 14 April 1872; m. Sept. 1844, Deborah Fish, dau. of Israel and Hannah Nute. She was b. in Milton, N. H., 24 Oct. 1824, and d. in Saginaw, Mich., 25 March, 1872.

Mr. Bither, in the later years of his life, did not use the second name nor the initial. He came to Lincoln when a young man, and having a tendency to tuberculosis, he was advised to work in a stable. This he did for a time and his health improved. He then opened a store of general merchandise which he kept until 1864, being engaged, in the

meantime, in lumbering on the Mattanawcook waters. Bither's Cove was named for him.

In 1865 he went to Saginaw, Mich., and was associated in lumbering operations with Charles Merrill, and later with Thomas W. Palmer, U. S. Senator from Michigan.

CHILDREN

- 14 1—Eliza Avaline, b. Lincoln, 5 Aug. 1845; d. Pasadena, Cal., Aug. 1925. m. 1st, Edmund Keene; m. 2d, Edwin A. Ramsay, 12 Apr. 1900. Eliza Avaline had one son, Harry Albert Keene, b. 20 Feb. 1878.
- 15 2—Flora Ella, b. Lincoln, 28 May 1847; d. Leslie, Mich., 1 Jan. 1885; m. at Saginaw, Mich., Valerus Hiram Grout.
- 16 3—Herbert, b. 17 April 1858; m. 19 Aug. 1884, Clara Crane, at Portland, Mich.

BODWELL

- 1 1 Nathaniel Bodwell from Sebec, Me., m. 1 April 1824, Polly Townsend. He came to Lincoln about 1830 (see carding).

CHILDREN

- 2 1—Lovina, b. 28 Sept. 1824; m. 3 Jan. 1854, John Hathorn; d. Michigan.
- 3 2—Nancy Jane, b. 15 Jan. 1826; m. 25 March 1846, John West.
- 4*3—Nathaniel, b. 21 March 1829; d. 18 Mar. 1863, at Fort Sumner, of small-pox.
- 5*4—Andrew Jackson, b. 10 Oct. 1833.
- 6 5—Bailey, b. 14 March 1835; d. young.
- 7 6—John Fairfield.
- 8 7—Martin Van Buren, b. 24 Nov. 1840; m. 25 Mch. 1873, Harriet Jane Darling, Enfield.
- 9 8—Mary A., b. 28 Jan. 1842; m. Chas. A. Sargent; d. 1928.
- 10 9—Matilda.
- 11 10—Celia.
- 4 Nathaniel Bodwell, b. 27 March 1829.

CHILDREN

- 1—Mary Rosalinda, b. Lincoln, 15 March 1858; m. 8 Apr. 1880, Edward T. Fuller. (See Fuller Family.)
- 5 Andrew Jackson Bodwell, b. 10 Oct. 1833; m. Sarah Addie Clark, 3 Aug. 1871.

CHILDREN

- 12 1—Harry Emery, b. 4 May 1872.
- 13 2—Ernest Record, b. 30 Oct. 1873.
- 14 3—Evie Alfaretta, b. 11 March 1875.
- 15 4—Ella Lovina, b. 29 June 1881.

BRADBURY

Hiram Bradbury was in mercantile business at Lincoln Center previous to 1830, probably in 1828. He came from Foxcroft and returned after some years. Mr. Bradbury was b. in Minot, Me., 24 April 1804, and d. in Lincoln, 18 Feb. 1841. He signed the petition for first town meeting; m. 30 May 1830, Nancy Washburn of Minot.

CHILDREN

- 1—Henry Williams, b. 24 March 1831; d. 3 Apr. 1831.
- 2—Payson Williams, b. 22 July 1832.
- 3—Clarendon Waters, b. 10 May 1834; d. 4 Oct. 1834.
- 4—Mary Elizabeth, b. 20 Sept. 1836; m. William E. Wilson of Boston.
- 5—Eunice Joanna, b. 10 Feb. 1839; d. 11 May 1841.
- 6—John Clarendon, b. 21 Sept. 1840; d. 8 March 1841.

BRUCE

Otis Bruce was a Free Baptist minister in Nottingham, N. H.

- 1 1 Chandler Bruce was a son and was b. 6 Jan. 1815, and d. at Lincoln 14 Aug. 1885. He came to Lincoln previous to 1840, and lived on the farm that was settled by Benjamin Hews at "Bruce's Corner."

Mr. Bruce was a farmer and also engaged somewhat extensively in lumbering and various other forms of busi-

ness. He was several times elected on the board of Selectmen and was a member of corporations.

Mr. Bruce m. 1st, Ruth, dau. of Abner and Sally (Lowe) Rounds; m. 2d, Dorcas Foster, dau. of John and Sarah (Farrington) Greeley of Oxford, Me., who d. June 1906.

CHILDREN—all born in Lincoln.

- 2 1—Abner Danforth, b. 21 March 1839; d. 20 April 1860.
- 3 2—John Sanford, b. 16 Aug. 1840; d. Newport News, Va., 25 Aug. 1862.
- 4 3—Otis Henry, b. 23 Jan. 1842; d. 11 June 1842.
- 5 4—Otis Henry, b. 7 March 1843; d. 1 Nov. 1866.
- 6 5—Ruth, b. 7 Sept. 1844; d. 18 Sept. 1844.
- 7 6—Robert Wilmouth, b. 28 Feb. 1846; d. 31 May 1865.
- 8 7—Sarah Angeline, b. 19 Feb. 1848; d. 26 Feb. 1872.
m. Fred A. Edwards.
- 9*8—Eugene, b. 6 Sept. 1849; d. 15 Nov. 1912.
- 10*9—Chandler, b. 5 July 1851; d. Dec. 1913.
- 11 10—Ami, b. 26 Jan. 1853; d. May 1915; m. Abbie Kneeland. She d. Pasadena, Cal., 28 April 1922.
- 12 11—Martha Ella, b. 5 Oct. 1855; d. 25 Dec. 1862.
- 13 12—Harriet Maria, b. 16 Oct. 1858; d. 19 Dec. 1862.
- 14 13—Anna, b. 18 Aug. 1860; d. 31 Dec. 1862.
- 15 14—Fernando, b. 25 Aug. 1862; d. 19 Dec. 1862.
- 16 15—Mary, b. 27 March 1864; d. 28 March 1864.
- 17 16—Nora Mabel, b. 8 July 1866; d. 21 Nov. 1866.
- 18 17—Violet, b. 20 March 1869; d. 20 March 1869.
- 9 Eugene Bruce, b. Lincoln, 6 Sept. 1849; d. Lincoln, 15 Nov. 1912; m. 4 Oct. 1876, Rhuama Perkins, dau. of Stephen C. Moulton. She was b. 26 April 1852.

CHILDREN

- 19*1—Evan Emery, b. Lincoln, 24 April 1877.
- 20 2—Lillian, b. Lincoln, 13 Feb. 1879; d. 14 Feb. 1879.
- 21*3—Edna Mabel, b. 29 Sept. 1880.
- 22 4—Charles Moulton, b. 13 June 1884; d. 3 Oct. 1899.
- 23*5—Millard Melbourne, b. 28 Aug. 1886.

- 10 Chandler Bruce, b. Lincoln, 5 July 1851; d. Dec. 1913.
m. Abby F. Applebee.

CHILDREN

- 24 1—Annie Maud, b. 16 Jan. 1871.
25 2—Angie Gertrude, b. 19 June 1875.
26 3—Sanford.

Chandler Bruce m. (2d) Cora Clark, and they raised a large family.

- 19 Evan E. Bruce, b. Lincoln, 24 Apr. 1877; m. Jennie Clifford, 20 Aug. 1902. She d. 20 May 1911. He m. 2d, Jan. 1922, Violet (Moody) Hanson.

CHILDREN

- 27 1—Homer A., b. 27 Dec. 1905.

- 21 Edna M. Bruce, b. 29 Sept. 1880; m. Percy S. Kneeland.

CHILD

- 28 Bruce Kneeland, b. 21 Jan. 1909.

- 23 Millard Melbourne Bruce, b. 28 Aug. 1886; m. Lena Batchelder of Burlington, Me.

CHILDREN

- 29 1—Clinton, b. Nov. 1914; d. Feb. 1915.
30 2—Sharland, b. 15 Jan. 1916; d. 20 Mar. 1921.
31 3—Clyde, b. 15 Aug. 1919.

BUCK

- 1 1 Abijah Buck was b. in Buckfield 1 March 1777, and d. in Buckfield. We find a deed recorded of a lot of land in Half Township from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to Abijah Buck of Massachusetts, but Buckfield was in Massachusetts at that time. It is probably the earliest transfer of land in Mat-tanawcook. It does not appear that Abijah Buck ever lived in Maine, but his son did.

CHILDREN OF ABIJAH AND ABIGAIL BUCK.

- 2 1—Ruth, b. Buckfield, 26 Aug. 1799.
3 2—Ellen, b. Buckfield, 20 Oct. 1800.