

member of the general assembly of Rhode Island for upwards of thirty years, and in 1821 he was elected by the state legislature as United States senator from Rhode Island, and resigned after four years service. He was active in the public life of his state, as well as in business pursuits, until his death. He was noted for his enterprise and progressive ideas, took a deep interest in his native town as well as in the state, and was among the foremost business men and leading citizens.

He married Anne Bradford, born in Bristol, Rhode Island, daughter of Hon. William and Mary (Goodwin) Bradford, the former named being deputy-governor of Rhode Island and United States senator from Rhode Island from 1793 to 1797, and a descendant of Governor William Bradford of the Plymouth colony. Children: 1. James, born October 10, 1790. 2. Mary Ann, born April 14, 1795; married, May 21, 1814, Raymond K. J. Perry, of the United States navy. 3. Francis Le Baron, born December 2, 1797, died at Arkwright, Rhode Island, September 15, 1825; married Eleanor Post, of New York City. 4. Mark Anthony, of whom further. 5. William Henry, born May 15, 1802. 6. Harriet, born May 28, 1804; married, October 12, 1822, Prescott Hall, of Pomfret. 7. Catharine H., born July 16, 1806; married, October 5, 1823, Joshua Dodge, United States Consul at Marseilles. 8. Nancy Bradford, born July 3, 1808; married, April 29, 1828, Fitzhugh Homer, of Boston. 9. William Bradford, born October 30, 1810; married, December 18, 1832, Sarah Ann Rogers, daughter of Rev. Dr. William Rogers.

(VII) Mark Anthony (2) de Wolf, son of Hon. James de Wolf, was born in Bristol, Rhode Island, September 28, 1799, died there, March 21, 1851. He was for many years engaged in the Cuban trade. He was the owner of large plantations in Cuba, near Mantanza, known as Mount Hope Plantations, where he was engaged in the cultivation of sugar and coffee. He made his home in Bristol, Rhode Island, owning a farm on Pappoose-squaw Point Road, where he built a house, colonial style, now owned and occupied by his granddaughter, Mrs. Mudge. Here he made his home and was interested in farming as well as in his plantations in Cuba. He married, October 10, 1821, at Providence, the ceremony performed by Rev. Dr. Crocker, Sophia Catharine Veyemia Chappotin, third daughter of Leon Chappotin, who was a native of San Domingo, and died in Cuba, May 7, 1823. Mrs. de Wolf died at the de Wolf homestead and her remains were interred in the de Wolf Cemetery.

(VIII) Francis de Wolf, only son of Mark

Anthony (2) de Wolf, was born in Bristol, Rhode Island, October 12, 1826, died in the de Wolf homestead, June 4, 1861, and his remains were interred in the de Wolf Cemetery. He received his education in the schools of Bristol, and he was successfully engaged in the cultivation of coffee and sugar. He made his home on the de Wolf farm on Pappoose-squaw Point Road, where he was a gentleman farmer. He married Eliza Wells West, of Yonkers, New York, daughter of Rev. John West, an Episcopal minister, of Bristol, Rhode Island, and Yonkers, New York. Mrs. de Wolf died on the farm, June 4, 1897, and was buried in the de Wolf Cemetery. Children: 1. Francis Prescott, born on de Wolf farm, September 2, 1860, died there December 30, 1884, unmarried. 2. Marguerite, born on the de Wolf farm; married (first) Henry Crocker Allen, of Providence, Rhode Island, he died on the de Wolf farm, 1899, leaving one son, Henry de Wolf Allen, who was educated in the public schools of Bristol and St. George School at Newport; married October 14, 1914, Catharine Ann, daughter of John P. Reynolds, of Bristol, Rhode Island. Mrs. Allen married (second) Henry Holbrook Mudge, of Boston, who died January 6, 1908, buried in Lynn, Massachusetts; they had one child, Estelle, born August 18, 1901, and resides with her mother at the farm on Pappoose-squaw Point Road, Bristol.

FOSTER Corporal John Foster, the immigrant ancestor, was born in England, in 1618, according to his affidavit, dated 1670, stating his age as fifty-two years. He came to this country with Roger Conant's company, and settled in Salem, Massachusetts Bay. He married, about 1649, at Salem, Martha Tompkins, daughter of Ralph and Katharine (Aborn) Tompkins. She was born in England about 1627, according to her own deposition in 1670, stating her age as forty-three. Her mother, Katharine Aborn, was daughter of Thomas Aborn, tanner, of Salem. John Foster was a farmer, though he built a bridge for the town and may also have been a carpenter and a stone mason. He deeded land to his son, John Foster Jr., in 1674. He was admitted a freeman, March 14, 1688, at Ipswich, and filed at Boston. Children: Mary, baptized March 29, 1649-50; Samuel, baptized March 7, 1651-52; John, baptized June 3, 1655; Benjamin, born July 3, 1658; Jonathan, born December 20, 1660, died March 28, 1662; Jonathan, born November 22, 1662, died November 6, 1667; Joseph, mentioned below; David, born October 16, 1665; Elizabeth, born November 22, 1667;

Jonathan, baptized June 12, 1670; Hannah, baptized July 21, 1672; Martha, baptized September, 1674; and Ebenezer, born August 5, 1677.

(II) Joseph Foster, son of John Foster, was born in Salem in 1664, and baptized July, 1667. He lived in Salem until 1704, when he moved to Dorchester, Massachusetts. He married, November 21, 1683, Mrs. Anna (Trask) Wilson, daughter of Henry and Mary (Southwick) Trask, and widow of Robert Wilson. She was born April 14, 1654. After her second husband's death, she left Dorchester and went to Rhode Island with her children. Children: Ruth, born October 18, 1684; and John, mentioned below.

(III) John (2) Foster, son of Joseph Foster, was born in Salem about 1687, and died in 1766. He lived in Westerly, Rhode Island, moving there in 1709, from Salem. He united with others in the Larkin Purchase in 1710. His will was dated May 18, 1763, and was proved October 20, 1766. He lived in the part of Westerly which later became Richmond. He was a farmer and also carried on a saw-mill. He owned a large amount of land, and left many acres to his sons in his will. He married, June 11, 1724, Margery Card, daughter of Job and Martha (Acres) Card. She was born at Block Island, February 19, 1701, and died between October, 1751, and February, 1754. Children, born in Westerly: Card, mentioned below; Mary, born April 20, 1726; John, September 10, 1727; Hannah, May 19, 1729; Christopher, July 5, 1731; Gideon, September 11, 1734; Job, February 20, 1746. (It appears that his name was changed to John after his elder brother John died).

(IV) Card Foster, son of John (2) Foster, was born in Westerly, April 17, 1725, and died in 1768. He was a Friend in religion, and doubtless became a member of the society about the time of his marriage, as his wife's family were members and the marriage ceremony was of that faith. Many of the descendants of Card Foster are Friends. He married, August 4, 1750, Sarah Mumford, daughter of John and Judith (Dow) Mumford, of Exeter, Rhode Island. She died before her husband. Children, born in Richmond, Rhode Island: Martha, born August 7, 1751; Judith, June 11, 1752, died 1756; and John, mentioned below.

(V) John (3) Foster, son of Card Foster, was born August 13, 1755, in Richmond, Rhode Island, and died in Charlestown, Rhode Island, September 27, 1825. He was about thirteen years of age when his father died, and a guardian was appointed who lived near Wakefield, in South Kingstown. John went

there to live, but became homesick and anxious to live with his sister who was in Richmond in Stephen Hoxsie's family. When he became fourteen, he was permitted to choose his guardian, by law, and choosing Stephen Hoxsie, returned to Richmond to live. After his marriage he lived on the homestead farm, which his father had owned in Richmond. He married, April 4, 1776, Ruth Hoxsie, daughter of Stephen and Elizabeth (Kenyon) Hoxsie. She was born January 14, 1749, and died August 9, 1836. After his marriage, his sister Martha went to live with him, he being much attached to her, and there she remained until her death, May 17, 1780, in her twenty-ninth year. Children, born in Richmond: Sarah, born March 22, 1777; Ethan, mentioned below; Othniel, June 13, 1782; Martha, December 22, 1785; Elizabeth, June 18, 1788; Judith, December 1, 1790; John, February 13, 1793.

(VI) Ethan Foster, son of John (3) Foster, was born August 15, 1779, and died April 2, 1838, in Hopkinton, Rhode Island. He married (first) March 12, 1801, Temperance Bragg, daughter of Nicholas and Sarah (Greene) Bragg, of Easton, New York, by Friends' ceremony at Hopkinton. She was born April 28, 1771, and died in 1821, at Groton, Connecticut. He married (second) June 3, 1824, Mary Wilbur, daughter of William and Anna (Bragg) Wilbur, and she died September 28, 1831, in Hopkinton. Sarah (Greene) Bragg, mother of his first wife, was daughter of Jabez and Mary (Barton) Greene and sister of Nathaniel Greene, the "Quaker Preacher," who was father of General Nathaniel Greene. Nicholas Bragg, father of his first wife, was a descendant of John Howland, of the "Mayflower." Children: John, born September 24, 1802; Thomas, April 22, 1804; Elizabeth, August 15, 1806; Ethan, mentioned below; Mary Ann, September 1, 1814; Sarah, December 1, 1815; William, March 14, 1825. (Greatly respected member of state legislature).

(VII) Ethan (2) Foster, son of Ethan (1) Foster, was born June 5, 1808, and died in Westerly, Rhode Island, April 9, 1885. He was cashier of the Phenix Bank of Westerly from 1836 until 1865, when he resigned and was succeeded by his son, John Barclay Foster. Later he was elected president of the Mechanics Savings Bank of Westerly, and this position he held until his death. He married, in Hopkinton, October 24, 1837, Anna Almy Wilbur, daughter of John and Lydia (Collins) Wilbur, she was born April 20, 1818, and she died October 29, 1896, in Westerly. Children, born in Westerly: 1. Ethan, born August 5, 1838, died July 23, 1874, un-

married. 2. John Barclay, mentioned below. 3. Hannah, born November 20, 1844, died April 2, 1855. 4. Henry, born April 12, 1848; married, May 10, 1871, Gertrude E. Daniels, of Paxton, Massachusetts, daughter of Horace and Ann (Inman) Daniels; she was born January 15, 1851, and died January 26, 1885, at Independence, Kansas; he was a banker in Westerly, and later at Independence, Kansas, and died in New York, February 25, 1896. His children were: i. Annie Gertrude, born July 19, 1872, resides in New York; ii. Henry Vernon, born September 6, 1875, resides at Bartlesville, Oklahoma, where he is engaged in the oil business; he married, May 1, 1907, Marie Dalghren, and they have two children, namely: Ruth Daniels, born March 25, 1908, and Marie Dalghren, born January 28, 1910; iii. Effie Daniels; and iv. Evie Wilbur, (twins) born June 22, 1879, the latter dying in August, 1879, and the former in November, 1879. 5. Edwin Bragg, born May 25, 1854; married, February 24, 1886, Lucy M. Wilbur, formerly of Fall River, Massachusetts, where she was born August 1, 1858, daughter of Amos C. and Catherine (Smith) Wilbur, and is now residing at Westerly; he was an orange grower in Florida, later engaged in banking in Kansas, and died in Westerly, December 27, 1901; their children were: i. Anna Ethelyn, born January 18, 1889, was graduated from Mt. Holyoke College, and is now assistant librarian at Swarthmore College; ii. Katherine Wilbur, born April 3, 1894, was graduated from the New Haven Normal School of Gymnastics, and is now a teacher of physical culture at the Friends' Boarding School, at Westtown, Pennsylvania. Amos C. Wilbur, M. D., Bowdoin College, was son of John Wilbur, the famous Quaker preacher, who was son of Thomas (M. D.) son of William (M. D.), son of Samuel, son of William Wilbur. 6. Susan, born December 28, 1856, died same day. 7. James, born July 16, 1851, died July 27, 1851. 8. Annie Gertrude, born May 6, 1858, died September 4, 1861. 9. Robert, born August 8, 1860, died August 29, 1860. 10. Gertrude Elizabeth, born January 3, 1863, unmarried, living in Westerly.

(VIII) John Barclay Foster, son of Ethan (2) Foster, was born at 94 High street, Westerly, Rhode Island, September 27, 1841, and died there, April 7, 1901. He received his education in the public schools of his native town and at the Friends' School in Providence. He then became a clerk in the Phenix National Bank, of which his father had been cashier for many years. In 1865 when his father retired, he succeeded him as cashier and filled that position to the end of his life. When the

Mechanics Savings Bank was organized in 1870, Henry Foster was elected treasurer and served until 1882, when John Barclay Foster succeeded him and from that time until he died was treasurer of the Savings Bank and cashier of the National Bank. He was an able financier and both banks prospered under his administration. Throughout the state he was known and honored as an upright, capable and honorable banker. In public affairs he took the part of a public-spirited citizen, never seeking public office, but accepting those offices of trust that he was called upon to fill. He was at one time trustee of School District No. 1, of Westerly, and for some years he was commissioner of highways of that town. He was an active member and liberal supporter of the Society of Friends. He died on Sunday morning, April 7, 1901, having been at his desk at the bank until the Friday night preceding.

He married, September 16, 1868, at Westerly, Elizabeth Foster Perry, daughter of Charles and Temperance (Foster) Perry. A sketch of the Perry family is given elsewhere in this work. She died at her home No. 94 High street, Westerly, November 13, 1911, and was buried in the River Bend Cemetery. Throughout her life she was a useful and faithful member of the Society of Friends and took a keen interest in the missionary and charity work of her church. She was a devoted wife and mother. Children: 1. William Wilbur, mentioned below. 2. John Barclay, born February 27, 1871, died April 5, 1871. 3. Mary Elizabeth, mentioned below. 4. Alice Phebe, born June 8, 1874, married, June 25, 1896, Samuel S. Pennock, of Lansdowne, Pennsylvania; has children: Charles F. Pennock, born April 9, 1897; Samuel S. Jr., born March 10, 1901; Helen Cadwalader, born November 1, 1904, died March 12, 1909; Alice Cadwalader, born August 10, 1909; and Virginia Lois, born February 18, 1911. 5. Helen G., born April 28, 1876, married Horatio N. Willits, of Philadelphia, and they reside at Lansdowne, the parents of one daughter, Elizabeth Foster, born March 23, 1908. 6. Charles Perry, born August 31, 1877, died March 27, 1882. 7. Anna Perry, born June 28, 1883, died February 4, 1885. 8. Eva Lucy, born April 25, 1886, a graduate of Wellesley College, is now engaged in charitable work in New Hampshire.

(IX) William Wilbur Foster, son of John Barclay Foster, was born October 3, 1869, at Westerly. He was educated there in the public schools and in Dartmouth College. He became clerk in the Phenix National Bank and continued until the bank was reorganized as

the Washington Trust Company. Since then he has been a florist, having extensive greenhouses on the Watch Hill Road. He is a member of the Society of Friends.

(IX) Mary Elizabeth Foster, daughter of John Barclay Foster, was born at Westerly, August 6, 1872. She was educated in the public schools and in the Friends' Boarding School at Westtown, Pennsylvania. She resides with her brother William W., at 94 High street, Westerly.

(The Wilbur Line).

(III) Samuel Wilbur, son of William Wilbur or Wilbour (q. v.), was born in 1664, and died in 1740. He married, in 1689, Mary Potter, daughter of Nathaniel and Elizabeth (Stokes) Potter. Children: Martha, born October 22, 1690; Samuel, November 7, 1692; William, mentioned below; Mary, October 29, 1697; Joanna, June 8, 1700; Thankful, June 8, 1700, twin of Joanna; Elizabeth, December 23, 1702; Thomas, December 29, 1704; Abigail, May 27, 1707; Hannah, February 9, 1709; Isaac, August 24, 1712.

(IV) William Wilbur, son of Samuel Wilbur, was born January 6, 1695, and died in September, 1774. He married, June 20, 1717, Esther Burgess, daughter of Thomas and Esther Burgess. She was born in 1696, and died in 1768. Children: Thomas, mentioned below; Mary, born September 7, 1719; Esther, May 8, 1721; Lydia, April 16, 1723; Samuel, December 10, 1725; William, July 24, 1727; Daniel, June 1, 1729; Charles, August 22, 1732; Esther, November 18, 1733; Lydia, November 2, 1735; Deborah, August 29, 1738; Clarke, November 1, 1742.

(V) Thomas Wilbur, son of William Wilbur, was born May 31, 1718, and died March 5, 1797. He married (first) March 9, 1739, Edith Woodman, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Briggs) Woodman. She was born December 20, 1719. He married (second) July 27, 1761, Mary Hoxie, daughter of Solomon and Mary (Davis) Hoxie. She was born September 9, 1737, and died August 4, 1827. She married (second) January 30, 1799, Jabez Wing. Children by first wife: Enoch, born March 6, 1741; Elizabeth, 1743; Woodman, 1746; Clark; Gideon. Children by second wife: Thomas; William, June 10, 1765; Isaac, June 2, 1771; Mary, November 9, 1772; and John, mentioned below.

(VI) John Wilbur, son of Thomas Wilbur, was born July 17, 1774, and died May 1, 1856. He married, October 17, 1793, Lydia Collins, daughter of Amos and Thankful Collins. She was born April 29, 1778, and died December 19, 1852. Children: Thomas, born January

16, 1795; Amos C., November 25, 1796; Lydia, August 23, 1798; Phebe, May 20, 1800; Susan C., April 12, 1802; Sarah S., May 4, 1804; Mary, October 2, 1806; John, August 4, 1809; Hannah C., August 19, 1811; Ruth, December 25, 1813, died August 15, 1814; William H., March 10, 1816; Anna A., April 20, 1818, died October 29, 1896, married, October 24, 1837, Ethan Foster (see Foster VII); and Elizabeth W., January 16, 1821.

(The Howland Line).

(IV) Jabez Howland, son of Jabez Howland (q. v.), was born November 15, 1670, at Plymouth. He married Patience Stafford, and removed to Bristol, Rhode Island, where he died October 7, 1732. She died October 23, 1721, and was the first person buried in the churchyard of St. Michael's. He succeeded to the blacksmith business of his father and acquired a competence. Children: Patience; Bethia, mentioned below; Mercy, born 1704; Elizabeth; 1709; Sarah, 1711; Jabez, 1713; Patience, 1717; and Thomas, 1719.

(V) Bethia Howland, daughter of Jabez Howland, was born December 5, 1702. She married (first) May 19, 1725, Nicholas Bragg, who was born May 23, 1698; and she married (second) August 29, 1733, Simeon Davis.

(VI) Nicholas Bragg, son of Nicholas and Bethia (Howland) Bragg, married Sarah Greene and had a daughter Temperance, who married, March 12, 1801, Ethan Foster (see Foster VI).

The Orr family came with the ORR Scotch and English to the North of Ireland about 1610 and have since been classed among the most prominent Scotch-Irish families. Hanna's work on the Scotch-Irish mentions a genealogy of the family in Ulster province, Ireland. A number of pioneers came to New England with the Scotch-Irish in 1718 or soon afterward. The brothers, Joseph, John and Clement Orr, and a sister Mary came to Boston with the Skolfield family and a few years later located at Brunswick, Maine, and Harpswell. Joseph and Clement Orr were on Harpswell Neck as early as 1748 and bought Sebascodigan, later known as Orr's Island. It is said that they paid two shillings an acre. John Orr settled on Mair Point. Joseph Orr married the widow of William Wyer, and had Mary, born 1761, married Colonel William Stanwood, and Lettice, married John Reed. Clement Orr Jr. was born June 27, 1752, and died October 9, 1813; children: Richard, John, Lettice and Mary. John Orr married Susan Skolfield (Scofield).

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