

gether more than half a century,* enjoying a green old age, the crown of temperate and well-spent lives.

George Sanderson Burrage, the eldest son by the second wife, was twice married. First, April 2, 1844, to Martha G. Phelps, of Leominster, by whom he had three children. She died Aug. 6, 1849; and he married, Jan. 1, 1851, Aurelia Chamberlain. By his second marriage he had five children. Soon after his first marriage he removed to Ashburnham and bought a large tract of woodland in that town. His brothers, William F. and Charles W., afterward became associated with him in the building of a factory and the manufacture of chairs, there being a good water-privilege on the land purchased. For several years the brothers carried on quite a large business, and gathered so much of a village around their works that the general government made the place a post station, with the name of "Burrageville." But the enterprise did not prove a success, and was eventually abandoned by all the brothers. About the year 1861 he removed to Napa City, California, where he became engaged in the business of grape raising. He died there May 16, 1876, at the age of fifty-three years. It may be said of him that he was ambitious, industrious, honest, and of more than ordinary intelligence; but, as is sometimes the case, he seemed doomed by the Fates not to meet with success commensurate to his ambition, his worth, or his ability.

* Since their marriage, fifty-eight years. See heliotype view of house subjoined.