

Her temperament was the opposite of that of her sister Almira, being exceedingly sprightly and vivacious. She was an excellent mimic, and would greatly amuse her friends when she chose to personate certain eccentric individuals. But to her vivacity were united the more solid virtues of a gracious womanhood. She was a good wife, a tender mother, a kind, sympathizing friend, a conscientious Christian woman. Her husband survived her but a short time. He died July 20, 1852, aged forty-nine years.

Their daughter, Ellen Watson, married Charles H. Stearns, of Westminster, Oct. 14, 1857. She died July 19, 1861, leaving two children,—a daughter, Addie L. Stearns, and an infant son. The son died in 1863. Thus Addie L. is the only living descendant and representative of Sarah Ann and her husband, and their eight children. She lives with her father in Worcester.

Joseph, the sixth son and eighth child, was born Nov. 16, 1813. At the age of seventeen or eighteen years, he, following in the footsteps of his brothers George S. and William, left the farm and apprenticed himself to learn the tanning and currying business at the old shop, then in charge of his cousin Leonard and his brother, George S. After serving the term of his apprenticeship, he desired to obtain the means to attend an academy for the purpose of getting a better education than he had been able to obtain in the public schools. So he worked as journeyman until he had accumulated suffi-