

by her uncle, Samuel Beals Thomas, hotel-keeper, of Worcester, Mass. She m. Phineas Warner Wait May 21, 1838, son of Elmer Wait and Betsy Warner. After the death of Samuel B. Thomas, Mr. Wait became proprietor of the Exchange Hotel. Later, they moved to Zanesville, O., where he d. in the same business. She d. Sept. 24, 1878, having had three children:—

322. WILLIAM THOMAS WAIT, b. May 13, 1839, in Worcester, Mass. In 1858 he went to New Orleans to take a position as book-keeper in the business house of his uncle, John E. Thomas. A painful mystery surrounds the circumstances of his death. In 1863 he was sent on a business trip to Mexico by his employers. Here he found many men who had left New Orleans to escape the Confederate draft. Knowing his trustworthy character, these men took advantage of the opportunity for sending money to their families on his return to New Orleans. He was never seen after. Strong suspicions were felt that he had been murdered for this money. A detective was sent to investigate the matter. Some of his personal effects were recovered and sent to his mother, but no clue was ever obtained as to his fate.

323. SARAH THOMAS WAIT, b. at Worcester, Mass., Sept. 21, 1842; m. Daniel Crowell Nov. 10, 1869, and had one dau., Willietta Crowell.

324. CHARLES ARTHUR WAIT, b. in Boston, Mass., Sept. 2, 1854; d. March 11, 1874, at Fannell, Mass. He was a young man of unusual ability, manifesting such business capacity and such traits of character as to have promised much for his future.

120. PAULINE NICKERSON THOMAS⁵ (dau. of Orsamus,⁴ Dr. William,³ Amos,² William¹) was b. in Provincetown Dec. 11, 1811. She was adopted by her uncle, Samuel Beals Thomas, with her older sister, Abigail, upon the death of her father, in 1822. She m. April 12, 1848, Geo. Gale, of Roxbury, son of Isaac Gale and Anna Norcross. Geo. Gale held the office of Registrar in the city of Worcester, Mass. He d. in 1855. She is now living with her niece, Mrs. Crowell, at Montvale, Mass. She forms one of the connecting-links between the present and the early part of the century, and gives many reminiscences of old times and of family connections. She has one child:—