

of their vessels at the mouth of the Brazos River while on a trial trip. A New Orleans paper contains the following account of this disaster:—

"We are pained to hear of the death of our esteemed friend, Captain John Eldridge Thomas, of this city, who lost his life by the foundering of the steamer "Selma" off Velasco, near the mouth of the Brazos River, Texas, on the morning of the 24th inst. (June 24, 1868). The "Selma" was formerly—before the war—one of the mail-boats running between this port and Mobile. During the war she was converted into a Confederate gun-boat. Recently, a number of enterprising citizens, among whom was Captain Thomas, purchased the "Selma" and fitted her out for a cattle transport to run between Indianola and New Orleans. Saturday morning a dispatch was received from Captain McLean, at Galveston, stating that the "Selma" had foundered in the Gulf, and that his son, with Captain Thomas, two cooks, the steward, and a passenger, were lost. Captain Thomas's body had been recovered and buried.

"Captain Thomas was a member of the firm of Thomas & Foley, well-known shippers of this city. As a merchant, he was high-toned and honest in his dealings with his fellow-men. He was brimful of energy and enterprise, and a most useful and valuable member of our commercial community. In private life he was remarkable for his geniality of manner and liberality of sentiment. All of his associates and acquaintances esteemed him highly, and there are many in this city and elsewhere who will sincerely lament his loss."

John Eldridge Thomas had four children:—

331. EMMA LOUISA THOMAS, b. Aug., 1852.

332. ELIZABETH PEMBERTON THOMAS, b. March, 1854; d. in New Orleans.

333. HENRIETTA PEMBERTON THOMAS, b. Jan., 1856; d. in New Orleans.

334. IDA JOSEPHINE THOMAS, b. 1858; d. in New Orleans.

125. SARAH KELLOGG THOMAS⁵ (dau. of Orsamus,⁴ Dr. William,³ Amos,² William¹) was b. in Provincetown, Mass., Sept. 10, 1822. She m. John F. Locke, son of Ward Locke, of Ashby, N. H., in 1845. Mr. Locke was an architect. About 1849 he moved to New Orleans, and later to Mexico. Lost sight of since.

They had five children:—

335. SAMUEL THOMAS LOCKE, b. Sept., 1846, in Boston.

336. EMMA LOCKE, b. Sept., 1848, in Boston.

337. IDA ISABELLA LOCKE, b. Nov. 19, 1851, in New Orleans.

338. ADA ELIZABETH LOCKE, b. same date; twins.

339. FRANK MONROE LOCKE, b. Feb., 1859.