

civil and military life, and all manifestly excellent men and women, the heads of prolific families and good citizens.

The genealogical compilation herein relates mainly to the direct ancestors and descendants of the late Joseph Clark Noyes, of Morristown, Vt., who was the son of Oliver of Hyde Park, Vt., the son of John of Stonington, Vt., the son of Deacon John of Stonington, the son of Rev. James of Stonington, the son of Rev. James of Newbury, Mass., the immigrant of 1634, who was the son of Rev. William Noyes, Rector of the Parish of Choulderton, county of Wiltshire, England, from 1602 to 1621, and whose wife was sister of Rev. Robert Parker, a Puritan and Nonconformist, driven to Holland, whose nephew, Rev. Thomas Parker, came to America in the same ship with Rev. James Noyes and settled in Newbury.

The compiler of this record, conscious that he is not the right person in the right place in pursuing genealogical investigation, requiring peculiar qualifications which he assumes not to possess, and whose time is occupied in business affairs, has availed himself largely of the friendly aid of the late lamented Horace G. Cleveland, an accomplished gentleman and an expert genealogist, to whose industry these results are mainly due. His death a year since precluded the possibility of following out, as had been intended, the numerous branches of the ancient and venerable, yet thrifty, genealogical tree.

The "*Reminiscences of an Nonagenarian*," an exceedingly readable tale of early New England life, by Sarah Anna Emery, published at Newburyport, Mass., 1879, contains a fund of information relating to our immigrant ancestor, Rev. James Noyes, and of his numerous descendants in and around the original town of Newbury from 1634 to date. This book has been to me not only a lamp of historical light, but a photographic picture as well of domestic and social life in Colonial times.

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