

winning the reputation of best in his trade, he worked as a journeyman at Ware and Worcester, Mass. → New Haven, Conn.; and Albany, N. Y.; finally settling down at Buffalo, N. Y., where he resided during his active business-life. It appears that he was ambitious to get ahead in the world, was industrious and saving. After accumulating a considerable property, which he had invested in the low lands which are now the business part of Buffalo, he met with reverses, caused by a decision of the courts in favor of the Holland Land Company, by which he lost title to his lands. He has said that at the end even his watch was gone; nothing but his jack-knife was left. Commencing work again at the bench, he pushed to the front, and out of the picture-frame business and his connection with the manufacture of mowing-machines he retrieved his fortune.

In Nov., 1859, the harvested crops, together with the uninsured buildings of the old homestead at Williamstown, occupied by his brother Dwight, with whom his mother was living, was burned. He immediately came to the rescue, which action, in connection with the bad faith of men in whom he trusted, resulted in his retiring from business and Buffalo. The balance of his life, since about 1860, has been spent at Williamstown, where he now (1891) lives at the ripe age of 87 years. Though a man born to command, and positive in his conclusions, he possesses a kind heart; and though, from dear-bought experience, looking with suspicion upon the motives of men, he has been quick to respond to the cry of distress from those who had his confidence. He is a Unitarian; was a Whig in politics; has been a Republican since the organization of the party; unmarried.

133. SYLVANUS THOMAS, b. Oct. 28, 1805; m. Sophia J. Kent; not heard from since 1851; left two children.

134. LEWIS AVERY THOMAS, b. May 22, 1807; m. Jane Farrington Sept. 8, 1848; d. Aug. 6, 1882, aged 76. (See 134, next generation.)

135. JERUSHA R. THOMAS, b. Jan. 10, 1809; d. April 15, 1886.

She was a very earnest Christian, and placed her religion before all other duties, and was called a "crank" upon that subject. She was first a Congregationalist, then a Baptist; afterward she joined the Oneida Perfectionists. After living in that faith for thirty years, she died April 15, 1886, in her 77th year, unmarried, but believing that she had reached perfection.

136. FRANCES THOMAS, b. Nov. 15, 1810; m. Timothy Graves, of Hoosick Falls, N. Y., and d. there March 4, 1847; left issue.

137. ANDREW COLLINS THOMAS, b. March 19, 1812; m. Minerva Smedley (then widow Norton); he now (Oct., 1890) lives at South Williamstown, Mass.; had issue.

138. SERAPH THOMAS, b. at Hardwick, Vt., Nov. 25, 1818; m. Harvey D. Penniman April 29, 1845; he d. Oct. 21, 1866; she d. Jan. 4, 1889, at their home in Williamstown, Mass.

They left no children of their own, but she reared to manhood the baby-boy of a dear friend, who, when dying, had given him into her charge with her blessing. This boy, Charles Sanderson, of New York City, is now editor and manager of the *Gaslight*, a journal devoted to the interests which its name implies. She also reared another, an orphan, Miss Jennie Kane, who graduated from a normal school, was a teacher, and is now the wife of Rev. H. W.