

SKETCH OF JOHN WARD DEAN, A. M.

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This engraving was made from a photograph of the original portrait of Mr. Dean which hangs in the library of the N. E. Historic Genealogical Society, at 18 Somerset street, Boston.

He learned the bookbinder's trade in Portland; came to Boston in 1836, and remained here three or four years. In 1841 he engaged in the bookbinding business in Providence, R. I., under the firm style of Dean & Burgess. In 1843 he returned to Boston and entered into partnership with his brother, Jeremiah, under the style of Dean & Co., as bookbinders. From 1848 to 1859 he carried on the business alone. He was, 1859 to 1861, with Wm. Hill, as Dean & Hill; and in 1872 with his brother as Dean & Co., in the leather stamping and gilding business. In 1850 Mr. Dean joined the N. E. Historical and Genealogical Society. From 1839 to 1843 he resided at Providence, R. I., and since then in Boston and vicinity. He was the principal founder of the Historical Magazine, and he edited the first volume of it and part of the second. Then it was removed to New York city. Some of his works are: 1, The Dean Genealogy written in connection with W. R. Deane, 1849; 2, Declaration of Remarkables in the Life of John Dane, 1854; 3, The Kingsbury Genealogy, 1859; 4, Memoir of Michael Wigglesworth, 1863; 5, Brief History of the New England Historical and Genealogical Register; 1866; 6, Memoir of Giles Firmin, 1866; 7, Embarcation of Cromwell, 1866; 8, Memoir of Rev. Nathaniel C. Ward, 1868. He has prepared and seen through the press, seventeen pamphlets of sketches, memorial and historical; also, six volumes of historical matter, edited by himself. To these should be added many pamphlets of valuable genealogical compilations. He wrote the History of the Gerrymander, 1892.*

In May, 1870, Mr. Dean was chosen president of the Prince Society, of which he was one of the founders, succeeding Mr. Samuel G. Drake, who had held the office from the formation of the society, in 1858. He was recording secretary of the American Statistical Association from 1860 to 1872; corresponding secretary of the Prince Society, 1858 to 1863; vice-president of same, 1863 to 1870; president from 1870 to 1880, and vice-president from 1880 to present time; treasurer of N. E. Historic Genealogical Society, 1853 to 1857; recording secretary, 1857 and 1858; co. responding secretary, 1859 to 1862; and librarian, 1872 to 1892, and still is librarian. He was justice of the peace

* A complete list of Mr. Dean's works was published in the N. E. Hist. and Gen. Register for Oct., 1888. But he has issued some since that date.