

married Sarah Bass in 1692, had fourteen children and all lived to maturity. A brother of Sarah Bass married Ruth Alden, a daughter of John and Priscilla Alden of Mayflower fame, and the courtship immortalized by Longfellow.

Joseph Adams, of Braintree, married Hannah, a granddaughter of John Alden. Their first child was John Adams, father of the second President of the United States.

Elijah Thayer and Lydia had nine children. Grandfather Elijah married Lydia Cobb in 1760 and settled in Taunton, Mass., not in Buckland as Genealogy has it, but moved to Buckland about 1790. His second son Elijah, born in 1763, was twelve years old at the commencement of the Revolution, and I understood from my father that he entered the service when sixteen years old.

To be sure that I was right I have written to cousin Abijah Thayer at South Lancaster, Mass. ; he lives with a daughter, whose husband's name is William H. Graham. Abijah is son of Elijah, the only child living and is about eighty-five years old. Grandfather Elijah died in 1810 in Buckland and uncle Elijah in 1820 in the same place.

I visited in Buckland in 1833. Uncle William was then living and had a large family of children. He died in 1864, aged 86. Grandmother Lydia (Cobb) Thayer was then living, aged 93, and died in 1837, aged 96.

Our great grandfather William Thayer's sixth child Sally married deacon George Codding of Taunton, who with Captain Peter Pitts, moved and settled in Bristol and Pitts in Richmond, Ontario County, N. Y., in 1790. Codding had five sons and three daughters. Uncle and aunt Codding visited us frequently soon after the birth of sister Sally, and gave her her name, and I think their settlement in Genesee led father to follow them a few years later.

About the same time grandfather moved with his family to Buckland, father went to Vermont with Samuel Arnold, whose wife was a step-sister of my mother ; her name was Nancy Wheeler. They bought land for a home. In 1795 father married mother in Bristol and commenced housekeeping in Londonderry, their new home on the Green Mountain farm where they lived for ten years, sold out on credit and moved to Buckland in 1805 about fifty miles where his father's brother was living. His Vermont farm fell back on his hands — he re-