

encouraging word, and to stimulate to noble endeavor—and that teacher no other than Rev. Dr. Harris, now Professor in the Yale Divinity School. Paul Foster m. (1) *Maria G.*, dau. of Jesse Brown, who died March 5, 1852; (2) *Helen-S.-F.*, b. June 15, 1830, dau. of George-W. Livermore, Esq., of Cambridge. Their children are: *Martha-Maria*, b. Feb. 7, 1852; *Sarah-Helen*, b. Oct. 15, 1854; *Jennie-Sophia*, b. April 20, 1856; *Mary-Olivia*, b. Nov. 18, 1861; *George-Frank*, b. July 18, 1864; *Paul-Foster*, b. Sept. 23, 1865; *Eva*, b. Jan. 30, 1866; *Grosvenor*, b. Aug. 8, 1872.\*

14. ABRAHAM<sup>4</sup> FOLSOM (*John*,<sup>2</sup> *John*,<sup>2</sup> *John*<sup>1</sup>) lived in Epping; had two sons:

i. ABRAHAM,<sup>5</sup> b. April 29, 1744; d. July 6, 1811; m. in 1765, Hannah Folsom (b. March 29, 1744, dau. of William (*Ephraim*,<sup>3</sup> *Ephraim*,<sup>2</sup> *John*<sup>1</sup>), of Newmarket).

ii. JOHN,<sup>5</sup> d. Nov. 5, 1820. (Both Abraham and John lived in Gilmanston.)

From Abraham and Hannah sprung four children, as follows:

JONATHAN,<sup>6</sup> b. Sept. 17, 1766; d. —.

WILLIAM,<sup>6</sup> b. July 12, 1771; d. Nov. 20, 1801.

HANNAH,<sup>6</sup> b. March 17, 1775; d. —.

ABRAHAM,<sup>6</sup> b. Oct. 8, 1777; d. Feb. 28, 1824.

This fourth and youngest child Abraham<sup>6</sup> m. Mary Libbey, April 12, 1806 (b. Sept. 29, 1789, d. May 12, 1865); children:

SALLY-T.,<sup>7</sup> b. Oct. 9, 1807; m. Charles-G. Forest, and has a dau. *Josie*.

GEORGE-C.,<sup>7</sup> b. July 12, 1810; d. Jan. 24, 1840, leaving two children—one a son, *Gustavus-Decatur*, who resides in Cleveland, Ohio, and is the only one living that bears the name Folsom in a direct line from Abraham.<sup>4</sup>

DECATUR-A.,<sup>7</sup> b. Feb. 5, 1814; d. May 18, 1834.

JOSEPH-L.,<sup>7</sup> b. May 19, 1816; d. at San Jose, Cal., July 19, 1855.

CHARLES-P.,<sup>7</sup> b. Jan. 30, 1819; d. Dec. 16, 1819.

FRANK-C.,<sup>7</sup> b. Nov. 30, 1821; d. Feb. 9, 1846.

The birth-place of JOSEPH L.<sup>7</sup> was Meredith, at the outlet of Lake Winnepiseogee.† The first thing resolved on, when the father had been taken away by an early death—the oldest child not seventeen, JOSEPH not eight, and the youngest not three—was to provide means for the education of the children; and to accomplish this, the estate was sold, and the family moved to Northfield. Through the kind offices of Hon. Frank Pierce, member of Congress, a cadetship was subsequently secured for JOSEPH at the Military Academy, West Point. He entered, June, 1836; graduated with honor, June, 1840; commissioned Brevet Second Lieut. 8th Infantry; Second Lieut. 5th Infantry, Nov. 3, 1840; served in Florida under command of General Worth against the Seminoles. At the end of the war, having been appointed Second Lieutenant, he served another year at his own request; then conducted a body of Indians to their new home in the West. Rejoining his regiment—the 5th Infantry, commanded by Brevet Brig. Gen. Brooks

\* Of Benjamin,<sup>5</sup> son of Peter,<sup>4</sup> no record is known to exist which gives any trace of him after going to Deerfield. But in the group of families above mentioned, there is preserved an unvarying tradition of a grandfather or great-grandfather Benjamin, who having married in Exeter, went to Deerfield, and thence into Maine, under circumstances and with subsequent occurrences as above stated. A correspondence between Mr. Paul Foster F. and his kinsfolk, east and west, which was put into the present writer's hands, fully attests these facts—and the remarkable coincidences of periods of time, with the confirmation from the early historic Exeter and Newmarket and Hampton names of the "Dearbornes" and "Sanbournes" and "Philbrick's," seem clearly to show the line of descent running direct from the first John through John,<sup>2</sup> John<sup>2</sup> and Peter<sup>4</sup> to the individuals of this group, so long seeking in vain for their exact genealogical place. The history of three thousand years and more is repeated. The missing "cup" is "found in Benjamin's sack," and "Joseph is made known to his brethren."

† For the substance of the facts here stated, see a Sketch of Capt. Joseph L. Folsom in the "History of San Francisco."