

## Children of Phinehas and Dolly (Flagg) Allen.

- iv. LYDIA THURSTON, b. Fitchburg, Aug. 28, 1785; married, at Fitchburg, Nov. 29, 1804, Samuel Parker, born, Woburn, Dec. 23, 1784; the family moved to Otselic, Chenango County, N.Y., May 8, 1820. He died in Belvidere, Boon County, Ill., Aug. 29, 1846; she died Aug. 26, 1865.\*
- v. ABIGAIL, b. Fitchburg, Dec. 8, 1786; d. 1867; m., April 29, 1806, Jonathan Thurston, who d. Burlington, Wis., 1855.†
- vi. PHINEHAS, Jr., b. Fitchburg, Dec. 6, 1788; died, —; m. at Mason, N. H., by Rev. Ebenezer Hill, March 9, 1816, Sally Campbell; she died (widow) at Masoc, —, 1831. They had one son, who was adopted by Abijah Allen with whom he went to New York, where he died in his minority.
- vii. EUNICE, b. Fitchburg, March 18, 1790; d. Feb. 9, 1823; m. Dec. 14, 1815, Abel Thurston, who d. July 9, 1864.†
- viii. JOHN, b. Fitchburg, Nov. 5, 1791; married and lived in Charles-town. He had two children, Charles and Samuel W.; the former went to New York State, probably to Otselic, where he died; Samuel W. married and lived in Boston; was in the provision business in the vicinity of Summer and Federal streets from 1841 to 1869. There are no descendants of this family.
- ix. SAMUEL, b. Fitchburg, Nov. 28, 1793.
- x. BETSEY, b. Fitchburg, April 27, 1795; m. John Campbell, Dec. 2, 1819.
- xi. ABIJAH, b. Fitchburg, June 29, 1797; m. Abigail Bacon, Feb. 2, 1823, and moved, about 1828, to Smyrna, Chenango County, New York. No children.

[The third marriage of Phinehas Allen, and date of births of all of his children, from town records of Fitchburg.]

6. BENJAMIN<sup>6</sup> ALLEN (*Phinehas*,<sup>5</sup> *Benjamin, Jr.*,<sup>4</sup> *Benjamin*,<sup>3</sup> *John*,<sup>2</sup> *Walter*<sup>1</sup>), born Lexington, Nov. 4, 1777 (see Ashby record, Aug. 16, 1846). died Oct. 19, 1866; married, first, Feb. 4, 1798, Asenath Colman, of Ashby, born Oct. 7, 1776, who died Dec. 4, 1848; second, Aug. 16, 1849, Vashti Wilder, daughter of Rufus Wilder, of Ashby, born Aug. 26, 1788, who died Nov. 27, 1859. He was a representative in Massachusetts Legislature, from Ashby, in 1854; he was a farmer and shoemaker.

Asenath Colman (sometimes written Coleman) the first wife of Benjamin Allen, and mother of all his children, was a descendant of James Colman and wife Rachel, who removed from Ipswich to the northeast part of Ashburnham in 1743. To him and one Deacon Foster falls the distinction of being the first permanent settlers in Dorchester Canada, the original name of the present town of Ashburnham. During the troublous times from 1745 to 1749, it is known that Mr. Foster, retiring within the line of the block houses, resided in Lunenburg. It is not probable that Mr. Colman remained all the time during this period of insecurity (caused by the French and Indian wars) in Dorchester Canada. However, he is found here continuously after 1750.

\* See Genealogy of Parker family.

† See Genealogy of Thurston family.