

come down to his children. He learned the trade of house and ship joiner with his brother Jeremiah (who afterwards moved to Stockbridge, Mass.); he married Ruth Matson, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Goodrich, born Nov. 18, 1745; married Jan. 14, 1767,) Matson, of Glastonbury, Dec. 24, 1795; she was born Feb. 2, 1776, died Aug. 12, 1857; age 81. James Buck, born 1774, died Jan. 8, 1838; age 63. He settled in the north-east part of the town; it was heavily wooded at that time. He built a saw mill and carried on a lumber business, there being a good deal of chestnut timber. He furnished a good many house and barn frames in the city of Middletown. He sawed a good deal of ship timber and ship plank, as at that time there was one Charles Churchill who built a number of vessels on the river two miles west. He built a blacksmith shop and carriage shop; he and his oldest son, Erastus, were the first builders of carriages in the town; he invented several patents; one for shelling corn, one for working butter, one for washing, one for cutting feed for cattle, a gouge for turning wood. This was when he had to take his horse and travel to Washington. We find that this family of Bucks were mostly mechanics. Children of James and Ruth (Matson) Buck :

- ALMIRA, *b.* Oct. 9, 1796; *d.* Jan. 24, 1819.  
 ERASTUS, *b.* Aug. 13, 1797; *d.* Aug. 1839.  
 SAMUEL, *b.* Jan. 7, 1801; *d.* Dec. 10, 1881.  
 THOMAS M., *b.* Nov. 27, 1802; *d.* Apr. 9, 1864.  
 BARNARD B., *b.* Jan. 13, 1805; *d.* Mar. 28, 1875.  
 RUTH M., *b.* Mar. 22, 1807; *d.* —, 1885.  
 ADALINE, *b.* Oct. 14, 1809.  
 FRANCES, *b.* Oct. 29, 1812; *d.* Nov. 5, 1813.  
 JAMES F., *b.* Dec. 8, 1814; *d.* Nov. 28, 1888; *ag.* 73.  
 JUSTUS, *b.* Mar. 20, 1817; *d.* Feb. 12, 1837.  
 FANNY A., *b.* Aug. 9, 1819.  
 HORACE B., *b.* Oct. 15, 1822.