

Priscilla, 1632, married William Carpenter.

Edward.

Richard.

Unquestionably Ephraim Bennett who married Hannah Bently at Goshen, N. Y., came from Warwick, R. I., through Orange county to the Wyoming lands of the Susquehanna Company; thence to what was called Tioga Point, now Athens, Pa. His father, Ephraim, accompanied him with his family, consisting of other sons and daughters.

It will be observed in passing that Samuel (1) who died in 1684, left a widow who married Moses Forsman. Samuel (2) married January 2, 1689, Sarah Forsman, who died 1705. In 1690, their first child Samuel (3) was born. No record of this Samuel's issue exists, so far as known. It is fairly certain that he became the father of Ephraim, sr., for three reasons:

FIRST—Names were faithfully handed down in those old families, and we know Ephraim, jr.'s first born was named Samuel.

SECOND—Granting that Ephraim, sr., was son to Samuel (3) it provides the generation between the above and the correctly recorded birth of Ephraim, jr., in 1762.

THIRD—The writer's father told him that his great grandmother was a Forsman, and this being so, we would find Sarah Forsman the grandmother of Ephraim, sr. A simple error of tradition but a strong corroboration in fact, as it places a Forsman in the line of descent.

Thus it will be seen that while it is not absolutely proven, it is much more than probable that Samuel (1) of Edward of Weymouth, is our first American ancestor.

In our branch we then have:

FIRST—SAMUEL (1) died 1684; by trade a cooper; married Anna ———; she married (2) Moses Forsman.

Residence, Greenwich, R. I.

1652, bought land of Stukely Westcott.

1655, a Freeman.

1656, a seargeant of militia, for which he received twenty pounds.

1678, was voted one hundred acres of public land.

1678, member of General Court for ten years.

1682, he sold thirty-four acres near "Solitary hill," to

Richard Evenden,