

called for long days and frugal fare. He acquired the rudiments of a good practical education in the district school, and ten winters of school teaching, in his own and other districts, and continued reading made him a well-informed man. He conducted farming and brick-making successfully, and was careful to give his children the full benefit of the increased facilities for education. He was often called to settle the estates of his deceased neighbors, and filled various offices of public trust. He took a lively interest in political affairs; made a voter under Washington's administration, he continued to act with the Federal party so long as that party retained their organization, and fully shared the solicitude of his political associates, lest the doctrines of their political opponents should lead to what we now call communism and anarchism.

He saw with alarm the overthrow of the old charter in 1818, and read in that act a protest against the restraints of the government established by the fathers. He was not an office-seeker, but his active interest in political affairs, and his public spirit, would doubtless more often have given him political offices, had not his party been almost uniformly in a minority.

In his family relations he was most fortunate. He commenced married life in the house where he was born, and remained there until the end. There grew up around him a family of 7 sons and 4 daughters, their ranks unbroken by marriage or death until the youngest was 13 years old. His firm and mild government of his family, supplemented by our mother's support, gave us a well-ordered home, and a mutual attachment for each other and our home, which still lingers there. Since we have scattered into families, we still rally at the old home (I boast of having sat under the ancestral roof-tree every annual Thanksgiving Day except two in 75 years); 39 years my father stood at the head; for 22 years after my mother presided there, and since that time the place has been filled with great acceptance by our eldest sister, who still opens the hospitable doors to every returning member of the scattered clan. Our mother was endowed with strong common sense, had many friends, was hospitable and generous, energetic, and devoted to her children, and revered by them. In later life she united with the old church in Windsor, where she had been