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dren, born at Wallingford: Sarah, January 12, 1737; Molly, March 12, 1738; Sarah, September 17, 1739; Moses, married, April 28, 1757, Mary Ives; John, mentioned below; Nathaniel, March 17, 1743; Aaron, July 17, 1745; Abigail, December 1, 1747; Hannah, July 6, 1750.

(IV) John (3), son of Dr. John (2) Hull, was born at Wallingford, March 7, 1741-42, died October 6, 1828. He was an enterprising and well-to-do farmer, and owned and conducted the place now or lately belonging to Mr. Durand near Yalesville. He married (first) at Wallingford, March, 1758, Lois Beadles; she died September 6, 1802, aged fifty-nine years. He married (second) Phebe —, who died September 3, 1834, aged ninety-three. Children: Nathaniel, born September 7, 1759, died in infancy; Mary, August 30, 1762; Sarah, married Samuel Wolcott; Sally, married Reuben Ives; Eunice, married Ephraim A. Humiston; Malinda, married Samuel G. Simpson (see Simpson II); Diana, married Benjamin T. Cook.

The first edition of the Sears SEARS genealogy gave what purported to be the English ancestry of the family, but the second edition by Samuel P. May, in 1890, shows that the ancestry was conjectured and erroneous. The parentage and ancestry of Richard Sears, the American immigrant, have yet to be established. The surname was spelled Sares, Seares, Sayer, Seers and Seir, in this country, and many other variations in England are to be found in the records. The surname Sawyer and Sayer furnish almost identical variations in spelling and make the work of the genealogist very difficult. There is a belief in the family that the Sears family is of Norman origin. The eastern parishes of London and vicinity had many families of this name about 1600. The name is common in the islands of Guernsey and Lersay, from which many emigrants came with the early settlers at Marblehead and vicinity.

(I) Richard Sears, immigrant ancestor, was a taxpayer in Plymouth colony as early as 1632. He removed to Marblehead, where he was a landowner in 1637, but returned to Plymouth colony about 1638 and settled in Yarmouth. Commissioners were appointed to meet at his house on Indian affairs, October 26, 1647. He took the freeman's oath, June 7, 1653. He was one of the settlers and founders of Yarmouth. He was buried August 26, 1676. His widow Dorothy was buried March 19, 1678-79. Children: Paul, born 1637-38, mentioned below; Silas, died at Yar-

mouth, January 13, 1697-98; Deborah, born at Yarmouth, September, 1639.

(II) Captain Paul Sears, son of Richard Sears, was born probably at Marblehead, Massachusetts, in 1637-38, after February 20, and died at Yarmouth, February 20, 1707-08. He took the oath of fidelity in 1657. He was captain of the militia at Yarmouth, and was in the Narragansett war. He was one of the original proprietors of Harwich, which was laid out between Bound Brook and Stony Brook as Wing's purchase. He married, at Yarmouth, in 1658, Deborah Willard, baptized at Scituate, September 14, 1645, died May 13, 1721, daughter of George Willard. Her mother was probably Dorothy (Dunster) Willard. Children: Mercy, born July 3, 1659; Bethia, January 3, 1661-62; Samuel, January, 1663-64; daughter, 1666, perhaps Lydia, married Eleazer Hamblin; Paul, June 15, 1669, mentioned below; —, October 24, 1672, probably Mary; Ann, March 27, 1675; John, 1677-78; Daniel, 1682-83.

(III) Paul (2), son of Captain Paul (1) Sears, was born at Yarmouth, June 15, 1669, died February 14, 1739-40. His gravestone is in the West Brewster cemetery. He married, in Harwich, in 1693, Mercy Freeman, born in Harwich, October 30, 1674, died August 30, 1747. He lived at Quivet Neck, and was prominent in the church of the east precinct of Yarmouth, to which he was admitted June 23, 1728, and his wife August 6, 1727. He was on various important church committees relating to calls of ministers, etc. He was buried beside his wife in the family burying ground at Bound Brook, West Brewster. His wife was a daughter of Deacon Thomas and Rebecca (Sparrow) Freeman, granddaughter of Major John and Mercy (Prince) Freeman, and great-granddaughter of Edmund Freeman, the pioneer proprietor. Her mother, Rebecca (Sparrow) Freeman, was daughter of Jonathan and Rebecca (Bangs) Sparrow, and her grandmother, Mercy (Prince) Freeman, was daughter of Governor Thomas and Patience (Brewster) Prince, and granddaughter of Elder William Brewster, who came in the "Mayflower." The will of Mercy Sears was dated December 13, 1746, and was filed September 9, 1747. It bequeaths to children and others. Children: Ebenezer, born at Yarmouth, August 15, 1694; Paul, December 21, 1695; Elizabeth, August 27, 1697; Thomas, June 6, 1699; Rebecca, April 2, 1701; Mercy, February 7, 1702-03; Deborah, March 11, 1705-06; Ann, December 27, 1706; Joshua, mentioned below; Daniel, July 16, 1710; Edmund, August 6, 1712; Hannah, March 6, 1714-15.

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(V) Captain Elkanah Sears, was born at Harwich, died at East Hampton, December 24, 1816.

He removed with his family to the town in 1746, and in 1757, lived on a farm on a lake in East Hampton. He was on a committee to provide for the continental army. In 1776, in Freehold, Albany, part of the township of Chatham. He removed to Hampton to his sons of large frame, tall and fitted for the body in spirit of enterprise. He commanded a privateer during the revolution by the British; he was a prisoner but under contract to the water and was nearly exhausted but who found a boat or vessel. After in mechanical and agriculture was greatly beloved. dollars in his will to his day. His house it was torn down. town, January 6, 1816.

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(IV) Joshua, son of Paul (2) Sears, was born at Yarmouth, Massachusetts, November 20, 1708, died at Middletown, Connecticut, September 27, 1753. He was constable of Harwich, Massachusetts, in 1745. He was a powerful man of large stature and great energy and endurance. In 1746 he removed to Middletown, Connecticut, and purchased land on the east side of Connecticut river in that part of the town which was afterward set off as Chatham.

He married, at Eastham, February 10, 1731-32, Rebecca, born October 10, 1713, daughter of John and Susannah (Freeman) Mayo. She was admitted to the Harwich church, May 27, 1739, and with her husband dismissed to the East Church of Middletown, February 5, 1748. Children: Rebecca, born at Yarmouth, November 14, 1732; Elkanah, mentioned below; Joshua, February 14, 1735-36; Betsey, June 19, 1738; Paul, Harwich, October 18, 1740; Simeon, January 14, 1742-43; Thomas, removed to Sheffield, Massachusetts; Sarah, married ——— Hitchcock, of Sheffield; Hannah, baptized at Harwich, October 26, 1746; Willard, baptized at Harwich, March 24, 1747, died 1754; Theophilus, born at Middletown, April 2, 1749; Benjamin, November 3, 1751.

(V) Captain Elkanah Sears, son of Joshua Sears, was born at Harwich, April 12, 1734, died at East Hampton, Connecticut, November 24, 1816.

He removed with his parents to Middletown in 1746, and after his marriage in 1757, lived on a farm just west of Pocotapaug Lake in East Hampton. In 1780 he was on a committee to provide necessities for the continental army. In 1794 he purchased land in Freehold, Albany county, New York, being part of the township sold to Benjamin Spees et al. of Chatham. He deeded land in East Hampton to his sons, May 9, 1778. He was of large frame, tall and muscular, with a mind fitted for the body it inhabited, filled with a spirit of enterprise and reckless of danger. He commanded a privateer that he fitted out during the revolution; his vessel was captured by the British; he and another man were taken prisoner but under cover of the night they took to the water and swam ashore; the man was nearly exhausted but was rescued by Sears who found a boat on the shore and both escaped; he went to work at once to fit out another vessel. After the war he was engaged in mechanical and agricultural pursuits. He was greatly beloved. He left fifteen thousand dollars in his will to his children, a fortune for his day. His house stood until 1878 when it was torn down. He married, in Middletown, January 6, 1757, Ruth, daughter of

Joseph White. She died March 9, 1823, aged ninety. Children, born at East Hampton: Isaac, November 3, 1757; Willard, mentioned below; Ruth, March 13, 1763; Ruth, March 21, 1765; Rachel, September 9, 1768; Benjamin, February 21, 1773.

(VI) Willard, son of Captain Elkanah Sears, was born at Chatham, Connecticut, September 8, 1760, died at East Hampton, August 23, 1838. He was active in the church and a useful citizen of East Hampton. He married (first) November 23, 1785, Rachel Bailey, born March, 1766, died February 17, 1794. He married (second) May 22, 1796, Betsey Clark, widow of Joshua Strong; she died January 9, 1831. Children of first wife: Child, born and died April 2, 1787. Rhoda, March 29, 1789; Rachel, February 11, 1794; children of second wife: Betsey, March 23, 1797; Ogden, August 19, 1798; Willard, October 19, 1799; Eunice, May 11, 1801; Stephen Griffith, mentioned below; Elijah Clark, June 23, 1805; Selden Philo, July 21, 1813. It is an interesting fact that Elijah Clark Sears, born June 23, 1805, is living at the age of one hundred and five years at Canton, South Dakota. He voted for the seventh presidential election since, including that of 1908, when he voted for Taft.

(VII) Deacon Stephen Griffith Sears, son of Willard Sears, was born at Chatham, Connecticut, September 27, 1803, died at East Hampton, October 12, 1874. "One who knew him from youth to old age testifies that he was never guilty of a mean action, even as a boy; that even then his conduct was irreproachable. He was a perfect example of a man whose life was a continuous moral growth, and yet he sought for the deeper life based on faith in Christ. His whole speech was a witness to the need of the Christ-life in a soul; but not only in words did his witness consist, it was in the course of his daily life, in the faithful performance of all his duties, that he gave testimony to Him who came to do His Father's work. Those who loved him well tell how scrupulously he performed every little duty in the family and how anxious he was to relieve his family and make their burdens light. Like the true Christian, his light threw a cheerful glow around his household hearth, and made his home one of happiness and content." He was a farmer and also a cooper by trade.

He married, at Chatham, May 1, 1831, Emily, born February 14, 1805, died April 3, 1879, daughter of Captain Eleazer and Elizabeth (West) Veazie. Children: Mary Elizabeth, born January 12, 1835; Clark

Osprey, July 24, 1836; Cushman Allen, mentioned below; Caroline Desire, April 24, 1843.

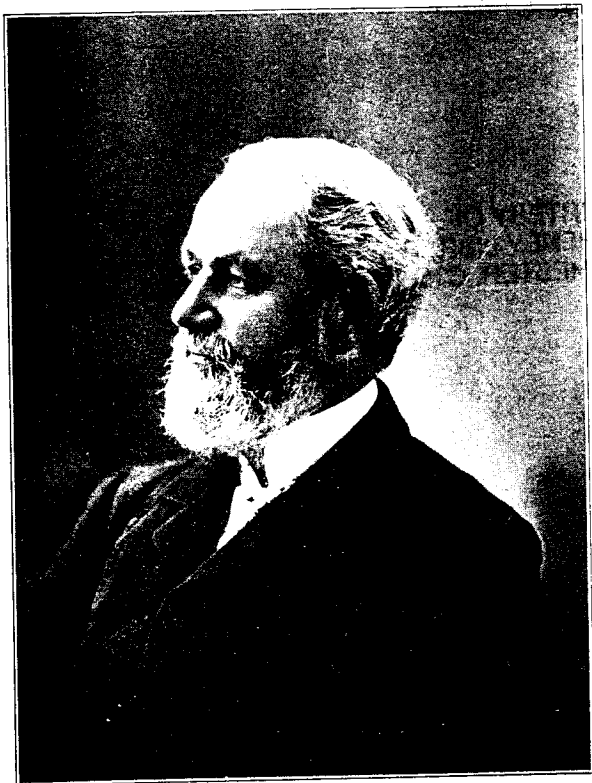
(VIII) Dr. Cushman Allen Sears, son of Deacon Stephen Griffith Sears, was born in Chatham, September 26, 1838. He attended the public schools of his native town and Daniel Chase's private school at Middletown, Connecticut, the Chatham high school and the Wilbraham Academy, from which he was graduated in 1857. For a time he was a student at the Pittsfield Medical College at Pittsfield, Massachusetts. He then entered the Medical School of the University of New York and was graduated with the degree of M. D. in the class of 1862. He began to practice his profession at East Haddam, Connecticut, but after six months removed to Glastonbury, Connecticut, where he practiced until 1865. Since then he has been located and in active and successful practice at Portland, Connecticut. He is a member of the Connecticut Medical Society and of the American Medical Association. He has from time to time contributed various papers to *The Medical World* and other medical periodicals. He is medical examiner of the district, and was health officer of the town for a time, and for thirty years has been member and chairman of the school committee. He was president of the Middlesex County Medical Society for three terms, and chairman of the Central Medical Society twelve terms. He is vice-president of the Freestone Savings Bank and has been a director for twenty years. He is president and treasurer of the Marine Railway and Boat Building Company of Portland. He is a member of the Congregational Church of Portland, of Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Order of the American Mechanics. He was descendent from Elder William Brewster both on his father's and his mother's side. He married, at Lyme, Connecticut, November 11, 1862, Evelyn, born in 1840, daughter of Judge Oliver Lay. Children: 1. Anna Belle, born at Glastonbury, November 25, 1864; married, December 9, 1884, William H. Selden, son of Lynde and Sarah (Loper) Selden, of Lyme, and nephew of Chief Justice Waite; interested with his father in mines at Stambaugh, Michigan, where he resides; children: William H., Katherine Hart and Anna Sears Selden. 2. Dr. Walter Chadwick, born at Portland, June 10, 1868; practicing physician in Providence, Rhode Island; married twice; child of first wife, Cushman Sears 2d. 3. Bertha Evelyn, born in Portland, February 22, 1875; married Daniel W. Robertson; children: Evelyn Sears, Paul Herald and Cushman Lay; he is at the head of a bureau of entertainment at Brooklyn, New York.

MEDLICOTT

The Medlicott family, well and widely known in England, of which Mrs. Arthur Dean Medlicott, born Mary Livingston Williams, is a member at the present time, is so closely connected with a large number of the oldest Colonial families of America, that it will be necessary to take these up in rotation in order to show the connection clearly.

(Livingston Line).

The founder of this famous old Scotch family was a Saxon Thane named Leving, who donated the church of his manor to the abbey of Holyrood, founded by Margaret's son, King David I., in 1128. This manor forms the present parish of Livingston in Linlithgowshire, and remained in the elder branch of the Livingstons until the commencement of the sixteenth century. The family took the surname from the parish, after a custom common in the twelfth or thirteenth century. Leving is found in old Saxon charters and in Domesday. Thurstan, the son of Leving, had three sons, Alexander, William and Henry, all witnesses of charters, 1165-1214. Sir Andrew de Livingston, a descendant, was sheriff of Lanark in 1296, and although of the junior line, was grandfather of Sir William de Livingston, founder of the House of Callendar. This Sir William was a doughty fighter and served under Sir William Douglas at the siege of Stirling Castle in 1339, and was an active member of the patriotic party during the minority of David, son of Robert Bruce. David, on his return to Scotland, rewarded Sir William with a grant of the forfeited Callendar estates, and Sir William married, about 1345, Christian, daughter and heir of Sir Patrick de Callendar, the former proprietor. From this marriage are descended all the titled branches in Scotland, including the Barony of Callendar (1458), the Earldoms of Linlithgow (1600), Callendar (1641), Newburgh (1660), the Viscounties of Kilsyth (1661), Teviot (1696), and also the American branches of the family. No less than five peerages have been held by descendants. At the battle of Durham, King David and Sir William were both captured and Sir William was one of the commissioners who signed the treaty. The next member of this house of importance was Sir John Livingston, of Callendar, who fell in battle against the English at Homildon Hill in 1402. His son Alexander succeeded to Callendar. Alexander was a trusted councillor of James I. of Scotland, and for some time had custody of the youthful James II., and later was justice general and ambassador to England. Upon his return from England Sir



C. A. Sears M. D.