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# RICHARD HIGGINS

A RESIDENT AND PIONEER SETTLER AT PLYMOUTH  
AND EASTHAM, MASSACHUSETTS, AND AT  
PISCATAWAY, NEW JERSEY

AND

## HIS DESCENDANTS

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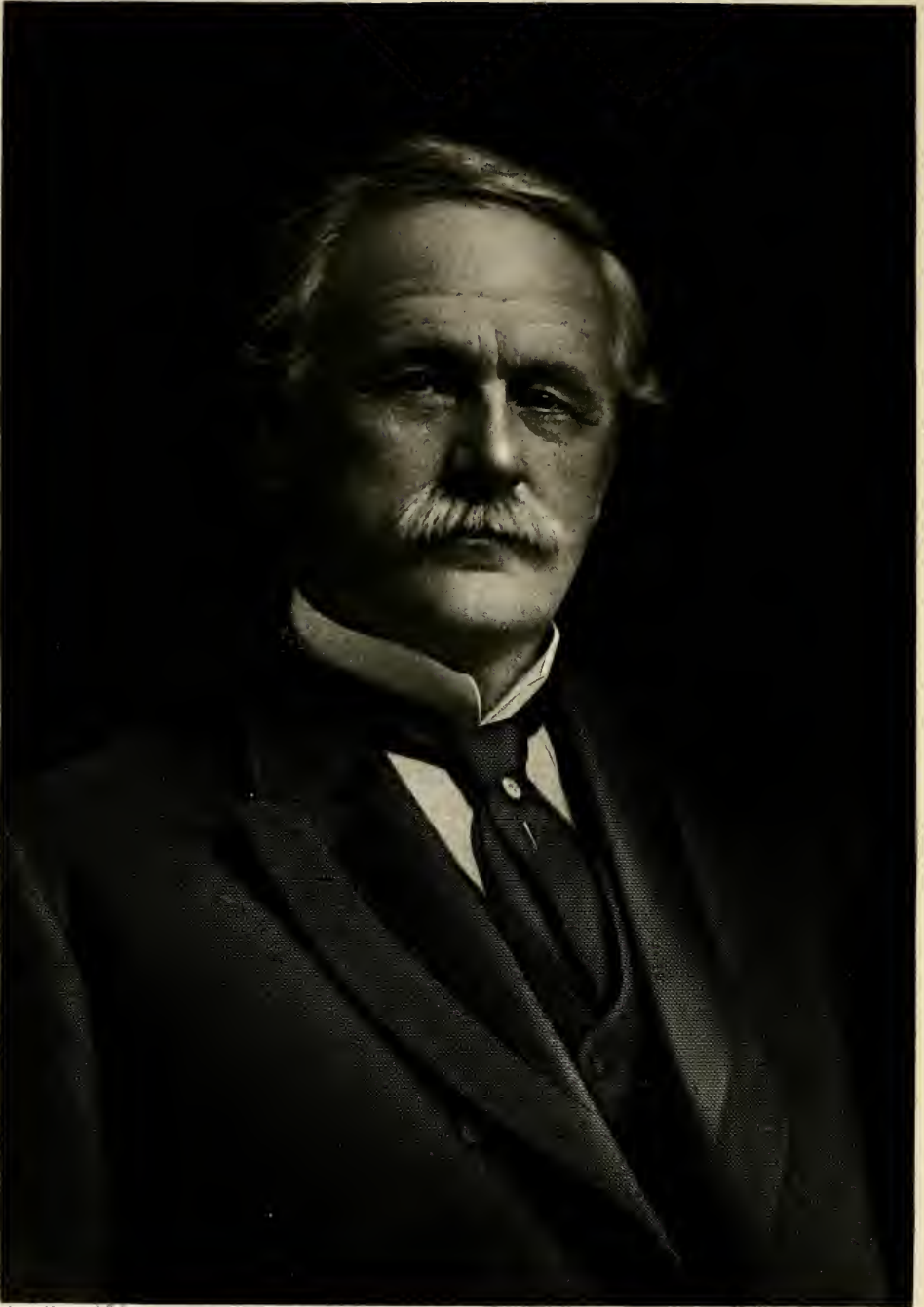


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## PREFACE

About thirty-five years ago my husband and myself, in company with his brother Freeman Higgins and his wife, went to Orleans and Eastham on Cape Cod, accepting the hospitable invitation of Jonathan Higgins, Esquire, who was then the leading attorney in that section of the State. Mr. Higgins had many valuable old deeds and records pertaining to the history and genealogy of the Higgins family. He and his close friend, Mr. Josiah Paine of Harwich, rendered us great assistance in our search for the early historical records of this family, which at one time had more representatives in Eastham and Orleans than any other.

The original records of the town of Eastham at that time were kept in a safe at the grocery store at Orleans and we were afforded access to them. The interest aroused at that time has never waned, although a whole generation has passed since its beginning. Our research has extended from Maine to California in our own country. In England we have diligently investigated both personally and through the Rev. Charles H. Pope, author of *The Pioneers of Massachusetts*. The result of his investigation will be found in this work. Mr. Pope also carefully revised the manuscript several years ago and prepared it for publication. The delay of the publication for several years has made it possible to secure many new records and to verify those already obtained.

Many new records have been obtained through the efforts of Mrs. Frederick W. Benham of New Britain, Conn., daughter of the late Nelson Higgins. She has been indefatigable in her interest and has given freely of her time and strength to this work for many years. She has gained a vast fund of information in regard to Higgins families in Connecticut and New Jersey. In the latter state she was assisted very materially by Mr. Hiram E. Deats of Flemington, N. J., publisher of many New Jersey records, who took a personal interest in supplying material.

Prior to 1905 Mr. Sidney Brooks Gifford of Syracuse, N. Y., had the intention of preparing a Higgins genealogy and collected much material concerning his own and other lines. This material

he generously contributed when he became aware of the preparation of this book and gave further facts as he acquired them, for several years.

Miss Elida Estelle Higgins, then residing at Augusta, Maine, now Mrs. Wellington Bond of Winthrop, Mass., contributed much material concerning Higgins families in Maine, using the resources of the State Library at Augusta with effectiveness.

Mr. Franklin A. Higgins of Brooklyn, N. Y., has permitted the use of his valuable account of Eleazer Higgins of Portland and Yarmouth, Maine, and of Eleazer's remarkable family of sons and later descendants.

Mr. James Wallace Higgins of Roselle Park, N. J., has freely contributed the results of his research in his own line, tracing with almost complete fullness the descendants of James Higgins of Union Township, N. J. Much of this appears among the *Addenda*, having been received too late to be put in its proper place.

Dr. Paul Hagans Ludington of Omaha, Neb., has contributed the results of his long and remarkably brilliant researches, which prove that his Hagans ancestors were descendants of Richard Higgins. His deductions have been accepted and incorporated in their proper place in the book. In an Appendix will be found his own proof that the man who called himself while in Illinois and West Virginia George Hagans was identical with Josiah Higgins of Williamstown, Mass., and Willsborough, N. Y., and son of Elisha Higgins of Fort Massachusetts, who was born at Eastham, Nov. 21, 1727, and was son of Elisha and Sarah (Lewis) Higgins of Eastham.

Mr. Orra E. Monnette of Los Angeles, Cal., has supplied much information secured from Mrs. Frank Sullivan Smith, daughter of Orrin Thrall Higgins of Olean, N. Y., and sister of Frank Wayland Higgins, late governor of the State of New York.

Mr. Stanley W. Smith of Boston has very kindly allowed us access to his very large and valuable collection of original deeds and other documents relating to towns and persons on Cape Cod, which he has for many years been gathering. From this collection we have verified many of our previously obtained records and secured many new ones.

Mr. Homer W. Brainard of Hartford, Conn., has given much of his time for the past two years searching many original records and adding much valuable information. He has also revised the entire manuscript of the book and has attended to getting it through the press.

To these persons mentioned here and to all others who have contributed information we give our heartfelt thanks.

That we have made mistakes and that errors have crept in is inevitable, but in as far as possible we have taken our information from town records, deeds, wills, Bible records, and other equally reliable sources. Readers are requested to refer to the *Addenda*, page 595, where will be found some important data which was received too late to be inserted in its proper place.

We trust that this book will establish in the minds of many their especial place in the world's family history. We have reason to regard with pride the achievements and character of Richard Higgins' descendants, some of whom have occupied prominent positions and have been distinguished as statesmen, educators, scientists, engineers, and navigators. Especially have the members of the family been noted for their ability and perseverance in overcoming obstacles and for their sturdy common sense.

The size of the volume shows that the family has increased rapidly in the later generations, yet there are manifestly many families whose records are partially or wholly omitted. It is believed that those whose records are not included in the book will be able to trace their lines of descent from Richard Higgins by the information given in its pages.

We extend an invitation to all the descendants of Richard Higgins to join the Higgins Association and in this way and by attending the annual reunion to keep in touch with the present activities of the family.

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228 West Street, Worcester, Mass.





## INTRODUCTION

### FOUNDERS' DAY AT EASTHAM.

In 1644 Gov. Thomas Prence, Edward Bangs, Dea. John Doane, Richard Higgins, Nicholas Snow, Josiah Cook and John Smalley moved with their families from Plymouth to Nauset and founded the town later named Eastham, which then included Wellfleet and Orleans.

Bronze tablets in memory of these founders were dedicated on August 26, 1916, with fitting exercises, and at the same time a tablet was fixed upon the exterior of the town hall presented to the town of Eastham by Timothy Smith of Boston, in token of the town's appreciation of Mr. Smith's gift. The tablets to the founders are five in number, similar in design, fastened to the walls of the spacious entrance lobby of the town hall. The Smith tablet being first dedicated, and those present entering the hall, Dr. Charles H. Bangs of Swampscott, secretary of the Edward Bangs Descendants, was introduced as the chairman of the exercises of the Associations of Founders Families. Lieut. Gov. Calvin Coolidge, representing the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, paid tribute to the pioneer settlers and presented the tablet in honor of Gov. Thomas Prence. The audience then sang to the tune of *Auld Lang Syne* the song written for the occasion by Mrs. Katharine Chapin Higgins, entitled:

#### YOUR ANCESTORS AND MINE.

We meet today as old-time friends  
Though strangers in the past.  
The years unroll their folded scroll  
And tell their tale at last.

*Chorus.* Then here's to heroes brave and true,  
Your ancestors and mine,  
Who toiled and fought and marvels wrought  
In the days of auld lang syne.

Their shadows dim with noiseless feet  
From centuries long gone by  
Are hovering here in Eastham's hall  
Our words to ratify.

In this memorial hall we place,  
Their memory to insure,  
A record of their loyal deeds  
In bronze which shall endure.

Today we reap what they have sown;  
They fought to leave us free:  
Today we bring our offering,  
Unswerving loyalty.

Clarence E. Leonard of Yonkers, N. Y., representing Elbridge Gerry Snow of New York, the donor of the tablet, presented the memorial in honor of Nicholas Snow. The tablet to Richard Higgins, contributed by Mrs. Katharine C. Higgins, was presented by her son, John Woodman Higgins; the tablet to John Doane, provided by the Doane Association of America, was presented by the president of that Association, Charles E. Doane of Middleborough, and the tablet in honor of Edward Bangs, provided by the Edward Bangs Descendants, was presented by George D. Bangs of New York, the first president of that Association. Following this came the official acceptance of the memorials by the town of Eastham. Elbridge S. Small of Danvers was present and spoke as a representative of the John Smalley family. The addresses were all eloquent and interesting. They were not, however, written out in full form as delivered and as no stenographic report was taken at the meeting, it is impossible to give these addresses at length. The exercises closed with an original poem by Mrs. Higgins and the singing of *America*.

In the evening another entertainment, less formal in character, was provided, consisting largely of music, reminiscence, humorous recitations and a general social reunion, and was much enjoyed. The attendance was large, and the pleasure and enjoyment manifestly genuine. The bountiful and delicious collation served by the ladies of Eastham both afternoon and evening should be mentioned.

On the day after these exercises, which was Sunday, a union service was held at the Eastham Methodist Church, led by the Methodist minister, Rev. Arthur Wadsworth, and the pastor of the Universalist Church, Rev. Hazel Kirk. Bishop Atkinson of New York delivered a fine address or sermon in which he commended the principles of the Puritan ancestors and exhorted his hearers to adopt, as their ancestors did, religion as the guide of their whole lives.

After the exercises of Saturday afternoon those descendants of Richard Higgins who were present organized the Richard Higgins Association with a membership of fifty. A simple constitution was adopted and the following officers elected:

President, Edmund Fessenden Higgins, Manchester, N. H.:

Vice-presidents, Dr. Frank A. Higgins, Boston, Mass., Edwin W. Higgins, Norwich, Conn., Homer W. Brainard, Hartford, Conn., Sidney B. Gifford, Syracuse, N. Y., Franklin A. Higgins, Brooklyn, N. Y., Orra E. Monnette, Los Angeles, Cal., William Storey Higgins, Bangor, Me., Miss Sarah Cobb, Eastham, Mass.

Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Frederick W. Benham, New Britain, Conn.

Recording Secretary and Historian, Homer W. Brainard, Hartford, Conn.

Treasurer, Mrs. Milton P. Higgins, Worcester, Mass.

### A HISTORICAL POEM

Composed and read at Eastham Founders' Day

BY MRS. KATHARINE CHAPIN HIGGINS.

#### INTRODUCTION.

You've noticed ofttimes when the sun is setting  
And all the west is brilliant with its glow  
That far off in the east, as if forgetting,  
Its fire has leaped across the sky, and, lo!  
Has touched some humble hovel on the hill  
And flames seem bursting from each window sill;  
You've found that e'en a hut reflects the glory,  
And so, in bringing you this ancient story,  
Please just remember I am made your scribe  
Because I married in your chosen tribe.  
To me today the great task has been given  
To tell not of the one, but of the seven  
Who tramped through sand, with gun and axe and spade.  
(\*Twas long before the highway had been made,  
And if you want to test the kind of sand  
Just turn your auto off the well-oiled band.  
You'll surely wish you had the sand and grit  
With which they made the very best of it.)  
Giants they must have been; they tho't a score  
Of homes could be supported, and no more.  
And yet their charming wives were so prolific  
The rate today would strike us as terrific;  
Ten, twelve and fourteen children their desire;  
Their carrying out their duty we admire;  
God gave the increase, and with children plenty

The seven first settlers fast increased to twenty.  
The twenty soon reached fifty, then fourscore,  
And you and I can't know how many more.  
But now, my friends, presto!—we're going back;  
The centuries fast unroll; we're on the track.  
They have passed on, but, oh! they made our nation,  
And we glide back in sacred adoration.  
But now the transformation is complete,  
We'll change our song the story to repeat.

#### THE STORY.

Come hither all ye relatives that hail from near and far  
And hitch your fam'ly wagon to your own especial star;  
Ten, twelve or fifteen golden links are counted in the chain  
That proves that you and I the inheritance may gain.

Be thankful you descended from the famous group of seven  
Who founded Eastham and became the saving lump of leaven  
Which permeated with its life their whole community  
And furnished to the girls and boys their opportunity.

Those elements of virtue, perseverance, wisdom, pluck,  
Were better for descendants than a gold mine or good luck.  
Brave, true and strong, they bore the brunt; great hardships they  
endured;  
They grinned at grim misfortune which never could be cured.

Humbly we come to bring today in true sincerity  
These simple tablets to their fame, as their posterity.  
We leave our daily cares and toils; we are together met  
To stand upon their stamping ground, the famous old Nauset.

I hear a murmuring far away that sounds from shore to shore—  
'Tis 1916 yielding place to 1644.

I have a fancy that the forms of some we cannot see  
Are gathered with us here today around our family tree;  
They fill the windows, doors and steps, the platforms and the  
aisles,  
With dignity and poise they wait, their faces wreathed in smiles.  
There's Thomas Prence, the leader, whose life we celebrate;  
When gov'nor he was noted as impartial magistrate,  
In spite of opposition by ign'rant, selfish fools,  
'Twas he the revenue procured to carry on the schools.  
Renowned, he stands preeminent for piety and zeal,  
His deeds and character combined, his sterling worth reveal.  
His salary as governor was fifty pounds a year,  
But he held his office sacred, and from none, however dear,  
Would he accept a present lest his promise it might bind,  
For he never could be bribed to be politically kind.



Too strict perhaps against our friends, the Quakers on the Cape,  
Yet Thomas Prence for eighteen years the Plymouth laws did  
shape,

Pursued a firm and steady course midst difficulties great;  
He radiated majesty, for his form was tall and straight.  
All honor to our ancestor, to Gov'nor Thomas Prence,  
The man who sowed in politics the seeds of common sense.  
He married Patience Brewster, whose father was revered,  
For Elder William Brewster all loved and no one feared.

John Doane was his assistant in 1633,  
His duty to peruse the laws, and his integrity  
And wisdom were approved and he was chosen deacon;  
In history his course is a bright and shining beacon.  
And then John married Hannah Bangs, who was one of Edward's  
girls,—  
You'll find the seven first names repeat, as the fam'ly leaf unfurls.

There was Edward Bangs, the captain, whom the court had set  
apart  
To oversee the Indians and to guard lest one should start  
To steal the corn, or worse, the child, who in its heedless play  
Was apt to wander in the woods and could be lured away.  
Important in the colony, his greatest gift, we say,  
Was from Plymouth down to Sandwich to plan the first highway.

There's vigor, strength and energy in Richard Higgins's life;  
And after he had taken Lydia Chandler for his wife,  
They sold their land and house and started for Nauset.  
He traveled oftentimes back and forth, for when the court had met  
They appointed him a deputy; and seven times he is down  
In Orleans and Plymouth records as selectman of the town.  
But Richard was not satisfied, for he was born a rover,  
And Eastham was not rich enough in hay and grain and clover;  
So he went to New Piscataway down on the Jersey shore,  
Where he increased his acres to two hundred fifty-four.  
He died there, but his progeny increased here, just the same,  
Till 'twas said that on the Cape were more people of that name  
Than of any other that was known except the name of Smith,—  
They always win in numbers, tho' the reason is a myth.

We seek to honor with our thanks the distinguished Nich'las Snow.  
For sixteen years he served as clerk; we wish that we could show  
Him all the honor he deserved, for we are met today  
Because he made our pathway back a bright and shining way.  
Three times he was a deputy and selectman seven years,  
And today both clear and legible his writing still appears.

John Smalley and Josiah Cooke made up the pioneers.  
The Smalleys went to Harwich and as Small their name appears;

We wait till the descendants shall tell us of their deeds.  
But all the seven were of the best, 'tis so the record reads.  
And now we've gone throughout the list—Prence, Doane, Bangs,  
Higgins, Snow,  
With Cooke and Smalley none are missed. From whose blood does  
yours flow?

But like our worthy ancestors, with vim we've gone ahead  
And snatched them out of Plymouth, when the truth is that  
instead

They had to gain consent from the deacons of the church  
Before they stirred from Plymouth, or even made research.  
For the land was deeded to the church; beginning at Namskeket  
To Billingsgate, the Herring brook, you'll find it if you seek it,  
With all the islands, meadowlands and great Bass pond included.  
When a famine threatened Plymouth some could go there, they  
concluded.

You see, in 1644, old Plymouth town was poor,  
With sandy soil and barren lands, the wolf howled at the door.  
And so our worthy ancestors went roaming up and down,  
To find some better, richer soil where they could found a town.  
When they returned from Nauset and were asked about their  
search,

They reported very fully to the town and to the church.  
But the church called them disloyal and said that they must stay,  
'Twas a sin to seek for riches, so they listened with dismay.  
Truly here they found abundance in their children and their  
health

And they never were afflicted with unbecoming wealth.  
So finally these seven, all respected, pious men,  
Came forward with their reasons; again and yet again  
They declared they were not seeking to be richer than the others,—  
They esteemed them all as friends and loved them all as brothers,—  
But when the blessed increase in their fam'lies was so great  
It was plain that they must scatter or else lessen the birth rate.  
So finally the Plymouth church sent out these pioneers;  
They sold their farms and started with many prayers and tears.

And today we meet together in this fine memorial hall  
Giv'n by Timothy Smith to Eastham, the most gen'rous gift of all;  
And with his consent these tablets we have placed upon the wall  
That future generations the founders may recall.

We have wrested from the past just a trifle of its story,  
But yet it is enough to inspire us with its glory.  
Today we pledge allegiance to our ancestors of yore,  
As 1916 bows "good-bye" to 1644.

## ORIGIN OF THE NAME OF HIGGINS.

There appear to be two views regarding the origin of the name of Higgins. Bardsley, a well-known writer on the origin of names, says: "Higgin, Higgins, Higginson, Higgens, Higgons and Higgon are all of the same parent stock. The name is from the nickname 'Hick,' from Richard, which became 'Higg,' and its diminutive 'Hickin' became 'Higgin.' The parent of Higgin and all its descendants is indisputably Hickin, the diminutive of Hick, which means that Richard is ancestor of all. For a brief time Hickin and Higgins ran alongside, but the lazier Higgins speedily won, and now the surname Hickin is very rare." This view makes the name of English origin. Certain scattered branches have found lodgment in Ireland in later times. If this view of the rise of the name is the correct one, they must be supposed to have sprung from the English stock at an earlier time.

Another well-known authority claims that the name of Higgins is derived from Higgin or Higgeneye manor, which in the time of Edward I belonged to the Abbey of Ramsey. The De Hygon or De Higgeneye Family held large estates in the county of Huntington in the reign of Edward I and their arms were three cranes' heads. This view of the origin of the name makes it a Norman derivative, and the family itself a Norman family.

Perhaps neither of these views is correct. The first view, that of Bardsley, seems to be wholly academic, and unsupported by historical documents. At least he produces none, but relies upon the etymology of words solely. The second view, if true, ought to be capable of demonstration from records and documents in England. As far as known, this has never been undertaken. The name in the form Huygens, or the like, seems to have been common in those parts of Europe lying nearest to England, and the name may have had a continental origin. The many closely similar names make the extrication of the source of the name Higgins a problem of considerable complexity and difficulty.

In the latter half of the sixteenth and in the earlier years of the seventeenth century the Higgins family flourished notably in the city of London and in the shires of Buckingham, Bedford, Worcester, Somerset, and Hereford. It belonged to the nobility

of the realm and its representatives were landed proprietors, owning and controlling vast estates. A common ancestor of many of the present-day English families bearing the name of Higgins was John Higgins of Weston Underwood, Bucks, born about 1600, died 1661. The arms, crest and motto granted to him have been borne by his descendants and are as follows: Arms, "Vert, three cranes' heads erased argent." Crest, "A griffin's head erased or, gorged with a collar gules." Motto, "*Virtute nihil obstat.*" The present Higgins family of this descent occupies Turvey House at Bedford.

The meaning of these heraldic terms may not be known to all readers and a brief explanation will be given. The three cranes' heads are in silver on a shield of green, the necks not cut off on a straight line, but with jagged edges, as if forcibly torn away. The crest is a griffin's head in gold, torn off in the same manner as the cranes' heads and wearing a collar of red.

The most illustrious of the name in England was probably the famed poet and man of letters, John Higgins, born according to his own account in 1545, who flourished 1570 to 1602. Hearn says that Higgins was a student of Christ Church College, Oxford. His writings and compilations gave him an easy ascendancy and leadership among the literary men of his time.

Authorities: Bardsley's *Dictionary of English and Welsh Surnames*, p. 382; Burke's *Commoners*; Burke's *Landed Gentry*; Burke's *Heraldic Illustrations*; Dallaway's *Sussex*; Hunter's *Deanery of Doncaster*; Robinson's *Mansions of Hertfordshire*; O'Hart's *Irish Pedigrees*, 2d Series; Metcalf's *Visitation of Worcester*; *The Genealogists' Guide*, George W. Marshall, 1893.

## HIGGINSES IN AMERICA.

Many persons named Higgins have emigrated with families or as unmarried persons from England or Ireland from the beginning of the New England settlements to the present time. Those who arrived in New England prior to 1660 were Abraham Higgins of Salem, 1637 (possibly the same man as, or father of, the Abraham Higgins of Westchester County, N. Y.), Richard and Thomas Higgins of Plymouth, Mass., 1633, Alexander Higgins of Plymouth and John Higgins of Boston, 1655. Richard Whitehead of Windsor, Conn., mentions in 1645 his kinswomen, Hannah, Sarah, Rebecca and Abigail Higgins. Who the father of these four Higgins women was has not been discovered. The relationship of these five Higgins emigrants to each other is unknown. The fact that Richard, Thomas and Alexander were all at Plymouth about the same time makes it probable that they were relatives, but nothing is known of the degree of relationship. There were also Higginsees in the southern Colonies, notably in Virginia. The main portion of this volume is taken up with what has been discovered regarding Richard Higgins of Plymouth and Eastham and his descendants. Incident to the work of discovery much material relating to the other emigrants above mentioned has been brought to light. This material has been placed in the second part or Appendix to this volume.



## THE ENGLISH HOME OF RICHARD HIGGINS.

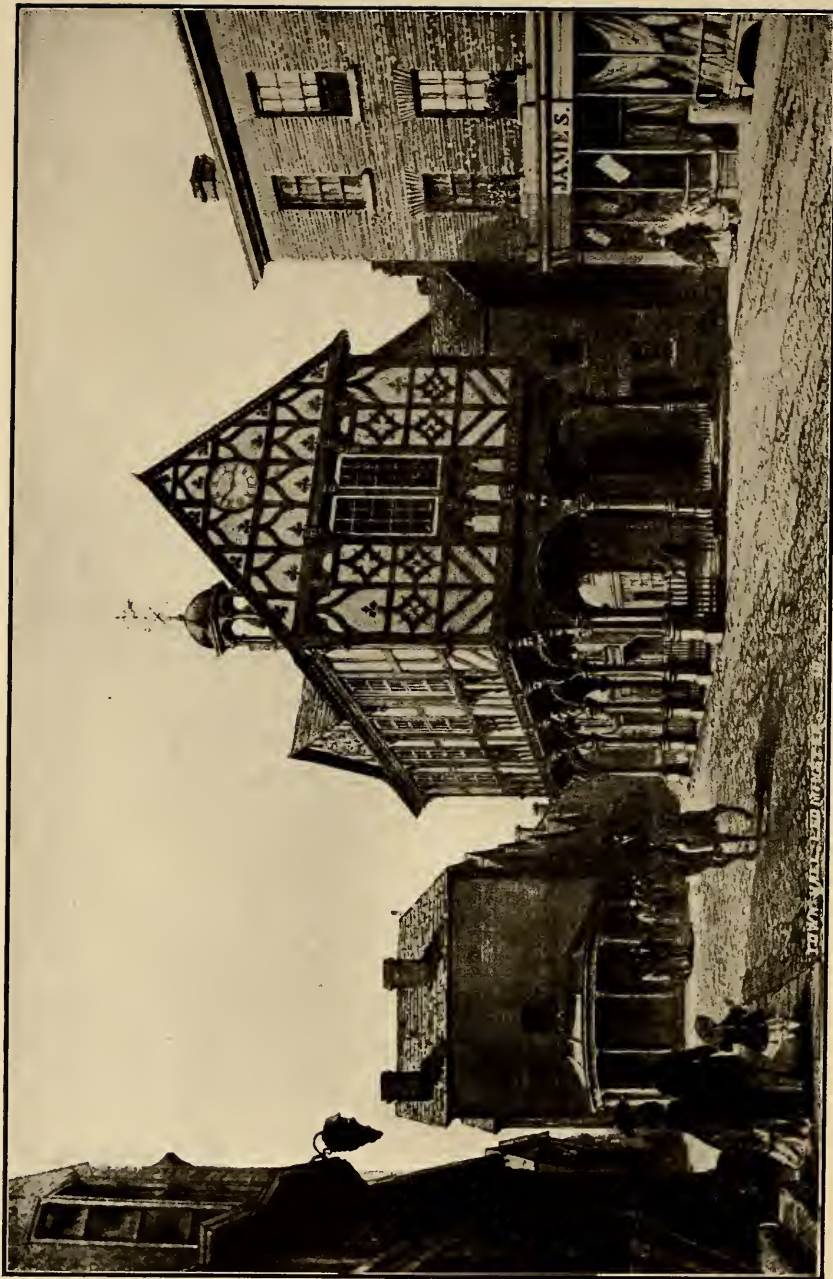
Two views of the origin of Richard Higgins of Plymouth and Eastham have been set forth. They are not in agreement. If one is accepted, the other must be false. Perhaps future researches will show that both are false.

The first view was that held by Rev. Charles H. Pope, an investigator of some note, author of *The Pioneers of Massachusetts*, and other genealogical writings, who was employed by the author of this book to discover, if possible, the parentage and birth-place of Richard Higgins. Mr. Pope furnished the extracts from English wills and administrations relating to estates of persons named Higgins which are given in this book. His work was unfortunately not exhaustive, being interrupted before its completion. Mr. Pope had no clue as to the origin of Richard Higgins upon which to work, save the statement in the records of Plymouth, Mass., that on April 1, 1634, Richard Higgins of Plymouth, tailor, took Samuel Godberson as his apprentice, with the consent of William Bradford, Samuel's guardian, and agreed to teach Samuel the trade of a tailor. (This document is later given in full in the account of Richard Higgins which is contained in this volume.) Mr. Pope assumed that Richard Higgins had in his turn served his time as an apprentice under the laws of England and so was entitled to receive and instruct an apprentice legally. In this view Mr. Pope seems to have had reason and probability on his side and he was fortunate enough to find in the records of the "Honorable Company of Merchants Taylors" of the city of London, Apprentice Book, vol. 9, folio 276, the following entry:

"Ricus Higgins fil Robi Higgins de Lemster in Com Hereff Mercer po se appren Phillippo Ruddock de St. Clem<sup>ts</sup> Lane pro Septem annis a die dat herin pro tem Dat dict die anno. 23 die Aprilis 1627."

The meaning of this entry in scrivener's Latin is: "Richard Higgins, son of Robert Higgins of Leominster in the County of Hereford, mercer, places himself as an apprentice with Philip Ruddock of St. Clements Lane, London, for the term of seven years from the date given herein, for the term aforesaid, on said day and year, April 23, 1627."





Town Hall, Leominster, Herefordshire, England



Further examination of these records shows that this apprentice did not apply for freemanship in the city of London, to which he would have been entitled on the expiration of his apprenticeship. Nor does this young man appear in any records of London or of his native county of Hereford. As a considerable number of the early settlers of Plymouth were from London, it is not unreasonable to suppose that this young man obtained leave of absence or was released by his master's death and sought to better his condition in the New World. It is worth noting that Richard Higgins of Plymouth took an apprentice in the very month in which the seven years' term mentioned in the record above given expired.

Robert Higgins, mercer, of Leominster in Herefordshire is mentioned in the will of Christopher Higgins, verger to the Dean and Chapter of Hereford, as are also Robert's children. This will is dated July 18, 1610, and calls Robert Higgins "cosin" of the testator, probably meaning nephew. If the apprenticeship of Richard Higgins was to end at his majority, the term of seven years for which he was bound would have begun when he was fourteen years old. If he was fourteen years old in 1627, he was born about 1613, and hence born after those children of Robert who were living in 1610. The birth date of 1613 would accord well with known facts about Richard Higgins of Plymouth, who came to Plymouth about 1632, a young unmarried man. His marriage to Lydia Chandler would have occurred in 1634, when Richard was twenty-one. From the wills later given a pedigree of the Hereford Higginses can be made out. (See page 24.)

The second view regarding the origin in England of Richard Higgins was published by Mr. Orra E. Monnette in *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*, vol. xlvi, pp. 389, 390; vol. xlvii, pp. 20-32. The main portion is here given in his exact words, as follows:

"In the church at Western (should be Weston.—*Ed.*) Underwood, Buckinghamshire, England, can be found several monuments, on one of which are the armorial bearings of this branch of the Higgins family, viz.:

"Vert, three stork's heads erased proper, impaling party per fesse arg. and azure in chief an oak tree ppr. between two crescents, or."

"Rev. John Higgins, b. 1528; m. 1544, Elizabeth, dau. and co-heir of Thomas Clynton, Esquire, of Castleditch (High Sheriff of co. Hertford, 1568), and Margery, dau. of Richard Tracy, Esq. of Toddington, descendant of Sir John de Clinton, temp. Edward I."

“Rev. John Higgins was instituted Rector of Blatchley of Newport Hundred, co. Bucks, Aug. 20, 1561, and lived at Bridstone, co. of Hertfordshire, 1570. He was reinstated after the death of his wife. His curate was Sir James Walsh. By his wife, Elizabeth Clynton, he had two sons, John, the poet and litterateur, of whom the following account is given, and Edward.”

“John, son of Rev. John Higgins, b. 1544-5, was a student at Oxford, 1572, although his name does not appear in the University lists. He is thus described in some of his books. He was poet, antiquary, a historian of great renown, author of a revised edition of Huloet’s Dictionaire, London, 1572, dedicated to Sir George Peckham. In the Library at Greenock, Scotland, a copy of this Dictionaire is kept, marked ‘by John Higgins, late student Oxford in 1572,’ and the pages are covered with notes, drawings and crests by John Gibbon, who visited Richard Lee in Virginia in 1659. This John Higgins resided in 1586 at Windsham, Somerset.”

“The second son of Rev. John Higgins and his wife, Elizabeth Clynton, was the following:

“Edward, b. Sep. 7, 1545; m. 1598, Julian, dau. of Christopher and Elizabeth Meals of Bridstone, co. Hertford. She was b. in 1582; d. in Langley Parish, Stoke-hundred, Hertfordshire, Aug. 1, 1603. In the church at Langley Parish, Stoke-hundred, a brass plate bears the following inscription:

“‘Here lieth the body of Julian Higgins, wife to Edward Higgins, and dau. to Chris. & Elizabeth Meals, who lived in the Feare of God and died in the Fayth of Christ, 1 Aug., Anno Dni 1603, A most Kind child, a wife most mild, a spouse and daughter deare. Though young of age, modest and sage, Behold interred here.’”

“The children of Edward and Julian Higgins whose births have been established were:

- i. Jonathan, b. in 1599.
- ii. Thomas, b. in 1600.
- iii. Julian, b. in 1601.
- iv. Richard, b. Aug. 1, 1603, the day of his mother’s death.”

It is further stated that it was Richard Higgins, born Aug. 1, 1603, who became the settler in Plymouth, coming thither in the ship *Anne* in 1623, with Nicholas Snow, who had been his neighbor in England, and that Richard returned and was temporarily at Leyden, and again reached New England in the ship *Talbot* in August, 1629.

Mr. Monnette in the article before quoted further says that Mrs. Frank S. Smith of New York City (née Clara Alzina Hapgood Higgins, and sister of Gov. Frank Wayland Higgins) has old documents and records, tombstone inscriptions, deeds and wills, also a snuff box with the aforesaid Higgins arms thereon, preserved by her ancestor Timothy Higgins (see Number 267 of this volume),

which prove the descent of Richard Higgins of Plymouth and Eastham from the Rev. John Higgins before mentioned. The article also contains a reproduction of an old portrait which is declared to be a genuine portrait of the emigrant, Richard Higgins, and further declares that Mrs. Smith has herself visited the ancestral seat in England and has procured Mr. Gustav Anjou, a genealogist, to verify each record, which, presumably, he succeeded in doing.

We regret to disagree with the conclusions of Mr. Monnette, based upon Mrs. Smith's records and relics, and doubt that the Richard Higgins, born Aug. 1, 1603, was the emigrant Richard Higgins who settled at Plymouth about 1632. It is only fair that reasons for this doubt should be given, and this will be done. Let it be understood that we do not question the accuracy of the English records, nor do we deny that Edward and Julian (Meals) Higgins of Langley Parish, Hertfordshire, had a son Richard, born Aug. 1, 1603. It is the identity of this Richard Higgins with the emigrant Richard which is doubted and denied.

The objections to accepting this pedigree for Richard Higgins, the emigrant, are as follows:

Mention is made of wills and deeds as proof of the identification of Richard the emigrant. If by this is meant American wills and deeds, it can be said that no wills or deeds, now on record at Plymouth, Mass., Barnstable, Mass., or Middletown, Conn., prove any such claim, for all have been examined, and nothing to prove this has been found. If English wills are meant, only the wills or deeds of Richard's alleged father or his grandfather could prove any such fact. That these have been transmitted down to the present time by direct tradition from Richard the emigrant is doubtful.

Tombstone inscriptions in America would prove nothing. There are none old enough. English tombstone inscriptions, unless the fact was actually inscribed on the tomb of Edward Higgins that his son Richard really emigrated to New England and settled at Plymouth—a most improbable addition to a mortuary inscription—would prove nothing.

A snuff box bearing the Higgins arms, or what would pass for such, could have easily been procured or have originated at a time after the death of Richard Higgins, the emigrant. To prove that such a box was actually his property would require very unusual and complete evidence which has not yet been produced.

The costume of the young man in the alleged portrait of Richard Higgins is not of the period of the first half of the seventeenth century. Rather it is the costume of the period from 1790 to 1830. It is possibly the portrait of Timothy Higgins, or of some one of that period. Timothy Higgins was born in 1767 at Middle Haddam, Conn. His father, Israel Higgins, born in 1728, came to Middle Haddam about 1740. If these alleged proofs are genuine, they must have been brought to Middle Haddam from Eastham at the time of the removal to Connecticut, or obtained after that from Eastham. If the proofs had been in Eastham from the time of Richard the emigrant down to 1740 or later, they would have been common property to many branches of the Higgins tribe, for the period is long, more than one hundred years. There is absolutely no trace of any knowledge of the English home of Richard the emigrant among his descendants for the first hundred years. This is in itself reasonable proof that no such evidence existed in that early time.

Mrs. Crosby of Brewster, Mass., daughter of Simeon Higgins of Brewster, possesses an old coat of arms, painted in color, alleged to have been brought from England and certified to be genuine Higgins arms by Sir Something-or-other Higgins. Personal inspection of this "coat of arms" in the summer of 1916 showed that it bore no resemblance whatever to the genuine Higgins arms previously described. Further, the principles of heraldry were flagrantly violated in its composition. It is clear that both the arms and the alleged certification were inventions, probably of some unscrupulous trafficker in arms and pedigrees. The present owner of this "coat of arms" was ignorant of this deception and entirely innocent in her confidence of its value and genuineness.



## WILLS OF PERSONS IN ENGLAND NAMED HIGGINS.

### I. RESIDENTS OF LONDON.

Henry Hygyns, backer and citizen of London within the parish of St. Leonard in Estchepe, made will 22 March, 1537, proved 9 Dec., 1540. Brothers Richard and Newdigate Hygyns; wife Marget.

Elizabeth Hygens, of London, made will 1 April, 1559, proved 21 Sept., 1560. Desired to be buried in the cloister of St. Mary Woolnors in Lombard Street; bread to be distributed at the funeral, tapers borne by six children, her body to be borne to the earth by four priests and four clerks. She made bequests to brother Robert Hygens; to John's children, John and George Hygons, and to legatees of other names.

Robert Higgins, of St. Martin's-in-the-fields, made will in 1570, bequeathing only to persons of other names; sister Thomasine Abbotte.

John Higgins, citizen and merchant tailor of London, made will 10 Oct., 1565, proved 4 Oct., 1567. All to persons of other names: sister Susan Burlingam, cosens Wm. Parker, Wm. Foster, brother Richard Bragdon of the city of Worcester.

William Higgins, of the parish of St. Gregory near St. Paul's church, London, gentleman, made will 28 Sept., 1596, proved 12 Sept., 1597.

To the poor of Colebrook and Horton in county Bucks. Sons George and Edward, daughters Isabel and Mary, wife Mary. Lands at Langley Marsh, Bucks. Mentions Stephen Higgins, apothecary, of London, and John Higgins of Bromesgrove; Thomas Higgins of Shrewsbury, one of the overseers. Son Edward and Thomas Higgins executors. Left something toward the paving of the floor of the cathedral church of St. Paul (that ancient one over whose ruins the present cathedral was erected); to poor prisoners in Newgate, King's Bench and Marshalsey prisons.

Thomas Higgins, the elder, of Lincolns Inn in the county of Middlesex, gent., made will Aug. 3, 1604, proved 10 Nov. 1604. To wife Margaret property in the town of Shrewsbury; brother Richard Higgins, sister Margaret, wife of William Harris, parson of Stretton; daughters Elizabeth Heyle and Katherine Heynes; nephew Thomas Higgins, preacher; Thomas Higgins, the younger, executor. To the poor of St. Julians, St. Alkmonde and St. Mary's.

Richard Higgins. In the name of God amen. The eight daie of December anno dni 1607 in the fiveth yere of the reigne of our

soveraigne Lord James by the grace of God King of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, defender of the fayth, etc.

I Richard Higgens of the precinct of St. Martin's Le Grand in London within the parish of St. Anne and St. Agnes at or neare Aldersgate in London Taylor beinge sicke and weake in body but of pfect mynde and remembrance I give god thanks therefore doe make and declare this to be my last will and testament. ffirst I give and bequeath my soule into the handes of Almightye god my maker, trusting through the meritts death and passion of my lord and saviour Jesus Christ to have and enjoye everlasting life in the Kingdome of heaven amongst the elect and chosen of god. Secondly I commende my bodie to the earth to be buried in christian buriall at the discretion of my Executrix hereafter named. Thirdly I doe order give will devise and dispose of all my worldly goods & chattells in manner and forme followinge. ffirst I give and bequeath unto my daughter Sara the wife of Robert Thripland yeoman in money Twentie pounds of lawfull English money, to make up with that some of twentie pounds wch I have formerly given her the full some of fortie pounds in full satisfaction and payement of her childes parte of all my goods and chattells.

Item, I will and bequeath unto my godson John Thripland sonne of the said Robert Thripland forty shillings of lawfull English money. Item, I give, will and bequeath unto the foure children of my brother John Higgens to evry of them tenn shillings the peece of lawfull money of England. Item. I give and bequeath to my sister Joane Broome tenn shillings of lawfull money of England. Item. I give and bequeath unto my brother John Higgens my best hatt, my best cloake, my best doublett, hose, stockings, shirts and shirt bands. Item. I give and bequeath unto my brother William Higgens my gowne and my other cloke and my hat with the double sipresse bande, upon this condition that my said brother William Higgens shall come himselve in pson and fetch them within three months next after the daie of my decease. if not I give and bequeath the same gowne to the said Robert Thripland, and the rest of the things to be disposed of at the pleasure of my executrix. Item. I give and bequeath to John Baker marchantaylor of London my steele bowe and arrowes and a peece of money being an Edward peece of five shillings. Item. I give and bequeath to John Chester another Edward peece of five shillings and my broken lath, the old tiller, the nutt and bender of a steele bowe. Item. I give and bequeath to my friend William Ball of St. Martin's Le Grand Shoemaker an other Edward five shillings. Item. I give and bequeath to Walter Deane five shillings. Item. I give and bequeath to my nowe servant Anne Webber (if she be dwelling with my wife at my decease) five shillings. Item. my will and mynde is that my loving wife Alice Higgens during her widowhood shall enjoye my house situate in Angel Alley in the precinct of St. Martin's Le Grand and immediately after her daie of marriage or daie of death first happeninge

my said daughter Sara Thripland and her assigns to have the said house for all the years then to come in my lease thereof. And lastly I constitute and appoint my said loving wife to be my sole Executrix of this my last will and testament and I give her all the rest of my goods and chattells not herein otherwise given, willed or bequeathed. In witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seall the daye and yere above written.

the marke of  
Richard X Higgnes

Witnesses: Peter Hughs  
the marke of  
William X Ball

Proved before the Dean and Chapter of Westminster 22 Dec. 1607.

Robert Higgens, "citizen and Barber Surgeon of London," made his will Feb. 4, James 44, proved March 5, 1610. Bequeathed to the poor of the parish of St. Bride als Bridget, London, where he dwelt; to sister Elenor Blake and her son Thomas Nowell; cosen Mary Calcott; "man," John Everett.

Richard Higgins, "cittizen, Barber and Surgion" of London, made will 4 May, James 43, proved 5 July, 1611. Wife Joane, children Francis, Martyn, Elizabeth and Margaret; sister in lawe Anne Wildinge; kinsman Roger Smith, gentleman, and John Halsey, merchant taylor, executors; scrivener, John Jackson.

Thomas Higgins, gent. and Groome in ordinary of His Majesty's Removing Wardrobe, made will 22 April, 1629, proved at London 22 May, 1629. Wife Sarah, daughter Dorothy. £300 due from His Majesty.

Thomas Higgons, gent., made will 16 June, 14 James, proved at London 26 July, 1616. All to wife Mary.

Richard Higgins, being at sea, bequeathed his wages to Roger Copley of East Smithfield. Proved at London 29 July, 1633.

Joane Higgins, of St. Giles, Cripplegate, London, widow, 5 April 1636, mentions son Nathaniel Higgins, sister Frances, wife of Arthur Ardington.

John Higgens, of St. Dunstan's in the West, London; his widow Mary administered on his estate March 31, 1640. No will.

John Higgins, of Stepney parish (now in London), died intestate and his estate was administered upon March 3, 1642, by James Walsh.

John Higgins, of St. Mary, White Chapel, co. Middlesex, deceased, administration granted on his estate Feb. 7, 1643, to widow Margaret.

## II. RESIDENTS IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX.

"Anne or Agnes" Higgins, widow, of Arundell in the diocese of Chichester, made will in 1603, bequeathing to her children of other names Walwyn, Peter, etc.

Thomas Higgons, of Rye, co. Sussex, will proved 9 Nov., 1608. Wife Martha; sons William and Thomas. Brother William Higgons and John Halsey of London, gent., executors.

Richard Higgons, of Bury, co. Sussex, Esquire, made will 11 April, 1632. Sons Edward and George, daughters Anne and Katherine; wife Elizabeth, daughter of William Ryman. Sister Dorotheie.

### III. RESIDENTS IN THE COUNTY OF SOUTHAMPTON.

Arthur Higgons, of Havant, Hants, made will 18 May, 1622; wife Joane; brothers Alexander and Robert; the children of Richard Higgons.

Joane Hygens, widow of Arthur, made will 24 May, 1622, mentioning her husband's brothers Alexander and Robert, her bondsmen as executrix of her husband's will. No other important references.

Agnes Higgins, of St. Giles, Cripplegate, London, baptized at Chalton, Southampton, spinster; bros. John and Edward, sister Margery. Will proved 16 Oct., 1633.

Richard Higgins, the elder, of Havant, Hants, yeoman, made will 12 May, 1642; proved 14 Oct., 1642, wife Joanna; son Richard Higgins to have five shillings within month after father's decease and to be residuary legatee; younger children John and Johann. Brother Alexander, executor.

### IV. RESIDENTS OF BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

Robert Higgons, gent., of Chilton, Bucks. Will 8 Feb., 1615. Son Theophilus and Anne his wife; son John and Frances his wife; my late servant John Chilton, etc.

### V. RESIDENTS OF SOMERSETSHIRE.

Alice Higgons, widow, of Westlidford, co. Somerset; will proved 15 April, 1609. Daughter Joane Higgons; to Mary Higgons' sons Peter, Henry, Thomas and John; Thomas Higgons' daughter Joane. Other names.

Thomas Higgons, of Rympton, co. Somerset, in September, 1640, bequeathed to his son Thomas £150 which was due him from his son John.

### VI. RESIDENTS IN GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

Joane Higgin, single woman, Henbury, co. Gloc., made will 25 June, 1625, proved at London; gave her money to her mother Elizabeth, wife of Robert Hodges.

Edward Higgins, gent., of Tiderington, co. Gloc., made will 27 Feb., 1630. Sons William, Alexander, Edward and John; daughters Elizabeth and Anne; wife Martha. Proved at London 10 June, 1635.











## VII. RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY OF SHREWSBURY (SALOP).

[See will of William and Thomas Higgins of London.]

Richard Higgins, of Shrewsbury, gent., made will 20 Dec., 1—, Charles I, proved at London 25 April, 1627. Daughters only; none of the name mentioned.

Richard Higgins, of Shrewsbury, gent., will 14 Nov., 1653. To brothers and sisters.

Richard Higgins, of Sifton, husbandman, made will 20 Jan., 1648, proved at London 30 May, 1650. To son Richard £8, which is to be invested for his benefit. Wife Blanch. To be buried in the parish church of Culmington (Salop).

John Higgins, of Winsberg, Salop, yeoman, will 15 April, 1640, Wife Anne, minor son John.

Richard Higgins, of Edge in the parish of Pontisburie, co. Salop, yeoman, made will March 1, 1597, proved at London. To be buried in the parish church near his last wife Joane. Sons John, Anthony, William, Thomas and Reignold, the latter to be executor. Daughter Johane; grandchildren Edward, Richard and John, sons of Reignold.

## VIII. RESIDENTS IN HEREFORDSHIRE.

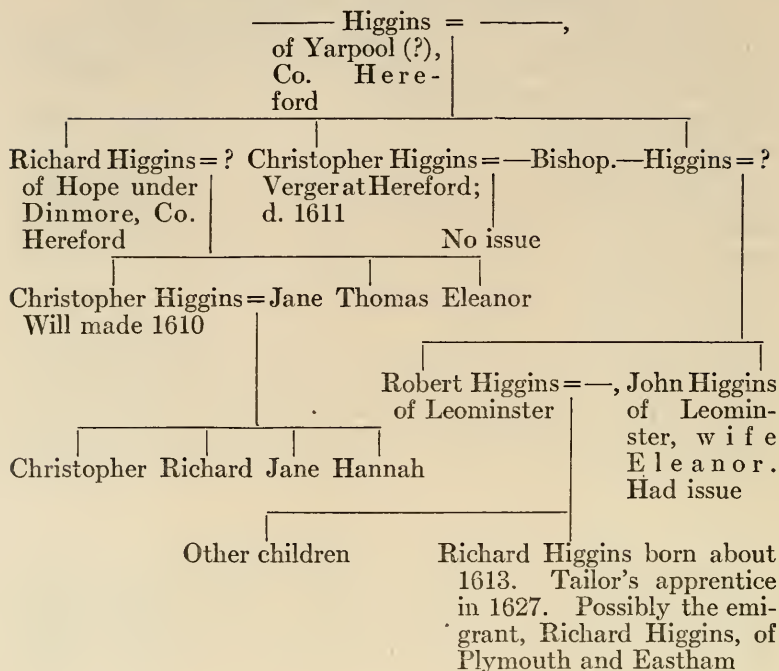
Edward Higgins, of Burton, co. Hereford, gent., made will 20 Feb. 37 James, 1605. Proved at London. Wife Margaret, sons Anthony, Charles and Rowland, daughter Elizabeth. Robert Higgins, of [Trerable?] in co. Hereford, gent., one of the overseers.

Christofer Higin, verger to the Dean and Chapter of the city of Hereford, made will 18 July, 1610, proved at London 21 Jan., 1611. Brother Richard Higgins of Hope under [Dinmore] in same county and his sons Christopher and Thomas; to every child of cosin Robert Higgins of Leomster, mercer; to the children of late cosin John Higin of Leomster and to Elinor Higin their mother, brother-in-law John Bishopp of London, gent., much property in leased lands.

John Higgins, of St. Olave's parish, Southwark, co. Surrey [now in London], scrivener, made will 28 March, 1618, proved in March following. To the poor of the parish and of Yarpoll in co. Hereford where he was born; sister Jane, wife of Edward Griffith of Bedson, co. Salop; sister Elinor Higgins; to cosen John Davies his best desk of Virginia wood; only brother Thomas Higgins, blest with temporal goods.

Christopher Higgins, of St. Peter's parish in the city of Hereford, gent., made will 27 April, 1640. To wife Jane and sons Christopher and Richard (the younger son); daughters Jane and Hanna; brother Thomas Higgins; sister Elinor.

*Pedigree of Higgins of County Hereford.*



IX. OTHER LOCALITIES.

Richard Higgins, "at present belonging unto the states shipp Swiftsure," made his will Aug. 1, 1657, proved at London Aug. 25, 1657. Wife Mary, sons Richard, William, Robert; to brother Robert Higgins best suite of apparell and coate at London; to brother Beaman pair of silk stockings.

Richard Higgins, of Portskewet, co. Monmouth, yeoman, made will 25 Oct., 1655, proved at London 19 Feb., 1656. Wife Anne, sons William and Thomas, daughters Elizabeth and Mary.

James Higgons, of Ballykelly, co. Londonderry, Ireland, gent. made will Nov. 5, 1634, proved at London May 1, 1635. Only son James absent in England. To daughters Frances and Jane all his interest in the lands at Londonderry, set apart to the Fishmonger's Company of London. All friends mentioned bear English names. Nephew William Higgons.

Theophilus Higgins, born 1578(?), died in 1659; was the son of Robert Higgins and was born at Chilton, near Brill, in Bucks. He was a student at Oxford and inclined to puritanism. Later he married and became a convert to Roman Catholicism.

Sir Thomas Higgins, born in 1624, died 1691; became celebrated as diplomatist and author. He was a son of Rev. Thomas Higgins, D.D., rector of Westbury, Shropshire, by his second wife,

Elizabeth, daughter of Richard Barker of Haghmond Abbey in Shropshire. Thomas Higgins, Jr., studied at Oxford, but left without a degree. In 1647 or 1648 he married Elizabeth, widow of Robert Devereux, third Earl of Essex, and daughter of Sir William Paulet, knight, of Edington, Wiltshire. He married for his second wife Mrs. Elizabeth (Grenville) Leach. By his first marriage he had daughters, Elizabeth and Frances. By his second marriage he had sons, George, Thomas and Bevil.

Thomas Higgins became a member of Parliament in 1658-9 and was later knighted, receiving a pension of £500 and gifts worth £4000 in recognition of his valuable service to the government. He was the government envoy at Vienna for three years. He was buried in Winchester Cathedral.

The will of Sir Thomas Higgins is recorded in P. C. C. 213 Vere and that of Lady Bridget Higgins in P. C. C. 38 Fane.

Bevil Higgins, son of preceding by his second wife, was born in 1670 and died in 1735; was noted as a poet and historian.

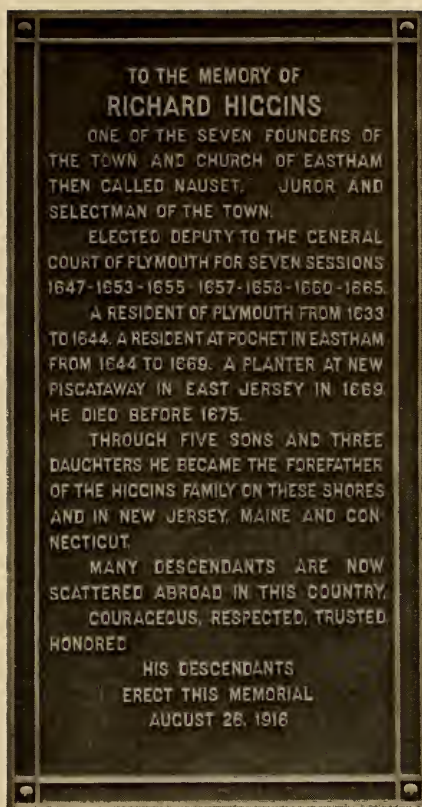
John Higgins, poet and compiler, was born 1545. He was a student at Oxford according to Hearn. An account of his extensive writings and compilations is given, but nothing as to his family.

Authority: *Dictionary of National Biography (British)*.

RICHARD HIGGINS  
OF  
PLYMOUTH, EASTHAM AND PISCATAWAY  
AND HIS DESCENDANTS

1. RICHARD HIGGINS was born in England. Nothing is known of his childhood and youth, nor of the causes which led him to migrate to New England. How he reached Plymouth is unknown. It has been said that he arrived there in the ship *Anne* in 1623 in company with Nicholas Snow and that he returned to England, sailing again for New England about 1632, and again reaching Plymouth. This is most improbable. Nicholas Snow did come in the *Anne* in 1623, and in the autumn of that year lands were assigned to the men who were her passengers. Snow's name is among them, but not that of Richard Higgins. Bradford says that some who came in this ship were so bad that he was obliged to send them back at the first opportunity. If Richard Higgins were of this class, he would not have been readmitted ten years later. It is to be noticed that some who came in the *Anne* were Richard Higgins's friends and associates later at Eastham, but this can be accounted for without assuming that they were fellow-passengers in the *Anne*. The most probable view is that Richard Higgins was a passenger on one of the several ships which arrived at Salem, Mass., during the years 1629-32, most of whose passengers afterward settled at Plymouth. There is no evidence that Richard Higgins was ever at Leyden, Holland, at any time. He arrived at Plymouth in time to raise or to purchase some corn of the crop of 1633. He was then apparently a man of full age, possessing a trade,—that of a tailor,—but no family. On Oct. 7, 1633, he bought of "Thomas Little his now dwelling howse and misted, for and in consideration of twenty-one bushels of merchantable corne, whereof twelve bushels to be pd in hand, & the remainder at harvest next ensuing." March 1, 1633 (six or seven months later), he was taxed 9 shillings, and on March 27, 1634, he was taxed 12 shillings in corn, or two bushels. In 1633 or 1634 he was admitted freeman, that is, qualified to serve as a deputy and to vote for officials of the Colony government. (It may be that he





TO THE MEMORY OF  
RICHARD HIGGINS

ONE OF THE SEVEN FOUNDERS OF  
THE TOWN AND CHURCH OF EASTHAM  
THEN CALLED NAUSET, JUROR AND  
SELECTMAN OF THE TOWN.

ELECTED DEPUTY TO THE GENERAL  
COURT OF PLYMOUTH FOR SEVEN SESSIONS  
1647-1653-1655-1657-1658-1660-1665.

A RESIDENT OF PLYMOUTH FROM 1633  
TO 1644. A RESIDENT AT POCKET IN EASTHAM  
FROM 1644 TO 1669. A PLANTER AT NEW  
PISCATAWAY IN EAST JERSEY IN 1669.  
HE DIED BEFORE 1675.

THROUGH FIVE SONS AND THREE  
DAUGHTERS HE BECAME THE FOREFATHER  
OF THE HIGGINS FAMILY ON THESE SHORES  
AND IN NEW JERSEY, MAINE AND CON-  
NECTICUT.

MANY DESCENDANTS ARE NOW  
SCATTERED ABROAD IN THIS COUNTRY.  
COURAGEOUS, RESPECTED, TRUSTED  
HONORED

HIS DESCENDANTS  
ERECT THIS MEMORIAL  
AUGUST 28, 1916

Richard Higgins Memorial Tablet



took only the oath of fidelity at this time. In March, 1636, he certainly was a freeman of the Colony.) He soon took more important action. April 1, 1634, Samuel Godberson, son of Godbert Godberson of New Plymouth, deceased, was duly apprenticed to Richard Higgins, aforesaid, tailor, for the term of seven years from April 1, 1634. Samuel was a ward of the Colony, and Bradford agreed to deliver to Higgins "six bushels of corne and a cowe calfe this present year or the next"; Higgins was to deliver to said Samuel the calf and half her increase at the expiration of the term of seven years. Meanwhile Richard Higgins had acquired a better dwelling place. January 13, 1633-4, John Barnes sold to Richard Higgins and his heirs forever "one dwelling house and twenty acres of land, being lately in the possession of Edward Holman, with all the fence, boards, timber (squared and unsquared) (belonging to the same) in consideration of ten pownd starling to be paid in currant English money or beaver at the rate it shall passe at the day of payment which is the 20th of March in the year of our Lord 1634. And also that the said Richard shall possesse the said John and his heirs of 20 acres of land in Scituate in some convenient place." Having now a good house and twenty acres of land, and being a tailor with an apprentice, Richard Higgins bethought himself of a wife and his eye fell upon Lydia Chandler, daughter of Edmund Chandler, of Duxbury and Scituate. She was favorable to his suit, and on December 11, 1634,\* they were married and went to housekeeping in the house bought of John Barnes.

"March 14, 1635-6. To Mr. Heeks (Hicks) and George Watson (wth Rich. Higgins for one beast) was granted the rest of the said Island Creeke." (Hayground for Plymouth and Duxbury.)

"2 May 1637. Richard Higgins was one of a jury (committee) to lay out highways in Plymouth, Duxbury and Ele River."

"20 March 1636-7. Hayground assigned to Richard Higgins, Mr. Heeks, Georg Watson for one cowe, where they had hay the last year."

"Aug. 7, 1638. Richard Higgins was a juryman in the case of John Weeks vs. George Russell for slander."

"7 January 1638-9. Nathaniel Morton was granted tenn acres toward the head of his lot next to Richard Higgins."

"Last day of August 1639. That Richard Higgins for and in consideration that John Smaley shall teach Samuel Godbertson the trade of a taylor, as far as in him lyeth, and principally to employ him therein, hath assigned and set over all the residue

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\* The date of marriage was Nov. 23, 1634, according to Eastham records.

of his term, which is untill April 1641; Richard to find Samuel apparel and John Smaley meate drinke and lodging for sd term."

We can only conjecture the reason why Richard Higgins wished to be rid of his apprentice. The most probable reason is that his increasing duties as farmer and citizen made it necessary for him to discontinue his work as a tailor. Possibly it was the competition introduced by John Smalley, who was evidently also a tailor. There being insufficient business for two tailors in Plymouth, Higgins may have decided to retire from the field and leave it to Smalley. They were good friends and fellow planters at Eastham later, and it was doubtless a friendly arrangement.

"3 December 1639. Richard Higgins of Plymouth, taylor, was bound (gave bond) for xx li in the case of Samuel Chandler, accused of slanders against the govr and govt." The bond was afterward released.

"March 1638-9. Fourty acres of upland lying at the southeast side of the great South pond and two parcells of marsh ground for meadow lying southwest from the sd upland, are granted unto Richard Higgins."

"June, 1640. John Smaley and Richard Higgins have exchanged two parcels meadow land one acre Smaley had at Blew fish river, with Richard for a parcel of meadow ground granted him at Warren's Wells containing two acres."

"That wolf traps be made by Nicholas Snow, Edward Bangs, Morton and others at broken wharf near head of beach, February, 1643."

"That one be made at broken wharf by Manassah Kempton, Edward Bangs, Richard Higgins, Nathaniell Morton, Nicholas Snow, Anthony Snow, John Jenkins, William Fallowell, Robte Finney, John and Ephraim Morton."

These last two records seem to refer to the same work. Wolves were then abundant, and the capture or killing them was a public duty.

"2 Nov., 1640. Richard Higgins granted 6 acres meddowing in the South Meddows, towards Aggawam, Colebrook Meddows."

"30 Nov., 1640. Twenty acres of land at Mannamatt (Manomet) pond, formerly granted long since to Richard Higgins the Court doth now confirm to him, with enlargement at the head of his home lot, part where of is already taken in."

In 1642, 1643 and 1644 Richard Higgins was a juryman in several petty cases. In 1643 his name was among those of men from sixteen to sixty years old, capable of bearing arms, and there is no doubt that he engaged in the military training and exercises then in use, but there is no record of his serving in actual warfare as a soldier. During the twelve years or more of his residence in

Plymouth we see him acquiring land, and performing his civil duties, and there is reason to believe that his standing in the community was good, and indeed increasingly good, during the whole period. He soon took a step which showed his enterprise and increased still further his influence in the Colony. He left Plymouth with six other men, and settled at Nauset, later the town of Eastham.

"In 1640 Gov. Bradford, at the public request, transferred to the Colony the Warwick patent of 1630. For the original purchasers were reserved three modest tracts,—one at Sowams, one near Yarmouth, and the third at Nauset (Eastham). The latter soon acquired singular importance. Plymouth was so depleted by emigration to the newer towns that she became very dull, and her business scanty. Several of her people, attributing this decay to the poorness of her soil and the 'straightness' of the place, persuaded the community to declare for a general removal to some fertile region which should give room for all and admit of expansion as the population increased. Singularly enough, Nauset was selected, and to it the church prepared to emigrate in a body.

"Only a few had opposed this project; but soon there was a general waking-up to the fact that every objection brought against Plymouth would lie with equal or greater force against Nauset. Not only would the dwellers at the new spot be beyond the reach of prompt relief and without defence if assailed, but the territory, so far from allowing a progressive expansion, was not large enough for even those then preparing to occupy it. In fact, Plymouth was vastly superior in many respects, and inferior in none.

"Some few persisted in removing, and in 1644 a company went headed by ex-Governor Prence, Deacon John Doane, Nicholas Snow, John Smalley and Edward Bangs. The traveller along the Cape, where the purest English communities in the country are to be found, will constantly hear some of these surnames, and will often find them represented by the leading inhabitants. The new plantation prospered, and in 1651 became Eastham. Had the site chosen been in the region of Bristol or New Bedford, Plymouth would perhaps have shared the fate of Jamestown, or at least have fallen into obscurity. After this loss of active householders, Plymouth's fortunes reached a distressingly low ebb. In the same year with the migration death removed Brewster, Hopkins, Atwood and Jenney, and Bradford sadly wrote in his History: 'Thus was this poor church left like an ancient mother grown old and forsaken of her children (though not in their affections), until she that had made many rich, became herself poor.'"—Goodwin, *The Pilgrim Republic*, pp. 411-12.

"March 3, 1644. Richard Higgins sold for 40 shillings to Gyles Rickett half an acre of marsh at Hobb's hole."

"June 5, 1644. Richard Higgins was one of the Grand inquest."



In August, 1645, he sold for twelve pounds his dwelling house, outhouse and buildings with garden and orchard situated near Brownes Rock, provided "it shall be lawful for the said Richard to take away the boards that line the inward room and the bedstead and board overhead, and some fruit trees in the orchard so that he leaves the said John Churchwell 30 trees." October 29, 1649, it is recorded that Richard Higgins had received from John Churchwell "full satisfaction upon all accompts, From the beginning of the world to the present time." This throws light upon the kind of dwelling Higgins possessed at Plymouth, and some of its furnishings. The house apparently contained but two rooms, an outer which was the kitchen and living room, and an inner which was both parlor and bedroom. Neither room was plastered, but the inner room was lined and ceiled with good boards, and had a bedstead in the corner, which was built into the structure of the house. There may have been a loft overhead, and there was certainly a large chimney at the kitchen end of the house. Such houses were common in the early settlements in New England. The roof was probably thatched, but may have been boarded or shingled. This house was at the extreme southeastern end of the village, where Eleazer and Joseph Churchill were living in 1701, and possibly one of them occupied the ancient dwelling then. Hobbs Hole and Barnes Point and Ouberry are near-by, as shown by the map in Davis' *Landmarks of Plymouth*.

There is no record to show whether Lydia Chandler, the first wife of Richard Higgins, was living in 1645 or not, but probably she was living and accompanied him to Nauset. She was, however, deceased by 1650. It has been asserted that she was not a daughter of Edmund Chandler for the reason that she is not mentioned in the latter's will of 1662. This is not a potent argument, as she was not living at the making of the will, and therefore not likely to be mentioned by the testator. That she was a daughter of Roger Chandler, as alleged by another, has no confirmation in any record thus far discovered.

The records discovered at Leyden, Holland, and published by Dexter (*The England and Holland of the Pilgrims*, p. 609), mention Edmond Chandler, say-weaver, draper and then pipe-maker in Leyden from November 11, 1613, to April 17, 1626. He married before March 26, 1619, but no children's names are mentioned. The Leyden records also mention Roger Chandler, who married at Leyden, July 21, 1615, Isabella Chilton. He was from Colchester, co. Essex, and a say-weaver while at Leyden.

At the census taken at Leyden, October 15, 1622, Roger Chandler and his wife Isabella, and two children, Samuel and Sarah, are mentioned, but there is no mention of Edmond or his family, although the record mentions his being at Leyden in April, 1626. If Lydia Chandler was daughter of Edmond, she must have been born several years before that child of his who was buried in St. Peter's Church at Leyden, March 26, 1619, to have been of marriageable age in 1634. Both Edmond and Roger Chandler migrated to America about 1629 or 1630, and settled at Duxbury, which is near Plymouth and under its jurisdiction at that time.

Richard Higgins located in that part of Eastham known as Pochet, the most fertile tract in the town, on the outer or ocean side of the peninsula, but separated from the open Atlantic by a quiet bay and the long barrier now called Nauset Beach. It must have been greatly exposed to wind and deluged with spray when easterly storms prevailed, and none too productive as tillable land. Daniel Cole, Lieut. Joseph Rogers and others were his nearest neighbors here. This part of the town is now called East Orleans, and is a mile or two east from the village of Orleans, the earliest and oldest village in the town of Eastham, a town which originally covered much more territory than now.

"1 June 1647. In a petty jury for trials was Richard Higgins."

Same date. "The committees for this Courte. Nawsett. Josias Cooke and Richard Higginson (sic)."

These two entries are interesting. They show that Richard Higgins had journeyed from Nauset to Plymouth on public business, probably by water across the bay. The trip by land would have been long, and roads were probably non-existent east of Barnstable and Yarmouth. He was attending the county court and also representing with Cooke the new plantation of Nauset, which had not yet attained the full rights of a town. When these rights were fully attained, its representatives at the General Court (legislature) of Plymouth Colony were called deputies. Richard Higgins later held this position also.

"5 June 1651. The surveyors for the hiewaies. Eastham. Edward Bangs, Richard Higgins."

"2 March 1657-8. Josias Cooke and Richard Higgins (again) committees from Eastham."

"March 11, 1657-8. Richard Higgins was one of four men chosen to settle the bounds between Barnstable and Yarmouth. They reported to the court of Oct. 6, 1660."

"Court of June 13, 1660. Richard Higgins one of a committee to dispose of the trade at Kennebeck."

Richard Higgins was with others committee or deputy from Eastham to the Plymouth General Court in the years 1653, 1654, 1655, 1657, 1658, 1660 and 1665.

John Yates and his wife Mary (her maiden name unknown) were of Duxbury, where their son John was born August 15, 1650. They soon removed to Eastham, where John, the father, died in 1651, administration on his estate being granted to his widow Mary Yates on June 8, 1651. Richard Higgins and Mrs. Yates found themselves congenial, and in October, 1651, they were married. There were now three boys in the Higgins household, Jonathan and Benjamin, sons of Richard Higgins, and John Yates, a little more than a year old. To these in due course of time several more were added. Mrs. Mary Higgins was destined to survive her second husband, and to marry a third, whom she also survived, as will appear.

"Oct. 6, 1657. Mr. John Done, Josias Cooke, Richard Sparrow and Richard Higgins desired some proportions of land att a place about thirteen English miles from Rehoboth: the Court do condecend thereto, if they doe not intrench on any lands alreddy graunted to any others, and it bee orderly purchased of the right native proprietors, and likewise that they bee willing that others may bee accomodated by them there, if occation shall require."

"Court of June 1, 1658. A portion of land graunted unto Mr. John Done, Josias Cooke, Richard Higgins and Richard Sparrow, lying betwixt Bridgewater and Weymouth, which was formerly mencioned by Capt. Cudworth and others, the said Mr. Done, and the rest to have considerable proportions of the said land, answerable to others in like case, and for the remainder, that John Smalley and others bee supplied out of it, bearing theire p'te in the charge."

These two grants appear to have been attempts toward new plantations, but nothing is known to have come of either. The following are from the oldest Eastham town book:

"April 20, 1659. A parcel of land lying on the northeasterly side of the Mill containing thirty acres,—six belonging to the Mill possessed by Richard Higgins."

"A parcel of land granted to Richard Higgins, lying at the northerly side of the herring pond, four acres" (p. 6).

"April 27, 1659. A parcel of land Granted to Richard Higgins near Young's Cove (commonly so-called), near Mr. Southworth's & Mr. John Mayo's."

"Land granted to Richard Higgins to the Mill at the East pond upon condition of his leaving a highway between him and Nicholas Snow downe to the water side. He had libertie to take in over (?) the high way on the westerly side of his land which went



down to the Mill . . . down to a stump near the bass pond side, below Jonathan Higgins old house that was on the place of said house" (rest not legible).

"April 27, 1659. A parcel of land granted to Richard Higgins lying in a place commonly called Churches Meddow."

"A parcel of meddow granted to the Mill possessed by Richard Higgins lying in a place commonly called Billingsgate meddow, lying next to John Mayo" (p. 6).

Date illegible. "The Town granted land to Richard Higgins & his heirs forever, with a sufficient highway left on the other side of the bass pond river at the water side, running up by the west side of the rush marsh, so running up by the long Swamp containing four pole in breadth into the Common to the upper boundrees of the mill land . . . the Sayd Richard Higen is to have one this side the bass pond . . . in his own land lying next to Nicholas Snows land, so running down to the water side, only the said Richard Higen had liberty Granted him (to use or discontinue?) the highway to the bass pond which was the way which formerly went to the Mill & on the other side of the bass pond" (p. 8).

"Dec. 1665. Richard Higgins with the consent of his wife sells land to Steven (?) Atwood, near John Smalleys." (Probably land that belonged to Mrs. Higgins' first husband, John Yates.)

"April 27, 1659. Land granted to Richard Higgins & Giles Hopkins, land in billingsgate" (now Wellfleet).

"April 27, 1659. A house lott which was John Smalley's, lying next to Richard Higgins, with a small addition lying next to the water side . . . betwixt Mr. William Bradford & Richard Higgins" (pp. 86, 87).

"The 130th wood lot was Set to and is the one of Richard Higgins of Eastham . . . and lies in sd Eastham on the northerly side of the 129th lot of Benjamin Higgins."

The nine paragraphs following are copies of records in the ancient books of the town of Eastham.

The page number references are to the pages of the ancient volume of Eastham records, called "Lands and Ways."

"Granted at the same meeting (of the town of Eastham) Feb. 17, 1658 that Richard Higgins shall have a swamp lying at the head of the Bass Pond, containing half an acre, be it more or less, provided he leave a sufficient watering place for cattle to drink."

"June 1, 1659. Whereas it is an order of court that every town in this colony is to choose two or three men for the oversight and disposal of poor children, this town hath chosen Edward Bangs, Nicholas Snow and Richard Higgins according to order."

"1659. Richard Higgins has one little black mare which was Job Cole's with a blaze down the face and a little white hair above her hoofs before, burn marked with an E on the right shoulder. Dec. 23, 1659."

"Feb. 8, 1660. At a town meeting. Ordered by the town that Lieutenant John Freeman and Richard Higgins and Thomas Williams shall have the land at Monomoy."

"May 15, 1660. Mr. John Doane, Richard Higgins and Thomas Paine with the surveyors are to appoint what particular highways are to be mended and those that are most concerned in the ways are to mend them by the appointment of the abovesaid for the present year."

The town of Eastham energetically asserted its right to enjoy the blubber and bone of any whale caught or cast up on its shores, and prosecuted those who cut up whales and appropriated the blubber and bone to their individual use. The town appointed groups of men to secure and cut up whales that should appear. "Dec. 13, 1660. Richard Higgins undertook to provide a company for to cut up the third fish" (whale).

"July 16, 1662. It is granted to Richard Higgins two acres of meadow at little Billingsgate, that is due upon the altering of the rates" (taxes).

"At a meeting the 16th of July 1662. These particular persons, Mr. Thomas Prence, Mr. Doane, Edward Bangs, Nicholas Snow, Josiah Cook, Richard Higgins, Joseph Rogers, Daniel Cole, John Smalley, Job Cole and Robert Wixam have jointly resolved that the land commonly called the Lieutenant's land with all the meadow ground appertaining thereunto shall not be disposed of to any person but by joint consent to some public use, and that no man shall appropriate the whole or any part to his own particular."

"The mark of Richard Higgins (for his cattle) is a piece cut off the hind side of the left ear, to the top of the ear, and a slit cut in the side of the ear slanting downwards. Jan. 22, 1660."

The six paragraphs following are from the records of Plymouth Colony.

"5 June 1664. Left. Freeman, Josias Cook, Richard Higgins approved as selectmen of Eastham by the Court."

"28 9th mo. (November) 1664. Richard Higgins bought one gallon of liquor."

"7 June 1665. Left. Freeman and Left. Rogers are appointed by the Courte to view a certaine iland petitioned for by Richard Higgins, and to purchase it if they shall see reason, and to make report thereof to the Court, that if they shall see cause they may dispose of it to him the said Richard Higgins."

"2 April 1667. Those appointed to be of Counsell with the commission officers in each town. For Eastham. Left. Freeman, Josias Cooke, Richard Higgins."

"24 10th mo. (December) 1667. Richard Higgins and Benjamin Higgins were on a jury of inquest as to the deaths of Robert

Chapell, James Nichols, and William Pidell, cast ashore upon Cape Codd.”

“3 June 1668. The selectmen of Eastham were Richard Higgins, Daniel Cole, Nicholas Snow.”

“December 14, 1668. The men that are of the jurie that weare Impanned to lay out a highway from the towne of Eastham to Santukett brooke have agreed upon it as followeth: (here in the original the layout of the road is described). Signed Daniel Cole, Nicholas Snow, Richard Higgins, Jonathan Higgins (and eight others).”—Eastham Book, p. 5.

“To all people to whom these Presents shall come. Know yee that I Richard higgins of Eastham in the Government of Plymouth in New England in America, Taylor, for and in consideration of five pounds of good and lawful money of New England to him the said Richard higgins in hand payed att and before the sealing and delivery of these presents by Benajah Dunham as aforesaid, weaver, . . . hath freely and absolutely given, graunted . . . unto the said Benajah Dunham and to his heirs and assigns forever All the Land that belonged unto and are the lands of Richard higgins both uplands and meddowes containinge the tenth part of the whole Tract of land of Pochey Island, together with all and singular the Rights, priviledges, wayes, easments, proffitts and appurtenances thereunto belonging . . . att the place comonly called and knowne by the name of Pochey Iland and now within the liberties of the township of Eastham aforesaid.”

“In witness whereof I the said Richard higgins hath to these presents sett my hand and seal.

Signed sealed and delivered  
in the presence of Nicholas  
Snow William Twining.”

Richard higgins (seal)

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“The above written deed acknowledged before mee the day and time of sealing and delivery thereof by the prsons concerned herein this 25 day of March 1669. John Freeman Assist.”—*Plymouth Colony Deeds*, vol. 3, folio 147.

“To all people to whome these presents shall come. Know ye that I Richard Higenes of Eastham in the Government of New Plimoth in New England in America, Taylor, severall considerations mee thereunto moving do freely and absolutely by these presents give and grant unto my son Benjamin Higenes of the Towne of Eastham abovesaid, Husbandman, a parcell of upland and meadowing the upland containing twentie acres be it more or less lying at a place commonly called Poche, the which upland lieth next to the lot of Job Cole and was bought and exchanged by the said Richard Higenes of Jonathan Sparrow as appears by a deed; for twentie acres which Jonathan Sparrow doth enjoy adjoining to his owne land upon Poche; And two acres of marsh or meadowing, be it more or less, which was formerly Mr. William

Bradfords deceased, that Richard Higen hath and lieth at the harbor's mouth, which meadowing the said Richard Higen bought of the assigns of Mr. William Bradford, videlicet Manasseth Kempton; abovesaid lands being bought and exchanged as will appear upon deeds and evidence extant as also upon record. The said Richard Higen hath freely, fully, absolutely given, granted with all the appurtenances belonging thereto: unto my son Benjamine Higen to him his heirs executors administrators and assigns to have and to hold forever. Assigned, sealed and delivered this 4th day of the 5th mounth (July 4/14) 1669 in the presence of us

Nath: Bacon  
John Scudder

Richard Higen

This was acknowledged by the abovesaid Richard Higen to be his free act and deed according as is in this deed above mentioned this 4th day of the 5th mounth (July 4/14) 1669 Before me

Nath: Bacon Assistant."

This deed is recorded in a volume of records at Eastham entitled "Land Grants, 1659 to 1710, Town of Eastham." It does not appear to have been recorded at Plymouth, as was Richard Higgins's deed to Benajah Dunham. These deeds show that Richard Higgins alienated most of his land in Eastham during the early part of the summer of 1669. It seems probable that he was at Barnstable when he executed the last deed, for Nathaniel Bacon and John Scudder were both residents of Barnstable. May it not be that at the time when he made it Richard Higgins had gone to Barnstable to commence his journey to New Jersey, either by land or sea, and made this parting gift to his son Benjamin?

The causes of his removal can only be conjectured. Religious and political differences with his fellow townsmen at Eastham do not seem to have been a factor. As far as we can judge he was not troubled or influenced by either of these causes of dissension. Eastham offered but a limited amount of land, and by 1669 a considerable number of men had entered the town, and their numerous sons were now competing for the tillable land. Richard Higgins's eldest sons, Jonathan and Benjamin, had arrived at manhood and were rearing families of their own. They were likely to need all the land Richard had acquired. Richard's younger children were numerous and must be provided for. Probably he and they yearned for a less rigorous climate and a more fertile soil than the outer side of Cape Cod afforded. Why New Jersey was selected in preference to Connecticut can only be guessed. A number of men with their families removed from



the Cape to New Jersey in 1669, headed by Edward Fitz Randolph of Barnstable, and it is probable that Richard Higgins knew of this project to emigrate, and joined the company. He settled at New Piscataway, where he acquired a homestead and the rights of a proprietor. These rights netted in 1677 to his widow and children a total of two hundred and fifty-four acres of wild land, an amount they never could have acquired at Eastham. Richard Higgins lived about six years at New Piscataway. Neither the exact date nor the circumstances of his death are known, but it occurred between November 20, 1674, and June 1, 1675, probably nearer to the latter than the former. The late winter or early spring of 1675 is the most likely to have presented the cause of his death.

Two documents are extant which fall within the period of Richard Higgins's residence in New Jersey, and they are here quoted in part:

“Know all men by these presents that I Richard higgins of New Piscataway in the province of New Jerse, yeoman, for the sum of nine pounds sterling to him paid . . . (convey) to Benjamin Higgens of Eastham in the jurisdiction of New Plimouth . . . land at a place called little billingsgate. Dated Nov. 20, 1672.

Witnesses Isaac Whitehead  
Joseph Snow

Richard Higgens.”

The witnesses were at New Piscataway at the time of signing, but on September 2, 1679, Joseph Snow made oath before John Freeman, Assistant, that he saw Richard Higgins sign and seal this deed. It is recorded on page 98 of the “Book of Land Grants of Eastham,” and is followed by this, his wife's consent:

“New Piscataway in New Jarse Nov. 24, 1672. I Mary Higgens the wife of Richard Higgens of the town of New Piscataway doe consent that my husband make sale of any land in the Colony of New Plimouth, either in his own person or by his agent.  
Mary 0 Higgens.”

According to the law and custom of the time, when Richard Higgins married Mary Yates he became custodian and possessor of whatever estate her former husband left and the guardian of his son, John Yates, Jr. The records show that Richard Higgins was mindful of this trust.

“Granted to Richard higinse for the use of John Yate Twenty akers of upland to be layde out on the west of lands called Ralph Smith's neck.”

“A town meeting. Certain particulars (individuals or individual property) promise to give into the common stock

(town herd of cattle). Promised by Richard Higgins for John Yates one yearling beast of cowkine." (Not dated, but about 1655-7.)—First Town Book of Eastham, p. 7.

On July 2, 1669, Richard Higgins exchanged three acres of meadow with John Doane which belonged to John Yates for four acres of land at Billingsgate and a marsh commonly called the "Greatbridge meadow," an exchange which was confirmed by Mrs. Mary Higgins in 1682.

On Nov. 20, 1674, John Yates, born Aug. 15, 1650, son of Mrs. Mary (Yates) Higgins, conveyed to William Twining . . . "twenty acres of upland upon Pochey at a place commonly called Smith's Neck, graunted by the town to my father John Yates, deceased, as appears upon the town book, now legally descending to me, being his natural son (i. e. son by nature), the true and proper heir unto the said land."

"20 Nov. 1674. John Yeates and Deborah his wife appeared and acknowledged before John Freeman Assist. And likewise the said John Yeates did at the same time prsent a writing wherein hee was fully authorized from his father in law (i. e. stepfather) Richard Higgins and Mary his wife to make sale of the abovesaid land. Testis. John Freeman."—*Plymouth Colony Deeds*, vol. 4, folio 165.

This authorization for John Yates to sell land is the last act of Richard Higgins of which there is any record. It is known that in 1672 or 1673 he took the oath of allegiance to the new Dutch government.

In 1673 Benjamin Higgins receipted for "nine shillings seven pence of the widow Cooke upon the acompte of my father; as witness my hand. Benjamine higgins." On June 1, 1675, Richard Higgins had been deceased some little time, for on that date Benjamin Higgins petitioned the Court at Plymouth for some share in the lands at Saconnet, which his father had not received and had been therein wronged, as the Court admitted. See the full text of the petition as given in the biography of Benjamin Higgins. These lands at Saconnet (now Little Compton, R. I.) probably were the lands "thirteen English miles from Rehoboth" granted to Richard Higgins and others in October, 1657.

The planters of New Piscataway settled there for peace and quiet and relief from all kinds of contentions. They had endured their share of inconvenience in New England from the severities of court justice and the intolerance of the established church order. Piscataway was from the first a plantation of pious people establishing homes in this new and unsettled township where they might enjoy the liberty of the gospel and the free exercise of their

own convictions. The original pioneers to take up land in Piscataway came in 1666 from the northeasterly settlements in New England and New Hampshire, and they are said to have given the name of the New Hampshire river to their new plantation. They bought a large tract of land on the Raritan River from the Indians, comprising Piscataway and parts of other towns. Here in 1669 they were joined by several men from Cape Cod, including Richard Higgins and Benajah Dunham from Eastham and Edward Fitz-Randolph, Samuel Bacon and Nicholas Bonham from Barnstable.

A careful search has been made to find the will or a record of the will of Richard Higgins, but entirely without success. He left a will, for in more than one record his widow Mary is called executrix and his son Eliakim Higgins is called executor.

In land records of 1677 Mary Higgins is called widow, and Richard Higgins is called "her deceased husband, late of Piscataway." She obtained a warrant April 2, 1677, for the laying out in a lawful manner of the lands to which her husband had claim. March 8, 1677-8, there were laid out to her at Piscataway eight tracts of land, containing 16, 22, 17, 16, 19, 104, 55, and 5 acres respectively, a total of 254 acres. These lands were in the western part of old Piscataway township, near the Raritan River.

"June 5, 1677. Mary Higgins widow and Eliakim Higgins, son of Richard Higgins, late of Piscataway, executors of said Richard's will, sold to Edward Slater lands purchased of John Smalley, Sr. and John Smalley, Jr." The three men last-named were all residents of Piscataway. The lands were apparently located in "Bottle Meadow" in Piscataway.—*East Jersey Patents*, Book No. 1, reverse.

In the effort to determine the exact location of the Higgins's homestead in Piscataway, there was disclosed, in the records of the Surveyor General of the East Jersey Proprietors at Perth Amboy (not under the State Government, but held as corporation property), a record of the survey and assignments of lands to Mary Higgins of Piscataway, dated March 8, 1677-8. The boundaries are chiefly trees and heaps of stones; a few names of adjoining proprietors are mentioned. The region was at the western part of Piscataway, about the locality called "Dismall," or "The Dismall Swamp," and in the uplands above it, and over the Raritan River. Some lots touched the line of Woodbridge. The result of the effort to locate is negative, as it by no means follows that the home lot or house lot of Richard Higgins was included in these lands. The probability is that it was not.



It is difficult or perhaps impossible to state with precision the bounds of the ancient grant of land made to the first settlers of Piscataway. It probably included all the present townships of Piscataway and Raritan. The present township of Piscataway is about ten miles in length from northeast to southwest and five or six miles in width. The triangle bounded by lines joining the cities of Plainfield, New Brunswick and Bloomington includes most of it and some area besides. It is not believed that Richard Higgins's home lot was within this triangle, but he may have owned some lands within it. East and southeast of it lies the present township of Raritan (not to be confused with Raritan township in Hunterdon County, in which Flemington is situated). This township extends east and south to the Raritan River and includes extensive marshes along the river, which enters Raritan Bay opposite the southern end of Staten Island. In this township, about four miles east of the center of New Brunswick and one mile or a little more north of the river, lies the present tiny hamlet of Piscataway. A small stream known as the Mill Branch falls into the Raritan a mile southeast of this place. It was probably here or in the immediate vicinity that Richard Higgins first settled. Others have placed his home lot about three miles to the northwest, near the present station called Stelton. The latter has grown up since the construction of the Pennsylvania railroad. The former location is much the more probable. It would be practically impossible to locate the original Higgins grants by the ancient surveys. It is more than two centuries since any of the Higgins name lived there, Thomas Higgins, son of Richard, being the last, his brothers all removing from Piscataway, Jediah to the southwest, near Kingstons, and Eliakim and Zerah to the northeast, at Woodbridge or Elizabethtown.

The few incidents known in the life of Mary Higgins, widow of Richard, subsequent to his death will be of interest. In *Plymouth Colony Deeds*, vol. 5, folios 139, 140, in immediate connection with deeds of exchange made July 2, 1669, between John Doane and Richard Higgins and already referred to, is the following:

“Mary Higgins executrix to ye last will and testament of the above named Richard Higgins deceased do by this present assign and make over this above written deed and all ye said lands comprised to my daughter in law Desier Yates, the relict of my natural son John Yates deceased as a feoffee in trust for my grandchild John Yates now surviving to him, to him and his heirs forever, it being land that was my former husband's John Yates, given to

him by ye Towne of Eastham. . . . Dated this 26 of June in the year of our Lord god 1682.

The mark 0 of Mary Higgins (seal)  
Signed sealed and delivered before John Freeman Assist. Samuel Treat." This quitclaim is again recorded and in the second John Yates' relict is called Deborah.

John Freeman was the highest civil officer at Eastham and Samuel Treat was the minister of the First Church. It would therefore appear that Mrs. Mary Higgins was at Eastham when this quitclaim deed was signed.

About this time Samuel Moore, Sr., of Woodbridge, N. J., obtained a license to marry the widow Mary Higgins, but for some unknown reason the marriage did not take place. At some time subsequent to 1684 she married for her third husband and as his second wife Isaac Whitehead, son of John Whitehead of New Haven, Conn., who had settled in Elizabethtown in 1666, then having a wife and six children. He was a prominent man and dying about February, 1691, he by will bequeathed one-third of all his movables to his wife Mary.

Thomas Higgins, son of Richard and Mary, in his will of Dec. 2, 1702, made provision for his mother, Mary Whitehead. She made her home with him and he says: "My will is that my honored mother, Mary Whitehead, shall have and quietly possess the Parlor or Rooms where she now lives and also one-third part of the orchard during her natural life." This is the last mention of her that has been discovered. She probably died here, but the date of her decease is unknown. She was about seventy years old at this time. Thomas Yates, probably a grandson of Mrs. Mary (Yates) Higgins, settled in New Jersey before 1712 and appears in transactions with relatives there.

#### *Children of Richard Higgins.*

By first wife, Lydia Chandler.

2. i. Jonathan, b. July, 1637, at Plymouth; married (1) Elizabeth Rogers; (2) Hannah Rogers.
3. ii. Benjamin, b. June, 1640 (Colony Records say July); married Lydia Bangs.

By second wife, Mary (—) Yates.

4. iii. Mary, b. Sept. 27, 1652; married Samuel Oliver.
5. iv. Eliakim, b. Oct. 20, 1654, at Eastham; married Alice Newbold.
- v. William, b. Dec. 15, 1654. So the Plymouth Colony Records. The Eastham records make no mention of him.

This date of his birth is clearly impossible. Savage boldly amends the record to read "Dec. 15, 1655." This is unsupported. The best explanation is that the person who transcribed the returns of births from Eastham into the Plymouth Colony record book made a copyist's error, and by mistake gave to Richard Higgins a child William, who belonged to some other parents. The William Higgins who was on Long Island about 1700 was probably of another family. This Genealogy accordingly will not count William among the family of Richard Higgins.

6. vi. Jediah (also Jadiah, Judiah), b. March 5, 1656-7, at Eastham; married Mary Newbold.
7. vii. Zerah, b. June, 1658, at Eastham; married Elizabeth Oliver.
8. viii. Thomas, b. January, 1661-2, at Eastham; married Elizabeth Hull.
  - ix. Lydia, b. July, 1664, at Eastham; probably died young or unmarried; no later mention of her found.
9. x. Rebecca, b. about 1666, at Eastham; married Thomas Martin.
10. xi. Ruth, b. about 1668, at Eastham, but possibly at Piscataway; married (1) Isaac FitzRandolph; (2) Stephen Tuttle.
11. xii. Sarah, b. about 1670, at Piscataway; married Samuel Moore, 2d.

Authorities: *New England Hist. and Gen. Register*, vol. xxx, p. 242; Freeman's *History of Cape Cod*, i, pp. 173, 261; ii, pp. 347-8, 357-9, 371, 413-4; Pratt's *History of Eastham*; Rich's *Truro and Cape Cod*; Churchill *Genealogy*; *Mayflower Des.*, several references; *Plymouth Colony Records*, many references; Hatfield's *History of Elizabeth, N. J.*, pp. 261-2; Whitehead's *Contributions to East Jersey History*, p. 401; Bradford's *History of Plymouth*, p. 426; Deeds, wills and administrations of New Jersey, prior to 1700; Vital and town records of Eastham; Articles in *New York Gen. and Biog. Record* for October, 1915, and January, 1916, by Mr. O. E. Monnette; Mr. Hiram E. Deats of Flemington, N. J.

2. JONATHAN<sup>2</sup> HIGGINS (*Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born July, 1637, at Plymouth; died at date unknown; he was certainly living May 21, 1711, and perhaps in 1721; married (1) at Eastham, Jan. 9, 1660-1, Elizabeth Rogers, born Sept. 29, 1639, at Duxbury, Mass.; died about 1678 at Eastham; daughter of Joseph and Hannah (—) Rogers of Plymouth and Eastham; married (2) (date not found) Hannah Rogers, sister of Elizabeth Rogers. Both were granddaughters of Thomas Rogers who with his son Joseph (then a boy) was a passenger of the *Mayflower* in 1620.

Thomas Rogers was at Leyden, Holland, on or before June 25, 1618, and is then called "camlet merchant."

Jonathan Higgins was about eight years old when his father removed from Plymouth to Eastham. Hence he grew to man's estate there, and had what education the town afforded. Nothing has been found to indicate that his father ever gave him any land. In 1670, when he was about thirty-three years old, he sold his house and land to Ephraim Doane, and probably removed to another locality, as the following deed shows:

"To all people to whom these presents shall come, Jonathan Higgins of Eastham in the Gov'tment of New Plymouth in New England in America sendeth greeting. . . . The said Jonathan for the sum of £13 paid to him by Ephraim Doane of Eastham, husbandman, doth sell . . . his dwelling house in Eastham with twenty-two acres of upland, two acres whereof lyeth about the dwelling house, being near a pond called the Basse Pond, the other twenty acres lying on the other side the Basse River by the Bayside (bounds are given), together with four acre of meadow lying at Billingsgate att the mouth of the Silver Springe on both sides the Creek. Dated Nov. 19, 1670. Acknowledged Nov. 19, 1673 (sic) before John Freeman, Assist."—*Plymouth Colony Deeds*, vol. 4, p. 198.

Where Jonathan Higgins resided immediately after this sale does not appear in any record discovered. It is probable that he settled on some land in Pochey or on some land in Barley Neck, near Lieut. Joseph Rogers.

As early as Feb. 28, 1663, the town records testify that "Jonathan Higgins hath one mare colt of a black color." Also the records say:

"May 12, 1675. The town hath chosen to be presented to the Court for ensigns Jonathan Higgins and Jonathan Bangs. The Court has conferred the office of ensign of the military company of this town upon Jonathan Higgins." The Plymouth Colony Records show that he was confirmed ensign June 1, 1675. He held this honorable office for just four years. In 1683-4, or possibly earlier, he was admitted a freeman of the Colony, which gave him the right to vote for Colony officers, and to hold office in the Colony. There is no evidence that he ever held such office. For a certain reason he had been obliged to resign the office of ensign (standard bearer), and the reason was not forgotten.

"Feb. 1707-8. Jonathan Higgins, senior, townsman of Eastham." The name occurs with others and the record is probably a list of those who were townsmen at that date. It seems clear



from references in the Eastham records that Jonathan Higgins, Sr., was living in 1715 and probably in 1719. If he survived until 1719, he was in his eighty-second year. He may have lived a few years longer. It is certain that he attained a ripe old age.

In the hope of finding proof that Elisha Higgins was son of Jonathan Higgins, Sr., all the grants of lands by the Town of Eastham to Jonathan Higgins, Sr., as recorded in the ancient book of Lands and Ways have been carefully studied and are given herewith.

“Aug. 24, 1677. The town hath granted to Jonathan Higgins a parcell of sedge ground adjoining to Sampson’s Island, containing two acres.”

“Sept. 1, 1677. Granted by the town of Eastham to Jonathan Higgins six acres at poche on a neck of land by the side of the Cove that runs up to lieutenant rogerses on the northerly side of the Cove.”

“Sept. 1, 1677. Granted to Jonathan Higgins Senr a piece of land near the head of the Town Cove at the westerly end of his son Jonathan Higen his land on the northerly side of Ceder Swamp . . . to a white oak near the northwesterly corner of Jonathan higen Jr. his land,—a rock marked I. H.”

“July 15, 1696. The eleventh lot (of the undivided land) is the lot of Jonathan Higen containing 6 acre of medow & two acres of upland at little billingsgate the medow lying in two parcels the first layeth at the northeasterly end of griffiths Iland . . . and the other piece on the southerly side of the herring river . . . near some land formerly granted to Gov. Prence” (p. 152).

“April 22, 1700, the town voted that Jonathan Higgins senior might have about two acres of land where he now lives” (p. 26).

“July 31, 1700. The town voted that Jonathan Higgins might exchange a bit of land at Pochet on the west side of the Barley Neck for his convenience of fencing.”

“July 6 or 26, 1703. Land granted to Jonathan Higgins Senr. in Eastham at pochy low flats between pochy Island and hog island, being the 28th lot as they were laid out in the division of the common meadows in Eastham.”

“July 26, 1703. Granted to Jonathan Higgins Sr more land in pochy high meadow by the beach,—the eleventh lot” (p. 173).

“March 26, 1711. Set out to Jonathan Higgins Senr. land to make up his plains lot,  $4\frac{1}{2}$  acres lying in Sd Eastham on the westerly side of the highway that goes toward Potonomekut and on the northerly side of the way that goes from pochy towards Harwich . . . the other parcel one acre more or less lyes on the northern side of the house lot of said Jonathan Higgins Senr. and beginning at ye stones at the partition line between him and Jonathan Higgins Junr. . . .”

“May 21, 1711. Granted by the town of Eastham and laid out to Jonathan Higgins Senr. of Sd Eastham a parcel of land for

his tenement lot lying on the northeasterly side of Wm Smith's tenement lot."

"May 21, 1711. Land set out to Jonathan Higgins Senr. for his wood lot on the northerly side of the Secund brooke (so called)."

"Laid out to him 6 acres on the northerly side of the second brooke on the northerly side of Joshua Hardings lot" (p. 72).

The numbers in parentheses are references to the pages of the ancient record book labeled Lands and Ways.

The following was omitted from its proper place in chronological order:

"June 1676. Bulletts received of Thomas Paine by Lieut. Sparrow, — Higgins, Mark Snow, a total of 173 pounds weight."

If we are right in filling the blank in this record (from the ancient Eastham Town Book), with the name Jonathan, then it would seem probable that Jonathan Higgins may have seen active service in King Philip's War. However, the record may have referred to Benjamin Higgins, brother of Jonathan. There are other indications that Benjamin served actively in that war, and it is very probable that both Jonathan and Benjamin did so.

The clauses in Lieut. Joseph Rogers' will relating to his daughters taken with the grants and deed given below are believed to be proof that Jonathan, Jr., Joseph and Elisha were all sons of Jonathan, Sr.

"I doe Give to my Daughter Elizabeth higgens the wife of Jonathan higgens six acres of Land lying Neare the Barley neck, by a swamp called Cedar swamp: as it is Recorded and bounded in the Towne book, I say I give this six acres To her and her heires of her body forever: shee nor they shall not sell nor farm it out, directly or Indirectly to any person whatsoever, except in case of Removall it shall be lawful for my sonnes or their heires to buy or purchase it."

"Item. I doe give unto my daughter hannah Rogers, if shee be not disposed of in Marriage before my decease and my wife's decease, then I say I doe give her my bed and bedding with all the furniture thereto belonging or that shall belonge thereto att our decease; Alsoe it is my will that shee shall have her Choise of one Cow before my Cattle be distributed, and the use of three acres of Tillage Ground ffenced in, with the arable Ground of her brethren, in the barly neck if shee desirs it, soo longe as shee lives unmarried."—Plymouth Colony Wills, vol. iii, part ii, pp. 103-5. Also printed in *Mayflower Descendant*, vol. iii, p. 67.

"Granted to Jonathan Higgins by the town of Eastham liberty to exchange part of his six acres (the grant of Sept. 1, 1677) of upland at Pochet where he formerly lived for a piece of common



that lyeth betwixt this six acre lot and the land which his father Rogers gave him on the west side of the barley neck, so as to lay his land together, and it is allowed of by the major part of the men appointed by the Town to have a negative in disposing of land within the same and by them laid out and bounded: that is to say the bounds of said six acres lot of sd Higgins land are now as followeth: viz: beginning at a rock marked J H on a hill nigh the Cove side against the northerly end of a cedar swamp which Rock is ye allowed (word illegible) corner of the (illegible) six acres of land which was formerly granted to lieutenant Rogers: on the west side of the barley neck and from said Rock down to the water westerly; and again from sd rock easterly to a stone marked (blank) a little to the eastwards of the southerly corner of a little piece of marsh, allowing a cart way by gate or bars for Jonathan Linnel to cart from the cove to his own land and from sd stone northerly on a strait line to another stone marked J H, a little above the northerly corner of said marsh allowing a way by gate or barre by the side of sd marsh for carts to use on any occasion from the Cove to the common and from said stone still northerly to another stone marked J H and from thence westerly to a low rock marked J H, and so on a strait line with this rang westerly to the water, and so round southerly by the water till it comes even with the Rock first mentioned. Recorded Sept. 20, 1700."—Eastham Lands and Ways, 1659-1710, p. 161.

"Ichabod Higgins sells a parcell of land to Jonathan Sparrow lying on the southerly side of Sampson's Island,—the one third part of a lott of meadow formerly granted by said Town of Eastham to Jonathan Higgins Senr., as may be seen on record; (compare the grant of Sept. 1, 1677) it being same the tract of meadow I bought of Elisha Higgins, as may appear by deed duly executed."—*Mayflower Descendant*, vol. xv, p. 92.

"Granted by the town of Eastham to Jonathan Higgins Junior, Joseph Higgins and Elisha Higgins all of Eastham in ye County of Barnstable a parcel of upland (by way of exchange) lying and being in sd Eastham at or near a place called the barley neck adjoining to the land of Jonathan Linnel near his now dwelling house and is Bounded (viz) begining at a rock at the northeast corner to the northward of sd Linnel's Barn marked I L, from thenc it runs southerly fourteen pole to a stone set in the ground in the range of sd Linnel's land; from thenc it runs westerly by sd range thirty two pole to the side of a little marsh; from thenc it runs northerly thirteen pole to measure strait over to a stone set in by the edge of sd meadow marked I L but the land is to run home to the marsh between sd bounds and from sd last mentioned bound it runs easterly strait to the first bound specified, being about two acres be it more or less. This land bounded as abovesd is granted to sd Jonathan, Joseph and Elisha Higgins to have and to hold to them, their heirs and assigns forever and approved by the major part of the men appointed to have a

negative vote in disposing of land within sd town; always provided that the said Jonathan Higgins, Joseph Higgins and Elisha Higgins doe leave out and quit their claime and return to the town to be as other Town commons all the land and marsh or meadow ground lying there above to the northward of that point of upland which lyes to the southward of the fore mentioned little marsh, saving only what is included within this abovesd grant and these following bounds (viz): beginning at the northeast corner of that parcel of land which was the house lot of Jonathan Higgins senior at a stone marked I H which stands in or very near the corner of the fence on the northern side of sd lot, and from sd stone runs westerly to a low rock marked I H and soe on a strait line with this range westerly to the water, and soe round southerly by the water to two pretty big rocks standing just by the edge of the upland by the side of the little marsh and from thenc strait over southerly to the point of upland on the southern side of sd marsh, allowing a way by gates or barrs to go and come to the water side with carts between sd two rocks and sd point of upland; and again from sd two rocks it runs easterly a little further to a little rock just by the edge of the upland marked I H, and from thenc it runs northerly on a strait line to the first bounds specified. Recorded April the 5th 1706 pr John Paine, Town Clark."—Land Grants, 1659-1710, p. 200.

"Granted by the Town of Eastham to Jonathan Higgins Junior of Eastham . . . in consideration for the land he let John Paine have near the Barley neck on the town's account to exchange for Samson's Iland as may appear by deed and records . . . lying near the now dwelling house of sd Jonathan Higgins, two and two-thirds acres of land. (Bounds given.) Dated 1706."—Land Grants, 1659-1710, p. 201.

On the same page are two similar grants under like conditions of adjoining land to Joseph Higgins and to Elisha Higgins. It appears from these three grants that the land the three Higginases gave up to John Paine in exchange for equivalent land from the town had been land belonging to Jonathan Higgins, Sr., being close to his former dwelling-house, and had passed in some way, probably by gift, to the three younger men. No record of a will or other settlement of the estate of Jonathan Higgins, Sr., appears on the records at Barnstable and all the deeds recorded there before 1827 were destroyed by fire at that time. In the absence of such records, these grants become the only evidence available, and they point directly to the conclusions here reached.

*Children born at Eastham.*

- i. Beriah, b. Sept. 29, 1661. His grandfather, Lieut. Joseph Rogers, in his will, dated Jan. 2-12, 1677-8, says: "Item. I Give to Berijah higgins my Grand child on

condition hee live with mee untill I die: I say I Give to him and his heires one third prte of all my upland and meddow att Paomett, purchased and unpurchased." "Item it is my will that Berijah higgins shall have one of my Cowes after mine and my wife's decease." "Ten shillings of my estate to be disposed of for use of the Church of Christ, Eastham." Thomas Rogers testified before Jonathan Sparrow that his father (Lieut. Joseph Rogers) declared to him a few days before his death "hee desired mee to beare witness that hee did give unto Beriah higgins his best suite of apparrell because he had lived with him a Great while and hee had promised him for to buy him a suit of Clothes: and did alsoe declare that it was his will that Beriah higgins should have the bed that his daughter hannah did lye upon, and a blanket or two: he further told mee that hee did Intend for to have put it in his will, but had forgott it." Samuel Berry, aged 22 years or thereabouts, testified to the same. It is possible that Beriah Higgins went afterward to Kittery, Maine, as one Beriah Higgins witnessed a deed for Gabriel Tetherly, April 18, 1695. (*York Co. Deeds*, Book 6, p. 38). No indication that Beriah Higgins had a wife, family or descendants has been found.

12. ii. Jonathan, b. "latter end of August," 1664; married Mrs. Lydia (Sparrow) Freeman.
13. iii. Joseph, b. Feb. 14, 1666-7; married Ruth —.
- iv. Jemima, b. 1667(?); d. May 8, 1723, in fifty-seventh year. If this age is right, she must have been a twin with Joseph. Jemima Higgins married Nov. 1, 1699, John Mulford, b. Eastham, July, 1670, d. there April 20, 1730, in fifty-ninth year, son of Thomas and Hannah Mulford. Her gravestone is in the ancient cemetery between Orleans and the present Eastham town hall.
- v. Hannah, b. about 1672; d. at Eastham Jan. 24, 1731-2; married about 1699, Nicholas Paine of Eastham, b. —; d. 1733; son of Thomas and Mary (Snow) Paine. Children: Thankful, b. March 14, 1700; Priscilla, b. Oct. 16, 1701; Philip, b. Nov. 18, 1704; d. April 10, 1725, unmarried; Lois, b. Sept. 29, 1705; Abigail, b. Aug. 3, 1707; Hannah, b. Sept. 24, 1709. The marriage of Hannah Higgins to Nicholas Paine is proved by an original deed, dated at Eastham, Jan. 29, 1714-5, an abstract of which is now in possession of Mr. Josiah Paine of Harwich, Mass., which declares that "Nicholas Paine and wife Hannah sell to their brother, Jonathan Higgins, Jr., a parcel of land given by our grandfather, Lieut. Joseph Rogers, in his last will and testament unto our honoured mother, Elizabeth Higgins deceased, both upland and swamp, our own absolute estate. Signed Nicholas Paine, Hannah Paine, her mark. Witnesses. Joseph Doane, Jr., Rebecca

Doane, her mark. Before Joseph Doane, Justice of the Peace. Recorded March 16, 1730-1, in 15th Book, fol. 86. John Thatcher Register."

14. vi. Elisha, born about 1677-9; married (1) Jane Collins; (2) Elizabeth Brown; (3) Mrs. Rachel Hopkins.
- vii. Elizabeth, b. Feb. 11, 1680-1; d. Nov. 4, 1721; married April 3, 1701, Thomas Mayo, Jr., of Eastham. Children: Elizabeth, b. May 1, 1702; Thankful, b. Jan. 10, 1703-4; Bathsheba, b. April 27, 1705; Eliakim, b. April 1, 1707; Sarah, b. June 12, 1710; d. July 27, 1711; Joshua, b. May 28, 1712; Mercy, b. Feb. 27, 1718-9.
- viii. Mary, b. Jan. 22, 1682-3; d. —; married Feb. 12, 1706-7, James Young, b. April, 1685; d. June 18, 1750, at Truro, Mass.; son of Joseph and Sarah (Davis) Young of Eastham and Truro. Children: Phoebe, b. June 3, 1707; married (1) Judah Dyer, (2) Nathaniel Atwood; Sarah, b. Feb. 2, 1709-10; married Joshua Covell of Truro; Samuel, b. Dec. 11, 1712; removed to Middle Haddam, Conn., and there married Rebecca Brainerd; Mary, b. March 25, 1715; married Robert Newcombe; Lydia, b. Aug. 17, 1717; d. in infancy; Lydia, b. Sept. 8, 1718; d. at Marlborough, Conn., Aug. 11, 1809; married Oct. 13, 1737, John Rich of Provincetown, Mass., later of Middletown-Chatham, Conn., where he d. Aug. 6, 1777. John and Lydia (Young) Rich had among other children Mary Rich, b. April 29, 1743, who married Oct. 24, 1765, John Goff, Sr., of Middle Haddam, Conn. Hannah, b. Feb. 12, 1719-20; married Reuben O'Kelley of Provincetown; Elizabeth, b. Sept. 17, 1723; married Francis Smalley, 3d; James, b. May 30, 1725; married Sarah —.
- ix. Rebecca, b. Nov. 30, 1686; d. at Westchester, town of Colchester, Conn., Dec. 25, 1776, "aged 92"; married Aug. 11, 1715, at Eastham, Jacob Hurd, b. Jan. 12, 1695, in Eastham; d. between 1764 and 1776 at Westchester, Conn.; son of John Hurd, tailor, of Boston and Eastham, by Deborah, his wife. John Hurd was b. July 17, 1643, at Boston, son of John Hurd, Sr., also a tailor, who came to Boston as early as 1639 and d. there Sept. 23, 1690. John Hurd of Eastham (perhaps in the Harwich part) had a son John who was the ancestor of the Hurd families who remained in the Cape Cod region. Jacob Hurd of Eastham and Middle Haddam was the ancestor of the Middle Haddam Hurds, but not of those of East Haddam and Killingworth, Conn., who descend from Robert Heard or Hurd of Stratford, Conn. Jacob Hurd had by his wife Rebecca Higgins at least three children: Rebecca, b. about 1718 and married (1) July 10, 1744, James<sup>4</sup> Brainerd, b. July 9, 1725, at Haddam, Conn., d. April 16, 1749; married



(2) Sept. 4, 1752, John Rowley of Westchester, Conn., son of John and Deborah (Fuller) Rowley of Falmouth, Mass., and East Haddam and Colchester, Conn.; Elizabeth, b. —; married Robinson Williams of Colchester; Jacob, Jr., b. Dec. 17, 1720, at Harwich, Mass.; d. at Middle Haddam, Conn., in 1811. Jacob Hurd, Jr., married Feb. 28, 1745-6, Thankful Hurlburt. They had five daughters and four sons, Joseph, Jacob, Benjamin and Jesse, who were all active Revolutionary soldiers and sea captains. The son Jacob, b. March 28, 1762, d. at Middle Haddam in 1861 in the hundredth year of his age. In the *Hurlburt Genealogy*, p. 410, may be found a full account of the families of these nine children of Jacob Hurd, Jr.

15. x. James, b. July 22, 1688; married (1) Sarah Mayo; (2) Sarah Bixbie.
- xi. Sarah, b. Oct. 18, 1690; married probably April 10, 1717, William Mitchell, only son of William and Mercy (Nickerson) Mitchell, as his second wife.

Authorities: Eastham Vital Records and other documents quoted in *Mayflower Des.*, vol. iii, p. 67; vi, p. 205; vi, p. 15; vii, p. 16; viii, p. 245; xv, pp. 54, 55; ix, pp. 9, 10; *Freeman's Hist. Cape Cod*, p. 725; *Plymouth Colony Probate Records*; *New York Gen. and Biog. Record*, October, 1904; *Paine Ancestry*, p. 10; *N. E. Hist. and Gen. Register*, vol. xlvii, p. 187; Mr. Josiah Paine of Harwich, Mass., for deed quoted; Vital Records of Middletown, Conn.; Records of Congregational Churches at Middle Haddam and Westchester, Conn.; *Records of the Colony of Plymouth*, vol. v, p. 246; vol. viii, p. 208; vol. viii, p. 28. For an account of how Jonathan Higgins was forced to resign his rank of Ensign, and for proof of the identity of his second wife, see *Plymouth Colony Records*, vol. vi, pp. 19-20.

3. BENJAMIN<sup>2</sup> HIGGINS (*Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born July, 1640, at Plymouth; "deceased on ye 14th of March, 1690-1," at Eastham; married Dec. 24, 1661, Lydia Bangs, born —; died after Feb. 13, 1706-7; daughter of Edward and Lydia (Hicks) Bangs of Eastham.

Benjamin Higgins resided at Eastham, probably on lands which had belonged to his father at Pochet, now in East Orleans. On March 2, 1668-9, he was sued at law by Peregrine White for damages of £16 for not paying a debt due him, the said White. The parties came to an agreement, and the suit was withdrawn. On June 1, 1675, he was one of the jury in a trial which had momentous consequences, and an account of it may be interesting. In 1662 Massasoit, Sachem of the Wampanoags, the faithful

friend of the Pilgrims, with whom he had kept peace and friendship for forty-one years, was gathered to his fathers. Two sons survived him, Wamsutta and Metacom, to whom the names Alexander and Philip had been given at their own request. Alexander succeeded his father as sachem, and his sudden death in 1662 gave the Indians suspicion that he had been poisoned by the English. His brother Philip, then about twenty-three years of age and by nature less inclined than his brother to accept a position of dependence, succeeded him. A policy of conciliation might have won his good will, but the constant nagging to which he was subjected increased his resentment and nurtured in him a sullen distrust. The attitude and measures of Plymouth Colony were arbitrary and high-handed and were admirably adapted to bring about the very state of affairs they were intended to forestall. For a dozen years Philip was intriguing and preparing for war. The least suspicion of intrigue could not long escape the notice of those Indian converts who kept the authorities well informed of all that went on. There had been living among the Wampanoags at Nemasket (near Middleborough) the daughter of whose chief he had married, an Indian convert of the Rev. John Eliot's, named Sassamon, a Natick, "a cunning and plausible man" Hubbard calls him. This man had accompanied Philip to Boston as interpreter after the death of Alexander and served him for some time after, but having, it is said, been found guilty of some offense, had again professed Christianity. Associated with Philip on familiar terms, he claimed to have received the sachem's confidences, and betrayed them to the English under pledge of secrecy. His information was not at first much regarded, but Philip, learning in advance of a summons, made haste to Plymouth to free himself from suspicion, and was allowed to return. In the spring of the following year (1675) the dead body of Sassamon was discovered in Assowomset Pond. An investigation led to the belief that Sassamon had been killed while fishing during the winter and his body thrown under the ice. Three Indians were arrested on the evidence of an Indian who claimed to have been an eye-witness of the affair. The three Wampanoags were convicted by a white jury to which had been added several friendly Indians, and executed, utterly denying their guilt, yet the last of them did confess that the other Indians did really murder John Sassamon, and that he himself, though no actor in it, was yet a looker-on. The trial and execution of the three Indians aroused the Wampanoag warriors to madness, and they at once began hostilities.



Thus indirectly Benjamin Higgins was one of the immediate causes of the outbreak known in history as King Philip's War. That he was a soldier in the contest is probable in general, and is proved by his inventory, which shows that he possessed the equipment of a trooper, and by the grant to his grandson, Jedidiah Higgins, of a share in Narragansett Township No. 7, now the town of Gorham, Me. These grants were made only to the direct heirs or descendants of men who had served in King Philip's War.

June 1, 1675, the General Court of Plymouth Colony took the following action: "In answere to a petition prefered to the Court by Benjamine Higgens in the right of his father deceased, to be accommodated with land at Saconett (now Little Compton, R. I.) with the p'tenors and servants there, the Court, generally conceiving that the said Richard Higgens had wronge in that he was not accommodated in the said land with the rest, severall of the p'tenors being p'sent did engage before the Court that in case the petitioner shall and doe make his adresse to the rest of the companie interested in those lands, that they will p'swade them that altho hee can not be supplied out of the devided land of it, that he may bee competently supplied in the undevided land thereof."

It is recorded in the ancient town book of Eastham that on July 14, 1664, "Benjamin Higgins hath a mare of a brownish bay color and one white foot, the other three feet partly white, with a white strip on her face, and running broad toward the right nostril, a piece cut out of the top side the near ear, and burn marked with E on the near shoulder." He also had at this time three mare colts.

"The mark of the cattle of Benjamin Higgins is a piece cut off slanting on the fore side of the near ear, and a slit in where the piece is cut out. Entered this 17th April 1680."

Benjamin Higgins was freeman of the Colony probably as early as 1675 and very probably a soldier in King Philip's War. Jan. 7, 1676, he was one of the Grand Inquest. May 5, 1685, he was chosen constable by the town, and June 2, 1685, was confirmed by the General Court at Plymouth. Sept. 6, 1686, he was chosen juryman for actions at the County Court at Barnstable. June 4, 1688, he was chosen one of the selectmen at Eastham, and again June 3, 1690. "Aug. 26, 1689, The town have chosen Thomas Paine senior, Daniel Doane and Benjamin Higgins for grand-jurie men for the remainder of this present year." He was one of the witnesses of the will of John Young of Eastham in 1688 and

one of the appraisers of the estate, Feb. 3, 1690-1. The book of land grants of Eastham contains several records of grants of land to him by the town, as follows:

“Richard Higgins sells land to his son Benjamin, 4th day of the 5th month, 1669” (July 4, 1669) (p. 96).

“Richard Higgins sale of land to Benjamin, proving that Richard went to New Jersey, dated at new pascataway in New Jarsey, Nov. 24, 1672.” Mrs. Mary Higgins gave her consent to this and other sales (p. 98).

“Land granted to Benjamin Higgins Feb. 4, 1673” (p. 97).

“April 16, 1678. Granted to Benjamin Higgins a parcel of medow at the Harbour’s mouth.”

“March 14, 1690. Land granted to Benjamin Higgins (near) ‘his other land upon poche at a place called bishops butter hole’” (p. 96).

An inventory of the estate of Benjamin Higgins, amounting to £85 in real estate and £206.06.00 in personal estate, was rendered June 19, 1691, and sworn to by Mrs. Lydia Higgins, administratrix, five days later. “Memorandum: that Ichabod Higgins hath already had £10 and a piece of land on which his house stood, appraised at £9.” An agreement was made that Ichabod should have in cattle, bedding, boards, shingles and cash £20.05.00; Richard the loom and gears, 7 acres of land, a cutlass, cartridge box, cattle and cash £20.18.00; Joshua a gun, rapier, cartridge box, bedding, wearing clothes, powder and bullets, saddle and cloth, cattle, sheep and cash £20.05.00; Lydia should have cattle, sheep, an iron pot, books, cloth and cash £20; Isaac a gun, ammunition, a cutlass, cartridgebox, bedding, clothing, cattle, sheep and cash £20.05.00; Samuel was to have a gun, sword, cartridge-box, a book, bedding, clothes, ammunition, cattle, sheep and cash £20.05.00; Benjamin was to have two-thirds of the housing and one-third of the lands and meadows; the widow to have her legal third part. She was living Feb. 13, 1706-7, when her brother, Joshua Bangs, willed to her one-eighth part of such personal estate of his as might remain after the death of his wife. Aug. 20, 1711, town of Eastham “Laid out to widdow Lidia Higgins for her natural life and then returns to the town, a parcel of land near the head of Namskaket on the Eastern side of the first lot which is the lot of Daniel Cole Sr.” The date of her death is unknown. She married (2) Nicholas Snow.

*Children born at Eastham.*

16. i. Ichabod, b. Nov. 14, 1662; married Melatiah Hamblen(?).
17. ii. Richard, b. Oct. 15, 1664; married Sarah Hamblen(?).

- iii. John, b. Nov. 20, 1666; d. June 13, 1689.
- 18. iv. Joshua, b. Oct. 1, 1668; married (1) Elizabeth Smith; (2) Priscilla Bixby; (3) Mary Baker.
- v. Lydia, b. "latter end of May, 1670"; living June 24, 1691.
- 19. vi. Isaac, b. Aug. 31, 1672; married Lydia Collins.
- vii. Rebecca, b. June 14, 1674; d. March, 1675.
- 20. viii. Samuel, b. March 7, 1676-7; married (1) Hannah Cole; (2) Thankful Mayo; (3) Elizabeth Harding.
- 21. ix. Benjamin, b. Sept. 15, 1681; married (1) Sarah Freeman; (2) Mercy Hopkins.

Authorities: Eastham Town and Vital Records; *Plymouth Colony Records*, vol. v, pp. 167, 169, 196; vi, pp. 165, 242; vii, p. 153; *Mayflower Des.*, vol. viii, p. 12; xii, p. 39; *Bangs Family*, pp. 19, 20, 27.

4. MARY<sup>2</sup> HIGGINS (*Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Sept. 27, 1652, at Eastham, Mass.; died Jan. 23, 1729; married about 1682 or 1683 Samuel Oliver, born —; died —; son of William and Mary (Ackerly) Oliver of Elizabethtown, N. J.

Samuel Oliver was also a resident of Elizabethtown. His sister, Elizabeth Oliver, on Dec. 25, 1680, married Zerah Higgins, brother of abovesaid Mary Higgins. The probate records of Essex County, N. J., state that Thomas Higgins and Samuel Oliver, *his uncles*, were appointed guardians of Richard Higgins, son of Zerah Higgins. This record is probably the only source of the view, held by the late Professor Wynans, an excellent genealogist, that Mary Higgins married Samuel Oliver. Rev. E. B. Stockton also holds this view, which is adopted in this volume. Another view is that held by Mr. Orra E. Monnette, who states that Mary Higgins married William Looker of Elizabethtown, had a son William and died after Aug. 20, 1682. He bases his view upon the following, a bond on record at Trenton, N. J., dated Aug. 20, 1682, which recites that "We Mary Higgins Spinster and Eliakim Higgins carpenter, both of the Towne of Piscataway in Ye Province of East Jersey do stand & are firmly bounden & obliged unto Richard Smith, Constable, . . . The condition of this obligation is such That Whereas the within bounden Mary Higgins and Eliakim hath brought unto the sd Towne of Piscataway a Laime and distracted (insane) woman, the wife of one William Looker, late of Elizabeth Towne, Brewer . . ." Later on in the bond she is called Mary Looker. The bond was witnessed by John Gilman and Edward Slater, neighbors of the

Higgins family, and was given to relieve the town of Piscataway from responsibility for her support. In spite of the usual meaning of the word "spinster," Mr. Monnette has published the opinion that the meaning of this bond is that Mrs. Mary (Yates) Higgins, widow of Richard, and her son Eliakim Higgins were here obliging themselves to support her daughter Mary who had married William Looker and had fallen into physical and mental misfortune. The use of the word "spinster" and the fact that Mrs. Mary (Yates) Higgins seems to have been temporarily at Eastham during this very summer and probably at the very month when the bond was signed seem to us to be fatal to Mr. Monnette's interpretation. So, too, is the absence of any relationship stated in the bond as existing between Mary and Eliakim Higgins and the unfortunate Mary Looker. The correct interpretation seems to be that Mary Higgins, who had not yet become the wife of Samuel Oliver, united with her brother Eliakim Higgins in the charitable care of an unfortunate woman not related to them by blood.

*Children born at Elizabethtown, N. J.*

- i. Samuel, b. about 1686; married Sarah —, and lived at Elizabethtown. He d. May 15, 1744, and she d. April 9, 1735.
- ii. Mary, b. about 1688; married Nov. 21, 1717, John Moore. Children: Mary, b. Jan. 17, 1719; William, b. Aug. 30, 1720; Hannah, b. March 31, 1722; John, b. May 13, 1725; Deborah, b. March 28, 1727; Sarah, b. Dec. 6, 1728.
- iii. David, b. about 1692; d. Nov. 17, 1747; married Hannah —, b. —, 1692; d. Feb. 9, 1735-6. They lived at Elizabethtown.
- iv. Jonathan, b. about 1699; d. Dec. 28, 1733.
- v. John, b. —.
- vi. Sarah, b. —; married John Frazee, son of Joseph and Mary Frazee of Elizabethtown, b. —; d. 1724. Children: Susannah, Phoebe, John, Jonathan, Benoni, William and Timothy.
- vii. Elizabeth, b. —.
- viii. Mercy, b. —.
- ix. Dorcas, b. —; married David Conger of Middlesex County, N. J., b. March 15, 1707-8, son of Gershom and Ann (Designy) Conger. Children: David Conger, b. Aug. 17, 1731, d. April 12, 1792, married Aug. 25, 1751, Rachel Wilson, b. Jan. 25, 1734, d. March 30, 1817, and had eleven children (he was a Tory, removed to Montgomery Co., N. Y., and thence to Canada); Designy Conger, b. —; d. —; married Sarah Campbell and lived in New



York City; Mary Conger, b. —; married Nov. 2, 1760, Timothy Crane, son of Jeremiah and Susannah (Miller) Crane; Dorcas Conger, b. about 1743, married Nov. 15, 1762, Matthias Burnett, Jr., of Headleytown, N. J., b. Nov. 15, 1739, d. Nov. 29, 1805, and had eight children.

x. Abigail, b. — .

Authorities: Records at Eastham, Mass., and at Trenton, N. J.; Rev. E. B. Stockton in *Newark Evening News* of May 5, and May 19, 1917; Mr. Orra E. Monnette in *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*, October, 1916, and January, 1917.

5. ELIAKIM<sup>2</sup> HIGGINS (*Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Oct. 20, 1654, at Eastham, Mass.; died shortly before June 23, 1698, probably at Woodbridge, N. J.; married May 15, 1684, at Burlington, N. J., Alice Newbold, baptized Dec. 8, 1654, at Handsworth Woodhouse, County York, England. "Alice ye wife of Eliakim Higgins departed this life the 13th of November 1692 about two of ye clock in ye morning." (Recorded at Burlington, N. J.) She was the daughter of Michael and Anne Newbold of Handsworth and Eckington, County York, later of Mansfield township, Burlington County, N. J., on the Delaware River, a few miles below Bordentown.

Eliakim Higgins removed from Eastham to Piscataway with his father in 1669, being then about fifteen years old. In 1677 he received a grant of land and was executor of his father's will with his mother, Mary Higgins, in the same year. In 1678 with his brother Jediah Higgins, he witnessed a sale of land made by Richard Powell.

Aug. 25, 1683, Eliakim Higgins, carpenter of New Piscataway, conveyed to Richard Smith, Jr., 55 acres of land at Dismal, near Woodbridge line.—*New Jersey Archives*, xxi, p. 165; *East Jersey Deeds*, D., p. 29.

Feb. 24, 1684-5. Eliakim Higgins of Piscataway conveyed to Robert Fullerton of Middlesex County, 104 acres of land in Piscataway township (near the Raritan River). He sold these lands previous to his marriage to Alice Newbold at Burlington, and probably settled near his father-in-law about the time of that event, for in 1685 he had his Ear Mark for cattle recorded at Burlington. In records of deeds and land surveys from 1685 to 1689 he is called "of Piscataway" and also of "Burlington County," but was doubtless residing at Mansfield township. In 1684 and 1685 he served on three or four different juries, and Woodbridge is named in connection with this duty, but it is not likely that he was then actually residing in Woodbridge.

Nov. 23, 1692. Eliakim Higgins buys 40 acres "where he now lives" from William Emley of Nottingham township, Burlington County. He is described as yeoman and owns land adjoining.—*West Jersey Deeds*, at Trenton, B, p. 426.

Aug. 2, 1693. Eliakim Higgins conveyed land to Peter Groome. Both were of Burlington County.—*West Jersey Deeds*, B, p. 327.

Oct. 20, 1694, he assisted in making the inventory of the estate of John Greene of Mansfield township, and Feb. 8, 1694, was a witness to the marriage of Edward Andrews and Sarah Ong.—*New Jersey Archives*, vol. xxiii, p. 193.

Jan. 7, 1694-5. Eliakim Higgins of Mansfield township, Burlington County, mortgaged to Peter Resniere of Burlington, shipbuilder, 130 acres of land in Mansfield township, "the boundaries whereof will appear in a deed for the same in the Register office for the county of Burlington." Nov. 7, 1695, this mortgage was paid off or satisfied.—*West Jersey Deeds*, Liber B, part 2, p. 424.

March 5, 1694-5. Eliakim Higgins of Mansfield township, Burlington County, yeoman, sold to Joseph English of Maidenhead in the same county, yeoman, a plantation of 130 acres in said township, of which 100 acres were bought of Daniel Bacon, May 20, 1685, and 30 acres of William Emsley, Dec. 23, 1692.—*New Jersey Archives*, vol. xxi, p. 464; *West Jersey Deeds*, Liber B, part 2, p. 424; Liber B, part 1, p. 112.

As far as records show, Eliakim Higgins purchased no more land. The cause of the sale is unknown; whether it was in preparation for removal, ill-health or other cause, the records yield no information. He was living April 11, 1697, when he witnessed the will of his brother-in-law, James Newbold, and he is mentioned incidentally as an abutter in a deed of June 3, 1697. Within a year of the last date, he had passed to the great beyond. It is said that he died at Woodbridge. If this be true, he may have been there as a visitor or temporary resident. A residence at Woodbridge has been inferred from a record in vol. ix, p. 345, of the probate records at Trenton: "Inventory of the estate of Eliakim Higgins of Woodbridge appraised Feb. 23, 1698-9, by John Langstake and Rene Piatt, alias La Fleure." Estate £8. This record probably proves that he was residing at Woodbridge at the time of his death.

It is stated by Mr. Orra E. Monnette (in *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*, January, 1916) that Eliakim Higgins married (2) Mary Hale, born Nov. 28, 1678, daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Ilsley) Hale of Woodbridge, and that, being left a widow, Mary married (2) June 4, 1702-3, Moses Rolph, had



eleven children by him, and survived her second husband, who died at Somerset, N. J., about April 24, 1746. This marriage seems most improbable, and is not here accepted as a fact. For another explanation, see under Zerah Higgins.

*Children.*

- i. Elizabeth, b. Feb. 15, 1684-5; died before May, 1690.
22. ii. Gershom, b. Jan. 5, 1689-90; married Mary —.

Authorities: Those already cited, and the following: Stillwell's *Historical and Genealogical Miscellany*, pp. 12, 40-42; *New Jersey Historical Society, Proceedings*, vol. ii, 3d series, p. 172; Piscataway, Burlington and Woodbridge records; *New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, vol. xxxi, pp. 83-89.

6. JEDIAH<sup>2</sup> HIGGINS (*Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born March 5, 1656-7, at Eastham, Mass.; died in Somerset County, N. J., between April 23, 1715, and May 17, 1715; married May 12, 1684, at Burlington, N. J., Mary Newbold, born May 23, 1661, at Eckington, County York, England; died after April 23, 1715; daughter of Michael and Anne Newbold of Eckington, later of Mansfield township, Burlington County, N. J.

His name appears on the records in variant forms, as Jediah, Jadiah, Jodiah, Judiah and Jedidiah. The form of the name as written by later and living descendants is Judiah, but in early records Jediah is the commonest form, and will be adopted as the standard form.

Jediah Higgins removed with his parents from Eastham, Mass., to Piscataway, N. J., in 1669, and was about twelve years of age at the time of their removal. Nothing is known regarding his advantages for an education. He probably had nothing more than what the elementary schools of the day afforded. He resided at Piscataway most of his life, and records give his occupation as cordwainer, which may mean leather-worker, but more probably shoemaker. He occupied a more prominent position in the community than did any of his brothers, and signs are not wanting that he was an intelligent and active man. His name begins to appear on the records within a few years after he reached his majority.

Jan. 1, 1682. The first land record in Piscataway Township Book shows 2 acres of land granted to Jodiah Higgins. Registered June 25, 1682-3. In 1683, or more probably in 1685, he was Ensign of the Piscataway trainband.—*New Jersey Archives*, vol. xiii, p. 16; *Journal of the Governor and Clerk of East Jersey*, p. 9.

The record of his marriage is quaint, and will be given here:

“The Marriage between Jodia Higgins and Mary Newbold, being first published according to Lawe, was Solempnized ye Twelveth day of ye Third Moneth called May, 1684, before Elias ffarre, Robert Stacey Justices and Thomas Revell Registr. (Witnesses) Joseph Wood, Eliakim Higgins, Tho: Higgins, Margrett Newbold, Mary Pierson, Elizabeth Hull, Sarah Higgins, Elizabeth Revell, Elizabeth Stacey, Hellen Stacey.”

Dec. 23, 1683. Jediah Higgins was appointed administrator on the estate of Francis Drake.—*New Jersey Archives*, vol. xxi, p. 56; *East Jersey Deeds*, Liber D, p. 340.

Oct. 26, 1685. Jediah Higgins sells house and lot in Piscataway to Peter Eleston of Woodbridge.—*East Jersey Deeds*, Liber F, p. 216.

Feb. 23, 1688-9. John Gillman of Chohanzy River, West Jersey, sells 33 and 1-2 acres of land in Piscataway to Jediah Higgins. Land joins that of Thomas Higgins on the north.—*New Jersey Archives*, vol. xxi, p. 269; *East Jersey Deeds*, Liber F, p. 391.

In 1692 Jediah Higgins served as surveyor of highways in the township of Piscataway. In 1695 to 1698 he was elected at least twice as member of the General Assembly of New Jersey. Writs of election, dated Dec. 2, 1695, and Dec. 1, 1698, of members of the Assembly contain his name and he doubtless served as such in 1696 and 1699, and perhaps at other times, representing the town of Piscataway. About this time he is mentioned as the owner of a tract of 500 acres on the West Branch of the Passaic River.—*New Jersey Archives*, vol. xxi, pp. 161, 162, 282; *East Jersey Deeds*, Liber F, p. 565; Elizabethtown Bill in Chancery, p. 89.

June 23, 1698, he was appointed administrator on the estate of his brother, Eliakim Higgins of Woodbridge. He was then a resident of Piscataway, but soon removed to Somerset County.

In 1700 he signed with others a petition to the Governor of the Province, served on the Grand Inquest for the Superior Court, and again in 1709 was grand juror. About this time he was entrusted with a message to the Governor.—*New Jersey Colonial Documents*, vol. ii, p. 226; vol. iii, pp. 458, 459, 484.

Some years previous to 1714, probably about 1700 or perhaps in 1703, after the death of Thomas Higgins, his brother, Jediah Higgins removed and fixed his residence near the village of Kingston, which is about four miles northeast of Princeton. The location of his house in 1714 can be very closely fixed. An act of the New Jersey Assembly in that year fixed the line between Somerset and Middlesex counties as follows: “To begin where the road crosseth the river Raritan at Inian’s Ferry and run from thence along the said old road by Jeddediah Higgin’s house, leading toward the Falls of the Delaware.” The “old road” mentioned

in this act is undoubtedly the more northwesterly of the present roads between New Brunswick and Trenton, passing through Franklin Park, Ten-Mile Run, Kingston and Princeton. Previous to 1714 the line had run more to the eastward from Lawrence Brook (above Trenton) along the Cranbury road. On the old division line map in the Clerk's office at New Brunswick a house is marked just outside Kingston and its owner's name plainly written alongside as Jedediah Higgins. The Evans map in the Congressional Library at Washington indicates by a dotted line division between the counties of Middlesex and Somerset as following the road from Brunswick through Kingston and Princeton to the Hunterdon line. Thus maps of 1749 and 1766 confirm the line of 1714, which was unchanged until the Revolution. (From an article "*The Southerly Line of Somerset before the Revolution*," by Rev. Clifford P. Case, in the *Somerset County Historical Quarterly*, vol. i, p. 205.) From this location near Kingston the descendants of Jediah Higgins spread into Hunterdon County and adjacent regions. There is no reason to assume any other center of distribution. The will of Thomas<sup>2</sup> Higgins, dated December, 1702, mentions lands at Rocky Hill and Millstone River and although he himself never lived there, his son Benjamin appears to have been of Somerset County. Kingston was but two or three miles from the field where the Battle of Princeton was fought, January 3, 1777, and some descendant of Jediah Higgins must have heard the sounds of battle, and may perhaps have participated in the action or seen those who did so.

Jediah Higgins left a will, dated April 3, 1715, and recorded in Book 2, p. 16, of the Wills at Trenton, N. J. An abstract follows:

"April 3, 1715. Jedidiah (sic) Higgins of the Co. of Somerset, province of East Jersey, Yeoman, being sick and weak of body, . . . I give to Mary my dearly beloved wife my now dwelling house and one third part of my moveable estate. To my well beloved son Jedediah (sic) 200 acres of land lying at Barnegat Bay, also other land. To my well beloved son James land that runs down to Daniel Cornelius's land. To well beloved sons Miceall and Thomas all the rest of the land belonging to this plantation equally. To well beloved son Joseph 80 lbs when he comes to twenty one years of age. To daughter Mary when she is eighteen or the day of her marriage 50 lbs. My granddaughter Sarah Bloomfield to have 10 lbs. at the age of eighteen. Wife Mary. sons Jedediah (sic) and James executors."

The executors proved the will May 17, 1715, and exhibited

the inventory, which is dated May 6, 1715, and taken by Thomas Leonard and Benjamin FitzRandolph.

Feb. 8, 1717. His widow and son Jediah were executors of the estate of John Rivers of Middlesex.—*New Jersey Archives*, vol. xxiii, p. 386.

*Children.*

- i. Anne, b. March 8, 1684-5; d. 1702.
  - ii. Rose, b. Nov. 6, 1686; died before April 23, 1715; married April 2, 1707, Timothy Bloomfield of Woodbridge, son of Ezekiel and Hope (FitzRandolph) Bloomfield. Children: Richard, b. Jan. 4, 1707-8; died May, 1758, at Woodbridge; married Sarah —, and had Phœbe, Elias and Richard; Rebecca, b. June 3, 1709; Sarah, b. Aug. 19, 1710.
  - iii. Mary, b. Oct. 25, 1688; d. before 1699.
  - iv. Thomas, born in 1690; living, April 23, 1715. The will of Michael Newbold, dated May 19, 1690, shows that his daughter Mary then had four children. No later mention of Thomas Higgins.
23. v. Jediah, b. April 11, 1691; married Hannah Stout.
- vi. James, b. Aug. 7, 1692; died unmarried between May 10 and May 22, 1718, intestate. His brother Jediah was administrator and his heirs were his brothers and sisters, the five surviving children of Jediah Higgins, Sr. James Higgins served under Thomas Farmer in 1715 as a private. He was probably a resident of Somerset County at the time of his death.
  - vii. Joshua, b. Oct. 1, 1694; d. before April 23, 1715.
  - viii. Phœbe, b. Oct. 11, 1696; d. before April 23, 1715.
24. ix. Michael, b. July 23, 1698; married Anne Bryant.
- x. Mary, b. Jan. 24, 1699-1700; died —; married Freegift Stout, b. 1693; d. —; son of David and Rebecca (Ashton) Stout of Middletown, N. J. Freegift and Mary Stout lived at Clover Hill, Hunterdon Co., N. J., and their children were: Jediah, married (license Jan. 13, 1744-5) Philena Chamberlain; Freegift, Jr., married Elizabeth<sup>4</sup> Stout, daughter of David<sup>3</sup> (*Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>) Stout and had many children; James, married (1) a daughter of Jacob Mattison, (2) Rachel Higgins; Joshua, married Miss Haines; Obadiah, married Mary McBride; Isaac, bapt. 1740, married (license Sept. 30, 1765) Mary Quimby; Sarah, married Ephraim Oliphant; Mary, married Richard Chamberlain; Rebecca, married Edward Taylor; Rachel, married Richard Rounswell.
25. xi. Joseph, b. about 1702; married —.



Authorities: *New Jersey Archives*, vol. xxiii, p. 227; Trenton Will Book, vol. ii, p. 16; Piscataway Records in *Proceedings, N. J. Historical Soc., Third Series*, vol. ii, pp. 172-3; Piscataway Township Book; Union and Middlesex, pp. 586, 592; Authorities cited in the sketch, and Mr. H. E. Deats and Mr. Orra E. Monnette in *New York Gen. and Biog. Record*, January, 1916.

7. ZERAH<sup>2</sup> HIGGINS (*Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born June, 1658, at Eastham, Mass.; died at Elizabethtown, N. J., shortly before Dec. 12, 1695, "in his 38th year"; married Dec. 25, 1680, Elizabeth Oliver, born about 1660; died —; daughter of William and Mary (Ackerly) Oliver of Elizabethtown, N. J.

Zerah Higgins came to Piscataway from Eastham with his parents in 1669. After his father's death his mother, Mary Higgins, on April 2, 1677, obtained for Zerah a "Right," that is, a proprietor's share, in the township of Piscataway. Whether he availed himself of its privileges or not, no record we have found appears to tell. Hatfield's *History of Elizabethtown* asserts that Zerah Higgins was an early settler there. Certainly he married there, and records show that he had land, probably not in large amounts, in Rahway and in Elizabethtown. He died intestate, and letters of administration were granted Dec. 12, 1695, to Thomas Higgins of Piscataway and Samuel Oliver of Rahway. Dec. 21, 1695, the same two men were appointed guardians to Richard Higgins, only son of Zerah Higgins. Inventory of personal estate was £134.15.10½.

In Piscataway records the name of the son is given Jonathan, but when guardians were appointed he is called Richard. Either there is an error in one of these two records, or there were two sons, or one son who went under two different names. The Court record will be followed hereafter, and the son will be called Richard.

#### *Children.*

26. i. Richard, b. Nov. 18, 1682; married Phœbe Trotter.
- ii. Mary, b. about 1684(?); married June 4, 1702, Moses Rolph and had by him eleven children. She was living in 1746.
- iii. Sarah, b. Sept. 15, 1686.

Authorities: Piscataway records, as before printed; *N. J. Archives*, vol. xxi, p. 226; xxiii, p. 227 (Essex Wills and Middlesex Wills); *East Jersey Deeds*, Liber F, p. 420; Liber G, p. 297; Hatfield's *History of Elizabethtown*; Rev. E. B. Stockton.

8. THOMAS<sup>2</sup> HIGGINS (*Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born January, 1661, in Eastham, Mass.; died Dec. 2, 1702, in Piscataway, N. J.; married July 9, 1690, Elizabeth Hull, born May 5, 1669; died in 1730 or 1731 at Rocky Hill, Somerset Co., N. J.; daughter of Captain Benjamin and Rachel (Yorke) Hull of Piscataway.

With his mother, Mary Higgins, and his brother, Jediah Higgins, he took up land in the first surveys before 1690, and probably about 1683 obtained his first grant of 53 acres, being then 21 years of age. He lived and died at Piscataway and was, beyond question, the most distinguished representative of the Higgins family there. He participated in the civic affairs of the community, holding several offices, was an officer in the local militia, and served as administrator of the estates of his friends and neighbors, including that of his relative, Isaac FitzRandolph. He served on the grand jury at Woodbridge in 1684. In 1688-90 he was overseer of highways. In 1692 he was appointed lieutenant of a company of foot in Piscataway and in 1695 he was sheriff. In 1693-4-5 he was elected a deputy to the General Assembly of New Jersey from Piscataway.

Thomas Higgins left a will, dated the day of his death, Dec. 2, 1702, which was proved April 18, 1704. He provided for his mother, Mary Whitehead. He willed that land at Rocky Hill or at Millstone River, should be sold for the benefit of his daughters during their minority; gave his wife Elizabeth his share of the grist-mill for her life, and after her decease to his son Benjamin; gave his goods and chattels to his wife for her support and "the bringing up of my poore children in reading, writing and other good education. To my son, Benjamin Higgins, all my land lying within Raritan River, etc., my wife to have house and lands during Benjamin's minority." Wife Executrix. John Royce and Edward Slater overseers. (*Middlesex Wills*, 1, 37.) His wife's father, Benjamin Hull, was a witness to the will.

After the death of Thomas Higgins his widow, Elizabeth, married as his second wife about 1705 Capt. John Harrison, Jr., merchant and soldier, who had come into New Jersey from Flushing, Long Island. He settled first at Elizabethtown in 1701, removed to Piscataway in 1706 and finally in 1718 to Perth Amboy. There he died in 1724, leaving a will dated March 2, 1723-4, naming wife, Elizabeth Harrison, son Benjamin Harrison, under age, the latter to become sole executor when of age. Legacies to various Harrison relatives. Desired to be buried near "daughter's grave." He had served many times in the colonial Assembly, but acquired his



greatest distinction in 1709, when in charge of a company of militia on the Canadian frontier at Albany, N. Y.

Mrs. Elizabeth (Hull) (Higgins) Harrison died in January, 1730-1, at the home-place granted by Thomas Higgins to his mother, Mary Whitehead, in 1702. She left a will dated April 22, 1730, proved Jan. 21, 1730-1, naming sons Benjamin Higgins and Benjamin Harrison, and daughters Sarah Loakison (who had an eldest daughter not yet 18), Grace Harrison, Mary Higgins (probably wife of her son Benjamin Higgins), and Rachel Harrison. She gives legacies to Nancee Harrison and to "my grandson, Edward Higgins," and states that her son Benjamin Harrison has wife Rachel. Her two sons to be executors. Thomas Yates was a witness to this will.

#### *Children.*

27. i. Benjamin, b. April 19, 1691; married Mary —.
- ii. Rachel, b. July 16, 1692(?); d. after 1760; married before 1730 her stepbrother, Benjamin Harrison, son of Capt. John Harrison by a first wife, b. after 1702, as he was not of age in 1723-4. This may seem improbable, but his stepmother mentions in her will a daughter Rachel Harrison, who could not have been of the Harrison blood, as Capt. John Harrison mentions only a son, Benjamin Harrison, and a deceased daughter in 1723-4. Possibly there is an error in the record of the birth of Rachel<sup>s</sup> Higgins. Benjamin Harrison d. between 1731-6, as appears by deeds, and his widow Rachel was living in Perth Amboy as late as 1760, naming her husband Benjamin and the latter's father, John Harrison, in a certain conveyance of land. They had a son John Harrison, who was associated with Surrogate Michael Kearney and owned land in Sussex County, N. J.
- iii. Sarah, born about 1693; married (1) — Warden; (2) — Loakison. Called Sarah Loakison in her mother's will in 1730.
- iv. Rhoda, b. April 8, 1697; d. before 1730.
- v. Grace, b. —; married Henry Harrison.
- vi. Thomas (posthumous), b. 1703; d. before 1730. He was a witness to the will of Andrew Pearce of Middlesex Co., N. J., 1726-7, of which Jediah Higgins was one of the executors.

9. REBECCA<sup>2</sup> HIGGINS (*Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born July, 1664, in Eastham, Mass.; died at Woodbridge, N. J., before November, 1715; married April 28, 1683 (*Piscataway Vital Records*), Thomas Martin, born about 1659; died at Woodbridge, N. J., between

Nov. 20 and Dec. 1, 1715, son of John and Hester (Roberts) Martin of Dover, N. H., and Piscataway, N. J.

John Martin, father of Thomas, had come from Dover, N. H., where he married Esther (or Hester), daughter of Thomas Roberts, called "Governor" of New Hampshire in 1640, although the colonial government was not then very definite or certain. He was one of the original grantees or associates of Piscataway in 1666.

Thomas Martin remained for a while after his marriage at Piscataway, but removed to Woodbridge about 1696-7. In his will, dated Nov. 20, 1715, he does not mention his wife, hence it may be safely assumed that she was dead. He mentions one daughter, Rebecca Martin, and sons John, Samuel, Isaac, Zechariah, Jeremiah and Gershom. His kinsman, Moses Rolph, to be executor.

*Children.*

- i. John, b. Dec. 29, 1683.
- ii. Sarah, b. Feb. 20, 1685.
- iii. Samuel, b. about 1687.
- iv. Isaac, b. about 1689.
- v. Gershom, b. about 1691.
- vi. Jacob, b. May 27, 1698.
- vii. Rebecca, b. March 24, 1700.
- viii. Zechariah, b. Nov. 26, 1702.
- ix. Anne, b. Jan. 11, 1705.
- x. Jeremiah, b. Feb. 9, 1711.

10. RUTH<sup>2</sup> HIGGINS (*Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born about 1672 at Piscataway, N. J.; died after 1709-10; married (1), May 26, 1692 (intention published April 23, 1692), by Justice Samuel Hale, Isaac FitzRandolph of Woodbridge, N. J., born at Barnstable, Mass., Dec. 7, 1664; died at Woodbridge, N. J., shortly before July 2, 1694, son of Nathaniel and Mary (Holloway) FitzRandolph of Barnstable, Mass., and Woodbridge, N. J.; married (2), Sept. 12, 1695, Stephen Tuttle of Woodbridge, born May 20, 1673; died shortly before Feb. 2, 1709-10; son of Joseph<sup>2</sup> Tuttle.

Isaac FitzRandolph was the grandson of Edward and Elizabeth (Blossom) FitzRandolph of Scituate and Barnstable, Mass., who about 1669 removed from Barnstable to Piscataway, N. J., where he died. His wife, Elizabeth Blossom, was a daughter of Deacon Thomas Blossom of the Pilgrim churches at Leyden, Holland, and Plymouth, Mass. Deacon Blossom intended to sail for New England in the *Speedwell* or the *Mayflower*, 1620,

but was prevented by sickness of his son. He returned to Leyden from Plymouth, England, but about ten years later came to New England, settling in Plymouth, where he died in 1632.

Isaac FitzRandolph died in June, 1694, as on July 2, 1694, administration on his estate was granted to his widow Ruth, her brother Thomas Higgins being surety. She was Isaac's second wife, his first being Martha, daughter of William Bingla, whom he married Sept. 18, 1690. Martha died Aug. 1, 1691.

Stephen Tuttle was constable of Woodbridge in 1697 and owned a house-lot there. He is called "of Woodbridge, cordwainer." He left a will, proved Feb. 2, 1709-10, wherein are named wife Ruth, sons Timothy, Joseph, Stephen and Samuel, all under age, cousins Samuel and John Cooper of Newark, and kinsman, Theophilus Munson of New Haven. One of the witnesses was Moses Rolph.

*Children by first marriage.*

- i. Isaac, b. April 16, 1693; married Hannah Dove; he d. in August, 1750.
- ii. William, b. Oct. 27, 1694.

*Children by second marriage.*

- iii. Timothy, b. Oct. 16, 1696; d. 1755; married Celia Moore.
- iv. Joseph, b. —.
- v. Stephen, b. —.
- vi. Samuel, b. —.

11. SARAH<sup>2</sup> HIGGINS (*Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born about 1673 at Piscataway, N. J.; died after 1703; married Oct. 26, 1693 (*Woodbridge Vital Records*), by Justice John Bishop, Samuel Moore, born March 31, 1670; died March, 1703; son of Samuel and Mary (Hlsley) Moore of Woodbridge.

The Moore family originated in Newbury, Mass., and Samuel<sup>1</sup> Moore came to Woodbridge as early as 1667-8. He was a distinguished citizen there, occupying positions of honor in the community.

Samuel Moore, husband of Sarah Higgins, left a will, dated March 26, 1703, proved April 2, 1703, in which he is called "of Woodbridge." He mentions wife Sarah, whom he makes sole executrix, four children, and recites bequests to brothers-in-law, Stephen Tuttle and Samuel Hale.

*Children.*

- i. Samuel, b. Aug. 23, 1694; married June 2, 1718, Mary Harrison.

- ii. Jonathan, b. 1696; d. 1718, unmarried.
- iii. Mary, b. July 7, 1699; living in 1721.
- iv. Rachel, b. Sept. 17, 1702 (or May 26, 1701). There is a remote possibility that it was she who became the wife of Benjamin Harrison, son of Capt. John Harrison, rather than Rachel<sup>3</sup> Higgins, daughter of Thomas<sup>2</sup> and Elizabeth (Hull) Higgins.

12. JONATHAN<sup>3</sup> HIGGINS (*Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born "latter end of August," 1664, at Eastham; died there between Nov. 2, 1753, and June, 1754; married at date unknown, but probably after May 3, 1687, Mrs. Lydia (Sparrow) Freeman, daughter of Capt. Jonathan and Rebecca (Bangs) Sparrow and widow of William Freeman.

Jonathan Higgins, Jr., took the oath of fidelity at Eastham, probably as early as 1685 (Eastham Town Records), and he took the oath of freeman, June 24, 1690 (Colony Records). This gave him the right to vote for Colony officials and to hold office under the Colony. March 26, 1694, he was chosen grand jurymen. March 1, 1702-3, he was elected surveyor (inspector) of highways, a town office. In May, 1702, the Town chose twelve men to act in their behalf with respect to dividing the town's common meadow, sedge and hay ground, and Jonathan Higgins, Jr., was one of the twelve. About this time the Town chose a committee to have a deciding vote in regard to grants and divisions of the town's lands. They were called "negative men," and successors were elected at the town meeting from year to year for nearly a century. Jonathan Higgins, Jr., served on this committee nearly continuously from 1715 to 1736. Without its assent, no grant of the town land was valid. He was elected townsman in February, 1707-8. On July 7, 1718, Mr. Samuel Mayo and Jonathan Higgins, Jr., were appointed a committee by the Town to build a house for Rev. Samuel Osburn. He was also one of the distributors of the estate of Simon Crosby, Aug. 5, 1719, and one of the appraisers of the estate of George Shaw, May 19, 1720. In the town records of March 9, 1723-4, he is called "Deacon Jonathan Higgins," apparently for the first time. Without doubt he was deacon of the ancient First Church of Christ in Eastham-Orleans, but the loss of the church records for this period makes it impossible to say when he was elected to the office. He doubtless served in the office until his death, as was the custom in those days. He took the inventory of Richard Sparrow's estate in May, 1728, and of



Jonathan Sparrow's in 1740. In 1733 and again in 1735 he was moderator of the town meeting. In April, 1739, Deacon Jonathan Higgins was one of the committee appointed to invite Rev. Joseph Crocker to settle in the ministry over the First Church of Christ in Eastham. This the reverend gentleman accepted.

"Nov. 2, 1753. Jonathan Higgins conveyed to his son Samuel Higgins, carpenter, several parcels of land in Eastham, on the southerly side of Cedar Swamp, southeast from Joseph Rogers's house, called Pochy sedge flats, all for £40 lawful money. Recorded March 18, 1755."

Deacon Higgins left no will and there is nothing on the Probate Records at Barnstable at present to show who his children and heirs were, neither are they recorded on the town records. Hence the list of his children has to be conjectural, there being record evidence for Samuel and Jonathan only. Some have given him sons Joseph and James, but we find no evidence for such. The daughters here assigned to him may not have been his.

A few land grants to him by the Town of Eastham have been discovered in the ancient books and are here given:

"July 26, 1703. Granted by the Town of Eastham at a Town meeting to Jonathan Higgins, Jr. Land in sd Eastham, at pochy flatt or Sedge ground near Samsons Iland, being the third lot as they were laid out" (p. 164).

"April 5, 1706, Recorded. Granted by the Town of Eastham to Jonathan Higgins Jr., Joseph Higgins and Elisha Higgins all of Eastham in the County of Barnstable a parcel of land (by way of exchange) a parcel of upland lying and being at a place called the barley neck adjoining the land of Jonathan Linnell near his dwelling house . . . bounded northerly by Linnell's barn . . . this land is granted to the sd Jonathan, Joseph and Elisha Higgins to have and to hold forever . . . beginning at the northeasterly corner of that parcel of land which was the house lot of Jonathan Higgins Senior" (p. 198).

"April 13, 1706. Recorded to Jonathan Higgins Jr. a piece laid out to the southeasterly of his dwelling house . . . runs southeasterly to a rock on ye hill by the way side, from there southerly to a rock by the cedar swamp. All these four mentioned parcels of land set forth and granted by the town of Eastham to the particular persons forementioned, in was of exchange for their beforementioned specified land at Samsons Iland." One of the persons was Jonathan Higgins, Jr. (p. 200).

"Granted to Jonathan Higgins Jr. of Eastham land in consideration for the land he let John Paine have near the barley neck on the Towns account to exchange for Samson's Iland as may appear by the deed and record, lying and being in Sd Eastham near the now dwelling house of sd Jonathan Higgins on the southern



side of his land by his house . . . land laid out April 6, 1706 on southeastern side of Cedar Swamp and near a pond" (p. 201).

From the references in the records to Jonathan Higgins, Jr., some inferences as to his character and standing may safely be made. He was a man active in town and church, of sound sense, good judgment and eminent fairness. These qualities led to his being entrusted with matters which required tact, honesty and sagacity. We cannot doubt that he possessed all of these as well as abounding piety and charity.

*Children born at Eastham.*

- i. Thankful, b. about 1692. "Thankful Higgins died July 13, 1712, in 20th year." Gravestone in ancient cemetery between the present villages of Orleans and Eastham.
28. ii. Samuel, b. Oct. 5, 1694; married Mehitabel Phinney.
- iii. Hannah, b. —; married Sept. 29, 1715 (by Joseph Doane, Esq.), Ebenezer Baker.
29. iv. Jonathan, b. in 1697; married Rebecca Hopkins.
  - v. Experience, b. —; married March 3, 1719-20, John<sup>4</sup> Crowell of Bass Ponds, Yarmouth, b. Oct. 21, 1695. Children: John, Ruth, Jasher, Abner, Shubael, Thomas, Jedidiah, and Jean, born 1721 to 1736.

Authorities: *Mayflower Des.*, vol. viii, p. 3; ix, p. 4; xi, p. 234; xiv, pp. 3 and 76; xvi, pp. 142-3; *Records of the Colony of Plymouth*, vol. vi; Records of Eastham; Some ancient deeds belonging to the late Jonathan Higgins, Esq., of Orleans, copied in abstract by Mr. Josiah Paine of Harwich, Mass.

13. JOSEPH<sup>3</sup> HIGGINS (*Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Feb. 14, 1666-7, at Eastham; died shortly before May, 1729, probably at Chatham, Mass.; married (1) about 1689, Ruth——, who survived her husband and did not marry again, as she is called widow Higgins in 1739. (See Addenda.)

Joseph Higgins was made freeman of Plymouth Colony about 1690. Muster Rolls in the State Archives at Boston show that Joseph Higgins served in Capt. John Gorham's Company in 1690, on the expedition to Canada. In that expedition Captain Gorham had command of the "whaleboat fleet," without which the expedition would have proved still more disastrous than it was. Many whalers and sailors from Cape Cod manned these boats, and doubtless Joseph Higgins served in this capacity. He witnessed the will of Thomas Williams on May 10, 1692, and also that of

Major John Freeman on June 1, 1716, and was an appraiser of certain estates in 1720. There is a bond of arbitration, dated Jan. 10, 1726-7, wherein Joseph Harding, agent for the town of Eastham, and Thomas Doane agree upon Mr. Joseph Higgins and Samuel Stuart, both of Chatham, as arbitrators.

Joseph Higgins continued to be a resident of Eastham until May 26, 1720, at least. When he became a resident of Chatham is unknown, but it was in the latter years of his life. Administration on the estate of Joseph Higgins of Chatham was granted to the widow, Ruth Higgins, on May 21, 1729. He probably had not been long deceased. Unfortunately there is no mention of his children or heirs in connection with the settlement of the estate, and existing vital records of Eastham or Chatham contain no mention of them.

Among the old deeds belonging to the late Jonathan Higgins, Esq., of Orleans, as reported by Mr. Josiah Paine of Harwich, was one which read in part as follows: "Joseph Higgins Junr sells to Jonathan Higgins Junr for two pounds and ten shillings all the parcell of land lying in sd Eastham at the westerly side of barley neck both upland & cedar swamp to me belonging & also all the right of my brother Beriah Higgins thereto belonging, which I bought of him, being all and singular that parcell of upland and Cedar Swamp there lying, which our Honoured great-grandfather, Lieutt. Joseph Rogers, gave to our Honoured grandmother Higgins in his last will and Testament, the whole whereof is six acres. Deed witnessed by William Dyer and Joseph Doane, Junr. Dated June 9, 1714, and acknowledged before Joseph Doane, Justice of the Peace." This deed conveys the identical six acres of land on Barley Neck which Lieut. Joseph Rogers willed to his daughter Elizabeth Higgins. It proves that Joseph Higgins, Sr., had at least two sons, Joseph and Beriah, both of age in 1714.

A few grants of land to Joseph Higgins, Sr., are found in the ancient book of Lands and Ways:

"Granted to Joseph Higgins by the Town of Eastham two acres adjoining his other land, on the southerly side of the highway that goes from his house to Major Freeman's. March 21, 1701-2" (p. 162).

"Joseph Higgins had a grant of land in exchange for the land he let John Paine have at barley neck, in order to exchange with sd John Paine for land at Samson's Iland. Granted land is near the now dwelling house of Joseph Higgins. April 6, 1706."

"May 26, 1711. By the town of Eastham land granted to Joseph Higgins Sr of Eastham on the westerly side of his other

land where he now lives . . . near Benjamin Wixam, also another parcel of land laid out to the said Joseph Higgins on the South side of Elisha Higgins lot and other land near Samuel Mayo's. Land laid out to Joseph Higgins Sr for his tenement lot in little Skaket neck, it being the fifth lot and lying on the eastern side of the fourth lot which is the lot of Ichabod Higgins" (p. 67).

March 11, 1705-6. Joseph Higgins elected tithingman. May 12, 1713. Joseph Higgins, Senior, to have the wood left on the tenement lot of Mercy Mayo. March 10, 1714-5. Joseph Higgins Senior, chosen surveyor of highways. April 8, 1717. Joseph Higgins, Senior, to serve on the grand jury. March 23, 1718-9, chosen fence viewer. Jan. 13, 1719-20, chosen surveyor of highways.

*Children born at Eastham.*

30. i. Joseph, b. Oct. 1, 1690; married Mercy Remick.
31. ii. Beriah, b. about 1692; married Desire —.
- iii. Ruth, b. Sept. 11, 1700; married Oct. 11, 1716, Ebenezer Steward (or Stewart) of Chatham, Mass., son of Hugh and Wait Stewart of Yarmouth. He died in 1728 and she married (2) James Eldredge. (See Addenda.)

Authorities: Muster Rolls in Massachusetts Archives; Barnstable County Probate Records, vol. iv, p. 491; *Mayflower Des.*, vol. iii, p. 179; Mr. Josiah Paine of Harwich, Mass.; Mr. William C. Smith of Chatham, Mass., author of *History of Chatham*.

14. ELISHA<sup>3</sup> HIGGINS (*Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born about 1677-1679 at Eastham; died there shortly before Aug. 7, 1750; married (1) Sept. 30, 1701, Jane Collins, born March 3, 1684-5, at Eastham; died at date unknown, possibly in 1738; daughter of Joseph and Ruth (Knowles) Collins of Eastham, and granddaughter of Richard and Ruth (Bower) Knowles; married (2) (intention Nov. 23, 1739) Elizabeth Brown, born —, 1681; died December, 1744, in sixty-third year (gravestone, Ancient Cemetery, Eastham), possibly widow of John Brown who died at Eastham in 1730; married (3), April 4, 1746, Mrs. Rachel Hopkins of Harwich, who probably married (3) (int. July 20, 1751) Mr. Theophilus Mayo.

Elisha Higgins resided at Pochet (now East Orleans), probably on lands that had belonged to his father. February, 1707-8, he was proposed as townsman, but for some reason not admitted until May 12, 1713. Dec. 30, 1717, he was chosen to serve on a "jury of Tryalls at Inferior Court of Common Pleas & General Sessions

of the Peace," and again Oct. 15, 1729. Oct. 5, 1726, he was chosen grand jurymen, and again Dec. 27, 1731. March 19, 1732-3, he was elected constable. He served as surveyor (inspector) of highways in 1724 and several times afterward.

He never learned to write his name, signing his mark, a "Z," as a witness of the will of George Shaw of Eastham dated Feb. 8, 1718-9. Elisha also signed his own will in the same way. Yet he must have been a man of intelligence, for he was elected to town office and often witnessed wills and made inventories of estates. In 1750 his taxes were abated, probably on account of his disability.

"May 31, 1703. Voted that Elisha Higgins shall have a half share in the division of the meadow."

"Granted to Elisha Higgins July 1703 land in Eastham on pochy flats or hay ground in that parcel next toward potonomekut harbour."

"Granted by the town of Eastham to Elisha Higgins a parcel of upland being about half an acre more or less and it is approved by the major part of the men appointed to have a negative vote in disposing of land within sd town: sd parcel of upland lyeth at the southern end of the Swamp with a pond in it which is by the house of Joseph Higgins in sd Eastham and is by sd negative men laid out and bounded (viz) beginning at great white oak marked (?) near Sd Swamp . . . etc." Recorded by John Pain Town Clerk May 2, 1704.

"April 6, 1706. Granted by the town of Eastham to Elisha Higgins (by order of John Paine of sd Eastham in consideration for land conveyed to John Paine by sd Elisha Higgins lying near the barley neck in order to exchange for Sd Town with Sd Paine for land of Sd Paine at Samson's Island) beginning at a white oak near the land of Barnabas Wixam running then to an oak which is the bound of Joseph Higgins from thence to land of Joseph Higgins . . . this granted land lyes about the house of Sd Elisha Higgins within these boundaries of his former grant."

"May 21, 1711. Granted by the town of Eastham and laid out to Elisha Higgins a parcel of land for his tenement lot—beginning at a sapling marked on the South side of the way that goes along by the Sd Higginses dwelling house."

"Mar. 26, 1711. To Elisha Higgins land granted by the Town of Eastham near the dwelling house of Sd Higgins."

"Feb. 18, 1712-3. At town meeting land granted to Elisha Higgins between his tenement lot and Cedar Swamp."

"May 12, 1713. Granted the wood left on the tenement lot of Mercy Mayo."

On Sept. 19, 1749, Elisha Higgins of Eastham, husbandman, made his will. "To wife Rachel all she brought to me when I married her, and my warming pan and frying pans, two washing



tubs, my Least Iron Pott and kettle, my bed and furniture belonging thereto that we now Lodge on, my still and Bellows and one Cow and four sheep, and the Improvement of ye easterly End of my dwelling house from the top to the bottom, my daughter Ruth to have free liberty to live in said house so long as she live a single woman, and the Improvement of one third part of all my Lands, meadows and my two hangers and hand Irons so long as she continues my widow.

"I give to my well beloved Daughter Ruth Higgins my bed and Furniture in the northerly corner of my chamber. To son Elisha, daughter Martha Doane, daughter Else Doane, daughter Apphia Doane, and daughter Elizabeth Mayo, to each of them twenty shillings. To son Philip Higgins all my real estate, my two oxen, sheep, he paying all my debts. To my sons Beriah, Jonathan, Barnabas, and daughter Ruth all my personal estate, equally to be divided among them. Wife Rachel Higgins and son Philip executors. Signed Elisha X Higgins." Will proved Aug. 7, 1750.

*Children born at Eastham.*

32. i. Elisha, b. Jan. 3, 1701-2; married (1) Sarah Lewis; (2) Hannah (Doane) Atwood.
- ii. Martha, b. Jan. 5, 1703; married Aug. 8, 1723, Jonathan Doane. Children: Elisha, b. Nov. 25, 1724; Hannah, b. Aug. 25, 1726; James, b. March 11, 1728; Dorothy, b. Oct. 8, 1731; Elizabeth, b. March 7, 1733; Jesse, b. Feb. 2, 1735; Seth, b. March 2, 1737; Sylvanus, b. July 4, 1740; Nathan, b. Jan. 31, 1742-3.
33. iii. Beriah, b. Jan. 15, 1705; married (1) Jemima Witherell; (2) Mrs. Abigail Higgins.
- iv. Alice, b. Nov. 22, 1707; married Aug. 3, 1727, Solomon Doane, b. Nov. 8, 1705; d. December, 1789, son of Samuel Doane of Eastham. Children: Solomon, b. Jan. 5, 1730; Noah, b. July 4, 1732; Sarah, b. Jan. 23, 1733; Dorcas, b. Sept. 16, 1735; Nehemiah, b. March 13, 1737; married (int. Jan. 25, 1766) Lydia (Higgins) Dill, widow of Samuel Dill and daughter of Benjamin Higgins, son of Isaac and Sarah (Mayo) Higgins; Joseph, b. April 21, 1739; Isaac, b. March 27, 1741; Betty, b. Feb. 7, 1742; Joshua, b. Jan. 6, 1744.
- v. Apphia, b. Nov. 22, 1709; married Oct. 1, 1730, Simeon Doane, b. Dec. 1, 1708; d. Dec. 4, 1789, son of Samuel Doane of Eastham.
34. vi. Jonathan, b. Oct. 8, 1711; married Rachel Doane.
- vii. Elizabeth, b. in 1713; married Jan. 16, 1734-5, James Mayo. Children: Joshua, b. July 25, 1735; James, b. Oct. 12, 1745.
- viii. Joseph, b. in 1717; dead before Sept. 19, 1749; not named in father's will.



- ix. Ruth, b. in 1719; unmarried Sept. 19, 1749.
35. x. Barnabas, b. in 1722; married (1) Mary Smith; (2) Abigail Paine; (3) Mrs. Hannah Lewis.
36. xi. Philip, b. March 4, 1724-5; married Phœbe Lewis.

Authorities: Eastham Town Records, vol. i, pp. 68, 104, 167; Eastham Land Grants, 1659-1710; Barnabas County Probate Records, vol. viii, p. 387; Eastham Vital Records; *Doane Family Genealogy*; *Mayflower Des.*, vol. v, p. 18; viii, p. 3; *New York Gen. and Biog. Record*, vol. xlv, p. 33.

15. JAMES<sup>3</sup> HIGGINS (*Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born July 22, 1688, at Eastham; died there July 11, 1777, "the oldest man in town in the 89th year of his age"; married (1) (date unknown) Sarah Mayo, daughter of Samuel and Ruth (Hopkins) Mayo of Eastham; married (2) at Eastham, Dec. 12, 1726, Sarah Bixbie, born Aug. 3, 1685, at Boxford, Mass.; died at Eastham, Dec. 10, 1774, in ninetieth year; daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Gould) Bixbie of Boxford.

James Higgins and his wife were members of the First Church of Christ in Eastham when Rev. Jonathan Bascom began his pastorate in 1772.

"March 26, 1711. Granted by the town of Eastham to James Higgins land for his plain lot, lying in Eastham near the Cedar Swamp, near the house of his father Jonathan Higgins and is bounded beginning at the Southeastern corner at a stone in the ground which is the southwestern corner of Jonathan Higgins Jr his plain lot . . . from thence North by the highway to the land of Jonathan Higgins Sr., taking in all the land home to the Swamp within sd boundaries, always allowing liberty for any of the inhabitants of this town to cart stuff or timber from the Cedar Swamp lying within sd land at such times and places as may not damnify corn growing on sd land."—Lands and Ways, p. 75.

Cedar Swamp lies in the northwestern corner of the present town of Orleans between the southwestern end of the Town Cove and Rock Harbor on the Bay side of the Cape. This record seems to show that the houses of Jonathan Higgins, Sr., Jonathan Higgins, Jr., and James Higgins were in this locality. If this is correct, it is probable that Jonathan Higgins, Sr., located here after the sale of his first home in 1670-73 and not at East Orleans.

"May 21, 1711. Granted a wood lot to James Higgins between the Grapevine Swamp and the first brooke near Nathaniel Freeman's wood lot" (p. 75).

March 24, 1714-5. At town meeting James Higgins petitioned

for ten or twelve acres of land to set a barn and hay yard on, near his dwelling house. March 23, 1718-9. James Higgins chosen to enforce the law against swine. Jan. 13, 1719-20. James Higgins chosen tithingman. January, 1730-1. James Higgins chosen juror. March 8, 1735-6. James Higgins chosen constable. Dec. 31, 1751, James Higgins chosen moderator of the town meeting, and again in 1759. In 1752 he was chosen selectman, and probably served as such until 1759. March 1, 1762, he was chosen "negative man," the last town office he is known to have held. His will, dated Dec. 6, 1775, mentions grandson Hezekiah Higgins and daughter Dorcas Taylor, also deceased daughters, Rebecca, wife of Thomas Rogers, and Hannah, wife of Benjamin Higgins. The inventory of his estate, amounting to about £600, mentions a Bible, Dr. Watts on Orthodoxy and Charity and other books on divinity. The gravestones of James Higgins and his wife Sarah may be seen in the cemetery at Orleans, near the Congregational Church.

*Children born at Eastham-Orleans.*

37. i. James, b. about 1718; married Sarah Sears.
- ii. Rebecca, b. —; married Dec. 2, 1736, Thomas Rogers. She died before her father. Children: Sarah, b. March 26, 1738; Ruth, b. Oct. 8, 1739; Thomas, b. Feb. 25, 1742-3; Isaac, b. July 8, 1745; Stephen, b. Jan. 24, 1747; Solomon, b. April 28, 1750; Mercy, b. April 18, 1756; Mary, b. Oct. 1, 1758.
- iii. Hannah, b. —; married Benjamin Higgins.
- iv. Dorcas, b. —; married Oct. 3, 1751, at Harwich, Isaac Taylor of Pembroke. She was living Nov. 28, 1777, then a widow.

Authorities: Barnstable Probate Records, vol. xv, pp. 275-8, xx, pp. 80, 82; Eastham Births (1701-81), pp. 196, 223, 227, 230; *Mayflower Des.*, vol. vii, p. 185; x, p. 165; Mr. Josiah Paine of Harwich for first marriage of James Higgins.

16. ICHABOD<sup>3</sup> HIGGINS (*Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Nov. 14, 1662, at Eastham; died there June 1, 1728; married (date not found) Melatiah Hamblen(?), born July 1, 1668; died March 28, 1744, at Eastham.

Ichabod Higgins resided at Eastham all his life and was a farmer. He was also a considerable land owner and some of the deeds of land he bought are still in existence. The site of his first homestead, bought prior to his marriage, is probably indicated by the following:

"I Daniel Cole of Eastham for £7, 14, 0 to me paid by Ichabod Higgins have granted to said Ichabod a parcel of upland in Eastham at a place called pochet on the westerly side next the Town Cove, adjoining to my land where I the sd Daniel do now dwell, seven acres more or less to the westward of my now dwelling house. Dated March 17, 1689-90. Recorded May 22, 1706 in Bk. 5, fol. 17, Barnstable County Deeds."

"Zachariah Sias Indian of Eastham conveys to Ichabod Higgins parcel of marsh ground and upland lying at Machquesset in the constable writ of Eastham, bounded west by Thomas Mayo, on the other sides by land of Indians. Dated Oct. 15, 1695. Acknowledged Feb. 11, 1695-6. Recorded May 22, 1706 in Bk. 5, fol. 77, Barnstable County Deeds."

"July 26, 1703. Granted by the town of Eastham to Ichabod Higgins, Richard Higgins and John Atkins land in the town flats, the 19th lot in the middle flat."

"Thomas Mayo son of Mr. John Mayo of Eastham sold to Ichabod Higgins for £6 current pay land on the great or stage flats, the 13th lot on sd flat. Dated April 12, 1704. Recorded May 22, 1706 in Bk. 5, fol. 72, Barnstable County Deeds."

"March 26, 1711. Granted by the town of Eastham to Ichabod Higgins land near the sd Higgins's dwelling house, near the land of Thomas Smith."

"May 21, 1711. Laid out to Ichabod Higgins of Eastham a parcel of land for his tenement lot, four acres at little Skaket Neck, it being the fifth lot as they were laid out."

"John Knowles Senr of Eastham yeoman for £60 lawful money paid by Ichabod Higgins conveys to him all his parcels of land in Eastham situated at a place called Weset, two four-acre lots there laid out, bounded as may appear in the Town Book of Records of Lands. Dated Feb. 21, 1712-3. Recorded Jan. 4, 1714-5 in Bk. 7, fol. 268, Barnstable County Deeds."

"Samuel Mayo of Eastham yeoman conveys to Ichabod Higgins of the same town, wheelwright, three tracts or parcells of meadow or sedge ground lying in Eastham on Nauset flats (descriptions and bounds follow). Dated Sept. 30, 1713. Recorded Jan. 4, 1714-5 in Bk. 7, fol. 274, Barnstable County Deeds."

The last deed shows that Ichabod Higgins was a wheelwright as well as a farmer. This occupation carried with it blacksmith's work also, and we find that Ichabod's son Thomas was a blacksmith. Ichabod was a freeman of the Colony and in February, 1707-8, was a townsman of Eastham. On March 17, 1700-1, it is recorded that he was chosen grand juryman. In May, 1725, Mr. Ichabod Higgins's house was one of the places appointed by the town for sheep shearing. This house was not located on the land he bought of Daniel Cole in 1690, but at a place called Wesset or Weset, and is located by an old deed, as follows:

“John Sturgis and James Otis both of Barnstable and Samuel Sturgis of Boston for £115 sold to Edmund Freeman of Eastham ‘all our Interest, Right and Title to a certain Peice of Land that was Ichabod Higgins Deceased and is Lying in Eastham aforesd adjoining to the southerly side of the Dwelling House yt sd Deceased used to Leve in and adjoyns on the Northerly side of Joshua Hopkins his Land and adjoining on the southerly side of it the Road that leads down to Wesset and is bounded on the North East End in the Range of a Parcell of Land that Jonathan Smith bought of John Higgins Takeing part of the House and orchard as may appear By John Higgins deed to Thomas Higgins. Dated March 24, 1749.’” Pratt in his *History of Eastham, Wellfleet and Orleans*, p. 152, says: “The land between Barley and Tonset Necks and which terminates in Woods Neck is called Pochet. Northeast of Pochet near the ocean is a small neck of land about fifty acres called Weeset. It is separated from Tonset by a cove. Tonset is the east side of the town cove. These several necks constitute a peninsula which is denominated Pochet.”

John Higgins was appointed administrator on the estate of Ichabod Higgins on July 5, 1728. In the estate there was a bond (probably promissory note) payable to Isaac Hinckley of Barnstable. On March 27, 1736, said Hinckley brought a suit for this bond and recovers Judgement against John Higgins mariner and Thomas Higgins blacksmith, both of Eastham. (File No. 44330, Superior Court of Judicature.) This would indicate that Ichabod Higgins had a son Thomas whose birth is not on record, probably born about 1703. This is made a certainty by an old deed which will be given in its place under Thomas Higgins.

Mr. W. B. Snow of Malden, Mass., after a study of the records of Barnstable and Plymouth County towns, by which he endeavored to identify all women bearing the rare Christian name, Melatiah, from the beginnings to well past the first quarter of the eighteenth century concluded that the only Melatiah who could have been the wife of Ichabod Higgins was Melatiah Hamblen, born July 1, 1668, at Barnstable, daughter of John and Sarah (Bears) Hamblen of Barnstable. This seems probable, and his study would amount to a demonstration if it could be shown that no Melatiah had escaped his notice. He also concludes that Richard Higgins, brother of Ichabod, married Sarah Hamblen, sister of Melatiah. No record supporting either conjecture is known.

*Children born at Eastham.*

38. i. John, b. June 8, 1692; married Hannah Mayo.
39. ii. Nathaniel, b. June 1, 1694; married (1) Elizabeth Atwood; (2) Sarah Walker.



- iii. Thankful, b. Aug. 24, 1696; married April 15, 1714, James Robens or Robbins, son of John Robens of Harwich and brother of Samuel Robens of the same town. (This relationship is proved by a deed in the Nye collection, dated Oct. 13, 1713, wherein Samuel Robens conveys to James Robens land in Harwich which he had of his father, John Robens, in return for the release from the obligation to maintain their father and mother, which had been Samuel's but was then assumed by James. Recorded Oct. 15, 1714, in Book 7, folio 61.) James Robens died in 1717. Child: Joseph, b. May 5, 1714.
- iv. Lydia, b. April 13, 1698; died unmarried before Feb. 23, 1744-5.
- 40. v. Ebenezer, b. April 15, 1701; married (1) Abigail Cole; (2) Content Harding; (3) Mrs. Phoebe Snow.
- 41. vi. Thomas, b. —; married Sarah Vickery.

Authorities: *Mayflower Des.*, vol. ii, p. 1; vi, pp. 14-5; xv, p. 56; xvi, p. 174; Eastham Births (1701-1781), pp. 3, 8, 141, 206, 208, 211; Eastham Book of Lands and Ways, p. 39; Barnstable Probate Records, vol. iv, pp. 439 and 446; File 44330, Superior Court, at Boston; Ancient deeds belonging to Mr. Nye of Wellfleet, communicated by Mr. Stanley W. Smith.

17. RICHARD<sup>3</sup> HIGGINS (*Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Oct. 15, 1664, at Eastham; died there April 27, 1732; married (date not found) Sarah Hamblen (?), born July 1, 1661; died —; daughter of John and Sarah (Bears) Hamblen of West Barnstable. She survived him and married (2) Nov. 15, 1732, Lieut. John Cole of Eastham.

Mr. W. B. Snow of Malden, Mass., is of the opinion that the wives of Ichabod and Richard Higgins were Hamblen sisters, as here stated. This may be true, but the conjecture (there is no direct evidence for it) does not wholly agree with the will of John Hamblen, their father, dated Jan. 3, 1714-5, nor with that of John Hamblen, Jr., their brother, dated April 10, 1734, both on record at Barnstable.

"A parcel of land laid out to Richard Higgins upon pochet containing 4 acres more or less lying on the easterly side of a lot of land which was his father's formerly Jonathan Sparrow's and at the southerly end of a parcel of land which was granted to his father; etc. April 3, 1693" (p. 95).

"Granted by the town of Eastham May 21, 1711 and laid out to Richard Higgins of Sd. Eastham . . . a parcel of land for a wood lot—6 acres—on the northerly side of the first brooke and on northerly side of Nathan Sparrow's wood lot" (p. 19).



“Mar. 26, 1711—Granted to Richard Higgins land lying south of his other land where he now lives—also land for a tenement lot being in Eastham in Rock-harbour neck near Elisha Young’s.”

“Mar. 21, 1711—six acres on the North side of first brooke and on the North East side of Sd Nathan Sparrow’s wood lot” (p. 19).

“Town meeting at Eastham March 11, 1705-6 (Book II, p. 3). Richard Higgins one of a committee to decide some plan in regard to Samson’s Island. John Paine was principal proprietor of that Island. The town shall grant to John Paine about six or seven acres of upland about Tonset between the land of Daniel Cole Sr, and ye pond called the millpond (near the present Nauset Heights) and the town shall grant to . . . (Joseph and Elisha Higgins?) seven acres somewhere near the houses of Joseph and Elisha Higgins where the negative men shall judge convenient and that the town grant to Jonathan Higgins Jr. about two acres and two-thirds of upland adjoining to his land near his dwelling house and that the town exchange the land which now belongs to Jonathan, Joseph and Elisha Higgins lying in pochy where the house of Jonathan Higgins Sr. formerly stood, giving to them as much land across the upper end of the land of Jonathan Linnel, where sd Linnels house now is.” Meeting adjourned to March 25, 1705-6, when the negative men should lay out land to John Paine & the rest of the proprietors of Samson’s Iland.

“March 21, 1709-10. Richard Higgins chosen selectman. Feb. 7, 1710-11. Richard Higgins chosen one of a committee. June 22, 1726. Richard Higgins chosen to serve on jury at Barnstable. March 10, 1728-9. Richard Higgins chosen hog-reeve. Oct. 15, 1729. Richard Higgins chosen to serve on the Jury of Tryalls at Barnstable County Court.”

The will of Richard Higgins is dated March 24, 1732, and was proved May 25, 1732. “Very sick and weak, but of perfect mind and memory.” Mentions wife Sarah; gives to son Joshua land at Rock Harbour Neck; mentions sons Theophilus, David and Reuben. To son Moses “all my message and tenement whereon I now dwell, with all appurtenances, with one pair of oxen and a plow, excepting use and improvement of one-third part thereof to his mother during her life. To sons Eleazer, Jedidiah and Reuben £30 each. To sons Reuben and Moses and to daughter Abigail Higgins, to each of them one feather bed and suitable furniture. Wife Sarah and son Joshua executors.” Inventory taken May 25, 1732, showed an estate of £1292. 4. 1.

*Children born at Eastham.*

42. i. Joshua, b. Dec. 3, 1695; married Ruth Twining.
43. ii. Eleazer, b. Feb. 9, 1696-7; married Sarah —.

44. iii. Theophilus, b. May 6, 1698; married Joanna Young.
45. iv. Jediah, b. Feb. 8, 1699-1700; married Phœbe Freeman.  
 v. Zaccheus, b. Jan. 11, 1701-2; d. Aug. 22, 1715.  
 vi. Esther, b. Feb. 23, 1703-4; married Jan. 15, 1733-4, Stephen Totman, Jr., of Truro. She is not mentioned in the will of Richard Higgins. Child: Stephen, b. April 4, 1737.
46. vii. David, b. April 5, 1706; married (1) Mercy Twining; (2) Mrs. Jane Higgins.
47. viii. Reuben, b. Jan. 6, 1708-9; married Hannah Cole.
48. ix. Moses, b. March 24, 1710-11; married Elizabeth Arey.  
 x. Abigail, b. Aug. 8, 1715; married March 22, 1732-3, Reuben Merrick, son of Joseph, Jr., and Elizabeth (Twining) Merrick. Children: Elizabeth, b. Nov. 22, 1734; Abigail, b. Aug. 30, 1736; Joseph, b. July 16, 1738; Reuben, b. June 12, 1742; Nathan, b. Sept. 23, 1744.

Authorities: Eastham-Orleans Vital Records; *N. E. Hist. and Gen. Register*, vol. vi, p. 45; *Freeman's Cape Cod*, vol. ii, p. 388; *Mayflower Des.*, vol. ix, p. 8; Barnstable Co. Probate Records, vol. v, p. 36.

18. JOSHUA<sup>3</sup> HIGGINS (*Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Oct. 1, 1668, at Eastham; died there after May 3, 1757; married (1) probably (date not found) Elizabeth Smith, born Feb. 24, 1668; died —; daughter of John and Hannah (Williams) Smith and granddaughter of Thomas Williams and of Ralph Smith; married (2) Oct. 27, 1720, at Boxford, Mass., Priscilla Bixby, born —; died Jan., 1736-7; daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Gould) Bixby of Boxford; married (3) (int. Sept. 24, 1737) Mary Baker, who was living March 13, 1750-1. (See Addenda.)

In 1690 Joshua Higgins served in Capt. John Gorham's company in an expedition to Canada. March 16, 1702, he was chosen grand juryman by the town of Eastham. March 9, 1708-9, he was chosen constable; March 14, 1710-1, and Jan. 13, 1719-20, was chosen to serve as juryman. On the latter date he was "chosen to represent them at the General Court at Boston; declared his non-acceptance." He again served in 1724, 1726, 1729 and 1730 as juror, sometimes at the County Court. May 13, 1730, he was again chosen as Representative to the Great and General Court, and probably this time accepted. He received grants of land from the town of Eastham in 1703 and 1711. It is evident from ancient deeds that he lived in the southern part of Eastham, now South Orleans, near Portanimitcutt and had frequent dealings

with the Indians living there. He also had land in Harwich, between South Orleans and Cliff Pond. On Jan. 22, 1721, Samuel Knowles, Jr., and Elisha Hopkins, both of Eastham, sold to Joshua Higgins of Eastham "one parcell of upland lying in Harwich on the southern side of the river, near the now dwelling house of sd Joshua Higgins." On Feb. 17, 1737-8, Elisha Hopkins of Chatham sold to Joshua Higgins, Sr., of Eastham thirty-six acres of land "lying in Harwich, southward from Potanumacut River." Another deed is of more importance and is given in full. It made final disposal of Joshua Higgins's estate, and is equivalent to a will.

"To all people, etc. Know ye that I Joshua Higgins of Eastham For Three Hundred pounds Currant money paid by Jonathan Kenwick of Harwich, Physition, Have sould—all and singular my housing Lands and meadows Swamp mill and stream &c Now in my possession or is or aught To be mine within the sd County of Barnstable—sd housing Lands meadows swamps & stream Lying Chiefly in Eastham & Harwich and are as follows, Viz. my Dwelling House wherein I now Live with the Lot of Lands whereon it Stands with all other Buildings that are thereon & all the apurtenances that appertain thereto—also my Rights & Title In the Grist mill that stands near my sd Dwelling house as also in the Stream on which it Stands—also all my lands on the Southward of sd Stream viz. Begining By sd Stream to the westward of sd Mill at the Range that Heretofore parted Between sd Kenwick and myself so Running in sd Range untill it comes to the way that Leads to Namecoick neck & then easterly by sd way until it comes to a Cedar Swamp thence Running as the Swamp Runs on the northerly part untill it comes to John Yates Lands thence Easterly By sd Yates Lands until it comes to Nama-coick thence northerly in sd Namacoick range untill it comes Into the River & thence as sd River runs untill it Come to the first Specified Range also two Lots of meadow at or near monument plains In Eastham Bounded as thear Respective Deeds to me will Demonstrate also Two pieces of wood land in Harwich one near to Nathaniel Gould Junr Dwelling House & the other on the Eastern side the Clift ponds partly ajoyning ye sd Kenwick's Land on ye East & ye pond on ye north & south west as also my whole Eaighth part of Cedar Swamp in Harwich near Eleazer Rogers: in partnership with sd Eleazer Rogers & sd Jonathan Kenwick & others With all other my property of Real Estate In sd County of Barnstable with all the rights & privelege appertaining to the whole.  
13 March 1750-50 (sic)

JOSHUA HIGGINS

Signed in presence of  
Thomas Freeman Crisp Rogers

"Barnstable SS. July 23, 1751. Then Thomas Freeman & Crisp Rogers made oath that they Saw ye within named Joshua

Higgins Sign Seal ye within Instrument and at same time signed themselves. Nathaniel Stone Ju. Justice Peace. Acknowledged July 23, 1751. Recorded July 31, 1751, in Book 23, folio 112. Solomon Otis Regr."

"To all people—Know that I Mary Higgins of Eastham wife to Joshua Higgins Sener of sd Eastham for Divers Considerations & for that my sd Husbands Real Estate Hath Divers Charges against it for Debt But more Especially for fifty pounds money To me Truly paid by Jonathan Kenwick of Harwich physitian—Do Quit my Claime Right of Dower in the whole of the Real Estate which my sd Husband Joshua Higgins hath given sd Kenwick one Deed of Sale Bearing equal date with this present—13 March 1750-51.

her  
Mary 0 Higgins  
mark

Signed in presence of Crisp Rogers,  
Thomas Freeman

"Acknowledged July 23, 1751; recorded Aug. 7, 1753 in Book 24, folio 150. Solomon Otis Regr."

The files of the Superior Court of Judicature at Boston reveal some more items regarding Joshua Higgins:

"Testimony of James Higgins and Moses Bixby. Joshua Higgins of Eastham demanded one-tenth of Estate of Mr. Joseph Bixbee of Boxford, deceased Estate through his wife who was daughter of Deceased 19 July 1727-8" (files 21407 and 164458).

"Testimony of Sarah Higgins daughter of Mr. Joseph Bixbee of Boxford sworn to at Eastham 13 Jan. 1727-8" (file 21407).

Joshua Higgins is supposed to have married first Elizabeth Smith, daughter of John Smith, because he (Joshua Higgins) signed Oct. 26, 1696, receipts as one of the heirs of John Smith.—Barnstable Probate, vol. ii, p. 29.

It is probable that Joshua Higgins survived until after May 3, 1757. The following document, preserved among the papers of Capt. E. F. Small of Danvers, Mass., proves that he did so survive, if the signatures are to be interpreted exactly. The signers were Joshua Higgins, Jr., nephew of Joshua, Sr., and Joshua Higgins, 3d, his grandnephew.

"Know all men—that we Joshua Higgins Jr and Joshua Higgins the third of Eastham yeomen for £43.6.8 paid by Eleazer Rogers Jr of Harwich yeoman, sell one half part of the schooner Mayflower, burden about twenty tons and about 12 years old with all appurtenances. May. 3, 1757. (Signed) Joshua Higgins Jr  
Joshua Higgins 3d  
Witnessed by  
Asa Mayo Joshua X Mayo"



Joshua Higgins, Sr., was in his eighty-ninth year at the time when this paper was signed, and it is possible that he was ninety or over at the time of his death. He seems to have been in prosperous circumstances and the records show that he had a negro servant (slave).\* On May 21, 1737, he filed with the town clerk his intention of marriage with Jane Maker, but both afterwards thought better of it, for in September he was published to Mary "Beaker" and married her as already related. Jane Maker had meanwhile found another mate, for on Dec. 10, 1737, she was published to Pashela Collins of Eastham.

On Nov. 10, 1701, John Sipson, Indian, of Potanimitc in Harwich gave twenty acres of land at Cliff Pond to Joshua Higgins. The Indians were his near neighbors, and he appears to have had many dealings with them.

*Children.*

- i. Joshua, b. —; d. Feb. 14, 1718-9 (Harwich records); probably unmarried.
- ii. Joseph, bapt. Sept. 15, 1717 (diary of Rev. Jude Damon of Truro).

Authorities: Records of Eastham and Harwich; *Vital Records of Boxford*; Files of the Superior Court at Boston; Deeds and documents in private hands, copied and communicated by Mr. Stanley W. Smith.

19. ISAAC<sup>3</sup> HIGGINS (*Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Aug. 31, 1672, at Eastham; died there between Feb. 12 and March 20, 1760; married (date not found) Lydia Collins, born July, 1676; died after Feb. 12, 1760; daughter of Joseph and Ruth (Knowles) Collins of Eastham.

Isaac Higgins lived all his life at Eastham and was a farmer. He was admitted freeman of the Colony about 1694-5. Voted "townsman" at Eastham, May 26, 1702. March 24, 1717-8, he was chosen tithingman and on March 27, 1723, constable. In May, 1725, his dwelling house was one of the appointed places for sheep shearing. In March, 1729-30, he was elected surveyor (inspector) of highways, and in the years 1729, 1732 and 1733 he served on jury duty.

His will, dated Feb. 12, 1760, and proved March 20, 1760, is on record at Barnstable. "I Isaac Higgins of Eastham, husband-

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\* "Thomas, negroman of Eastham, servant to Joshua Higgins and Elizabeth Job of Chatham, Indian woman, marriage intention 14 March 1737-8."—Eastham Births (1701-81), p. 225.



man, far advanced in years, make my last will and testament. To Lydia my beloved wife my whole estate for her life. To heirs of my deceased son Benjamin all my wearing apparell in equal proportions. I give them no more because I gave to my son Benjamin a deed of part of my real estate before. To children of my deceased son Isaac the field where the dwelling house of my deceased son Elkanah formerly stood and half a lot of land lying on the northerly side of the place called Yates Creek. Likewise a lot of woodland near Silver Spring harbor and also one note for £10 due from Isaiah Higgins and another from Jesse Cole. To my daughters, Mercy, Sarah, Rebecca, Hannah and Lydia all my moveables equally divided." Inventory £42.11.11.

*Children born at Eastham.*

- i. Mercy, b. March 20, 1697; d. —; married (int. March 19, 1719-20) Samuel Smith of Chatham, b. May 25, 1696, son of John<sup>3</sup> and Bethiah (Snow) Smith (*Samuel*<sup>2</sup>, *Ralph*<sup>1</sup>). Children: Samuel, b. —; married (int. Oct. 27, 1750) Zerviah Hamilton; Isaac, b. 1724, married (int. Feb. 2, 1744-5) Mary Freeman of Harwich and resided at Eastham; Elkanah, b. 1734, married (int. Nov. 17, 1753) Elizabeth Kenwrick of Harwich; Bethiah, b. —, married (int. Aug. 10 or Oct. 10, 1756) Crispe Rogers, Jr., of Harwich. The above is the opinion of Mr. Stanley W. Smith of Boston, against the *Treat Genealogy*, p. 179, and his authorities are: *Mayflower Des.*, vol. vii, p. 138; viii, p. 243; xiii, pp. 29-30; *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register*, vol. lxiv, p. 188; Eastham Births (1701-1781), pp. 206, 233; Chatham Records, vol. ii, p. 112; Muster Roll of Col. Joseph Thatcher's Regt., Massachusetts State Archives, pp. 94-316.
- ii. Sarah, b. Aug. 3, 1699; married (int. Feb. 26, 1717-8) David<sup>3</sup> Smith (*Thomas*<sup>2</sup>, *Ralph*<sup>1</sup>), b. "end of March, 1691."
49. iii. Benjamin, b. April 19, 1701; married Sarah Mayo.
50. iv. Elkanah, b. Nov. 10, 1703; married Mrs. Rebecca (Doane) Allen.
- v. Rebecca, b. Oct. 10, 1705; d. Jan. 15, 1776; married Joseph Pepper of Eastham, b. Feb. 24, 1704-5; d. in 1782, son of Isaac and Apphia (Freeman) Pepper. Children: Ruth, b. Feb. 15, 1726-7; Daniel, b. Sept. 10, 1729; Rebecca, b. Aug. 31, 1731; married — Mareen; Samuel, b. April 28, 1734; Elizabeth, b. April 22, 1736; Lydia, b. Aug. 8, 1737; Hannah, b. Feb. 22, 1740; married Joseph<sup>5</sup> Higgins, son of Beriah<sup>4</sup>; Joseph, b. July 1, 1744; Sarah, b. May 17, 1746; married — Smith.
51. vi. Isaac, b. July 3, 1708; married Abigail Freeman.

vii. Hannah, b. Sept. 11, 1712; married June 5, 1732, Cornelius Tower of Hingham.

viii. Lydia, b. July 3, 1718; perhaps married (int. April 4, 1741) William Myrick, Jr., of Eastham.

Authorities: Eastham Births (1701-1781), pp. 205-6; Barnstable Probate records for wills of Isaac Higgins and Joseph Collins; *Mayflower Des.*, vol. iii, p. 229; vi, p. 204; ix, p. 12; *Freeman Genealogy*, p. 374; *Brewster Mortuary Records*, p. 13.

20. SAMUEL<sup>3</sup> HIGGINS (*Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born March 7, 1676-7, at Eastham; died there Dec. 10, 1761; married (1) (by Rev. Samuel Treat) Nov. 4, 1703, Hannah Cole, born June 28, 1681; died Feb. 25, 1716-7; daughter of Israel and Mary (Paine) (Rogers) Cole and great-great-granddaughter of Stephen Hopkins of the *Mayflower*, 1620; married (2) March 20, 1717-8, Thankful Mayo, daughter of William Mayo; married (3) (int. March 12, 1739-40) Elizabeth Harding of Eastham.

Samuel Higgins resided at Eastham and was probably a farmer. He was one of the witnesses of the will of Nathaniel Mayo, Aug. 10, 1715, and gave testimony for the same July 9, 1717. He was elected tithingman Jan. 10, 1727-8, and constable on March 10, 1728-9. March 10, 1730-1, he was chosen surveyor of highways and again March 4, 1733-4. These are all the town offices he is known to have filled. In 1703 land was granted to him on the town flats, but he doubtless possessed other land in Eastham. His four sons, Israel, Theodore, Ichabod and Samuel, all were given lands by the will of their grandfather, Israel Cole, of Barnstable. The three older sons all removed to Connecticut. Samuel died before his father. Only the sons of the second wife remained in Eastham, and one of these may have removed.

*Children born at Eastham.*

52. i. Israel, b. April 26, 1706; married (1) Ruth Brown; (2) Ruth (Mayo) Smith.

53. ii. Theodore, b. Oct. 26, 1707; married Jane Brown.

54. iii. Ichabod, b. "near the latter end of June," 1709; married Jane Snow.

55. iv. Samuel, b. July 19, 1713; married Mary Smith.

v. William, b. Aug. 16, 1719; d. ——. Nothing certain is known of this William. It is possible that he was the same as the William Higgins of Medfield, Mass., in 1737, or as the William of Chesterfield, Mass., in 1765, but no evidence to prove the conjecture has been discovered. (See Appendix A, IV.)

56. vi. John, b. Dec. 16, 1720; married Mercy Mulford.  
57. vii. Simeon, b. Jan. 16, 1722-3; married (1) Martha Snow;  
(2) Mrs. Sarah Walker.

Authorities: Barnstable Probate Records, vol. iv, p. 579 (will of Israel Cole); Eastham Births (1701-1781), pp. 18, 227; Truro Vital Records, p. 26; *Mayflower Des.*, vol. v, p. 195; viii, pp. 94, 95.

21. BENJAMIN<sup>3</sup> HIGGINS (*Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Sept. 15, 1681; died at Eastham between July 1, 1760, and April 27, 1761; married (1) May 22, 1701, Sarah Freeman, born —; died Jan. 21, 1743-4; daughter of Lieut. Edmund and Sarah (Mayo) Freeman of Eastham; married (2) at Truro, June 28, 1749, Mercy (Freeman) Hopkins, born Aug. 31, 1702; died in December, 1786; daughter of Constant and Jane (Treat) Freeman and widow of Caleb<sup>4</sup> Hopkins (*Caleb*<sup>3</sup>, *Gyles*<sup>2</sup>, *Stephen*<sup>1</sup>). She married (3) Dec. 5, 1771, Ebenezer Dyer of Truro.

Benjamin Higgins resided at Eastham. There is a deed, dated June 11, 1752, whereby "Benjamin Higgins yeoman of Eastham for ten shillings eight pence sold to Benjamin Higgins the third of Eastham one acre and a quarter of land near my dwelling house, where my orchard now is, bounded beginning at my dwelling house (bounds given) and then runs one pole to the south part of my house." Acknowledged at Eastham, Feb. 20, 1753. This was evidently sold to his son Benjamin for a house-lot, and the deed serves to distinguish the three Benjamin Higginses who were living in Eastham at the same time, the third one being Benjamin, son of Isaac Higgins, who is called Benjamin, Jr.

Sarah Freeman, first wife of Benjamin Higgins, was the mother of all of his fourteen children. Her grandmother, Mercy Prence, was the daughter of Gov. Thomas and Patience (Brewster) Prence, and the granddaughter of Elder William Brewster, who came in the *Mayflower* in 1620.

Benjamin Higgins was chosen tithingman March 10, 1714-5, grand juryman Jan. 13, 1719-20, constable on March 16, 1725-6, juryman at the County Court in 1730, selectman on March 8, 1735-6, and juryman in 1737 and 1738.

July 26, 1703, the town of Eastham granted him land on the Town flat and he had a generous amount of land from his father's estate. He was called Mr. Benjamin Higgins, an indication of better social position than usual. His alliance with the Freeman and Prence families secured this for him.

The will of Benjamin Higgins was dated July 1, 1760, and was proved May 11, 1761. "Benjamin Higgins of Eastham, infirm of body, makes will. To wife Mercy Higgins 160 ounces of silver as her dower, feather bed and furniture, one cow and privilege of pasturing one cow on my land and to cut hay to winter one cow, a room in the easterly part of the house and fire wood brought to her door as long as she remains my widow, with all the personal estate she brought with her at marriage. Legacies to sons Thomas, Paul, Benjamin, Zaccheus, Isaac and Freeman Higgins, to the last three all my lands in Eastham and Harwich, they to pay my wife and son Isaac all the money and rights I have given her and him. To sons Isaac and Zaccheus easterly half of my dwelling house, they allowing my wife the improvement of a room as long as she lives my widow. To Zaccheus, Isaac and Freeman my Barn in equal proportions. To Freeman my cart, and wheels and scow and all my farm tackling. To daughters Priscilla Smith, Sarah Smith, Experience Toby (Foby?) and Lois 'Curkem' (Kircom or Kirkham?) and grandchildren Solomon, Enos (Eunice?), Sarah, Elizabeth and Henry Young. Son Zaccheus executor."

*Children born at Eastham.*

- i. Priscilla, b. Nov. 17, 1702; married (int. Sept. 15, 1722) Jonathan Smith of Eastham (*Thomas*<sup>2</sup>, *Ralph*<sup>1</sup>).
58. ii. Thomas, b. June 24, 1704; married Abigail Paine.
- iii. Sarah, b. July 13, 1706; married September, 1724 (int. July 4, 1724), Jesse Smith, son of Thomas and Mary Smith of Eastham, b. Jan. 31, 1703-4. Children: Ruth, b. July 18, 1725; David, b. Jan. 28, 1726-7; Priscilla, b. July 20, 1729; Sarah, b. July 19, 1731; Eunice, b. Feb. 23, 1732-3; Jerusha, b. March 1, 1734-5; Jesse, b. Feb. 1, 1736-7. This family removed to Dutchess Co., N. Y. Jesse Smith, Jr., married Lydia Gregory, daughter of Ephraim Gregory of Danbury, Conn. Children: Elijah; Ephraim, b. April 8, 1761; James P., b. July 22, 1764; no daughters.

Elijah Smith, son of Jesse, Jr., and Lydia (Gregory) Smith, b. in 1757, d. Oct. 2, 1824, aged 67 years; married Hannah Runkles (?), b. 1745, d. Jan. 18, 1845, aged 96. It is said that her parents were of Scipio, N. Y. The dates are from a Bible record written by Elijah Smith, Jr., in 1859, still in existence. Elijah Smith, Sr., was a Baptist minister. In 1797 he was at Freehold, Albany County (now Greene), N. Y. Later he was of Utica, N. Y. Children: Ruhama, Nelson, Electa, Elijah, Allen, Wealthy, Ephraim, Alpheus, Almon, Miriam.

Elijah Smith, Jr., son of Elijah and Hannah, was born Oct. 23, 1779, and died July 31, 1866; married March 7, 1801, Elizabeth Calkins, b. March 18, 1781; d. July 15, 1838; married (2) Mrs. Elizabeth Rackord. He was a farmer and carpenter, residing near Cambria, N. Y. Children: Mary, b. Dec. 12, 1801; d. in



Fairbury, Ill.; married Jan. 1, 1823, Lewis Lee Lane of Cambria, N. Y., afterwards of Hillsdale, Mich., and had four children. Anson, b. June 23, 1803, d. March 14, 1872; married Aug. 26, 1823, Caroline Kent, no children, lived at St. Catherine's, Canada, for some years, then later in or near Olean, Cattaraugus Co., N. Y. Harvey, b. Feb. 23, 1805, in Herkimer Co., N. Y.; d. March 22, 1887, at Springville, Erie Co., N. Y.; married March 4, 1831, Lucy Whitcher (Whittier) and had five children, all of whom died young; lived at St. Catherine's, Canada, and in Michigan, returned to Lockport, N. Y., and later went to Springville, N. Y., where he died. Philo Hackley, b. March 3, 1807, at Utica, N. Y.; d. Jan. 15, 1875, at Mottville, St. Joseph Co., Mich.; married Sept. 9, 1831, Cornelia Hart of Bergen, Genesee Co., N. Y.; resided in Le Roy and Cambria, N. Y., St. Catherine's, Canada, and Cass Co., Mich.; was a member and deacon of the Baptist church for many years; had issue. Stephen, b. Feb. 21, 1809, d. Aug. 17, 1830, unmarried. Betsey, b. May 12, 1811, married Nov. 10, 1831, Otis Brooks. Lydia, b. April 22, 1813, d. July 24, 1888, married William Alger. Daniel, b. Jan. 31, 1815, d. May 3, 1821. Hannah, b. June 9, 1816, d. May 15, 1893, in Fairbury, Ill., married Feb. 24, 1835, Patrick Mahoney, b. in Canada, d. May 6, 1893, at Fairbury, Ill., whither he removed from Lockport, N. Y., when seventeen years of age; had children. Silas, b. Nov. 21, 1818, d. unmarried. Sarah, b. Nov. 18, 1820, d. ——. She prepared herself at Lima, N. Y., to be a missionary teacher and left New York in the ship *Crescent City* March 20, 1851, for Oregon with four other young lady teachers, under the protection of Mr. Thurston, a delegate to Congress from that territory. She was supposed to have been slain by Indians. No account of her death or experience ever reached her family.

59. iv. Paul, b. June 25, 1708; married Rebecca Mayo.  
 v. Reliance, b. May 13, 1710. Not mentioned in her father's will.  
 vi. Elizabeth, b. April 1, 1712; married March 8, 1731-2, Henry Young, b. March 23, 1710-11, son of David and Anne (Doane) Young. Children born at Eastham: Seth, b. April 6, 1734; Solomon, b. Oct. 14, 1735; died young; Solomon, b. May 18, 1737; Josiah, b. May 14, 1739; Anne, b. Dec. 4, 1740; Eunice, b. Jan. 15, 1742-3; Sarah, b. Feb. 17, 1744-5; Elizabeth; Henry.  
 vii. Experience, b. Jan. 31, 1713-4; married (1) (int. May 3, 1734) Israel Coombs; (2) — Toby or Foby.
60. viii. Benjamin, b. March 1, 1715-6; married (1) Hannah Higgins; (2) Margaret Sears.  
 ix. Thankful, b. Oct. 28, 1717; married (int. April 25, 1741) Theophilus Mayo, Jr. Not named in her father's will. Child: Theophilus, b. Dec. 30, 1752.
61. x. Zaccheus, b. Aug. 15, 1719; married Rebecca Young.



62. xi. Solomon, b. Sept. 8, 1721; married (1) Bethiah Chase;  
(2) Esther Dean(?).
- xii. Lois, b. Aug. 6, 1723; married — “Curkem” (Kirkom,  
Kirkham?).
63. xiii. Isaac, b. July 12, 1725; married Rebecca Mayo.
64. xiv. Freeman, b. July 28, 1727; married (1) Martha Cole;  
(2) Mrs. Thankful (Hopkins) Paine.

Authorities: Barnstable Co. Probate Records, vol. xii, p. 153; Eastham Births (1701-81), pp. 209-10; *Mayflower Des.*, vol. v, p. 144; vii, p. 15; viii, pp. 65-69; xvi, p. 1; *Jesse Smith and his Descendants; New York Biog. and Gen. Record*, vol. xxxiv (1904), pp. 260-62. The will of Benjamin Higgins has been printed in full and verbatim in *Mayflower Descendant*, vol. xviii, p. 189, from the *original*, now owned by Mr. George C. Higgins. It was also recorded in vol. xii, p. 153, of the Barnstable County Probate Records. This recording proves that the will was probated.

22. GERSHOM<sup>3</sup> HIGGINS (*Eliakim*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Jan. 5, 1689-90, probably at Mansfield township, Burlington co., N. J.; died about January or February, 1758, at Elizabethtown, N. J.; married Mary —, who survived him.

Gershom Higgins is mentioned in the will of his grandfather, Michael Newbold, dated May 19, 1690. In 1711 and in 1716 he was of Woodbridge, and a member of the church there. Later he removed to Elizabethtown, where he appears to have spent the rest of his days. On Jan. 10, 1746-7, he was appointed administrator on the estate of his son, William Higgins, deceased. He was a blacksmith. His will, dated Sept. 14, 1751, was proved Feb. 18, 1758 (Trenton, N. J., F. 517). It shows that he owned seven acres of land near Oyster Creek and also homestead land adjoining the late Rev. Mr. Dickinson, Cornelius Hatfield and the highway.

#### *Children.*

65. i. William, b. —; married Jerusha —.
- ii. Gershom, born about 1723; d. Aug. 25, 1729, aged 6. Elizabethtown Cemetery.
- iii. Nathaniel, b. in 1727 or 1728; d. Sept. 1, 1729, at Elizabethtown.
- iv. Mary, b. —.
- v. Hannah, b. —.
- vi. Abigail, b. —.
66. vii. Nathaniel, b. about 1738; married Elizabeth Haviland.

23. JEDIAH<sup>3</sup> HIGGINS (*Jediah<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born April 11, 1691; died Jan. 19, 1772, in his ninety-first year; married about 1715 Hannah Stout, born March 29, 1694 (?), at Middletown, N. J.; died July 14, 1779, in eighty-seventh year; daughter of Jonathan and Hannah (Bollen) Stout of Middletown, N. J.

Jediah Higgins was a farmer and lived at Kingston, N. J. He was prosperous, and his will shows that he owned seven negro servants or slaves. In 1715, the probable year of his marriage, he served as a sergeant under Thomas Farmer. He was executor of his father's estate. The gravestones of himself and his wife Hannah, and those of his son Joshua and the latter's wife, are extant in a private burial place, situated within the limits of his farm, known as the Higgins burying ground, near Kingston, N. J.

His will, dated April 22, 1765, probated April 7, 1772, is extant, and reads in part, as follows:

"I Jediah Higgins of Kingston in the Corporation of New Brunswick in Middlesex County, yeoman, weak in body, do make, etc. this my Last will and Testament. To wife Hannah I give that part of my plantation where on I now live (particular bounds are described), also one negro wench Dinah and two negro boys, Cesar and Peter. To son Joseph but £5, a farm of 383 acres having been sold to him at less than cost. To son Joshua a part of the homestead tract. To daughter Ann Davison, wife of Robert Davison of Monmouth Co., and to her daughters Ann and Rachel one negro wench, Dorothy. To daughter Mary Stout one negro wench Katherine. To daughter Rachel Stout one negro wench, Susannah. To daughter Hannah Gulick negroes Margaret and Silas. To son Jonathan. Wife and sons Jonathan and Joshua to be executors. Son Joseph trustee."

A codicil is dated June 23, 1768. "To Jonathan Higgins one-fourth of my plantation and lands lying at Barnegat near the Great Bay as by the Patent will more at large appear, and also I give to my son Joseph Higgins another fourth part of said tract, and if Hannah Gulick my daughter die before my negro boy Silas arrive to the year 1790 my Executors are to put him to any of my own family as is then living, at the discretion of my sd Executors. I hereby order that the land I bought of Jacob Binge lying and being near Kingston near Millstone River be sold immediately after my decease. My will is that my negro girl Catherine and negro boy Santo live with my wife as long as she lives, then disposed of like the others, to live with any of my children they choose. My daughter Ann wife of Robert Davison being deceased, the negro and the money are to go to her daughters Rachel and Ann Davison, share and share alike. Sworn at Trenton April 17, 1772. Jonathan Higgins and Joshua Higgins executors."

The following refers to this Jediah Higgins. "Feb. 10, 1715. Jediah Higgins, eldest son of Jediah Higgins of Somerset Co.

deceased, conveys to John Brown of Amboy in Middlesex Co. one fifth of one forty-eighth part of a tract of land in Perth Amboy."—*East Jersey Deeds*, Liber A, part 2, p. 127.

*Children.*

67. i. Joseph, b. Oct. 7, 1716; married (1) Mary Phillips; (2) Elizabeth —.
- ii. Anne, b. about 1722; d. before June 23, 1768; married (license) Jan. 25, 1742, Robert Davison of Monmouth County, N. J. Children: Ann, Rachel and Jediah, for whom Joshua Higgins was appointed guardian May 16, 1774.
68. iii. Jonathan, b. April 1, 1725; married Ann Britton.
69. iv. Joshua, b. about 1732; married Mary Quick.
70. v. James, b. about 1733-4; married Sarah Stout(?).
- vi. Mary, b. —; married, as second wife, Benjamin<sup>3</sup> Stout (*David<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), b. about 1707; died at Hopewell, N. J. From a Bible record written by his son Benjamin Stout, Jr., and now in possession of Mr. E. E. Stout of Indianapolis, Ind., we learn that Benjamin and Mary (Higgins) Stout had the following children: Elihu, b. Nov. 6, 1752; d. Oct. 3, 1762, at Hopewell, N. J.; Hannah, b. Feb. 27, 1754; d. 1762; Rebecca, b. Nov. 5, 1755; d. 1762; Jediah, b. April 10, 1757; d. 1820; married (license March 21, 1781) Mary Stout; settled at Maysville, Ky., descendants in Illinois; John, b. Aug. 2, 1758; d. young; Mary, b. June 27, 1760; married Garrison Prall and went to Kentucky; Rachel, b. June 27, 1760; married Paul Hill; Benjamin, b. June 23, 1762; married (1) Rachel Stout, sister of Mary, wife of Jediah Stout; (2) Ann Stout, daughter of Samuel Stout; (3) Mary, daughter of Oliver Hart; Sarah, b. July 8, 1764; married Elijah, son of James Stout; tenth child, b. May 15, 1767; d. soon; David, b. April 24, 1769; married Elizabeth, daughter of James and Catherine Stout; Anne, b. —; mentioned in the will of her brother, David Stout. It is said that Mary (Higgins) Stout, widow of Benjamin Stout, married John Manners, Jr., a probable error of statement, as she would have been an aged woman after the death of Benjamin Stout in 1789. The marriage is therefore rejected.
- vii. Rachel, b. —; married James Stout, son of Freegift and Mary (Higgins) Stout of Cloverhill, Hunterdon Co., N. J., as his second wife. Issue, if any, unknown.
- viii. Hannah, b. —; married Henry Gulick.

Authorities: New Jersey Archives at Trenton and other records; Stillwell's *Historical and Genealogical Miscellany*, vol. iv, p. 334 ff; *Stout Genealogy*; Mr. H. E. Deats; Mr. O. E. Monnette.

24. MICHAEL<sup>3</sup> HIGGINS (*Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born July 23, 1698; died —; married Nov. 28, 1727, Anne Bryant.

At the time of their marriage both Michael Higgins and Anne Bryant are called residents of Somerset Co., N. J. In 1730 they removed to Newton on Cape Fear River, N. C. Names of children have not been found. The four families of Higginsses mentioned by the census of 1790 as living in North Carolina may be his descendants.

Authorities: *New Jersey Archives*, vol. xxii, p. 181; Mr. Orra E. Monnette in *New York Gen. and Biog. Record*, January, 1916.

25. JOSEPH<sup>3</sup> HIGGINS (*Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born about 1702; died at Amwell, N. J., between May 27, 1781, and June 13, 1782; married —.

Joseph Higgins settled at Amwell in Hunterdon County before March 25, 1737, for on that date he secured a loan from the Hunterdon County Loan Office for £24, which he had paid or cancelled by April 3, 1741, when he secured a second loan on 110 acres for £36. The land was on the east side of Neshanic brook, where Michael Higgins's line crosses, thence along Michael's line, etc., to the beginning, the brook being the boundary on the southwestern side. This description shows that Joseph's brother, Michael Higgins, probably had not removed to North Carolina in 1730 as alleged, but was still in New Jersey in 1737. It is clear from this that Joseph Higgins was a farmer or planter.

His will is dated May 17, 1782, and was probated June 13, 1782. It reads in part as follows: "Joseph Higgins of the township of Amwell, Hunterdon County, in the western division of the State of New Jersey, weak in body, etc. Unto my two sons Joshua and Azariah all my homestead plantation,—190 acres, to be equally divided between them, with my son Joshua having the house, barn and orchard where I now dwell, and Azariah to have the house where Joshua now dwells, and further my will is and I do order that my son Azariah can build a Barn and plant an orchard on his share of land. I order that my executors sell all my personal estate and after paying my debts pay unto my eldest son Jediah 25 lbs. and all the remainder to be divided between my three daughters now living,—namely Ruth Carle, Hannah Rittenhouse and Elizabeth Holliday, share and share alike. Son Joshua and son-in-law Lott Rittenhouse executors. Witnesses: James Stout, John Young, Jacob Mattison." Inventory June 8, 1782, was £172.05.07, personal only.



*Children.*

- i. Jediah, b. —.
- ii. Joshua, b. —.
71. iii. Azariah, b. —; married (1) —; (2) Sarah Stout.
- iv. Ruth, b. —; married — Carle.
- v. Hannah, b. —; married Lot Rittenhouse.
- vi. Elizabeth, b. —; married — Holliday.

Authorities: Trenton Will Book, vol. xxiv, p. 344; Hunterdon County Loan Record, pp. 120, 155.

26. RICHARD<sup>3</sup> HIGGINS (*Zerah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Nov. 18, 1682; died shortly before Dec. 1, 1736; married (date unknown) Phœbe Trotter, daughter of Benjamin Trotter and widow of — Frazee.

Richard Higgins was in his minority when his father died and his uncles, Thomas Higgins of Piscataway and Samuel Oliver of Rahway, were appointed his guardians. In the will of Benjamin Trotter of Elizabethtown, dated Oct. 27, 1716, he is given a legacy and from this it may be inferred that he married a daughter of Benjamin Trotter. In the will he is called "boatman." His residence was at Elizabethtown, but he had at the time of his death goods and probably a temporary residence or a boat at some place in Monmouth County. In the records of that county, dated June 20, 1737, is an account of things belonging to the estate of Richard Higgins of Essex County, sold at Stanley White's, by Thomas Gleane, vendue master. Names of the purchasers are given, none of them named Higgins. Mrs. Phœbe Higgins declined to administer on the estate and Dr. Peter Leconte of Monmouth County was appointed administrator. Gabriel Stell signed the bond.

*Child.*

72. i. Jonathan, b. —; married Jemima Ward(?).  
Perhaps other children.

27. BENJAMIN<sup>3</sup> HIGGINS (*Thomas*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born April 19, 1691, at Piscataway; died in Somerset County, N. J., shortly before July 25, 1732; married Mary —.

Benjamin Higgins appears to have lived at Piscataway until his father's death and later. In 1730 he is called "heir-at-law of Thomas Higgins of Piscataway, deceased." He removed from Piscataway, but the date is unknown, probably to Somerset County, where he died. The exact locality is not named, but it



was probably at Kingston or Rocky Hill or along Millstone River, where his father had lands. Joseph Babcock and John Manners were administrators on his estate, July 25, 1732.

*Child.*

73. i. Edward, b. —; married Elizabeth Stockton.  
Perhaps others.

28. SAMUEL<sup>4</sup> HIGGINS (*Jonathan*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Oct. 5(?), 1694, at Eastham; died there July 25, 1776, in eighty-third year (gravestone); married Oct. 9, 1718, at Barnstable, Mass., Mehitabel Phinney, daughter of Ebenezer and Susannah (Linnell) Phinney of Barnstable, and granddaughter of John and Mary (Rogers) Phinney, born —; died May 28, 1778.

He resided at Eastham. Was called Samuel, Jr., and was a carpenter. He was chosen surveyor of highways March 8, 1735-6, and reelected in 1739, 1742, 1743, 1745, and was also in 1736 assessor, and may have been elected constable March 1, 1762, but it is more probable that the constable was the son of this Samuel. He may have been surveyor of highways in 1764 and "negative man" in 1768, but this again is more probably the younger Samuel. In 1731 and 1745 he was a juror and in 1760 assessor again.

June 25, 1754, Jonathan Higgins, Junior for £8 sold to Samuel Higgins, Junior and to Samuel Higgins, 3rd of Eastham one half of the parcel in the "Great Cedar Swamp" near his house, which is one quarter of the lot laid out to his father Jonathan Higgins, now deceased, as a wood lot in partnership with Joseph Doane Esq. and the other half part of said quarter part sold to Samuel Higgins, 3rd.

Witnesses: Joseph Doane  
Nathaniel Paine

Jonathan Higgins, Junior.

Recorded March 1, 1754.

Nov. 31, 1757, Samuel Higgins, Junior sold to Samuel Higgins, 3rd latter, land on the southerly side of Sampson's Island Creek, which was laid out to his father, Deacon Jonathan Higgins, then dead.

Mary Rogers, wife of John Phinney, was daughter of Joseph Rogers, and granddaughter of Thomas Rogers, both passengers of the *Mayflower*, 1620.

*Children born at Eastham.*

- i. Hannah, b. July 12, 1719; married (int. July 24, 1742)  
James Snow. She died July 12, 1766. Her daughter,

Ruth, b. Sept. 23, 1745, married Joseph Mayo; moved to Mount Desert, Maine, where they had eight children. James Snow married (2) Feb. 17, 1767, Ruth Higgins.

74. ii. Ebenezer, b. July 21, 1721; married (1) Martha Burgess; (2) Mrs. Hannah Yates.
- iii. Martha, b. Oct. 2, 1723; married March 14, 1744-5, Elisha Linnell.
- iv. Susannah, b. Feb. 3, 1725-6; married April 22, 1756, John Taylor as his second wife. She lived to be 102 years old. Children: Mary, b. May 14, 1758; John, b. July 13, 1760; David, b. June 10, 1763; Eunice, b. June 11, 1767.
- v. Jonathan, b. April 3, 1728.
75. vi. Samuel, b. Aug. 6, 1730; married (1) Elizabeth Bassett; (2) Eunice Young.
76. vii. Eliakim, b. Jan. 21, 1732-3; married Bathsheba Freeman.
77. viii. Sylvanus, b. Oct. 12, 1736; married (1) Abigail Knowles; (2) Hannah Higgins.
- ix. Lydia, b. Oct. 9, 1737.
78. x. Prince, b. April 28, 1741; married Keziah Freeman.

Authorities: *Mayflower Des.*, vol. xiv, p. 227; vol. xv, pp. 67, 142; W. B. Snow for the family of James Snow; unpublished deeds belonging to Jonathan Higgins, Esq., of Orleans, copied in abstract by Josiah Paine of Harwich, Mass.

29. JONATHAN<sup>4</sup> HIGGINS (*Jonathan*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born about 1697 at Eastham; died there "Jan. 30, 1792, in the ninety-fifth year of his age"; married April 5, 1722, Rebecca Hopkins, born about 1698; died March 19, 1780, aged 83 years; daughter of Stephen and Sarah Hopkins of Harwich, and great-granddaughter of Stephen Hopkins who came in the *Mayflower*.

The will of Stephen Hopkins of Harwich, dated Jan. 9, 1731-2, names his daughter Rebecca Higgins. March 10, 1730-1, Jonathan Higgins, Jr., was elected grand juryman; March 19, 1732-3, surveyor of highways; juryman again in 1743; constable in 1745; and in 1748 assessor. "Aug. 17, 1757 Deacon Jonathan Higgins to procure fire wood for Mr. Crocker" (the minister). Hence it is certain that he succeeded his father in the office of deacon in the First Church of Christ at Eastham. March 1, 1762, he was chosen "negative man," and the next year held some town office. He was moderator of the town meeting March 6, 1764, which chose him selectman. In 1765 he was treasurer and in 1766 clerk of the South Precinct (now Orleans). In 1767 he held some town office, probably selectman, and in 1768 was certainly selectman.

"Aug. 17, 1766. Jonathan Higgins pew is on the right hand of the Going in the Southerly Doore in the South Meeting house in the South Precinct of Eastham." This entry in the Precinct records is certainly his own composition, for he was clerk at that time. In 1774 and in 1777 he was again chosen selectman. He made his will May 3, 1791, and mentions no children living, only grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

June 25, 1754, "Jonathan Higgins Junior, Yeoman, sold to Samuel Higgins Junior, Carpenter, for £4, a quarter part of that lot in Cedar Swamp, in the south part of Eastham, near his dwelling house, it being the one quarter part of the lot laid out to his father Jonathan Higgins for his wood lot, and held in partnership with Joseph Doane Esq." (Unrecorded deed.)

*Only Child.*

- i. Phoebe, b. Feb. 9, 1722-3; d. Jan. 30, 1755; married April 1, 1742, John Taylor, b. April 17, 1717; d. ——. Children: Rebecca, b. Feb. 9, 1743; Jonathan, b. "in beginning of Nov., 1744, lived two years and eighteen days and died"; Abigail, b. May 6, 1746; Phoebe, b. May 6, 1746; Edward, b. July 13, 1749; Benjamin, b. Oct. 26, 1752; Lydia, b. June 1, 1754, and d. Oct. 14, 1757. John Taylor married (2) April 22, 1756, Susannah Higgins, b. Feb. 3, 1725-6, daughter of Samuel and Mehitabel (Phinney) Higgins of Eastham. Benjamin Taylor, son of John and Phoebe (Higgins) Taylor, lived at Eastham and was town clerk for four years.

Authorities: *Mayflower Des.*, vol. viii, pp. 36, 159; xv, p. 116; Barnstable Probate Records, vol. xxiv, p. 103; xxvii, p. 324; Unpublished deeds belonging to Jonathan Higgins, Esq., of Orleans, copied in abstract by Mr. Josiah Paine of Harwich, Mass.

30. JOSEPH<sup>4</sup> HIGGINS (*Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Jonathan<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born Oct. 1, 1690, at Eastham, Mass.; died in Lyme, Conn., Dec. 21, 1783, aged 94 years (gravestone at Duck River Cemetery, Old Lyme); married at Eastham, Feb. 18, 1717-9, Mercy Remick, born July 29, 1698, at Eastham; died Nov. 22, 1768, at Lyme, aged 71 years (gravestone); daughter of Abraham and Elizabeth (Freeman) Remick of Eastham.

Eastham records show that on Oct. 12, 1721, Joseph Higgins, Jr., was chosen to serve on Jury of Trials at Barnstable; Jan. 11, 1724-5, he was chosen surveyor of highways; in January, 1730-1, a juror and again in January, 1734-5. Between 1735 and 1737 he removed to Saybrook, Conn., and from there in 1740 across the

river to Lyme, where he appears to have spent the remainder of his life. He settled in that part of Lyme known as Mather's Neck, lying between the Connecticut River and Lieutenant River. Nearly the whole of this strip of land was at one time owned by the members of the Mather family. Now it is called simply "The Neck," all of the family having removed from that locality. On March 29, 1740, Capt. Joseph Higgins of Saybrook bought of Richard Mather land on Mather's Neck, near Connecticut River, with house and barn, also meadow on Calves Island and during the next six or seven years he gradually acquired all the middle portion of the Neck and a considerable portion of the adjacent Calves Island. The east end of the new State Highway Bridge is very near what is still called Higgins's Wharf, and the approach leads over land that was once owned by at least three generations of Higginsons. The site and house are now owned by Clark Voorhees, the artist. Here Capt. Joseph Higgins had a wharf and warehouse, and engaged extensively in the coastwise and West India trade, doubtless importing sugar, molasses and rum and other products in exchange for New England products.

Captain Higgins made no will, but distributed his lands to his sons by deeds of gift. On Nov. 28, 1757, "of that love, goodwill and paternal affection I have and do bear to my well beloved and dutiful son Christian Higgins," he conveyed to Christian a house and sixteen acres of land then occupied "by said Christian." On the same date he conveyed to Josiah Burnham, husband of his daughter Thankful, one acre with buildings. On June 6, 1769, he conveyed to his sons, Sylvanus and Joseph, Jr., eleven acres he had bought of Samuel Person, and on Dec. 31, 1772, he conveyed to them land he had bought from Benjamin Mather. Two days before this he conveyed to his son Christian "the southerly portion of the grantor's farm, on Mather Neck, together with the meadows and one-third interest in the wharf and warehouse" (still known as Higgins's Wharf), and on the same day he conveyed to his sons, Sylvanus and Joseph, Jr., land at Mather's Neck and on Calves Island, the remainder of all his land not given to his son Christian. These deeds of gift were in place of a will, for which he evidently had distrust. He was preparing to bring to a close a long life of activity. Yet he lived eleven years longer, and attained the great age of 94 years.

It should be added that Mercy Remick, wife of Capt. Joseph Higgins, was through her mother, Elizabeth Freeman, born June 26, 1671, granddaughter of Deacon Samuel Freeman of Eastham.



Mercy Southworth, wife of Deacon Samuel Freeman, was daughter of Constant and Elizabeth (Collier) Southworth. Constant Southworth, who came to Plymouth in 1628, was son of Edward and Alice (Carpenter) Southworth, and step-son of Gov. William Bradford. Elizabeth Collier was daughter of William Collier, governor and magistrate of Plymouth Colony.

*Children.*

- i. Joseph, b. Oct. 11, 1721; "Here lies the Body of Joseph Higgins, son of Mr. Joseph and Mrs. Marcy Higgins, deceased March 23, 1737-8 in ye 17th year of his Age."—Cemetery at Saybrook Point, Conn.
- ii. Rebecca, b. May 3, 1724; d. May 17, 1785; married Jan. 13, 1757, as his second wife, Capt. Richard Wait. Children: Remick, b. April 10, 1758; Rebecca, b. Jan. 1, 1760. Ezra, b. May 31, 1763. Justice Morrison Remick Wait of the United States Supreme Court was a descendant.
79. iii. Christian, b. June 6, 1726; married Dorothy Williams.
- iv. Mercy, b. about 1728; d. Oct. 20, 1782; married June 13, 1745, John Mather of Lyme. Children: John, Joseph, Sylvanus, Stephen, Hannah, Jemima, Jerusha, Mehitabel and Rebecca. Rebecca Mather, b. Dec. 2, 1748; married Nov. 19, 1772, John Wait of Lyme, b. Jan. 21, 1749; d. Feb. 17, 1819, son of Capt. Richard and Elizabeth (Marvin) Wait. John Mather married (2) Feb. 17, 1785, Mrs. Ruth Robbins, who died June 14, 1800.
- v. Thankful, b. —; married Nov. 3, 1753, Josiah Burnham of Lyme. Children: Joseph, James, Samuel, Jemima, John, Elizabeth, Mercy, Rebecca and Josiah.
80. vi. Sylvanus, b. about 1737; married Elizabeth Clark.
- vii. Jemima, b. about 1737; d. Dec. 3, 1758, aged 23. Stone in Duck River Cemetery, Lyme.
- viii. Joseph, b. about 1740; d. March 21, 1814, in the seventy-fifth year of his age; unmarried. He probably served in the Revolution as a sea commander. He left a will, dated June 7, 1811, leaving his estate to his sister Thankful, to the daughters of his brother Christian, Jemima Conklin and Dorothy Higgins, Jr., and also to the heirs of Joseph Higgins, late of Wethersfield, to the children of his sister Rebecca Wait, to the surviving children of his sister Mercy Mather, and to Samuel Sumner or Summer, son of his niece, Dorothy Higgins, Jr.

Authorities: Copies of old deeds belonging to Jonathan Higgins, Esq., of Orleans, made by Josiah Paine of Harwich; Vital records of Eastham; Vital records of Lyme; Cemetery Inscriptions, Duck River, Lyme; New London Probate Records;



*Bailey's Early Conn. Marriages* for Lyme; *Marvin Genealogy*, p. 97; *Mather Genealogy*; *Mayflower Des.*, vol. viii, p. 89; xv, p. 75.

31. BERIAH<sup>4</sup> HIGGINS (*Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born about 1692 at Eastham; date of death not found; married (date not found) Desire —.

Beriah Higgins was at Truro, 1717 to 1724, and at Provincetown from 1725 to 1736, to judge from the dates and places of his children's births. He may have been a mariner, but nothing definite has been discovered. A deed belonging to the collection of Jonathan Higgins, Esq., late of Orleans, copied in abstract by Mr. Josiah Paine of Harwich, proves that Beriah Higgins was a son of Joseph Higgins. It is possible that Beriah Higgins removed to Saybrook or some other place in Connecticut shortly before 1740, but no conclusive evidence, beyond the actual presence of two of his children in Connecticut, can be brought forward. It is more probable to suppose that he died early, perhaps lost at sea, and that two of his children, Thankful and Beriah, Jr., accompanied their uncle, Joseph Higgins, to Saybrook, Conn., about 1737.

#### *Children.*

- i. Thankful, b. Aug. 17, 1717, at Truro; mentioned in a Court record of 1740 as of Saybrook, Conn. She is probably the Thankful Higgins who married, March 19, 1741-2, at Lyme, Conn., Daniel Rathbone of Lyme. If so, she died at Hartland, Conn., March 16, 1792, aged 76 years.
- ii. Jemima, b. June 15, 1719, at "Cape Cod."
- iii. Desire, b. Aug. 10, 1724, at Truro.
- iv. Deborah, b. Oct. 26, 1725, at Provincetown.
81. v. Beriah, b. April 1, 1727; married Thankful Barnes.
- vi. Phoebe, b. May 17, 1736, at Provincetown.

Authorities: *Mayflower Des.*, vol. ix, pp. 101-2; xi, p. 47.

32. ELISHA<sup>4</sup> HIGGINS (*Elisha*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>) born Jan. 3, 1701-2, at Eastham; died Jan. 22, 1777, at Bennington, Vt.; married (1) Oct. 19, 1721, Sarah Lewis, born June 2, 1702, at Eastham; died there in or before 1732; married (2) Jan. 24, 1733-4, Hannah (Doane) Atwood, born March 5, 1703-4, at Eastham; died Sept. 22, 1776, at Bennington, Vt.; daughter of Dr. David and Hannah (Horton) Doane of Eastham and widow of Samuel Atwood of Eastham.

Nothing has been discovered regarding Elisha Higgins's life

at Eastham. About 1742 with his second wife and children he removed from Eastham and settled in Hardwick, Mass., then a new town to which many went from the Cape Cod towns. Here he was a member of the church and remained a resident of Hardwick until shortly before 1764. On January 14 of that year "Elisha Higgins was seated in the 2nd seat in ye meeting house and his wife on ye opposite side." (From records of the First Parish Church in Palmer.) On Feb. 20, 1764, he bought of Elisha Hedge of Hardwick 170 acres of land in Palmer, on which he appears to have lived. Here they remained until about June 6, 1769, for on that date Elisha Higgins of Palmer and his wife Hannah conveyed to Elisha Swan of Palmer "the whole farm I bought of Elisha Hedge, on the road from Hardwick to Springfield, 170 acres of land and buildings." It is believed that they then removed to Fort Ann, N. Y., or a place in that vicinity, or to Skénesborough, then claimed by Vermont, but now Whitehall, N. Y. At the beginning of the Revolution this region was much disturbed, and Elisha and his family took refuge in Bennington, Vt., where both he and his wife Hannah died.

The will of Samuel Atwood of Eastham, dated Dec. 1, 1732, proved Jan. 17, 1732-3, contains these words: "And in as much as my wife Hannah Atwood is in a helpless and Lame condition I do therefore give, devise and Dispose of all the Remainder of my Estate, both real and personal, unto my Dear and Loving wife Hannah Atwood, and to her heirs & assigns forever and I do constitute & appoint my said wife Hannah Atwood to gethere with my honoured Father in law David Doane to be my whole and sole Executors." He had previously given to each of his children, David, Enoch, Keziah and Jerusha, twenty shillings each. As Mrs. Atwood was but twenty-eight years old at this time, she subsequently recovered her health, perhaps under the skillful care of her father, David Doane, the physician of Eastham, who in his will dated March 7, 1748, mentions his daughter, Hannah Higgins.

*Children all born at Eastham.*

- i. Jane, b. Feb. 18, 1722-3.
- ii. Sarah, b. May 1, 1725; married (int. Aug. 1, 1741) Thomas Winslow of Harwich, b. Feb. 29, 1723-4. Child: Joshua, b. June 1, 1749; married in 1773 Rhoda Phinney, who d. July 23, 1788.
82. iii. Elisha, b. Nov. 1, 1727; married —.
83. iv. Edward, b. Oct. 15, 1733; married Thankful Rice.

84. v. Joseph, b. Feb. 9. 1734-5; married Anna Hooker.  
 vi. Abigail, b. July 29, 1737; married March 24, 1761, Simon Griffin of Hardwick. Children: Edward, b. Dec. 3, 1761; James, b. Feb. 22, 1764; David Dodge, b. Sept. 8, 1766; d. at Ogdensburg, N. Y., 1840.  
 vii. Abial, b. Dec. 29, 1740; married Nov. 24, 1759, Ebenezer Safford of Hardwick. She survived him and married (2) Dec. 29, 1761, Israel Johnson. Children: Ebenezer Safford, b. Dec. 9, 1759; Charles Johnson, b. Oct. 1, 1762.
85. viii. Uriah, b. May 24, 1742; married Esther Cooley.

Authorities: *Mayflower Des.*, vol. vii, p. 18; Paine, *History of Hardwick*, p. 397; *Boston Transcript* of Feb. 9, 1916; *New York Gen. and Biog. Record*, vol. xlv, p. 285; Cook's Bennington Cemetery Lists, copied by Miss Eels; *Springfield Deeds*, vol. vii, pp. 324, 406; xiv, p. 328.

33. BERIAH<sup>4</sup> HIGGINS (*Elisha*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Jan. 15, 1705; died after 1774; married (1) June 1, 1730, Jemima Witherell, born —; died Sept. 7, 1754; married (2) (int. Oct. 15, 1755) Mrs. Abigail Higgins, born Nov. 27, 1738; died Nov. 5, 1759.

Beriah Higgins resided at Wellfleet. This Beriah did have second wife Abigail by Eastham records. He held some minor town offices in the years 1760-1774.

*Children born at Eastham.*

- i. Beriah, b. Dec. 5, 1731; d. —.  
 ii. Mercy, b. May 31, 1733.  
 iii. Jemima, b. May 30, 1735; d. May 23, 1736.
86. iv. Joseph, b. March 1, 1737; married Hannah Pepper.  
 v. Jemima, b. July 7, 1738; married Jan. 26, 1766, Zaccheus Rich, Jr., of Truro.  
 vi. Anna, b. April 17, 1740; probably married (int. Feb. 26, 1757) James Brown, Jr.
87. vii. John, b. May 27, 1742; married Hannah Brown.  
 viii. Lot, b. June 20, 1745; d. Dec. 10, 1746.  
 ix. Lot, b. Feb. 17, 1746-7; d. May 3, 1765.  
 x. Jane, b. March 28, 1748.  
 xi. Rachel, b. July 5, 1750; married April 26, 1779, Jonathan Cobb of Harwich.  
 xii. Ephraim, b. Feb. 5, 1757; d. Nov. 15, 1759.
88. xiii. Beriah, b. Feb. 3, 1759; married (1) Abigail Higgins; (2) Mrs. Mary Brown.

Authority: Vital Records of Eastham; *Mayflower Des.*, vol. xvi, p. 200.

34. JONATHAN<sup>4</sup> HIGGINS (*Elisha*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Oct. 8, 1711, at Eastham; died —; married (int. June 28, 1735) at Eastham, Rachel Doane, born —; died —; daughter of Dr. David and Hannah (Horton) Doane of Eastham.

Jonathan Higgins is said to have settled in Hardwick, Mass., on the "Ware side of the river." Dr. David Doane in his will, dated Jan. 25, 1738, gives £80 to his daughter Rachel Higgins, out of his personal estate.

*Children.*

- i. Jonathan, b. April 20, 1736.
- ii. Lurania, b. June 9, 1738.
- iii. Henry, b. Dec. 27, 1740; d. young.
89. iv. Henry, b. July 24, 1743; married Mary Fisk.
- v. Bethiah, b. March 26, 1746.
- vi. Joshua, b. Sept. 18, 1748.
- vii. Rachel, b. May 19, 1751; married Feb. 3, 1771, Andrew Harwood of Ware, Mass.
- viii. Philip, bapt. Jan. 13, 1754, at Hardwick.

Authorities: *Doane Family*; *Harwood Genealogy*.

35. BARNABAS<sup>4</sup> HIGGINS (*Elisha*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born in 1722; died Aug. 18, 1799, at Wellfleet, Mass.; married (1) March 3, 1742-3, Mary Smith, born July 14, 1723; died —; daughter of Thomas and Joanna (Mayo) Smith of Truro; married (2) March 2, 1748-9, Abigail Paine, born —; died —; daughter of Moses and Margery (Mayo) Paine and granddaughter of Thomas and Hannah Paine; married (3) (int. May 7, 1791) Mrs. Hannah Lewis at Wellfleet.

Barnabas and Mary Higgins were admitted to the church at Truro, Aug. 19, 1744, and had children baptized there. He later lived in Wellfleet, where he died.

*Children born at Truro.*

- i. Jane, b. July 25, 1744; d. Sept. 16, 1744.
90. ii. Barnabas, b. Nov. 12, 1745; married Abigail Atwood.
91. iii. Elisha, b. Jan. 4, 1747-8; married Lucia Harding.
92. iv. Daniel, b. Aug. 26, 1751; married Hannah Snow.
- v. Infant son, b. Sept. 29, 1755; d. Oct. 8, 1755.
- vi. Infant son, b. Oct. 7, 1756; d. Oct. 14, 1756.
93. vii. Philip, b. Nov. 24, 1758; married Sarah Newcomb.
- viii. Mary, b. Aug. 23, 1760; married Jan. 24, 1782, Archelaus Deane.



Authorities: Eastham Births (1701-1781), p. 231; Truro Vital Records, pp. 26, 57, 59; *Paine Ancestry*, p. 83; *New England Hist. and Genealogical Register*, vol. xxv, p. 359; Barnstable County Probate Records, vol. xiii, p. 270.

36. PHILIP<sup>4</sup> HIGGINS (*Elisha*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born March 4, 1724-5, in Eastham; died —; married March 26, 1747 (Truro records), Phœbe Lewis of Truro.

Tradition among descendants declares that this Philip Higgins lived at Hardwick, Mass., probably settling there with his father. Descendants gave to Mr. Paige, the historian of Hardwick, information regarding their line, but if they did so, he did not mention them in his *History of Hardwick*. The marriage intention of Philip Higgins and Joanna Mayo is recorded at Eastham, dated July 5, 1746. If the man mentioned is Philip, son of Elisha Higgins, then for some reason the marriage appears not to have taken place or the wife died very soon. It may apply to Philip Higgins, son of Thomas Higgins, who was a little older. In that case the marriage did not occur, for that Philip later married Mary Wiley.

As Philip's son, David Higgins, was born in Nova Scotia, it is probable that his parents had removed thither before the date of his birth, but all details are wanting.

*Child.*

94. i. David, b. March 29, 1778; married Abigail Hutchins.

37. JAMES<sup>4</sup> HIGGINS (*James*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born about 1718; died before Aug. 13, 1756; married Oct. 6, 1742, Sarah Sears, born March 10, 1720-1, at Yarmouth; living in 1804; daughter of Ebenezer and Sarah (Howes) Sears of Yarmouth.

James Higgins, Jr., lived at Eastham-Orleans; but little is known of him. He died before his father, as the will of the latter shows. His widow married (2) Oct. 27, 1757, Mr. Thomas Mayo of Harwich, born Oct. 28, 1718, son of Samuel Mayo.

*Children born at Eastham.*

- i. Hannah, b. June 6, 1744; married April 22, 1773, Isaac Freeman of Eastham. Children: James, b. April 10, 1774; d. in infancy; Ruth, b. July 6, 1776; married July 7, 1803, Theophilus Mayo and d. Sept. 12, 1849; Dorcas, b. Oct. 27, 1778; married (1) Oct. 6, 1806, Benjamin Higgins of Orleans; (2) Isaiah Ryder; Dorothy, b. Oct. 20, 1780; married March 19, 1807, Uriah Rogers of Orleans



and was living 1869; Isaac, b. Nov. 15, 1783, d. aged about 23, in South Carolina or New Jersey; Hezekiah, b. March 8, 1786, and married March 3, 1808, Hannah Wixon of Harwich, Mass.

95. ii. Hezekiah, b. Feb. 26, 1750; married (1) Anna Sears; (2) Elizabeth Slater.
- iii. Love, b. —.
- iv. Experience, b. —.

The last two children probably twins. They are mentioned in the will of their grandfather, James Higgins, Sr., and in the settlement of the estate of Benjamin Higgins, who married Hannah Higgins, sister of James, Jr. Their later history is unknown.

Authorities: Eastham Births (1701-81), pp. 143, 183; Eastham Purposes of Marriage, pp. 1, 2, 10; *Mayflower Des.*, vol. ix, p. 38; *Freeman Genealogy*, p. 168; *Sears Genealogy*, p. 80; Deed copied by Mr. Josiah Paine.

38. JOHN<sup>4</sup> HIGGINS (*Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born June 8, 1692, at Eastham; died —; married Aug. 5, 1713 (by Rev. Samuel Treat), Hannah Mayo, born 1692; died —; daughter of Nathaniel and Elizabeth (Wixam) Mayo of Eastham. Mayo MS. Genealogy says she was daughter of Thomas Mayo.

John Higgins resided at Eastham, probably on his father's land at Wesset, and a document dated June 1, 1739, calls him a seafaring man and a whale fisherman. On Oct. 15, 1729, he was chosen to serve on the jury of trials at Barnstable and on March 30, 1730, one of the grand jury. A few years after the death of his father he sold the homestead to Jonathan Smith and to Thomas Higgins without the consent of the rest of the heirs, which led to law suits. The documents in connection with these suits on file with the Superior Court at Boston will be given here because they reveal a few facts of interest. From them it is clear that in 1745 John Higgins enlisted to go on the Louisburg campaign, and that he was there with his sloop *Diamond* on Nov. 19, 1746, when he was seized and his sloop taken by Peter Robertson and transported to Antigua. He brought action against Robertson in the Superior Court in July 7, 1747. This is the last mention of John Higgins which has been found. No settlement of estate on Barnstable Probate Records.

“Deed from John Higgins of Eastham yeoman to William Paine dealer and Thomas Higgins blacksmith both of Eastham conveying land and Dwelling House that my Deceased father Ichabod Higgins lived in”; also mentions in the description

"land I sold Jonathan Smith"; also conveys "my half third part of 14th lot and third part in 10th lot, first and second in 17 shear purchase in Harwich, sd lot originally recorded in the name of Nathaniel Mayo." Dated Feb. 12, 1732-3. (Superior Court File 165662.)

He had a suit at law with Jonathan Smith of Eastham about land near Richard Higgins. (Superior Court File, Nos. 51333, 49379.) Date July 3, 1739.

"Eastham Feb. 23, 1744-5.

"Worthy Sir:

"I find all endeavors to persuade John Higgins to surrender up the land he sold to Thomas Higgins and myself (which pt. of Higgins I suppose you have the care of). Some say he is about listing in the intended Expedition, but it is yet uncertain and I suppose he had no right to sell all that land of the homestead, for there being three brothers and two sisters in their family. I learn he never had any quitclaim from the sisters and one of them is deceased, unmarried."

(No signature.)

"John Higgins of Eastham in case vs Peter Robertson Esq now residing in Boston who 19 Nov. last at Louisburg was seized and his sloop Diamond taken by sd Robertson and transported to Antigua, etc. 7 July 1747." (Superior Court File, No. 169929.)

*Children born at Eastham.*

- i. Hannah, b. March 6, 1714-5; married Jan. 11, 1739-40, James Mitchel.
  - ii. Bathsheba, b. June 13, 1718.
  - iii. Abigail, b. Oct. 25, 1720; married Jan. 7, 1742-3, Gideon Smith.
  - iv. John, b. Nov. 25, 1722.
  - v. Robert, b. Aug. 24, 1724.
96. vi. Ichabod, b. April 26, 1729; married Bethiah Knowles.

Authorities: Eastham Births (1701-1781), p. 3; *Mayflower Des.*, vol. iv, p. 142; xv, p. 3; Files of Superior Court of Judicature, Boston; *Massachusetts Historical Soc. Collections*, vol. 81, J, p. 62; Otis Papers.

39. NATHANIEL<sup>4</sup> HIGGINS (*Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born June 1, 1694, at Eastham; died —; married (1) Feb. 26. 1717-8, Elizabeth Atwood, born —; died —; daughter of Daniel(?) Atwood; married (2) Aug. 7, 1729, Sarah Walker, daughter of Jabez and Elizabeth Walker, of Eastham and a descendant of Stephen Hopkins of the *Mayflower* through his daughter Constance, wife of Nicholas Snow.

Nathaniel Higgins resided at Eastham and was probably a farmer. March 4, 1729-30, he was elected fence viewer and on March 4, 1733-4, he was elected hog-reeve. Little more is known of him.

“Nathaniel Higgins and Ebenezer Higgins both of Eastham yeomen agree to divide equally several parcels of land and tenements in Eastham, being all the housing, lands and meadows that our honoured Father Ichabod Higgins of sd Eastham bought of John Collens by deed dated Sept. 5, 1715, . . . in which division the sd Nathaniel Higgins his half of the houselott or homestead lies on the western side thereof and the sd Ebenezer his part of the abovesd house lys on the easterly side sd dividing line, he having given security to pay the sd Nathaniel Higgins one half part of the value of sd Dwelling house and the sd Ebenezer Higgins forever hereafter shall allow unto the sd Nathaniel Higgins a way across the head of his part of sd land from the way to sd Nathaniel Higgins his part of sd land (two other parcels also divided in the deed). Signed Aug. 10, 1727. Witnesses Joseph Doane, Rebecca X Allen.”—Recorded March 19, 1727-8 in Book 14, fol. 112, Barnstable County Deeds. Old deed belonging to Mr. Nye of Wellfleet, copied and communicated by Mr. Stanley W. Smith.

From this it would appear that Ichabod Higgins before his death must have deeded the property he bought of John Collins to his sons Nathaniel and Ebenezer jointly. This may explain why John and Thomas Higgins, the other sons of Ichabod, thought that they could sell their father's homestead without the consent of the surviving sister. No estate of Nathaniel Higgins mentioned in Barnstable Probate Records.

#### *Children born at Eastham.*

- i. Nathaniel, b. Feb. 12, 1719-20; died in England in 1743 or 1746.

In 1740 the British warship *Torbay*, an eighty-gun ship with a complement of 600 men, commanded by Gascoigne, came to Boston, recruiting for Admiral Vernon's expedition to the West Indies. Nathaniel Higgins enlisted at this time and remained in the King's service for the rest of his life, as the following will shows:

“Will of Nathaniel Higgins of Cape Cod in New England, now mariner on His Majesty's ship *Torbay*, Capt. John Gascoigne, Commander. Trusty friend and shipmate Thomas Brown of St. Mary Hackney to have all my estate and to be executor. Dated Nov. 23, 1743. Abraham Sears and Henry Crick witnesses.” “Dec. 4, 1746. Administration with the will annexed of Nathaniel Higgins, late of H. M. Ship *Hornett*, sloop, a batchelor, to Sarah

Brown, widow, the attorney of Thomas Brown, sole executor, now on board H. M. ship Nottingham."

97. ii. Daniel, b. March 30, 1722; married Ruth Rich.
98. iii. Enoch, b. Sept. 5, 1724; married Sarah Dean or Doane.
99. iv. Thomas, b. April 13, 1730; married Esther —.
- v. Nathan, b. March 15, 1731-2.

Authorities: Eastham Births (1701-1781), pp. 23, 38, 93, 197; *Mayflower Des.*, vol. xv, p. 231; xviii, p. 29; *Walker Family*, p. 336; *N. E. Hist. and Gen. Register*, vol. lxiv, pp. 85, 87 (will of Nathaniel Higgins, Jr); *Year Book, Mass. Soc. Colonial Wars*, 1899, p. 114; Deed from Mr. Nye's collection, copied by Mr. Stanley W. Smith.

40. EBENEZER<sup>4</sup> HIGGINS (*Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born April 15, 1701, at Eastham; died there at date unknown, but probably about 1778-9; married (1) Oct. 5, 1721, Abigail Cole; married (2) Dec. 25, 1769 or 1770, Mrs. Content Harding; married (3) Feb. 29, 1776, Mrs. Phœbe Snow.

Ebenezer Higgins was always a resident of Eastham. March 10, 1730-1, he was chosen surveyor of highways; March 4, 1733-4, elected and sworn fence viewer; June 24, 1747, appointed to seek out a suitable person to preach in the South Precinct; March 19, 1754, chosen to procure wood for Rev. Mr. Cheever; in 1758 elected assessor; also to procure wood for Rev. Joseph Crocker; in 1761 chosen "negative man" and re-elected March 6, 1764.

Ebenezer Higgins was a large land owner in Eastham. This is shown by several old deeds in Mr. Nye's collection, and these probably do not show all the real estate he owned. The division deed of Nathaniel and Ebenezer Higgins whereby they divided estate which their father Ichabod Higgins bought of John Collins and deeded to them has already been given under Nathaniel Higgins.

"Nathaniel Smith of Eastham yeoman to Ebenezer Higgins of Eastham yeoman conveys land on the sedge flats, called Nosset flat, as recorded to my father Daniel Smith. Jan. 13, 1732-3. Recorded March 20, 1733-4, in Book 15, p. 228, Barnstable County Deeds."

"Isaac Pepper Jr. conveys to Ebenezer Higgins my lot of upland in Eastham called a plain lot, and lyeth between two ways one of which leads from David Dones and the other from the house of Nathaniel Higgins towards Billingsgate. Dated Jan. 29, 1732-3. Recorded March 20, 1733-4 in Book 16, fol. 225, Barnstable County Deeds."



“Ralph Smith of Eastham yeoman for £400 old tenor paid by Ebenezer Higgins of the town aforesaid, husbandman, sell all my several parcels of upland, meadow and swamp in the town of Eastham att a place called the halfway ponds, itt being the same parcels of land which I formerly bought of Daniel Atwood Senior and Daniel Atwood Junior and Isaac Atwood by deed of Feb. 28, 1732-3, reserving to myself the undivided right which the same Atwoods have to undivided lands and meadows in Eastham, and also two other lots which I bought of David Doane of Eastham, lying towards hither Billingsgate, so called, by deed dated Feb. 28, 1732-3. Dated April 25, 1743 and recorded in Book 20, p. 277 in Barnstable County Deeds, on June 30, 1743.”

Ralph Smith was then preparing to remove to Connecticut, which he did very shortly, settling at Middle Haddam in the town of Middletown.

The will of Ebenezer Higgins, dated June 7, 1771, is in possession of descendants in Attleboro, Mass. It names wife Content and all the children here given except Asenath. It was never probated and there is nothing on the records at Barnstable to show that Ebenezer's estate was ever before the Probate Court.

Descendants claim that Abigail Cole, wife of Ebenezer Higgins, was a daughter of Joseph and Constance (Hopkins) Cole and so a descendant of Stephen Hopkins of the *Mayflower*, 1620, but no record supporting the claim has been discovered.

*Children born at Eastham.*

100. i. Cornelius, b. July 21, 1722; married (1) Sarah Hawes; (2) Mrs. Mary Smith.
- ii. Experience, b. March 23, 1723-4; married May 11, 1749, David Brown.
- iii. Asenath, b. July 6, 1726; married May 11, 1749, James Atwood, Jr. Child: Barnabas, b. Feb. 19, 1740, at Eastham.
101. iv. Isaiah, b. April 5, 1727; married (1) Joanna or Anna Mayo; (2) Huldah Hickman.
102. v. Elkanah, b. Nov. 12, 1729; married Sarah Knowles.
103. vi. Ebenezer, b. June 26, 1731; married Elizabeth Merrick.

Authorities: Eastham Births (1701-1781), pp. 39, 189, 199, 200, 201, 231; *Mayflower Des.*, vol. xv, pp. 231-2; Eastham Book No. 6, p. 40; Book No. 12, p. 4; *Hawes Genealogy*, p. 170; Deeds in the Nye Collection.

41. THOMAS<sup>4</sup> HIGGINS (*Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born about 1703; date and place of death unknown; married Jan. 28, 1724-5, Sarah Vickery, probably youngest daughter of Rev.



Jonathan and Elizabeth (Hudson) Vickery of Monomoy, now Chatham, Mass.

That Thomas Higgins was a son of Ichabod Higgins is proved by a deed cited under John Higgins, also by another to be cited hereafter. That Thomas Higgins was the eldest of that name in Eastham is probable. His cousin, Thomas Higgins, born June 24, 1704, son of Benjamin and Sarah (Freeman) Higgins, was of very nearly the same age and it is hard to distinguish them in the Eastham town records, but the following probably refer to this Thomas. June 24, 1728, Thomas Higgins served on petit jury; and again on Jan. 1, 1732-3, he was chosen juryman. The younger Thomas early settled at Wellfleet and was a seafaring man; the elder Thomas resided at what is now Orleans and was a blacksmith.

"I Thomas Higgins of Eastham yeoman for £8, 12 shillings paid by Edmond Freeman and Moses Higgins of Eastham sold to them 'all that my parcell of land lying in Eastham near the Dwelling House of Ichabud Higgins now deceased in which he in his life time lived, all which my sd part of land is four acres more or less, bounded west by land of Joshua Hopkins and southerly by fence and northerly by land of Jonathan Smith.' Dated March 19, 1753. Recorded March 21, 1753."

This deed contains the last mention of Thomas Higgins which has been found. His later history is unknown. He may have removed from Eastham to some other place. That he was father of Jethro Higgins is not supported by record evidence, but is probable, and he will be so regarded.

*Children born at Eastham.*

- i. Elizabeth, b. Feb. 20, 1726-7.
  - ii. Seth, b. Oct. 22, 1729.
  104. iii. Jethro, b. 1731 or later; married (1) Ruth Snow; (2) Anne Burrell.
- Perhaps others.

Authorities: Eastham Births (1701-81), p. 64; *Mayflower Des.*, xvi, pp. 73, 174-6; Old deed in the Nye Collection.

42. JOSHUA<sup>4</sup> HIGGINS (*Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Dec. 3, 1695, at Eastham; died there between July 17, 1767, and May 10, 1768; married Oct. 15, 1719, Ruth Twining, born Aug. 27, 1699; died June 2, 1793; daughter of William and Ruth (Cole) Twining of Eastham.

The records of the town of Eastham show that, June 19, 1732, Joshua Higgins, Jr., was chosen for the petit jury; March 4, 1733-4,

he was fence viewer; Jan. 15, 1734-5, he was chosen assessor of the town and of the South Precinct; March 8, 1735-6, he was again chosen and sworn as town and precinct assessor; in 1737 he was again juryman and in March, 1746-7, again elected assessor. In March, 1766, a Joshua Higgins was on the petit jury, but this was more probably a younger Joshua Higgins, very likely son of Joshua<sup>4</sup> Higgins.

The files of the Superior Court of Massachusetts mention him in testimony as cousin (that is, nephew) to Joshua Higgins, Sr., and the testimony also speaks of the gristmill that stood by his (Joshua, Sr.'s) door.

On May 1, 1760, Joshua Higgins and wife Ruth sold their "tenement lot" to Benjamin Higgins, 3d. His will is dated July 17, 1767, and was proved May 10, 1768. He gives "to wife Ruth one third part of my personal estate and the easterly half of my dwelling house during her natural life. My son Zaccheus to provide her with Indian corn, rye and wheat, fodder for one cow in winter and pasture in summer and two cords of wood, cut and drawn to her door during her natural life. To my three sons, Zaccheus, Joshua and William all my real estate in Eastham and Harwich. To Zaccheus my husbandry tackling. To three sons my wearing apparel and carpenter and joyner tools, also my Gun and swords and other warlike stores, equally among them. Daughters Sarah Rogers, Ruth Rogers, Hannah Higgins, Rachel Higgins and Esther Higgins. Son Joshua to be executor."

Ruth Twining, wife of Joshua Higgins, was a granddaughter of Nicholas and Constance (Hopkins) Snow of Eastham and so a great-granddaughter of Stephen Hopkins of the *Mayflower* in 1620.

*Children born at Eastham.*

- i. Sarah, b. March 28, 1721; married Feb. 26, 1746, Richard Rogers of Harwich; she was a widow Sept. 28, 1767.
- ii. Zaccheus, b. Dec. 13, 1722; d. April 6, 1726.
- iii. Ruth, b. Aug. 15, 1725; married Nov. 13, 1747, Eleazer Rogers of Harwich.
105. iv. Zaccheus, b. Oct. 8, 1727; married (1) Mercy Crosby; (2) Mrs. Hannah (Knowles) Sparrow.
- v. Hannah, b. March 8, 1729-30; unmarried Sept. 28, 1767.
106. vi. Joshua, b. July 3, 1732; married Hannah Sparrow.
107. vii. William, b. Sept. 5, 1734; married (1) Abigail Mayo; (2) Elizabeth Young.

- viii. Rachel, b. Aug. 23, 1737; unmarried Sept. 28, 1767.
- ix. Esther, b. Feb. 7, 1739-40; married Edmund Higgins.
- x. Levi, b. June 27, 1742; d. before July 17, 1767.
- xi. Priscilla, b. May 1, 1743; d. before July 17, 1767; probably died young.

Authorities: *Mayflower Des.*, vol. xv, p. 143; xvi, p. 8; Eastham Births (1701-1781), pp. 30, 199, 235, 176; Barnstable Probate Records, vol. xiii, pp. 338, 339; Files Superior Court of Judicature, Nos. 43168, 65034; *Twining Genealogy*, pp. 33-34; Old deeds copied by Mr. Stanley W. Smith.

43. ELEAZER<sup>4</sup> HIGGINS (*Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Feb. 9, 1696-7, at Eastham; died at Boston shortly before Aug. 17, 1743; married in 1724, Sarah —.

Eleazer Higgins and wife Sarah were admitted to membership in the Church at Truro, Feb. 13, 1725-6, and their children were baptized there. In September, 1742, he established a residence in Boston as the minutes of the selectmen show: "Mr. Joseph Treat (formerly of Truro) Gunsmith, appeared and informed that Eleazer Higgins with his wife and six children came from Truro about Five weeks past and live at Capt. Dowrick's house, and that he has no substance but Household Goods and desires that he might be admitted an Inhabitant, and the said Treat would be his bondsman. Nov. 17, 1742." Later he lived in a house hired of Ephraim Bound. What action the Selectmen took is not apparent, and his residence in Boston was short, for he died in less than a year, and on "Aug. 17, 1743 the widow Higgins and her children were warned to depart from Boston in 14 days as the law directs." She probably returned to Truro, since her children are found there later on and married (2) at Truro, Oct. 26, 1749, Nathaniel Hopkins.

*Children born at Truro.*

- i. Eleazer, b. May 31, 1726; died young.
- 108. ii. Joseph, b. March 17, 1727-8; married Sarah Burgess.
- 109. iii. Enoch, b. June 29, 1730; married Mary Atkins.
- 110. iv. Jedidiah, b. Sept. 12, 1733; married (1) Phoebe Paine; (2) Azubah Paine.
- 111. v. Richard, b. Oct. 22, 1735; married Sarah Paine.
- vi. Eleazer, bapt. June 24, 1739.

vii. Sarah, b. Oct. 19, 1740; married June 21, 1770, Isaac Young. Children: Priscilla, b. Aug. 15, 1771; Isaac, b. July 17, 1773.

viii. Hannah, b. July 4, 1742.

Authorities: *Mayflower Des.*, vol. ix, pp. 176, 234, 245; x, p. 13; xi, p. 144; *Shebna Rich's Truro*, pp. 537-8; *Truro Records*, p. 91; *Minutes of Boston Selectmen*, vol. xv, p. 367.

44. THEOPHILUS<sup>4</sup> HIGGINS (*Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born May 6, 1698, at Eastham; died there Dec. 12, 1780; married April 25, 1724, Joanna Young, born June 1, 1703, at Eastham; died there March 22, 1767; daughter of Robert and Joanna (Hicks) Young of Eastham.

Jan. 11, 1724-5, he was chosen to serve as juryman at the County Court at Barnstable; March 4, 1733-4, he was chosen to look after boys and disorderly persons; Oct. 8, 1734, he was petit juror; in 1736 chosen "to look after the children on the Lord's day"; in 1760 he was a precinct officer and on Aug. 17, 1757, and again on March 2, 1761, he was chosen assessor of the precinct; May 31, 1762, he was chosen selectman of the town and in 1764 negative man, and again in 1768 assessor. In 1774 he was a member of the First Church of Christ, and doubtless had been such many years. He was a farmer. His will, dated June 16, 1780, proved Dec. 21, 1780, mentions son Levi, daughter Eunice Higgins, daughter-in-law Jerusha Higgins, wife of my son Nathan, grandchildren Eleazer, Joanna and Jeanette Higgins, heirs of Nathan, daughter Jeanette Smith, wife of Elisha Smith, daughter Mary Nickerson and grandchild Daniel Nickerson.

*Children born at Eastham.*

i. Richard, b. March 29, 1725; d. Aug. 11, 1747.

ii. Jeanette, b. Jan. 20, 1726-7; married March 18, 1756, Elisha Smith, b. Dec. 10, 1727; d. May 4, 1795, son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Knowles) Smith. Elisha Smith was deacon of the Orleans church. Children: Josiah, b. April 13, 1758; d. Aug. 18, 1761; Moses, b. March 31, 1760; d. Jan. 30, 1761; Moses, b. Jan. 21, 1762; Josiah, b. April 30, 1764; Eunice, b. May 27, 1766; Elisha, b. Aug. 5, 1772. Mrs. Jeanette Smith d. 1813 in her eighty-seventh year.

iii. Eunice, b. March 27, 1729; living June 8, 1781; unmarried; member of First Church of Christ, Eastham-Orleans.

iv. Mary, b. Sept. 21, 1731; married March 4, 1756, Eliphalet Nickerson of Harwich, Mass., later of Orrington,



Maine. Children: Daniel; Priscilla, born about 1781, died about 1850, married as second wife Bangs Doane (born at Eastham about 1769; died March 8, 1852, at Bucksport, Maine) whose first wife was Rebecca Higgins.

v. Josiah, b. Dec. 28, 1733; d. Sept. 3, 1757.

112. vi. Nathan, b. Aug. 2, 1736; married Jerusha Mayo.

vii. Eleazer, b. Oct. 18, 1738; not mentioned in his father's will.

113. viii. Levi, b. June 27, 1743; married (1) Bathsheba Young; (2) Mrs. Mary (Higgins) Hopkins.

Authorities: *Mayflower Des.*, vol. xv, p. 231; xvi, p. 72; viii, p. 148; *New York Gen. and Biog. Record*, 1904, p. 259; Mr. Peter Higgins of Eastham, Mass.

45. JEDIAH<sup>4</sup> (or JEDIDIAH) HIGGINS (*Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Feb. 8, 1699-1700, at Eastham; died Feb. 6, 1732, at Antigua; married Jan. 9, 1728-9, Phœbe Freeman, born —; died May 23, 1759, in her fifty-third year, at Marshfield; daughter of —.\*

Jedidiah Higgins was a seafaring man and is said to have settled at Boston. He died at Antigua, during one of his voyages. His widow, Mrs. Phœbe Higgins, was of Eastham at the time of her second marriage. She married (2) July 3, 1740, Capt. Peleg Ford of Marshfield. For a time prior to April 18, 1724, Jedidiah Higgins lived with his uncle, Joshua Higgins, at Eastham, as is shown by testimony in the Superior Court files at Boston. An estate of Jedidiah Higgins was settled at Boston in 1733. It is possible that this was the estate of the above Jedidiah Higgins.

No children.

Authorities: Eastham Births (1701-1781), pp. 92, 136; *Mayflower Des.*, vol. xii, p. 150; Suffolk Deeds, vol. xxxi, p. 406; Superior Court of Judicature, file 18384; Mr. Stanley W. Smith.

46. DAVID<sup>4</sup> HIGGINS (*Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born April 5, 1706, at Eastham; died in July, 1771, at Middle Haddam, Conn.; married (1) Oct. 5, 1727, at Eastham, Mercy Twining, born Feb. 20, 1708; died —; daughter of William and Ruth (Cole) Twining of Eastham; married (2) in Middle Haddam Oct. 6, 1757, Mrs. Jane (Brown) Higgins, widow of Theodore Higgins.

\* The *Freeman Genealogy* gives no Phœbe Freeman whose age exactly corresponds. The nearest is Phœbe, daughter of John, Jr., and Mercy (Watson) Freeman, born Nov. 28, 1711 (p. 51).



David Higgins was still a resident of Eastham in March, 1746-7, when he was elected surveyor of highways in the Eastham town meeting. Between this date and May 30, 1748, he removed to the parish of Middle Haddam, on the east side of the Connecticut River, then in the town of Middletown, but later (by division of the town) in the town of Chatham. On the date last mentioned he bought of Philip Goff forty acres of land and a house in Middle Haddam. He appears to have been a farmer. His will, dated Feb. 23, 1768, mentions all the children here given except Nehemiah.

*Children born at Eastham.*

114. i. Lemuel, b. Jan. 28, 1728-9; married Elizabeth Cole.  
 ii. Dorothy, b. March 16, 1730-1; died May 19, 1809, unmarried and leaving a will. Her heirs were her brothers and sisters.
115. iii. Jedidiah, b. April 16, 1733; married Dorothy Cone(?).  
 iv. Anna, b. June 6, 1735; married Feb. 7, 1765, John Hubbard, Jr., of Middle Haddam (Chatham), Conn.
116. v. Elkanah, b. Oct. 13, 1737; married (1) Mary Gates; (2) Sarah Dorr.  
 vi. Nehemiah, b. ——. Follows Elkanah on Eastham records; probably an error.
117. vii. Moses, b. about 1742-3; married Dorcas Brainard.  
 viii. Phœbe, b. ——; married Nov. 13, 1766, Robert Clark of Haddam, Conn., probably son of Benajah<sup>4</sup> Clark, b. 1716 (son of *William*<sup>3</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>). Children: Amy, b. Aug. 16, 1767; Dorothy, b. May 9, 1769; Arthur D., b. April 16, 1771; Lydia, b. Nov. 27, 1773; Benajah, b. Sept. 4, 1775; Jesse, b. Oct. 31, 1779; Matthew, b. Nov. 17, 1780; Walter, b. July 27, 1783. (Haddam, Conn., Vital Records.)  
 ix. Abigail, b. ——; married Ephraim Smith, later of Cummington, Mass.  
 x. Solomon, bapt. July 8, 1759; d. before Nov. 5, 1781, intestate and unmarried. His heirs were his brothers and sisters.

Authorities: *Mayflower Des.*, vol. xvi, p. 196; *Twining Family*, p. 21; *Eastham Births (1701-81)*, p. 81; *Middletown Probate Records*, vol. iii, p. 10; vi, p. 26; ix, pp. 100, 101, 216, 226; *Middletown Vital Records*, vol. ii, p. 171; *Bailey's Early Connecticut Marriages*; *Connecticut Magazine*, 1899, p. 493.

47. REUBEN<sup>4</sup> HIGGINS (*Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Jan. 6, 1708-9, at Eastham; died there or in Boston before July 26, 1749; married Nov. 29, 1733, Hannah Cole of Truro,

born May 14, 1715, daughter of Isaac<sup>3</sup> and Elizabeth Cole. (*William*<sup>2</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>1</sup>.)

Reuben Higgins settled at Truro about the time of his marriage. Hannah, wife of Reuben Higgins, was admitted to the church at Truro, Feb. 29, 1735-6; Reuben was admitted Feb. 26, 1736-7. Three or four years after this he attempted to gain a residence at Boston, as the Minutes of the Selectmen show: "Jan. 28, 1740. Information being given that Reuben Higgins with his family are lately come into this Town from Truro in order to reside here, ordered that Mr. Savell notify the said Higgins to be here next Wednesday." Whether he was permitted to remain in Boston is unknown, and nothing later has been learned concerning him. Mrs. Higgins returned to Truro and on July 26, 1749, was married by Rev. Mr. Avery, pastor of Truro, to William Dyer. She was dismissed to the church "at Falmouth in Casco Bay on July 30, 1749," and accompanied her husband thither at once. All her children except Reuben seem to have gone to Falmouth with her.

*Children born at Truro.*

- i. Abigail, b. Oct. 31, 1735; married July 28, 1753, Benjamin Dyer of Falmouth, Maine (now Portland).
- ii. Hannah, b. July 11, 1737; married March 24, 1757, Micah Small of Falmouth, Maine.
118. iii. Reuben, b. May 18, 1739; married Mercy Dyer.
- iv. Esther, b. Sept. 27, 1741; married Sept. 26, 1761, Ebenezer Parker at Falmouth, Maine.
- v. Isaac, bapt. June 28, 1746, at Truro.

Authorities: *Mayflower Des.*, vol. x, p. 151; Truro Vital Records, p. 57, also pp. 8 and 10; *Boston Records*, vol. xv, p. 273.

48. MOSES<sup>4</sup> HIGGINS (*Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born March 24, 1710-1; died April 20, 1798; married July 3, 1735, Elizabeth Arey, born —; died 1792, at Eastham. They were married by Rev. Isaiah Lewis of Wellfleet.

Moses Higgins resided at South Orleans, formerly Harwich, later in Eastham. He received by will his father's house, lands, oxen and plough, and was doubtless a farmer all his life. He and his wife Elizabeth were members of the First Church of Eastham in 1774, and probably had been such for many years. He was chosen tithing man in 1764, warden in 1768, negative man in 1793. His will, dated Feb. 28, 1792, proved May 9, 1798, reads in part: "I Moses Higgins of Eastham, yeoman, arrived at old

age make this my will and Testament. To my beloved wife Elizabeth I give the use of one-third my real estate as dower and the choice of rooms in my dwelling house. To five sons, Gideon, Elnathan, Aaron, Jesse and David Higgins, they to provide her wood for one fire as long as she shall live. To granddaughter Ruth Gray (Godfrey?), Aaron, Jesse and David to have the dwelling house equally, allowing my wife her improvement. My two sons Gideon and Elnathan to be executors." Administration granted on will of Moses Higgins, May, 9 1798.

*Children born at Eastham.*

- 119. i. Gideon, b. July 22, 1736; married Ruth Bangs.
- ii. Esther, b. Feb. 7, 1738-9; married — Gray(?).
- 120. iii. Elnathan, b. May 31, 1740; married (1) Mercy Sparrow; (2) Hannah Wing.
- 121. iv. Aaron, b. March 14, 1741-2; married Abigail Atwood.
- 122. v. Jesse, b. July 29, 1743; married Priscilla Snow.
- vi. Azubah, b. Jan. 22, 1744-5; d. before March 3, 1768; married March 22, 1764, Philip Young, b. March 5, 1744, son of — and Lois Freeman. Child: Ruth, b. Nov. 17, 1765.
- 123. vii. David, b. Aug. 1, 1746; married Lydia Hopkins.
- viii. Phœbe, b. June 14, 1749.

Authorities: Eastham Births (1701-1781), p. 115; Barnstable Co. Probate Records, vol. xxviii, p. 307; *Mayflower Des.*, vol. vii, pp. 229-230.

49. BENJAMIN<sup>4</sup> HIGGINS (*Isaac*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born April 19, 1701, at Eastham; died there shortly before March 12, 1760; married at Eastham, Sept. 8, 1726, Sarah Mayo, born Jan. 4, 1703; living Feb. 14, 1765; daughter of James and Sarah Mayo and granddaughter of Samuel Mayo.

In a deed dated Feb. 14, 1746, this Benjamin Higgins is called Benjamin Higgins, Jr., labourer. He is also called Innholder. Administration on his estate was granted to Edward Knowles on March 12, 1760. Later it was represented to the Court that division would spoil or injure the estate and that the eldest son Elkanah had died since his father, intestate and without wife or children. Benjamin Higgins, the second son, offered to take two-thirds of the estate and pay his brothers and sisters their shares. On April 23, 1765, this arrangement was approved by the Court and the daughters of the deceased were Phoebe, wife of Nathaniel Cole; Sarah Doane, widow; Hannah, wife of Joseph

Mayo, Jr.; Rebecca, wife of Josiah Knowles; Lydia Dill, widow, and Mercy Higgins, a minor. June 12, 1768, and later all these receipted for their shares, Lydia being now the wife of Nehemiah Doane and Mercy the wife of Joshua Paine.

*Children.*

- i. Phœbe, b. Sept. 24, 1727; married Nov. 16, 1749, Nathaniel Cole.
- ii. Sarah, b. April 28, 1730; married (int. May 27, 1757) Timothy Doane. He died May 6, 1759.
- iii. Hannah, b. April 29, 1732; married Jan 3, 1750, Joseph Mayo, Jr., son of Joseph and Hannah (Atwood) Mayo. Children: Abigail, b. December, 1750; Theophilus, b. Dec. 30, 1752; Rebecca, b. July 5, 1755; Mary, b. Jan. 1, 1760. Probably others.
- iv. Rebecca, b. May 1, 1734; married Oct. 29, 1761, Josiah Knowles. Children: Elkanah, b. Dec. 8, 1762; Josiah, b. July 23, 1766; Alice, b. Sept. 13, 1769; Rebecca, b. Sept. 24, 1774.
- v. Elkanah, b. Nov. 10, 1737; died between March 12, 1760, and Feb. 14, 1765; unmarried.
- vi. Benjamin, b. Dec. 11, 1739; living April 23, 1765.
- vii. Lydia, b. March 11, 1741-2; married (1) March 16, 1762, Samuel Dill; (2) (int. Jan. 25, 1766) Nehemiah Doane. Child: Benjamin Dill, b. July 5, 1763.
- viii. Mercy, b. Nov. 10, 1745; married April 26, 1768, Joshua Paine, a seaman, b. May 10, 1743, at Eastham. Children: Timothy D., b. Feb. 22, 1770; Sarah, b. May 25, 1774; Joshua, b. July 27, 1777; Samuel, b. June 11, 1779.

Authorities: Eastham Births (1701-1781), pp. 78, 173, 183, 196, 199; Eastham Book No. 6, p. 40; *Mayflower Des.*, vol. xv, pp. 158-9; Barnstable Probate Records, vol. x, pp. 56, 185; xiii, pp. 175, 426-7; xiv, p. 78; *Doane Genealogy*, pp. 66, 96; *Paine Genealogy*, vol. ii, p. 201.

50. ELKANAH<sup>4</sup> HIGGINS (*Isaac*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Nov. 10, 1703, at Eastham; died shortly before Nov. 5, 1729; married Feb. 22, 1727-8, Rebecca (Doane) Allen, born Sept. 4, 1698, at Eastham; died Feb. 16, 1769; daughter of Joseph and Mary (Godfrey) Doane of Eastham.

Little is known of this Elkanah Higgins. Administration on his estate (intestate) was granted to Rebecca Higgins of Eastham, widow. Inventory £17. 17. 09. No children.

The first husband of Mrs. Rebecca Higgins was John Allen of Marblehead (whom she married Oct. 23, 1723). They had one



daughter, Eunice Allen, born Aug. 8, 1725, at Marblehead, Mass. Mrs. Higgins married (3) June 9, 1730, Edward Bangs of Harwich and had by him John, who died young, and Elkanah Bangs, born March 31, 1732, who married, Sept. 16, 1750, Susannah Dillingham and was a Revolutionary soldier. Edward Bangs died June 3, 1755. Mrs. Rebecca (Doane) (Allen) (Higgins) Bangs married (4) April 7, 1757, Capt. Daniel Hall of Eastham.

Authorities: Eastham Births (1701-1781), p. 20; Barnstable Probate Records, vol. iv, p. 522; *Doane Genealogy*, pp. 51, 52; *Bangs Genealogy*, p. 48.

51. ISAAC<sup>4</sup> HIGGINS (*Isaac*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born July 3, 1708, at Eastham; died before Feb. 12, 1760; married July 5, 1733, Abigail Freeman, born May 5, 1715; died —; daughter of Samuel and Bathsheba (Lothrop) (Smith) Freeman. Bathsheba Lothrop was daughter of Barnabas Lothrop and widow of Samuel Smith when she married Samuel Freeman.

Isaac Higgins, Jr., lived at Eastham and Wellfleet. No particulars concerning his life obtainable.

#### *Children.*

- i. Mary, b. Feb. 24, 1735; married Oct. 16, 1754, Jesse Cole. Children: Ruth, b. March 29, 1756; Mary, b. Nov. 7, 1758; Jesse, b. May 4, 1761; Mercy, b. May, 1764; Dorcas, b. April 27, 1767; Bethiah, b. Oct. 27, 1769. Mrs. Mary Cole died Nov. 17, 1769, in 35th year.
- ii. Eunice, b. Oct. 21, 1736; married Dec. 6, 1755, William Cole of Wellfleet, b. Sept. 19, 1729, son of David Cole. Mrs. Eunice Cole d. at Wellfleet, March 23, 1806, aged 69 years. He died Sept. 11, 1807, aged 78 years.
- iii. Abraham, b. Oct. 10, 1738, at Wellfleet; d. Dec. 15, 1763. Administration on estate of Abraham Higgins, goldsmith, late of Eastham, intestate, granted to Dinah Russell of Barnstable, Aug. 3, 1764. Dinah Russell was probably his betrothed. Abraham Higgins served in the French and Indian War. His powder horn, beautifully engraved with a knife, doubtless by his own hand, has been preserved, and in 1905, was in possession of Alfred Higgins, then living at Syracuse, N. Y. On one side of the horn is a representation of Quebec, and on another a picture of a forest, tents and deer. In a scroll is the inscription: "Abraham Higgins His Horn Maid September 27th, 1759." It is probable that Abraham Higgins was engaged in the fighting about Quebec in 1759. The English army under Wolfe defeated the French under Montcalm and Quebec fell September 13, 1759. This was just two weeks before



the date on the horn, and the horn may have been inscribed and decorated by Abraham in the lull which came after the fall of the fortress. After the first capture in 1745, the great fortress of Louisburg was returned to the French in 1748, but was again captured by the English after a short siege in 1758. It is possible that Abraham Higgins was present at this second siege, but not at the first, which occurred when Abraham was only eight years old. The horn was afterward carried during the Revolution by Abraham's brother, Jacob Higgins.

iv. Lucy, b. Nov. 10, 1740; married Henry Wheeler of Eastham.

v. Abigail, b. May 21, 1743; married Nov. 5, 1761, Eleazer Atwood, Jr., of Wellfleet, b. April 18, 1739. She died Jan. 22, 1803, in her sixty-first year; he died March 27, 1815, son of Eleazer Atwood.

124. vi. Isaac, b. June 15, 1745; married Anne Freeman.

125. vii. Jacob, b. Sept. 6, 1747; married Mercy Holbrook.

126. viii. Joseph, b. Nov. 18, 1749; married Mercy Cook.

ix. Ephraim, b. Nov. 13, 1750.

Authorities: Eastham Births (1701-1781), pp. 107, 187, 173; *Doane Family Genealogy*; Diary of Jacob Higgins; *Syracuse Sunday Herald*, Nov. 26, 1905; *Mayflower Des.*, vol. viii, p. 109; x, p. 205; xv, p. 231; Barnstable Co. Probate Records, vol. x, p. 143; *Freeman Genealogy*, pp. 359, 360, 374.

52. ISRAEL<sup>4</sup> HIGGINS (*Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born April 26, 1706, at Eastham; died Feb. 7, 1788, at Middle Haddam, Conn.; married (1) Nov. 2, 1727, Ruth Brown, born Oct. 6, 1710, at Eastham; died June 13, 1768, at Middle Haddam, Conn.; daughter of James and Ruth (Snow) Brown, and a descendant of Nicholas and Constance (Hopkins) Snow; married (2) March 9, 1769, Mrs. Ruth (Mayo) Smith, born April 25, 1825; died at Middle Haddam, Nov. 8, 1788, in her sixty-fourth year (gravestone); daughter of Israel and Mercy (Ryder) Mayo and widow of Thomas Smith.

Israel Higgins went to Connecticut about 1740 or possibly earlier, settling at first in Haddam and he and his wife became members of the church at East Middletown, now Portland, Conn. In the years 1742 to 1747 he bought land in the parish of Middle Haddam, and settled there, he and his wife becoming members of the church at Middle Haddam, whose meeting house was then located at "Hog Hill," several miles south of the present village of Middle Haddam. In the ancient cemetery near this church

Israel Higgins, his wives and some others of his family were buried. In the records he is called captain and mariner.

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*Children.*

127. i. Israel, b. Oct. 3, 1728; married (1) Hannah Arnold; (2) Elizabeth Aiken.
128. ii. Jesse, b. June 26, 1731; married (1) Ruth Dart; (2) Keziah Stevens.
  - iii. Ruth, b. June 5, 1733; d. Oct. 1, 1776; married Feb. 8, 1749-50, Abner Stocking of Middle Haddam. Children: Abner; Ruth, married May 5, 1773, John Wright, Jr.; Hannah; William; James.
129. iv. Sylvanus, b. June 8, 1735; married Lucy Stocking.
  - v. Lydia, b. Oct. 9, 1737; married March 23, 1758, James Knowles.
130. vi. Heman, b. Nov. 25, 1740; married Eunice Sexton.
  - vii. Rachel, b. June 28, 1743; married Nov. 23, 1758, John Green.
  - viii. Eunice, b. Oct. 30, 1745; d. Nov. 22, 1748.
    - ix. Hannah, b. May 22, 1748; married (1) Jan. 19, 1764, Abner Hubbard; (2) Jan. 18, 1776, Ezekiel Goff, bapt. July 30, 1749, son of Nathaniel and Jerusha (Atwell) Goff of Middle Haddam. Children by first husband: Abner (settled perhaps at Plattsburg, N. Y., and had son Jesse); Hannah; Roswell; Cynthia, all baptized May 29, 1774. Children by second husband: Stephen, b. 1777; Elizabeth, b. 1782; d. 1798; William.
131. x. Seth, b. Feb. 4, 1750-1; married Lois Higgins.

Authorities: *Mayflower Des.*, xv, p. 67; Eastham Births (1701-1781), p. 11; Middletown vital and probate records; Stiles, *Ancient Wethersfield*, ii, p. 361; Church Records at Portland, Conn.; Church Records of Middle Haddam (originals now lost, partially preserved in copies).

53. THEODORE<sup>4</sup> HIGGINS (*Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Oct. 26, 1707, at Eastham; died before Dec. 4, 1752, at Middle Haddam or at sea; married at Eastham, Sept. 23, 1731, Jane Brown, born June 19, 1713; died —; daughter of James and Ruth (Snow) Brown and a descendant of Nicholas and Constance (Hopkins) Snow.

He was probably a mariner and made several voyages into the Connecticut River, before settling at Middle Haddam, where he bought land near the meeting house ("Hog Hill") in Middle Haddam, June 26, 1745, Israel Higgins and Jacob Hurd being adjoining owners. He and his wife Jane were admitted to the

Middle Haddam Church, Aug. 11, 1751. He left an estate of £946.18.16. Mrs. Jane Higgins married (2) her husband's relative, David Higgins.

*Children.*

- i. Thankful, b. April 9, 1734, at Eastham.
- ii. Eunice, b. Sept. 28, 1737, at Eastham.
- iii. James, born about 1739; d. unmarried; estate administered Dec. 6, 1762; "late of Middletown, deceased."
132. iv. Samuel, born about 1741; married Catherine Cunnigham.
- v. Jane, bapt. July 8, 1744, at Middle Haddam; married Nov. 29, 1764, Samuel Stocking.
133. vi. Theodore, bapt. Sept. 28, 1746; married Phœbe —.
- vii. Thankful, bapt. Dec. 4, 1748.
- viii. Isaac, bapt. Sept. 29, 1751; was living Aug. 8, 1767.

Authorities: W. B. Snow of Malden, Mass.; Eastham Births (1701-1781), p. 105; Middletown Vital Records; Middletown Land Records, vol. xiv, p. 239; Middletown Probate Records, vol. 1, pp. 7, 19, 78, 24, 61, 165; vol. 11, pp. 25, 67.

54. ICHABOD<sup>4</sup> HIGGINS (*Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born June, 1709, at Eastham; died about 1752 in Middletown or Durham, Conn.; married Dec. 3, 1731, Jane Snow, born March 4, 1714-5, daughter of Benjamin and Thankful (Bowerman) Snow of Eastham (?).

There is a record of a marriage intention dated Feb. 26, 1746, of Ichabod Higgins and Elizabeth Hambleton and it is supposed that it refers to this Ichabod Higgins. It is further recorded that said Ichabod appeared and forbade the publishing. This Ichabod Higgins was a mariner or sea captain, and few traces of him appear on the records at Eastham or elsewhere. The minutes of the Boston Selectmen record (1736-42, pp. 124-5): "Mr. Ichabod Higgins appearing informs that he has paid Mr. William Waters £12 for himself and three others who have for some time past been kept & detained at the Hospital on Rainsford Island." He asked that £3 be refunded for certain reasons given. This was done. The next trace of him we have is in 1742 in the records of the minister of Durham, Conn., who records that he baptized on Dec. 19, 1742, Samuel Higgins, the child of Captain Higgins who came from Eastham. Ichabod Higgins appears at about this time to have given up the sea, and settled down at Durham, but the records of that town fail to show that he owned land there.

The presence of Ichabod's family there seems to prove the fact of his residence.

*Children.*

- i. Seth, b. Aug. 12, 1732.
134. ii. Nehemiah, b. about 1735; married (1) Thankful Hurd; (2) Mary Groves.
135. iii. Ichabod, b. about 1738; married Jane (perhaps Lewis).
136. iv. Samuel, bapt. Dec. 19, 1742; married (1) Sarah Blatchley; (2) Temperance Kelsey.

Perhaps others.

Authorities: *Mayflower Des.*, vol. xvii, p. 35; Middletown Probate Records, vol. 1, p. 90.

55. SAMUEL<sup>4</sup> HIGGINS (*Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born July 19, 1713, at Eastham; died there or at sea before April 23, 1744; married March 3, 1742-3, Mary Smith, probably the Mary Smith born Jan. 14, 1714-5, at Truro, Mass.; daughter of Ebenezer and Desire Smith of Truro.

Samuel Higgins was a mariner and was probably lost at sea. Administration on the estate of Samuel Higgins, 3d, late of Eastham, mariner, was granted to Simeon Doane on April 23, 1744. The estate was found to be insolvent. Inventory shows that he possessed house, land, upland and a cow and calf. One third of the real estate was set off to the widow Mary Higgins as her dower on Nov. 25, 1745. Her later history is unknown. She is perhaps the Mary Higgins who on Jan. 27, 1753, was published for marriage with Mr. Jonathan Starr. Both were then residents of Eastham.

No children.

Authorities: Eastham Vital Records; Barnstable County Probate Records.

56. JOHN<sup>4</sup> HIGGINS (*Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Dec. 16, 1720, at Eastham; died —; married March 20, 1746-7, at Eastham, Mercy Mulford, born Feb. 3, 1725-6; died —; daughter of John and Mercy (Harris) Mulford of Eastham.

John Higgins resided at Eastham and was probably a mariner. Little or no mention of him is found in existing records. Possibly it was John<sup>5</sup> Higgins, born Nov. 25, 1722, who married Mercy Mulford. No decisive record has been found and the two Johns were nearly of the same age. Only one child is recorded to John and Mercy (Mulford) Higgins. There may have been others.



*Child.*

i. Thankful, b. Nov. 29, 1747.

Authority: Eastham Vital Records.

57. SIMEON<sup>4</sup> HIGGINS (*Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Jan. 16, 1722-3, in Eastham, died there in 1786; married (1) May 3, 1746, Martha Snow, born May 10, 1726, at Eastham; died —; daughter of Benjamin and Martha (Eldredge) Snow; married (2) March 5, 1776, Sarah Walker of Wellfleet.

Administration on estate of Simeon Higgins late of Eastham was granted to widow Sarah Higgins on Oct. 11, 1786. Inventory £103.3.0, taken Nov. 24, 1786. He was a farmer, having some land, not a large farm, and rather small estate.

*Children born at Eastham.*

137. i. Simeon, b. —, 1746; married Martha Knowles.  
ii. Samuel, b. Nov. 22, 1748; probably d. in Revolutionary Army.  
iii. Seth, b. Nov. 22, 1750.
138. iv. Nathan, b. Nov. 1, 1752; married Zerviah Freeman.  
v. Ruth, b. January, 1755; d. December, 1759.  
vi. Thankful, b. Jan. 1, 1757; perhaps married (Dec. 5, 1778) Theophilus Mayo, Jr.  
vii. John, b. May 23, 1759.  
viii. Ruth, b. August, 1762; d. Aug. 18, 1847, at Eastham(?).  
ix. Theodore, b. July 12, 1769, at Eastham; d. Sept. 18, 1834.

On April 11, 1784, Nathan Doane was appointed guardian to Ruth Higgins and Theodore Higgins, persons "*non compos mentis.*"

Authority: Barnstable Co. Probate Records, vol. xix, p. 135; xxvi, p. 189; xxiv, p. 507; Eastham Births (1701-81), p. 70.

58. THOMAS<sup>4</sup> HIGGINS (*Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born June 24, 1704, at Eastham; died about 1789 at Wellfleet; married in Eastham, Oct. 12, 1727, Abigail Paine, born in Eastham, Aug. 3, 1707; died —; daughter of Nicholas and Hannah (Higgins) Paine of Eastham.

Thomas Higgins settled in the North Precinct of Eastham, now Wellfleet. March 14, 1747-8, he was chosen on Precinct committee and March 19, 1749-50, was assessor. He may have served as juryman in 1728 and 1733 and certainly was surveyor



of highways in 1742. April 10, 1741, with Jabez Snow, Jr., he was skipper or master of a porpoise voyage. In 1760 he was selectman and tithingman. This Thomas is generally called Thomas, Jr., on Eastham records.

Abigail Paine, wife of Thomas Higgins, through her mother Hannah (Higgins) Paine, was a descendant of Thomas and Joseph Rogers and of Stephen Hopkins, passengers on the *Mayflower* in 1620. She was also a descendant of Nicholas Snow, one of the seven founders of Eastham.

*Children born at Eastham.*

139. i. Philip, b. Jan. 28, 1727-8; married Mary Wiley.  
140. ii. Thomas, b. Jan. 1, 1729-30; married (1) Anne Treat; (2) Ruth Rich.  
141. iii. Benjamin, b. Feb. 8, 1731-2; married Hannah Mayo.  
142. iv. Jonathan, b. April 10, 1734; married (1) Sarah Coombs; (2) Bethiah Snow; (3) Eunice Brown.  
143. v. Jesse, b. Feb. 21, 1736; married Experience Hinckley.  
vi. Thankful, b. April 9, 1738; d. Jan. 29, 1824, aged 87; married Nov. 25, 1756, Isaac Freeman, son of Ebenezer and Abigail (Young) Freeman of Wellfleet, where they were buried. Children: Edmund, b. March 2, 1757; married April 3, 1777, Ruth Wiley; Isaac, b. Oct. 28, 1758; married Oct. 5, 1782, Hannah Collins; Anne, b. Sept. 6, 1760; married April 4, 1779, Isaac Atwood; Benjamin, b. Oct. 18, 1762; married Dec. 17, 1789, Mercy Atwood; Thankful, b. Nov. 9, 1766; married (1) Oct. 29, 1803, Susannah Atwood; married (2) Jan. 31, 1824, Eunice Newcomb; Thomas, b. Dec. 20, 1779; married April 10, 1802, Patty Bacon.  
vii. Sarah, b. July 17, 1740; married April 13, 1758, Jonas Dean, b. Oct. 27, 1732, at Barnstable, Mass.  
144. viii. Solomon, b. July 15, 1743; married (1) Margaret Holbrook; (2) Abigail Pierce.

Authorities: Eastham Births (1701-81), pp. 12, 80, 82, 192, 194; *Mayflower Des.*, vol. xi, pp. 75, 77, 144; xvi, p. 197; *Freeman Genealogy*, pp. 107-8; *Paine Genealogy*, part ii, p. 59; *New England Hist. Gen. Register*, vol. xxv, p. 359.

59. PAUL<sup>4</sup> HIGGINS (*Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born June 25, 1708, at Eastham; died in 1801 at Orleans, "aged 95"; married Oct. 3, 1737, Rebecca Mayo, born April 19, 1714, at Eastham; died there in 1776; daughter of Samuel and Abigail (Sparrow) Mayo of Eastham.

In a deed Paul Higgins is called whalefisherman and cordwainer.

His children were recorded at Harwich and he and his wife were members of the First Church of Harwich, now Brewster. Hence it is probable that they lived within that town for some time. However, in 1774 they were both members of the First Church of Christ in Eastham, now at Orleans. They were then, and probably for the rest of their lives continued to be, residents of South Orleans. In the collection of deeds owned by Capt. E. F. Small, copied by Mr. Stanley W. Smith, are the following:

“Know all men, etc. that we William Crosby and Phœbe his wife, Samuel Paine and Sarah his wife, Stephen Griffith and Eunice his wife, and James Phinney and Abigail his wife, all of Harwich and Rebecca Higgins of Eastham for £80 paid by Samuel Higgins Jr. of Eastham sell to him all our right in the land that was set off to our mother and grandmother Mayo in the field that comes to us by our mother that was given to her by our grandfather Samuel Mayo, Nov. 23, 1779.”

“Know all men that I Timothy Doane of Orleans for \$225 paid by Samuel Higgins Jr. of said Orleans sell to him all the property that the sd Timothy Doane purchased by deed of James Phinney and Stephen Griffith of Harwich and Rebecca Higgins of Orleans, the sd estate lying partly in Orleans and partly in Brewster and was formerly owned by Paul Higgins, late of sd Orleans, deceased. May 28, 1806.”

“Know all men that I Paul Higgins of Eastham, yeoman, for £15, 12, 0 paid by Samuel Higgins Jr of sd Eastham yeoman sell . . . all that my parcel of land lying in Eastham near the dwelling house of Uriah Mayo which land I bought of John Cole, as may be seen in two deeds from John Cole to myself, bearing date 12 Feb. 1759 and 14 June 1762. Dated 30 March 1795.” Probably a deed of gift to his only surviving son Samuel Higgins, instead of a will. No estate of Paul Higgins was ever brought before the Barnstable Probate Court.

*Children born in Harwich.*

- i. Abigail, b. Nov. 27, 1738; married (int. May 10, 1777) James Phinney of Harwich.
145. ii. Samuel, b. Feb. 28, 1739-40; married Patience Rogers.
- iii. Thankful, b. Sept. 17, 1743.
- iv. Rebecca, b. Aug. 18, 1745; d. young.
- v. Eunice, b. May 20, 1747; married Jan. 9, 1777, Stephen Griffith of Harwich.
- vi. Paul, b. Sept. 1, 1751; probably d. young.
- vii. Rebecca, b. April 16, 1754; unmarried Nov. 23, 1779.

Authorities: *Mayflower Des.*, vol. vii, p. 231; vol. viii, pp. 106, 149; *Freeman's History of Cape Cod*, vol. ii, p. 725; Eastham Purposes of Marriage, 1773, pp. 6, 9; Harwich Vital Records;

*Records of First Church of Brewster; Records of First Church, Orleans; Mayo MS. Genealogy.*

60. BENJAMIN<sup>4</sup> HIGGINS (*Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born March 1, 1715-6; died at Eastham Sept. 17, 1777, aged 60 (Orleans church records), or in his sixty-first year (grave-stone); married (1) Feb. 7, 1739-40, Hannah Higgins, born —; died 1773; daughter of James and Sarah (Mayo) Higgins of Eastham; married (2) May 19, 1774, Margery (Homer) Sears, born June 13, 1727; died Aug. 6, 1787, or Aug. 1, 1795; daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Crowell) Homer and widow of Willard Sears of Yarmouth, to whom she was married Jan. 3, 1765.

Benjamin Higgins appears to have lived at Eastham-Orleans. On April 3, 1759, Sarah (Mayo) Higgins sold him land in Harwich. March 1, 1760, Joshua and Ruth (Twining) Higgins sold him their "tenement-lot" in Eastham-Orleans. He was chosen juror in 1745-6 and again in 1761.

Sept. 17, 1777, Benjamin Higgins of Eastham, labourer, "being weak, etc.," made his will. To wife Margery Higgins, son Lot Higgins, daughter-in-law Susannah Sears (i. e. second wife's daughter), to Edmond Higgins, Elisha Higgins, and Sarah Higgins. Two grandchildren, Love Higgins and Experience Higgins (they were children of his daughter Hannah and James Higgins, Jr.). Son Lot Higgins to be executor. Will proved Oct. 15, 1777. Estate £577.13.05.

*Children.*

146. i. Edmund, b. Dec. 21, 1740; married Esther Higgins.
147. ii. Benjamin, b. Nov. 29, 1743; married Jerusha Newcomb.
148. iii. Lot, b. Feb. 21, 1745-6; married (1) Zerviah Linnell;  
(2) Azubah Hopkins.
149. iv. Elisha, b. about 1750; married Mary Butler.
  - v. Sarah, b. —; unmarried Sept. 17, 1777.

Authorities: Orleans Church Records; *Sears Genealogy*, pp. 42, 92; *Mayflower Des.*, vol. xvi, pp. 7-8; Barnstable Co. Probate Records, vol. xx, p. 9; Eastham Births (1701-81), pp. 78, 133, 227.

61. ZACCHEUS<sup>4</sup> HIGGINS (*Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Aug. 15, 1719, at Eastham; died at date unknown, possibly in Maine; married Feb. 2, 1737-8, Rebecca Young, born March 24, 1717-8, at Eastham; died at date unknown; daughter of Nathan and Rebecca (Shaw) Young of Eastham.

It is stated that the Massachusetts State Archives show that

Zaccheus Higgins served in the Old French War, but this may refer to Zaccheus Higgins, son of Joshua<sup>4</sup> Higgins, born Oct. 8, 1727. Some of the following items may also refer to Zaccheus Higgins, son of Joshua. The records are few and obscure, and certainty is not to be expected.

The records of the town of Eastham show that Zaccheus Higgins was tithingman in 1768, howard in 1768, and constable in that year or the next. April 19, 1766, Zaccheus Higgins was on a committee to build and assign pews in Eastham meeting-house. July 7, 1763, Zaccheus Higgins of Eastham, yeoman, sells two thirds of some land, upland and other. (Eastham Town Records.) Feb. 24, 1764. Zaccheus Higgins, Jonathan Freeman, Joseph Cole, Jr., and James Cole, all of Eastham, yeomen, Proprietors in common of a parcel of land situate in Eastham, being the estate of Seth Young, late deceased, lying at the Northward side of the way that leads from Lieut. Richard Sparrow's to the Meeting House, adjoining on the Eastern side to the Land of the abovesaid Zaccheus Higgins, on the Western side to the land of Moses Higgins and Freeman Higgins. Recorded July 27, 1764 (Eastham Town Records). As Seth Young was brother of Rebecca Young, wife of Zaccheus Higgins, it is probable that we are correct in assigning this record to the present Zaccheus, and not to the son of Joshua<sup>4</sup> Higgins.

Rebecca, wife of Zaccheus Higgins, was a member of the Eastham-Orleans Church on May 2, 1774, but her husband was not a member.

April 2, 1790, Zaccheus Higgins and Rebecca his wife sold to Thankful Freeman, widow, land in Eastham "lying in the north-westerly part of my field, near Philip Young's dwelling house." This is the latest mention of them found and shows that both were living at that date. This deed is among the deeds "rerecorded" in 1827 and afterwards at Barnstable, in the volume assigned to the town of Orleans. The census of 1790 shows a Zaccheus Higgins living at Eastham, with a family of one, probably his wife. Whether this is Zaccheus, son of Benjamin<sup>3</sup> Higgins, or Zaccheus, son of Joshua<sup>4</sup> Higgins, must remain uncertain. The family of Zaccheus and Rebecca Higgins is also uncertain. The records of Eastham give them but one child, but it seems probable that there were others, older than Nathan. Israel is assigned to them, not on positive evidence, but from impossibility to place him elsewhere.



*Children.*

150. i. Israel, b. about 1742; married Mary Snow.
- ii. Nathan, b. June 6, 1755. He may be the man of the following war record: "Nathan Higgins (also given Nathaniel), Barnstable (also given Eastham). Sergeant, Col. Lamb's regt.; Continental pay accounts for service from May 25, 1777, to Dec. 3, 1779; residence Barnstable; also return of officers and men belonging to Massachusetts in Col. John Lamb's (2nd artillery) regt., dated Park of Artillery, Jan. 10, 1781, signed by Lieut. Col. Ebenezer Stevens, rank, Sergeant; residence Eastham; engaged for town of Eastham; engaged May 25, 1777, by Capt. Thomas; term, during war."
- iii. Mary (perhaps), b. —; married Jan. 12, 1770 (by Mr. Crocker), Joseph Hopkins of Eastham and Mt. Desert, Maine. Children: Smith, b. Oct. 13, 1770; Thankful, b. July 28, 1772; Rebecca, b. Oct. 25, 1774; Susannah, b. Nov. 24, 1776; Mary, b. April 5, 1779; Giles, b. March 30, 1781; Joseph, b. Oct. 20, 1783; Priscilla, b. July 22, 1785; Sally, b. July 28, 1788; another, b. 1789 or 1790, at Mt. Desert. He settled at Hull's Cove; was drowned with his son Joseph while bringing cattle from one of the Porcupine Islands. Mrs. Mary Hopkins married (2) Levi Higgins.

62. SOLOMON<sup>4</sup> HIGGINS (*Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Sept. 8, 1721, at Eastham; died at Bar Harbor, Maine(?); married (1) Jan. 13, 1758, at Eastham, Bethiah Chase, born —; died about 1772-3; married (2) about Jan. 1, 1774, Esther Dean(?), born —; died at Bar Harbor; daughter of James Dean(?).

Solomon Higgins, probably this man, served as sergeant in Capt. Jabez Snow's company in 1759 for thirty weeks. In 1773-5, Solomon Higgins held a minor town office at Eastham. Mrs. Bethiah Higgins was a member of the First Church of Christ in Eastham in 1774 and doubtless earlier, but Solomon Higgins does not appear on the roll.

About 1780 or a little later Solomon Higgins and wife Esther removed to Mt. Desert, Maine, settling on Eddy's Brook at Bar Harbor, near the place where his relative, Israel Higgins, had settled a few years before. Tradition related that when he became aged and partially demented he wandered away during a snowstorm and fell over a cliff below Cromwell's Harbor into the sea. His body was never found and the precipice has ever since been called Sol's Cliff.



*Children born at Eastham.*

151. i. Solomon, b. July 4, 1758; married (1) Abigail Twining; (2) Mary Twining; (3) Temperance Smith.
152. ii. Obadiah, b. March 21, 1761; married Sarah (Mayo) Sparrow.
- iii. Henry, b. Dec. 15, 1762; d. Jan. 4, 1768.
- iv. Mary, b. Dec. 10, 1765; married Dec. 14, 1786, Gideon Atwood.
- v. Bethiah, b. April 15, 1769.
- vi. Rebecca, b. Jan. 26, 1771; married (1) Nov. 4, 1789, Smith Hopkins, b. Oct. 13, 1770, son of Joseph and Mary (Higgins) Hopkins of Mt. Desert, Maine; married (2) Sept. 14, 1801, Joseph Gould.
- vii. Zaccheus, b. Nov. 28, 1772; married — Thompson (?).
153. viii. James Dean, b. Sept. 11, 1774; married Mary Roderick.
- ix. Reliance, b. Sept. 12, 1777; married March 2, 1793, William Leland.
- x. Abijah, b. May 12, 1779; married Nancy Buckley.

Authorities: Hamor Records, Eden, Me.; Records of Eastham, town and First Church; *Leland Genealogy*.

63. ISAAC<sup>4</sup> HIGGINS (*Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born July 12, 1725, at Eastham; died in 1788; married April 15, 1749, Rebecca Mayo, born Feb. 13, 1733; died —; daughter of Richard<sup>4</sup> and Rebecca (Sparrow) Mayo.

Isaac Higgins lived at Eastham-Orleans, but little has been discovered concerning him. Richard Mayo, his wife's father, was son of Thomas<sup>3</sup> Mayo (*Nathaniel*<sup>2</sup>, *Rev. John*<sup>1</sup>).

*Children born at Eastham.*

- i. Reliance, b. May 3, 1750.
- ii. Rebecca, b. Aug. 30, 1753.
- iii. Isaac, b. Oct. 6, 1755.

Authority: Eastham Records.

64. FREEMAN<sup>4</sup> HIGGINS (*Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born July 28, 1727, at Eastham; died at Orleans, Mass., in 1804; married (1) Nov. 13, 1747, Martha Cole, born March 18, 1730; died at Eastham; daughter of Timothy and Martha (Almony) Cole of Eastham; married (2) July 4, 1757, Mrs. Thankful (Hopkins) Paine, born May 20, 1724, at Truro, Mass.; died in 1806; daughter of Caleb and Mercy (Freeman) Hopkins and

widow of Elisha Paine of Truro, Mass., and Middletown, Conn., who was born Aug. 21, 1721, and died in 1753.

Freeman Higgins resided at Eastham-Orleans. He served as a juryman at Eastham in 1758 and again in 1771. In 1790 his family consisted of four persons, probably himself, wife and one son and one daughter. In 1774 Mrs. Thankful Higgins was a member of the First Church of Christ at Eastham-Orleans, but Freeman Higgins was not a member.

The will of Timothy Cole, dated April 1, 1760, names wife Martha, daughter Elizabeth Higgins (wife of Lemuel Higgins of Chatham, Conn.), and grandchildren Timothy and Apphia Higgins (only children of his daughter, Martha (Cole) Higgins).

*Children born at Eastham.*

154. i. Timothy, b. March 28, 1748; married Reliance Yates.
- ii. Apphia, b. Oct. 1, 1752; married July 13, 1769, Ithiel Blake of Gorham, Maine.
- iii. Martha, b. April 9, 1758.
- iv. Thankful, b. April 9, 1758; married Nov. 12, 1781, Thomas Stoddard Boardman of Boston.
- v. Zedekiah, b. April 11, 1760; probably the Zedekiah Higgins who was in Capt. Benjamin Godfrey's co., Col. Josiah Whitney's regt., serving from May 10 to July 10, 1777, marching from Harwich to Boston Neck, South Kingston, R. I. He died in 1777.
- vi. Priscilla, b. March 1, 1762; died —; married Oct. 21, 1784, Caleb Hayden of Dorchester, Mass. Children: Caleb Hayden, b. Sept. 22, 1786, lived in Boston, married and had Caleb and Thomas; Freeman Higgins Hayden, b. Aug. 20, 1788, in Dorchester, Mass.; d. in 1870; married (1) in 1812, Cynthia Mayo, b. Nov. 8, 1790; d. in 1824; married (2) June 13, 1825, Mary Snow, b. Nov. 14, 1796; d. in 1836 or 1837. Children: Mercy Sparrow Hayden, b. May 24, 1813, d. Aug. 6, 1813; Freeman Higgins Hayden, Jr., b. May 24, 1814, d. Aug. 24, 1820; Mercy Sparrow Hayden, 2d, b. Oct. 16, 1815, d. April 18, 1817; Uriah Mayo Hayden, b. July 10, 1817; lost at sea; Elisha Higgins Hayden, b. Sept. 18, 1819, d. in 1870 or 1873; an infant, b. Jan. 4, 1821; d. March 15, 1821; an infant, b. Jan. 16, 1822, d. March 20, 1823; Freeman Higgins Hayden, b. Jan. 30, 1826; living in 1900; Cynthia Mayo Hayden, b. Aug. 13, 1827; married Nov. 14, 1852, Josiah Crosby, b. July 15, 1826; d. Feb. 5, 1868, son of Josiah and Betsey (Mayo) Crosby; Francis Snow Hayden, b. Nov. 28, 1828; d. in 1852; Mary Snow Hayden, b. Aug. 31, 1830; d. Feb. 20, 1839; Sparrow Snow Hayden, b. Oct. 31, 1832; drowned in 1875 or 1878; Livina Hayden, b. Sept. 6, 1834;

d. about 1892; Caleb Hayden, b. Oct. 4, 1835, living in 1900.  
Elizabeth Howard Hayden, b. Sept. 21, 1789; Priscilla  
Hayden, b. Aug. 21, 1791.

vii. Mercy, b. Aug. 9, 1764.

viii. Elisha, b. Nov. 9, 1766; d. unmarried at Baltimore, Md.  
His vessel and cargo, valued at \$25,000, were seized by the  
French during the War of the Bonapartists. This loss so  
preyed upon his mind that it caused his sickness and death.

Authorities: Eastham Births (1701-1781), pp. 40, 41, 48, 68,  
152, 183; *Mayflower Des.*, vol. viii, pp. 146-7; xvi, p. 76; x, p. 168;  
*Treat Genealogy*, pp. 212, 262; Mrs. C. M. Crosby of East Harwich,  
Mass.

65. WILLIAM<sup>4</sup> HIGGINS (*Gershom*<sup>3</sup>, *Eliakim*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>),  
born —; died in 1746; married Jerusha —.

William Higgins resided at Elizabeth, N. J., and was a boat-  
man. He died in 1746 and his widow declining to administer, his  
father, Gershom Higgins, was appointed administrator on Jan. 10,  
1746-7. The children are mentioned in the will of their grand-  
father, Gershom Higgins.

*Children.*

155. i. Michael, b. —; married Christiana May.

156. ii. William, b. —; married (1) Hannah Barker; (2) Sarah  
Townley.

Perhaps other children.

Authority: Will of Gershom Higgins, dated Sept. 14, 1751,  
Will Book xxxii, p. 510, at Trenton, N. J.

66. NATHANIEL<sup>4</sup> HIGGINS (*Gershom*<sup>3</sup>, *Eliakim*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>),  
born about 1738; died —; married Oct. 4, 1760, at St. John's  
Church, Elizabethtown, N. J., Elizabeth Haviland, born about  
1741; died Jan. 31, 1784, at Elizabethtown; daughter of Luke  
and Sarah Haviland of Elizabeth, N. J.

*Children.*

i. William Brown, b. about 1761; d. Nov. 17, 1827, aged 66.

157. ii. Luke Haviland, b. May 6, 1769; married Fanny Dawes.

iii. A child, b. —; buried Jan. 26, 1778.

67. JOSEPH<sup>4</sup> HIGGINS (*Jediah*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born  
Oct. 7, 1716; died June 9, 1790, at Amwell, N. J.; married (1)  
Mary Phillips, born Feb. 7, 1717; died Oct. 29, 1778; married (2)  
Elizabeth —, who survived him.

Joseph Higgins built the mills at the foot of Mountairy Hill, at Mountairy, N. J., and resided there, operating the mills. He was buried in the churchyard at Mountairy. His will, dated Feb. 6, 1789, probated July 3, 1790, is in part as follows: "Joseph Higgins of Amwell, being in good health, bequeaths to wife Elizabeth wench, horse, saddle, etc. To son Michael a lot of land and the sawmill thereon. To his grandsons Andrew and Joseph his plantation to be divided between them. His wife and son and grandson Andrew to be executors; brother Joshua Higgins to assist executors." Inventory taken July 8, 1790, amounted to £374.04.03, including a "pale red cow."

The plantation of Joseph Higgins was of considerable extent. How it came to him is shown by the following deed (West Jersey Deeds, Trenton, N. J., vol. Y, p. 524):

"July 30, 1756. Thomas Ruckman and Elizabeth his wife, late of Amwell township, conveys to Jediah Higgins of the township of New Brunswick, two parcels, 5 acres and 383 acres, being part of the 5,000 acre purchase made by Benjamin Field May 19, 1701, above the falls of the Delaware, along the Elosocking Creek. Consideration one thousand pounds. Acknowledged Aug. 10, 1764. Witnesses John Ringo, James Beard, Jonathan Higgins."

"Oct. 27, 1759. Judiah Higgins of Kingston in the Corporation of New Brunswick to his son Joseph Higgins of Amwell for four hundred pounds, 383 acres on the Ellishawking Creek. Acknowledged June 6, 1768. Witnesses Ichabod Leigh, Joshua Higgins." (West Jersey Deeds, vol. Y, p. 527.)

These deeds refer to the land which Jediah Higgins sold to his son Joseph at less than cost. See the will of Jediah<sup>3</sup> Higgins. It appears that this land was near Ringoes, about three miles from Mountairy, and that Joseph and probably Jonathan Higgins settled in the region between 1756 and 1759.

*Only Child.*

158. i. Michael, b. Dec. 15, 1739; married (1) Mary —; (2) Ruth Brush.

Authorities: Records already cited; Trenton Will Book, vol. xxx, p. 310; Mr. H. E. Deats of Flemington, N. J.; Bible record of Michael Higgins, in possession of N. Higgins Furman of Lawrenceville, N. J., has furnished the dates.

68. JONATHAN<sup>4</sup> HIGGINS (*Jediah<sup>3</sup>, Jediah<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born April 1, 1725; died Jan. 3, 1815; married about 1750, Ann Britton, born March 26, 1730; died Aug. 20, 1811; daughter (probably) of Isaac Britton.



Jonathan Higgins removed from Kingston and settled about one mile north of Ringoes in Hunterdon County, N. J., perhaps in the period 1756 to 1759, when his brother Joseph was making a similar settlement on land bought by their father. Jonathan Higgins of Flemington, N. J., a descendant of Jonathan<sup>4</sup> Higgins, says that Jonathan settled near Higgins school, Delaware township. This may refer to the first mentioned locality. Jonathan and his wife Ann were buried in the Baptist Cemetery, Flemington, N. J., where their gravestones may be seen. Some authorities state Ann Britton was daughter of Col. Nicholas Britton of Revolutionary War fame. She was more probably his sister.

*Children.*

159. i. Judiah, b. Oct. 14, 1751; married (1) Mary Hill; (2) Rachel McPherson.
160. ii. Jonathan, b. July 1, 1756; married (1) Mary Reading; (2) Eleanor Polhemus.
161. iii. Nathaniel, b. June 26, 1760; married Martha Perrine.
  - iv. Martha, b. Aug. 28, 1762; d. Feb. 25, 1833; married May 30, 1782, John Covenhaven (now called Conover), and lived four miles south of Flemington, N. J., where some of their descendants still live. Children: David, b. Nov. 7, 1783; d. Sept. 8, 1801; Nancy, b. Jan. 25, 1786; d. Oct. 1, 1801; Jonathan Higgins, b. Oct. 18, 1787; d. Dec. 18, 1852; Catherine, b. December, 1789; d. May 20, 1826; John, b. Jan. 20, 1792; d. April 26, 1854 (buried at Sandy Ridge); Isaac Britton, b. July 4, 1794; d. Feb. 28, 1883 (he married Mary Severs and was buried at Flemington, N. J.); Elias Hubbard, b. Sept. 11, 1796; d. July 4, 1871, at Sandy Ridge; married and had six children.

Authorities: Mr. H. E. Deats from records furnished by Annie J. Higgins of Flemington, N. J.; Bible records from Grace A. Gerard of New Britain, Conn.; Inscriptions from Baptist Churchyard, Flemington, N. J.; *Conover Family* (1912), p. 29.

69. JOSHUA<sup>4</sup> HIGGINS (*Jediah*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born about 1732; died March 4, 1804, at Somerset, N. J.; married about 1752 Mary Quick, born about 1726; died Aug. 6, 1803; daughter of Tunis and Catherine Quick of Amwell, N. J.

Joshua Higgins may have lived at Amwell for a number of years after his marriage, but on April 22, 1765, when his father made his will, and for the rest of his life, he was a resident of Kingston, N. J. He was a planter or farmer. He inherited his father's land and property at Kingston. His will, dated Feb. 4,



1804, is in part as follows (Trenton, N. J., Probate Records, File 1248 R.):

“All my moveable estate to be sold at public vendue and put out at interest for the use of my grandchildren, to be equally divided among them and to be paid to them when they come of age. My son Samuel is to have the use and care of my homestead (and another lot of land) and is to bring up my grandson Joshua Higgins and my granddaughter Charlotte Higgins till they come of age and give them schooling. I give the said homestead plantation and all the above mentioned lots of land to my grandson Joshua Higgins when he arrives at twenty one. To my son Samuel two lots of land. To son Tunis the use and profits of three lots of land, and after his death I give all the three parcels to my granddaughter Hannah Higgins. To my son Jediah the use of all the land he now possesses in the County of Somerset, also twenty acres of land in the county of Middlesex, opposite his dwelling house; after his death I give them all to my granddaughter, Ann Higgins. I give the use of the house and lot in Kingston where Elizabeth Van de Waters lives to her (?) during her life and then after her death to my granddaughter Mary Higgins. To Elizabeth Higgins the use of the swamp lot on the south side of Hethent’s Brook during her life and after her death to Elizabeth Smith, remainder of woodland if any to my granddaughter Ann. To my negro man Peter Higgins the use of the house and lot he now lives in. Son Samuel and brother-in-law, Tunis Quick of Hunterdon Co. to be executors.” Inventory £619.03.02.

The will of Tunis Quick of Amwell, dated Sept. 2, 1770 (Wills at Trenton, Liber xvii, p. 2), mentions his daughter, Mary Higgins. She was living Sept. 3, 1803, when she united with her husband in a deed (Liber D, p. 49, Somerville, N. J.), but since she is not mentioned in her husband’s will, she had probably deceased before Feb. 4, 1804.

It is declared that he had children in addition to those mentioned in the will, namely: Mary, who married a Gulick and lived near Kingston, Peter, James and Joseph. If that was so, they died before their father. The will is the best evidence, but of course mentions only those surviving when the will was made. There seems to be evidence that he had a son John, not named in the will, because deceased, but living and of age Sept. 21, 1789.

#### *Children.*

162. i. Samuel, b. March 5, 1756; married Rebecca Frazee.
163. ii. Jediah, b. about 1758; married Nurse Putnam.
164. iii. Tunis, b. —; married Elizabeth Gulick(?).
- iv. John, b. —; married Mary Schuyler.

- v. Mary, b. —; married — Gulick.
- vi. Elizabeth, b. —.

70. JAMES<sup>4</sup> HIGGINS (*Jediah*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born about 1733-4, probably at Kingston, N. J.; died there Sept. 10, 1779; married (date not found) Sarah Stout (?), who survived him.

Little is known of this James Higgins. Administration on the estate of James Higgins of Middlesex County was granted unto Sarah Higgins and Jediah (Judiah) Higgins, Jan. 27, 1780 or 1781 (year uncertain).

*Children.*

- i. James, b. Jan. 27, 1760.
- 165. ii. Jediah, b. Jan. 10, 1761-2; married Henrietta Cruser.
- iii. Hannah, b. Jan. 30, 1764.
- iv. John, b. Jan. 1, 1767; d. Jan. 25, 1791.
- v. Joseph, b. June 14, 1769.
- vi. Sarah, b. Nov. 23, 1771.
- vii. Jonathan, b. May 23, 1774.
- viii. Thomas, b. Sept. 22, 1776; d. April 21, 1782.
- ix. Joshua, b. Aug. 2, 1779.

Authorities: Will Book xxiv, p. 73, at Trenton; Letter of Anna D. Higgins of Asbury Park, N. J., dated April 23, 1912; Bible record of Jediah<sup>5</sup> Higgins, son of above James, in possession of Dr. A. S. Higgins of Manasquan, N. J.

71. AZARIAH<sup>4</sup> HIGGINS (*Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born —; died —; married June 20, 1779, Sarah Stout, born —; died —; daughter of Jacob and Grace (Park) Stout.

Azariah Higgins lived at or near Ringoes, N. J. Ralph Ege in his *Pioneers of Old Hopewell* says that he was ancestor of all the Higgineses of Ringoes and Wertsville. In the will of Benjamin Runyan of Amwell, dated Jan. 29, 1776 (File 994 J), he calls Azariah Higgins his brother-in-law. Joseph Hill, Jr., of Amwell in will dated April 7, 1773, calls Azariah Higgins his brother-in-law. Both of these wills are dated before the marriage of Azariah Higgins to Sarah Stout. Hence Azariah must have had a wife before Sarah Stout, or there were two Azariahs.

Azariah Higgins served as sergeant in Captain Maxwell's Company, Second Regiment, Hunterdon Co. Militia, during the Revolution (*New Jersey in the Revolutionary War*, Official Roster of Continental Troops, p. 466).

Azariah Higgins and his wife Sarah were both living at Amwell April 28, 1794, when both united in a deed of land to Peter Prall. (Recorded at Flemington, N. J.)

*Children.*

166. i. James, b. —; married Alice Snooks.
167. ii. Gideon, b. June 17, 1782; married Mary Dilts.
- iii. Lot, b. —.
- iv. Jesse, b. —.
- v. William, b. —.
- vi. Ida, b. —.
- vii. Catherine, b. —.
- viii. Margaret, b. —.

Authority: Mr. H. E. Deats of Flemington, N. J.

72. JONATHAN<sup>4</sup> HIGGINS (*Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Zerah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born —; died shortly before Sept. 7, 1778, at Elizabeth, N. J.; married (date not found) Jemima Ward, born —; died —; daughter of Samuel Ward of Newark(?).

Jonathan Higgins resided at Elizabeth, N. J., where he was a carpenter and builder. On Feb. 24, 1767, property in the borough of Elizabeth was sold by the sheriff to satisfy the claims of Jonathan Higgins, who had won a suit at law concerning it. It may be the same property referred to in the following: "House for sale in Elizabeth. If different house is wanted, he will build it, as building is his trade." (*New York Gazette and Weekly Mercury*, Feb. 29, 1768.) The will of Jonathan Higgins of the borough of Elizabeth is dated April 20, 1775, and was proved Oct. 5, 1782. The will gives "The shop, Joyner & Turning tools to son Jonathan. The negro servants are to have their freedom if they behave." The children given below are also named. The administrator's account on file at Newark shows that Jonathan Higgins died before Sept. 7, 1778, and that £30 was spent for a headstone at his grave. (See Addenda.)

*Children.*

- 167A. i. Jonathan, b. —; married Phœbe Frazee.
168. ii. Samuel, b. —; married Mary Sayre.
- iii. Jacob, b. —.
- iv. Zerviah, b. —; married — Oliver. Children: Sarah and Zerviah Oliver.
- v. Sarah, b. —; married — Williams. Children: Jonathan Higgins Williams and Phœbe Williams.
- vi. Betty, b. —.

Authorities: *New Jersey Archives*, vol. xxvi, p. 61; Trenton Will Book, xxiii, p. 452; Will of Samuel Ward, of Newark, 1758.

73. EDWARD<sup>4</sup> HIGGINS (*Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born —; died before Aug. 25, 1786; married May 14, 1763, Elizabeth Stockton, daughter of Robert Stockton.

Edward Higgins resided in Middlesex County, N. J. His estate was administered upon by John Thompson, Aug. 25, 1786. No children named.

74. EBENEZER<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born July 21, 1721, at Eastham; died there —; married (1) Oct. 8, 1742, Martha Burgess; married (2) Oct. 27, 1763, Mrs. Hannah Yates of Harwich.

Ebenezer and Hannah Higgins were members of the First Church of Eastham-Orleans in 1774. He was for many years First Lieutenant in Capt. Elisha Doane's 6th (2d Eastham) company of the Second Barnstable County regiment of militia. On April 26, 1776, he was commissioned for active service by order in Council. He served about three years longer. In a petition dated Eastham, April 1, 1779, he asked permission to resign his commission on account of advanced age and impairment of health. On the certificate of Barnabas Freeman that the discharge of said Higgins would be for the good of the service, the resignation was accepted April 21, 1779.

On May 6, 1761, Ebenezer Higgins, Jr., sold for £6 lawful money to Samuel Higgins, Jr., and Eliakim Higgins, carpenters of Eastham, his lot of meadow "the 2nd lot in the fifth propriety or great share which lot is the same that fell to Elisha Linnell in the last division of meadow in said Eastham."

*Children born at Eastham.*

- i. Elizabeth, b. Jan. 24, 1742-3; married Nov. 11, 1767, Bryan Martin. Children born in Eastham: John, b. Dec. 9, 1768; Eleanor, b. June 13, 1770.
169. ii. Seth, b. May 17, 1744; married Martha Linnell.
- iii. Hannah, b. July 8, 1747; married Oct. 31, 1765, Thomas Dexter(?).
170. iv. Ebenezer, b. Aug. 23, 1749; married Rebecca Dyer.
171. v. Jonathan, b. Aug. 4, 1751; married Thankful Freeman.
172. vi. Abisha, b. Oct. 18, 1752; married (1) Mary Snow; (2) Hannah Harding.
- vii. Elisha, b. Aug. 12, 1753.

- viii. Susannah, b. May 28, 1755.
- 173. ix. Heman, b. April 18, 1757; married Hannah Randall.
  - x. Thankful, b. May 16, 1759.
- 174. xi. Elkanah, b. Nov. 18, 1764; married Jemima Cole.
  - xii. Mary, b. —; married Nathaniel Boulter. Children: Royal, b. —; d. in the army; Martha, b. —; married Thomas Smith.
- xiii. Martha, b. Feb. 18, 1767.

Authorities: Eastham Vital Records; Deeds in the collection of the late Judge Jonathan Higgins of Orleans, copied in abstract by Mr. Josiah Paine of Harwich.

75. SAMUEL<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Aug. 6, 1730, at Eastham; died at Orleans, 1813, aged 83; married (1) March 1, 1759, Elizabeth Bassett, born Feb. 29, 1736; died Nov. 9, 1793; daughter of Nathan and Elizabeth Bassett of Chatham, Mass.; married (2) Sept. 12, 1795, Eunice Young of Eastham.

At the time of his first marriage Samuel Higgins was called Samuel Higgins, 3d, of Eastham, two older men named Samuel Higgins being then living in the town. He was a hatter in 1757; elected fence viewer in 1779; may have held other town offices. (See Samuel<sup>5</sup>, son of Paul<sup>4</sup>.) He may have been the Samuel Higgins who was town clerk of Eastham. (See vol. xv, *Mayflower Descendant*, p. 131.)

*Children born at Eastham.*

- i. Mary, b. April 30, 1760; married Feb. 12, 1784, Abner Chase.
- ii. Phœbe, b. Feb. 17, 1762; married Jan. 26, 1786, Josiah Freeman.
- iii. Lydia, b. Feb. 24, 1764; married March 4, 1788, Michael (or Micah) Sherman. Children: Samuel, b. March 12, 1789; Richard, b. June 24, 1791; Mercy, b. Feb. 24, 1795; Jonathan, b. March 29, 1798; Deborah, b. Aug. 29, 1802; Michael, b. Dec. 29, 1804.
- iv. Rachel, b. Aug. 18, 1767; married May 1, 1796, Joshua Crosby.
- 175. v. Daniel, b. Oct. 2, 1769; married Betsey Foster Kenrick.
- vi. Joanna, b. Aug. 17, 1773; married Feb. 16, 1797, John Gould, Jr.
- 176. vii. Thomas, b. July 25, 1775; married (1) Phœbe Hopkins; (2) Mary —.



Authority: *Mayflower Des.*, vol. ix, p. 35; xv, p. 131; xvi, pp. 201, 214.

76. ELIAKIM<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Jan. 21, 1732-3, at Eastham; died there Sept. 4, 1795; married Dec. 6, 1756, Bathsheba Freeman, born —, 1737; died Oct. 25, 1799, in her sixty-second year; daughter of Samuel and Mary (or Margaret) Freeman of Eastham (?). Their grave-stones at Orleans. He was a carpenter.

Bathsheba Freeman was of Harwich and the marriage is recorded there. Eliakim Higgins was surveyor of highways in 1763, 1768, 1774, 1777, 1779, and surveyor of boards and shingles in 1784. In 1794 he held some town office, perhaps selectman.

*Children born at Eastham.*

- i. Sarah, b. Nov. 18, 1757; d. Dec. 24, 1832; married Nov. 20, 1777, Deacon Abner Freeman, b. June 12, 1755; d. June 8, 1833. Children: Tamsin, b. March 3, 1779; d. Jan. 3, 1851; married March 19, 1812, Lewis Doane of Eastham; and Edmund, b. Feb. 1, 1780, who married Nov. 27, 1806, Bethiah Higgins.
- ii. Mercy, b. Sept. 25, 1760; married William Croshy.
177. iii. Eliakim, b. June 14, 1764; married Sarah Higgins.
- iv. Freeman, b. May 21, 1771; d. Aug. 24, 1795.
- v. Reuben, b. May 31, 1773; d. Nov. 8, 1795; gravestone at Orleans.

Authorities: *Freeman Genealogy*, p. 109; *New York Gen. and Biog. Record*, October, 1915, p. 385; *Mayflower Des.*, vol. xvi, pp. 200-201.

77. SYLVANUS<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Oct. 12, 1736; died in 1802; married (1) Dec. 13, 1764, Abigail Knowles, born Nov. 30, 1738; died 1799; daughter of Paul and Phœbe (Paine) Knowles of Truro; married (2) Nov. 10, 1799, Hannah Higgins, who survived him.

Sylvanus and Abigail Higgins were members of the First Church at Orleans in 1774, and lived in that part of ancient Eastham all their lives. His will, dated July 7, 1802, was proved Oct. 27, 1802. He named wife Hannah, probably a second wife, and son Sylvanus, to whom he gave his dwelling house, reserving a home there for his widow and his unmarried daughters. He held town office in 1781, 1783 and 1797.

*Children born at Eastham.*

- i. Abner, b. July 25, 1766.
- ii. Abigail, b. April 18, 1768; married (1) Feb. 15, 1786-7, Aaron Snow; (2) Oct. 8, 1821, Capt. Stephen Snow. Children by first husband: Thomas, b. April 7, 1788; married May 12, 1808, Zerviah Sparrow; Abner, b. Aug. 1, 1791; married March 17, 1816, Anna Snow; Aaron, b. March 10, 1793; unmarried; drowned; Phœbe, b. Oct. 3, 1796; married April 14, 1816, Samuel Snow; Abigail, b. Aug. 29, 1798; married Dec. 31, 1818, Joseph Crosby, Jr.; Sylvanus, b. Sept. 17, 1800; married March 19, 1825, Olive Linnell; Elnathan, b. July 2, 1806; married Naomi (Mayo) Young; Tamsin, b. June 16, 1808; married Feb. 14, 1828, Samuel Hurd.
- iii. Mercy, b. March 18, 1770; married Aug. 30, 1798, Seth Sparrow.
- iv. Ruth, b. Feb. 18, 1772; married Lewis Smith.
- v. Joseph, b. March 18, 1774; living in 1802.
- vi. Tamsin, b. Feb. 7, 1776; married Dec. 1, 1796, Josiah Gould.
- vii. Sylvanus, b. April 9, 1778; d. young.
- viii. Salome, b. March 18, 1779.
- ix. Susannah, bapt. Oct. 5, 1783; married Jan. 12, 1804, William Small of Harwich.
- x. Sylvanus, b. Sept. 18, 1783; living in 1802.

Authorities: Eastham-Orleans Records; Will of Paul Knowles, 1778; Will of Sylvanus Higgins, 1802, Barnstable Probate Records, vol. xxxi, p. 371; Mr. W. B. Snow of Malden, Mass.

78. PRINCE<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Samuel<sup>4</sup>, Jonathan<sup>3</sup>, Jonathan<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born April 28, 1741, at Eastham; died —, at Orrington, Maine; married Jan. 16, 1766, Keziah Freeman, born —; baptized at Orleans, Nov. 30, 1777 (adult); died in 1817 at Orrington, Maine; daughter of —.

Prince Higgins resided at Eastham until after 1790 and then removed to Orrington, Maine. He served in the Revolutionary War as follows:

“Private, Capt. Solomon Higgins’s (Eastham) co.; enlisted July 10, 1775; discharged Dec. 31, 1775, service 6 mos. 6 days in defence of seacoast; also Sergeant, Capt. Simeon Fowler’s co., Col. Jonathan Reed’s (1st) regt. of guards; muster roll dated Cambridge, May 9, 1778; engagement, 3 mos. from April 2, 1778, also same co. and regt.; entered service April 2, 1778; service to July 1778, 3 mos. 5 days, at Cambridge; also Capt. Joshua Higgins’s co., Maj. Zenas Winslow’s regt.; service from Sept. 6, to Sept. 13, 1778, 6 days on alarms at Bedford and Falmouth.”

*Children born at Eastham.*

- i. Mehitabel, b. July 16, 1768; married Jan. 26, 1786, Isaac Sparrow.
- ii. Peggy, b. July 25, 1770; married Oct. 2, 1788, Silas Rider of Wellfleet. She d. Sept. 2, 1817, aged 54 (gravestone at Wellfleet in disagreement).
- iii. Keziah, b. Sept. 17, 1772; married John Woodman of Frankfort, Maine.
- iv. Prince, b. Jan. 19, 1777; d. Nov. 1, 1777.
- v. Prince, b. Dec. 15, 1778; married (int. Nov. 6, 1801) Ruth Newcomb. They resided at Orrington, Maine.
- vi. Naomi, b. May 2, 1781; married (int. Sept. 25, 1799) Samuel Freeman of Orrington, Maine, b. Dec. 25, 1778.
- vii. Adnah, b. June 10, 1783.
- viii. Josiah, b. June 16, 1785; married (1) (int. June 25, 1814) Mary Allen of Bangor, Maine; married (2) March 21, 1829, Mrs. Nabby Kenney of Bangor, Maine.
- ix. Samuel, b. Dec. 12, 1787.
- x. Deborah, b. Oct. 9, 1790; married (int. Jan. 22, 1811) William Woodman of Frankfort, Maine.

Authority: *Mayflower Des.*, vol. x, p. 232; xvii, p. 13.

79. CHRISTIAN<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Joseph*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born June 6, 1726, in Eastham; died Sept. 6, 1792, at Lyme, Conn., aged 66 years, 3 months; married June 3, 1751, Dorothy Williams, born Aug. 24, 1724; died —; daughter of Capt. Jacob and Martha (Belden) Williams of Wethersfield, Conn.

Capt. Joseph Higgins, on Nov. 28, 1757, sold to his son Christian the land and buildings "now occupied by him" on Mather's Neck. The papers of the Boston selectmen show that in the years 1764, 1765 and 1767 a Christopher Higgins was captain of the sloop *Ruby* from Connecticut which made voyages to Boston. Possibly Christopher is the same man here called Christian. However that may be, it seems fairly certain that Christian Higgins of Lyme was a mariner or sea captain during some part of his career.

*Children born at Lyme.*

178. i. William, b. June 28, 1751; married Fanny Bailey.
179. ii. Benjamin, b. May 9, 1753; married Jane Peck.
- iii. Christopher, b. March 4, 1755; d. Jan. 1, 1756.
180. iv. Christopher, b. June 23, 1758; married Hepzibah Read.

181. v. Joseph, b. Dec. 31, 1761; married Nancy Williams.  
 vi. Seth, b. Sept. 11, 1763; d. March or May 26, 1797.  
 His will shows that he was unmarried and he left his estate to his two sisters.  
 vii. Enoch, b. Sept. 11, 1763; d. Dec. 2, 1765.  
 viii. Jemima, b. June 11, 1765; married in 1787, Capt. Nathaniel Conklin of Hartford, Conn., later of ——. She d. Jan. 23, 1833.  
 ix. Dorothy, b. June 11, 1765; d. Sept. 7, 1812; had a son Samuel Summer or Sumner.

Authorities: Lyme Vital Records, vol. i, p. 104; Ancient family Bible records printed in *Mather's Long Island Refugees; Miscellaneous Papers, Boston Selectmen, 1760 ff; Stiles Ancient Wethersfield*, vol. ii, p. 830; New London (Conn.) Probate Records.

80. SYLVANUS<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Joseph*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born about 1737; died at Lyme, Jan. 30, 1802, in his sixty-fifth year; married July 15, 1773, Elizabeth Clark; died Dec. 23, 1816, aged 59 years. Gravestones in Duck River Cemetery, Lyme, Conn.

Sylvanus Higgins lived at Lyme, Conn. His will was dated Oct. 26, 1799. Mrs. Elizabeth Higgins declining to be executrix, Benjamin Higgins was appointed administrator. Inventory taken April 12, 1802.

*Child.*

- i. Mercy Remick, b. May 6, 1774; married Oct. 26, 1806, Capt. Michael Huntley of Lyme. Children: Sylvanus Higgins Huntley, Giles Leonard Huntley, Joseph Williams Huntley. Descendants of Sylvanus H. Huntley still own and live upon land in Lyme, purchased by Capt. Joseph Higgins in 1742.

Authorities: New London Probate Record, vol. v, p. 20; Lyme Vital Records, vol. i, p. 147; ii, p. 89.

81. BERIAH<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Beriah*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born April 1, 1727, in Provincetown, Mass.; died —; married Aug. 17, 1749, at Middletown, Conn., Thankful Barnes, born Jan. 14, 1730, at Middletown; died —; daughter of Thomas and Mary Barnes of Middletown, Conn.

Beriah Higgins, perhaps this one, was a private in Capt. Nathaniel Edward's company of General Waterbury's Brigade; hired by the town of Middletown; served from April 1, 1781, to Sept. 6, 1781.



*Children born at Middletown.*

- i. Timothy, b. Dec. 31, 1750; d. Jan. 10, 1751.
- ii. Timothy, b. March 15, 1752; probably in the Revolutionary service.
- iii. Thankful, b. Jan. 7, 1754.
- iv. Desire, b. July 3, 1756; married June 21, 1781, Daniel Clark.
- v. Elizabeth, b. Nov. 1, 1758.
- vi. Solomon, b. Feb. 15, 1761.
- vii. Rebecca, b. April 24, 1763; married July 15, 1782, James Beers of Stratford, Conn.
- viii. Sarah, b. Dec. 4, 1765.
- ix. Mary, b. Nov. 15, 1767; d. Aug. 13, 1770.
- x. Hannah, b. May 17, 1770.
- xi. Nathaniel, b. July 4, 1772.

Authority: Middletown, Conn., Vital Records.

82. ELISHA<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Elisha*<sup>4</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Nov. 1, 1727, at Eastham, Mass.; died probably at Willsborough, Essex County, N. Y., after March 23, 1801; married at date and place not found —, who died May 7, 1778.

Elisha Higgins doubtless went from Eastham to Hardwick with his father in 1742. In 1748 to 1760 he was soldier or frontier guard at Fort Massachusetts and settled in Williamstown, Mass. In 1784 he removed to Willsborough, N. Y. The main evidence for these statements will be given.

“An examination of the record index to the Muster Rolls, series 1710-1774, shows that an Elisha Higgins, no place of residence given, served as a Centinel in the Colonel's company, Col. Dwight's regiment, from August 11th to August 21st, 1748, on the Western Frontiers; also that an Elisha Higgins, no place of residence given, served as a Centinel in Capt. Elisha Chapin's company continuously at Fort Massachusetts from June 2nd 1753 to June 16th, 1755; also that an Elisha Higgins, no place of residence given, served as a Centinel in Capt. John Burke's company on the expedition against Crown Point, from April 10th to December 11th, 1755; also that an Elisha Higgins, birthplace Eastham, residence Hoosack, age 27 years, enlisted into the Colonel's company, Col. Dwight's regiment, from the town of Pelham, according to a descriptive list, dated Camp at Fort Edward, July 26, 1756; also that an Elisha Higgins, residence Hatfield, served as a Centinel in Capt. Lieut. Burke's company, from April 22, to November 30th, 1756, on the expedition against Crown Point; also that an Elisha Higgins, no place of residence given, served as a private in Capt. Isaac Wyman's company from



Nov. 13, 1758, to November 5th, 1759, at Fort Massachusetts and West Hoosack; also that an Elisha Higgins, no place of residence given, served as a Private in Capt. Seth Hudson's company from October 28th, 1759, to April 16th, 1760, at West Hoosack."—From a letter from the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to Paul H. Ludington.

These records of military service all relate, it is believed, to one man, who is the Elisha Higgins herein described. The deeds on record at Pittsfield, Mass., confirm the opinion. There are several of them. Only the earliest and latest will be quoted:

March 16th, 1754. Elisha Higgins of Fort Massachusetts, soldier, to Nathan Mead. Right and title to one whole right of 63rd part of West Hoosack. (Book 5, p 117.)

May 7th, 1762. Silas Pratt to Elisha Higgins "of the County of Berkshire," husbandman, land in West Hoosack. (Book 3, p. 250.)

October 23rd, 1775. Elisha Higgins of Williamstown, yeoman, to Lemuel Stewart. Land in Williamstown. (Book 17, p. 321.)

Elisha Higgins also served in the War of the Revolution. He was a sergeant in Capt. Lemuel Stewart's company with the army at Ticonderoga in June, 1775; discharged at Pawlet, Vt. Elisha Higgins also served in Capt. Samuel Clark's company in September, 1777; also in Capt. William Douglas's company from Dec. 16, 1776, to March 22, 1777, at Ticonderoga. The rolls contain no clue to the residence of Elisha, but the officers mentioned all resided in Williamstown or Hancock, and there can be no doubt that Elisha Higgins of Williamstown is the man intended.

Fort Massachusetts, built 1745, destroyed in a French and Indian raid 1746, rebuilt 1747, was the most westerly of a line of colonial forts extending from the Connecticut River, over the Hoosack Mountain, to the western line of the Province. It stood near the Hoosack River, about halfway between the present North Adams and Williamstown. Its garrison seems to have varied from 10 to 40, some of them becoming settlers on lands near by and only serving as soldiers in case of threatened danger. This was the case with Elisha Higgins, for in 1753 he owned a house lot in West Hoosack (Williamstown) on which he built a house and lived for many years. This house stood on the south side of the present Main Street in Williamstown. He appears in September, 1753, with others petitioning for a more complete town organization, and in 1756 is a subscriber for a Block House or fort at Williamstown, Fort Massachusetts having then gone to decay. He may have been a resident of Williamstown as late as 1781,

but it is probable that about this time he emigrated to the western shores of Lake Champlain, in the state of New York. In the Registry of Deeds at Adams, Mass. (Book 1, p. 60), is found the deed whereby "Elisha Higgins of Willsborough, County of Washington, and State of New York, weaver," sells to "William Hambleton of Williamstown, County of Berkshire, and State of Massachusetts, taylor," property described as "being in Williamstown, aforesaid, containing thirty-five acres, it being the east end of the first division fifty acre lot No. twenty-five, drawn in favor of House Lot No. Eleven." The date is 1784. Elisha Higgins was in this year a resident of Willsborough, then in Washington County, N. Y., but later in Clinton County, and now by county division in Essex County. In Clinton County records of deeds (Liber A, p. 109), is found the record of Elisha's land at Willsborough: "This indenture made the 23rd day of September in the year of our Lord 1784, between William Gilliland of Willsborough in the county of Washington, and State of New York, on the one part, and Elisha Higgins of Willsborough aforesaid, yeoman, of the other part" . . . [conveys land]. "Beginning at the north-east corner of a lot of land formerly rented to Jotham Gardner, and now in the possession of Josiah Higgins" . . . "thence east to Lake Champlain, and thence southerly along the same to the place of beginning, containing one hundred and forty five acres of land."

The acknowledgment is in part as follows: "Be it remembered that on the 27th day of October in the year of our Lord 1789 personally appeared . . . Josiah Higgins, one of the subscribing witnesses to the within indenture."

It appears certain that Elisha Higgins and Josiah Higgins were in Willsborough as early as September, 1784. Other records show that they made their home there. The land in question can be exactly located. In Smith's *History of Essex County, New York*, is a map, attributed to Robert A. Heirn, supposed to have been drawn in 1786, which shows that this land was south of what is now known as Willsborough Point but in the present town of Essex. It would appear that before many years Elisha Higgins gave the western part of this tract of 145 acres to his son, Elisha Higgins, Jr., and it is certain that on April 16, 1799 (Essex County Records, Liber A, p. 29), "Elisha Higgins of Willsborough, County of Essex, conveys to Isaac Higgins of the town, county and state aforesaid," land which runs "thence west to a certain fence now a division between Elisha Higgins and Elisha Higgins, Junior."

. . . "Supposed to contain sixty-two acres of land, be the same more or less, and the said party of the first part [Elisha Higgins] doth save and reserve to himself the use or profits arising from one equal half of said land during his life." On March 23, 1801, Isaac Higgins sold this land to Daniel Ross in a deed which makes no mention of this reservation, and on the same date Josiah Higgins deeds to Isaac Higgins land in Judd's Patent,—some five miles south of the land sold by Isaac Higgins to Ross, but still on the shore of Lake Champlain,—fifty acres of land and makes this reservation "one half of which is to be to the use and benefit of Elisha Higgins during his natural life." Here at some time later than March 23, 1801, as a farmer with his sons Josiah and Isaac, Elisha Higgins closed his life.

Whom Elisha Higgins married is difficult to determine. The town records of Palmer, Mass., have the record of the intention of marriage between Elisha Higgins and Thankful Rice, which was filed Sept. 22, 1764. A recent certificate from the town clerk there shows that this is the true reading of the record. On the other hand Paige's *History of Hardwick* and *History of the Rice Family*, by A. H. Ward, both state that Edward Higgins and Thankful Rice were married Oct. 17, 1764. Mr. Charles Nutt, a genealogist, says: "I examined the original books of the Worcester County clerk, and find the record as given by Bailey, Edward Higgins married Thankful Rice Oct. 17, 1764. This record is official." The weight of evidence strongly supports the *Rice Genealogy*, which makes Thankful Rice the wife of Edward Higgins. The Palmer record has thus wrongly entered the name of the groom as Elisha Higgins, instead of Edward.

No record of the births of the children of Elisha Higgins has been found in any of the towns where Elisha resided, but all must have been born at Williamstown, Mass. The entire evidence for the five here given will be found in the Appendix.

*Children born in Williamstown, Mass.*

182. i. Josiah, b. June 2, 1762; married Persis Eggleston.
- ii. Hannah, b. about 1765; married about 1790 Richard Eggleston, son of Elisha and Elizabeth (Merrill) Eggleston of Wintonbury (Windsor), Conn., Williamstown(?), Mass., and Willsborough, N. Y. Richard Eggleston was a wheelwright and chairmaker. Mrs. Hannah (Higgins) Eggleston died February, 1798, "when her daughter Hannah was eleven weeks old." Children: Isaac, born about 1790; died when about seventeen years old; Naomi, born about November, 1794; married Silas Russell; removed to

Tecumseh, Mich., where they died; had five daughters and two sons; Hannah, b. Nov. 30, 1797; d. Aug. 7, 1881; married Alexander Trimble of Essex, N. Y.; had two sons and four daughters. One of these daughters, Almira, married Mr. Stickney, and she was living at Oshkosh, Wis., in 1896, and furnished this information.

183. iii. Elisha, b. about 1767; married (1) —; (2) Mary Farnham.

184. iv. Isaac, b. —; married Asenath —.

v. Mary (or Lovila), b. —; married Thomas (?) Adams; removed to Ohio, where she died. Had one son, Urban Adams, and probably others.

83. EDWARD<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Elisha*<sup>4</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Oct. 15, 1733, probably at Eastham, Mass.; died —, at —; married October 17, 1764, Thankful Rice, born about 1735; died —; daughter of Solomon and Anna Rice of Westborough and Hardwick, Mass.

Edward Higgins lived at Hardwick and perhaps at Palmer, Mass. He became a member of the Congregational Church at Hardwick on Aug. 10, 1752.

That his wife was Thankful Rice seems certain from the old Court records of Worcester County, Mass., where his marriage is recorded as given above, although Palmer town records contain the marriage intention dated Sept. 22, 1764, of Elisha Higgins and Thankful Rice. The Palmer record is probably an error, whose cause cannot now be explained. After the death of Edward Higgins his widow Thankful married (2) Elisha Cobb of Charlemon, Mass., by whom she had two or three children. The Charlemon records give the marriage on Feb. 22, 1810, of Thankful Cobb and Silas Shurtleff. This may be her third marriage.

#### *Children.*

- i. Solomon, b. March 1, 1765; probably married Belinda —, who d. at Middlebury, Vt., Feb. 20, 1818, aged 53 years.
- ii. Anna, b. May 1, 1779. (Date doubtful.)
- iii. Mercy, b. June 26, 1781. (Date doubtful.)

84. JOSEPH<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Elisha*<sup>4</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Feb. 9, 1734-5; died —; married March 6, 1756, at Littleton, Mass., Anna Hooker, "widow, of Westford, late of Hardwick."

Probably in Revolution of Ticonderoga, June 29, 1777, four days with his son Joseph.



He resided in Hardwick, Mass., and perhaps at Westford. In 1790 he was at Dummerston, Vt., with his brother, Uriah Higgins.

*Children.*

- i. Joseph, b. Sept. 6, 1760.
- ii. Charles, b. Aug. 29, 1762.
- iii. Anna, b. July 5, 1764.
- iv. Pelatiah, b. May 18, 1766; married ———; home in Dummerston, Vt., in 1790; one child.

Authority: Paige's *History of Hardwick*.

85. URIAH<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Elisha*<sup>4</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born May 24, 1742; died ———; married (intention published April 7, 1763) Esther Cooley of Greenwich, Mass.; daughter of Benjamin Cooley of Brimfield, Mass.

He spent his boyhood in Hardwick, was at Palmer in 1764, and at Oakham in 1775 and in 1790 he was living at Dummerston, Vt., with family of six, besides himself.

Private, Capt. Timothy Paige's co., Col. James Converse's regt., enlisted Aug. 21, 1777; discharged Aug. 31, 1777; service 10 days; mileage from home (90 miles) allowed; company marched to Bennington on an alarm. In 1784 he bought land in Wendell and in Montague, and may have lived there for a time.

*Children.*

- i. Abigail, b. Dec. 21, 1765.
- ii. David, b. Sept. 24, 1767.
185. iii. Caleb, b. June 2, 1770; married (1) Lucy Hildreth; (2) Mary Hildreth.
- iv. Uriah, b. April 10, 1772.
- v. Frederick, b. July 31, 1774.
- vi. Alpheus, b. Sept. 14, 1776; married Sept. 21, 1797, Phœbe Hildreth and went to Dummerston, Vt.
- vii. Hadassah, b. Nov. 6, 1778; d. 1846; married about 1803, Aaron Hoadley.
- viii. Lewis (Zenas in bapt.), b. Sept. 9, 1780.
- ix. Shady (Shadrach?), b. Feb. 17, 1783. Moved to Benson, Vt., 1820; married Sally Manning, b. 1792, daughter of William and Sarah (Higgins) Manning. She married (2) Cromwell Bennett. William Manning, bapt. 1760, at Windham, Conn., moved to Benson, Vt., about 1820. He married before 1784 Sarah Higgins. Parents unknown. She died March 24, 1839, aged 74.



Authority: *Manning Genealogy*; *Hoadley Genealogy*, p. 209; *N. Y. Gen. and Biog. Record*, vol. xlv; pp. 285-89.

86. JOSEPH<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Beriah*<sup>4</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born March 1, 1737; died March 27, 1781; married (intention Feb. 25, 1760) Hannah Pepper, born Feb. 22, 1740; died —; daughter of Joseph and Rebecca (Higgins) Pepper.

He was a captain, probably a mariner. He resided in Wellfleet. Left a good estate; more than £1,500, including £874 in paper money. Probate records call him captain. Left his pew in meeting house to the use of his wife and all his children. His will, dated March 6, 1781, proved April 20, 1781, by Hannah, executrix. Gravestone says he was in forty-sixth year when he died.

Receipt dated Point Shirley, June 13, 1776, signed by said Higgins and others belonging to Capt. Nathaniel Winslow's co., Colonel Whitney's regt., for advance pay for 1 month, travel allowance from home to Boston, etc.; also, private, Capt. Nathaniel Winslow's co., Col. Josiah Whitney's regt., pay rolls made up for service from May 1, 1776, 4 days preceding march from home, to Aug. 1, 1776; enlisted May 1, 1776; reported enlisted into the naval service June 21, 1776.

Order dated Boston Aug. 22, 1779, signed by said Higgins for £32.8s. to be deducted from his wages, payable to Mr. Horty; also, seaman, ship *Protector*, commanded by Capt. John Foster Williams; engaged Dec. 13, 1779; discharged May 1, 1780; service 4 months, 18 days.

List of men drafted to serve in the Continental Army to the credit of the town of Wellfleet, but who paid fines in lieu of service, as returned by Winslow Lewis, chairman of selectmen and committee of Wellfleet, to Joseph Otis, Brigadier General of Barnstable County, Sept. 8, 1777: Private, Capt. Solomon Higgins's (Eastham) co.; enlisted July 10, 1775; discharged Dec. 31, 1775; service 6 months, 6 days, in defense of seacoast. (These records of military service may not all belong to this Joseph Higgins.)

#### *Children.*

- i. Jemima, b. June 30, 1763; d. June 9, 1799; married Jan. 31, 1782, Benjamin Hopkins.
- ii. Joseph, b. July 8, 1766; married April 7, 1789, Judith Ford.
- iii. Hannah, b. June 17, 1768; d. Feb. 19, 1823, at Framing-

ham, Mass.; married Aug. 10, 1785, Solomon Hopkins of Wellfleet and Framingham, Mass.

iv. Temperance, b. April 16, 1770; married Dec. 26, 1787, Jesse Holbrook.

v. Rebecca, b. Sept. 25, 1772; d. Sept. 14, 1773.

vi. Rebecca, b. July 16, 1774; married (int. Dec. 4, 1813) Harding Myrick of Eastham.

186. vii. Robert Kemp, b. Oct. 4, 1775; married Eunice Holbrook.

viii. Sarah, b. Oct. 20, 1777; probably married Dec. 24, 1797, John Collins of Wellfleet.

ix. Martha, b. Sept. 15, 1780.

Authorities: *Libby Genealogy*; Barnstable County Probate Records, vol. xvi, pp. 10, 185; Wellfleet Records, vol. i, p. 94.

87. JOHN<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Beriah*<sup>4</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>3</sup> *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born May 27, 1742; died —; married April 21, 1766, Hannah Brown, daughter of David and Hannah Brown of Wellfleet, Mass.

John Higgins resided at Wellfleet. He is probably the John Higgins whose Revolutionary service follows: "Capt. Winslow Lewis's co.; pay abstract for mileage to and from camp at Cambridge, dated Jan. 13, 1776; mileage (204 miles) allowed said Higgins; also, Private, Capt. Joseph Smith's attachment of militia from the town of Wellfleet, Col. Freeman's regt.; service 2 days; mileage (52 miles) allowed; detachment marched to Falmouth Sept. 10, 1778, by order of Brigadier Gen. Joseph Otis on an alarm."

*Children.*

i. Lot, b. June 5, 1767.

ii. Hannah, b. Dec. 31, 1769; d. Nov. 29, 1770, in her fourteenth year(?).

iii. Anna, b. July 16, 1772; probably married Nov. 8, 1791, Elisha Hatch.

iv. Gideon, b. Nov. 3, 1774.

v. Beriah, b. March 2, 1777; perhaps married (int. Feb. 7, 1797) Sally Foster of Harwich.

vi. John, b. April 22, 1780.

Authority: *Doane Genealogy*, p. 88.

88. BERIAH<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Beriah*<sup>4</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Feb. 3, 1759; died Nov. 18, 1829; married (1) Nov. 17, 1778, Abigail<sup>6</sup> Higgins, daughter of Elkanah<sup>5</sup> (*Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), and Sarah (Knowles) Higgins,

born Aug. 28, 1758; died July 23, 1819, aged 61 years; married (2) (int. April 9, 1821) Mrs. Mary Brown of Wellfleet.

He resided at Wellfleet, and was called "captain," probably a mariner.

Mrs. Abigail Higgins was buried in the cemetery near the railroad station at Eastham. Inscription: "A loving mother and an affectionate wife."

*Children.*

- i. Isaac, b. July 17, 1784; d. Nov. 15, 1860.
- ii. Rachel, b. Sept. 24, 1787; perhaps married Feb. 27, 1828, Isaac Linnell.
- iii. Rebecca, b. Dec. 3, 1792.
- iv. Beriah, b. Aug. 3, 1794; d. Aug. 11, 1794.
- v. Abigail, b. Sept. 28, 1797.
- vi. Beriah, b. March 12, 1799; d. March 24, 1816.

Authority: *Mayflower Des.*, vol. ix, p. 67.

89. HENRY<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Jonathan*<sup>4</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born July 24, 1743; died March 16, 1837; married Nov. 9, 1768, Mary Fisk, who died Feb. 7, 1821, aged 71. He was buried near where the Baptist Church formerly stood in Hardwick, near the line of Enfield. He was deacon in the Baptist Church. Served as a private in Capt. Samuel Billing's co., Col. Ebenezer Learned's regt.; muster roll dated Aug. 1, 1775; enlisted May 4, 1775; service 3 months, 4 days; also company return dated Oct. 7, 1775.

*Children.*

- i. Mary, b. about 1771; d. at Amherst, Mass., April 15, 1860; married Enoch Thayer.
187. ii. Henry Fisk, b. July 27, 1779; married Olla Metcalf.
- iii. Rachel, b. about 1782; d. March 30, 1858; unmarried.

90. BARNABAS<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Barnabas*<sup>4</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Nov. 12, 1745; died —; married Nov. 3, 1768, Abigail Atwood, born April 12, 1743.

Barnabas Higgins resided at Wellfleet, Mass., but removed to Penobscot, Maine (the part of the old town now Castine), before 1786. The census of 1790 reports him living at Penobscot and having a family as here given. He was a member of the First Church of Penobscot, now at Castine, in 1795.

*Children.*

- i. Deborah, b. Oct. 8, 1771, in Wellfleet; married Dec. 11, 1796, David Covell of Wellfleet.
- ii. Barnabas, b. Nov. 22, 1774, at Wellfleet.
- iii. Abigail, b. Nov. 22, 1774, at Wellfleet; d. December, 1794.
- iv. Martha Atwood, b. Jan. 23, 1786, at Castine, Maine; married May 24, 1807, Ebenezer Chipman, b. June 30, 1781; d. May 16, 1835, son of Deacon William and Martha (Treat) Chipman. The ancestors of Deacon Chipman were probably from Barnstable, Mass.

91. ELISHA<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Barnabas*<sup>4</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Jan. 4, 1747-8; died 1773 (?); married Sept. 15, 1770, Lucia Harding of Wellfleet.

Elisha Higgins resided at Wellfleet, but his name appears not in the census of 1790. Mrs. Lucia Higgins married (2) Feb. 17, 1774, Joshua Young, Jr., of Wellfleet.

*Children.*

188. i. Jonathan, b. Dec. 22, 1770; married Sabrina Kenrick.
- ii. Elisha, b. Feb. 14, 1773; married Nov. 29, 1804, Rebecca Rich.

92. DANIEL<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Barnabas*<sup>4</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Aug. 26, 1751; died probably before 1790; married Feb. 8, 1777, Hannah Snow, born July 21, 1755; died at Wellfleet, Oct. 22, 1808; daughter of James and Hannah (Higgins) Snow.

Daniel Higgins lived at Wellfleet, but it is not mentioned in the census of 1790 and was probably dead before that time. The census shows a Hannah Higgins, 2d, who had a son and a daughter, who was probably the widow Hannah (Snow) Higgins. He is probably the Daniel Higgins "seaman on the ship *Gen. Putnam*, commanded by Capt. Daniel Waters; engaged July 8 (also given July 10), 1779; service to Sept. 7, 1779, 1 mo. 29 days; on Penobscot expedition. Roll sworn to in Suffolk Co."

*Children born at Wellfleet.*

- i. Elisha, b. Sept. 24, 1778; probably dead before 1790.
- ii. Jane, b. July 29, 1780; d. April 12, 1805, at Wellfleet.
189. iii. Daniel, b. Oct. 31, 1783; married Mary Atwood.

Authority: Mr. W. B. Snow.

93. PHILIP<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Barnabas*<sup>4</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Nov. 24, 1758; died Aug. 4, 1804; married Dec.

17, 1789, Sarah Newcomb, born —; died July 19, 1826; daughter of William and Vashti (Cole) Newcomb of Wellfleet.

Philip Higgins resided in Wellfleet; was a sea captain. Administration on his estate granted to widow Sarah, March 30, 1826.

*Children born at Wellfleet.*

- i. Abigail, b. Aug. 8, 1790.
- ii. Philip, b. April 5, 1792; d. July 12, 1793.
- iii. Sarah, b. Aug. 31, 1794; married Nov. 22, 1821, Elisha Freeman of Provincetown; his second wife; probably no children.
- iv. Mary, b. Aug. 25, 1797; d. Dec. 2, 1798.
190. v. Philip, b. Sept. 25, 1799; married Mercy Cole Snow.
- vi. Mary, b. Aug. 18, 1801; d. Sept. 1, 1823.

Authority: *Freeman Genealogy*, p. 113.

94. DAVID<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Philip<sup>4</sup>, Elisha<sup>3</sup>, Jonathan<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born March 29, 1778; died —; married Abigail Hutchins.

Residence not discovered.

*Children.*

- i. Dorothy, b. Oct. 29, 1803.
191. ii. James H. N., b. Sept. 25, 1805; married Abigail L. Higgins.
- iii. John, b. Nov. 7, 1807.
- iv. Robert, b. Oct. 3, 1809.
- v. William, b. July 25, 1811.
- vi. Alice Amelia, b. May 6, 1817.
- vii. David Samuel, b. Jan. 1, 1826.

95. HEZEKIAH<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*James<sup>4</sup>, James<sup>3</sup>, Jonathan<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born Feb. 26, 1750; died —; married (1) Nov. 10, 1774, Anna Sears, born July 10, 1753, at Chatham, Mass.; died in 1777; daughter of Paul and Anna (Atkins) Sears; married (2) Feb. 25, 1779, Elizabeth Slater of Harwich, born —; died Feb. 20, 1825.

Hezekiah Higgins resided at Eastham-Orleans. He held some town office in 1776, hayward in 1779, warden 1783, selectman 1794, 1796, and probably in 1797, 1801, 1802. In 1808 he was surveyor of wood, and in 1811 held some town office. He served as a private in Lieut. Samuel Knowles's co., Maj. Zenas Winslow's Second Barnstable Co. regt. of militia six days in September,



1778, on alarms at Bedford and Falmouth (mileage 95 miles allowed).

*Children born at Eastham.*

- i. Sarah, b. Nov. 10, 1775; d. June 24, 1803, in her twenty-eighth year; married David Eldridge.
  - ii. Salome, b. March 18, 1779; married Nov. 25, 1802, Zenas Hurd.
192. iii. Sylvanus, b. Sept. 19, 1783; married Sarah Linnell.

Authority: *Sears Genealogy*, p. 95.

96. ICHABOD<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*John*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born April 26, 1729; died —; married Jan. 23, 1752, Bethiah Knowles.

He may be the Ichabod Higgins who was a seaman, brigantine *Nantes*, William Williams, Master, bound on a voyage from Boston to Bilbao and return; portage bill, Boston, Jan. 19, 1779; engaged Dec. 7, 1778; service to Jan. 17, 1779, 41 days. It is rather more probable that this record of service refers to Ichabod Higgins, born Aug. 27, 1759, who married Elizabeth Young.

*Child.*

193. i. John, b. —; married (1) Sarah Sparrow; (2) Sarah (Mayo) (Sparrow) Higgins, widow of Obadiah<sup>5</sup> Higgins.

97. DANIEL<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Nathaniel*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born March 30, 1722, at Eastham; died Oct. 8, 1749, at Middletown (Middle Haddam parish), Conn.; married Oct. 27, 1743, Ruth Rich, born about 1722 at Eastham; died in 1813, aged 91, at Barkhamstead, Conn.; daughter of Thomas and Mercy (Knowles) Rich of Eastham.

Daniel Higgins settled in Middletown, Conn., perhaps before his marriage, but did not buy land in Middletown (Middle Haddam parish) until April 21, 1747, when he bought land of Thomas Rogers, Jr.

Mrs. Higgins joined the church at Middle Haddam, Feb. 3, 1747. She married (2) Nov. 16, 1750, William Taylor, a seaman of Middle Haddam and removed with him to West Simsbury, now Canton, Conn. There she lived many years and had several Taylor children.

*Children baptized at Middle Haddam.*

- i. Joseph, bapt. April 27, 1748; d. young.
- ii. Nathaniel, bapt. July 30, 1749; removed with his mother and stepfather to Simsbury, Conn., where he was living in 1779.

“Oct. Session, 1779. Memorial of Ruth Taylor, widow of William Taylor late of Simsbury, deceased. Relates that William Taylor went under bonds Jan. 13, 1757, to Seth Doane of Middletown, which bond was conditioned that William Taylor should within 13 years and 8 months after date procure from Nathaniel Higgins, then a minor and only heir of Daniel Higgins, late of Middletown, deceased. Said Nathaniel at the age of twenty years had received a note from William Taylor. In 1779 said Nathaniel had received one-tenth of William Taylor’s estate, and the note had been cancelled. Memorialist prays for relief.”

Authority: *Records of the State of Connecticut*, vol. ii, p. 423.

98. ENOCH<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Nathaniel<sup>4</sup>, Ichabod<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born Sept. 5, 1724, at Eastham; died after 1790, probably at Stillwater, N. Y.; married Feb. 4, 1749, “in the evening” Sarah Doane (or Dean), born —; died after 1790, probably at Stillwater, N. Y.; daughter of —.

Enoch and Sarah Higgins were members of the First Church of Eastham-Orleans in 1774. He appears to have been a resident of the South Precinct of Eastham, now Orleans, until after 1780 and to have removed to Stillwater, Saratoga County, N. Y., before 1790. The census of that year shows an Enoch Higgins living at Stillwater, with one other member of his family, presumably his wife, whom we identify with this Enoch. In Stillwater were also living at the same time Nathaniel and Thomas Higgins, and in Ballston in the same county another Enoch Higgins, whom we identify as the sons of Enoch and Sarah (Doane) Higgins.

*Children born at Eastham.*

- i. Rhoda, b. May 5, 1751; married Feb. 3, 1774, James Crowell of Chatham.
- ii. Nathaniel, b. May 18, 1753; married —, and in 1790 had a family of two children at Stillwater, N. Y. He is probably the Nathaniel Higgins who was sergeant, Colonel Lamb’s (artillery) regiment; Continental Army pay accounts for service from Jan. 1, 1780, to Dec. 31, 1780; residence Eastham; also, return of officers and men belonging to Massachusetts in Col. John Lamb’s (2d artillery) regiment; certified at Morristown, Jan. 29, 1780, by Lieut. Col. Commandant Ebenezer Stevens and Brig. Gen. H. Knox.
- iii. Thomas, b. April 24, 1755; married —; was living in 1790 at Stillwater, N. Y., with a family of three or four children.
- iv. Daniel, b. Oct. 24, 1757.
- v. Sarah, b. April 24, 1759.

- vi. Elizabeth, b. March 15, 1761.
- vii. Enoch, b. May 7, 1763; married ——. He is probably the Enoch Higgins whom the census of 1790 shows living at Ballston, N. Y., and having a family consisting of wife and one child.
- viii. Abigail, b. Jan. 3, 1768.

99. THOMAS<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Nathaniel*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born April 13, 1730, at Eastham, Mass.; died Feb. 28, 1818, at Newfane, Vt.; married (date not found) Esther —, born 1729; died Dec. 11, 1818, at Newfane, Vt.

Thomas Higgins lived at Eastham and Hopkinton, Mass., and Newfane, Vt. He was in Hopkinton in 1768, as shown by an old bond in possession of descendants in Vermont. Probably he was in Hopkinton before 1768, but is not named in Hopkinton vital records. The census of 1790 shows him in Newfane with a family of five.

*Children.*

- 194. i. Nathaniel, b. Dec. 13, 1769; married Mary Smith.
- ii. Thomas, b. April 13, 1774; d. Aug. 13, 1854; member of the Universalist Church, Newfane, Vt. Probably had two daughters.

Authorities: *History of Newfane*; Mrs. Ward Thorn of Manchester, Mass.

100. CORNELIUS<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born July 21, 1722, at Eastham, Mass.; died Oct. 14, 1803, at Haddam, Conn.; married (1) Sept. 29, 1743, Sarah Hawes, born May 31, 1719, at Chatham, Mass.; died April 7, 1788, at Haddam; daughter of Isaac and Bethiah (Howes) Hawes of Chatham, Mass.; married (2) September, 1788, Mrs. Mary Smith, born in 1735; died Sept. 4, 1819, aged 84 years.

Cornelius Higgins removed from Eastham to Haddam, Conn., about 1744. He left a will dated Jan. 16, 1800, probated Oct. 31, 1803, which names wife Mary and all his children. His services in the Revolutionary War were important. From the records it is impracticable to distinguish his services from those of his son Cornelius, and probably some records are included here which belong to the latter. He was also a Justice of the Peace, or local magistrate. He had been an officer in the Haddam militia company, and served from June, 1776, to Dec. 25, 1776, as captain of the 8th co. of Col. William Douglas's Fifth Battalion of Wads-

worth's Brigade; raised to reinforce Washington at New York; served in the City and on the Brooklyn front, being at the right of the line of works at the battle of Long Island, Aug. 27, 1776. Engaged in retreat to New York, Aug. 28-30; stationed with militia brigade under Colonel Douglas at Kip's Bay, 34th st., on East River at time of the enemy's attack on New York, Sept. 15, and forced to retreat hurriedly. At Battle of White Plains, Oct. 28. Term expired Dec. 25, 1776.

*Children.*

195. i. Cornelius, b. July 22, 1744; married (1) Eleanor Hazelton; (2) Esther Kelsey.
- ii. Abigail, b. Feb. 25, 1746; married November, 1769 (by Rev. Eleazer May), Theodore Ray of Haddam; three children.
- iii. Sarah, b. April 19, 1748; married April, 1770, Samuel Church of East Haddam, b. Jan. 28, 1748-9; son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Fuller) Church; removed to Gilsum, N. H.
- iv. Jerusha, b. March 23, 1750; d. April 5, 1837, at Benson, Vt.; married October, 1766, Samuel Hurlburt of Middletown, Conn., who was distinguished in the Revolutionary War. Fourteen children.
196. v. Hawes, b. April 10, 1752; married Lucinda Bushnell.
- vi. Bethiah, b. Nov. 30, 1754; d. May 2, 1827; married (1) Feb. 11, 1773, Joseph Post of Saybrook; (2) ——— Wilder; (3) Deacon Ezra Brainard of Haddam Neck.
197. vii. Ebenezer, b. Jan. 12, 1757; married Mary Knowles.
198. viii. David, b. Aug. 6, 1761; married Eunice Gilbert.
- ix. Lydia, b. Nov. 16, 1763; d. May 10, 1857, at Northampton, Mass.; married Phineas Bartlett.

Authorities: Middletown, Conn., Probate Records, vol. viii, pp. 30, 51, 224; Vital Records of Haddam, Conn.; Mr. Henry B. Welch of Lynn, Mass.; *Ancestors and Descendants of Edmond Hawes*, p. 170.

101. ISAIAH<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born April 5, 1727; died after 1790; married (1) April 17, 1745, Joanna or Anna Mayo, born ———; died ———; daughter of Joseph and Apphia (Atwood) Mayo; married (2) (int. June 28, 1788) Huldah Hickman of Wellfleet.

Isaiah Higgins lived at Eastham-Orleans. He served on petit jury 1761, as tithingman in 1763, as surveyor of highways in 1763, as hog-reeve in 1766. He held some town office in 1771 and in 1773 was a member of the town school committee. In



1774 he was one of a committee chosen to promote the growth of oysters in Wellfleet Bay. In 1778 he held a town office. His Revolutionary record follows: First Lieutenant, Capt. Solomon Higgins's (Eastham) co.; engaged July 1, 1775; discharged Dec. 31, 1775; service 6 mos. 16 days in defense of seacoast; also same company; list of commissioned Captains; return of officers of Col. Thomas Marshall's regt., endorsed "Field Officers of the 2nd regt. to be raised for the defense of Boston, May 8," (1776); also same regt.; abstract for advance pay for 1 month from June 6, 1776, etc.; dated Boston, June 17, 1776, mileage from camp (95 miles) allowed said Higgins; also same regt.; entered service May 14, 1776; service to Oct. 31, 1776, 5 mos. 19 days; also same regt.; returns of effectives, dated Hull, July 1, 1776, Castle Island, July 24, Aug. 17, Aug 23, and Aug. 29, 1776; reported sick at Long Island on return, dated Aug. 17, and Aug. 23, 1776; also same regt.; service from Nov. 1, 1776, to time of discharge, 1 mo.; travel home five days (95 miles) allowed; also Capt., Maj. Zenas Winslow's regt.; service from Sept. 9, to Sept. 13, 1778, 4 days, on the alarm at Falmouth of Sept. 9, 1778; roll endorsed "on alarm at Bedford"; also Captain 6th co., 2d Barnstable co. regt. of Mass. Militia; list of officers; commissioned March 27, 1780. The following is also probably a part of his record of service; "Isaiah Higgins, Eastham. Capt. Winslow Lewis's co., pay abstract for mileage to and from camp at Cambridge, dated Jan. 13, 1776; mileage (204 miles) allowed said Higgins."

*Children born at Eastham.*

- i. Joanna, b. March 24, 1749.
- ii. Apphia, b. Sept. 15, 1751; married March 19, 1780, Isaac Cole.
199. iii. Aaron, b. March 25, 1754; married Abigail Atwood.
- iv. Isaiiah, b. March 11, 1757. He is probably the Isaiiah Higgins, seaman of the brigantine *Independence*, commanded by Capt. Simeon Samson, engaged May 4, 1776, service to Sept. 22, 1776, 4 months, 18 days; roll dated Plymouth; also same vessel and commander, engaged Sept. 23, 1776; service to Jan. 1, 1777, 3 months, 8 days; also same vessel and commander, engaged Jan. 1, 1777; service to July 5, 1777, 6 months, 5 days.
- v. David, b. Aug. 12, 1759; married March 25, 1777, Hannah Snow.
200. vi. Richard, b. April 5, 1762; married Lydia Cahoon.
- vii. Benajah, b. May 31, 1765. He is probably the Benajah Higgins, seaman, on brigantine *Nantes*, William Williams,



master, bound on voyage from Boston to Bilbao and return; portage bill dated Boston, Jan. 19, 1779; engaged Dec. 7, 1778; service to Jan. 17, 1779, 41 days.

Authorities: *Mayflower Des.*, vol. xv, p. 228; Eastham Vital Records; Mr. W. T. Higgins of Berkeley, Cal.

Eastham records have: "Capt. Isaiah Higgins and Miss Priscilla Collings both of Eastham, marriage intention filed Sept. 26, 1789." "Isaiah Higgins of Eastham and Huldah Hickman of Wellfleet, marriage intention filed June 28, 1788." It is supposed that both these records refer to the preceding Capt. Isaiah Higgins, born in 1727. If this be the correct view, then it would appear that Huldah Hickman died very soon or repented her part of the bargain. Perhaps one of these records refers to Capt. Isaiah Higgins and the other to his son Isaiah Higgins, Jr. Nothing has been discovered which is decisive in the matter.

102. ELKANAH<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Nov. 12, 1729, at Eastham; died there Nov. 4, 1815, in the eighty-seventh year of his age; married (int. Sept. 17, 1757) Sarah Knowles, born in 1732; died May 16, 1816; daughter of Joshua Knowles of Eastham.

Elkanah Higgins lived in that part of the ancient town which is now called Eastham, probably in its northern part. Family tradition affirms that he owned a large farm in this part of the town, extending from shore to shore. There is no reason to doubt this. On March 6, 1764, he was elected constable and in 1768, 1777 and 1781 was chosen to some of the minor town offices. He may have been the Elkanah Higgins who was called out on the alarm at Bedford in 1778, but more probably this was his son, and it has accordingly been assigned to the younger Elkanah. In 1783 he was chosen surveyor of highways. His will, dated March 19, 1812, is recorded at Barnstable and the original document is in possession of descendants at Attleborough, Mass. In the will he says he has "arrived at declining age" and mentions wife Sarah and all the children given in the list which is to follow. His daughters, Asenath Paine and Lydia Doane, had died before him and he leaves legacies to their children. The will mentions testator's dwelling house in Eastham, "where the North School House stands." The gravestone of Elkanah Higgins may be seen in the small, ancient cemetery near the Eastham railroad station, and his wife was probably also buried there.

The will of Joshua Knowles of Eastham, dated Nov. 2, 1768, names his daughter Sarah Higgins, wife of Elkanah Higgins.

*Children born at Eastham.*

- i. Abigail, b. Aug. 28, 1758; married Nov. 17, 1778, Beriah<sup>5</sup> Higgins.
201. ii. Elkanah, b. Aug. 29, 1760; married Elizabeth Berry.
- iii. Lydia, b. July 26, 1762; d. before March 19, 1812; married Oct. 28, 1784, Uriah Doane; b. Oct. 7, 1761; d. at Hardwick, Mass., about 1821. Children (mentioned in the will of their grandfather, Elkanah Higgins): Joel, Ebenezer, Elkanah, Isaac, William, Ruth, and Cynthia.
- iv. Jedidah, b. July 22, 1764; d. March 4, 1847; married March 7, 1782, Timothy Doane. Children: Beriah, b. Nov. 25, 1782; Abigail, b. March 5, 1784; Hetta, b. Nov. 15, 1785; Lewis, b. Sept. 24, 1787; Timothy, b. June 7, 1789; John, b. May 28, 1791; Sarah, b. Oct. 9, 1794; Elizabeth, b. Nov. 6, 1796; Hannah, b. Feb. 9, 1799, at Orleans, Mass.; Isaac, b. June 4, 1804, at Orleans, Mass.
202. v. Benjamin, b. Sept. 23, 1767; married (1) Mercy Walker; (2) Hannah Walker.
- vi. Asenath, b. Oct. 23, 1769; d. Oct. 15, 1810; married Oct. 6, 1795, Thomas Paine, b. Nov. 2, 1767; d. before 1815. Lived at Wellfleet or Truro. Children (mentioned in the will of their grandfather, Elkanah Higgins): Ruth, Sarah, Abigail, Lurania (who married Samuel Higgins), Samuel, Prince, Thomas.
- vii. Susannah, b. Aug. 12, 1771; married Jan. 26, 1792, David Walker; removed to Vermont.
- viii. Sarah, b. Nov. 3, 1773; married Obed Knowles.
203. ix. Joshua, b. Oct. 15, 1775; married Mrs. Mercy (Mayo) Gill.

Authorities: Eastham Vital Records; *Doane Family*; Mrs. E. H. Higgins of Attleboro, Mass.; *Walker Genealogy*, p. 340; *Paine Genealogy*, p. 189; Mrs. Fannie K. Hollis, Vineland, N. J.; Barnstable Probate Records, vol. xxxix, p. 207.

103. EBENEZER<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born June 26, 1731, at Eastham, Mass.; died at Jamaica, Vt., October 13, 1818, "aged 88 years"; married Feb. 20, 1755, at Eastham, Elizabeth Merrick, born in 1732; died at Jamaica, Vt., July 8, 1820, "aged 88 years."

This Ebenezer Higgins was known in Eastham as Ebenezer, 3d. He was constable at Eastham in 1768 and ten years later held some town office. In 1778 he is called Ebenezer, Jr., probably

because Ebenezer<sup>4</sup> Higgins had died in the interval. In 1781 and 1783 held town office and in 1791 is mentioned on the town records. In 1790 he was the only Ebenezer Higgins then in Eastham and his family included beside himself and wife two sons over sixteen, one under sixteen and two daughters. His sons Joseph and Ephraim were in 1790 settled at Jamaica and their father followed them thither at some time after 1790. He lived on the South Hill in Jamaica, west of the farm of his son, Ephraim.

*Children born at Eastham.*

204. i. Zoheth, b. April 8, 1756; married Susannah Knowles.  
205. ii. Ichabod, b. Aug. 27, 1759; married Elizabeth Young.  
iii. Tamzin, b. June 12, 1760. So recorded; probably 1764 intended.  
iv. Joseph, b. Jan. 9, 1762; in 1790 he was living at Jamaica, Vt., with a wife and two children; married at Chelsea, Mass., Feb. 19, 1786, Polly Rand(?).  
v. Cornelius, b. May 30, 1766.  
vi. Lucy, b. July 30, 1768; married Dec. 30, 1789, Paine Snow.  
206. vii. Ephraim, b. July 25, 1771; married (1) Nabby Shepardson; (2) Hope Brimhall.  
viii. Abraham, b. Feb. 3, 1773; said to have died at sea.  
207. ix. David, b. Dec. 3, 1776; married (1) Eunice Steele; (2) ———.

Authority: *Mayflower Des.*, vol. xv, pp. 232, 234.

104. JETHRO<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Thomas*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born at Eastham about 1730; died at Bucksport, Maine, Sept. 13, 1810(?); married (1) March 4, 1755, Ruth Snow of Harwich, born ———; died ———; perhaps daughter of James Snow; married (2) (int. May 18, 1802) at Bucksport, Maine, Anne Burrell of Hampden, Maine.

No record of the birth of Jethro Higgins is to be found on the existing records of Eastham and he is here made a son of Thomas and Sarah (Vickery) Higgins by conjecture only, for lack of direct evidence. The references to him on the records of Eastham are very few. He served as private in Capt. Isaiah Higgins's co., Major Zenas Winslow's regt. Service from Sept. 9 to Sept. 13, 1778, 4 days, on alarm at Falmouth of Sept. 9, 1778. Roll endorsed "on alarm at Bedford." The town records show that he was elected a warden in 1783. Before 1790 he had removed to Plantation No. 1, called Buckstown, now Bucksport, Maine.

A plan of Bucksport, of date about 1790, shows Jethro Higgins and Seth Higgins settled on lot no. 5, 2d range, Jeremiah Higgins on lot no. 2, 2d range and James Higgins on lot 74, 2d range. These lots were all close together. Buckstown was incorporated June 25, 1792, and named in honor of Col. Jonathan Buck, the first settler in 1762. Its name was changed to Bucksport in 1817. The United States census of 1790 shows Jethro Higgins living in Buckstown with a family of two sons over sixteen, one under sixteen, and wife and one daughter, or if wife deceased, two daughters. Hence the following are assumed as his family:

*Children.*

- i. Josiah, b. —; married and living at Bucksport in 1790 with wife and one child, a daughter.
208. ii. James Snow, b. June 9, 1766; married Abigail Paine.
209. iii. Seth, b. about 1768; married Hannah —.
210. iv. Jeremiah, b. about 1769; married Hannah Higgins.
211. v. Elisha, b. about 1775; married (int. July 27, 1799) Mehitabel Cobb.

105. ZACCHEUS<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Joshua*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Oct. 8, 1727, at Eastham; died —; married (1) Oct. 5, 1749, at Harwich, Mercy Crosby of Harwich, born —; died in 1772; married (2) Dec. 3, 1772, Mrs. Hannah (Knowles) Sparrow, born —; died —; (she was living at Orleans in 1800); daughter of Paul Knowles of Truro, and widow of Jonathan Sparrow, Jr.

Zaccheus Higgins lived at Eastham-Orleans. He is called captain, which means that at some time in his life he was a commander of some kind of a vessel. He served as petit juror in 1773, surveyor of highways in 1774 and as "negative man" in 1793.

On May 2, 1774, Hannah, wife of Zaccheus Higgins, was on the roll of members of the First Church of Christ at Orleans, but he was not a member at that time.

In September, 1778, Maj. Zenas Winslow's regiment, the Second Barnstable County regiment of militia, was called into service on alarms at Bedford and Falmouth. In Lieut. Samuel Knowles's company were Zaccheus Higgins and Zaccheus Higgins, Jr., both privates, who served from Sept. 6 to 13, 1778.

Administration on estate of Zaccheus Higgins was granted to Thomas Higgins, March 22, 1817.



*Children born at Eastham.*

- i. Jerusha, b. Nov. 19, 1750; married Feb. 4, 1776, Gowel Chase of Chatham.
- ii. Mercy, b. June 7, 1752; married Sept. 18, 1777, Elisha Atwood of Harwich. (Rev. J. Bascom's Orleans Church record.)
- iii. Richard, b. Aug. 31, 1754; perhaps married Aug. 19, 1777, Molly Smith of Chatham.
- iv. Seth, b. June 1, 1756.
- v. Mary, b. Feb. 27, 1759; married —.
212. vi. Zaccheus, b. April 1, 1761; married Hannah Twining.
- vii. Tully, b. Aug. 31, 1762.
213. viii. Knowles, b. Sept. 25, 1773; married Mary Rand.

Authorities: Eastham-Orleans Town and Church Records; Barnstable Probate Records, vol. xx, pp. 154-5, will of Paul Knowles. The name of the first wife of Zaccheus Higgins has been read "Mary Carsbury," by a careful student of Eastham records, Mr. Stanley W. Smith, but in another place the record is clearly "Mercy Crosby," so it seems probable that the former is a careless or fantastic spelling of the latter.

106. JOSHUA<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Joshua*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born July 3, 1732, at Eastham; died there June 2, 1793; married Feb. 5, 1762, Hannah Sparrow, born —, at Eastham; died there in 1803(?); daughter of Joseph and — Sparrow of Eastham.

Joshua Higgins was a resident of Eastham-Orleans. May 2, 1774, Hannah, wife of Joshua Higgins, was a member of the Eastham-Orleans First Church, but he was not a member.

Joshua Higgins was captain of the 11th (3d Eastham) company of the Second regiment of Barnstable County militia, ordered commissioned April 20, 1776, reported commissioned April 20, 1776. In September, 1778, he was still captain of a company in the same regiment, now Maj. Zenas Winslow's, called into service from Sept. 6 to Sept. 13, 1778, on alarms at Bedford and Falmouth. He held town offices in 1777 and in 1781.

Administration was granted on his estate Oct. 14, 1793, to Hatsel Higgins; estate reported insolvent. Allowance to widow Hannah Higgins.

"Joshua Higgins and Hannah his wife sold April 13, 1767, land which was our honored father's Joseph Sparrow's."

*Children.*

214. i. Hatsald ("Hatsel"), b. Nov. 28, 1762; married Mercy Pepper.  
ii. Zenas, b. Dec. 11, 1764; d. April 1, 1765.  
iii. Zenas, b. June 19, 1766; d. Oct. 2, 1776.  
iv. Priscilla, b. Oct. 22, 1767; d. Aug. 23, 1768.
215. v. Joshua, b. July 27, 1769; married (1) Eunice Rogers; (2) Thankful Twining.  
vi. Priscilla, b. —; bapt. Nov. 28, 1773; d. in 1776.  
vii. Joseph Sparrow, bapt. Aug. 4, 1776; d. in 1795.  
viii. Richard, bapt. March 19, 1780.

Authorities: Baptisms and Mortality List, Church of Christ at Orleans; an old land deed.

107. WILLIAM<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Joshua*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Sept. 5, 1734, at Eastham; died —; married (1) April 1, 1756, Abigail Mayo; married (2) Aug. 6, 1761, Elizabeth Young.

William Higgins resided at Eastham-Orleans, but about 1779 removed to Standish, Maine, where he probably died. He served on petit jury at Eastham in 1771. Mrs. Elizabeth Higgins was a member of the First Church, Orleans, on May 2, 1774. William Higgins was a private in Lieut. Samuel Knowles's co., Second Barnstable County regiment, Major Zenas Winslow's, in September, 1778, serving six days on alarms at Bedford and Falmouth.

*Children born at Eastham.*

- i. Experience, b. Jan. 28, 1757.  
ii. Abigail, b. Sept. 20, 1758; d. —; married Dec. 7, 1778, Thomas Snow, b. at Eastham; d. April 7, 1804, at Hampden, Maine. Children: Isaac, b. Oct. 6, 1779; Experience, b. Jan. 26, 1781; married 1802, Richard Stubbs; Abigail, b. Dec. 10, 1786; married Jan. 19, 1809, John Cowan; Phœbe, b. July 13, 1789; married Feb. 16, 1809, John Linsey; Thomas, b. Nov. 20, 1791; married (1) May 18, 1818, Deborah Brooks; (2) June 11, 1827, Pamela Hopkins; William, b. April 6, 1794; married Feb. 26, 1818, Deliverance Swett; Asa, b. Dec. 5, 1796; married Nov. 14, 1818, Sarah Rogers; Elizabeth, b. Aug. 13, 1799; Dorcas, b. Dec. 31, 1803; married Nov. 18, 1820, Yates Nickerson.
- iii. Ruth, b. Sept. 9, 1762; married Dec. 15, 1781, John Foy of Gorham, Maine.  
iv. Hannah, b. Nov. 17, 1764.
216. v. Robert, b. Jan. 17, 1767; married Sarah Whitney.

Authorities: *Mayflower Des.*, vol. xv, p. 57; Vital Records of Standish, Maine.

108. JOSEPH<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Eleazer*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born March 17, 1728, at Eastham; died Aug. 12, 1768, at Eastham; married March 18, 1756, at Eastham (by Mr. Joseph Crocker, pastor of the First Church of Christ) Sarah Burgess.

The record of his marriage calls him Joseph Higgins, Jr., but who Joseph Higgins, Sr., at this time was has not become evident. That there was a Joseph Higgins in the South Precinct of Eastham, now Orleans, is evident from the town records. In 1776 Joseph Higgins was warden and for some reason was dismissed from the office. In 1784 or 1785 the town records contain a reference to "the general field where Joseph Higgins' house lately stood, as it was the year past."

*Children born at Eastham.*

217. i. Joseph, b. June 27, 1757; married (1) Hannah Godfrey; (2) Elizabeth Godfrey.  
ii. Absalom, b. Aug. 22, 1759; d. March 16, 1760.  
iii. Mercy, b. Feb. 15, 1761.
218. iv. Absalom, b. July 20, 1763; married Mary Mulford.  
v. Sarah, b. July 20, 1766; d. Jan. 31, 1767.  
vi. Sarah, b. March 14, 1768; married Dec. 17, 1789, Edmund Linnell.

Authority: *Mayflower Des.*, vol., xv, p. 67.

109. ENOCH<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Eleazer*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born June 29, 1730, at Truro; died May 10, 1807, at Wellfleet; married Feb. 21, 1754, at Eastham, Mary Atkins, born at Wellfleet, Feb. 9, 1735; died there April 26, 1807; daughter of Joseph and Thankful (Paine) Atkins, a descendant of Nicholas and Constance (Hopkins) Snow.

Enoch Higgins resided at Wellfleet. The tombstones of him and his wife are in Duck Creek Cemetery, Wellfleet. It is a family tradition that he was a merchant captain and that his daughter took with her to Maine as one of her wedding presents a China silk shawl.

*Children born at Wellfleet.*

- i. Mercy, b. Feb. 7, 1755; married May 3, 1787, David Spear of Boston; she d. Feb. 14, 1816.  
ii. Sarah, b. Feb. 2, 1757; married Jan. 30, 1777, Nathan Harding.

219. iii. Eleazer, b. Aug. 28, 1759; married Lurania Gross.  
 iv. Joseph, b. Jan. 2, 1762.  
 v. Mary, b. July 7, 1764; d. April 16, 1814 (gravestone);  
 married March 18, 1784, Jeremiah Newcomb.
220. vi. Enoch, b. Dec. 5, 1765; married (1) Rebecca Allen;  
 (2) Hannah Swett.
221. vii. Uriah, b. Oct. 21, 1767; married Jerusha Rich.
222. viii. Ephraim, b. July 5, 1769; married Hannah (Nancy) M.  
 Rich.  
 ix. Elizabeth, b. Dec. 16, 1771; married April 20, 1803,  
 Rev. Edward Whittle of Charleston, S. C. She d. March  
 10, 1861.
223. x. Reuben, b. Nov. 30, 1773; married Elizabeth (Betsey)  
 Harding.

110. JEDIDIAH<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Eleazer*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>,  
*Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Sept. 12, 1733; died May 29, 1817; married  
 (1) Nov. 9, 1763, Phœbe Paine, born 1738; died May 22, 1793,  
 aged 55; married (2) in 1794 Azubah Paine, born 1752; died Sept.  
 7, 1810; both daughters of Barnabas and Azubah Paine.

Jedidiah Higgins lived and died at Truro, Mass. Revolutionary  
 war record follows:

"Receipt dated Point Shirley, June 13, 1776, signed by said  
 Higgins and others belonging to Capt. Nathaniel Winslow's co.,  
 Col. Whitney's regt., for advance pay and travel allowance from  
 home to Boston.

"Mate, sloop *Republic*, Caleb Dyer, Master, portage bill made  
 up for advance for 1 month, dated Boston, Jan. 14, 1779; engaged  
 Dec. 5, 1778, service to Jan. 12, 1779, 38 days.

"Petition dated at Camp at Hull, Sept. 17, 1776, signed by said  
 Higgins and others belonging to battalion stationed at Hull, asking  
 for increase and payment of wages; also, Private, Capt. Nathaniel  
 Winslow's co., Col. Josiah Whitney's regt.; enlisted April 29,  
 1776; service to Nov. 1, 1776, 6 months, 1 day; also, same co.  
 and regt.; pay roll for Nov. 1776; service 1 month 6 days, includ-  
 ing 6 days (115 miles) travel home."

*Children born at Truro.*

224. i. Jedidiah, b. May 8, 1764; married Huldah Paine.  
 ii. Eleazer, b. May 30, 1766.  
 iii. Thomas Rogers, b. Aug. 22, 1768; d. March 4, 1787,  
 aged 19. (Truro Cemetery.)
225. iv. Barnabas Paine, b. Aug. 22, 1768; married Martha  
 Hatch.  
 v. Mary, b. Jan. 21, 1770; married March 19, 1793, Paul  
 Atkins.



226. vi. Joshua, b. Oct. 3, 1773; married Mary Gross(?).  
 227. vii. Joseph, b. 1774 (?); married Mercy Rich.  
 viii. Hannah Paine, b. Sept. 15, 1776; married Elkanah Paine.

111. RICHARD<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Eleazer*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Oct. 22, 1735; died at Truro, Nov. 4, 1791; married Nov. 10, 1763, Sarah Paine, born April 7, 1746; died Feb. 20, 1827; daughter of Daniel and Betty (Thatcher) Paine of Truro(?). Truro records say she died Feb. 21, 1819, aged 80.

Richard Higgins resided at Truro, Mass. His Revolutionary record follows:

"Private, Capt. Nathaniel Winslow's co., Col. Josiah Whitney's regt.; service from April 29, 1776, four days preceding march from home to Nov. 1, 1776, 6 months 1 day; also, same co. and reg.; pay roll for November, 1776; service 1 month 6 days including 6 days (115 miles) travel home.

"Sailor, sloop *Republic*, Caleb Dyer, Master; portage bill made up for advance wages for 1 month, dated Boston, Jan. 14, 1779; engaged Dec. 5, 1778, service to Jan. 12, 1779, 38 days.

"Receipt dated Point Shirley, June 13, 1776, signed by said Higgins and others belonging to Capt. Nathaniel Winslow's co., Col. Whitney's regt.; for advance pay, travel allowance from home to camp, etc.; also, petition dated camp at Hull, Sept. 17, 1776, signed by said Higgins and others belonging to battalion stationed at Hull, asking for increase and payment of wages."

#### *Children.*

- i. Betty, b. Nov. 15, 1766.
- ii. Richard, b. Nov. 8, 1768; married Sarah ———.
- iii. Joseph, b. Oct. 25, 1771; d. Nov. 20, 1815.
- iv. Mary, b. March 22, 1775.
- v. Hannah, b. Jan. 3, 1778; bapt. March 14, 1779.
- vi. Jedidiah, bapt. June 13, 1784.

Authorities: Diary of Rev. Jude Damon of Truro; *Mayflower Des.*, vol. x, p. 150; xvii, p. 13; will of Daniel Paine; *Paine Genealogy*, p. 204.

112. NATHAN<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Theophilus*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Aug. 2, 1736; died June 16, 1780; married Feb. 17, 1763, Jerusha Mayo, born August, 1739; died ———; daughter of Jonathan and Thankful (Twining) Mayo.

Mrs. Jerusha Higgins was appointed guardian to the children on April 10, 1781.

Mrs. Higgins joined First Church, Eastham, July 23, 1780.

"Receipt dated Point Shirley, June 13, 1776, signed by Nathan Higgins and others belonging to Capt. Nathaniel Winslow's co., Col. Whitney's regt., for advance pay, travel allowance from home to Boston, etc.; also Private, Capt. Nathaniel Winslow's co., Col. Josiah Whitney's regt.; pay roll made up for service from May 1, 1776, 4 days preceding march from home, to Aug. 1, 1776; enlisted May 1, 1776; reported enlisted into the naval service June 21, 1776; also, Seaman, sloop *Republic*, commanded by Capt. John Foster Williams, engaged June 22, 1776, discharged Nov. 18, 1776; service 4 mos. 27 days; officers and crew reported discharged at Boston; also, Seaman, brigantine *Active*, commanded by Capt. Allen Hallet, engaged June 4, 1779; discharged Aug. 31, 1779, service 2 mos. 28 days."

*Children.*

- i. Jennett, b. —.
- ii. Eleazer, b. —.
- iii. Joanna, b. —; married Jan. 2, 1822, Josiah Cook; she died June 23, 1842, at Provincetown, Mass.

113. LEVI<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Theophilus*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born June 27, 1743; died June 22, 1825; married (1) at Eastham, Feb. 19, 1767, Bathsheba Young, born —; died May 27, 1799; married (2) April 8, 1800, Mrs. Mary (Higgins) Hopkins, widow of Joseph Hopkins.

Levi Higgins went to Hull's Cove, Mt. Desert, about 1770 and settled at the beach north of the point now known as Cape Levi. The cove at the beach was called Camp Cove and the point north was called Parker's Point. Mr. Higgins was a prominent citizen and took an active part in the organization of the plantation and town of Mt. Desert, now Eden, and held many responsible offices in each. He was one of the first board of selectmen of Eden. He was second lieutenant of the militia company when the town included the whole island, and was among the volunteers in the unfortunate expedition against Bagaduce (now Castine, Maine). The Eden Baptist Church was organized at his house on the fifth day of July, 1799, with thirty members.

Levi Higgins was Second Lieut., Capt. Ezra Young's (7th) co., Sixth Lincoln Co. regt. of Mass., militia, his name being in a list of officers; commissioned July 11, 1776; also Lieutenant, Capt. Daniel Sullivan's co., of volunteers; service from July 28, 1779, to Sept. 28, 1779, 2 mos. on expedition to Majorbagaduce.

*Children.*

228. i. Nehemiah, b. Dec. 25, 1767; married Ursula Leland.
229. ii. Elkanah, b. Aug. 16, 1769; married Azubah Knowles.

- iii. Eunice, b. Aug. 9, 1771, at Hull's Cove, Maine; married Moses Wasgate; had eight children; she d. Sept. 23, 1807.
- iv. Chloe, b. July 5, 1774; d. Aug. 2, 1825; unmarried.
- v. Mercy, b. Dec. 23, 1775; married John Cousins; d. April 23, 1821.
- vi. Hannah, b. Dec. 23, 1777; married (1) Capt. Amariah Leland of Emery Cove, Maine; (2) Humphrey Stanwood of Bar Harbor, Maine; d. April 24, 1851.
- vii. Theophilus, b. Nov. 21, 1779; resided at Trenton, now Lemoine, Maine; d. Dec. 26, 1821; married Sally Hodgkins.
- 230. viii. Richard, b. Feb. 2, 1782; married (1) Rebecca Higgins; (2) Margaret Ann Campbell.
- 231. ix. Josiah, b. Jan. 28, 1784, at Hull's Cove; married Mary Cousins.
  - x. Deborah, b. Feb. 5, 1786; married Phineas Anderson, settled at Oak Point, Trenton, Maine.
  - xi. Mary, b. March 25, 1788; d. April 23, 1832; married April 23, 1812, Moses Snow, son of Jesse and Priscilla Snow.
- 232. xii. Levi, b. July 28, 1793; married Jerusha Cousins.

Authorities: *Street's History of Mt. Desert*; Josiah Higgins, Ellsworth, Maine; S. B. Gifford; Hamor Records.

114. LEMUEL<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*David*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Jan. 28, 1728-9; died —; married Oct. 2, 1755, Elizabeth Cole, probably daughter of Timothy and Martha (Almony) Cole of Eastham. Residence, Chatham (Middle Haddam), Conn., where he bought land of George Stocking, June 23, 1753.

Marriage intention published Sept. 13, 1755, at Eastham with Elizabeth Cole.

*Children.*

- i. Jesse, b. Dec. 4, 1756; d. Nov. 20, 1777, of an accidental wound at Danbury, Conn.
- ii. Elizabeth, b. Sept. 17, 1758; married Sept. 21, 1779, Luther Whitmore.
- iii. Mercy, b. Jan. 10, 1762; married Aug. 30, 1781, Nathan Eddy. Children: Russell, b. March 3, 1782; Clement, b. May 15, 1784.
- 233. iv. Lemuel, b. Dec. 11, 1763; married Sept. 7, 1783, Charity Eddy.
  - v. Zerviah, b. Aug. 11, 1766; d. Jan. 5, 1790.
  - vi. David, bapt. Sept. 18, 1768.
  - vii. Lucy, bapt. Nov. 6, 1774; married Oct. 15, 1795, William Chapman of East Haddam, Conn.

viii. Martha, b. —; married Feb. 5, 1798, Michael Dunning.

ix. Lois, b. —; married Caleb Parsons of Enfield, Conn.

Authorities: Middletown, Conn., Deeds, vol. ii, p. 70; *East Hampton, Conn., Church Records*; Mr. H. W. Brainard, Hartford, Conn.; Bailey's *Early Connecticut Marriages*; Middletown Vital and Probate Records.

115. JEDIDIAH<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*David<sup>4</sup>, Richard<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born April 16, 1733; died Dec. 14, 1809; married Dorothy Cone, born Sept. 10, 1732; died at East Haddam, Feb. 6, 1813, aged 80 years; daughter of Stephen Cone of East Haddam, Conn.

He joined the church at East Haddam, Conn., Aug. 22, 1756.

Parentage of Mrs. Higgins as here given is conjectural, but probable.

*Children.*

234. i. Stephen, bapt. Aug. 22, 1756; married Temperance Winslow.

235. ii. Dyer, bapt. June 19, 1768; married Phœbe Mack.

Authorities: Tombstone Records, East Haddam, Conn.; Nathan Goodspeed; Mrs. Katherine S. McCartney, Wilkes-Barre, Penn.

116. ELKANAH<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*David<sup>4</sup>, Richard<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born Oct. 13, 1737; died at East Haddam before May 6, 1808; married (1) May 12, 1765, Mary Gates, daughter of George and Sarah (Olmsted) Gates, born Oct. 1, 1744; died July 4, 1782, aged 37 years; married (2) Aug. 4, 1784, or 1785, Sarah Dorr, daughter of George and Sarah (Marvin) Dorr of Lyme, Conn.

He was lieutenant.

Elkanah Higgins received to full communion in the First Church of Christ, East Haddam, Conn., Aug. 28, 1768; his wife Mary Higgins received Oct. 16, 1768. She was buried at Moodus, Conn.

*Children.*

236. i. George, b. Sept. 4, 1785; married Keturah Lay.

ii. James, bapt. Nov. 1, 1789; d. March 27, 1790. Buried in Moodus, Conn., Cemetery.

iii. Mary, b. Dec. 25, 1791, at East Haddam; married Hezekiah Crowell and moved to Springfield, Penn.

Authorities: Records of First Church of Christ, East Haddam, Conn.; Bailey's *Early Connecticut Marriages*; *Marvin Genealogy*, p. 66.



117. MOSES<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*David*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born 1743; died Feb. 12, 1818, aged 75; buried in Young Street Cemetery; married Dec. 10, 1767, Dorcas Brainard, born Feb. 19, 1746; died January or June, 1829, daughter of Abijah and Thankful (Fuller) Brainard of Middle Haddam, Conn.

He resided in Chatham, Conn.; was a chorister in the church and was an intelligent and important man. To "know as much as Moses Higgins" became a proverb.

His will recorded April 28, 1813, and probated Nov. 16, 1816, mentions all the children. Mrs. Dorcas Higgins descended from Edward Fuller of the *Mayflower*, 1620, through her grandfather, Shubael Fuller.

*Children.*

- i. Tamzin, b. Dec. 1, 1768; married July 8, 1790, George Atkins, and went to Brooklyn, Ohio, 1825.
- ii. Richard, b. Jan. 25, 1770; resided at Exeter, Otsego County, N. Y.
237. iii. Elias, b. Feb. 17, 1772; married Statira Fuller.
- iv. Moses, b. in 1774; married Martha Fuller, daughter of Capt. Samuel Fuller. Moses was of Guilford, Chenango Co., N. Y., 1820; Mt. Upton, N. Y., 1822; Concord, Erie Co., Penn., 1828. Descendants of Moses have lived at Exeter or Burlington, N. Y. Martha was sister of Statira Fuller. Capt. Samuel Fuller served in the Revolutionary War.
- v. Elkanah, b. Feb. 23, 1776.
- vi. Dorcas, b. April 6, 1778. Lived at Chatham, Conn., and in Exeter, N. Y. Unmarried.
- vii. Darius, b. July 30, 1780; married Nov. 25, 1802, Betsey Sexton. Lived at Exeter, N. Y.
- viii. Hannah, b. June 2, 1783; married Jan. 19, 1804, Josiah Purple. Lived at Exeter, N. Y.
- ix. Ansel, b. Jan. 10, 1786; married Feb. 1, 1810, Betsey Beers. Lived at Exeter, N. Y.
- x. Ornan, b. April 21, 1788; lived at Smyrna, N. Y., 1828; Exeter or Burlington, N. Y., in 1820.

Authorities: *Brainard Genealogy*, p. 60; Middletown, Conn., Probate Records, vol. xi, p. 354; vol. xii, pp. 22, 28.

118. REUBEN<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Reuben*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born May 18, 1739; died Sept. 2, 1823; married Nov. 15, 1761, Mercy Dyer, daughter of Samuel and Mary Dyer of Truro. She died Jan. 6, 1834.

Reuben Higgins resided at Truro and removed to Cape Elizabeth, Maine, between 1778 and 1780. He served in the Revolutionary War as follows: Captain 5th (1st Truro) co., Second Barnstable Co. regt. of Mass. militia; list of officers chosen in said regiment, as returned by Joseph Doane; ordered in Council April 20, 1776, that said officers be commissioned; reported commissioned April 20, 1776; also, Captain of a company stationed at Truro; list of seacoast officers; commissioned Aug. 16, 1777.

2d Lieutenant, schooner *Boston* (privateer); petition dated Watertown, Aug. 21, 1776, signed by Henry Bass, in behalf of himself and others, of Boston, asking that Capt. Silas Atkins, Jr., be commissioned as commander of said schooner, ordered in Council Aug. 21, 1776, that a commission be issued.

Lieut., Capt. Benjamin Godfrey's co., Col. Josiah Whitney's regt.; arrived at destination May 10, 1777; discharged July 10, 1777, service 2 mos. 14 days, at Rhode Island, travel (14 days) included; 126 miles reported as distance from Truro to place of destination; enlistment 2 mos. Roll dated Boston Neck, South Kingston.

*Children born at Truro.*

- i. Hannah Morton, b. April 20, 1763.
- ii. Thankful, b. March 27, 1765; married Oct. 12, 1790, William Dyer of Cape Elizabeth, Maine.
- iii. Reuben, b. June 3, 1767; married July 12, 1792, Anna Small.
238. iv. Sylvanus, b. June 26, 1769; married Betsey Small.
239. v. Eleazer, b. July 8, 1772; married Susanna Dyer.
240. vi. Micah, b. June 12, 1775; married Mary Grey Blair.
- vii. Mercy, b. Oct. 5, 1777; married 1798, David Dyer.
- viii. Abigail, b. Oct. 5, 1777; married March 27, 1794, Nathaniel Dyer, Jr., of Cape Elizabeth, Maine.
- ix. Samuel, b. June 2, 1780, at Cape Elizabeth; married Dec. 28, 1803, Mrs. Betsey Jordan.
- x. Mary, b. May 23, 1782; married Sept. 7, 1806, James Dyer.

Authorities: Franklin A. Higgins, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Records of Cape Elizabeth, Maine; Records of Truro, Mass.; Barnstable Probate Records, vol. xvii, p. 77, will of Samuel Dyer of Truro.

119. GIDEON<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Moses*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born July 22, 1736; died Jan. 11, 1816; married April 18, 1760, Ruth Bangs.

He lived at East Orleans. He held some town office in 1811.

*Children.*

241. i. Aquila, b. Oct. 24, 1767; married Tamzin Pepper.  
ii. Josiah, b. —; married a Harding; removed to Newburyport and Boston, where he died.  
iii. Lucia, b. —; bapt. Oct. 25, 1772; married (1) May 15, 1794, David Snow, Jr.; probably married (2) Nov. 28, 1816, Gideon S. Snow. Children: Godfrey, b. Aug. 25, 1795; Ruth, b. Oct. 16, 1796; David, b. Nov. 1, 1798.  
iv. Ruth, b. —; bapt. May 29, 1774; married Dec. 15, 1794, David Godfrey, Jr., of Chatham.  
v. Jerusha, b. —; bapt. Jan. 11, 1778; married Aug. 16, 1795, Lewis Young. Children: Lewis, b. Aug. 4, 1797; Jerusha, b. Oct. 14, 1799; Voltaire, b. Sept. 25, 1801; Josiah, b. June 2, 1803.
242. vi. Joseph, b. March 18, 1774; married Jane Ellis.  
vii. Godfrey, b. —; bapt. July 16, 1780; probably d. 1781.  
viii. Miriam, b. —; bapt. Oct. 27, 1782.  
ix. Azubah, b. —; married Nov. 18, 1790, Nathaniel Paine, b. July 4, 1766.  
x. Sally, b. —; bapt. April 8, 1787.

Authorities: Josiah Paine, Harwich, Mass.; Aquila Higgins, Brewster, Mass.; W. B. Snow, Malden, Mass.; Records of First Church of Orleans and Eastham; Mortality List; *Paine Genealogy*, p. 265.

120. ELNATHAN<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Moses*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born May 31, 1740; died Feb. 29, 1816; married (1), Dec. 23, 1762, Mercy Sparrow, born —; died in 1780; he married (2), Dec. 9, 1784, Hannah Wing of Harwich.

He resided at Orleans. He held minor town offices in 1796 and 1801.

*Children.*

- i. Jabez, b. Dec. 11, 1763; living Oct. 10, 1781.  
ii. Mary, b. May 3, 1766; married (int. Nov. 4, 1786) Gideon Atwood.
243. iii. Moses, b. Oct. 19, 1772; married Hannah Rogers.  
iv. Mercy, b. Jan. 19, 1775; married Aug. 30, 1798, Seth Sparrow.  
v. Elnathan, b. —.

Authority: *Mayflower Des.*, vol. xvi, p. 13.

121. AARON<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Moses*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born March 14, 1741-2, at Eastham; died at Orleans, 1812, aged 70; married Dec. 31, 1772, Abigail Atwood, born —; died 1779.

Aaron Higgins probably lived at Eastham-Orleans. Little has been discovered concerning him. No children mentioned.

Authorities: Eastham Records, Book 6, p. 55; *Mayflower Des.*, vol. vii, p. 230; vol. viii, p. 198.

122. JESSE<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Moses*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born July 29, 1743; died Dec. 16, 1815; married Dec. 23, 1773, Priscilla Snow, born May 9, 1756; died —; daughter of David and Priscilla (Sparrow) Snow.

Jesse Higgins was chosen in 1775 at town meeting of Eastham to prevent firing or burning of powder. He resided at Eastham until 1778, when he removed to Mt. Desert (town of Eden, Maine) and settled at Clark's Cove with Joseph Mayo and David Higgins.

*Children.*

244. i. Ichabod, b. April 20, 1774; married Sarah Richardson.  
ii. Eunice, b. Aug. 31, 1776; married Shaw Higgins, son of David Higgins.
245. iii. Jesse, b. Sept. 28, 1778; married (1) Hannah Reed; (2) Betsey Richardson.  
iv. Mary, b. Feb. 3, 1781; d. April 16, 1856; married June 22, 1809, as his second wife, Deacon Gideon Mayo, son of Joseph and Ruth (Snow) Mayo. Children: Esther, b. April 3, 1810; married Amos T. Hadley and had ten children; Ruth, b. May 20, 1811; married Christopher Bartlett and had nine children; Ebenezer, b. May 26, 1812; married Olive Stover and had three children; Zachariah, b. Sept. 28, 1813; married Rebecca Hadley and had three children; Salome, b. Feb. 28, 1815; married Abraham Treworgy and had eight children; Jesse H., b. Aug. 5, 1816; married Abigail Milliken of Surry and had five children; Gideon, b. Nov. 28, 1817; d. unmarried, 29 years old; Julia Ann, b. Aug. 11, 1819; married Enoch L. Brown and had seven children; Priscilla, b. Nov. 29, 1822; married (1) John Pierce and had three children; she married (2) Nov. 8, 1861, John Conly and had two children.
246. v. Moses, b. April 13, 1783; married Mary Higgins.
247. vi. Ephraim, b. May 7, 1785; married Phœbe Atwood.
248. vii. David, b. May 31, 1788; married (1) Mrs. Elinor Wasgatt; (2) Mrs. Harriet Colwell; (3) Mrs. Mary S. Davis.



249. viii. Joseph, b. Oct. 27, 1790; married Betsey Hamor.  
 250. ix. Samuel, b. March 10, 1793; married Lavinia Snow.  
 251. x. William, b. Aug. 25, 1795; married Ruth Richardson.  
 xi. Priscilla, b. June 28, 1798; d. Aug. 12, 1878, at Bar Harbor, Maine; unmarried.  
 xii. Phebe, b. Dec. 13, 1804; married A. Green Crabtree, of Hancock, Maine, or of Marlborough, Hancock Co., Maine. No children.

Authorities: W. B. Snow, Malden, Mass.; *History of Mt. Desert*, pp. 166-168 (by Street); *Mayflower Des.*, vol. xvii, p. 13.

123. DAVID<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Moses*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Aug. 1, 1746; died —; married Jan. 15, 1767, Lydia Hopkins.

He resided at Mt. Desert, Maine, coming from Eastham in 1778 and settling at Spruce Point. Mrs. Higgins was admitted to First Church, Eastham, Oct. 30, 1774.

#### Children.

252. i. David, b. Sept. 27, 1767; married (1) Olive Hadley; (2) Mrs. Polly Burns.  
 253. ii. Richard, twin, b. Sept. 27, 1767; married (1) Rebecca Young; married (2) —.  
 iii. Hannah, b. Aug. 14, 1770; married Oct. 8, 1791, Nathaniel Marceys.  
 254. iv. Sparrow, b. April 30, 1772; married Penelope Salisbury.  
 255. v. Reuben, b. March 20, 1774; married Joanna Mayo.  
 vi. Lydia, b. Sept. 10, 1775; married (1) Sept. 15, 1794, Samuel Hadley; married (2) Nicholas Thomas; resided in the Thomas District.  
 256. vii. Shaw, b. April 10, 1777; married Eunice Higgins.  
 viii. Apphia, b. April 9, 1779; married (1) Nathan Salisbury; married (2) Gideon Gidlescom; resided at Salisbury Cove.  
 257. ix. Oliver, b. April 3, 1781; married Ruth Mayo.  
 x. Priscilla, b. May 2, 1783; married 1803, Prince Mayo; removed to Kennebec Co., Maine.  
 xi. John, b. —; married Margaret Flynn; resided on his father's farm. Child: Rebecca, b. —; married James Ellingwood; moved to New York.

Authorities: Street's *History of Mt. Desert*, p. 168; Mr. B. Lake Noyes of Stonington, Maine; Eastham-Orleans Records; *Mayflower Des.*; vol. xvii, p. 13.

124. ISAAC<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Isaac<sup>4</sup>, Isaac<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born June 15, 1745, at Eastham; died there in 1788(?); married May 28, 1767, Ann, or Anna, Freeman of Truro.

Anna, wife of Isaac Higgins, was a member of the First Church of Christ at Eastham, now Orleans, on May 2, 1774.

Isaac Higgins was a private in Lieut. Samuel Knowles's company of Major Zenas Winslow's Second Barnstable Co. regiment of militia and in September, 1778, served six days on alarms at Bedford and Falmouth.

An Isaac Higgins died at Eastham-Orleans in 1788 who may have been this Isaac and an Isaac Higgins, Jr., died there in 1780 who may have been son of Isaac<sup>5</sup> Higgins. However, no record of children of Isaac and Ann has been found, and these records may refer to the deaths of Isaac<sup>4</sup> Higgins and his son Isaac<sup>5</sup> Higgins.

125. JACOB<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Isaac<sup>4</sup>, Isaac<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born Sept. 6, 1747; died May 24, 1824; married Oct. 20, 1774, Mercy Holbrook, born —; died Sept. 16, 1818, aged 65 years; daughter of Ezekiel and Martha (Mayo) Holbrook, of Wellfleet.

He was captain of a sailing vessel, *Lucretia*; was a merchant and town treasurer of Wellfleet for thirty years. He kept a very valuable diary which has been preserved.

Removed to Harwich, North Parish, now Brewster, in 1776. Feb. 2, 1777, he and his wife owned the covenant in the First Church, Brewster.

#### *Children.*

- i. Isaac, b. Aug. 19, 1775; d. Nov. 22, 1775; buried at Duck Creek Cemetery, Wellfleet.
258. ii. Ezekiel Holbrook, b. Harwich, Oct. 16, 1776; married Dorcas Paine.
- iii. Son, b. April 26, 1783; d. July 9, 1783.
- iv. Jacob, b. Feb. 12, 1785; d. unmarried; drowned at Baltimore, Md., June 1, 1813.
259. v. Samuel, b. July 20, 1786; married Sally Mayo.
- vi. Isaac, b. June 24, 1788; d. Aug. 4, 1788.
260. vii. Eben, b. July 29, 1789; married Sukey Sears.

Authorities: *Mayflower Des.*, vol. xiii, pp. 136, 139; S. B. Gifford, Syracuse, N. Y.; *Freeman Genealogy*, p. 374; *Brewster Vital Records*, 1904; Jacob Higgins' Manuscript Diary; *Brewster Mortuary Records*, 1898.

126. JOSEPH<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Isaac<sup>4</sup>, Isaac<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born Nov. 18, 1749; died in January, 1804; married (int. Oct. 21, 1775) Mercy Cook, born Jan. 6, 1755; died in Gorham Dec. 19, 1843, leaving 128 descendants.

He resided at Gorham, Maine. Pioneer there, removing from Eastham in 1778.

He was a sea captain and was lost at sea by the foundering of his vessel in January, 1804. He left a wife and ten children, the oldest born at Eastham, the others at Gorham, Maine.

#### *Children.*

261. i. Joseph, b. Aug. 16, 1776; married Elizabeth Files.
  - ii. Mercy, b. Aug. 5, 1778; married (int. Jan. 14, 1799) March 18, 1799, Daniel Lowell, Jr., of Standish, Maine, b. Brentwood, N. H., Aug. 5, 1776; d. March 30, 1828. He married (2) June 12, 1812, Experience Higgins of Buxton, Maine. Daniel and Mercy (Higgins) Lowell had a son John, whose son John Lowell, Jr., was adopted by Saul Cook Higgins, brother of his grandmother.
262. iii. Isaac, b. Dec. 16, 1780; married (1) Esther Parker; (2) Mrs. Ruth Kent.
263. iv. Barnabas, b. Jan. 28, 1783; married Ellen Cannel.
  - v. Dorcas, b. May 12, 1785; married Oct. 21, 1806, Moses Rich.
  - vi. Mary, b. July 25, 1787; married Jan. 29, 1807, Nathaniel Thomas.
264. vii. Enoch Freeman, b. July 25, 1789; married Miriam Deane.
  - viii. Abigail Freeman, b. Sept. 23, 1791; married (1) March 29, 1810, Amos Thomas; (2) perhaps Nathaniel Kilpatrick; removed to Harrison, Maine.
265. ix. Saul Cook, b. May 11, 1794; married Fanny Blake.
  - x. Elmira, b. April 21, 1797; married May 6, 1817, Sylvanus Bangs of Limington; she died July 16, 1825.

Authorities: *History of Gorham, Me.*, p. 570; *Lowell Genealogy*, 358; Vital Records of Eastham, Mass., and Gorham, Me.

127. ISRAEL<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Israel<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born Oct. 3, 1728; died before April 1, 1793; married (1) Feb. 20, 1752, Hannah, daughter of Dr. Joshua and Elizabeth (Gates) Arnold, and granddaughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Hungerford) Gates; married (2) Feb. 15, 1753, Elizabeth Aiken, born April 3, 1733; died after Jan. 14, 1794; daughter of Henry and Margaret (Woods) Aiken.

Israel Higgins served in the French and Indian War and in the Revolution. He was a private in Capt. Elijah Robinson's co., of Col. John Ely's Connecticut regt. in 1777. His name appears on a "Billeting Roll" of the Company with remarks,— "Enl. June 16, 17—. Marched from home July 22, 17—. No. of days billeted himself, 37." He resided in Middle Haddam parish, town of Middletown (later Chatham), Conn. George Higgins was appointed administrator on estate of Israel Higgins April 1, 1793. Distribution to heirs date Jan. 14, 1794.

*Children born at Middletown, Conn.*

- i. Eunice, b. Feb. 23, 1754; probably married July 28, 1772, Amos Bates of Chatham, Conn.
- ii. George, b. Oct. 20, 1756.
- iii. Elizabeth, b. Sept. 16, 1757; married May 21, 1778, Cornelius Brainard of Haddam Neck, Conn. She had eight children and died Feb. 2, 1824.
- 266. iv. Israel, b. Feb. 22, 1761; married Henrietta Bradford.
- v. Lydia, b. April 18, 1763; married Nov. 7, 1789, Daniel Morgan.
- vi. Mollie, b. May 12, 1765; probably married Feb. 12, 1784, Abner Chase of Yarmouth, Mass.
- 267. vii. Timothy, bapt. July 19, 1767; married (1) Lucy Whitmore; (2) Annie Follinsbee.
- viii. Anna, bapt. April 8, 1770; married Jan. 4, 1792, Abraham Andrews.
- 268. ix. William, bapt. Sept. 13, 1772; married Abigail Strong.
- x. Sibyl, bapt. Sept. 4, 1776.

Authorities: Middletown, Conn., Vital Records; Middle Haddam Church Records; *Record of Connecticut Men in the War of the Revolution*; Middletown Probate Records, vol. vi, pp. 20, 53, 64.

128. JESSE<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Israel*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born June 26, 1731, at Eastham, Mass.; died Nov. 27, 1778, at Fishkill, N. Y.; married (1) Nov. 16, 1752, Ruth Dart, born —; died —; daughter of Ebenezer and Ruth (Loomis) Dart of Middle Haddam; married (2) Jan. 26, 1772, Keziah Stevens, born about 1755; died at Middle Haddam, March 23, 1832, aged 77. Mrs. Ruth (Dart) Higgins married (2) May 5, 1773, John Wright, Jr., of Middle Haddam.

Jesse Higgins removed with his parents from Eastham to Middletown, Conn., about 1740. They settled on the east side



of the Connecticut River, in Middle Haddam parish. Jesse was a private in the French and Indian War, being in the 6th co., Capt. Gaylord's, of the First regt., commanded by Col. Phineas Lyman. Dates of service: April 1, 1758, to Sept. 19, 1758; Sept. 19 to Nov. 21, 1758; March 24 to Dec. 16, 1759. He was private in the 8th co. in the Lexington Alarm, April 17, 1775; also in Second regt., Gen. Spencer's, May 11 to December, 1775; enlisted March 17, 1778, in Judd's co. The last two enlistments may belong to Jesse, son of Lemuel Higgins. There is no means of deciding, but they probably belong to this Jesse Higgins, who closed his life while still in the service of his country, at Fishkill-on-Hudson. He was absent from home, serving in the army and perhaps at sea, for long periods. He appears to have held a small parcel of land in the parish of Middle Haddam, where he lived when not serving elsewhere. His first marriage was unhappy and there were no children. His wife Ruth obtained a legal separation from him in January, 1772, and he immediately married again. Mrs. Keziah Higgins was appointed administratrix on his very small estate in 1780.

*Children born in Chatham, Conn.*

- i. Samuel, b. Sept. 16, 1774. "Samuel Taylor appointed guardian to Samuel Higgins, a minor, about 15 years old, son of Jesse Higgins, late of Chatham, dec'd, May 4, 1789."
269. ii. Jesse, b. Aug. 21, 1776; married Lucinthia Smith.
270. iii. Seth, b. Dec. 2, 1778; married Nancy Spencer.

These three were born later:

- i. Delaina, b. —; married Jan. 6, 1803, Otis Carey of Middle Haddam.
- ii. Elizabeth, b. about 1787; married Feb. 10, 1811, George Carey of Middle Haddam; she died Dec. 20, 1879, aged 92, and was there buried.
- iii. Aristobulus, b. —; he was living Oct. 15, 1838.

Authorities: Vital Records of Eastham, Mass., and Middletown, Conn.; Church Records of Middle Haddam; Probate Records at Middletown; Records of Superior Court, Hartford; *Conn. Hist. Soc. Collections, French and Indian War Rolls; Record of Conn. Men in the Revolution*; Middle Haddam Cemetery Inscriptions.

129. SYLVANUS<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Israel*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born June 8, 1735, at Eastham, Mass.; died Oct. 2, 1785, at Chatham, Conn.; married July 22, 1757, Lucy Stocking,

born Aug. 8, 1739; died May 4, 1776, daughter of Capt. George and Mercy (Savage) Stocking of East Middletown or Middle Haddam, Conn.

Sylvanus Higgins lived at Middle Haddam in the town of Chatham. His father sold him a house and land in the parish of Middle Haddam on March 31, 1764. He enlisted July 9, 1775, in Huntington's regt. Captured with several others in August, 1776, and while ensign imprisoned in a ship in Wallabout Bay. Exchanged in November, discharged in December, and enlisted again January, 1777.

*Children born at Middletown, Conn.*

- i. Sabra, b. July 29, 1762; married April 19, 1795, Lemuel Hedge.
271. ii. James, b. May 2, 1766; married (1) Lydia Smith; (2) Elizabeth Collins.
- iii. Ruth, b. July 17, 1768.
- iv. Lucy, b. Nov. 10, 1770.
- v. Sylvester, bapt. May 30, 1773.
- vi. Sabina, bapt. March 24, 1776.

Authorities: Bailey's *Early Connecticut Marriages; Stocking Genealogy*, p. 9; Middle Haddam and East Hampton Church Records; Mr. S. B. Gifford; Middletown, Conn., Land Records, vol. xx, p. 279; Mrs. W. C. Higgins; *Conn. Records, Wallabout Prison Ships*, p. 44.

130. HEMAN<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Israel*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Nov. 25, 1740, in Eastham, or perhaps in Middletown, Conn.; died April 20, or May 1, 1778; married Dec. 15, 1768, Eunice Sexton, born —.

Heman Higgins lived in the Middle Haddam parish of Middletown-Chatham. He was a Revolutionary soldier and died of sickness in the army. His military record follows: Marched for relief of Boston, April, 1775; served from May 8, to Dec. 18, 1775, in Capt. and Col. Samuel Wyllys's co. of Gen. Joseph Spencer's Second regt.; was at Roxbury, Mass. Also private in Capt. William Belcher's co. of Col. Jedidiah Huntington's First regt., Connecticut Line, from Jan. 1, 1775, to —; death reported May 1, 1778. Enlisted for the war. Was at Peekskill, at battle of Germantown, Oct. 4, 1777, and at Valley Forge, winter of 1777-8.

*Children born in Chatham, Conn.*

- i. John, b. Sept. 16, 1769; married May 20, 1788, Polly Gould of Branford, Conn.

- ii. Lucinda, b. July 1, 1771.
- 272. iii. Jehiel, b. June 19, 1774; married (1) Rachel R. Hungerford; (2) Mrs. Rufus Kinne.
- 273. iv. Sylvester, b. Oct. 9, 1776; married Hannah Selden.

131. SETH<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Israel*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Feb. 4, 1750-1, in Middletown-Chatham, Conn.; died at New York, August, 1777; married about 1770, probably Lois Higgins, daughter of Lemuel and Elizabeth (Cole) Higgins. She survived him and married (2) Sept. 22, 1779, Caleb Parsons of Enfield, Conn.

Seth Higgins lived in the Middle Haddam parish of Chatham, Conn. He was a Revolutionary soldier, and died a prisoner in New York. His military record follows: He served on the *Oliver Cromwell*, was taken prisoner at Battle of Long Island, and was imprisoned in the ship *Whitby* in November, 1776, transferred in May, 1777, to another ship anchored also in Wallabout Bay, where he died. Said to have left a son Seth who served in War of 1812.

*Children born at Chatham.*

- i. Lois, bapt. Sept. 15, 1771; d. Sept. 19, 1776.
- ii. Sally, bapt. 1773.
- iii. (?) Seth, b. 1775 (?).

132. SAMUEL<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Theodore*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born about 1741; died Feb. 24, 1770; married Nov. 30, 1769, Catherine Cunningham, born —; died —; daughter of Thomas Cunningham of East Hampton parish, town of Chatham, Conn.

Little is known of his life. No children. His widow Catherine administered his estate, March 6, 1770, and on March 10, 1771, she married John Ward.

133. THEODORE<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Theodore*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born —; bapt. Sept. 28, 1746; died Oct. 8, 1776, in Haddam; married (date not found) Phœbe —, born —; died in 1777.

Theodore Higgins, Jr., lived at Indian Hollow in Haddam. Estate administered in October, 1776. Little can be told of him.

*Children.*

- i. Samuel, b. 1774; d. at Tobago, W. I., Feb. 11, 1808.
- ii. Sarah, b. —, but probably posthumous; married Freeman

Arnold of Haddam Neck. Her son Theodore Higgins Arnold, b. July 24, 1798; d. Sept. 24, 1852; married Nov. 4, 1819, Esther Selden, b. May 20, 1794; d. July 9, 1870, daughter of Capt. Elias and Ruth (Kirby) Selden of Haddam Neck.

Authorities: Bailey's *Early Connecticut Marriages* (Middle Haddam); *Descendants of John Kirby*, p. 51; Middletown Probate Records, vol. iv, p. 178; ix, p. 75.

134. NEHEMIAH<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Ichabod*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born about 1735, probably at Eastham; died —; married (1) Feb. 10, 1763, at Killingworth, Conn., Thankful Hurd, born Aug. 15, 1743, at Killingworth; died there May 25, 1772; daughter of Elnathan and Thankful Hurd of Killingworth; married (2) at New Haven, Conn., Dec. 14, 1772, Mary Groves.

No land appears in the name of Nehemiah Higgins, either at Durham or at Killingworth. At Killingworth he probably lived in the First Society, now the town of Clinton, for on Dec. 9, 1764, Mrs. Thankful Higgins owned the covenant at the First Church of Killingworth (now in Clinton) and her children were baptized there. In 1759 Nehemiah Higgins served as a private in Captain Hitchcock's company in the French and Indian War. His record of service in the Revolution follows, but it could have been his son Nehemiah who thus served, if he lived until that time.

"Return of levies that served in 1780 in Col. Samuel B. Webb's Regiment (not included in the State Line regts.). Ninth regt. Private. Nehemiah Higgins served from July 27 to Dec. 4, 1780."

"Gen. Waterbury's Brigade, 1781, Capt. William VanDeusen's co. State Guards stationed at New Haven. Private Nehemiah Higgins served from Jan. 23, to Aug. 1, 1781."

Nehemiah Higgins appears to have removed to New Haven at or about the time of his second marriage. He was probably a mariner or merchant, not a farmer.

#### *Children.*

- i. Nehemiah, b. Jan. 1, 1764.
- ii. Seth, b. Dec. 20, 1765.
- iii. Thankful, b. March 7, 1769; d. 1771.
- iv. Darius, bapt. April 21, 1771; d. Feb. 23, 1773.
274. v. Darius, bapt. Feb. 6, 1774; married Hannah Nettleton.
- vi. Thankful, bapt. Jan. 20 or 21, 1776; married at New Haven, Nov. 7, 1796, Benjamin Parmelee.



- vii. Sally, b. June 20, 1780, at New Haven.  
275. viii. Bela, b. Aug. 3, 1782, at New Haven; married Mary Bruce.

Authorities: *Collections Conn. Hist. Society (French War Rolls)* vol. x, p. 137; *Record of Connecticut Men in the Revolution*, pp. 252, 575; Town Records of Killingworth; Records of First Congregational Church, Clinton, Conn.; Vital Records of New Haven, Conn.

135. ICHABOD<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Ichabod*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born about 1738, probably at Eastham; died at Durham, Conn., between Jan. 30 and March 1, 1773; married (date not found) Jane —, perhaps Lewis.

Ichabod Higgins resided at Durham, Conn. During 1758-1764 he was a private in Capt. Hitchcock's company of New Haven (French and Indian War). On April 24, 1764, he bought a small piece of land in Durham of Jesse Austin, and sold the same land to Jesse Atwell on Jan. 30, 1773. Phineas Spellman was appointed administrator on the estate of Ichabod Higgins on March 1, 1773, and soon reported the estate insolvent.

*Only child.*

- i. Ichabod Lewis, b. April 1, 1771, at Durham, Conn.

Authorities: *Collections Conn. Hist. Society (French War Rolls)*, vol. x, p. 137; Durham Land Records; *History of Durham*, p. 396; Middletown Probate Records, vol. iii, pp. 25, 26.

136. SAMUEL<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Ichabod*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born about 1742 perhaps in Killingworth or Durham, Conn.; died June 20, 1811, in "68th year," at Benson, Vt.; married (1) at Killingworth (North Parish, now the town of Killingworth) Jan. 9, 1769, Sarah Blatchley, born —, died in 1779 or 1780; married (2) in 1781, Temperance Kelsey, born Oct. 3, 1756, at Killingworth, Conn.; died Feb. 6, 1831, "aged 73 years," at Benson, Vt.; probably daughter of Dan and Jemima Kelsey of Killingworth, Conn., although her age at death is not quite in accord with the birth-date of Dan Kelsey's daughter.

Samuel Higgins is probably the Samuel Higgins bapt. Dec. 19, 1742, by Rev. Nathaniel Chauncey of Durham as "the son of Capt. Higgins a mariner who came from Eastham." Nov. 1, 1762, Simon Baxter of Hartland was appointed guardian to Samuel Higgins a minor of the town of Durham. Samuel Higgins after his first marriage probably settled on or near the limits of the Second

or North Society of Killingworth, for the baptisms of his children are recorded there. In 1779 or 1780 he removed from Killingworth to Poultney or Castleton, Vt., and from there in 1788 to Benson, Vt., where he died. Samuel Higgins was taxed £6 at Poultney in 1781. He was a farmer through life.

Samuel Higgins served in Capt. Harris's co. in the French and Indian War. Roll of Capt. Zebediah Dewey's co. of Militia for service done the State in October, 1780. Samuel Higgins, private, 4 days' service, 8 miles' travel. Capt. Abishai Moseley's co., services at Castleton, June 10, 1781, Samuel Higgins 2 days. Same co., alarm at Castleton, Oct. 21, 1781, 10 days' service, Samuel Higgins. Capt. Zebediah Dewey lived at Poultney, also A. Moseley.

*Children born at Killingworth, Castleton and Benson.*

- i. Ichabod, b. Jan. 22, 1771.
- ii. William, bapt. April 11, 1773; d. young.
- iii. Sarah, b. March 5, 1775.
- iv. Martha, bapt. March 27, 1777.
- v. Jane, bapt. Aug. 15, 1779; d. young.
- vi. William, b. Oct. 22, 1782.
276. vii. Dan, b. Aug. 27, 1784; married Hannah LeBaron.
- viii. Jane, b. April 22, 1787; d. July 23, 1807, at Benson, Vt.
- ix. Philena, b. July 16, 1789.
- x. Samuel, b. Jan. 12, 1792; d. 1832, at Ann Arbor, Mich.
- xi. Barbara, b. Aug. 1, 1796.
- xii. Minerva, b. June 12, 1798; d. at Poultney, Vt.
- xiii. Chauncey, b. Dec. 25, 1802.

Authorities: Records of Killingworth, Conn.; Records of the Second Congregational Church, Killingworth, Conn.; Middletown Probate Records, vol. ii, p. 64; *Collections of Conn. Hist. Society (French War Rolls)*, vol. x, p. 137. Pamphlet entitled "*Record of the Higgins Family*," privately printed 1883, by Daniel F. Higgins of Joliet, Ill.; *Vermont Revolutionary Rolls*, p. 236.

137. SIMEON<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Simeon*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born in Eastham in 1746; died there March 23, 1824, in his seventy-ninth year (gravestone); married Jan. 30, 1766, Martha Knowles, born —; died in 1817 at Eastham.

On his gravestone at Orleans he is called captain.

Mrs. Martha Higgins united with the First Church of Eastham-Orleans on Oct. 16, 1774, and on Dec. 18, 1774, had three children

baptized, Asa, Sarah and Huldah. Simeon Higgins held some town office in 1810, 1811, 1814.

Records of the First Church, Orleans, state that "Capt. Simeon Higgins died 1824 aged 79," and we may conclude that he was not a member of the church. He was evidently a sea captain. Letters testamentary on his estate were issued March 31, 1824, to Asa Higgins and James Higgins. He is called a resident of Orleans. He left a will, which is not now extant, the volume containing the record thereof having been burnt in the fire which destroyed the Barnstable Court House in 1827. The original will on file was burnt at the same time.

Simeon<sup>5</sup> Higgins served six days in September, 1778, in Lieut. Samuel Knowles' co., of Maj. Zenas Winslow's Second Barnstable Co. regt. of militia, on alarms at Bedford and Falmouth.

Samuel<sup>5</sup> Higgins, his brother, is probably the Samuel Higgins, private, of Eastham, who was in Capt. Geo. Webb's co., Col. William Shepard's regt. return (year not given); enlisted for town of Eastham; enlistment 8 mos.; reported deceased.

*Children born at Eastham-Orleans.*

277. i. Asa, b. December, 1766; married Lucia Arey.
- ii. Sarah, bapt. at Orleans, Dec. 18, 1774.
- iii. Huldah, bapt. at Orleans, Dec. 18, 1774; married Oct. 8, 1789, Moses Snow, b. Feb. 17, 1763. Children: Olive, Patty, Lavina, b. March 2, 1795, Mary, Moses, Simeon, Francis, Sparrow, Emery, Giles, and Loring, b. May 23, 1813. Moses Snow married (2) Oct. 6, 1817, Sarah Young of Orleans and in his will of 1836 names his daughter Lavina who had married Samuel Higgins.
- iv. Knowles, bapt. at Orleans, March 3, 1776; d. at Orleans, 1794.
- v. Jerusha, b. Nov. 12, 1777.
278. vi. James, b. Feb. 7, 1781; married Elizabeth Higgins.
- vii. Nancy, bapt. at Orleans, Nov. 28, 1784; d. July 1, 1861, at Orleans; married Nov. 16, 1806, Simeon Mayo.

Authorities: Records of First Church, Eastham-Orleans; *Mayflower Des.*, vol. x, p. 231; Barnstable Co. Probate Records, vol. xxxvi.

138. NATHAN<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Simeon*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Nov. 1, 1752, at Eastham; died —; married Oct. 14, 1779, Zerviah Freeman, born —; died —.

He may be the Nathan Higgins who enlisted in the naval service June 21, 1776, and probably is the Nathan Higgins who was

a private in Lieut. Samuel Knowles' co., Maj. Zenas Winslow's Second Barnstable Co. regt. of militia, serving three days in September, 1778, on alarms at Bedford and Falmouth. He held a town office at Orleans in 1801.

Zerviah, wife of Nathan Higgins, was admitted to the First Church at Eastham-Orleans on Sept. 1, 1793, and on Sept. 8, 1793, her five children were baptized by the pastor.

*Children born at Eastham.*

279. i. Seth, b. July 31, 1780; married Rachel Snow.
- ii. Elliot, b. Sept. 3, 1782.
- iii. Rebecca, b. Oct. 4, 1785.
- iv. Cyrenius, b. Sept. 10, 1787.
- v. Mary, b. Nov. 11, 1789; married Nov. 12, 1813, Obadiah Baker.

Authorities: *Mayflower Des.*, vol. xiii, p. 93; xvii, p. 13; Records of Baptisms, First Church of Eastham-Orleans.

139. PHILIP<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Thomas*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Jan. 28, 1727-8, at Eastham, Mass.; died at Bath, Maine, between Dec. 16, 1795, and May 27, 1796; married July 27, 1748, Mary Wiley.

Philip Higgins removed from Eastham or Wellfleet to Georgetown, Maine, where he was a merchant. He appraised an estate there May 30, 1760. Later change of town lines made him a resident of West Bath, where he died. His will shows that he was a successful man and had acquired a good estate. It reads as follows:

"In the name of God, amen. I Philip Higgins of Bath in the County of Lincoln, & Commonwealth of Massachusetts, yeoman, being of sound mind & memory and calling to mind the mortality of my body & knowing it is appointed for all men once to die, do make & ordain this my last will and testament, that is to say: First of all I give & recommend my soul into the hand of Almighty God, & my body to the earth to be buried decently, according to the discretion of my Executor, believing that at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God. And as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life, I give, demise & dispose of the same in the following manner & form:

"First. I give & bequeathe to Mary my dearly beloved wife, the use and improvement of my homestead farm, on which we now live, with all the stock of cattle & farming utensils thereon during her natural life; and all the house furniture to her use & disposal forever.



"Secondly. I give & bequeathe to my son Benjamin Higgins the sum of ten dollars, and no more, I having formerly given him as much as I esteem his proportion.

"Third. I give to my son Reuben Higgins the farm on which he now lives, containing about eighty-five acres, situate in said Bath.

"Fourth. I give to my daughter Ruth Marriner ten dollars, she having formerly had from me as much as I esteem her proportion.

"Fifth. I give to my daughter Abigail Williams the sum of fifty dollars.

"Sixth. I give to my son Simeon Higgins the land to the eastward of the road leading to Foster's point, containing about eighty acres, adjoining his own land.

"Seventh. I give to my son Philip Higgins the homestead farm aforementioned, with the stock of cattle and all the farming utensils to his use & improvement after the decease of his mother my said wife until his sons Isaiah & Jeremiah shall be twenty one years of age, when it is my will & I bequeathe accordingly that the said Isaiah and the said Jeremiah each shall have and hold forever to themselves, their heirs and assigns one fourth part to each of them, of the said homestead farm; and the said Philip to have and to hold to himself, his heirs & assigns forever the remaining half of the said homestead farm.

"8th. I give to my daughter Mary Mather ten dollars, she having received her proportion some time ago.

"9th. I give to my daughter Sarah Holbrook the sum of fifty dollars, also the money due me from her husband.

"10th. I give to my daughter Thankful Huffer of Bowdoin all the right, title & possession which I have to the land on which she & her husband now live in said Bowdoin. I likewise give to my said daughter all the money due to me from her said husband.

"11th. I likewise give to my sons Reuben, Simeon, & Philip aforementioned my saw mill with the mill privilege and all the privileges to the millpond belonging.

"12th. I give to my son Philip aforesaid all other my personal estate not before particularly bequeathed, except debts due to me, which debts my Executor hereafter named is to collect and with the money so collected discharge my just debts & pay the legacies & sums in this instrument mentioned and bequeathed, and the remainder if any there should be, I give & bequeathe to my daughter Thankful Huffer aforesaid. And the legacies aforementioned I will to be paid within two years after my decease. And I do hereby appoint my said son Reuben Higgins sole executor of this my last will & testament. And I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke & disannul all and every former testaments, wills, legacies & bequests by me in anywise before willed & bequeathed, ratifying & confirming this & no other to be my last will and testament.

"In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this

16th day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety five."

Philip Higgins and a seal.

*Children.*

280. i. Benjamin, b. —, at Eastham; married Sarah Matthews.
281. ii. Reuben, b. Nov. 20, 1750, at Eastham; married (1) Mercy Hopkins; (2) Susannah Philbrook.
  - iii. Ruth, b. —; married John Marriner.
  - iv. Abigail, b. —; married June 5, 1774, John Williams of Georgetown, Maine.
282. v. Simeon, b. —; married Elizabeth Macantios.
283. vi. Philip, b. 1758; married Mary Spaulding.
  - vii. Mary, b. —; married — Matthews.
  - viii. Sarah, b. —; married — Holbrook.
  - ix. Thankful, b. —; married — Huffe or Hough of Bowdoin, Maine.

Authority: *Lincoln County Wills.*

140. THOMAS<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Thomas*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Jan. 1, 1729-30; died Oct. 31, 1809, at Wellfleet, Mass.; married (1) Dec. 28, 1751, Anne Treat, born —, in Truro; died about 1769; daughter of Nathaniel and Mary (Lyon) Treat of Truro; married (2) May 31, 1777, Ruth Rich, born —, in Truro; died Jan. 6, 1826.

Thomas Higgins resided at Wellfleet. He is called Thomas Higgins, 3d., in 1751, when Wellfleet was still a part of the town of Eastham. He was a captain, probably marine, as there is no record of his being commissioned a military captain. The following record is thought to belong to him. "Thomas Higgins, Jr. Private, Capt. Joseph Smith's detachment of militia from the town of Wellfleet, Col. Freeman's regt.; service two days; mileage (52 miles) allowed; detachment marched to Falmouth, Sept. 10, 1778, by order of Brig. General Joseph Otis on an alarm."

Capt. Thomas Higgins was buried in Duck Creek Cemetery, Wellfleet, where his gravestone may be seen.

*Child.*

284. i. Thomas, b. July 9, 1764; married Martha Swett.

Authorities: *Mayflower Des.*, vol. xi, p. 144; *Treat Genealogy*, pp. 85, 241; Anna Higgins, daughter of Thomas<sup>6</sup> Higgins and Martha Swett; Miss Betsey Freeman of Wellfleet.

141. BENJAMIN<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Thomas*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Feb. 8, 1731-2, at Eastham; died —; married Aug. 21, 1766, Hannah Mayo, born Nov. 28, 1724, at Eastham; died —; daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Rogers) Mayo.

This Benjamin Higgins is believed to be the same man as Benjamin Higgins whom the census of 1790 shows living at Frederickstown, Dutchess County, N. Y., and having a family of one son and three daughters besides himself and wife. Thomas Higgins of Southeast in the same county is believed to have been his son.

*Child.*

i. Thomas, b. —; married —.

Authority: MS. Mayo Genealogy. Others say that Hannah Mayo was born Jan. 1, 1731-2, daughter of William and Hannah (Snow) Mayo.

142. JONATHAN<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Thomas*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born April 10, 1734, at Eastham; died at Wellfleet, Jan. 10, 1821, aged 87 years; married (1) Nov. 22, 1753, Sarah Coombs, born April 4, 1729; died —; probably daughter of Solomon and Content (Mayo) Coombs of Eastham; married (2) June 10, 1777, Bethiah Snow, born —; died Oct. 23, 1783, probably daughter of Nathaniel and — Snow; married (3) (int. Feb. 11 or 12, 1785) Eunice Brown, born in Eastham about 1755; died Oct. 11, 1819, at Wellfleet, aged 64 years.

Jonathan Higgins was a prominent man in the North Precinct of Eastham, now the town of Wellfleet. His gravestone at Duck Creek Cemetery, Wellfleet, the Wellfleet records (precinct and town), and the Barnstable Probate records all unite in calling him Deacon Jonathan Higgins, and doubtless he was a life deacon of the Congregational Church in the North Precinct of Eastham, now Wellfleet. The census of 1790 gives him a family of eleven, and his son Jonathan, Jr., a family of four. His estate was distributed July 11, 1821, apparently all to his son, Elnathan Higgins. "Jonathan higgins ye 3: and Sarah Coombs Boath of Eastham ware marrid in Eastham by Mr Isaiah Lues Minister November 22: 1753."

*Children.*

285. i. Jonathan, b. Nov. 6, 1754, at Eastham; married Mercy Pike.

ii. Sarah, b. Feb. 11, 1756.

286. iii. Paine, b. Dec. 15, 1758; married Elizabeth Harding.  
 iv. Mary, b. June 12, 1761.  
 v. Lois, b. Aug. 12, 1763, at Wellfleet; married 1790(?) Edward Hawes of Barnstable(?).  
 vi. Anna, b. Sept. 15, 1767.
287. vii. Nathaniel Snow, b. Sept. 20, 1778; married Rebecca Harding Young.  
 viii. Benjamin, b. Feb. 24, 1780.  
 ix. Edward, b. March 5, 1782; died young.
288. x. Henry, b. Oct. 23, 1783; married Hannah Harding Newcomb.  
 xi. Bethiah, b. Nov. 14, 1785; married Oct. 4, 1804, Joseph Swett of Wellfleet. Children: Joseph, married Susanna Rich; Bethiah, married Israel Pierce and had thirteen children; Sally, married John Chipman; Benjamin, married Jane Cole; James, married Sarah Doane Stone; John, married Clarissa Baker; Noah, married Louisiana Rich; Betsey, married Jesse Newcomb; two infants that died young; Mary, married Ambrose Snow and had thirteen children.
289. xii. Ezekiel, b. Sept. 11, 1788; married (1) Jemima Atwood; (2) Mrs. Jerusha Knowles.  
 xiii. Sarah, b. Nov. 30, 1790; married Nov. 28, 1815, Eben Wiley.
290. xiv. Elnathan, b. July 20, 1793; married Thankful Swett.  
 xv. Olive, b. June 28, 1795; married Jan. 8, 1822, John E. Kemp.  
 xvi. Hannah Horton, b. June 17, 1798; married Thomas Cobb of Truro.

Authorities: *Mayflower Des.*, vol. xv, p. 68 (records of Eastham); Records of Wellfleet, which give children of Jonathan and Sarah, and of Jonathan and Bethiah, his *second* wife, and of Jonathan and Eunice, his *third* wife; Wellfleet Inscriptions; Barnstable Probate Records, vol. xliii, p. 203.

143. JESSE<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Thomas*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Feb. 21, 1736, at Eastham, probably in the North Precinct, now Wellfleet; died —, at —; married April 28, 1757, Experience Hinckley.

Jesse Higgins and wife Experience were both of Eastham at the time of their marriage. Nothing more is known of them from the Eastham records, or of a family. There was at Georgetown, Maine, a Mr. Higgins with wife Experience. His first name has been read (but with considerable uncertainty) from the records of that town as John. But it seems probable that the name on



the records should be read Jesse, not John. The two names in the old script would appear much alike to an unpracticed eye. We shall assume that the name is Jesse. There was a Jesse Higgins at Lewiston, Maine, in 1790, as shown by the census of that year, having a family of himself and two females. He may have been the same Jesse of Eastham and Georgetown. If the three names refer to the same person, it is probable that there were children older than those here given.

*Children born at Georgetown, Maine.*

- i. Priscilla, b. May 30, 1764.
- ii. John, b. June 23, 1766.
- iii. Jonathan, b. March 17, 1768.

Authorities: Eastham Records; Georgetown, Maine, Records; *Mayflower Des.*, vol. xvi, p. 202; *U. S. Census of 1790*.

144. SOLOMON<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Thomas*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born July 15, 1743, in Eastham, probably North Precinct, now Wellfleet; died ——. "Solomon Higgins and Margaret Holbrook Jun. both of Eastham were married by me Isaiah Lewis minister January 24 Day 1760." She was probably daughter of Thomas and Margaret (Doane) Holbrook of Wellfleet. Solomon Higgins married (2) Oct. 28, 1773, Abigail Pierce, daughter probably of Isaac Pierce, Sr., of Wellfleet.

Solomon Higgins was living at Wellfleet in 1790, as the census of that year shows. He served in the Revolution and the two following records both probably refer to him:

"Solomon Higgins. Captain of an Eastham co., engaged July 1, 1775; discharged Dec. 31, 1775; service 6 months, 16 days in defense of seacoast; also list of commissioned officers of Col. Cary's regt., raised to reinforce the army until April 1, 1776." It is declared that this company served under General Washington, fortifying Dorchester Heights.

"Solomon Higgins. 2d Lieutenant, brigantine 'Independence,' commissioned by Capt. Simeon Sampson; engaged May 2, 1776; service to Sept. 22, 1776, 4 months, 2 days; roll dated Plymouth; also 2nd Lieutenant, brigantine 'Independence,' commanded by Capt. Sampson; list of officers of armed vessels; commissioned Sept. 19, 1776; said Higgins reported resigned and Charles Dyer appointed in his stead."

*Children born at Wellfleet.*

291. i. Solomon, b. July 21, 1774; married Elizabeth Dyer.
- ii. Nathaniel, b. Aug. 24, 1776.

- iii. Sarah, b. Sept. 23, 1778.
- iv. Thankful, b. Feb. 22, 1781; d. April 30, 1801; buried in Duck Creek Cemetery, Wellfleet; married Nathaniel Harding.
- v. Mary, b. Jan. 23, 1785; d. Feb. 14, 1816(?).
- 292. vi. Isaac, b. April 1, 1789; married Mehitabel Gill.

Authorities: Wellfleet Records; *Mayflower Des.*, vol. xv, p. 230.

145. SAMUEL<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Paul<sup>4</sup>, Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born Feb. 28, 1739-40, at Eastham; died at Orleans, June 16, 1815; married Oct. 14, 1769, Patience Rogers, born about 1747 in Harwich; died at Orleans in 1824, aged 77 years; daughter of Judah Rogers of Harwich.

It is difficult to distinguish in the records this Samuel Higgins from Samuel Higgins, son of Samuel<sup>4</sup> Higgins, born Aug. 6, 1730; died at Orleans in 1813, aged 83. However, it is thought that the statements which follow refer to Samuel Higgins, son of Paul. He is generally called Samuel Higgins, 3d, during his early life, but Samuel Higgins, Jr., after the death of Samuel<sup>4</sup> Higgins.

“Samuel Higgins, Eastham, Private, Capt. Isaiah Higgins’s co., Col. Thomas Marshall’s regt.; abstract for advance pay for 1 mo. from June 6, 1776, etc., dated Boston June 17, 1776; also same co. and regt.; enlisted June 6, 1776, service to Oct. 31, 1776; 4 mos., 26 days; also same co. and regt.; service from Nov. 1, 1776 to time of discharge, 1 mo.; travel 5 days (95 miles) home allowed; also Lieut. Samuel Knowles’s co., Major Zenas Winslow’s regt.; service from Sept. 6, to Sept. 13, 6 days, on alarms at Bedford and Falmouth.”

Samuel Higgins held a town office in 1776, was constable in 1779, and held a town office in 1781. In 1785 he was elected town clerk of Eastham, in 1793 selectman, in 1797 negative man, and in 1801 and 1808 held some town office. Some or all of these records of office may refer to Samuel<sup>5</sup> Higgins, son of Samuel<sup>4</sup>.

Old deeds show that Samuel Higgins lived first in Harwich, from 1773 to 1798 in Eastham, and after 1798 in Orleans. Unless the place names are used carelessly, the probable explanation is that the variation is not due to removals, but to changes in town lines. The old line dividing Eastham from Harwich was at Portanimitutt River, so called, which is not a river, but a creek connecting Portanimitutt Salt Pond (now generally called Arey’s Pond) with Pleasant Bay. This is due east from South Orleans post office and about two miles north of the present line between

Orleans and Harwich. It is quite clear from these old deeds that Samuel Higgins, like his father, Paul Higgins, lived most, if not all, of his life in the locality now called South Orleans.

Abstracts of the deeds referred to will now be given. They are from the collection of Capt. E. F. Small of Danvers, Mass., as copied by Mr. Stanley W. Smith.

"I Samuel Paine and Sarah his wife both of Harwich, for £10 have sold to Samuel Higgins one sixth part of the field belonging to the heirs of Samuel Mayo deceased, which is in partnership with Paul Higgins and Crisp Rogers and others, being and adjoining to the Indian land near Cheeweaset in Harwich, which was formerly the land of Judah Rogers. April 17, 1764."

"John Taylor of Eastham cordwainer for £13, 6, 8, paid by Samuel Higgins of Harwich sell my three lots of meadow and sedge ground lying in Harwich near the Island called Strong Island and the Island called Septsens Island. They are a parcel of flats and meadow called the seven shear purchase and is butted and bounded as it may appear by the record thereof. 31 May 1766."

"We Crisp Rogers and Mercy his wife and Crisp Rogers Jr. and Deborah his wife all of Harwich for £18, 13, 4 paid by Samuel Higgins of Harwich have sold one third part of a field that formerly was Mr. Samuel Mayo deceased in partnership with Paul Higgins and others, being and adjoining to the Indian land near Cheeweaset in Harwich, together with all the privileges belonging to it. Dec. 25, 1767."

"We Richard Atamon and Lois his wife of Harwich Indians for £1, 6, 8 paid by Samuel Higgins of Harwich have sold all that our parcel of land whereon the dwelling house of the sd Samuel Higgins now stands, three quarters of an acre, more or less, beginning at a stake and stone in the range of Paul Higgins's land near the southeast corner of the sd Samuel's house, etc. July 10, 1771."

"Thomas Snow Jr of Harwich and Hannah his wife for £20 paid by Samuel Higgins the third and Elijah Twining both of Eastham, sell to them all our parcel of woodland lying in Harwich, twenty-five acres more or less. Feb. 26, 1773."

"Joshua Hopkins of Eastham for £13, 6, 8 paid by Paul Higgins and Samuel Higgins both of Eastham sell to them my two lots of meadow and sedge ground lying on the flat to the eastward of an Island called Sipson's Island, lying in the seven shear purchase, butted and bounded as recorded. Dec. 1, 1774."

"William Crosby and Phoebe his wife, Samuel Paine and Sarah his wife, Stephen Griffith and Eunice his wife, James Phinney and Abigail his wife all of Harwich and Rebecca Higgins of Eastham for £80 paid by Samuel Higgins Jr. of Eastham sell all our right in the land that was set off to our mother and grandmother Mayo for her thirds in a field called the old field . . . that comes to us by our mother that was given to her by our grandfather, Samuel Mayo deceased. Nov. 23, 1779."

“Desire Bangs of Harwich, administratrix on the goods and estate of Richard Attoman of Eastham deceased, being empowered to sell for the most it will fetch all the real estate of sd Attamon who died insolvent, do sell to Samuel Higgins Jr of Eastham for £15, all the said real estate. Bounds given, but Paul Higgins’s range the only one mentioned. Jan. 11, 1781.”

“Elijah Twining of Eastham and Lois his wife for £58, 13, 4 paid by Samuel Higgins Jr. of Eastham sell to him our two parcels of land lying in Eastham that was given to us by our deceased father Judah Rogers, one lot of said land lyeth near the head of the meadow called Bakers Tarkiln meadow, bounded on the southerly side by the said Samuel Higgins; on the westerly side by the road that leads from Eastham to Chatham, etc. also all our right in one parcel of land lying at a place commonly called Fort Hill, which was given to us by our deceased father Judah Rogers in partnership with the said Samuel Higgins and is undivided. April 20, 1782.”

On the same date the same grantors conveyed to Paul Higgins of Eastham a parcel of woodland in Eastham which fell to their deceased sister Susannah Rogers, also meadow at Fort Hill that fell to them from their father Judah Rogers, deceased.

“Sarah Cowet of Mashpee in the County of Barnstable, wife of Richard Cowet for 10 shillings paid by Samuel Higgins of Eastham quitclaims to him to a certain strip of land lying on the northerly side of the lot whereon Samuel Higgins’s dwelling house now stands, that was my brother’s John Ralph, bounded beginning at the northerly corner bound of land which the said Samuel Higgins bought of the widow Desire Bangs, thence easterly by the said Higgins range to the pond a little southerly of the now dwelling house of Theophilus Hopkins. Sept. 8, 1788.”

In 1791 Mercy Jackson, wife of William Jackson, seafaring man of Eastham, quitclaimed her rights of inheritance in the lands which her aunt Sarah Cowet quitclaimed to Samuel Higgins in 1788. These people were of Indian descent, and the deeds, while showing their relationship, shed no light upon Higgins’s affairs.

“Paul Higgins of Eastham for £15, 12, 0 paid by Samuel Higgins Jr. of said Eastham sells ‘all that my parcel of land lying in Eastham near the dwelling house of Uriah Mayo which land I bought of John Cole by deeds dated Feb. 12, 1759 and June 14, 1762.’ Dated March 30, 1795.”

“Judah Rogers of Orleans for \$240 paid by Samuel Higgins Jr. of Orleans sell to him that lot of land I formerly bought of the said Samuel Higgins, lying in the town of Orleans at a place called Fort Hill, eleven acres; also two pieces of meadow, both adjoining land of Samuel Higgins. April 13, 1798.”

“Timothy Doane of Orleans for \$225 paid by Samuel Higgins Jr. of said Orleans sell all that property that the said Timothy



Doane purchased of James Phinney and Stephen Griffith of Harwich and Rebecca Higgins of Orleans, the said estate lying partly in Orleans and partly in Brewster and was formerly owned by Paul Higgins late of said Orleans, deceased, and is more particularly described in the said Timothy Doane's deed of Aug. 24, 1801, reserving to the said Timothy all the right that the said Paul Higgins owned in what is called Thomas Linnel's Harbour, all his right of sedge lying in the one hundred and seven share propriety so called. May 28, 1806."

"Samuel Higgins Jr. of Orleans for \$88 paid by my son Judah Higgins of said Orleans mariner sell to him a piece of land lying in Orleans, beginning at Uriah Mayo's land, bounded (description omitted here), three acres and eighty rods more or less, with a cart way out to the main road and a privilege to the pond on the east side. March 5, 1813." Rerecorded in Town of Orleans Deeds, Barnstable Registry, vol. i, p. 28.

#### *Children.*

- i. Thankful, b. Feb. 8, 1770; married Nov. 27, 1793, Simeon Mayo.
- ii. Paul, b. Dec. 11, 1771; d. in 1773 or 1774.
293. iii. Allen, b. Nov. 13, 1774; married Mehitabel Holway.
- iv. Paul, b. Jan. 13, 1777; d. Jan. 5, 1800.
- v. Zedekiah, b. July 15, 1779; d. in 1800.
- vi. Nathan, b. Aug. 15, 1782.
294. vii. Judah, b. Oct. 12, 1784; married Betsey Small.
- viii. Anna, b. July 15, 1787.
295. ix. Mark, b. Oct. 10, 1792; married Mary Eldredge.

Authorities: Eastham and Orleans Records; Barnstable Probate Records, vol. xvii, p. 102; Capt. E. F. Small's collection of deeds, copied and communicated by Mr. Stanley W. Smith.

#### NOTE ON THE ROGERS FAMILY OF EASTHAM-ORLEANS AND HARWICH.

Thomas Rogers of the *Mayflower*, 1620, had a large family, but only two of his sons can be certified in New England, namely Joseph and John. Joseph came in the *Mayflower* with his father, and John came later and settled at Duxbury, where he died between Aug. 26, 1691, and Sept. 20, 1692.

Joseph Rogers (*Thomas*) settled at Eastham (South Orleans) where he died in 1678; he was lieutenant. His will, dated 2/12 Jan. 1677-8, has been published in *Mayflower Des.*, vol. iii, 1901. Wife Hannah.

#### *Children.*

- i. Joseph, b. —; d. Dec. 27, 1660.
- ii. Elizabeth, b. —; married Jonathan Higgins.
- iii. Thomas, b. —; married Elizabeth Snow.

- iv. James, b. —; d. April 13, 1678.
- v. John, b. —; married Elizabeth Twining.
- vi. Hannah, b. Aug. 8, 1652; probably married Jonathan Higgins, as his second wife.

The later marriages between descendants of Joseph Rogers and of Richard Higgins are very numerous, and to trace all the Rogers lines would require many pages. Only a few can be given.

Thomas Rogers (*Joseph, Thomas*), married Dec. 13, 1665, Elizabeth Snow. He died June 16, 1678.

*Children.*

- i. Elizabeth, b. Oct. 8, 1666.
- ii. Joseph, b. Feb. 1, 1667; he d. 1696, leaving wife Prudence and children, Joseph, Sarah, Elizabeth.
- iii. Hannah, b. March 20, 1669; married Amaziah Harding.
- iv. Thomas, b. March 6, 1670-1; d. March 15, 1670-1.
- v. Thomas, b. May 6, 1672; living in 1704.
- vi. Eleazer, b. Nov. 3, 1673; living in 1704.
- vii. Nathaniel, b. Jan. 18, 1675; d. before 1704.

John Rogers (*Joseph, Thomas*), married Aug. 19, 1669, at Eastham, Elizabeth Twining. He died between April 27, 1713, and Sept. 21, 1714, leaving a will naming eight children. Mrs. Elizabeth Rogers died March 10, 1724-5. Resided at Eastham.

*Children.*

- i. Samuel, b. Nov. 1, 1671; d. Dec. 3, 1671.
- ii. John, b. Nov. 4, 1672; settled in Harwich.
- iii. Judah, b. Nov. 23, 1677; settled at Harwich; d. 1739, at Eastham.
- iv. Joseph, b. Feb. 22, 1679; married (1) Oct. 13, 1703, Mercy Crisp; (2) Sarah —; lived at Eastham; had Crisp, b. Feb. 17, 1704-5; Elkanah, b. Feb. 13, 1706-7; Martha, b. Feb. 26, 1708-9 (married — Cole); he d. 1757.
- v. Elizabeth, b. Oct. 23, 1682.
- vi. Eleazer, b. May 19, 1685; settled in Harwich; married Martha —; family born at Harwich, 1713 to 1729.
- vii. Mehitabel, b. March 13, 1686-7.
- viii. Hannah, b. Aug. 5, 1689.
- ix. Nathaniel, b. Oct. 3, 1693; settled in Eastham.

Judah Rogers (*Judah, John, Joseph, Thomas*), born about 1705, at Harwich; died —; married (1) Dec. 12, 1728, Patience Cole, born Dec. 8, 1706, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Cobb) Cole; married (2) June 14, 1741, Susannah Rogers; married (3) Nov. 24, 1743, Lois Young; married (4) Aug. 29, 1751, Elizabeth Nickerson, widow of David Nickerson and daughter of Nathaniel

and Ruth (Doane) Mayo. Lived at South Orleans; had lands of his father and grandfather.

*Children.*

- i. Patience, b. about 1740; married Samuel Higgins.
- ii. Susannah, b. Oct. 6, 1742; d. unmarried.
- iii. Lois, b. about 1744; married Elijah Twining.
- iv. Judah, b. 1753 (from his gravestone).

Authority: *Mayflower Des.* and Mr. Stanley W. Smith.

146. EDMUND<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Benjamin<sup>4</sup>, Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born Dec. 21, 1740, at Eastham; died there May 15, 1793; married Dec. 17, 1761, Esther Higgins, born Feb. 7, 1739-40, at Eastham; died —; daughter of Joshua and Ruth (Twining) Higgins of Eastham.

Edmund Higgins resided at Eastham-Orleans. He was admitted to the First Church there May 5, 1793. His will dated April 22, 1793, Lot Higgins executor, does not mention a daughter Ruth Taylor, but does name a daughter Martha, and son Jonathan to whom he gives real estate at Harwich.

Edmund Higgins was a private in Lieut. Samuel Knowles co. of Maj. Zenas Winslow's Second Barnstable County regt. of militia, serving three days in September, 1778, on alarms at Bedford and Falmouth. Also this may be his record, but it may belong to another Edmund Higgins.

“Edmund Higgins, private, Colonel's co., Col. Benjamin Tupper's (15th) regt.; muster roll for March 1779, dated West Point; enlisted June 17, 1778, enlistment 9 mos.; reported discharged March 17, 1779.”

*Children born at Eastham.*

296. i. Josiah, b. Sept. 18, 1762; married Aug. 17, 1786; Abigail Harding of Wellfleet; went to Thorndike, Maine.
- ii. Dorcas, b. Sept. 20, 1765; d. May 21, 1812; married April 20, 1786, Heman Snow, Jr. Children: Betsey, b. Sept. 27, 1786; Lucy, b. Nov. 6, 1788; Josiah Higgins, b. July 17, 1791; Heman, b. Aug. 4, 1793; Jonathan Higgins, b. Aug. 20, 1795; Mary, b. Aug. 21, 1797; Betsey, b. Sept. 2, 1799; Simkins, b. July 12, 1803; John G., b. July 28, 1811.
- iii. Hannah, b. Oct. 15, 1767; married Aug. 31, 1794, Asa Mayo.
- iv. Rachel, b. Sept. 15, 1770.

- v. Jonathan, b. April 7, 1773; was living April 22, 1793. His father gave him property at Harwich, hence he is more likely to have been the Jonathan Higgins of Harwich whose estate was settled in 1810.
- vi. Ruth Taylor, bapt. July 28, 1776, at Eastham-Orleans; d. Sept. 10, 1809; married (int. Oct. 1, 1796) Elkanah Snow, b. Sept. 8, 1775, at Harwich; son of Ebenezer and Elizabeth (Chase) Snow. Children: Asa, b. Dec. 7, 1797; Elkanah, b. May 1, 1799; Jonathan Higgins, b. Feb. 3, 1802; Sumner, b. Jan. 6, 1804; Ruth, b. May 31, 1805; Ebenezer, b. Oct. 24, 1807; Winthrop, b. Sept. 10, 1809.

147. BENJAMIN<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Benjamin*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Nov. 29, 1743, at Eastham; died —; married Feb. 9, 1775, Jerusha Newcomb, born July 24, 1750; died at Hampden, Maine, Jan. 30, 1831, "aged 80"; daughter of Capt. William and Vashti (Cole) Newcomb of Wellfleet, Mass.

Benjamin Higgins probably resided in Wellfleet. His service in the Revolution appears as follows: "Benjamin Higgins of Wellfleet was a private in Capt. Winslow Lewis's co.; pay abstract for mileage to and from camp at Cambridge, dated Jan. 13, 1776; mileage (218) allowed said Higgins." Before Nov. 5, 1777, as shown by a petition, he appears to have removed to Penobscot, Maine, and the census of 1790 shows a Benjamin Higgins at Frankfort, Maine, the number in whose family agrees exactly with the family of Benjamin and Jerusha Higgins. In July, 1796, Benjamin Higgins and Jerusha his wife were of Hampden, Maine, as shown by a deed. The distance from Penobscot to Frankfort is about fifteen miles and Frankfort originally included all of the present town of Hampden. Therefore it is not necessary to assume that he removed more than once after reaching Maine. Two of the deeds recorded for the second time at Barnstable County registry after the fire of 1827 are the foundation of these statements, as follows:

"Benjamin Higgins of Penobscot, Me. to Lot Higgins of Eastham conveys my share of land which is one-third part of the homestead land which was formerly my father's, Benjamin Higgins of Eastham. Dated July 10, 1782."—Orleans Deeds, vol. i.

"Benjamin Higgins of Hampden, Hancock Co., Me. and Jerusha his wife and Nathaniel Pierce of Orrington Me. and Lydia his wife convey to John Young Newcomb land in Wellfleet, estate that belonged to our father William Newcomb, late of Wellfleet. Dated July 5, 1796."—Wellfleet Deeds, vol. i.



*Children.*

- i. Hannah, b. Dec. 14, 1775.
- ii. Eunice, b. April 16, 1778; married Sept. 26, 1805, Ephraim Packard or Pickard.
297. iii. William, b. Aug. 14, 1780; married Abigail Rogers.
- iv. Nancy, b. March 14, 1783; married (int. May 30, 1801) Benjamin Newcomb.
- v. Sarah, b. June 2, 1786; married (int. Aug. 17, 1810) Jonathan Basford.
- vi. Jerusha, b. Feb. 15, 1787; married Oct. 15, 1812, Moses Pollard.
- vii. Benjamin, b. Sept. 19, 1792.

Authorities: Records of Hampden, Maine; Barnstable County Deeds (rerecorded), Wellfleet, vol. i, and Orleans, vol. i.

148. LOT<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Benjamin*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Feb. 21, 1745-6, at Eastham; died there in 1820, aged 75 years; married (1) Feb. 3, 1774, Zerviah Linnell, born April 26, 1754; died in 1786; daughter of Jonathan and Mercy (Mayo) Linnell of Eastham and Harwich; married (2) March 1, 1787, Azubah Hopkins.

Lot Higgins lived at Eastham-Orleans. Mrs. Zerviah Higgins was admitted to the First Church there Nov. 14, 1779, and Lot Higgins was admitted Sept. 24, 1786.

Lot Higgins served as a private in Capt. Joshua Higgins's co., Maj. Zenas Winslow's Second Barnstable County regt. of militia, five days in September, 1778, on alarms at Bedford and Falmouth.

*Children.*

- i. Uriah, b. Jan. 17, 1776; d. December, 1796, "abroad."
- ii. Benjamin b. Aug. 11, 1777; d. Sept. 19, 1779.
- iii. Tamzin, b. Dec. 20, 1778; d. Oct. 6, 1779.
298. iv. Benjamin, b. July 27, 1780; married Dorcas Freeman.
- v. Tamzin, b. May 29, 1782; d. Aug. 24, 1804.
299. vi. Lot, b. March 1, 1784; married Mercy Sparrow.
- vii. Zerviah, b. Jan. 3, 1786; d. Feb. 20, 1876, in Brewster; married — Knowles.

Authority: Barnstable Co. Probate Records, vol. xiv, pp. 58 and 174.

149. ELISHA<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Benjamin*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born about 1750; died —; married Jan. 28, 1773, Mary Butler; born about 1754; died Sept. 10, 1834, aged 80 years.

Elisha Higgins lived at Eastham-Orleans, but later removed to Falmouth or Westbrook, Maine. He is probably the Elisha Higgins

mentioned by the census of 1790 as living at Falmouth, Maine. He served as a private in Capt. Joshua Higgins's co. of Maj. Zenas Winslow's Second Barnstable County regt. of militia five days in September, 1778, on alarms at Bedford and Falmouth.

*Children.*

- i. Thomas, b. Nov. 10, 1773.
- ii. Tamzin, b. Dec. 25, 1779; d. July 4, 1861; married March 17, 1812, Asa Taylor.
300. iii. Elisha, b. Oct. 29, 1780; married Lucy Sawyer.
- iv. Mary Butler, b. —; married Aug. 7, 1817, Joshua H. Marean of Newton, Maine. Children: Elizabeth (married a Robinson), Charles, Freeman, Joshua.
- v. Joshua, b. —; married — Lynch, New York.
301. vi. James, b. —; married Effie Staples.
- vii. Thomas, b. — (?).

Authorities: Eastham Vital Records; Record of Rev. Caleb Bradley, Westbrook, Maine.

“Aug. 18, 1750. Dea. John Bailey gave to his well beloved son John Bailey of Falmouth a gore of land on the N. W. end of his own land, 50 acres. Of this gift there is no public record, but the northerly line of the Elisha Higgins estate forms the northerly boundary line of the 50-acre gift. Part of this land was afterward sold to Elisha Higgins and in 1834 Elisha Higgins Jr. sold the 9 acres with buildings to John Newman.” See Maine census of 1790; *Collections of Maine Historical Society*, second series, vol. x, p. 297.

150. ISRAEL<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Zaccheus*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born about 1742 at Eastham; died Nov. 11, 1818, at Bar Island, town of Eden, Maine; married Nov. 26, 1767, at Eastham, Mary Snow, born Nov. 3, 1744, at Truro; daughter of Joshua and Hannah (Paine) Snow of Truro.

Street in his *History of Mt. Desert* says of him that he went from Cape Cod with his wife Mary Snow and settled on the shore near Eddy's Brook. They took up some two hundred acres of land ever since known as the Israel Higgins lot, in what was afterwards known as the town of Eden (Bar Harbor)—in 1771. Mt. Desert plantation records state that in 1776 a road was laid out between Ebenezer Salsbury's and Israel Higgins's, north from the main road to the salt water, and there a landing.

In 1779 Israel Higgins was a volunteer in the expedition against Bagaduce (now Castine). The payrolls of the Revolution show service from July 28 to Sept. 28, 1779, in Capt. Daniel

Sullivan's company. The Eden town records show that he served as constable and deer-reef (reeve). He was one of the first, perhaps the first, settler of Bar Harbor, and one of the leading men of the island of Mt. Desert.

His parentage is uncertain, and he is made son of Zaccheus by conjecture. Records showing his birth are wanting. Some have thought him a son or brother of Solomon<sup>4</sup> (*Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), but such records as we have concerning Solomon and his family seem to make that hypothesis impossible.

*Children born at Eastham and Eden, Maine.*

302. i. Henry, b. Nov. 27, 1769; married Anna Coggins.
303. ii. Stephen, b. Nov. 21, 1771; married Deborah Wasgatt.
- iii. Israel, b. April 12, 1773; d. March 17, 1776, at Eastham.
304. iv. Oliver, b. Jan. 22, 1776; married Rhoda Leland.
305. v. Israel, b. March 5, 1778; married (1) Mary Hull; (2) Mrs. Zena Stanwood.
- vi. Jonathan, b. Sept. 19, 1780; d. March 21, 1796.
306. vii. Zaccheus, b. Dec. 13, 1782; married Sarah Leland.
- viii. Seth, b. June 13, 1785; married Sally Hadlock.
- ix. Mercy, b. April 2, 1787; married Nathan Clark; settled at South West Harbor (Tremont).
- x. Mary, b. April 14, 1791; married Christopher Havens; settled at Bar Harbor.

Authorities: Street's *History of Mt. Desert*; E. M. Hamor of West Eden; Eastham Vital Records; *Mayflower Des.*, vol. viii, p. 184; Mr. W. B. Snow of Malden, Mass.

151. SOLOMON<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Solomon*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born July 4, 1758, at Eastham-Orleans; died there in 1820(?); married (1) Aug. 7, 1777, Abigail Twining, born March 20, 1760, at Eastham; died there 1788 (Mortality List, South parish of Eastham, Rev. Jonathan Bascom's); married (2) (date not found) Mary Twining, sister of his first wife, born —; died 1790; "Mary wife of Solomon Higgins died Sept. 8, 1790" (Eastham records); probably married (3) Nov. 25, 1790, Temperance Smith (Eastham records).

Solomon Sparrow Higgins of Somerville, Mass., born 1845, declares that his grandfather Solomon Higgins married two Twining sisters, and further tradition has it that he married a third time. Though the *Twining Family History* does not so state, the tradition is a fact and is partially supported by the records at Eastham.

Solomon Higgins of Eastham was a private in Capt. Abijah Bangs's co., Col. Nathan Freeman's regt.; pay roll for October, 1777, dated Harwich; service 31 days on a secret expedition to Rhode Island. Also a Solomon Higgins of Eastham was private in Lieut. Samuel Knowles's co. of Maj. Zenas Winslow's Second Barnstable County regt., serving six days in September, 1778, on alarms at Bedford and Falmouth.

The census of 1790 (begun August 1, 1790, and nine months allowed for its completion) shows a Solomon Higgins and wife in Sheffield, Mass., and the records of Granville, Mass., show a family of Solomon and Temperance Higgins. The last is probably the second family of Solomon and Temperance Higgins of Eastham, although it must be admitted that it may be only a complete coincidence of names. If this Solomon Higgins did remove to Granville, he must have returned to Orleans, if he is the Solomon who died there in 1820.

*Children born at Eastham.*

- i. Tabitha, b. Oct. 2, 1777; married Jan. 9, 1800, Joshua Rogers.
- ii. Miriam, b. March 2, 1782; married Samuel Calkins.
307. iii. Solomon, b. July 18, 1784; married Hannah Mayo Higgins.
- iv. Hiram, b. July 7, 1786.  
"A child of Solomon Higgins died 1783" (Church records, Orleans).
- v. Anne, b. Jan. 7, 1794, at Granville, Mass.
- vi. Sally, b. May 6, 1795, at Granville.
- vii. Bethiah, b. March 27, 1797, at Granville.
- viii. Obadiah, b. Aug. 30, 1798, at Granville.
- ix. Dean, b. Feb. 23, 1800.

Authorities: Eastham-Orleans Vital Records; *Granville Vital Records*, p. 4:

152. OBADIAH<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Solomon*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born March 21, 1761, at Eastham-Orleans; died there in 1784; married Feb. 25, 1779, Mrs. Sarah (Mayo) Sparrow, born April 3, 1765; died Aug. 27, 1843, aged 78 years, 4 months, 24 days; daughter of Asa and Hannah Mayo of Eastham.

Obadiah Higgins lived in the South Parish of Eastham, now Orleans. Mrs. Sarah Higgins married (1) when fourteen years old Mr. Sparrow; (2) Obadiah Higgins; (3) John Higgins, son of



Ichabod<sup>5</sup> Higgins, and (4) Oct. 9, 1800, Thomas Rogers, by whom she had four children.

Obadiah Higgins served as a private in Capt. Abijah Bangs's co., Col. Nathaniel Freeman's regt.; pay roll for October, 1777, dated Harwich; served 31 days on a secret expedition to Rhode Island. He served again as private in Capt. Joseph Franklin's co., Col. Nathan Tyler's regt.; enlisted Oct. 19, 1779; discharged Dec. 31, 1779; service 2 months, 12 days at Rhode Island; also in same co. and regt.; pay roll for December, 1779, sworn to at Rehoboth; service 22 days at Rhode Island; also same co. and regt.; pay roll for December, 1779, allowing 1 month, 5 days' service at Rhode Island, including travel (98 miles) home.

The name of Obadiah Higgins appears also in a descriptive list of men raised to reinforce the Continental Army for the term of six months, agreeable to the resolve of June 5, 1780, returned as received of Justin Ely, commissioner, by Brig. Gen. John Glover at Springfield, July 18, 1780; age 19 years; stature five feet, eight inches; complexion ruddy; engaged for the town of Eastham; marched to camp July 18, 1780, under command of Joseph Brown, Esq.; also pay roll for 6 months, men raised by the town of Eastham for service in the Continental Army during 1780; service 4 months, 25 days.

*Children born at Eastham.*

- i. Infant, b. —; d. 1781 (Rev. J. Bascom's Mortality List).
- ii. Happy, b. April 17, 1782; married Nov. 10, 1802, Levi Whitney, and went to Maine; her grandson, Mr. Rich, living at Sebago Lake, Maine.

Authorities: Eastham Records; Prof. C. W. Berry of Charlestown, Mass., from recollections of his uncle, Thomas Rogers Higgins.

153. JAMES DEAN<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Solomon*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Sept. 11, 1774, at Eastham-Orleans; died — at Eden, Maine; married (date not found) Mary Roderick or Rodick, daughter of Daniel and Betty (Hamor) Roderick of Eden, Maine.

Removed with his father from Eastham to Eden, Maine, about 1789. Lived at Cromwell's Harbor.

*Children born at Eden, Maine.*

- i. Ambrose, b. —.
308. ii. Josiah S., b. —; married Jane Gibson.

- iii. Lewis, b. —.
- iv. Daniel, b. —; married Hannah Higgins.
- v. Asa, b. —; married Mercy (or Mary) Higgins.
- vi. Mary, b. —.
- vii. Maria, b. —.
- viii. Sophia, b. —.

154. TIMOTHY<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Freeman*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born March 28, 1748, at Eastham; died Jan. 27, 1829, at Standish, Maine; married March 9, 1771, at Eastham or Harwich, Reliance Yates, born Jan 18, 1751; died Dec. 14, 1825, at Standish, Maine; daughter of John and Thankful (King) Yates of Harwich who married April 26, 1750; granddaughter of Roger King of Harwich, as shown by wills of John Yates and of Roger King.

Probably about 1787, and certainly before the summer of 1790, Timothy Higgins emigrated from Eastham on Cape Cod to Maine, going by water and taking with him his wife, Reliance Yates, and his little son Prince. His wife's brother, John Yates, accompanied them. The description of the journey as stated by Lewis Higgins, grandson of Timothy, is in substance as follows:

"Immediately after the close of the Revolutionary War Timothy and his wife Reliance and their little boy emigrated to Maine. His brother-in-law, John Yates, went with him, as did nearly a hundred others who sought homes in Maine. They embarked from Orleans, Mass., on board a sailing sloop of which Captain Cahoon was master. At the mouth of the Saco River they ran on a sand bar which delayed them somewhat, but finally they succeeded in getting free and sailed up the river. They landed, and with heavy packs started on foot to find a place to settle. Timothy and his wife and child and John Yates traveled the first day ten miles and reached what is now Gorham Corner, then called Narraganset. The next day they made ten miles more, reaching what is now Standish Corner, then called Parsonsfield. From here Timothy Higgins and John Yates went into the wilderness, going northwest for about three miles. Having chosen adjoining lots, they sharpened their axes and cut down timber and built for each family a good log house. In these they lived for a number of years, clearing large farms, planting large orchards, and replacing in time the log cabins with good frame houses."

In those early days wolves and bears in great numbers frequented the forest surrounding the Higgins and Yates farms and were a constant menace by destroying their sheep and cattle. Timothy Higgins cleared a second farm and later built a frame house at Oak Hill in Standish. Being enterprising, he built a gristmill on the small stream running through the new farm. For many years this was considered the finest mill erected anywhere in that part of the country and it had the monopoly of the business for that section, continuing in successful operation until the present generation. The foundation of Timothy's house can still be seen. When his son Prince married he built a house nearer Standish Corner, in which his family of seven children was reared. His son Lewis built on the lot adjoining his father's, but later removed to White Rock, where the soil was much more fertile.

He is probably the Timothy Higgins who was corporal in Capt. Joshua Higgins's co., Maj. Zenas Winslow's regt.; service from Sept. 6 to Sept. 13, 1778, 6 days, on alarms at Bedford and Falmouth. It is very doubtful if he is the Timothy Higgins, private, Capt. Simeon Fowler's co., Col. Jonathan Reed's (First) regt. of guards; muster roll dated Cambridge, May 9, 1778; enlistment 3 months from April 2, 1778; also same co. and regt.; enlisted April 2, 1778; service to July 8, 1778, 3 months, 5 days, at Cambridge. The dates are not in conflict, but the regiment indicated was raised remote from Eastham.

*Children born at Eastham.*

309. i. Prince, b. Sept. 25, 1772; married (1) Selina Higgins; (2) Mrs Decker.
310. ii. Ephraim, b. Oct. 11, 1775; married Rebecca Higgins.
- iii. Experience, b. Sept. 20, 1777; married Seth<sup>7</sup> Higgins, son of Seth<sup>6</sup> Higgins.
- iv. Thankful, b. Sept. 29, 1779; died July 22, 1823, at Standish, Maine.
- v. An infant, b. and d. —.
- vi. Freeman, b. June 21, 1787; d. Nov. 17, 1809, at Standish, Maine; unmarried.
311. vii. Timothy, b. in Standish, Maine, June 20, 1791; married (1) Mary Ann Winslow; (2) Mrs. Rosanna (Stuart) Moody.

155. MICHAEL<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*William*<sup>4</sup>, *Gershom*<sup>3</sup>, *Eliakim*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born —; died —; married April 28, 1764, Christina May, born —; buried March 12, 1809.

Michael Higgins probably lived at Elizabeth, N. J., but nothing further has been discovered concerning him.

*Child.*

- i. A daughter, b. —; d. July 22, 1774, at Elizabeth, N. J.  
Probably others.

156. WILLIAM<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*William*<sup>4</sup>, *Gershom*<sup>3</sup>, *Eliakim*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born —; died at Elizabethtown, N. J., Feb. 1, 1789; married (1) Nov. 1, 1761, Hannah Barker; married (2) Aug. 4, 1774, Sarah Townley, born about 1740; died April 8, 1806; daughter of James and Mary (Garthwaite) Townley.

William Higgins lived at Elizabethtown, N. J. The Sexton's record of Elizabeth says William Higgins was buried June 26, 1789.

*Children.*

- i. A child, b. —; d. Nov. 4, 1775.
- ii. A daughter. "Child of a daughter of the widow of William Higgins, d. Aug. 12, 1794."  
Probably others.

Authorities: Trenton Will Book, vol. xxxii, p. 510; *Records of First Presbyterian Church, Elizabeth, N. J.*; *Cemetery Inscriptions at Elizabeth, St. John's Church and of the First Presbyterian Church.*

157. LUKE HAVILAND<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Nathaniel*<sup>4</sup>, *Gershom*<sup>3</sup>, *Eliakim*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born May 6, 1769, at Elizabethtown, N. J.; died there or in Newark, N. J., Sept. 27, 1822; married Dec. 30, 1798, Fanny Dawes, born Oct. 31, 1780; died Oct. 26, 1849, probably at Newark, N. J., aged 68 years, 11 months, 26 days.

The residence and occupation of Luke H. Higgins have not been discovered. The gravestones of him, his wife and some of the children are at Elizabethtown, but the will of Mrs. Higgins, dated Oct. 20, 1849, shows that she was a resident of Newark and owned a house and lot there. She mentions all the following children who were then living.

*Children.*

- i. Nathaniel, b. July 13, 1805; d. Aug. 17, 1805.
312. ii. Luke Haviland, b. Nov. 28, 1809; married Harriet Stiles.



- iii. Mary, b. —; d. 1866, unmarried.
- iv. Abigail, b. —; married Luke Haviland.
- v. John M., b. —.
- vi. Samuel C., b. —.
- 313. vii. Joseph T., b. Nov. 19, 1817; married Susan C. Harvey.
- 314. viii. Isaac O., b. —; married —.
- 315. ix. James D., b. —; married —.

158. MICHAEL<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Joseph*<sup>4</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Dec. 15, 1739, at Mountairy, N. J.; died there June 26, 1818; married (1) (date not found) Mary —; born about 1725; died Aug. 27, 1770, aged 45; married (2) (date not found) Ruth Brush, born Feb. 28, 1757; died Nov. 30, 1843.

Michael Higgins inherited the mills at Mountairy, Hunterdon County, which his father had built and operated for many years. He seems also to have been engaged in shad fisheries on the Delaware River. He was accidentally drowned in the brook by the mill at the foot of Mountairy Hill, between Flemington and Lambertville.

He was a "minute man" in the Hunterdon County Militia and served in the campaign against the Six Nations in 1779.

His will, dated Nov. 14, 1814, gives unto daughter Ruth, singlewoman, same value as I have heretofore given to my daughters Sarah Smith and Elizabeth Kershaw. To wife Ruth certain personal property, cow and cattle, also the issues and profits of my share in the shad fishery on Holcomb Island in the river Delaware, during the time she remains a widow. To my son Israel Higgins my share in the shad fishery on Holcomb Island. To my son Aaron my wearing apparel if he apply for it within six years after my decease. To my three sons, Jonathan, Michael and Israel, all my plantation where I now live in the township of Amwell, bounded by the lands of Samuel Holcomb, Solomon Holcomb, Enoch Laning and others, 32 acres. To my three daughters (they are named) my woodlot of 6 and one half acres. Witnesses Daniel Brittan, Samuel Brittan, John Lequear. Sworn to at Flemington, Feb. 3, 1819.

#### *Children.*

i. Andrew, b. May 6, 1761; "went to Ohio," says Mr. Nathaniel Furman; was executor of the will of his grandfather, Joseph Higgins, in 1790. It is just possible that he may have gone to Cape May, N. J. Andrew Higgins of Lower township, County of Cape May, N. J., d. there Dec. 26, 1811, and his wife Lois d. Sept. 5, 1811. He left a will; was member of the Presbyterian Church of Cape May, as was his wife. Children: Lois, b. —; married

- June 15, 1812, Ezekiel Stevens; Sarah, b. —; married Oct. 16, 1813, Ellis Hughes, Jr.; Elizabeth, b. —; married Reuben Ballenger and had children Benjamin and Jedidiah before Sept. 10, 1811. Authorities: New Jersey Wills at Trenton; *Mayflower Des.*, vol. viii, p. 8.
- ii. Keziah, b. March 25, 1763; d. April 3, 1811; married Robert Sneldrum of Mountairy, N. J.
- iii. Mary, b. March 10, 1765; married July 5, 1787, Henry Blake.
316. iv. Joseph, b. Dec. 19, 1767; married Sarah Cornell.  
v. Zelotes, b. June 17, 1770; not mentioned in father's will.  
vi. Aaron, b. Nov. 23, 1771; living Nov. 14, 1814; mentioned in father's will; probably removed from Amwell.  
vii. Job, b. May 26, 1774; not mentioned in father's will.  
viii. Sarah, b. March 2, 1786; d. July 4, 1826, in Ohio; married Ephraim Smith, b. —; d. July 8, 1882.
317. ix. Jonathan M., b. Sept. 26, 1787; married (1) Eliza Ann Howell; (2) Mary Austen.  
x. Elizabeth, b. July 23, 1789; d. Sept. 2, 1842, in Ohio; married Feb. 16, 1811, Daniel A. Kershaw.
318. xi. Michael, b. Nov. 14, 1791; married (1) Ann Brokaw; (2) Dorothea White.
319. xii. Israel, b. April 17, 1794; married (1) Mary Holcombe; (2) Rebecca Taylor; (3) Martha A. Hagaman.  
xiii. Ruth, b. Dec. 19, 1797; d. March 24, 1876; married Nathaniel Lanning Furman, b. June 5, 1805; d. Dec. 30, 1883; one son, Nathaniel Higgins Furman, b. Oct. 19, 1837.
- Authority: Bible record of Michael Higgins, furnished (1912) by his grandson, Nathaniel Higgins Furman.

159. JUDIAH<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Jonathan*<sup>4</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Oct. 14, 1751; died Feb. 1, 1820; married (1) (license May 17, 1774) Mary Hill, born Oct. 8, 1751; died May 17, 1800; married (2) Jan. 27, 1802, Rachel McPherson, born Jan. 7, 1767; died April 9, 1848, aged 81 years, 3 months, 12 days.

At the time of his first marriage both Judiah Higgins and Mary Hill were residents of Amwell, Hunterdon County, and they doubtless lived near his father's place. Both were buried in the Baptist Church Cemetery at Flemington, N. J. His estate inventoried at \$5,691.10.

*Children.*

- i. Ann, b. Oct. 26, 1774; d. Jan. 12, 1861, aged 86 years, 2 months, 22 days; married William Bishop, b. —; d. July 23, 1842, aged 68.

- ii. A son, b. and d. same day.
- iii. Sarah, b. Dec. 5, 1777; probably d. young.
- iv. Hannah, b. Jan. 27, 1779; d. Jan 31, 1857; married Sept. 18, 1796, Paul Kuhl, b. May 15, 1773; d. Dec. 16, 1861, son of Leonard and Margaret (Young) Kuhl.
- v. Martha, b. Jan. 20, 1781; d. Feb. 6, 1802; married Jan. 31, 1800, John Hummer.
- vi. Sarah, b. April 20, 1783; d. April 7, 1867; married May 1, 1813, Samuel Barton of Flemington, N. J., b. Jan. 30, 1777; d. ——. Children: Asher, b. Feb. 17, 1814, d. Oct. 10, 1829; John Higgins, b. July 25, 1817, d. Sept. 19, 1829; Jemima, b. July 25, 1819, d. Oct. 14, 1829; Judiah Samuel, b. Nov. 19, 1824, d. Feb. 25, 1886; married Dec. 6, 1853, Susan Stout Merrill.
- 320. vii. Judiah, b. May 27, 1785; married Mary Quick.
- 321. viii. Asher, b. Sept. 16, 1787; married Margaret Merrill.
- 322. ix. Jonathan, b. Sept. 17, 1789; married Eleanor Vorhees.
- 323. x. John, b. Oct. 6, 1791; married Rebecca Schenck.
- 324. xi. Richard, b. Feb. 13, 1794; married Eliza Britton.
- 325. xii. Jesse, b. April 25, 1796; married Elizabeth L. Clark.
- xiii. Samuel McPherson, b. Oct. 8, 1802.
- xiv. Martha McPherson, b. Feb. 8, 1804; married Dec. 29, 1830, John Kuhl.
- xv. Mary, b. July 1, 1805; d. Jan. 3, 1858, unmarried.
- xvi. Rebecca, b. Oct. 23, 1806; d. Feb. 14, 1855; married ——— Hoffman. No children.

Authorities: Inscriptions, Baptist Churchyard, Flemington, N. J.; *New Jersey Archives*, vol. xxii, p. 133; Bible record of Judiah Samuel Barton; Bible record of Judiah<sup>6</sup> Higgins, in possession of Mrs. C. G. Horner, Neshanic, N. J.

160. JONATHAN<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Jonathan*<sup>4</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born July 1, 1756, at Amwell, Hunterdon County, N. J.; died there Oct. 11, 1829, aged 74; married (1) Nov. 17, 1785, Mary Reading, born ———; died ———; daughter of Capt. Thomas and Rebecca (Ellis) Reading; married (2) (date not found) Eleanor Polhemus, born May 22, 1776; died March 1, 1815; daughter of Jacob Polhemus.

Jonathan Higgins resided at Amwell, N. J. The records of the Adjutant General, State of New Jersey, show that Jonathan Higgins served seven months in 1780 as Wagon Master, Wagon Master General's Department, New Jersey Militia, stationed at Trenton; also served as Captain and Conductor of Team Brigade,

Wagon Master General's Department, New Jersey Militia, during the Revolutionary War.

The will of Jonathan Higgins of Amwell, Hunterdon County, N. J., is dated Sept. 26, 1828, and is in part as follows:

"Feeble in body. My three sons, Polhemus, Judiah and David C. Higgins executors. To them I give my farm, situated in Amwell, adjoining the lands of William Merrell, Adam Young and others, containing 207 acres, being the same farm and plantation which my father, Jonathan Higgins bequeathed to me by his last will." Also he gives them a wood lot of 9 or 10 acres, which he purchased of John Fox, situated in Great Swamp and a lot of chestnut woodland purchased from Peter Vankirk, situated in Bethlehem, 4 acres. "To Jonathan R. Higgins my son, \$30. The lot of land I hold as tenant in common with John Coleman, lying on Schemoken Creek near Sunbury in the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, called Mine lot, ten acres or less, given me by my father, I give to my son David C. Higgins, also my share of stock in the Vigilant Society in the village of Flemington for the detection of Thieves and Robbers. I have been a faithful member of that institution since its commencement and I hope he will contribute to its perpetuity and utility. Mentions daughters Sally Ann Higgins and Martha Higgins and gives them legacies to make them equal with their sister, Elizabeth wife of Lewis Chamberlain."

Jonathan Higgins was called captain, on account of his service in the Revolution as before given, and was familiarly called "Captain Jonty" by his friends and neighbors.

*Children born at Amwell, N. J.*

326. i. Jonathan Reading, b. Jan. 16, 1792; married Rhoda Godown.
327. ii. Polhemus, b. Feb. 6, 1796; married Fanny Quick.
328. iii. Judiah, b. July 16, 1799; married Charity Fisher.
329. iv. David C., b. March 16, 1802; married — Carhart.
  - v. Elizabeth, b. March 30, 1805; d. March 29, 1865; married Feb. 26, 1825, Lewis Chamberlain of Flemington, N. J., b. Dec. 18, 1797; d. Nov. 24, 1830. Children: James Prall, b. Dec. 30, 1825, married Jan. 9, 1850, Elizabeth Van Fleet Waldeen; Eleanor, b. —; Sarah Ellen, b. Nov. 12, 1830, d. April 22, 1878, married Oct. 17, 1849, Peter Prall Quick, b. —; d. Jan. 3, 1892.
  - vi. Sarah Ann, b. May 2, 1808; d. May 19, 1852; married Feb. 7, 1835, Frederick Van Fleet and lived in Royal Oak Township, Oakland Co., Michigan, and at Troy, Michigan. Children: Elizabeth Chamberlain Van Fleet, b. Dec. 29, 1837; living at Warren, Mich.; married May 10, 1860, at Birmingham, Mich., Arnold Harwood, b. Aug. 25,



1816, d. May 21, 1914, at Warren, Mich. and had four children, of whom only one survives, Homer Lyman Harwood, lumber dealer and newspaper publisher at Warren, Mich.; Catherine Higgins Van Fleet, b. Aug. 15, 1840, living at Royal Oak, Mich.; married, 1865, Samuel B. Alger, b. —, d. April 21, 1916, at Royal Oak and had four children, all living; Theodore Frederick Van Fleet, born June 23, 1842, d. Sept. 18, 1864, private 22d Michigan Infantry, taken prisoner at Gettysburg; Judiah Higgins Van Fleet, b. March 21, 1846, was in Union Army, died and buried in the South during the Civil War; Mary Quick Van Fleet, b. July 14, 1850, d. Sept. 30, 1852; William Van Fleet, b. May 19, 1852, married Florence House; is a farmer residing at Silverwood, Mich. Had three children, all of whom died young.

vii. Martha, b. Sept. 27, 1810; d. March 16, 1849; married Jan 3, 1833, Aaron Carman Hill and removed to Michigan. Children (not in order of births): Mary Hill, married Edward Hulaizer; Ellen Hill, married John Hartpence; Margaret Hill, married Eldredge Green; Elizabeth Ann Hill, married John Humple; Charity Hill, married Richard McPherson; William G. Hill, married Ellen Holcombe. After Martha's death Aaron C. Hill returned to Flemington, N. J., and married (2) Amy, daughter of Gideon Higgins.

viii. Henry Polhemus, b. June 16, 1814; d. March 3, 1830.

Authorities: *Memorial of the Reading Family*, by J. G. Leach; Record kept by Elizabeth, wife of Lewis Chamberlain, in possession of James P. Chamberlain, Flemington, N. J.; Letter of Alexander C. Oliphant, Adjutant General of New Jersey, certifying the service of Jonathan Higgins in the Revolution; Records from Mrs. Elizabeth C. Harwood, Warren, Mich.; Probate records at Trenton, N. J., File No. 3712 J.

161. NATHANIEL<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Jonathan*<sup>4</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born June 26, 1760; died Dec. 12, 1823; married October, 1784, Martha Perrine, born Aug. 14, 1763; died Dec. 1, 1835; daughter of — and — Perrine.

Nathaniel Higgins lived on his father's homestead, about a mile north of Ringoes in Hunterdon County. Their descendants still reside in Amwell and Delaware townships.

#### *Children.*

i. Jonathan, b. Feb. 26, 1785; d. July 15, 1803.

330. ii. Nicholas Britton, b. July 15, 1787; married Hannah Hill.

331. iii. James, b. Sept. 6, 1789; married (1) Phoebe Still; (2) Elizabeth Still; (3) Sarah Ann Still.

iv. Mary, b. Aug. 12, 1793; buried at Harbourton, N. J.; married Dec. 11, 1811, Samuel Hill. They lived near Harbourton. Children: Ann Eliza Hill, married Peter Bainbridge; Martha Maria Hill, married Wilson Shepard and died leaving twins, Nathaniel and Sarah Catherine Shepard, who were brought up by their grandmother, Mary (Higgins) Hill at her home near Harbourton, although she also lived at Bear Tavern and at Woodsville, near Hopewell; Hannah Hill, married Charles Drake and had Hannah Eusebia Drake who married John M. Dalrymple of Hopewell, N. J.; Nathan Higgins Knowles Hill, married Sarah Holcomb; James Higgins Hill, married Jane M. Titus; Samuel Baker Hill, married Mary Hart; Charles Boss Hill, of Pennington, N. J., married Pamela Titus; Rachel Eusebia Hill, d. young; Sarah Catherine Hill, married Morris Pierson of Trenton, N. J.; David Henry Hill, d. young; Jonathan Britton Hill, married Catherine E. Titus.

332. v. Asa, b. Jan. 20, 1796; married Eurah Wilson.

vi. Anna, b. Dec. 11, 1799; d. Dec. 4, 1800.

vii. Nancy Covenhoven, b. April 27, 1803; d. —; married Dec. 14, 1826, Jonathan Wilson. Children: Elizabeth Wilson, b. Oct. 8, 1827; Nancy Wilson, b. —; married Wyckoff Wilson.

Authorities: Hunterdon County Wills, File 3328 J, will and codocil 1824; Bible record of Nathaniel Higgins, copied by Theodore Bellis; *Perrine Genealogy*.

162. SAMUEL<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Joshua*<sup>4</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born March 5, 1756; died June 5, 1829; married (date not found) Rebecca Frazee.

Samuel Higgins was a resident of Franklin township, Somerset Co., N. J., where he had a farm. His will, dated March 4, 1822, mentions wife Rebecca, sons Samuel and William, and five married daughters, one deceased. To son Samuel was left \$300, or "that tract of land in the Lake Country."

*Children.*

i. Catherine, b. 1781; d. Feb. 8, 1849; married Henry MacDonald; three infant children buried at Kingston Cemetery.

ii. Mary, b. —; married — Longstreet.

iii. Ann, b. —; married — Hollingshead.

iv. Hannah, b. —; married Cornelius Berrian.

v. Rebecca, b. —; married — Smith.

vi. William, b. —.

- vii. Clarissa, b. February, 1801; d. Jan. 16, 1807 (grave-stone).
333. viii. Samuel, b. July 6, 1803; married Sarah Ann Selover.
- ix. Joshua, b. 1808; d. Aug. 7, 1832 (gravestone).

163. JEDIAH<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Joshua*<sup>4</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born about 1758, at Kingston, near New Brunswick, N. J.; died there Sept. 20, 1842, aged 84; married (date not found) Nurse Putnam, born about 1758; died Sept. 24, 1825, aged 67 years, at Kingston.

164. TUNIS<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Joshua*<sup>4</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born about 1760; died —; married Elizabeth Gulick(?).

Little has been discovered regarding Tunis Higgins. He was about forty years old at his death. Mrs. Elizabeth Higgins removed about 1810 with her son Joshua Higgins (then of age) to Broome County, N. Y., and died there.

#### *Children.*

- i. Joshua, b. about 1790; d. unmarried. One source of information says that he joined Joseph Smith and became a Mormon; another says that he went to Broome Co., N. Y., with his mother about 1810 and that in 1823 he resided at Lockport, N. Y., with other relatives.
- ii. Charlotte, b. —; d. April 11, 1827; married 1816, Matthew M. Rue, b. —; d. 1828. She was his third wife and they lived in Seneca Co., N. Y. Children: Charles Clun Rue, b. 1817; went to the Mexican War; Jane Ann Rue, b. June 2, 1819; removed to France; Ameline Stout Rue, b. April 15, 1820; married (1) William James of Cleveland, Ohio, (2) William Traversburg of Tennessee; Sarah Catherine Rue, b. March 11, 1823; d. June 3, 1840; married March 4, 1840, Andrew Jackson Sink of Philadelphia, Pa., and Rome, N. Y., b. June 14, 1823, d. Feb. 15, 1880; had five children; Harriet Adeline Rue, b. 1825; married in 1845 George Moorman of Ypsilanti, Mich.
334. iii. Charles Clun, b. Jan. 16, 1800; married Ellen Myers.

165. JEDIAH<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*James*<sup>4</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Jan. 10, 1761-2; died Jan. 25, 1810; married (date not found) Henrietta Cruser, born —; died July 25, 1834.

Jediah Higgins was a resident of Kingston, Middlesex County, N. J.

*Children.*

335. i. James, b. May 5, 1786; married —.  
336. ii. Henry, b. Sept. 15, 1789; married Catherine Downie.  
337. iii. Isaac, b. Aug. 18, 1794; married —.  
iv. Elinor, b. July 19, 1797; died about 1850, unmarried.

Authority: Family record of Jediah and Henrietta (Cruser) Higgins.

166. JAMES<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Azariah*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born about 1780; died July 3, —; married Alice Snooks.

James Higgins lived at Rileyville, Hunterdon Co., N. J., at Sourland Mountain or Mountain Church. He was a weaver. Ralph Ege in *Pioneers of Old Hopewell*, p. 202, says: "Sarah Stout married Azariah Higgins, the ancestor of the family at Ringoes and Westville." This makes it probable that James Higgins, the weaver, was a son of Azariah.

*Children.*

- i. Margaret, b. Feb. 9, 1802; d. April 29, 1877; married March 27, 1822, Aaron Wyckoff of Rileyville or Hopewell. Children: Lewis, married Sally Ann Dougherty; Susan, married Henry Hartman; James, married Mary Ellen Quick; Henry, married Catherine Foster. Residence Rock Mills, N. J.
338. ii. Amos, b. Dec. 18, 1803; married — Danbury.
339. iii. John (W.), b. Feb. 8, 1806; married Ellen Smith.
340. iv. Lewis, b. June 30, 1809; married (1) Ann Barbara Cramer; (2) Mahala Hummer.
341. v. Jonathan, b. June 8, 1811; married Ann Holcombe.  
vi. Catherine, b. Jan. 10, 1815; married John Cook of Larison's Corner.  
vii. Ida, b. Jan. 10, 1815; married John Horn of Rocktown, N. J. One son, Asher Horn.
342. viii. David B., b. May 8, 1817; married Jane Amelia Servis.
343. ix. Asher, b. Oct. 6, 1819; married (1) Sarah M. Conover; (2) Jane Vorhees.
344. x. Nathaniel, b. Feb. 20, 1824; married Rebecca Young.

Authority: Mr. H. E. Deats, Flemington, N. J.

167. GIDEON<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Azariah*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born June 17, 1782, at or near Amwell (or perhaps Hopewell); died about 1832; married (date not found) Mary Dilts, born Nov. 28, 1781; died March 4, 1858, aged 77 (Inscription



Baptist Cemetery, Flemington, N. J.); daughter of Philip and Mary Dilts, who came from Germany.

*Children.*

- i. Achilles, b. June 29, 1803; d. Dec. 3, 1825, of consumption, unmarried; buried at Flemington.
- ii. Ann, b. Nov. 15, 1805; d. Aug. 3, 1873; buried at Flemington; married March 26, 1825, Joseph Taylor. Child: Corinna Taylor, b. 1825, d. 1853; buried at Flemington.
345. iii. Mahlon, b. Jan. 26, 1808; married Ann Wynkoop Everitt.
- iv. Mary, b. April 7, 1810; died unmarried.
- v. Amy, b. June 17, 1812; d. May, 1898; married Feb. 5, 1862, Aaron Carman Hill, as his second wife; no children.
346. vi. Dilts Anderson, b. Dec. 6, 1814; married Elizabeth Rockafellow.
- vii. Elizabeth, b. Dec. 22, 1816; married Sept. 23, 1841, Christopher Kuhl Johnson.

Authority: Mr. H. E. Deats, Flemington, N. J.

167A. JONATHAN<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Jonathan*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Zerah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born about 1733; died date unknown; married Phœbe Frazee.

All that has been discovered about this Jonathan Higgins is told by the following, which was first printed in the *New York Gazette or The Weekly Post-Boy*, for Nov. 23, 1772, and reprinted in *New Jersey Archives*, vol. xxviii, p. 336:

“Whereas Phebe, the Wife of me the Subscriber, has eloped from my Bed and Board, and has threatened to run me in Debt, and even to use her Endeavors to ruin me. This is therefore to forewarn all Persons from crediting her on my Account, as I will not pay any Debt or Debts of her contracting from the Date hereof.  
Borough of Elizabeth, Nov. 4, 1772.      Jonathan Higgins.”

168. SAMUEL<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Jonathan*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Zerah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born about 1735; died (date not found); married (date not found) Mary Sayre, born —; died after Jan. 29, 1763; daughter of Daniel and Phœbe (Rayner) Sayre of Southampton, L. I., and Elizabethtown, N. J.

Samuel Higgins probably lived at the place called Connecticut Farms, in his time within Elizabethtown, N. J., but now in Union township. It is said that five of his children were living in 1799.

There is no proof that Isaac and John were his, but it seems probable.

Daniel Sayre came to Elizabethtown about 1730. His will of Jan. 29, 1763, mentions his daughter Mary Higgins. Phœbe, wife of Daniel Sayre, was daughter of Isaac Rayner.

*Children.*

- i. Jemima, bapt. Nov. 26, 1758, at St. John's Church, Elizabeth, N. J.; probably married Elijah Crane.
347. ii. Daniel, b. about 1760; married Sarah Pound.
- iii. Mary, b. about 1761; d. Dec. 14, 1833, unmarried.
348. iv. James, b. March, 1763; married Rebecca Jefferys.
349. v. Isaac, b. about 1767; married Hannah Tooker(?).
350. vi. John, b. about 1771; married Susan Hatfield.

Authority: Mr. J. Wallace Higgins, Roselle Park, N. J.

169. SETH<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Ebenezer*<sup>5</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born May 17, 1744, at Eastham; died —, at Standish, Maine; married Dec. 3, 1772, Martha Linnell, born Jan. 2, 1751; died —; daughter of Elisha and Martha (Higgins) Linnell of Eastham.

Seth Higgins lived at Eastham until 1790, for his name is included in the census of Eastham for that year. He afterward removed to Standish, Maine, where he died. The records of military service which follow may all belong to him, but it is possible that some of them belong to Seth Higgins, son of Zaccheus, born in 1756.

"Seth Higgins, Eastham. Order for wages, payable to Capt. Samuel King, dated Hull, June 20, 1776, signed by said Higgins and others; also petition dated Camp at Hull, Sept. 17, 1776, signed by said Higgins and others belonging to battalion stationed at Hull, asking for increase and payment of wages; also Private, Capt. Samuel King's co., Col. Josiah Whitney's regt.; service from Aug. 1, 1776, to Nov. 1, 1776, 3 mos.; roll dated Camp at Hull; also same co. and regt.; service from Nov. 1, 1776, to Dec. 1, 1776, 1 mo. 4 days, travel (90 miles) included; also pay roll of a company commanded by Capt. Job Crocker, of Eastham, Col. Nathan Sparhawk's regt.; enlisted July 2, 1777; discharged Dec. 12, 1777, service 5 mos. 19 days, at Rhode Island and sundry places in Mass., including 5 days (92 miles) travel home; company raised to serve for 6 mos. from July 1, 1777, unless sooner discharged."

*Children.*

- i. Selina, b. June 14, 1773; married Sept. 25, 1799, Prince<sup>6</sup> Higgins, son of Timothy<sup>5</sup> Higgins.

- ii. Rebecca, b. Dec. 21, 1774; married Ephraim<sup>6</sup> Higgins.
- 351. iii. Seth, b. Aug. 28, 1776; married Experience Higgins.
- iv. Thankful, b. Dec. 28, 1779; married Nov. 13, 1805, Josiah Yates.
- v. Martha, b. Dec. 31, 1781; married J. Cole.
- vi. Elizabeth, b. Jan. 14, 1785; married Oct. 20, 1808, Capt. James<sup>6</sup> Higgins, son of Capt. James<sup>5</sup> Higgins.
- 352. vii. Elisha, b. Nov. 14, 1787; married Rebecca Rich.
- viii. Mary, b. April 2, 1790.
- ix. Abishai, b. Aug. 8, 1793; d. from falling from a mast-head; unmarried.

Authorities: Eastham records; *History of Gorham, Me.*

170. EBENEZER<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Ebenezer<sup>5</sup>, Samuel<sup>4</sup>, Jonathan<sup>3</sup>, Jonathan<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born Aug. 23, 1749; died at Truro, Mass.; married April 14, 1772, Rebecca Dyer of Truro, born —; died Dec. 25, 1820.

Ebenezer Higgins resided at Truro and Provincetown and about 1781 removed to Standish, Maine, where he was living in 1790, but he died within ten years thereafter. Mrs. Higgins married (2) Nov. 7, 1801, Col. Nathaniel Frost of Gorham, Maine.

#### *Children.*

- 353. i. Ebenezer, b. July 4, 1775, at Truro; married Mrs. Joanna Atkins.
- ii. Rebecca, b. April 11, 1780, at Provincetown; married Nov. 26, 1801, Nathaniel Blake, Jr., of Gorham, Maine, and her daughter Martha Blake married June 25, 1833, Rufus Libby.
- iii. Hannah Atkins, b. Aug. 20, 1782, at Standish, Maine; married May 26, 1804, Jeremiah Frost of Gorham, son of Colonel Nathaniel Frost.
- iv. Martha, b. June 21, 1784; married April 8, 1812, John Cressey of Gorham, Maine.
- 354. v. David, b. Nov. 3, 1787; married Catherine Jordan.
- vi. Susanna, b. April 14, 1789; married Nov. 29, 1810, Timothy Blake of Gorham, Maine.
- vii. Desire Parker, bapt. May 19, 1793; married Dec. 13, 1813, Ephraim Blake of Gorham, Maine.

Authorities: *History of Gorham, Me.*; Records of Standish, Maine; *Libby Family*, p. 270.

171. JONATHAN<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Ebenezer<sup>5</sup>, Samuel<sup>4</sup>, Jonathan<sup>3</sup>, Jonathan<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born Aug. 4, 1751, at Eastham-Orleans;

died Nov. 20, 1798, aged 48 years (gravestone at Orleans); married at Harwich, Dec. 8, 1774, Thankful Freeman of Harwich, born Nov. 6, 1756; died May 21, 1812 (gravestone at Orleans), "aged 56"; daughter of James and Hannah (King) Freeman.

Jonathan and Thankful (Freeman) Higgins appear to have lived in Harwich, and their children were probably all born there. On July 23, 1792, Jonathan Higgins and wife Thankful of Harwich sold land in Eastham to Hezekiah Rogers. They probably lived in that part of Harwich which is now in South Orleans, for they were buried in Orleans Cemetery, where their gravestones may both be seen. Mrs. Thankful Higgins appears to have spent her last years at Orleans and to have died there. James Higgins was administrator on the estates of both Jonathan and Thankful in 1812 and 1813, and the children were James, Abner, Thankful and Judith. See *Freeman Genealogy*, p. 168, and Barnstable Probate Records, vol. xxxvii, p. 67.

*Children born at Harwich.*

- i. Jonathan, b. —; d. Aug. 11, 1812(?).
- ii. Thankful, b. —; married (1) Dec. 3, 1815, James Briggs of Harwich; (2) Nathaniel Nickerson of Chatham, b. —; d. April 14, 1882.
355. iii. James, b. Feb. 17, 1781; married (1) Jerusha Linnell; (2) Priscilla Bassett.
- iv. Susan, b. —; d. before 1812.
356. v. Abner, b. May 13, 1795; married Reliance Allen.

172. ABISHA<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Ebenezer*<sup>5</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Oct. 18, 1752; died Jan. 17, 1812, at Hampden, Maine; married (1) March 5, 1778, Mary or Mercy Snow, born Aug. 28, 1758; died Nov. 27, 1778; daughter of David and Priscilla (Sparrow) Snow of Eastham (will of David Snow, dated Feb. 1, 1775, names daughter Mercy, not Mary); married (2) April 13, 1780, Hannah Harding, born 1760; died —.

In 1777 and 1778, Abisha Higgins was living at Wellfleet; before 1790 he had removed to Maine. The census of 1790 gives his residence as Frankfort, Maine. He lived afterward in Hampden, Me. Settled on lot 5 of the Town Grant, probably in 1779 or 1780.

"Abisha Higgins, Wellfleet, was corporal in Capt. Benjamin Godfrey's co., Col. Josiah Whitney's regt.; arrived at destination May 10, 1777; discharged July 10, 1777; service 2 mos. 13 days



at Rhode Island, travel 13 days included, 118 miles, reported as distance from Wellfleet to place of destination; enlistment 2 mos.; roll dated Boston Neck, South Kingston."

"Abisha Higgins, Wellfleet, was private in Lieut. Samuel Knowles's co., Maj. Zenas Winslow's Second Barnstable Co. regt. of militia; service 3 days in Sept. 1778, on alarms at Bedford and Falmouth."

*Children.*

i. Mary Snow, b. Nov. 27, 1778; d. June 13, 1830, at Harwich; married, 1801, James Long of Harwich, b. Dec. 3, 1779. Children: Rebecca, Priscilla, Mary Snow, Sarah and James Henry Long.

ii. Hannah, b. Dec. 13, 1780; perhaps married Nov. 9, 1803, Sylvanus Snow.

iii. Lettice, b. March 25, 1785; married June 30, 1808, Isaac Doane.

iv. Susannah, b. May 5, 1787.

357. v. Cyrus, b. April 4, 1789; married Mary Turner.

vi. Seth, b. Jan. 30, 1791; married April 1, 1817, Lucy Higgins of Eden, Maine, daughter of David Higgins, Jr.

vii. Peggy, b. Feb. 15, 1793; d. Jan. 14, 1812.

viii. Abisha, b. March 15, 1795; perhaps married April 13, 1831, Polly Patterson.

ix. Lucy, b. Aug. 4, 1797.

x. Nancy Green, b. Nov. 12, 1802.

Authorities: Mr. Allen Rogers, grandson of Cyrus Higgins, son of Abisha Higgins; Hampden, Maine, Records; W. B. Snow, Malden, Mass.

173. HEMAN<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Ebenezer*<sup>5</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born April 18, 1757, at Eastham-Wellfleet; died probably at Mattapoisett (or in Rochester) before Dec. 24, 1829; married January, 1778 (*Rochester Records*), Hannah Randall, born May 30 or June 1, 1757; died after Dec. 24, 1829.

Heman Higgins seems to have been in Plymouth or vicinity during the Revolution and to have settled later in Rochester, Mass., where he probably died. His children were baptized at the Second Church, Mattapoisett, and he doubtless resided in that part of the ancient town of Rochester. It is probable that he was a mariner during a part at least of his life. His Revolutionary service follows:

"Heman Higgins. Receipt dated Point Shirley, June 13, 1776, signed by said Higgins and others belonging to Capt. Nathaniel Winslow's co., Col. Whitney's regt., for advance pay for 1 mo.,

travel allowance from home to Boston, etc.; also private, Capt. Nathaniel Winslow's co., Col. Josiah Whitney's regt.; pay roll pay made up for service from May 1, 1776, 4 days preceding march from home, to Aug. 1, 1776; enlisted May 1, 1776; reported enlisted into naval service June 21, 1776."

"Heman Higgins, Wellfleet, private in Capt. Benjamin Godfrey's co., Col. Josiah Whitney's regt.; arrived at destination May 10, 1777; discharged July 10, 1777; service 2 mos., 13 days at Rhode Island, travel 13 days included, 118 miles reported as distance from Wellfleet to place of destination; enlistment 2 mos.; roll dated Boston Neck, South Kingston."

Probably this also refers to Heman Higgins:

"Descriptive list of men mustered for Continental service subsequent to Sept. 16 (year not given), by James Leonard, muster master for Bristol Co.; Capt. Jonathan Drown's co., Col. Lea's (Lee's) regt.; Heman Higgins, age 20 years; stature 5 ft. 8 ins.; residence Plymouth; engaged for the town of Swanzey."

Mrs. Hannah (Randall) Higgins may have been the Hannah Randall born at Rochester, May 30, 1757, to John and Elizabeth Randall, or the Hannah, born June 1, 1757, to Micah and Elizabeth Randall of Rochester. It has been impossible to determine which of these two she was. She survived Heman Higgins and married (2) Dec. 24, 1829, Joseph Payne, who died at Rochester, Aug. 17, 1838. The date of her death has not been found.

*Children born at Rochester.*

358. i. Constant, b. April 17, 1779; married Lois ———.
- ii. Thankful, b. Feb. 14, 1784.
- iii. Abisha, b. April 21, 1786; married Nov. 25, 1807, Polly Parlow of Rochester, daughter of Thomas and Betsey (Parlow) Parlow of Rochester, b. Aug. 8, 1785. Their later history is not known.
- iv. Hannah, b. Dec. 29, 1788.
- v. Elizabeth, b. Dec. 17, 1793.
- vi. Jonathan, b. Feb. 24, 1795; died at Rochester, July 12, 1826, probably unmarried.
- vii. Willson, b. Nov. 15, 1797.

Authority: *Rochester Vital Records.*

174. ELKANAH<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Ebenezer*<sup>5</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born at Eastham, Nov. 18, 1764; died at Standish, Me., Nov. 4, 1864; married Jemima Cole.

Elkanah Higgins resided at Eastham and at Standish, Maine, whither he removed before 1790 or 1791. He may have been the

Elkanah Higgins who was a private in Capt. Isaiah Higgins's co., Col. Zenas Winslow's regt. of Barnstable Co. militia; service Sept. 9 to 17, 1778, on alarm at Falmouth. Roll endorsed "on alarm at Bedford." Because of other men in Eastham bearing the name of Elkanah Higgins and of about the same age as this one, the identification is not certain.

*Children recorded at Standish, Maine.*

359. i. Samuel, b. Feb. 2, 1791; married Dec. 19, 1812, Olive Shute.  
 ii. Elizabeth, b. Jan. 25, 1793; married (1) — Hancock; (2) John Foss; she d. at Rome, Maine.
360. iii. Ebenezer, b. July 20, 1795; married (1) Mary Thompson; (2) Hannah Foss; (3) Miriam Thorne.
361. iv. Abner, b. Nov. 25, 1797; married Anna Shute.
362. v. Yates, b. June 11, 1799; married Almira Chandler.
363. vi. Jonathan, b. April 20, 1801; married Martha Sanborn.
364. vii. Elkanah, b. Nov. 13, 1802; married —.
365. viii. Heman, b. April 29, 1804; married Mary Gross Higgins.  
 ix. Reliance, b. Jan. 25, 1806; married Dec. 20, 1824, Stephen B. Knight of Durham, Maine; seven children.  
 x. Experience, b. Feb. 11, 1808; d. unmarried.
366. xi. Curtis, b. Aug. 19, 1810; married (1) Harriet Decker; (2) Mrs. Rose A. Hoxie; (3) Mrs. Mack.

175. DANIEL<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Samuel<sup>5</sup>, Samuel<sup>4</sup>, Jonathan<sup>3</sup>, Jonathan<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born Oct. 2, 1769; died May 20, 1814; married April, 1797, Betsey Foster Kenrick of Harwich, born 1776; died Oct. 22, 1836, aged 70.

He resided in Orleans, Mass. Administration on estate granted to Thomas Higgins and Betty Higgins, March 29, 1815.

*Children.*

- i. Elizabeth, b. April 5, 1798; probably married Edward Linnell, June 11, 1819.
367. ii. Daniel, b. Jan. 27, 1800; married (1) Elizabeth Sparrow; (2) Mercy Higgins; (3) Sarah (Smith) Lincoln.
- iii. Phebe, b. May 22, 1801; d. at Orleans, March 18, 1894; unmarried.
- iv. Solomon, b. Feb. 18, 1803.
- v. Polly, b. April 20, 1805; married March 3, 1831, Theodore Bridgeman.
- vi. Tabitha, b. March 24, 1808; probably married March 26, 1834, Allen Eldridge of Harwich.

368. vii. Willard, b. Jan. 12, 1810; married (1) Margaret E. H. Crosby; (2) Marietta (Long) Rider.  
viii. Levi, b. Dec. 22, 1811.

176. THOMAS<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Samuel<sup>5</sup>, Samuel<sup>4</sup>, Jonathan<sup>3</sup>, Jonathan<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born July 25, 1775; died at Orleans about 1854; married (1) Jan. 7, 1802, Phœbe Hopkins, daughter of Joshua Hopkins; married (2), Mary —.

Residence, Orleans, Mass. Will dated Aug. 4, 1853. He held minor town offices 1802-1814; surveyor of highways.

*Children.*

369. i. Samuel, b. Oct. 16, 1802; married Lurania Paine.  
370. ii. John Hopkins, b. June 29, 1804; married (1) Rhoda Ellis; (2) Roxanna Small.  
iii. Phœbe, b. Nov. 30, 1807; d. Oct. 30, 1879, at Orleans, Mass.; married Sept. 13, 1829, Azariah Snow, b. Sept. 12, 1807; d. —; son of Josiah and Elizabeth B. (Wormsley or Wamsley) Snow. Children: Elizabeth, b. June 25, 1830; d. Nov. 22, 1834; Phebe, b. Oct. 9, 1833; married Nov. 24, 1859, Russell L. Snow; Elizabeth, b. July 29, 1838, married Benjamin O. Strong; Lucinda G., b. Aug. 21, 1840, married Nov. 24, 1859, John P. Coombs; Cordelia H., b. July 9, 1842, married March 12, 1901, Russell L. Snow; Eliza Ann, b. June 3, 1844, married May 28, 1866, Sparrow A. Snow; Amelia, b. April 26, 1846, unmarried 1910; Azariah, b. June 3, 1848; married Sarah N. Hayden; Alexander, b. Aug. 30, 1850, d. May 21, 1861.  
371. iv. Thomas, b. Sept. 4, 1811; married Susan Snow.  
372. v. Jonathan, b. Nov. 21, 1816; married (1) Mary Doane; (2) Ruth Snow Doane.

Geo. C. Higgins, grandson of Thomas<sup>6</sup> Higgins, says he married twice.

Authorities: Miss Amelia Snow of Orleans; W. B. Snow, Malden, Mass.

177. ELIAKIM<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Eliakim<sup>5</sup>, Samuel<sup>4</sup>, Jonathan<sup>3</sup>, Jonathan<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born June 14, 1764; died Feb. 21, 1839; married Apr. 6, 1786, Sarah Higgins, who died Sept. 7, 1842, aged 75; daughter of Simeon and Martha (Knowles) Higgins.

He resided in Eastham-Orleans. Will dated Feb. 18, 1839; filed March 12, 1839. Gravestones at Orleans. He served on petit jury in 1798, was fish warden in 1797, and held some town office in 1802.



*Children.*

- i. Warren, b. July 14, 1786.
- ii. Ezra, b. July 1, 1788; d. July 18, 1808.
- iii. Mercy, b. Feb. 7, 1790; married — Sparrow and had Warren, Patty, Dean and Betsey.
- iv. Patty, b. Dec. 14, 1791; married March 7, 1816, Jesse Snow. Children: Calvin, b. Nov. 12, 1818; Jesse, b. March 19, 1826; Reuben, b. May 30, 1827.
373. v. Freeman, b. Oct. 21, 1795; married —.
- vi. Reuben, b. July 4, 1797; not mentioned in Eliakim's will.
- vii. Sally, b. July 10, 1800; d. June 6, 1861; married Jan. 29, 1829, Isaac Knowles.
374. viii. Eliakim, b. April 7, 1804; married Rebecca Kingman.
- ix. William, b. Aug. 26, 1807; d. March 21, 1808.

Authority: W. B. Snow, Malden, Mass.; Orleans and Eastham Records.

178. WILLIAM<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Christian*<sup>5</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born June 28, 1751, at Lyme, Conn.; died there in 1804; married Feb. 24, 1780, Fanny Bailey or Bayley, born —; died March 6, 1785.

William Higgins lived on Mather's Neck, Lyme, between the Connecticut and Lieutenant rivers. His services in the Revolution were as follows:

"William Higgins private in Sixth Regt., Col. Samuel Holden Parsons's from May 8 to Dec. 1775; stationed at Roxbury."

"Third Regt. Connecticut Line, Col. Samuel Wyllys's. William Higgins, Lyme enlisted for three years; quarter master sergeant Jan. 1, 1777; appointed Quarter Master July 23, 1777; Ensign Nov. 15, 1778; continued to 1781. In 1781-3 he was in First Regt. Connecticut Line, Col. John Durkee's, and still Quarter Master; promoted Lieutenant Oct. 28, 1781; served to the end of the war. From Jan. to June 1783 he was still in the First Regt. Connecticut Line, Col. Zebulon Butler, commanding; retired with the army in June, 1783; member of the Connecticut Society of the Cincinnati."

Administrator for his estate was appointed Oct. 8, 1804. His estate and that of his brother Seth Higgins were distributed to Samuel Summer (son of Dorothy Higgins) and Jemima Conklin. Hence we may conclude that both his children died before their father.

*Children.*

- i. Gordon Bayley, b. March 23, 1781; d. before 1811.
- ii. Mary, b. March 30, 1784; d. before 1811.

Authorities: New London Probate Records; Lyme, Conn., Vital Records, vol. i, p. 73; Bailey's *Early Connecticut Marriages* for Lyme.

179. BENJAMIN<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Christian*<sup>5</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born May 9, 1753; died —; married Nov. 20 (or Nov. 22, or Nov. 26), 1777, Jane Peck of Lyme.

The name of Benjamin Higgins, sergeant, appears on the pay roll of Lieut. Lee Lay's for soldiers at Lyme, January, 1776; entered into service October, 1775.

Benjamin Higgins sold land on Mather's Neck formerly belonging to Christian Higgins, Sept. 30, 1808, reserving the use of half of it for his mother, Dolly Higgins. He was then living in Canajoharie, Montgomery Co., N. Y.

*Children.*

- i. Fanny, b. Oct. 25, 1778.
- ii. Enoch, b. Aug. 26, 1780.

Probably others.

Authorities: Bailey's *Early Connecticut Marriages*, for Lyme; *N. E. Hist. Gen. Register*, vol. xxiv, p. 30; Town Records, Lyme, vol. i, p. 39.

180. CHRISTOPHER<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Christian*<sup>5</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born June 23, 1758; died at New York, July 13, 1782, in his twenty-sixth year; married Oct. 12, 1780, Hepzibah Read.

He lived on Mather's Neck in Lyme. No record of Revolutionary service has been found, but the tombstone of his child Phœbe states that he died a "prisoner" at New York, probably a prisoner of war.

*Children.*

- i. Dorothy, b. 1781(?); she sold to Richard Lord on March 28, 1806, land which descended to her from her honored father, Christopher Higgins, deceased.
- ii. Phœbe, b. 1782; d. Nov. 20, 1787, in her fifth year.

Authority: Land Records of Lyme, Conn.; Gravestone in Lyme.

181. JOSEPH<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Christian*<sup>5</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Dec. 31, 1761, in Lyme, Conn.; died at Rocky Hill, Conn., July 18, 1797; married Dec. 10, or 18, 1785, at Rocky Hill, Conn., Nancy Williams, born about 1757; died Oct. 13, 1807; daughter of Israel and Jane (Riley) Williams of Rocky Hill.

He was appointed surgeon's mate of the Fifth regt., Connecticut Line, on June 1, 1779; continued to 1781. In the formations of 1781-83, dating from Jan. 1, 1781, he was surgeon's mate of the Second regt. of Connecticut Line, Col. Heman Swift's, continued from 1777-1781; served to June, 1783, when the regt. was disbanded by Washington's orders, from camp near West Point. He was one of the members of the Connecticut Society of the Cincinnati.

He died of consumption after practicing nine years as a physician at Rocky Hill, Conn. He was a member of the Connecticut Medical Society very soon after its organization.

Mrs. Nancy Higgins married (2) Deacon Josiah Wolcott on Feb. 16, 1806. She died and Deacon Josiah Wolcott married (3) Mrs. Elizabeth Brown of Warren, Ohio.

*Children.*

- i. Wait Williams, b. 1788; d. Sept. 12, 1797, aged 9 years.
- ii. Nancy, b. 1790; d. 1818, aged 29; married Nov. 3, 1808, Lewis Wolcott, b. Aug. 21, 1785; removed to Farmington, Ohio.
375. iii. Joseph Edwin, b. May 3, 1792; married Anna Sanford.
- iv. William Henry, b. 1794.
376. v. Silas, bapt. June 6, 1796; married Aug. 22, 1816, Nancy Wolcott; went to Farmington, Ohio.
- vi. Mary, bapt. Aug. 6, 1797; d. at age of 72 years; married Feb. 8, 1819, Lewis Wolcott as his second wife; lived at Farmington, Ohio. Child: Nancy Higgins, b. April 13, 1820, at Farmington, Ohio; married Sept. 13, 1837, Hon. Robert Morris Montgomery, b. Oct. 20, 1815.

Authorities: Stiles, *Ancient Wethersfield*, vol. i, p. 939; vol. ii, pp. 426, 844-5; *Bailey's Early Connecticut Marriages* (for Wethersfield and Rocky Hill); *Wolcott Memorial*, pp. 384, 407, 417; *Descendants of John Dwight*, 1874, p. 225.

182. JOSIAH<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS, also called GEORGE HAGANS (*Elisha*<sup>5</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>4</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born June 2, 1762, in Massachusetts, probably at Williamstown; died at Brandonville, Preston County, Virginia (now in West Virginia), June 21,

1834; married Dec. 23, 1783, in Vermont, perhaps at Bennington, Persis Eggleston, born Dec. 23, 1764, in Windsor (Wintonbury Parish, now Bloomfield), Conn.; died Oct. 10, 1846, at Kingwood, W. Va.; daughter of Elisha and Elizabeth (Merrill) Eggleston.

Josiah Higgins—George Hagens—in his young manhood lived at Williamstown, Mass., and saw some service in the militia during the latter half of the Revolutionary War period. The four following records from *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolution*, are believed to refer to him:

Josiah Higgins: Private Capt. Peter Porter's detachment from General Fellows' Berkshire County Brigade. Entered service July 1, 1778, discharged Oct. 31, 1778, by order of Brig. Gen. Stark. Served four months under General Stark at Albany.

Josiah Higgins: Private Capt. Asa Barnes's co., Col. Israel Chapin's regt. Enlisted Oct. 17, 1779, discharged Nov. 21, 1779. Service one month and nine days at Claverack. Regiment raised to reinforce the Continental Army for three months.

Josiah Higgins: Private Capt. Israel Harris's co., Col. Benjamin Simonds' Berkshire County regt. Enlisted Oct. 12, 1780, discharged Oct. 19, 1780. Service 11 days, including four days (80 miles) travel home. Company marched to the northern frontiers by order of General Fellows on an alarm.

Josiah Higgins: Private Capt. Samuel Sloane's co., Col. Asa Barnes's Berkshire County regt. Service between Oct. 11, 1781, and Oct. 28, 1781, fourteen days. Mileage 80 miles allowed. Company marched to Saratoga by order of General Stark on an alarm.

Soon after the close of these military services, he may have proceeded north to Bennington, Vt., or to some other place near it, and there met and married Persis Eggleston. About a year after his marriage, in September, 1784, he was occupying leased land in Willsborough, New York, near Lake Champlain, and his father, Elisha Higgins, bought land adjoining Josiah's at this time. In 1801 he owned a farm some five miles further south in the same town, also near Lake Champlain. About 1810 he and his entire family emigrated to the west, and in 1812 were in Delaware County, Ohio, as shown by records of Ohio, War of 1812, wherein it appears that in August and September of 1812 Josiah and Ebenezer Higgins served in the Ohio militia. Rev. Ambrose Eggleston says that Josiah and Persis (Eggleston) Higgins settled on the Little Scioto River, which is in Marion County, next north of Delaware County. Perhaps in 1812 the region was a part of Delaware County. They soon pushed on again westward and



paused for a time in Perry County, Indiana. No records of them are to be found here, but the records of the Vincennes Land Office (at Washington, D. C.) show that on April 9, 1816, Josiah Higgins of Perry County, Indiana, filed a claim on a quarter section (160 acres) of land, being the northeast quarter of Section 13, Township 1 North, Range 13 West. This land was in Wabash County, Illinois, near the present town of Friendsville. He made his final payment March 20, 1817. On the same date Ebenezer and Urban Higgins, also from Perry County, Indiana, filed a claim on the southeast quarter of Section 18, Township 1 North, Range 12 West, and paid their first installment. They also made their final payment on March 20, 1817. John Marshall Hagans, grandson of Josiah Higgins—George Hagans, says: "The family reached the Ohio at Marietta, as I learn, sometime in the year 1812 or 1813. They built a boat and floated to Vincennes, Indiana, where they settled. Misfortune seemed to follow them. The two eldest sons, Joseph and Josiah, who were married, died, as did also their wives with the fever incident to the new country. . . . Uncle Zer and father then started out on a prospecting tour, both quite young, and after travelling east and south struck the rugged mountains of Virginia."

A glance at the map will show that a boat journey from Perry County, Indiana, to Vincennes is practicable, also one from Marietta, Ohio, to Vincennes. If they did strike the Ohio at Marietta, coming from Delaware County, which is about in the center of the state, north of Columbus, they doubtless floated down the Muskingum River. They may have reached Delaware County from the north, after reaching Cleveland or some other port on Lake Erie. In this letter Vincennes is stated as the place of settlement. Vincennes is not more than twenty miles from the place they actually did select, and was in 1817 the more important town. The family at this time seems to have numbered seventeen members. The locality they selected was very unhealthy from malaria and other causes, and six of them found untimely graves in less than a year. In the fall of 1817 the surviving members of the family were all settled at or near Brandonville, Preston County, Virginia, and here their long pilgrimage came to an end. Preston County is now the northeastern corner of West Virginia, and borders on both Pennsylvania and Maryland. Here the family seem to have prospered, on a mountainous region which reminded them of the hills of the lands they had occupied in the East.

It is probable that Josiah Higgins—George Hagans—became

a Methodist while still in the east, and may have been a member of the Methodist Church at Charlotte, Vt., almost directly across Lake Champlain from Willsborough, N. Y., between which places a ferry is said to have been operated. At any rate his son Joseph married a daughter of Ammi Fuller, a well-known Methodist of Charlotte. Hagans is described as a Methodist minister, which means probably a local preacher. He had musical ability and a Christian hymn written by him, both words and music, is extant in manuscript, and several pieces of sacred music by him were published. He is described as "strong in faith and hope." His wife, Persis Eggleston, was also a person of the same type, and is described as "a model woman,—died in triumph." John Marshall Hagans described his grandmother thus: "She was a short, stout old lady and according to my recollection, of the fair type, rather than of the dark, black-eyed style of grandfather's side. She always sat erect, never rested on her elbow or carelessly lounged in her attitude. I have sat on a little stool at her feet and listened to her stories of the 'red coats,' her invariable way of designating the enemy. She also related that when she was a young girl in her father's house, she distinctly heard the roar of the guns at the Battle of Bennington (Aug. 16, 1777). She said her father lived six miles from Bennington. As she was thirteen years old at the time, this might well be true."

#### *Children.*

- i. Thankful, b. Nov. 19, 1784, in Vermont; d. Dec. 19, 1784. "Saved in infancy."
- 377. ii. Joseph, b. Jan. 1, 1786, at Willsborough, N. Y.; married Mary Fuller.
- iii. Thankful, b. June 28, 1788, in Vermont; d. in Willsborough, N. Y., "of scarlet fever, at about 16 years of age. Member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Triumphant."
- 378. iv. Josiah, b. Feb. 25, 1791, at Willsborough, N. Y.; married —.
- 379. v. Ebenezer (later called Zer), b. July 23, 1793, at Willsborough, N. Y.; married Catherine Dicks.
- 380. vi. Urban (later called Harrison), born June 17, 1796, in Vermont; married Jane McCollum.
- 381. vii. Elisha Merrill, b. Nov. 28, 1798, at Willsborough, N. Y.; married Anne M. Brown.
- viii. Harriet, b. March 18, 1801, at Willsborough, N. Y.; d. at Pontoosuc, Ill.; member of the Methodist Church; married —.
- ix. Lovila, b. Sept. 10, 1803, at Willsborough, N. Y.; d.

June 19, 1842, at Uniontown, Pa.; married Jan. 29, 1822, at Brandonville, Va., Zalmon Ludington, Jr., of Petersburg and Uniontown, Pa. Children:

1. Emmalue Jane, b. Sept. 9, 1823; d. July 19, 1867; married June 17, 1852, John J. Brown and had: Robert Ludington Brown, b. Aug. 19, 1854; married Nov. 4, 1885, Margaret Neeson Woode and had three children; Caroline Simpkins Brown, b. Dec. 6, 1857; d. Feb. 4, 1887; Zalmon Kent Brown, b. Nov. 12, 1861; d. Feb. 2, 1900; married Aug. 3, 1892, Leana Hogue Donley and had three children.

2. Melinda, b. Aug. 30, 1825; d. Feb. 7, 1917, at Louisville, Ky.; married in Uniontown, Pa., Feb. 10, 1852, Andrew Patrick, M.D., and had: Virginia Patrick, b. Dec. 8, 1852; married in Louisville, Ky., Oct. 1, 1885, W. Meade Montgomery and had one daughter; Annie Lovila Patrick, b. June 21, 1857, at Uniontown, Pa.; married in Louisville, Ky., June 21, 1883, Percy Thomas, b. March 26, 1860, in Pittsburgh, Pa., and had three daughters.

3. Hagan Zalmon, b. Jan. 18, 1828; d. May 12, 1865; married October, 1850, Mary Jane Sweeney. No children.

4. Harriet Ann, b. March 30, 1830; d. Dec. 28, 1860; married in Uniontown, Pa., March 21, 1848, James Thomas Redburn and had: Anna Lovila Redburn, b. 1849; d. June 27, 1856; Mary Ludington Redburn, b. March 2, 1856; unmarried.

5. Horace, b. in Addison, Pa., June 26, 1832; d. May 16, 1917, at Omaha, Neb.; a physician; married in Cincinnati, Ohio, Nov. 27, 1866, Isabella Patterson Porter and had: Mary Taylor Ludington, b. Cincinnati, Ohio, April 16, 1868. She married (1) in Omaha, Neb., June 10, 1891, Charles Watson Hull; married (2) Aug. 23, 1911, William R. McKeen, Jr. No children. Paul Hagans Ludington, b. in Cincinnati, Ohio, Oct. 24, 1872; residence Omaha, Neb.; unmarried; a physician.

6. Elisha Harrison, b. May 27, 1835; d. Jan. 21, 1901, at Uniontown, Pa.; unmarried; was Major in U. S. Army.

7. Marshall Independence, b. July 4, 1839; married at Skaneateles, N. Y., Oct. 18, 1871, Harriet Foote Marvin. No children. He is Major General U. S. Army (retired).

8. James Redburn, b. July 11, 1841, at Uniontown, Pa.; d. April 14, 1842.

x. David, b. July 18, 1807, at Willsborough, N. Y.; d. June 30, 1818, at Brandonville, Va. "Though young, in hope."

Authorities: Robert Ludington Brown, M.D.; Melinda (Ludington) Patrick; Pauline Ludington; Maj. Zalmon Ludington's Bible Record; Horace Ludington, M.D., Paul Hagans Ludington, M.D., both of Omaha, Neb.; Rev. Ambrose Eggleston, MSS.

There were other Higgins families who settled near Mt. Carmel, Ill., about the time that Josiah Higgins and his family came there. As far as known, they were not related to him. The U. S. Land Office records, the *History of Wabash County*, and the testimony of living persons show that these were: Ransom Higgins, who came from Knox County, Indiana, and settled in Wabash County in 1814-19; John Higgins who came from Allegany County, N. Y., filing his claim to land Jan. 15, 1817, and receiving a patent therefor on Jan. 23, 1818; and William Higgins, who filed a claim on Aug. 14, 1819, and received his patent April 4, 1825. The records of Edwards County, Illinois, from which Wabash County was taken, show that George W. Higgins, Ransom Higgins, and John Higgins resided near Lancaster in Sections 14 and 12, Township 1 North, Range 13 West, now in Wabash County. Israel Higgins, Barney Higgins, and William Higgins were located further west, being in Township 1 North, Range 14 West. Mr. Bryant Higgins of Olney, Ill., son of Ransom Higgins, says: "My grandfather, whose name was George, was born in Connecticut in the City of Hartford, he being a tanner by trade. All his children were born at Hartford, Willis, William, Ransom, John, Anna, Lucy, Eunice, Nancy and Patty. Barney Higgins, of whom you speak, was my brother,—dead long ago." It is clear from the *History of Wabash County* (Philadelphia, 1882) that his family of Higginsons came from Allegany County, N. Y., in 1816. Israel Higgins has not been located or accounted for. Mr. Bryant Higgins was probably mistaken about Hartford, Conn., as the home of his grandfather. It is more probable that George Higgins was from the family of Higginsons who lived at Bedford, Westchester County, N. Y., Bryant Higgins having confused the name with that of Hartford, Conn., or unconsciously misplaced the locality in his memory, as he was an old man when he wrote the letter from which the statements are taken. He is also probably mistaken as to the parentage of William Higgins. William was still living in Wabash County in 1850 and the U. S. census of that year gives his age as 65 and his birthplace as Massachusetts.

183. ELISHA<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Elisha*<sup>5</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>4</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born about 1767, probably at Williamstown, Mass.; died Aug. 30, 1818, probably at Willsborough, Essex County, N. Y.; married, but her name has not been found.

This Elisha Higgins appears to have followed his father from Williamstown, Mass., through Vermont to Willsborough, N. Y.,



where he had a farm on Judd's grant, near Lake Champlain. Here he was a farmer until his death. A fragment of the title page of a New Testament has been preserved, whereon are written the date of his death and the names and births of his children. Mrs. Maxham says his first wife was a relative of Ethan Allen, and his second wife was Mary Farnham. The census of 1790 for New York shows that Elisha Higgins, Jr., of Willsborough had then a wife and one daughter.

*Children.*

- i. Sally, b. April 5, 1790; married David Struthers Eggleston. Children: Delia, who married — Hubbell; Elizabeth, who married D. Sheldon; Amanda, who married — Kelsey; John. Residence Port Kent, N. Y.
- ii. Elizabeth, b. July 7, 1791; married Silas Russell and had a large family.
- iii. Susannah, b. April 4, 1796.
- iv. Elisha, b. May 24, 1800.
- v. Jerusha, b. April 27, 1802; married — Colvin, and had four daughters. One of them, Letitia, married Mr. Maxham, and is now living. She furnished the Bible record referred to. Her mother, Mrs. Jerusha Colvin, lived and died at Port Kent, Essex Co., N. Y.
- vi. Green, b. July 8, 1804.
- vii. Julius, b. Aug. 28, 1806; married —; removed to Ohio; had a daughter who married A. W. Randall, Postmaster General under Lincoln and Minister to Russia.
- viii. Estes, b. Dec. 2, 1809.
- ix. Woolsey, b. July 31, 1812.
- x. Anna, b. March 12, 1816.

184. ISAAC<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Elisha*<sup>5</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>4</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born —, probably at Williamstown, Mass.; died —; married Asenath —.

Isaac Higgins removed from Williamstown after 1790 to Willsborough, N. Y., now Essex, on Lake Champlain, and he received land there in 1799 from his father, Elisha Higgins, and in 1801 from his brother, Josiah Higgins. The town book of Essex, N. Y., covering years from 1806 to 1820 is extant and it mentions Isaac Higgins as a resident of District No. 16. Harrison Hagens is voucher for the tradition that his uncle Isaac Higgins was a very expert drummer, Harrison's father having told him this. Mrs. Stickney says that Isaac adopted or brought up her mother, Hannah Eggleston, born Nov. 30, 1797, daughter of Richard and

Hannah (Higgins) Eggleston. The census of 1790 assigns to Isaac Higgins a family of one son under sixteen and three females, probably his daughters, besides himself and wife.

*Children born at Williamstown, Mass.*

- i. Jesse, b. about 1783; d. Nov. 11, 1811, at Williamstown, in his twenty-eighth year (gravestone at Williamstown); married Aug. 8, 1805, Rebecca Kennedy. Children, if any, unknown.
- ii. Minerva, b. May 2, 1785.
- iii. Sabra, b. Sept. 8, 1786.
- iv. Another daughter, probably.

185. CALEB<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Uriah<sup>5</sup>, Elisha<sup>4</sup>, Elisha<sup>3</sup>, Jonathan<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born June 2, 1770; died —; married (1) May 5, 1796, Lucy Hildreth, born —; died 1797; married (2) June 17, 1798, Mary Hildreth.

Caleb Higgins resided at Hardwick, Mass., and at Dummerston, Vt.

*Children.*

- i. Caleb, b. Feb. 16, 1797; d. May 25, 1863; married (1) July 9, 1820, Almeda Sawyer; (2) —; (3) Dec. 8, 1844, Lucy Johnson of Jamaica, Vt., who d. March 31, 1865, aged 67.
- ii. Joshua, b. Feb. 16, 1797.
- iii. Lucy Hildreth, b. Dec. 6, 1798; married Oct. 4, 1821, Nathan Adams, Jr.

186. ROBERT KEMP<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Joseph<sup>5</sup>, Beriah<sup>4</sup>, Elisha<sup>3</sup>, Jonathan<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born Oct. 4, 1775; died —; married Feb. 16, 1800, Eunice Holbrook of Wellfleet.

Robert Kemp Higgins resided at Wellfleet.

*Children.*

- i. Joseph, b. Oct. 26, 1801; d. September, 1864.
- ii. Solomon, b. August, 1803; d. January, 1862.
- iii. Robert Kemp, b. November, 1807; d. September, 1823.
- iv. Francis S., b. and d. 1809.
382. v. Eben Parsons, b. 1811; married Rebecca Abbott.
- vi. Gorham, b. 1813; d. 1847.
- vii. James, b. 1816; d. 1874.
- viii. William P., b. 1817.
- ix. Nathan, b. 1820; d. 1821.

- x. Hannah, b. and d. 1821.
- xi. Eunice, b. 1822; d. 1873.

Authority: Miss Alice L. Higgins, Boston, Mass.

187. HENRY FISK<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Henry*<sup>5</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>4</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born July 27, 1779; died Feb. 21, 1860; married (int. Sept. 19, 1813) Olla Metcalf of Royalston, Mass., born June 9, 1789; died Aug. 19, 1866.

Henry Fisk Higgins resided at Hardwick, Mass., but afterward in Ware, Mass. He was deacon in the church and an able and successful carpenter and builder.

*Children.*

- i. Henry Melville, b. Oct. 22, 1814.
  - ii. Olla Metcalf, b. April 8, 1816; married Sept. 17, 1848, his third wife Elbridge Gerry Wood, b. in Feltonville, now Hudson, Sept. 2, 1814. She was living in Springfield, Mass., in 1901.
  - iii. Sarah Luthera, b. Jan. 11, 1818; married Cambridge Moulton.
- 382A. iv. Whitman Fisk, b. Feb. 26, 1821; married twice.
- v. Lurania Maria, b. Dec. 12, 1822; married Franklin Barnes.
383. vi. Elon Galusha, b. May 11, 1825; married Lucy Maria Graves.
384. vii. Francis Wayland, b. Sept. 6, 1831; married three times.

Authority: *William Wood Genealogy*, p. 87; Francis E. Higgins of Worcester, Mass.

188. JONATHAN<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Elisha*<sup>5</sup>, *Barnabas*<sup>4</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Dec. 22, 1770, probably at Wellfleet; died —; married Nov. 27, 1794, Sabrina Kenrick of Eastham.

Jonathan Higgins lived at Wellfleet.

*Child.*

- i. Lucia, b. Aug. 19, 1796.

189. DANIEL<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Daniel*<sup>5</sup>, *Barnabas*<sup>4</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Oct. 31, 1783; died in 1832; married Oct. 3, 1805, Mary Atwood, born —; died —; daughter of Eldad Atwood.

Daniel Higgins resided at Wellfleet, Mass. He was a merchant or trader. Administration on his estate to widow Polly, Oct. 1, 1832.

*Children.*

- i. Hannah, b. Sept. 26, 1806; d. May 13, 1872; married Nov. 19, 1837, Charles F. Smith.
- 385. ii. Eldad Atwood, b. Nov. 13, 1808; married Cynthia A. Brown.
- 386. iii. Daniel, b. Oct. 2, 1811; married Hepzibah Brown.
- iv. James Snow, b. Sept. 18, 1816.
- v. Elisha, b. Oct. 1, 1819.
- vi. Mary Witherell, b. Feb. 12, 1822; d. Dec. 28, 1856.
- vii. William Penn, b. June 14, 1824.
- viii. Polly, b. June 8, 1829.

190. PHILIP<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Philip*<sup>5</sup>, *Barnabas*<sup>4</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Sept. 25, 1799; died —; married July 13, 1824, Mercy Cole Snow, born January 11, 1807; died Jan. 21, 1898; daughter of Solomon and Lavina (Knowles) Snow.

Philip Higgins resided at Wellfleet, Mass.

*Children.*

- i. Sarah Newcomb, b. Sept. 12, 1826; d. Sept. 12, 1827.
- 387. ii. Benjamin Warren, b. July 3, 1828; married Ann Mayo.
- iii. Sarah Newcomb, b. July 27, 1830; married July 3, 1853, Holmes Nickerson. No children.
- iv. Martha Colton, b. Oct. 27, 1832; married Oct. 5, 1853, H. S. Harding. No children.
- v. Mary, b. Dec. 5, 1834; d. Dec. 7, 1834.
- 388. vi. Philip, b. Nov. 8, 1835; married Arabella C. Blaney.
- vii. Mary, b. Jan. 24, 1838; married May 13, 1883, Julius Lambert. No children.
- viii. Samuel Jones, b. Oct. 25, 1839; d. June 6, 1841.
- 389. ix. Samuel Jones, b. July 26, 1841; married Mary A. M. Hatch.
- 390. x. Aaron Snow, b. May 30, 1843; married Jennie McIntosh.
- xi. Henry Elwood, b. May 31, 1845; married Carrie Dill.
- xii. Abigail Frances, b. October, 1847; married Feb. 9, 1868, Daniel Wiley. Children: Clarence W., Frederick Levi.
- xiii. Mercy Snow, b. Sept. 22, 1850.

191. JAMES H. N.<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*David*<sup>5</sup>, *Philip*<sup>4</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Sept. 25, 1805, at —; died July, 1877, at Wentworth, N. S.; married Abigail L. Higgins (?).

James H. N. Higgins was a farmer and resided at Wentworth, N. S.



*Child.*

391. i. David James Monroe, b. Jan. 12, 1831; married Delia L. Archibald.

192. SYLVANUS<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Hezekiah*<sup>5</sup>, *James*<sup>4</sup>, *James*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Sept. 19, 1783; died at Hingham, Mass., Sept. 1, 1850; married Dec. 2, 1802, Sally Linnell, born at Eastham in 1782; died at Hingham, Mass., Aug. 28, 1851, aged 69 years; daughter of Heman and — Linnell of Eastham.

Sylvanus Higgins resided at Orleans, Mass., and at Hingham Center, where he died. He was a master mariner. Five eldest children born at Orleans, Mass.

*Children.*

392. i. Joshua Linnell, b. Oct. 21, 1806; married Jane Whitcomb.

393. ii. Ezra, b. June 17, 1808; married Mary M. Seymour.

394. iii. Sylvanus, b. June 19, 1810; married Mary Elizabeth Hinckley.

395. iv. Heman, b. June 4, 1812; married Sarah Gill Humphrey.

396. v. Josiah Gould, b. March 20, 1814; married Susannah Harris.

397. vi. Sullivan, b. Sept. 25, 1818; married Susanna Burr.

vii. Sally, b. Sept. 25, 1818; married Oct. 22, 1840, Isaiah G. Tower as his second wife.

viii. Emily, b. Oct. 23, 1821; d. Oct. 4, 1846; married Feb. 2, 1842, Joshua Jacobs. Her son Joshua lived at Egremont and married Mary Marsh.

193. JOHN<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Ichabod*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born —; died in 1801(?); married (1) March 7, 1778, Sarah Sparrow, born —; died in 1785; married (2) April 27, 1786, Mrs. Sarah (Mayo) (Sparrow) Higgins, born April 3, 1765; died Aug. 27, 1843; daughter of — Mayo and widow of — Sparrow, and of Obadiah Higgins. She married as her fourth husband, Oct. 9, 1800, Thomas Rogers, son of Solomon and Tabitha (Twining) Rogers of Eastham.

John Higgins resided at Eastham-Orleans.

*Children.*

i. Experience, bapt. June 3, 1780.

ii. Bethiah, b. June 15, 1787; married Nov. 27, 1806, Capt. Edmund Freeman, b. Feb. 1, 1780; d. in New Orleans, 1823; son of Deacon Abner and Sarah (Higgins) Freeman.

Children: Adeline, b. June 8, 1809, married March 1, 1832, Clement Snow; Edmund, b. July 7, 1811, married Olive S. Mayo of Orleans; Leander, b. Oct. 23, 1814, married July 12, 1838, Hannah F. Snow; John Higgins, b. June 1, 1817, married Nov. 22, 1838, Phebe Linnell; Reuben Higgins, b. May 8, 1819, married Nov. 3, 1843, Rebecca Young; Otis W., b. May 11, 1821, married Sept. 6, 1849, Dorcas Doane.

- iii. John, bapt. Oct. 7, 1781.
- iv. Sarah, bapt. July 10, 1785.
- v. Hannah Mayo, b. July 16, 1789; d. July 22, 1848; married Solomon<sup>6</sup> Higgins, son of Solomon<sup>5</sup> Higgins.
- vi. Robert, bapt. Sept. 28, 1793.

Authority: J. L. Snow, Orleans.

194. NATHANIEL<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Thomas*<sup>5</sup>, *Nathaniel*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Dec. 13, 1769, at Hopkinton; died Dec. 4, 1832; married Feb. 9, 1791, Mary Smith, born April 13, 1774; died Aug. 13, 1836; daughter of Edward and Betsey Wilder Smith of Newfane, Vt.

He resided at Newfane, Vt.

*Children.*

- i. Betsey, b. Feb. 5, 1792; d. Aug. 28, 1877; married Jan. 11, 1832, Elisha Rood.
- 398. ii. Edson, b. Feb. 16, 1794; married Mary Bruce.
- 399. iii. Thomas, b. July 30, 1795; married Lucy S. Mellendy.
- iv. Ira S., b. June 7, 1798; d. April 11, 1830; married May, 1825, Sophia C. Hemenway.
- v. Nathaniel, b. Jan. 24, 1802; married (1) Feb. 19, 1840, Theda E. Eager, b. —; d. Sept. 23, 1859; (2) Abigail Kenney; he d. April 9, 1885.
- 400. vi. Stephen, b. June 5, 1804; married Mary A. Bowker.
- vii. Nancy, b. Dec. 3, 1807; d. May 30, 1852; married Dec. 26, 1831, Benjamin A. Ormsbee, b. March 3, 1807; d. Jan. 22, 1867.
- viii. Mary Ann, b. Aug. 4, 1812; d. April 9, 1876; married Dec. 9, 1841, Alexander Fairbanks.
- ix. Fanny M., b. Oct. 15, 1816; d. Oct. 3, 1817.

Authority: Bible record in possession of the family at Newfane, Vt.

195. CORNELIUS<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Cornelius*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born July 22, 1744, probably at Haddam, Conn.; died there in 1834, aged 90; married (1) Nov. 8,

1767, Eleanor Hazleton, born May 13, 1743; died in 1775; daughter of Captain James and Susanna (Arnold) Hazelton of Haddam; married (2) Sept. 23, 1777, Esther Kelsey, born —; died Dec. 28, 1836, at Haddam, Conn.; daughter of Gideon and Esther (Chatfield) Kelsey of Killingworth or Guilford, Conn.

Cornelius Higgins, Jr., resided at Haddam for most of his life and died there, his estate being settled (by will) in Connecticut in 1835. His services to his country in the Revolution (it is probable that all the following records refer to him, although possibly some of them may belong to Cornelius Higgins, Sr.) follow:

“Cornelius Higgins was a sergeant in Capt. Abraham Tyler’s co., Col. Jediah Huntington’s (Eighth) regt., from July 1775 to Dec. 1775; regt. spent most of its time at Roxbury.”

“Same regt. reorganized as Continental in 1776. Among the Ensigns was Cornelius Higgins, until the regt. was disbanded Dec. 31, 1776. Higgins was at the siege of Boston, and marched under Washington to New York; assisted in fortifying the City of New York; engaged in the battle of Long Island, Aug. 27, 1776; taken prisoner in this battle, and either escaped or was exchanged.”

“Cornelius Higgins served in the Fifth regt., Connecticut Line, most of whose members enlisted for the war; commissioned Second Lieut. Jan. 1, 1777; promoted First Lieut. March 17, 1778; resigned Aug. 15, 1779.”

“A provisional regiment was raised in 1781 to march on shortest notice in case Gen. Washington should call for them. Among its lieutenants was Cornelius Higgins, Junior, of Haddam.” He received a pension under the Act of 1818, and again in 1832.

Cornelius Higgins was probably at Albany, and certainly at Salt Point, Onondaga County, N. Y., in 1794.

“In the early part of the spring and summer of 1794 there was a wonderful alarm and panic among the settlers of Onondaga Co., N. Y. Gov. Clinton in May appointed four of his highest military officers to call on Baron Steuben at his residence in Oneida County for advice. Twelve thousand pounds had been voted by the Legislature for defense. Military forces were assembled at Salt Point and reviewed by Baron Steuben, who advised the erection of a block house and proceeded to stake out the ground. Two Majors were commissioned to superintend the building of the block house, under the immediate inspection of Mr. Cornelius Higgins as master builder.”—Clark’s *History of Onondaga*, vol. ii, p. 153.

*Children born at Haddam, Conn.*

401. i. Cornelius, b. June 28, 1768; married — Arnold.
- ii. James, b. June 18, 1770; married and had two daughters, it is said, but no record found.

- iii. Henry, b. April 19, 1772; a seaman; drowned off Rhode Island after Dec. 15, 1800.
- iv. Arnold, b. Feb. 18, 1774; was a sea captain; drowned off Norfolk, Va., May 20, 1800; estate went to his brothers; unmarried.
- v. John, bapt. May, 1775; d. before December, 1800.
- vi. Eleanor, b. Feb. 12, 1783; d. Jan. 9, 1859; married Dec. 8, 1811, Peter Page of Chicago. Children: Nancy Bethiah, b. Dec. 7, 1812, married Sept. 30, 1836, Deodate Smith; Peter, b. July 3, 1814, d. Aug. 1, 1880, married (1) March 27, 1839, Jane E. Taylor; (2) April 1, 1846, Nancy Stevens; (3) Feb. 16, 1869, Mary C. Walbridge.
- viii. Ezra, b. July 20, 1785; drowned off Rhode Island, Jan. 18, 1803; unmarried.
- ix. Esther, b. Dec. 1, 1787; d. April 18, 1832; married (1) Jan. 28, 1811, Rufus Tyler of Haddam, who d. there May 5, 1815; married (2) Gardiner Child of Haddam.
- x. Edward, b. Feb. 3, 1790. He was on the privateer *Young Teazer*, War of 1812, which was blown up in June, 1813, at Halifax, N.S.
- xi. Asa, b. Feb. 14, 1792; married Aug. 31, 1815, Mary Scovil, daughter of John and Mary (Smith) Scovil of Haddam, Conn. They were members of the Haddam Congregational Church in 1821 and took a letter of dismission to Covington, supposed to have been Covington, Wyoming Co., N. Y.

196. HAWES<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Cornelius*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born April 10, 1752, at Haddam, Conn.; died there May 6, 1834; married there Sept. 16, 1773, Lucinda Bushnell, born May 16, 1754; died Nov. 26, 1834, at Haddam, Conn.; daughter of Gideon Bushnell of Saybrook, Conn.

Hawes Higgins resided at Haddam, Conn., all his life. He gave two years of active service in the Revolution and was at the battles of Stillwater and Saratoga. He received a pension as private and sergeant in the Connecticut Continental Line. He and his wife became members of the Haddam Congregational Church in October, 1774, but afterwards became Baptists.

*Children born at Haddam, Conn.*

- i. Lucinda, b. in 1774; d. Sept. 21, 1776.
- ii. Prince Hawes, b. April 12, 1776; d. at Greenville, Ohio, Sept. 21, 1796.
- iii. Gideon, b. Dec. 15, 1778; d. Dec. 25, 1778.
- iv. Lucinda, b. June 9, 1780; d. June 11, 1857; married Feb. 5, 1801, Noah Strong.



402. v. Gideon, b. Sept. 8, 1782; married Anna Wright.
403. vi. John D., b. Oct. 23, 1785; married Eliza Higgins.
- vii. Sarah Saloma, b. July 7, 1788; d. April 18, 1858, at Iliion, N. Y.; married March 24, 1816, Nathan Morgan.
- viii. Temperance, b. July 2, 1791; married (1) Nov. 2, 1809, David Clark Hubbard of Haddam; (2) Seth Bartlett. Her daughter, Alamanza, b. Dec. 29, 1834, married Oct. 1, 1856, Jairus Emerson Clark.
- ix. Hannah, b. Feb. 13, 1794; married April 23, 1812, Silas C. Clark.

197. EBENEZER<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Cornelius*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Jan. 12, 1757, at Haddam, Conn.; died April 25, 1842, at Perry, Wyoming County, N. Y.; married Nov. 12, 1780, Mary Knowles, born April 19, 1761, at East Brewster, Mass.; died Sept. 25, 1844, at Perry, N. Y.

Ebenezer Higgins was a man of great strength and full of fun. He was a Revolutionary soldier, like his father and all his brothers. He could place a heavy log-chain around himself and outjump any one in the town. He was a blacksmith by trade and his shop was near a bridge. On All Fool's Day (April first) he heated a horseshoe with long calks, drove the calks into the planking of the bridge and watched to see people undertake to pick the shoe up and get their fingers burnt. He removed from Haddam, Conn., to Westhampton, Mass., then to Auburn, N. Y., and finally to Perry, N. Y.

*Children probably all born at Haddam, Conn.*

404. i. Ebenezer, b. Oct. 28, 1781; married —.
- ii. Fanny, b. April 6, 1783; d. Aug. 10, 1856; married Darwin Harkness; lived near Norwalk, Ohio.
- iii. David, b. April 6, 1785; d. April 14, 1827.
- iv. A daughter, b. June 8, 1787; d. same day.
405. v. Otis, b. Aug. 1, 1788; married Hannah Nutt.
406. vi. Selden, b. April 12, 1791; married Mary Taylor.
407. vii. Henry Knowles, b. Nov. 23, 1793; married (1) Anna Beers; (2) Esther Ann Manwaring; (3) Abigail B. Smith.
- viii. Dexter, b. Oct. 22, 1796; went to sea and was lost sight of.

198. DAVID<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Cornelius*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Aug. 6, 1761, at Haddam, Conn.; died June 19, 1842, at Norwalk, Ohio; married Jan. 17, 1788, at

Second Church, New Haven, Conn., Eunice Gilbert, born May 12, 1762, at New Haven; died Oct. 2, 1843, at Norwalk, Ohio; a lineal descendant of Hon. Matthew Gilbert, an original settler of New Haven, Conn.

David Higgins was educated at Dartmouth and Yale, graduating from Yale in 1785. Served as a private in Revolutionary War. Pastor at North Lyme, now Hamburg, Conn. Missionary to new settlements in New Hampshire and Vermont in 1794, and to new settlements in New York State, going as far as the Genesee River in 1801. After the close of his mission, he preached for several months at Onondaga Hollow, near the present city of Syracuse, and at East Bloomfield and Aurelius, from each of which places he had a call, and finally settled at Aurelius (now Auburn), removing his family from Connecticut in July, 1802. In 1808, pastoral relations were dissolved, but he remained four years longer. In 1812, he received a call from the Presbyterian church at Bath, and in January following removed there with his family. He resided at Bath till 1835, when he removed to Norwalk, Ohio. When he died, he had no church in Ohio, but supplied pulpits at Norwalk, Milan, Huron, Brunson, Monroeville, Peru and Paris, preaching only occasionally during the last two years. (*Hotchkins' Western New York.*)

Onondaga County, of which Syracuse is the geographical center, as near as possible, and county seat, originally included five or six times as much territory as now, taking in the present county of Cayuga, in which the city of Auburn is situated. The settlement at Auburn in the town of Aurelius had no distinctive name. Missionaries were sent out to the settlements in New York State by the "Connecticut Association," among whom were Seth Williston and David Higgins.

The "First Presbyterian Society of Onondaga" was formed on the Hill (Onondaga Hill, four miles from center of present city of Syracuse, which was not settled until about 1815, and received its name Syracuse about 1824) at the log tavern, kept by Daniel Earll. Rev. David Higgins preached for a time, followed by a Mr. Haly, the only ministers before 1806. Rev. Dirk C. Lansing was ordained and settled in 1807. Their church edifice was erected in 1819. (*Clark's History of Onondaga*, vol. 2, p. 134.)

Rev. Seth Williston, in a letter giving an account of revivals occurring in this field under date of April 29, 1799, writes: "I have lately heard from Aurelius in Onondaga county, that the spirit of God is poured out upon one part of the town."

We have now come to the date of the formation of the first church within the present limits of Auburn and Aurelius. It was one of the lights kindled in the great revival of 1799. For some two or three years the church was dependent upon the casual labor of the passing missionary, until 1801, when Rev. David Higgins from North Lyme, Conn., visited it in his brief service of the Connecticut Association, and accepted a call as its pastor, with the understanding that he would return the following year for permanent settlement. It took corporate form and title as the First Congregational Society of Aurelius, May 21, 1802, at a meeting held at the public house of Henry Moore, situated about a mile from the Half Acre, on the road to Union Springs. Mr. Higgins returned, according to the arrangement, and was installed Oct. 9, 1802. He remained with the congregation here until February, 1813, when he was released from his pastoral relations with the church of Aurelius, to take charge of the church at Bath, Steuben Co. (From the *History of First Presbyterian Church, Auburn, N. Y.*, by Rev. Charles Hawley, D. D., many years its pastor.)

*Children born at Lyme, Conn.*

408. i. David, b. Aug. 2, 1789; married (1) Cecilia Davis; (2) Letitia King.
409. ii. James Gilbert, b. Feb. 22, 1791; married (1) Charlotte Townsend; (2) Maria Elizabeth Burns.
- iii. Mary Bethiah, b. Oct. 22, 1793; d. May 10, 1871, at Racine, Wis.; married, in 1820, Jacob Van Valkenburgh.
- iv. Myra, b. Feb. 14, 1796; d. April 5, 1885, at Norwalk, Ohio. Never married.
- v. Lucius Cornelius, b. Oct. 27, 1797; d. Oct. 15, 1822, at Fort Gibson, Miss.
- vi. Eliza, b. May 4, 1799; d. Sept. 5, 1855, at Bath, N.Y.; married March, 1816, John D. Higgins, son of Hawes Higgins.
410. vii. William, b. May 16, 1801; married Elizabeth W. Spader.

199. AARON<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Isaiah*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born March 25, 1754, at Eastham; died shortly before July 10, 1812, at Eastham-Orleans; married Dec. 31, 1772, Abigail Atwood, born —; died June 10, 1798.

Aaron Higgins lived at Eastham-Orleans. He served as Corporal in Capt. Isaiah Higgins' co. of Maj. Zenas Winslow's regt.

of Barnstable Co. militia in September, 1778, 4 days on an alarm at Bedford. He served on petit jury in 1790.

His estate was administered March 20, 1816, by Nathaniel Young.

*Children.*

- i. Priscilla Freeman, b. Oct. 16, 1775; married March 19, 1801, Elijah Small of Harwich.
- ii. Betsey, b. Aug. 24, 1777; married Nov. 27, 1800, Thomas Small.
- iii. Abigail Stevens, b. Aug. 17, 1783; married April 1, 1822, Zenas Nickerson of Harwich.
- iv. Anna Parker, b. March 28, 1785; married Nov. 26, 1812, Nathaniel Young.
- v. Reuben, b. April 23, 1788; lost at sea shortly before July 10, 1812, aged 24.
- vi. Aaron, b. Aug. 24, 1790; d. Feb. 25, 1816.

200. RICHARD<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Isaiah*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born April 5, 1762; died —; married June 7, 1783, Lydia Cahoon (marriage recorded at Wellfleet, Richard Higgins being of Eastham), born at Wellfleet; died 1843 at Stark, Maine.

It is a tradition that he served in the Revolution with his father, and the records appear to confirm it, although Richard was but little more than fourteen years old when he enlisted.

“Richard Higgins, Eastham. Private, Capt. Isaiah Higgins’s co., Col. Thomas Marshall’s regt.; abstract for advance pay for 1 mo. from June 6, 1776, etc. dated Boston June 17, 1776; enlisted June 6, 1776; service to Aug. 1, 1776, 1 mo. 26 days; mileage (95) miles allowed; also same co. and regt.; service from Aug. 1, 1776, to Oct. 31, 1776, 3 mos.; also same co. and regt.; service from Nov. 1, 1776, to time of discharge, 1 mo.; travel home 5 days (95 miles) allowed; also Capt. Benjamin Godfrey’s co., Col. Josiah Whitney’s regt., arrived at destination May 10, 1777; discharged July 10, 1777; service 2 mos. 12 days at Rhode Island, travel (12 days) included; 108 miles reported as distance from Eastham to place of destination; enlistment 2 mos. roll dated Boston Neck, South Kingston.”

Richard Higgins remained in Eastham until after 1790, for he is included in the census of that year at Eastham. He afterwards removed to Stark, Maine, and later still, probably in old age, to Leeds and Farmington, Maine.



*Children.*

411. i. Aaron, b. Jan. 18, 1786; married Apphia Gill.  
ii. Isaiah, b. about 1792; d. about 1831; married Eliza Collins; lived at Stark, Maine.  
iii. David, b. about 1792.  
iv. Thankful, b. about 1794; d. about 1851; married — Norris; residence Livermore, Maine.  
v. Diligence, b. about 1796; married Zebulon Millet; residence Leeds, Maine.  
vi. Reuben, b. September, 1800; married —.  
vii. Beriah, b. about 1798; d. about 1835; married Abigail —; resided at Charleston, S. C.  
viii. Abigail, b. about 1800; d. about 1845; married James Taylor; resided at Farmington, Maine.
412. ix. John Gill, b. August, 1802; married Rachel Foss.  
x. Isaac, b. 1804; d. about 1858; married Nancy Smith, 1834; lived at Stark, Maine.  
xi. Richard, b. —; living at Taunton, Mass., in 1887.

Authorities: *History of Industry, Me.*, p. 647; A. A. Higgins of West Milan, N. H.

201. ELKANAH<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Elkanah*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Aug. 29, 1760, at Eastham; died there April 26, 1816; married Feb. 1, 1786, Elizabeth Berry, born —; died June 21, 1839; daughter of Lemuel and Lydia Berry of Harwich-Brewster and granddaughter of Judah Berry of Harwich.

Elkanah Higgins, Jr., lived in that part of the ancient town which forms the present town of Eastham, probably on land of his father, near the North Schoolhouse. He was probably a farmer. He may possibly be the Elkanah Higgins who was a private in Capt. Isaiah Higgins's company of Major Zenas Winslow's Second Barnstable County regiment of militia, which was called out on an alarm at Bedford, serving four days in September, 1778.

*Children born at Eastham.*

- i. Lydia, b. Nov. 18, 1787; d. Feb. 4, 1882, at Attleboro, Mass.; married (1) Dec. 11, 1822, John Cole of Orleans; (2) Robert Mayo; (3) March 31, 1847, at Brewster, Issachar Berry of Brewster as his second wife. He was a tanner, aged 60, and son of Scotto Berry. Lydia Higgins Cole had one daughter, who died, aged 15.  
ii. Mehitabel, b. Aug. 2, 1789; d. Dec. 26, 1862, at Brewster, unmarried.

413. iii. Josiah, b. April 1, 1791; married (1) Hannah Snow; (2) Mrs. Ann (Knowles) Snow.
- iv. Temperance, b. Dec. 30, 1792; d. —; married and had six children.
414. v. Isaiah, b. Feb. 26, 1797; married Ann Doane.
- vi. An infant, b. Sept. 11, 1799; d. young.
- vii. Eunice, b. Sept. 11, 1799; d. April 1, 1883, at Attleboro, Mass.; married Nov. 8, 1830, Seth Robbins of Brewster, Mass. Children: (1) Albert D. Robbins, b. Sept. 30, 1831, d. in Attleboro, Oct. 2, 1913; married August, 1858, Polly Wilmarth of Attleboro. (2) Olive Robbins, b. Aug. 15, 1833; d. in Brewster, June 21, 1865; married February, 1854, Nathan Kenney and had four children, Ida Frances Kenney, b. Sept. 2, 1856, and d. at 27; Loella D. Kenney, b. Aug. 8, 1858, married Seth Nickerson, lived in East Dennis and had four children; Dora Freeman Kenney, b. Dec. 17, 1859, d. June, 1894, married Alfred or Lewis White and had six children; Elmer Kenney, b. Nov. 24, 1862, lives in Brewster, Mass., married Mary Hazzard and has one child; Alice Olivia Kenney, b. Dec. 5, 1864, adopted by her uncle, Albert Robbins; married George H. Herrick; resides in Attleboro in summer and at Crescent City, Florida, winters; much interested in Higgins genealogy. (3) Isaiah Robbins, b. Aug. 8, 1835; d. July 21, 1911, at Riverside, Cal.; married Mary K. Higgins who is still living at Riverside, Cal., and had one child. (4) Freeman Robbins, b. Sept. 11, 1837; married January, 1860, Dora Crosby and had three children, Freeman, Eunice and Annie; resides at Attleboro, Mass. (5) Eunice Hattie Robbins, b. Nov. 18, 1841; married Dec. 2, 1865, Asa Higgins; living at Attleboro, Mass. (6) Annie Robbins, b. Sept. 19, 1844; married Nov. 28, 1862, Warren Parkes and had children, Mary Lizzie Parkes and Albert Parkes; residence Attleboro, Mass.
415. viii. Ephraim, b. Aug. 2, 1803; married Deborah P. Young.

Authority: Mrs. Eunice Hattie (Robbins) Higgins of Attleboro, Mass., and Bible records in her possession.

202. BENJAMIN<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Elkanah*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Sept. 23, 1767; died Nov. 4, 1852; married (1) May 15, 1794, Mercy Walker, born Jan. 3, 1770; died Jan. 5, 1816, daughter of Andrew and Dorcas (Paine) Walker; he married (2) Feb. 19, 1817, Hannah Walker, born 1767; died May 13, 1872, at Eastham; daughter of Samuel Walker, born —; died March 18, 1842.

Benjamin Higgins resided at Wellfleet, Mass.

*Children.*

416. i. John W., b. May 26, 1796; married Mary S. Taylor.  
417. ii. Elkanah, b. Oct. 24, 1797; married Hannah King.  
iii. Dorcas, b. Sept. 30, 1799; married Oct. 4, 1821, Capt. Barnabas Higgins. She d. at Barnstable, Aug. 14, 1837.  
418. iv. Ben, b. Nov. 2, 1801; married Hannah A. Higgins.  
v. Phebe, b. Dec. 7, 1803; d. Feb. 23, 1893, at Orleans; married Dec. 13, 1835, Samuel S. Taylor of Wellfleet; lost at sea, 1850. Residence, Gloucester, Mass. Children: Benjamin, b. 1836; lost at sea with his father; William, b. —; lost at sea with his father; John, b. about 1842; killed in Civil War.  
419. vi. Andrew Walker, b. Feb. 25, 1806; married (1) Rebecca R. Atkins; (2) Chloe Whelden.  
420. vii. Bartlett, b. Jan. 8, 1808; married Lucy N. Higgins.  
viii. Anna Joy, b. April 4, 1810; d. at Barnstable, March 7, 1866; married Dec. 1, 1831, James Chapman, Jr., of Dennis, b. March 7, 1810; d. Oct. 10, 1856. Children: Mary Ann, b. Nov. 2, 1832; married Aug. 17, 1852, Isaac J. Lucas of Plymouth; had a daughter, Jane H., b. May 14, 1856; James Henry, b. Nov. 21, 1834; married Mary B. Dinman of Plymouth, and had daughter Mary B., b. Nov. 8, 1859; Hannah Walker, b. May 31, 1836; Bennett Wing, b. Sept. 3, 1838; d. July 25, 1839; John Franklin, b. May 22, 1840; Martha Green, b. Feb. 26, 1842; Mercy Joy, b. Nov. 26, 1844; Phebe Higgins, b. Nov. 21, 1846; Pamela Bacon, b. March 9, 1849; d. Jan. 9, 1855; Sarah Elizabeth, b. Aug. 6, 1852; Catherine Lucas, b. Feb. 21, 1855; one son, b. —.  
421. ix. Justus, b. April 5, 1812; married Lois Hickman.  
x. Mercy, b. Sept. 16, 1814; d. April 24, 1895, at Orleans; married Nov. 24, 1835, Franklin Smith. Children: Lucy B., Mercy and Thomas.  
xi. Barnabas, b. Nov. 23, 1824; lost at sea in March, 1846.

Authorities: *Walker Genealogy*; Bible record owned by Caroline L. Higgins, great-granddaughter of Benjamin Higgins.

203. JOSHUA<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Elkanah*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Oct. 15, 1775, at Eastham; died there Sept. 1, 1860; married March 13, 1803, Mrs. Mercy (Mayo) Gill, born Oct. 31, 1774; died April 25, 1845.

Joshua Higgins resided at Eastham, Mass.

*Children born at Eastham.*

422. i. David, b. Jan. 3, 1804; married Sally Swain.

- ii. Eunice Mayo, b. Sept. 19, 1805; d. Dec. 4, 1877 or 1878, unmarried.
- iii. Mercy, b. April 12, 1807; d. May 31, 1846; married September, 1833, Curtis Doane, b. April 10, 1808, at Eastham; d. Feb. 10, 1879, at Provincetown, Mass. She was buried at Eastham. Children: Justus, who lived at Boston, and Mercy who married — Gross of Boston.
- iv. Sarah, b. Feb. 28, 1809; married William, son of Walter Swain. Child: Sarah, b. —.
- 423. v. Joshua, b. Feb. 16, 1812; married Maria Holmes Cobb.
- vi. Asenath, b. Nov. 3, 1815; d. June 19, 1893; married Joseph, son of Walter Swain, b. Sept. 22, 1812; d. —. Children: Ruth Doane, b. Aug. 9, 1836, d. Nov. 27, 1910, at Orleans, married John Henry Farnsworth; Joseph (a sea captain); Nancy; an infant; Dorcas (called Dora), married Nathaniel Wesley Smith; an infant; Heman; Eunice (living at Orleans in 1916); Arcena, who d. young.

Authorities: Eastham Records; *Doane Family*, p. 313; Mrs. Eunice H. Higgins of Attleboro, Mass.

204. ZOHETH<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Ebenezer*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born April 8, 1756, at Eastham; died —; married November, 1778, Susannah Knowles, born —; died —; daughter of Simeon and Eunice (—) Knowles of Eastham. Marriage intention dated Aug. 1, 1778.

Revolutionary service: "Private, Capt. Solomon Higgins's (Eastham) Co., enlisted July 15, 1775; discharged Dec. 31, 1775; service 6 mos. 1 day in defence of seacoast; also, receipt dated Point Shirley June 13, 1776, signed by said Higgins and others belonging to Capt. Nathaniel Winslow's Co., Col. Josiah Whitney's regt., advance pay, travel allowance from home to Boston, etc., also, Private, Capt. Nathaniel Winslow's Co., Col. Josiah Whitney's regt.; pay roll made up for service from May 1, 1776, 4 days preceding march from home, to Aug. 1, 1776; enlisted May 9, 1776; reported enlisted into the naval service July 20, 1776; also, Seaman, brigantine *Independence*, commanded by Capt. Simeon Samson; engaged July 14, 1776; service to Sept. 22, 1776, 2 mos. 8 days; roll dated Plymouth; also same vessel and commander; engaged Sept. 23, 1776; service to Jan. 1, 1777, 3 mos. 8 days; also, same vessel and commander; engaged Jan. 1, 1777; service to July 5, 1777, 6 mos. 5 days."

"Zoath Higgins, Corporal, in a company commanded by Capt. Job Crocker of Eastham, Col. Nathan Sparhawk's regt.; entered service July 1, 1777; discharged Dec. 12, 1777; service 5 mos. 20 days, at Rhode Island and sundry places in Mass., including 5 days (98 miles) travel home; company raised to serve for 6 mos. from July 1, 1777, unless sooner discharged."



“Zoath Higgins. Descriptive list of men raised to reinforce the Continental Army for the term of 6 mos., agreeable to resolve of June 5, 1780, returned as received of Justin Ely, Commissioner, by Brig. Gen. John Glover, at Springfield, July 18, 1780; aged 23 years; stature 5 ft. 7 in.; complexion light; engaged for town of Eastham; marched to camp July 18, 1780, under command of Joseph Brown, Esq.; also pay roll for 6 mos. men raised for the town of Eastham for service in the Continental Army during 1780, service 5 mos. 24 days.”

The census of 1790 shows Zoheth Higgins living at Orange, Mass., with wife, three sons and two daughters.

The will of Simeon Knowles of Eastham, dated Dec. 31, 1787, names wife Eunice and daughter Susannah Higgins.

205. ICHABOD<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Ebenezer*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Aug. 27, 1759; died —; married Nov. 4, 1784, Elizabeth Young.

He resided at Orleans, Mass.

“Ichabod Higgins, private, Capt. Isaiah Higgins’s co., Maj. Zenas Winslow’s regt., service 4 days in Sept. 1778, on alarm at Bedford.”

*Children.*

- i. Polly, b. Aug. 27, 1785.
- ii. Solomon, b. April 25, 1788.
- iii. Betsey, b. July 27, 1789.
- iv. Lucy, b. Dec. 25, 1790.

206. EPHRAIM<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Ebenezer*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born July 25, 1771, at Eastham; died Sept. 16, 1856, at Charlestown, Mass.; married (1) Nabby Shepardson, born June 1, 1771; died Dec. 13, 1824; married (2) Dec. 18, 1825, in Wardsboro, Vt., Hope Brimhall, born 1790; died April 29, 1868, at Chelsea or Charlestown, Mass.

He resided at Jamaica, Vt., but died at Charlestown, Mass., and was buried at Woodlawn Cemetery, Revere, Mass.

*Children by first wife.*

424. i. Isaac, b. Sept. 27, 1796; married Almena Baldwin.
- ii. John, b. March 19, 1798; d. May 21, 1801.
- iii. Sena, b. Feb. 12, 1800.
- iv. John, b. Jan. 16, 1803; d. Dec. 7, 1882.
- v. William, b. June 5, 1806; d. Oct. 6, 1880; married Nancy —, b. 1810.

- vi. Paine Snow, b. Nov. 27, 1809; d. March 24, 1882, lived at Charlestown, Mass., and was buried at Revere, Mass.; married Mary A. —, b. 1809.
- vii. Lucy, b. April 21, 1814; d. Dec. 4, 1861, in Warwick; married — Hawes.

207. DAVID<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Ebenezer*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Dec. 3, 1776, at Eastham; died about 1871; married (1) Oct. 27, 1792, Eunice Steel of New Hartford, Conn.; married (2) —.

David Higgins moved with his father from Eastham to Jamaica, Vt., then to Ohio and finally to Indiana. He is said to have had a large family, but only one has been discovered.

*Child.*

- i. Nancy, b. —; married Deodate Smith.

Authority: A. M. Higgins of Somerville, Mass.

208. JAMES SNOW<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Jethro*<sup>5</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born June 9, 1766, at Eastham, Mass.; died Dec. 20, 1843, at Bucksport, Maine; married Jan. 1, 1789, probably at Buckstown (now Bucksport), Maine, Abigail Paine, born July 12, 1770; died —; daughter of Joseph and Betsey (Hedge) Paine, who were married Dec. 1, 1768.

James S. Higgins was settled on Lot 74 at Bucksport, Maine, near his father on or before 1790. He was a farmer through life.

*Children recorded at Bucksport.*

- i. Jethro, b. Oct. 6, 1789; d. Sept. 13, 1810(?).
- ii. Joseph Paine, b. March 21, 1791; d. May 9, 1811.
- iii. John Paine, b. Aug. 6, 1792; d. Sept. 20, 1814.
- 425. iv. James, b. May 6, 1794; married Hannah Cole.
- v. Abigail, b. Oct. 22, 1795; married Oct. 16, 1817, Enoch Partridge.
- 426. vi. Luther, b. Feb. 10, 1797; married Jane Saunders.
- 427. vii. Philemon, b. Aug. 21, 1798; married Duty Nickerson.
- viii. Calvin, b. May 10, 1800; d. Nov. 12, 1826.
- ix. Betsey, b. June 26, 1802; married June 26, 1825, Freeman Higgins.
- 428. x. Josiah, b. March 1, 1804; married —.
- xi. Hiram, b. Feb. 9, 1806; d. same day(?).
- xii. Seth, b. Aug. 1, 1807; d. same day(?).
- xiii. Maria, b. Aug. 16, 1809; d. same day(?).

209. SETH<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Jethro<sup>5</sup>, Thomas<sup>4</sup>, Ichabod<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born about 1768, at Eastham; died Sept. 23, 1801, at Orland, Maine; married about 1789 Hannah —, born about 1771; d. at Bucksport, Maine, Nov. 6, 1846, aged 75.

Seth Higgins was settled on Lot No. 5, second range near his father in Buckstown (now Bucksport), Maine, on or before 1790. Farmer.

“Died Sept. 23, 1801 Seth Higgins aged 33 years, of a nervous disorder, and was buried 24 inst. in the town yard.” (Records of Orland, Maine.)

*Children born at Orland, Maine.*

- i. Ruth, b. in 1790; “Thursday ye 16th day of November 1797 in ye morning Ruth the daughter of Mr. Seth Higgins of Plantation No. 2, supposed in a fit, fell in a large fire they had in their house & was burnt to such a degree that she died the next day & was buried the next day following on Saturday at our Town burying place, aged almost seven years.” (Orland, Maine, Records.)
- ii. Mary, b. Oct. 10, 1793.
- iii. Jeremiah, b. Nov. 7, 1795; married Feb. 13, 1817, Betsey Wiley of Buckstown, Maine.
- iv. Charlotte, b. Aug. 26, 1797.
- v. Nathaniel, b. Aug. 6, 1799.
- vi. Seth, b. March 27, 1801.

Children born at Orland, but recorded at Bucksport.

210. JEREMIAH<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Jethro<sup>5</sup>, Thomas<sup>4</sup>, Ichabod<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born about 1769, at Eastham; died Aug. 16, 1831, aged 64 years; married May 27, 1802, at Bucksport, Maine, Hannah Higgins of Orland, widow of his brother Seth Higgins, who died Nov. 6, 1846, aged 75.

Jeremiah Higgins and wife Hannah were buried at North Bucksport; probably no children.

Authority: *Bangor Historical Magazine*, vol. vii, p. 27.

211. ELISHA<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Jethro<sup>5</sup>, Thomas<sup>4</sup>, Ichabod<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born about 1775; married Aug. 15, 1799, Mehitabel Cobb at Buckstown, Maine.

*Child.*

- i. Elisha, b. 1815; drowned 1836, aged 21; stone at Duck Creek Cemetery, Wellfleet, calls him a native of Bucksport, Maine.

The following are believed to be descendants of Jethro Higgins of Bucksport, Maine, but the exact connection has not been traced.

Ebenezer Higgins, born about 1790; died 1853; married Ruth Smith of Bucksport, Maine, born —; died 1884.

*Children.*

- i. Elijah, b. —; d. 1865.
- ii. Jeremiah P., b. —.
- iii. Ebenezer A., b. —; d. 1886.
- iv. Harriet, b. —.
- v. Julia, b. —; d. 1865; married Capt. Cook.
- vi. Ruth P., b. —; married James Grant.
- vii. George Zoheth, b. Dec. 29, 1832; married July 4, 1858, Kate Ford Lamson, daughter of John Lamson of Lubec, Maine. He was a physician. He had a daughter, Lelia Higgins, who was also a physician.

Elisha Higgins, born at Bucksport, Maine, married Mary A. A. Barber of Isle au Haut, Maine. Child: Linwood F. Higgins.

212. ZACCHEUS<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Zaccheus*<sup>5</sup>, *Joshua*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born April 1, 1761, at Eastham; died Jan. 15, 1816, age 56; married March 9, 1786, Hannah Twining, born Dec. 7, 1766; died April 22 or 24, 1845, aged 79; daughter of Barnabas and Abigail (Nickerson) Twining of Eastham.

Zaccheus Higgins lived at Eastham-Orleans. Hannah, wife of Zaccheus Higgins, was admitted to membership in the First Church, Eastham-Orleans, Nov. 30, 1800. Gravestones at Orleans. He held town offices in 1793, 1798, and 1813.

*Children.*

429. i. Richard, b. Nov. 16, 1786; married Thankful Crosby.
430. ii. Charles, b. July 29, 1789; married Molly Loveland.
- iii. Mary Twining, b. Dec. 24, 1792; d. May 4, 1881; unmarried, at Orleans.
431. iv. Carmi, b. April 9, 1793; married Sarah Walker.
432. v. Barnabas, b. Dec. 27, 1797; married Dorcas Higgins.
433. vi. Zara, b. Sept. 15, 1801; married Betsey Cobb.
- vii. William, bapt. May 26, 1805.
434. viii. Warren H., b. in 1810; married (1) Hannah —; (2) Betsey —.

Authorities: *Walker Genealogy*, p. 345; *Mayflower Des.*, vol. xvii, p. 13; xiii, p. 165; xiv, p. 55.



213. KNOWLES<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Zaccheus*<sup>5</sup>, *Joshua*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Sept. 25, 1773, at Eastham; died —, married March 26, 1795, at Standish, Me., Mary Rand.

Knowles Higgins probably removed to Standish, Maine, for the records of that town show the marriage intention of Knowles Higgins of Standish and Mary Rand, filed Dec. 20, 1794. Nothing further is known concerning them.

214. HATSALD<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Joshua*<sup>5</sup>, *Joshua*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Nov. 28, 1762, at Eastham; died at Orleans, Mass., about October, 1831; married Dec. 25, 1788, Mercy Pepper.

Hatsald or "Hatsel" Higgins lived at Eastham-Orleans. Mrs. Mercy Higgins was a member of the First Church of Eastham-Orleans in 1794. She survived her husband. Administration on his estate was granted Nov. 3, 1831, to Leonard Higgins.

*Children.*

435. i. Hatsald, b. Sept. 28, 1794; married Sarah E. Doane.
436. ii. Joshua, b. Jan. 25, 1796; married Sylvia Knowles.
- iii. Sparrow, b. Dec. 18, 1797; married Nov. 25, 1824, Harriet Kendrick of Harwich, Mass.
- iv. Mercy, b. Oct. 1, 1799; d. Dec. 11, 1880, at Orleans; unmarried.
437. v. Leonard, b. Nov. 30, 1801; married Betsey T. Gould.

215. JOSHUA<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Joshua*<sup>5</sup>, *Joshua*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born July 27, 1769, at Eastham; died probably at Hampden, Maine; married (1) June 5, 1794, at Eastham, Eunice Rogers, born about 1772; died July 28, 1799, aged 27 years; married (2) Jan. 15, 1804, Thankful Twining, born Aug. 31, 1773; died —; daughter of Prince and Hannah (Rogers) Twining of Eastham-Orleans.

Joshua Higgins lived at Eastham until after the death of his first wife and his remarriage. About 1805, he removed to Hampden, Maine. Mrs. Thankful Higgins married (2) Joseph Snow of Hampden.

*Children.*

- i. Lucinda, b. Nov. 15, 1795.
438. ii. Joshua, b. July 15, 1797; married Joanna Gould.
- iii. Homer, b. Jan. 2, 1799.
- iv. Vincent, b. July 15, 1805.
- v. Reed, b. —.

- vi. Nathan, b. —.
- vii. A daughter, b. —.

Authority: *Twining Family*, p. 49.

216. ROBERT<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*William<sup>5</sup>, Joshua<sup>4</sup>, Richard<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born Jan. 12, 1767; died April, 1834; married Jan. 21, 1790, Sarah Whitney, daughter of Abel Whitney of Gorham, Maine.

Robert Higgins resided at Standish, Maine.

*Children.*

- i. Hannah, b. Feb. 4, 1791; married Oct. 8, 1810, Gideon Sweet.
- ii. Thankful, b. Oct. 11, 1793; d. young.
- iii. William, b. Jan. 9, 1796; d. young.
- iv. Simeon, b. April 25, 1798.
- v. Jerusha Morton, b. July 24, 1800; married Aug. 21, 1832, Israel Richardson of Standish, Maine.
- vi. Sarah, b. July 9, 1803; d. young.
- vii. Mercy, b. Oct. 9, 1805.
- viii. Adeline, b. March 11, 1808.
- ix. Mary, b. Dec. 1, 1810; d. young.

Authorities: Records of Standish, Maine; McClellan's *History of Gorham, Me.*

217. JOSEPH<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Joseph<sup>5</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>4</sup>, Richard<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born June 27, 1757; died —; married (1) June 19, 1777, Hannah Godfrey of Chatham; probably married (2) Oct. 15, 1796, Elizabeth Godfrey.

Joseph Higgins resided at Eastham and at Chatham, Mass.

*Children born at Chatham.*

- i. Freeman, b. Dec. 20, 1791.
- ii. Kate, b. July 30, 1799.
- iii. Abigail, b. Oct. 14, 1803.
- iv. Rachel Godfrey, b. Oct. 29, 1805; d. Nov. 13, 1870, in Hingham, Mass.; married Dec. 3, 1826, Martin S. Hudson.
- v. Godfrey, b. —.

218. ABSALOM<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Joseph<sup>5</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>4</sup>, Richard<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born July 20, 1763, at Eastham; died —; married (int. Nov. 11, 1786) Mary Mulford, born —; died April 16, 1843.

Absalom Higgins resided at Eastham-Orleans, but little has been learned concerning him.

219. ELEAZER<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Enoch*<sup>5</sup>, *Eleazer*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Aug. 28, 1759; died at Wellfleet Nov. 17, 1831; married Nov. 1, 1784, Lurania Gross, born in 1766; died July 17, 1856; daughter of Deacon Thomas Gross.

Eleazer Higgins was at the siege of Boston when but seventeen years old. Subsequently he enlisted as a privateer, was taken prisoner in 1780 and confined in the Old Mill at Dartmoor, in England. He was in Capt. Isaiah Higgins's co., Col. Thomas Marshall's regt. Later he appears to have been a mariner, for he is called Capt. Eleazer Higgins in the records.

*Children.*

439. i. Joseph, b. Jan. 3, 1786; married Abigail Brown.  
ii. Belinda, b. Aug. 2, 1788; married Dec. 17, 1807, Shebna Rich, resided in Truro, Mass. Children: Charles Higgins, b. February, 1809; married 1838, Eliza Carpenter of Strafford, Vt.; Adeline, b. February, 1811; married, 1830, Joshua Smith; Eleazer Higgins, b. September, 1813; married, 1836, Mercy Collins of Provincetown; Abigail Harding, b. September, 1815; married, 1836, Daniel Paine Higgins, son of Jedidiah Higgins; Belinda, b. September, 1819; married (1) Isaiah Snow, December, 1840, who died October, 1841, in a gale; married (2) June, 1845, James C. Lombard; Maria Atkins, b. July 19, 1821; Shebna, b. Aug. 7, 1824; married Dec. 19, 1847, Delia C. Knowles, resided in Boston. Children: Eliza Evelyn, b. Oct. 11, 1848; Delia Collins, b. Jan. 24, 1851; Irving Hale, b. May 22, 1853; William Arthur, b. July 11, 1856; Albert Smith, b. May 10, 1859, d. May 23, 1862, at St. Louis. Shebna Rich, Sr., d. Oct. 29, 1843, at Truro; Mrs. Belinda Rich d. November, 1878.  
iii. Jerusha Rich, b. Dec. 17, 1790; d. 1824 in Strafford, Vt.; married July 9, 1810, Rev. Joel Steel of Tolland, Conn.  
iv. Abigail Young, b. Dec. 19, 1793; d. in 1855 at Cambridgeport; married Isaac Harding, Oct. 20, 1812.  
v. Charles, b. Aug. 29, 1796; d. Nov. 17, 1805.  
vi. Sally Rider, b. Dec. 24, 1799; married Aug. 3, 1820, Knowles Dyer.  
vii. Lurania, b. Nov. 19, 1802; married Aug. 27, 1820, Robert Holbrook.  
viii. Betsy Milne, b. September, 1805; d. in 1871; married Nov. 29, 1825, Amaziah Atwood, 2d, of Wellfleet.  
ix. Hannah, b. April 11, 1808; married in 1827, John Bacon.

x. Mary Gross, b. May 28, 1811; d. 1842, in Boston; married Dec. 9, 1830, Benjamin Baker.

220. ENOCH<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Enoch*<sup>5</sup>, *Eleazer*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Dec. 5, 1765, in Wellfleet; died March 2, 1813; married (1) in Boston, Nov. 13, 1794, Rebecca Allen, born —; died —; married (2) Dec. 6, 1797, in Wellfleet, Hannah Swett.

He bought estates in Charlestown, Mass., in 1803 and 1805, and died there March 2, 1813, aged 48, according to gravestone. No children mentioned.

221. URIAH<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Enoch*<sup>5</sup>, *Eleazer*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Oct. 21, 1767; died June 24, 1837; married Nov. 8, 1791, Jerusha Rich, born Oct. 25, 1770, at Truro, Mass.; died Nov. 14, 1859, at Wellfleet; daughter of Josiah and Jerusha (Cole) Rich of Truro.

*Children born at Wellfleet.*

440. i. Josiah Rich, b. Sept. 20, 1794; married Abigail H. Freeman.
- ii. Reuben, b. Nov. 16, 1797; d. Sept. 21, 1823.
- iii. Uriah, b. July 20, 1800; d. July 23, 1800.
- iv. Jerusha, b. July 20, 1800; d. July 23, 1800.
- v. Mercy, b. —.

222. EPHRAIM<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Enoch*<sup>5</sup>, *Eleazer*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born July 5, 1769; died Mar. 28, 1846; married Nov. 21, 1793, Nancy Rich, born Oct. 15, 1772; died Dec. 16, 1843; daughter of Deacon Josiah and Jerusha (Cole) Rich of Truro.

He resided in Wellfleet, Mass.

*Children born at Wellfleet.*

441. i. John Knowles, b. Feb. 28, 1795; married (1) Thankful S. Newcomb; (2) Ruth Wiley.
442. ii. Enoch, b. Sept. 2, 1798; married Elizabeth Hopkins.
- iii. Mary, b. Oct. 19, 1801; d. Dec. 4, 1801.
- iv. Mary, b. Dec. 12, 1802; d. Aug. 4, 1831; married July 25, 1824, Simon Newcomb of Truro. Children: Joshua Young, b. —; resided in Swampscott; no children; Rosilla, b. —; married Otis Harding and had two sons.



- v. Uriah Rich, b. June 26, 1805; d. June 16, 1806.
- vi. Thankful Rich, b. Dec. 27, 1807; d. March 31, 1869; married Dec. 18, 1828, Capt. Sears Rich of Truro, b. June 14, 1807; d. —; son of Richard Sears and Mary (Rich) Rich. Children: Abigail, b. Oct. 2, 1829; married Dec. 27, —, Zoheth Cobb; Noah, b. Aug. 11, 1831; married May 12, 1853, Tamsen D. Dill; Enoch Higgins, b. Oct. 22, 1833; lost at sea, Sept. 3, 1870; married Sept. 18, 1852, Lydia C. Rich; Thomas Smith, b. Nov. 24, 1834; married Nov. 27, 1862, Sabrina Young; Thankful Marietta Gould, b. Aug. 10, 1837; William Henry Harrison, b. May 2, 1840; married Jan. 17, 1865, Sarah Elizabeth Tabor of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Sears, b. Oct. 26, 1842; married Oct. 25, 1876, Abigail Jane Toothacre; Elkanah Paine, b. Sept. 22, 1845; d. Dec. 15, 1875; married Feb. 18, 1874, Mary B. Guthrie; Nancy Rosalia, b. July 11, 1848; married (1) Nov. 25, 1875, Lewis R. Shaw; married (2) May 15, 1881, Chauncey R. Lathrop.
443. vii. Ephraim, b. April 8, 1811; married Rebecca Sears.

223. REUBEN<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Enoch*<sup>5</sup>, *Eleazer*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Nov. 30, 1773; died —; married March 3, 1799, Betsey Harding.

He resided at Wellfleet.

*Children.*

- i. Phebe Hamlin, b. Oct. 14, 1799; married Sept. 24, 1820, Isaac Pervear. Child: Josiah, b. —; married Minerva Higgins, daughter of John K. Higgins.
- ii. Asa, b. Sept. 8, 1801; d. Nov. 23, 1802.
444. iii. Reuben, b. Oct. 16, 1805; married Joanna Bacon.
- iv. Betsey, b. Jan. 7, 1808; married June 29, 1828, William H. Hopkins. Had many children.
- v. Mary Harding, b. Jan. 16, 1810; married Dec. 9, 1832, Matthias Rider.
445. vi. Lewis Hamlin, b. Oct. 25, 1812; married Hannah Atwood.
- vii. Adaline, b. Dec. 20, 1814; married Dec. 19, 1836, Joshua Hamblin, Jr. Had Martha and Adaline.
- viii. Franklin, b. April 1, 1818; d. June 8, 1824.
446. ix. Asa, b. Aug. 10, 1823; married Ruth D. Rich.
- x. Eliza Franklin, b. May 20, 1825; married Dec. 2, 1849, John Rich Higgins, son of John K. Higgins.

224. JEDIDIAH<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Jedidiah*<sup>5</sup>, *Eleazer*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born May 8, 1764; died —; married

April 21, 1808, Huldah Paine, born —; died Aug. 4, 1840, aged 52; daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Thatcher) Paine.

He resided in Truro, Mass.

*Children.*

- i. Keziah, b. March 28, 1809; d. same day.
447. ii. Daniel Paine, b. June 19, 1811; married Abigail H. Rich.
- iii. Huldah, b. —; d. Feb. 27, 1839.
448. iv. Joseph, b. Dec. 25, 1822; married Hannah Paine.
- v. Keziah, b. —; married Benjamin Small.

225. BARNABAS PAINE<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Jedidiah*<sup>5</sup>, *Eleazer*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Aug. 22, 1768; bapt. Sept. 4, 1768; died Sept. 8, 1800; married June 10, 1793, Martha Hatch.

*Children.*

- i. Phebe, b. Sept. 18, 1795; married Sept. 24, 1816, Samuel Bunton of Wellfleet.
449. ii. Thomas, b. Nov. 7, 1799; married Abigail Freeman Atwood.

226. JOSHUA<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Jedidiah*<sup>5</sup>, *Eleazer*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Oct. 3, 1773; died —; married Mary Gross, born March, 1771; died Oct. 15, 1850; daughter of Joseph and Tabitha (Goodell) Gross of Boston and Orland, Maine.

*Children.*

- i. Mehitabel Gross, b. Feb. 23, 1797; married Faith Higgins of Standish, Maine.
- ii. Mary Gross, b. Sept. 2, 1801; married Heman Higgins of Sedgewick, Maine, son of Elkanah Higgins.

227. JOSEPH<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Jedidiah*<sup>5</sup>, *Eleazer*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born about 1774; died Nov. 20, 1816; married Nov. 2, 1798, Mercy Rich, born in 1777; died —; daughter of Joshua and Molly (—) Rich of Truro.

Joseph Higgins resided at Truro, Mass. Will dated Sept. 29, 1816, proved March 21, 1817.

*Children.*

- i. Betsey, b. Feb. 4, 1799; married Oct. 25, 1821, Obadiah Rich. Children: Obadiah, b. —; married Susie —; Jeremiah, b. —; married (1) — Bowley; married (2)

—; lived in Woolwich, Va.; Betsey, b. —; married Thomas Paine of South Truro; no children; Polly, b. —; married William Everett of Truro; had Rose and Ida.

ii. Joseph, b. Dec. 14, 1800; d. July 23, 1802.

iii. Joseph, b. May 18, 1803; d. March 15, 1816.

iv. Mercy Paine, b. Sept. 7, 1805; d. April 17, 1818.

450. v. Reuben, b. Sept. 28, 1808; married (1) Louisiana Atwood; (2) Emma Atherns.

vi. Rebecca, b. Jan. 30, 1811; married March 30, 1830, Joseph Harding.

451. vii. Jeremiah, b. Nov. 14, 1813; married Sally Lombard.

Authority: Barnstable Probate Records, vol. xli, p. 10.

228. NEHEMIAH<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Levi*<sup>5</sup>, *Theophilus*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Dec. 25, 1767; died Oct. 28, 1818 (or 1819); married May 16, 1804, Ursula Leland, born in 1785, at Eden, Maine; died —; daughter of Ebenezer and Mary (Dyer) Leland.

He was a shoemaker at Leland's Cove, Eden, Maine; was the first signer to the articles of the Eden Baptist Church and was deacon of this church at one time.

Mrs. Higgins married (2) Ebenezer Salisbury, Jr.

#### *Children.*

452. i. Ebenezer Leland, b. April 8, 1808; married Hannah D. Hamor.

453. ii. Benjamin Leland, b. Sept. 9, 1814; married Louisa Moxley.

Authorities: Joshua Higgins, Ellsworth, Maine; *Leland Genealogy*.

229. ELKANAH<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Levi*<sup>5</sup>, *Theophilus*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born at Eastham, Aug. 16, 1769; died at Pittsfield, Maine, Jan. 6, 1847; married Dec. 30, 1787, Azubah Knowles, born —; died April 16, 1860, aged 93; daughter of Henry Knowles.

Resided at Eden; was charter member Eden Baptist Church, its first treasurer and one of its deacons. He removed in 1815 to Fairfield, Maine.

#### *Children.*

454. i. Nathan, b. July 7, 1788; married Anna Leland.

455. ii. Nathaniel, b. March 1, 1790; married Remember Blaisdell.

- iii. Polly, b. March 29, 1792; d. 1793.
- iv. Sally, b. Oct. 8, 1793; married Richard Wood; lived at Winslow, Maine.
- 456. v. Thomas, b. Nov. 19, 1795; married Jane Gifford.
- 457. vi. Henry, b. Jan. 12, 1798; married Mahala Davis.
- 458. vii. Levi, b. April 1, 1800; married Charlotte Russell.
- viii. Benjamin, b. May 4, 1802; d. Oct. 3, 1803.
- ix. Mary, b. Aug. 23, 1804; d. "in her teens."
- x. Eunice, b. —; married John Mayo of Fairfield, Maine.
- xi. Phebe, b. —; married Dummer Sewell of Pittsfield, Maine.

Authority: Abbie K. Higgins, granddaughter; E. M. Hamor, Eden, Maine.

230. RICHARD<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Levi*<sup>5</sup>, *Theophilus*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born at Hull's Cove, Maine, Feb. 2, 1782; died April 9, 1869; married (1) Rebecca Higgins, born —; died Dec. 27, 1857; married (2) April 2, 1858, Margaret Ann Campbell.

He resided at Hull's Cove; was sea captain, lumberman, and held responsible town offices; was an influential citizen and at one time well off; was the first school teacher raised in Eden, Maine.

*Children.*

- 459. i. Serenus, b. Sept. 3, 1807; married Emily Rodick.
- ii. Seneca, b. May 10, 1809; d. in South America.
- 460. iii. Albion, b. Aug. 8, 1811; married Sophia Hamor.
- 461. iv. Warren F., b. Aug. 24, 1813; married (1) Zeruah Higgins; (2) Cornelia Hamor.
- v. Mary Ann, b. Nov. 20, 1816; d. April 12, 1818.
- vi. Mary Ann, b. Nov. 3, 1818; d. Nov. 27, 1818.
- vii. Nathan, b. Nov. 25, 1819; d. Dec. 28, 1820.
- viii. Richard, b. Dec. 25, 1822; d. Feb. 28, 1823.
- ix. Rebecca Ann, b. Oct. 3, 1825; married Otis Brewer.
- x. Eva N., b. April 8, 1859.
- xi. Richard J., b. May 14, 1861; d. July 18, 1863.
- xii. Richard W., b. May 16, 1863.
- xiii. Frederick E., b. Feb. 15, 1867.

Authority: E. M. Hamor, S. B. Gifford.

231. JOSIAH<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Levi*<sup>5</sup>, *Theophilus*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Jan. 28, 1784; died in Trenton, March



17, 1861; married Sept. 12, 1809, Mary Cousins, born —; died in Trenton, Maine, daughter of John Cousins.

He resided at Hull's Cove and Trenton, Maine; was tax collector for the town of Eden several years. He was a farmer.

*Children.*

- i. Dyer, b. April 2, 1811; d. Oct. 10, 1866.
- ii. Bathsheba, b. Dec. 30, 1813; d. in California, Aug. 7, 1884 or 1889; married Heard Moore.
- iii. Levi, b. Jan. 30, 1816; d. Nov. 10, 1840.
- iv. Reuben C., b. Dec. 6, 1817; d. April 10, 1822.
- v. Richard H., b. Dec. 6, 1817; d. Sept. 20, 1825.
- vi. Mary Ann, b. Aug. 18, 1820; d. May 1, 1901; married Henry Trevett.
- vii. Tryphena, b. July 18, 1822; d. Nov. 15, 1902; married Alden Hamor.
- viii. Caroline A., b. Dec. 6, 1828; married Benjamin Jordan.
462. ix. Josiah, b. April 15, 1830; married Harriet F. Caswell.
- x. Clara D., b. Feb. 11, 1833; d. July 23, 1865.

Authorities: Peter Higgins, Eastham; Josiah Higgins, Ellsworth, Maine; S. B. Gifford.

232. LEVI<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Levi*<sup>5</sup>, *Theophilus*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born July 28, 1793, at Eden, Maine; died in Trenton, Maine, Dec. 7, 1852; married in Eden, Jan. 12, 1816, Jerusha Cousins, born at Eden, April 2, 1795; died in Trenton, Maine, Dec. 24, 1884, daughter of John and — (Dyer) Cousins.

He resided at Salisbury Cove, Eden and Jordan River, Trenton, Me., and was a farmer.

*Children.*

- i. Mary, b. at Eden, Maine, Aug. 12, 1817; d. in 1856; married in 1840, Serenus Young.
- ii. Nehemiah, b. at Eden, Maine, Dec. 18, 1819; d. in 1893; married in 1845, Rachel Potter; sea captain and hotel keeper.
- iii. Mercy, b. at Eden, Maine, Feb. 20, 1822; d. before 1900; married in 1838, Samuel Beckwith.
- iv. Richard H., b. June 30, 1826; d. in 1868; married in 1849, Lucy King; was a seaman and ship carpenter.
- v. Reuben C., b. June 30, 1826; d. in 1910; married in 1850, Hannah Potter; was a farmer.
- vi. George W. R., b. in Otis, Maine, July 30, 1828; d. in October, 1902; married (1) in 1851, Olive Potter; (2) in

1876, Rebecca Gillespie; was a sea captain; lived in the South.

vii. William Edward, b. at Otis, Maine, April 10, 1831; d. in 1895; married in 1852, Caroline Potter; was a sea captain.

viii. Elizabeth, b. at Eden, Maine, June 27, 1833; married (1) in 1850 Benjamin (or Richard) Hadley; (2) Theodore Paine.

463. ix. Eben L., b. at Eden, Maine, June 6, 1835; married Hannah H. Nutt.

464. x. Charles Howard, b. Oct. 1, 1838; married Sarah J. Young.

Authorities: Eben L. Higgins; E. M. Hamor, Eden, Maine; S. B. Gifford.

233. LEMUEL<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Lemuel*<sup>5</sup>, *David*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Dec. 11, 1763; died —; married Sept. 7, 1783, Charity Eddy, daughter of John and Elizabeth Eddy of Chatham, Conn.

*Child.*

i. Jesse, b. Jan. 25, 1784.

234. STEPHEN<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Jedidiah*<sup>5</sup>, *David*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born —; bapt. Aug. 22, 1756; died May 27, 1791; married Nov. 15, 1781, Temperance Winslow.

He resided at East Haddam, Conn.

*Children.*

i. Stephen, b. —; married May 27, 1813, Sarah Burnham, both of East Haddam.

465. ii. Winslow, b. 1786; married Lydia Smith.

235. DYER<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Jedidiah*<sup>5</sup>, *David*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born —; baptized June 19, 1768; married Nov. 17, 1791, Phœbe Mack, daughter of Abihu and Anna (Fuller) Mack of East Haddam, Conn.

Anna Fuller, mother of Phœbe Mack, was a descendant of Edward Fuller who came over in the *Mayflower*.

*Children.*

i. Stephen, b. —.

466. ii. Julius, b. —; married —.

iii. Dyer, b. —.

iv. William, b. —.

- v. Hugh, b. —.
- 467. vi. Edmund Cone, b. Feb. 25, 1807; married Magdalene Reese.
- vii. Zerah, b. —.
- viii. Phœbe, b. —.
- ix. Fuller, b. —.

Authorities: Mrs. Katherine Searle McCartney, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; *Mack Genealogy*, p. 865.

236. GEORGE<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Elkanah<sup>5</sup>, David<sup>4</sup>, Richard<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born Sept. 4, 1785; died June 13, 1860; married Feb. 5, 1824, Keturah Lay, born at Saybrook, Conn.; died at Buffalo, N. Y., Aug. 30, 1844, aged 44.

He resided at East Haddam, Conn., where he was a merchant.

*Children.*

- i. Sarah, b. —; married Jared Silliman of Moodus, Conn.
- ii. James, b. —.

Authority: Cemetery Inscriptions, Moodus, Conn.

237. ELIAS<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Moses<sup>5</sup>, David<sup>4</sup>, Richard<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born Feb. 17, 1772; died Sept. 17, 1840; married March 1, 1797, Statira Fuller, born March 6, 1776, in Haddam, Conn.; daughter of Samuel (who served in the Revolutionary War) and Lydia (Brainard) Fuller.

He resided in Connecticut.

*Children.*

- i. Lura, b. Jan. 26, 1798; d. Oct. 4, 1867.
- 468. ii. Newell Fuller, b. July 5, 1802; married (1) Ann Ross Vanderbilt; (2) Samantha Rawson.
- 469. iii. Samuel Danforth, b. Oct. 8, 1805; married Cornelia Mather.
- iv. Mandana, b. June 14, 1812; d. July 31, 1894; married — Marks. One son, Frank.
- v. Elias Selden, b. March 29, 1815; d. March 12, 1829.

Authority: *Brainard Genealogy*, p. 75.

238. SYLVANUS<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Reuben<sup>5</sup>, Reuben<sup>4</sup>, Richard<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born June 26, 1769, at Truro, Mass.; bapt. Aug. 6, 1769; died —; married Oct. 2, 1794, Betsey Small of Falmouth (Cape Elizabeth), Maine.

*Children.*

- i. Rufus, b. Jan. 30, 1798.
- ii. Stillman, b. Jan. 30, 1798.
- iii. Seth, b. Sept. 7, 1800.
- iv. Frederick, b. Jan. 19, 1804.
- v. Reuben, b. March 30, 1808; d. Feb. 20, 1811.
- vi. Emily, b. March 1, 1810.
- vii. Adaline, b. Jan. 14, 1812; married June 24, 1840, Greenleaf Elder of Bangor, Maine.
- viii. William Beckett, b. May 29, 1814; d. Sept. 17, 1895; married Dec. 29, 1842, Irene Dyer.
- ix. Charles, b. Nov. 23, 1816; d. Dec. 29, 1897; a sea captain.

239. ELEAZER<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Reuben*<sup>5</sup>, *Reuben*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born July 8, 1772, at Truro; died at Yarmouth Falls, Maine, Nov. 19, 1826; married June 28, 1795, Susanna Dyer of Cape Elizabeth, Maine; born June 11, 1777; died Nov. 3, 1837.

He was a man who had inherited all the sturdy qualities of his ancestors, and was of great influence in every community in which he lived. He was one of the successful shipbuilders of Portland and followed this work later on at Yarmouth. He purchased a farm in Gray, which his son managed, and Eleazer continued in active business and was superintending the building of a ship when his last sickness overcame him.

*Children born at Gray, Maine.*

470. i. Amos, b. April 22, 1796; married Sarah Hamilton.
- ii. Jane, b. Aug. 18, 1800; d. Feb. 20, 1864, at Elizabeth, N. J.; married Nov. 19, 1822, Clement Humphrey of Gray, Maine, a lawyer, died Jan. 4, 1856. Children: George S., b. April 23, 1825; d. April 3, 1902, in New York City; Kate, b. April 11, 1827, at Gray, Maine; d. Feb. 22, 1899, at Elizabeth, N. J.; married April 11, 1853, Charles C. Thurston; Clement, b. Dec. 14, 1831; d. May 30, 1852; unmarried; Angy, b. Oct. 8, 1836; d. April 10, 1898, in Boston, Mass.; married Charles E. Durham; Alvin, b. March 3, 1840, at Gray, Maine; d. May 13, 1871, at New York City; unmarried. Jane (Higgins) Humphrey was a very saintly woman, and exerted a Christian influence over her brothers and sisters from her early childhood.
- iii. Charlotte, b. June 18, 1804, at Gray, Maine; d. Feb. 28, 1875, at Gray. She lived the greater part of her life with her brother Arthur at Gray, but visited her brothers in New York often, making her home with her brother Alvin



whose favorite sister she was. She was renowned for her beauty. She married — Higgins and had two children: Mary Albinia, b. May 20, 1822, d. Dec. 23, 1908, married Sept. 7, 1859, Charles W. Harding, a farmer of Gray, Maine; Henry, b. March 21, 1826, at Gray, Maine, d. May 27, 1885, at New York City. He married in 1852, Elizabeth — of New Orleans, b. Dec. 25, 1832, in New Orleans, La.; d. Aug. 12, 1904. He was in the employ of his uncles in the carpet business. In his younger days he was a great sportsman and athlete. One child: Estelle E., b. —; lives on Long Island; unmarried.

471. iv. Arthur, b. Feb. 8, 1808; married Susan Perley.
472. v. George, b. June 29, 1809; married Mary Pierson.
- vi. Charles, b. May 20, 1811; d. April 19, 1883, at Gray, Maine; unmarried.
473. vii. Alvin, b. May 12, 1813; married Hannah Johnson.
474. viii. Elias Smith, b. March 29, 1815; married Ella M. Baldwin.
- ix. Eleazer, b. May 2, 1817; d. Jan. 3, 1855, in Texas; unmarried. He went West when a young man, and little was heard from him afterward.
- x. Ellen Waterhouse, b. April 14, 1820, in Gray, Maine; d. there August, 1889; married Oct. 1, 1845, Isaac Perley of Gray, Maine; b. March 17, 1817; d. Jan. 16, 1894, at Gray. He was eccentric and ingenious, highly educated, a successful farmer, kind husband and father; spoke five languages; was for many years deacon and trustee of the Baptist Church. Children: Frances E. Perley, b. 1847; d. June 8, 1869; married July 18, 1866, her cousin John H. Higgins; one child, Fannie Mildred, b. Jan. 1, 1869, in New York City; d. March 26, 1874, at Charleston, Maine; Anna Perley, b. July 18, 1848, at Gray, Maine; d. there Dec. 25, 1875; married April 30, 1867, Reuben Westcott of Gorham, Maine, and had two children; Emma L. Perley, b. March 30, 1851, at Gray, Maine; d. Jan. 12, 1894, at Charleston, Maine; unmarried; Alvin H. Perley, b. Dec. 4, 1858, at Gray, Maine; resides at Charleston, Maine; merchant and postmaster.
475. xi. Nathaniel Dyer, b. Dec. 18, 1823; married —.

Authority: Franklin A. Higgins, Brooklyn, N. Y.

240. MICAH<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Reuben*<sup>5</sup>, *Reuben*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born June 12, 1775, in Truro; died July 9, 1838; married Mary Grey Blair, born Dec. 18, 1779; died Jan 6, 1874; daughter of John and Jane (Miller) Blair of Stroudwater, Maine. He resided at Cape Elizabeth, Maine.

*Children.*

- i. Jane M., b. March 13, 1798; married Dec. 3, 1846, Capt. Isaiah Jordan of Cape Elizabeth, Maine, b. in Truro, Mass.
- ii. Mary G., b. May 29, 1800; married May 10, 1825, Capt. Samuel Stanwood.
- iii. John, b. Sept. 19, 1805; married Mary Merrill of Durham, Maine.
476. iv. Jefferson, b. Aug. 17, 1808; married Elizabeth R. Emery.
  - v. Reuben, b. Feb. 17, 1811; d. Aug. 26, 1886; married Calista Smith of Newmarket, N. H.
  - vi. Elizabeth H., b. Jan. 10, 1813; married Capt. Gideon Stanwood.
477. vii. Arthur M., b. Feb. 14, 1816; married Catherine L. Fogg.
478. viii. Emerson, b. Feb. 25, 1819; married Frances Ross.
479. ix. Micah, b. Jan 22, 1822; married Mary Ann Whitney.

241. AQUILA<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Gideon*<sup>5</sup>, *Moses*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Oct. 24, 1767; died Jan. 10, 1847; married Dec. 15, 1796, Tamzin Pepper, born —; died May 4, 1844.

He resided in Provincetown and Orleans.

*Children.*

- i. Phebe, b. Nov. 1, 1797; married Dec. 19, 1820, David Smith.
- ii. Tamzin, b. Oct. 29, 1799; married (1) Nov. 27, 1820, Charles Alstrum; (2) Alexander Manuel. One child, Benjamin Alstrum.
- iii. Fanny, b. Feb. 3, 1801; married Dec. 20, 1820, Nehemiah Young. Children: Nathan, Charles.
480. iv. Aquila, b. Oct. 15, 1803; married Abigail Rich.
  - v. Ruby, b. Oct. 3, 1806; d. October, 1808.
  - vi. Thirsah, b. Oct. 3, 1806; d. October, 1808.
481. vii. Zedekiah, b. Aug. 11, 1808; married Caroline S. Snow.
482. viii. Haskell Pepper, b. June 31, 1810; married (1) Lydia A. Holway; (2) Mary A. Merrithew; (3) Susan Soule.
- ix. Philena, b. August, 1811; married David Smith as his second wife.

242. JOSEPH<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Gideon*<sup>5</sup>, *Moses*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born March 18, 1774; died —; married March 27, 1798, Jane Ellis of Harwich.

*Children.*

- i. Joseph, b. Aug. 31, 1800; probably married (1) Oct. 17, 1822, Huldah Kelley; married (2) Nov. 8, 1838, Temperance Crosby of Harwich, Mass.
- ii. Gideon, b. Feb. 6, 1802; d. in 1816-17.

243. MOSES<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Elnathan*<sup>5</sup>, *Moses*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born in Orleans, Oct. 19, 1772; died Feb. 23, 1859, aged 87; married Sept. 29, 1791, Hannah Rogers, born 1772; died Feb. 4, 1855, aged 83.

He was Capt. Moses Higgins, and resided at Orleans. Petit juror 1798, and held town offices in 1802 and 1814.

*Children.*

- i. Polly, b. Aug. 23, 1793; went to Maine(?).
483. ii. Jabez, b. Feb. 29, 1796; married Alice Linnell.
- iii. Moses, b. Dec. 14, 1797; went to New Orleans, La.
484. iv. Benjamin, b. March 26, 1800; married Tamzin Rogers.
- v. Charlotte, b. Aug. 4, 1802; d. Feb. 28, 1815.
- vi. Hannah, b. Nov. 4, 1804; married June 26, 1827, John Bacon.
- vii. Mercy, b. Dec. 17, 1806; d. Dec. 27, 1869; married (1) Nov. 2, 1826, Winslow Smith, and had two sons and one daughter; married (2) April 12, 1839, Daniel Higgins; no children.
- viii. Almira, b. Sept. 3, 1808; d. Aug. 3, 1882; married (1) Feb. 14, 1833, Zoeth Taylor; (2) Solon Higgins, son of Seth Higgins. Children: Solon O., b. —; Charlotte, b. —; married James Craig.
- ix. Nathan Sparrow, b. Jan. 26, 1812; d. at sea; unmarried.
- x. Sarah Sparrow, b. April 16, 1814; d. at Orleans June 23, 1895; married (1) Nov. 26, 1833, Lafayette Carpenter; no children; married (2) Nov. 8, 1877, John G. Snow, b. July 28, 1811; d. Oct. 17, 1896; son of Heman and Dorcas (Higgins) Snow.
- xi. Susannah Snow, b. April 16, 1814; d. July 19, 1885; married Nov. 3, 1860, Edward C. Hunter; no children.
- xii. Charlotte, b. Aug. 23, 1817; married Dec. 1, 1836, Richard A. Atwood of Wellfleet.

244. ICHABOD<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Jesse*<sup>5</sup>, *Moses*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born April 20, 1774; died April 15, 1810; married Sarah Richardson, born —; died Oct. 14, 184—; daughter of Daniel and Sarah (Cousins) Richardson.

He resided in Mount Desert, Maine, settling at North West Cove. Mrs. Sarah Higgins married (2) James Brown.

*Children.*

- i. Royal, b. June 16, 1806; married Sarah Mayo, daughter of James and Sally (Richardson) Mayo; settled on his father's farm. Child: Alonzo.
- ii. Eliza, b. April 27, 1808; married William Moore; settled on Sutton's Island.
- iii. Sally, b. March 28, 1810; d. November, 1823; unmarried.

Authority: Hamor Records.

245. JESSE<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Jesse<sup>5</sup>, Moses<sup>4</sup>, Richard<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born Sept. 28, 1778; died —; married (1), Hannah Reed, born —; died April 11, 1836; married (2) Betsey Richardson.

He resided at Mount Desert, Maine, North West Cove.

*Children.*

- i. Benjamin H., b. —.
- ii. Amasa, b. —.
- iii. Jacob, b. —.
- iv. Jesse, b. —.
- v. Hannah, b. —.

246. MOSES<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Jesse<sup>5</sup>, Moses<sup>4</sup>, Richard<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born April 13, 1783; died —; married Mary Higgins, "late of Orleans."

He resided at Salt Pond, Eden, Maine.

*Children.*

- i. Seth, b. —.
- ii. Zerviah, b. —.
- iii. Elliott, b. —.
- iv. Adoniram Judson, b. —.

247. EPHRAIM<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Jesse<sup>5</sup>, Moses<sup>4</sup>, Richard<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born May 7, 1785; died —; married Phœbe Atwood of Fairfield, Maine.

He resided at Mount Desert, Maine; removed to Pittsfield, Maine, about 1816.

*Children.*

485. i. Heman, b. —; married Betsey Tibbets.
- ii. Ichabod, b. —; d. young.



- iii. Calvin, b. —; d. young.
- iv. Almeda, b. —; married — Spaulding.
- v. Azubah, b. —; married — Adams and had seven children.
- vi. Phcebe, b. —; married — Patten and had five children.
- vii. Ephraim, b. —; married — and had two children.

248. DAVID<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Jesse*<sup>5</sup>, *Moses*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born May 31, 1788; died —; married (1) Mrs. Elinor Wasgatt; married (2) Mrs. Harriet Colwell; married (3) Mrs. Mary Davis.

He resided at Mount Desert, Maine, Town Hill. He had nine children by first marriage, and one by the third.

*Children.*

- i. Huldah, b. —.
- ii. William, b. —; d. young.
- iii. Thankful, b. —.
- iv. Clarinda, b. —.
- v. Alexander, b. —.
- vi. Sylva, b. —.
- vii. Mary, b. —.
- viii. William C., b. —.
- ix. Azelia, b. —.
- x. Harriet, b. —.

Authority: Street's *History of Mt. Desert*.

249. JOSEPH<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Jesse*<sup>5</sup>, *Moses*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Oct. 27, 1790; died —; married Betsey Hamor, born 1792; died —.

He resided at Mount Desert, Maine, Town Hill.

*Children.*

- i. Linda, b. —.
- ii. Myra, b. —.
- iii. David H., b. —.
- iv. Elmina T., b. —.
- v. Atwater, b. —.
- vi. Edward B., b. —.
- vii. Experience, b. —.
- viii. William, b. —.
- ix. Prudence A., b. —.

250. SAMUEL<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Jesse*<sup>5</sup>, *Moses*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born March 10, 1793; died —; married in 1818 Lavinia Snow.

He resided at Mount Desert, Maine, Town Hill.

*Child.*

- i. Emery S., b. —.

251. WILLIAM<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Jesse*<sup>5</sup>, *Moses*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Aug. 25, 1795; died —; married Ruth Richardson.

He resided at Mount Desert, Maine, on his father's farm at Eden.

*Children.*

- i. Cordelia, b. —; married Giles Snow. Children: Mary F., b. —, married Royal G. Higgins; Cordelia; Almon C.
- ii. Mercy, b. —.
- iii. Hannah, b. —.
- iv. Nathan W., b. —.
- v. Lewis T., b. —.

252. DAVID<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*David*<sup>5</sup>, *Moses*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Sept. 27, 1767; died —; married (1), Oct. 26, 1791, Olive Hadley, daughter of Simeon and Olive (Black) Hadley; married (2) Mrs. Polly Burns, widow of Nathaniel Burns and daughter of Ephraim Haynes of Trenton, Maine.

Ephraim Haynes lived with David Higgins till his (Mr. Haynes) death at the age of 102 years.

David Higgins settled at Aunt Molly's Beach, at the mouth of North West Cove.

*Children.*

- i. Olive, b. Feb. 11, 1793; d. Feb. 20, 1809.
- ii. Elisha, b. May 24, 1794; married Sally Murch of Oak Point; settled on lot adjoining his father's farm on the north.
- iii. John, b. Oct. 16, 1796; married Louisa Lord of Trenton; settled at North West Cove; removed to —.
- iv. Lucy, b. Dec. 31, 1798; married April 1, 1817, Seth Higgins of Hampden, Maine.
- v. Ezekiel, b. Feb. 28, 1801.
- vi. Elizabeth, b. April 24, 1803.
- vii. Esther, b. March 22, 1805; married (1) Nathaniel Burns; (2) — Smith; (3) William Robinson.
- viii. Sally, b. April 20, 1807.

ix. Harriet Newell, b. —; married Amos Clement of Seal Harbor, Mount Desert; removed to Kansas.

Authorities: Inscription on gravestone in the cemetery at the Narrows, Trenton, Maine; Hamor Records, Eden, Maine.

253. RICHARD<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*David*<sup>5</sup>, *Moses*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Sept. 27, 1767; died —; married (1), Jan. 31, 1793, Rebecca Young; married (2) —.

He resided at Orleans, Mass., and Eden, Maine, after 1816.

*Children.*

i. Elizabeth, b. at Orleans July 29, 1793.

ii. Lydia, b. at Orleans July 21, 1795; married William Marcies of Mount Desert, Eden, Maine.

iii. Uriah, bapt. April 14, 1799, at Orleans.

iv. Joseph, bapt. February, 1813, at Orleans.

486. v. Hanson Robeson, b. Feb. 13, 1816; married (1) Louisiana Mayo; (2) Mary A. (Palmer) Charles.

Authority: Eastham Records; Orleans, First Church Records.

254. SPARROW<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*David*<sup>5</sup>, *Moses*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born April 30, 1772; died about 1854 at Bluehill, Maine; married at Mount Desert, Maine, July 14, 1796, Penelope Salisbury or Salsbury.

He settled at Indian Point, Mount Desert, Maine. He lost his home by mortgaging it as security for payment on a vessel which he bought and which proved to be a losing property. Then he went to North Ellsworth, and lived with his son Ephraim until the latter's death, when he retired to the home of his daughter Roxana Osgood, at Bluehill, where he died aged over eighty years.

*Children.*

i. Abigail, b. Sept. 28, 1796.

487. ii. Ephraim, b. April 20, 1798; married (1) Lois Reed; (2) Adeline Atherton.

iii. Susannah, b. Oct. 21, 1800; married William Reed of Oak Hill, Mount Desert, son of Samuel and Hannah (Somes) Reed. Child: William.

iv. Roxanna, b. —; married Daniel Osgood of Bluehill, Maine.

Authorities: Vital Records of Eden, Maine; Hamor Records.

255. REUBEN<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*David<sup>5</sup>, Moses<sup>4</sup>, Richard<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born March 20, 1774; died —; married Joanna Mayo of South West Harbor.

He settled at North West Cove, Mount Desert, Maine.

*Children.*

- i. Lydia, b. March 8, 1799; married Eben Robinson; settled at Sand Beach near Clark's Cove, then at Hill Cove Sound, Mount Desert.
- ii. Joanna, b. June 8, 1801; married William Brown, residence South West Harbor.
- iii. Elizabeth, b. June 8, 1801.
- iv. Reuben, b. Sept. 1, 1803; married Susan Brown, daughter of James Brown; settled at North West Cove, then at South West Harbor.
488. v. Robert, b. July 27, 1806; married Mary Holmes.
- vi. Rebecca, b. Oct. 19, 1809; married Enoch Surrey; settled at Norwood's Cove, Tremont, Maine.
- vii. Oliver, b. Dec. 14, 1812; married Mary Ann Pung; settled on east side of Sound.
- viii. Joseph M., b. Aug. 26, 1814; married Eunice H. Surrey; settled at North West Cove, Eden, Maine.
- ix. Fanny, b. Sept. 10, 1820; married William Pung.
- x. Abigail, b. Sept. 28, 1822; married Robert Taylor.
- xi. Hannah, b. —; married Francis Richardson, son of George and Betsey (Simmons) Richardson; settled on east side of Sound.
- xii. Eliza, b. —; married George Harmon; settled at South West Harbor.

Authorities: Records of E. M. Hamor; copy by Town Clerk of Eden, Maine.

256. SHAW<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*David<sup>5</sup>, Moses<sup>4</sup>, Richard<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born April 10, 1777; died after 1828; married Eunice Higgins, daughter of David Higgins.

He resided at Spruce Point, Mount Desert, Maine.

*Children.*

489. i. Luther G., b. —; married Lucy Ober.
- ii. Richard, b. —.
- iii. Jonathan, b. —.
- iv. Asa, b. —.
- v. Mary, b. —; married William Long and had three daughters and one son.



- vi. Rosilla, b. —.
- vii. Lavinia, b. —; married Isaac Carter.

257. OLIVER<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*David*<sup>5</sup>, *Moses*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born April 3, 1781; died —; married Ruth Mayo of Indian Point.

He resided at Spruce Point, Mount Desert, Maine, and then crossed the cove to Indian Point, the first Higgins to settle there. Here he conducted a farm for years.

*Children.*

- i. Jonathan, b. —; a traveling evangelist.
- 490. ii. Calvin Kittredge, b. in 1819; married (1) Sophia Heath; (2) Elizabeth H. Thompson.
- iii. Fidelia, b. —; married Prince Mayo of Orrington, Maine.
- 491. iv. Willard, b. —; married Abbie —.
- v. Sylvanus, b. —.
- vi. Joseph, b. —.
- vii. Oliver, b. —.
- viii. Ruth, b. —; married — Beverly.
- ix. Sally, b. —; married — Garland.

258. EZEKIEL HOLBROOK<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Jacob*<sup>5</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>4</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Oct. 16, 1776, at Harwich-Brewster, Mass.; died at Norfolk, Va., in 1822; married February, 1800, Dorcas Paine, born —; died Feb. 24, 1836; daughter of Jonathan Paine.

Ezekiel H. Higgins was for some years a member of the firm of Higgins & Bradley, who for sixty years conducted a large bookbindery in Boston.

*Children.*

- 492. i. Ezekiel Holbrook, b. Nov. 6, 1800; married Abigail A. Sawyer.
- 493. ii. Franklin, b. July 22, 1803; married Susan Otis Brown.
- iii. Rowland Paine, b. June 16, 1807; married Lucinda Ayres; he d. at Johnsonville, N. Y., about 1877.
- iv. Joseph, b. Oct. 30, 1810; d. Aug. 9, 1820.

Authority: Mr. S. B. Gifford, Syracuse, N. Y.

259. SAMUEL<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Jacob*<sup>5</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>4</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born July 20, 1786, at Harwich, Mass.; died Aug. 19,

1866, at Syracuse, N. Y.; married May 2, 1811, Sally Mayo, born Dec. 10, 1787, at Brewster, Mass.; died June 10, 1866, at Syracuse, N. Y.; daughter of Asa and Sarah (Seabury) Mayo of Brewster.

Samuel Higgins resided at Chatham and Brewster, Mass., and at Syracuse, N. Y. He followed the sea for forty years, commencing at nine years of age as cabin boy, and held every position on a sailing vessel to master mariner. About 1813, while on a foreign voyage, his vessel was taken by pirates and he was held a prisoner for five years, during which time no tidings whatever came from him or of him. Mrs. Higgins had lost four brothers at sea, so when her own boys grew up, she was determined that none of them should go to sea, and it was through her efforts that the family removed to Syracuse where the boys could find other employment. She died of heart disease while attending communion service in Park Presbyterian Church, Syracuse. Her daughter, granddaughter, and great-granddaughter, four generations, were present, besides other members of the family, occupying different pews. Samuel Higgins died about the same hour ten weeks later. Both were buried in the family plot in Oakwood Cemetery at Syracuse.

*Children born at Brewster, Mass.*

494. i. Samuel, b. March 10, 1812; married Abbie E. Hallett.  
ii. Sarah Mayo, b. Sept. 23, 1813; d. May 20, 1894, at Syracuse, N. Y.; married March 21, 1833, Luther Gifford of Syracuse, N. Y., b. —; d. Sept. 27, 1847; son of Calvin Gifford of Harwich, Mass. They removed to Syracuse, N. Y. Children: Emily Frances, b. July 21, 1834; d. Dec. 13, 1886; married Aug. 10, 1856, Andrew Field; Sidney Brooks, b. Sept. 9, 1836; unmarried; (began compiling a Higgins genealogy some years ago, and from him much data was obtained. June 16, 1902, Mr. Sidney Brooks Gifford closed his official relations with the Western Union Telegraph Co., after 52 years of continuous service, 38 of which he was district superintendent); Luther Augustus, b. 1838; d. 1840; Edwin Luther, b. June 1, 1841; married 1877, Elizabeth Humphrey; Susan Augusta, b. May 31, 1843; married Charles E. Minard.  
iii. Mercy Holbrook, b. Oct. 23, 1819; d. Feb. 20, 1886, at Memphis, N. Y.; married June 2, 1845, Charles W. Rice; no children.
495. iv. Seabury Mayo, b. Jan. 9, 1822; married (1) Ann B. Thorpe; (2) Frances J. Brown; (3) Charlotte M. Burch.
496. v. Elisha Mayo, b. Nov. 5, 1823; married Mary Jane Head.

497. vi. Benjamin Lucius, b. Oct. 14, 1826; married Mary Jane Clark.
- vii. George Edwin, b. Sept. 15, 1828, at Brewster; d. April 21, 1862, in San Francisco, Cal., and was buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Syracuse, N. Y.; unmarried; was a jeweler in Syracuse, N. Y.
- viii. Alfred, b. March 31, 1830; d. June 2, 1915; unmarried; lived 78 years in Syracuse, N. Y.; general agent for American Express Co. Entered the employ of the company 1857, and continued in its service until Jan. 7, 1915. He served as alderman 1864-66, and 1875-79; and member of the Board of Excise.

260. EBEN<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Jacob<sup>5</sup>, Isaac<sup>4</sup>, Isaac<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born July 29, 1789, at Harwich; died April 7, 1875, at Brewster; married Nov. 16, 1815, Sukey Sears, born June 24, 1790; died July 16, 1874; daughter of Willard and Hannah (Sears) Sears.

He resided at Brewster, Mass.

*Children.*

- i. Susan Sears, b. Aug. 28, 1816; d. March 29, 1905; unmarried.
498. ii. Eben, b. May 12, 1818; married Lydia Ann Tucker.
- iii. Jacob, b. Feb. 6, 1821; d. Dec. 20, 1838.
- iv. Abigail Freeman, b. March 11, 1823; married Nov. 15, 1844, Asaph Crosby; b. July 8, 1819; d. March 31, 1896; three children.
- v. Willard Sears, b. Dec. 12, 1826; d. Jan. 9, 1866, at Queenstown, Ireland; married April 21, 1854, Olive Clark Freeman; no children. His wife married (2) Dec. 2, 1869, Elisha D. Winslow. Captain Higgins was master of a ship and was caring for it in Queenstown Harbor, Ireland, when he was killed.

Authority: *Sears Genealogy*, p. 159.

261. JOSEPH<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Joseph<sup>5</sup>, Isaac<sup>4</sup>, Isaac<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born Aug. 16, 1776, at Eastham; died Feb. 5, 1867, at Thorndike, Maine; married Jan. 3, 1804, Elizabeth Files, born at Gorham, Maine, July 29, 1778; died Feb. 5, 1867, at Thorndike; daughter of William Files.

Standing on one of the highest hills of Thorndike, Maine, commanding an extensive view of the surrounding country is the old Center Free Will Baptist Church, erected in 1832. The Society was organized in 1803 with Joseph Higgins as pastor, who for

fifty years labored six days every week on his farm and preached two sermons every Sunday during that time, reluctantly surrendering the active pastorate at the age of 77 years. For a long term of years the old church was the "Mecca" of the Free Will Baptists in Waldo and Southern Penobscot counties. The country for miles around sent large delegations to its Sunday meetings and quarterly conventions. The religious enthusiasm of the majority of the people was intense and the eloquence and zeal equally so, and the result of the combination was many revivals and large additions to the church membership. For over sixty years the interior of the church was unpainted, but in 1892 the building was generally repaired and improved and somewhat modernized.

Here was sown some of the seed that bore fruit in the temperance agitation and here intensely earnest and eloquent speakers thundered against the traffic in rum. Here rallied the pioneers for human freedom and emancipation of the slaves before the Civil War. On the occasion when John P. Hale and Joshua R. Giddings came to address a great mass meeting of Free Soilers, Elder Joseph Higgins opened the meeting with an appeal never forgotten by one, at least, of his hearers. It was a combination of stump speech and prayer, for when introduced by the chairman to invoke divine guidance, his first sentence was: "Thank God for John P. Hale; thank God for Joshua R. Giddings; thank God for the men of brain, of conscience and courage who have been raised up by the Almighty—gladiators in the battle for freedom against the wicked monster, Slavery." It continued red hot to the end, and was punctuated all through its delivery with a tempest of "amens." Among the original and later members of the old church were Elder Joseph Higgins, Isaac Higgins, Deacon Joseph Higgins, Gen. W. F. Higgins, Simeon C. Higgins, Reuben Higgins, Marshall T. Higgins, Betsey Files Higgins, wife of Elder Joseph Higgins, Phœbe Coffin Higgins, Susan Higgins, Louise W. Higgins, Temperance Higgins, Martha, Eunice and Ruth Higgins, Alvina Higgins.

Elder Higgins was born in Eastham in 1776, but removed to Gorham, Maine, in childhood and there married Betsey Files. At the beginning of their married life they migrated to Thorndike. This town, then known as Lincoln plantation, was then receiving its first settlers. Elder Higgins was a strong man physically and intellectually, commanded great respect from his fellow townsmen, and stood high in the councils of his church. He declined to take



part in public affairs, devoting himself to religious work and the upbuilding of his church. He was the first clerk of the township and taught the second school in the town and remained active pastor of the church for fifty years, giving way to a younger man when the society was still at the height of its strength and prosperity.

His wife, Aunt Betsey, as she was known to all, was a worthy helper and greatly beloved in the community and their lives fittingly closed together on the same day, within a few hours, he at the age of 91, she at 89 years.

#### *Children.*

- i. Mary, b. Jan. 17, 1805; married (1) Nov. 6, 1828, Daniel Philbrick; (2) Hezekiah Chase of Unity, Maine; removed to Lewiston, Maine.
499. ii. William Files, b. April 22, 1806; married Phœbe Coffin.
- iii. Martha Frothingham, b. Sept. 16, 1808; married Nov. 14, 1831, Joseph Coffin.
- iv. Joanna, b. Jan. 21, 1811; married (1) Capt. George Dyer of Thorndike who was lost at sea; (2) Benjamin York of Jackson, Maine. Mr. York was a member of the Legislature in 1858. Their grandchildren were: Prof. E. J. Roberts of Ottumwa, Iowa; Mrs. Dr. O. Emerson and Mrs. Bela Burrill of Newport, Maine; Mrs. Roscoe G. Harding and Miss Sibyl Higgins of Gorham, Maine.
- v. Elmira, b. Aug. 3, 1814.
- vi. Sophronia, b. April 17, 1816; d. Feb. 3, 1847; married Benjamin Croxson of Jackson, Maine.
500. vii. Joseph, b. May 28, 1819; married (1) Louisa W. Higgins; (2) Lydia Vickery Ferguson.
- viii. A. K. Paris, b. Oct. 13, 1821; married Lura Berry of New Sharon.
- ix. Diana, b. —; married Ivory Ferguson of Dixmont, Maine.

Authorities: Gorham, Maine, Records; *Hist. Gorham, Me.*, p. 570; Town Clerk, Thorndike, Maine; Elida Estelle (Higgins) Bond, Winthrop, Mass.; Standish, Me., Records.

262. ISAAC<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Joseph<sup>5</sup>, Isaac<sup>4</sup>, Isaac<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born Dec. 16, 1780; died Dec. 19, 1855, in Thorndike, Maine; married (1) Nov. 27, 1800, Esther Parker, born July 24, 1780; died Nov. 14, 1826; married (2) Mrs. Ruth (Prince) (Langworthy) Kent.

Residence, Thorndike, Maine.

*Children.*

501. i. Reuben, b. Jan. 31, 1801; married Susan Dickey.  
502. ii. Samuel S., b. July 17, 1802; married (1) Olive E. —; (2) Julia A. Twitchell.  
iii. Mary C., b. Oct. 10, 1804.  
iv. Esther, b. March 17, 1807.  
v. Eliza M., b. Aug. 23, 1810; d. Nov. 20, 1846.  
vi. Pamela J., b. Oct. 30, 1811; married Oct. 13, 1836, Isaac Cates.  
vii. Barnabas, b. April 4, 1815.  
503. viii. Ephraim J., b. Nov. 3, 1819; married Rebecca Lewis.  
ix. Adaline D. P., b. Sept. 29, 1829; married Nov. 27, 1850, Marshall Moses.  
x. Irene C., b. Aug. 8, 1832.

263. BARNABAS<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Joseph*<sup>5</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>4</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Jan. 28, 1783; died Feb. 16, 1816; married Ellen Cannel.

He was in the War of 1812 and commanded one of the Gorham companies called out to defend Portland in 1814.

He resided at Gorham, Maine.

*Child.*

- i. Mary J., b. June 4, 1816; d. March 17, 1888; married Nov. 23, 1839, Joseph Shaw. Children: Delina, b. Dec. 9, 1840; d. Sept. 28, 1870; Joseph C., b. Sept. 17, 1843; Julia A., b. July 26, 1845.

264. ENOCH FREEMAN<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Joseph*<sup>5</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>4</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born July 25, 1789; died Jan. 25, 1834; married Nov. 3, 1810 (another record says Nov. 6, 1813), Miriam Deane, born Jan. 6, 1787; "died about 1885, aged ninety-six," daughter of John Deane, Esq., formerly of Dedham, Mass.

Enoch F. Higgins resided at Gorham and at Standish, Maine, on a farm on the Portland road, which in 1894 was owned by his grandson, John Deane Higgins.

*Children.*

- i. Harriet Maria, b. Aug. 19, 1814; d. 1860; married Horatio J. Swasey, a lawyer of Standish, Maine; had seven children.  
ii. Mary, b. May 26, 1818; d. 1888; married Nov. 6, 1855, Daniel Tyler.  
iii. Caroline, b. April 20, 1820; d. May 4, 1897; married June 22, 1863, Lucien M. Hunt.

iv. John Deane, b. Jan. 28, 1826; d. Feb. 9, 1897; married June 27, 1861, Marcia Ann Paine, b. March 15, 1839.

v. Enoch Freeman, bapt. May 21, 1830.

Authorities: *Maine Genealogical and Historical Records*; *Records of Standish, Maine*; *History of Gorham, Me.*; *Saco Valley Settlements and Families*, p. 127.

265. SAUL COOK<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Joseph<sup>5</sup>, Isaac<sup>4</sup>, Isaac<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born May 11, 1794; died Feb. 16, 1895; married March 25, 1816, Fanny Blake of Gorham, Maine, born —; died June 22, 1878, aged 85.

He lived and died on the old homestead which was cleared by his father in 1794. He lived to be nearly 101 years of age. He had his faculties to the end.

During the War of 1812 he was a sergeant in his brother Barnabas's company, and went to Portland in 1814.

He had no children, but adopted John Lowell, grandson of his sister, Mercy Higgins, an orphan of six months, who became known as John Lowell Higgins.

*Adopted Child.*

i. John Lowell, b. —; married June 15, 1851, Sarah Warren, daughter of Maj. William Warren of Gorham; four children.

266. ISRAEL<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Israel<sup>5</sup>, Israel<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born Feb. 22, 1761; died Aug. 16, 1814, in Glastonbury, Conn.; married June 8, 1788, Henrietta Bradford, born Oct. 4, 1765, at Middle Haddam, Conn.; died in 1857 at Glastonbury, Conn., aged 92 years; daughter of William and Sarah (Rich) Bradford, and a direct descendant of Gov. William Bradford of Plymouth, Mass.

He resided at Glastonbury, Conn.

*Children.*

i. Livia, b. May 12, 1789; married Dr. Elijah Root. Child: Livia, b. —; married — Judd; one son and one daughter, Lavinia, who is Mrs. Hiram E. Hodge of Marlboro, Conn.

504. ii. Jared, b. Dec. 25, 1790; married Harriet Hurlbut.

505. iii. Duel, b. April 6, 1792; married (1) Fannie Blinn; (2) Elizabeth Bigelow.

iv. Mercy Bradford, bapt. May 11, 1794; married (1) — Kingsbury of Plainville, Conn.; divorced; child living in Plainville, Conn.; married (2) Richard Smith of Batavia, N. Y. No children.

506. v. Alden, b. Nov. 12, 1795; married Maria A. Austin.  
 vi. Israel, bapt. April 28, 1805; supposed to have gone to Salem, N. J.  
 vii. Harvey, b. —; went to New York and visited his brother Alden in 1856 on his way West; not heard of afterward.
507. viii. Harlow, b. March 11, 1811; married (1) —; (2) Rhoda Hodge.

Authority: Chatham, Conn., Town Records.

267. TIMOTHY<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Israel<sup>5</sup>, Israel<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born —; baptized July 19, 1767; died in 1850, at East Randolph, Vt.; married (1) April 15, 1787, Lucy Whitmore, born April 7, 1768, at Chatham, Conn.; married (2) Feb. 23, 1806, Annie Follinsbee, born Aug. 16, 1786; died March 18, 1858; daughter of Moses Follinsbee.

He resided at Chatham and East Haddam, Conn., and East Randolph, Vt., where he settled before Sept. 17, 1808.

*Children.*

- i. Lucy, b. April 2, 1789; married Elijah Brainard of Randolph, Vt.  
 ii. Russell, b. May 30, 1791.  
 iii. Sarah H., b. Oct. 7, 1793.  
 iv. Betsey, b. Aug. 22, 1796.  
 v. Willard H., b. Aug. 25, 1799.
508. vi. Timothy, b. Nov. 24, 1801; married (1) Elmira Thrall; (2) Sophronia Thrall.  
 vii. Julia, b. July 11, 1803.  
 viii. Mary A., b. July 6, 1807.  
 ix. Lucinda C., b. March 1, 1810.  
 x. Dolly H., b. Jan. 31, 1812.  
 xi. Harriet A., b. Jan. 3, 1814; d. March 20, 1867, at Le Roy, N. Y.; married July 24, 1837, Nathaniel Hunting Sherrill, b. Oct. 10, 1806, at East Hampton, L. I.; d. April 26, 1884, at Le Roy, N. Y.  
 xii. George W., b. Dec. 23, 1817.  
 xiii. William W., b. Jan. 19, 1819.  
 xiv. Israel H., b. May 8, 1822.  
 xv. Edwin R., b. Sept. 12, 1824.  
 xvi. Henry C., b. Sept. 24, 1827; married Eliza Augusta Abbott, b. Nov. 13, 1834; daughter of Noah and Augusta (Manning) Abbott.

Authorities: Records at Middletown, Conn.; *Brainard Genealogy*, p. 128; *Manning Genealogy*, p. 324.



268. WILLIAM<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Israel*<sup>5</sup>, *Israel*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born —; baptized Sept. 13, 1772; died Oct. 26, 1846, at Angelica, Allegany County, N. Y.; married May 31, 1795, Abigail Strong of Chatham, Conn., born 1774; died Sept. 8, 1850, at Angelica, Allegany County, N. Y.

It would appear from the family records that they once lived in Windham, Greene County, N. Y., and later at Angelica, Allegany County, N. Y.

*Children.*

509. i. Hugh Johnson, b. June 24, 1797; married Eliza Osgood.
510. ii. Jabin Strong, b. March 9, 1799; married Betsey Aldrich.
- iii. Cyrene, b. June 26, 1801; married Daniel Chamberlain.
- iv. Gilbert, b. May 22, 1803; married Sarah Fuller.
- v. William, b. June 26, 1805; d. April 28, 1806.
- vi. Sarah, b. June 9, 1807; married Calvin Watson.
511. vii. William, b. April 15, 1810; married Emily Ann Norton.
- viii. Israel, b. Oct. 13, 1811; married Lydia Ingles.
- ix. Abigail, b. Aug. 23, 1813; married — Burbank.
- x. Julia, b. March 12, 1815; married John Simmonds.
- xi. Cyrus, b. Oct. 25, 1816; d. April 2, 1817.
- xii. Silas, b. Oct. 25, 1816; d. March 10, 1817.

269. JESSE<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Jesse*<sup>5</sup>, *Israel*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Aug. 21, 1776; died —; married Nov. 9, 1798 (by Rev. David Selden, Chatham, Conn.), Lucinthia Smith.

He lived in Chatham but removed to Haddam, Conn., where he joined the First Church, Nov. 19, 1809. His wife brought letter from Easthampton (town of Chatham), Conn., June, 1812.

*Child.*

- i. Cyrus Hambleton, bapt. Feb. 5, 1807; d. Feb. 13, 1807.

Authority: *Haddam Congregational Church, 200th Anniversary*, pp. 208-209.

270. SETH<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Jesse*<sup>5</sup>, *Israel*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Dec. 2, 1778; died —; married April 1, 1800, Nancy Spencer, daughter of Nathaniel Spencer.

*Child.*

- i. Lyman Brooks, b. —; married Nancy Elizabeth Butler, b. —; d. Feb. 18, 1902, at Chatham, aged 70 years, 9 months, 8 days; daughter of Edward and Charlotte Butler.

Authority: Probate Records of Chatham at Portland, Conn.

271. JAMES<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Sylvanus*<sup>5</sup>, *Israel*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born May 2, 1766; died Sept. 21, 1827, at Earlville, N. Y.; married (1) May 9, 1790, Lydia Smith, born Jan. 7, 1769; died June 1, 1816; married (2) in Enfield, Conn., Feb. 21, 1819, Elizabeth Collins, born Feb. 15, 1778; died February, 1838.

He resided at East or Middle Haddam, Conn., and removed to Hamilton, N. Y., in 1810. Mrs. Elizabeth Higgins was dismissed to the church at Hamilton, N. Y.

James Higgins built a brick house in Madison Street, Hamilton, Madison County, N. Y. He was one of the first settlers, a cabinet-maker, later kept a hotel at East Hamilton, and finally had a tannery at Earlville. The oldest house in the cabinetware trade is that now (1872) belonging to Hall & Leach on Lebanon Street. The original proprietor was James Higgins who opened the first cabinet shop in the village on Madison Street.

He was buried in Hamilton, Madison County, N. Y.

*Children born at East Haddam and Hamilton.*

- i. Sophia, b. May 1, 1791; married — Beckwith.
- ii. Justin, b. Dec. 21, 1792; d. Sept. 17, 1825.
- iii. Eliza, b. Oct. 3, 1793; d. Aug. 11, 1818; married John C. Clark (Congressman). Had a son, Dr. Clark, and a daughter, Mrs. E. H. C. Downing.
- iv. Lucy Howard, b. Aug. 28, 1795; d. Oct. 3, 1872, at Hamilton, N. Y.; married June 9, 1819, Thomas Hunt Greeley, b. July 25, 1796, at Glastonbury, Conn. Children: Thomas, Amelia, Albert, James, Carroll, Frederick.
512. v. Sylvester Wesley, b. March 24, 1798; married — Beckwith.
- vi. James, b. April 6, 1802; d. May 10, 1802.
- vii. James William, b. July 21, 1803; a linen draper at Buffalo, N. Y.
- viii. Mary Ann, b. Sept. 7, 1804; married Joseph Rockwell. Children: Edward, Joseph, Mary Jane, Charles.
513. ix. Francois De Nogue, b. March 20, 1808; married (1) Sarah Parlin; (2) Lucietta I. Hendrick.
- x. Harriet Maria, b. Oct. 19, 1813; married Joseph Sheffield in 1834; one child.
- xi. Betsey Collins, b. Feb. 17, 1822; married Frederick Trescut Greenley; lived in Ithaca, N. Y., in 1901. Two children: Edward and Frederick.

Authorities: *Hist. Enfield, Conn.*, p. 1465; Betsey Collins (Higgins) Greenley; Hammond's *Hist. of Madison Co., N. Y.*, p. 439.

272. JEHIEL<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Heman*<sup>5</sup>, *Israel*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born June 19, 1774; died September, 1850, in Camden, N. Y.; married (1) in Connecticut, Rachel Rebecca Hungerford, born —; died Feb. 11, 1831, at Camden, N. Y.; married (2) Chloe (Scovill) Kinne, widow of Rufus Kinne, and daughter of Joseph Thompson and Anna (Cook) Scovill of Camden, N. Y.

He was a farmer, also mason and bricklayer. He was Ensign, Lieutenant, Captain in the Oneida County militia, 1810-1816. His second wife had a daughter, Louisa Kinne. He settled at Camden, N. Y., about 1800, on a farm; came from Waterbury or Watertown, Conn.

#### *Children.*

514. i. Alvin, b. Aug. 27, 1798, in Watertown, Conn.; married Maria S. Castle.  
 ii. Bennett, b. in Watertown, Conn.  
 iii. Chloe, b. in Watertown, Conn.; d. March 30, 1832, in Camden, N. Y., aged 29; married Marshall Parker.  
 iv. Dorcas, b. Sept. 16, 1804, in Watertown, Conn.; d. Sept. 24, 1866, in Camden, N. Y.; married Oct. 8, 1824, Seymour Scoville, b. July 5, 1804, at Camden, N. Y.; d. Dec. 28, 1877, at Camden, N. Y.; son of Joseph Thompson and Ann (Cook) Scovill of Harwinton, Conn., and Camden, N. Y. Children: Sheldon, b. Sept. 18, 1825; married in 1850, Sarah J. Clark; Merritt, b. May 10, or 30, 1827; d. Dec. 9, 1882; married Dec. 31, 1849, Mary Barnes; Joseph, b. Dec. 8, 1830; d. April 8, 1895; married Dec. 30, 1856, Nancy M. Crandell; Chloe, b. Sept. 4, 1833; married (1) Jan. 1, 1850, John T. Drake, who d. April 4, 1852; (2) Nov. 25, 1856, Richard Kelly of Florence, N. Y.; Ann Eliza, b. April 15, 1836; married Nov. 27, 1856, William O. Brigham, b. Dec. 17, 1835, residence Toledo, Ohio; Jehiel, b. Dec. 31, 1838; d. —; married Rozeltha M. Snow; Rachel, b. April 26, 1841; d. Feb. 13, 1866; married Dec. 30, 1857, Daniel Streater, b. March 27, 1836, d. June 21, 1865, residence Camden; James, b. Aug. 25, 1844; d. April 15, 1890; married July 27, 1865, Anna Jones, b. Feb. 14, 1848.
515. v. Ethel, b. in 1807; married Clarissa Johnson.  
 vi. Frederick, b. —.  
 vii. Garrett Sylvester, b. —; married Louisa Kinne, daughter of Rufus and Chloe (Scoville) Kinne.  
 viii. Hiram, b. Oct. 23, 1817, in Camden, N. Y.; d. April 25, 1884, at Syracuse, N. Y.; married Elizabeth Rankin.  
 ix. Ira, b. —.

Authorities: *Scoville Family Records, Part Three, Harwinton, Conn., Branch*, by C. R. Eastman; Sidney B. Gifford.

273. SYLVESTER<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Heman*<sup>5</sup>, *Israel*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Oct. 9, 1776, at Middle Haddam, Conn.; died Sept. 8, 1825; married Oct. 13, 1805, Hannah Selden, born —; died June 10, 1874; daughter of Aaron and Susannah (Brainard) Selden.

Sylvester Higgins removed from Haddam Neck or East Haddam, Conn., to South Hadley, Mass., where he owned a farm which is now a part of the campus of Mount Holyoke College.

*Children.*

516. i. Selden, b. Nov. 6, 1806; married Susan M. McClinch.
- ii. Hannah, b. March 22, 1809; d. Feb. 17, 1884.
- iii. Sylvester, b. Dec. 25, 1811, in South Hadley; d. Dec. 2, 1877; unmarried.
- iv. Angeline, b. March 29, 1813; married January, 1836, Edward Dickinson Ferry. Children: Augustine C., b. March 12, 1845; married and lived in Boston; Elizabeth M., b. Jan. 20, 1848.
- v. Elizabeth, b. May 8, 1815; d. March 26, 1846.
517. vi. Silas, b. Sept. 3, 1817; married Susannah M. T. Ives.
- vii. Wealthy Ann, b. Feb. 15, 1820; d. Sept. 25, 1871; married Joseph T. Dowe of Springfield, Mass. Children: Francis Eugene, b. Sept. 5, 1842; married Jan. 31, 1872, Emma F. Hallam of Philadelphia, Pa.; Adelaide Louise, b. Jan. 18, 1844; married Warren D. Kinsman of Springfield, Mass., on Feb. 16, 1865; d. December, 1891; Ella F., b. March 12, 1846; d. Jan. 13, 1882; married Nov. 14, 1871, T. F. Littlefield of Boston, Mass.; Helen Maria, b. Oct. 30, 1848; d. April 20, 1858; Henry Selden, b. June 16, 1855; d. July, 1882, at Boston Mass.; Shelton Edward, b. Oct. 27, 1857; married Feb. 21, 1889, Jessie McDowall Cochrane of Denver, Colo.; residence Denver.
- viii. William Waterman, b. May 1, 1822.
- ix. Sarah M., b. Aug. 20, 1824; d. May 1, 1872.

274. DARIUS<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Nehemiah*<sup>5</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born in 1773 or 1774 at Killingworth (now Clinton), Conn. (baptized there Feb. 6, 1774); died Nov. 23, 1830, at New Haven, Conn., aged 57; married Nov. 9, 1791, Hannah Nettleton of North Killingworth, probably daughter of William and Hannah (Graves) Nettleton, who were married Oct. 28, 1767.



Hannah Nettleton, Jr., was baptized Sept. 29, 1771, at North Killingworth.

Darius Higgins probably removed to New Haven with his parents before 1790, but he may have spent some time in Killingworth as he married a wife of that town, although their marriage is recorded at New Haven. Darius Higgins probably became an Episcopalian, for his gravestone is found in the Episcopal Cemetery at New Haven. His occupation has not been discovered. He may have had other children than those here named.

*Children.*

- i. Sidney, b. about 1804; d. Dec. 18, 1826, at New Haven.
- ii. Nehemiah, b. about 1810; d. July 16, 1826, at New Haven.

Authority: New Haven Records, vol. v, pp. 13 and 34.

275. BELA<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Nehemiah<sup>5</sup>, Ichabod<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born Aug. 3, 1782, probably in Killingworth, Conn., but perhaps in New Haven, Conn.; died July 8, 1832, at New Haven; married Aug. 28, 1803, at New Haven, Mary Bruce, born Sept. 12, 1780; died Aug. 25, 1823, at New Haven.

Bela Higgins seems to have come to New Haven with his parents in boyhood, before 1790, and to have lived there all his life. His occupation has not been discovered.

*Children born at New Haven.*

- i. Mary Olive, b. Nov. 11, 1805; married Joel G. Northrup of Marcellus, N. Y.
518. ii. Charles Snow, b. July 1, 1807; married (1) Mary Northrup; (2) Elizabeth Dye.
- iii. Jane Charlotte, b. July 28, 1809; d. Nov. 17, 1866.
- iv. Joseph Bela, b. April 17, 1811; d. May 5, 1900, at New Haven; married Hannah Parkinson.
- v. Eliza, b. July 4, 1813; d. Aug. 4, 1815.
- vi. Elizabeth S., b. Nov. 26, 1816.
- vii. Amos, b. May 12, 1818; resided at Bridgeport, Conn.
- viii. John, b. Oct. 25, 1820; d. Dec. 3, 1823.

Authorities: New Haven Records, vol. iii, pp. 11, 74; v, p. 8; Records of Second (United) Congregational Church, New Haven, Conn.

276. DAN<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Samuel<sup>5</sup>, Ichabod<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born Aug. 27, 1784, at Castleton, Vt.; died Feb. 15, 1859, at Benson, Vt.; married about 1806 Hannah Le Baron,

born Nov. 15, 1788, at Killingworth, Conn.; died April 25, 1860, at Benson, Vt.; daughter of David Le Baron.

Dan Higgins lived in West Haven, Vt., Le Roy, N. Y., and Benson, Vt. He spent the most of his life at Benson and was a farmer.

*Children.*

- i. Temperance, b. April 24, 1808, at Benson, Vt.; d. there Aug. 18, 1877; married Isaac Martin, b. Nov. 22, 1807; d. March 8, 1875. Children: Lydia, b. West Haven, Vt., Dec. 15, 1833; married June 4, 1857, Volney Forbes of West Haven, Vt., and had two children; Marian, b. Jan. 3, 1836, at Benson, Vt.; d. April 19, 1863; Lucy J., b. March 9, 1838, at Benson, Vt.; married Oct. 19, 1863, Charles C. Forbes of Shoreham, Vt., and had no children; Elwin S., b. April 28, 1840; d. May 9, 1859; Orson C., b. June 7, 1842; married Nov. 11, 1868, Frances E. Adams; was a farmer at Benson, Vt., and had two children; Harriet L., b. April 21, 1845; married Jan. 30, 1867, James Forbes, Jr., of Shoreham, Vt., and had three children; Hannah L., b. April 26, 1847; married March 3, 1869, Henry J. Adams of West Haven, Vt.; Alfred I., b. Sept. 30, 1850; d. June 9, 1867; Frances Y., b. Feb. 6, 1855; d. Sept. 22, 1855.
519. ii. Dan, b. June 11, 1810, at West Haven, Vt.; married (1) Sarah Meek; (2) Louisa Argo.
520. iii. James, b. July 21, 1813; married Chloe C. Adams.
521. iv. Chauncey, b. Aug. 24, 1815; married Emily Root.
522. v. Henry, b. Dec. 8, 1817; married Mary S. Clark.
523. vi. Alphonso, b. May 11, 1820, at Benson, Vt.; married Harriet Gibbs.
- vii. Harriet, b. Aug. 5, 1822, at Benson, Vt.; d. unmarried at Greenbush, Wis.
524. viii. Alvarizo, b. Aug. 6, 1824, at Benson, Vt.; married (1) Lucy Brown; (2) Elizabeth Ward.
- ix. George, b. Sept. 6, 1826, at West Haven, Vt.; d. unmarried; was postmaster at Greenbush, Wis.
525. x. Francis, b. Dec. 11, 1828, at West Haven, Vt.; married Altha Jenkins.
526. xi. Olney, b. April 4, 1832, at Benson, Vt.; married Maria N. Belden.

277. ASA<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Simeon*<sup>5</sup>, *Simeon*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Dec., 1766 (baptized Dec. 18, 1774, at Eastham-Orleans, being the fourth child); died April 7, 1827, at Orleans; married Oct. 25, 1787, Lucia Arey, daughter of Oliver Arey of Eastham-Orleans.

Asa Higgins was a resident of Eastham-Orleans. Mrs. Higgins was admitted a member of the First Church, Eastham-Orleans, Feb. 23, 1794. He was assessor in 1813. His will, dated March 19, 1827, was finally proved March 11, 1828, the original will having been destroyed in the fire when the Barnstable County Court House was burned in 1827, and a copy offered for probate.

*Children born at Eastham.*

- i. Asa, b. Oct. 19, 1792; married Oct. 20, 1816, Eunice Kendrick of Harwich. He was drowned at sea in 1819-1820. Probably no children.
- ii. Knowles, b. Nov. 11, 1794; married Oct. 29, 1818, Lydia Knowles. He was lost at sea in 1820; probably had no children.
527. iii. Simeon, b. July 24, 1796; married (1) Ruth Smith; (2) Paulina Collins; (3) Melinda Gould.
- iv. Lucy Arey, b. April 6, 1798; d. Nov. 21, 1846, aged 48; unmarried.
528. v. George Washington, b. June 29, 1800; married Abigail Crosby.
- vi. Ruth Adams, b. 1802; d. Oct. 10, 1807, aged 5.
529. vii. Horton, b. Aug. 23, 1806; married Sarah Nickerson.

278. JAMES<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Simeon*<sup>5</sup>, *Simeon*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Feb. 7, 1781, at Eastham-Orleans; died there in 1829 or 1830; married Oct. 20, 1808, Elizabeth Higgins, born Jan. 14, 1786; died —; daughter of Seth<sup>6</sup> and Martha (Linnell) Higgins (*Ebenezer*<sup>5</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>).

James Higgins lived at Eastham-Orleans and is called James Higgins, Jr. He was a sea captain. His will, dated Nov. 19, 1829, was proved March 31, 1830. His children were then all living.

*Children born at Orleans.*

- i. Leonard, b. March 6, 1809.
- ii. Sophronia, b. Aug. 15, 1811; probably married Nov. 18, 1832, Stephen Paige.
- iii. James, b. —.
- iv. Simeon, b. —.
- v. Eliza, b. —.

Authorities: Barnstable Probate Records, vol. xxiii, p. 53.

279. SETH<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Nathan*<sup>5</sup>, *Simeon*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born July 31, 1780; died —; married Oct. 24, 1802, at Orleans, Rachel Snow.

Seth Higgins resided at Orleans. His wife, Mrs. Rachel Higgins, was admitted to the First Church, Eastham-Orleans, Sept. 1, 1805.

*Children.*

530. i. Robert, b. Jan. 6, 1803; married Eliza Snow.  
531. ii. Seth, b. Aug. 1, 1806; married (1) Thankful C. Linnell;  
(2) Eliza S. ——.   
532. iii. Seneca, b. Sept. 18, 1808; married Phœbe Gould.  
533. iv. Solon, b. Sept. 18, 1808; married Mrs. Almira (Higgins) Taylor.

Authorities: Orleans Vital Records; *Mayflower Des.*, vol. xvii, p. 13.

280. BENJAMIN<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Philip*<sup>5</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born —; died —; married (intention Aug. 20, 1770) Sarah Matthews of Harpswell, Maine.

He was living at Bath, Maine, in 1790, and then had ten children, five sons and five daughters, according to the census of 1790. At time of his marriage he is called of Georgetown.

281. REUBEN<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Philip*<sup>5</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Nov. 20, 1750, at Eastham, Mass.; died Sept. 3, 1829, at Bath, Maine; married (1) May 17, 1776, Mercy Hopkins, born Aug. 6, 1756, at Truro, Mass.; died Aug. 4, 1818, at Bath, Maine, daughter of Simeon and Betty (Cobb) Hopkins of Truro, Mass., and Harpswell, Maine; married (2) Nov. 18, 1821, Susannah Philbrook, born Sept. 11, 1759, daughter of Joshua Philbrook of Bath, Maine. She died Dec. 3, 1847.

Reuben Higgins probably went from Eastham to Georgetown, Maine, with his father, settling in that part of the town from which Bath was later set off. Here he grew up and married and spent his entire life. He was a farmer and deacon in the church.

Simeon Hopkins, father of Mrs. Higgins, was born Feb. 7, 1731, at Truro, Mass., and died at Harpswell, Maine, in March, 1815. He married Aug. 28, 1755, Betty Cobb, born 1732. He was fifth in descent from Stephen Hopkins, the *Mayflower* passenger of 1620.

Reuben Higgins lived and died in the house built in 1785 by Joshua Philbrook, now standing in the city of Bath and in excellent condition.

*Children born at Bath, Maine.*

534. i. Simeon, b. March 20, 1777; married Margaret Hogan.  
ii. Mary, b. Nov. 10, 1778.



- iii. James, b. Nov. 28, 1780; d. August, 1810.
- iv. Hannah, b. Feb. 28, 1783; d. Dec. 27, 1786.
- 535. v. Reuben, b. April 3, 1785; married Rachel Carey.
- vi. Betsey, b. June 10, 1787; d. Feb. 26, 1864.
- 536. vii. Thomas, b. Aug. 27, 1789; married Sophia Merrill.
- viii. Hannah, b. Feb. 10, 1792; d. April 6, 1838; married in 1814 at Bath, James Littlefield, b. March 31, 1790; d. 1861. Children: Mary Ann, b. July 22, 1815; Mercy Jane, b. Aug. 1, 1817; James Henry, b. Sept. 2, 1819; Emery P., b. March 8, 1822; Thomas Pennel, b. Aug. 10, 1825; Martha P., b. Nov. 7, 1827; John Waldren, b. Dec. 14, 1831. Mary Ann Littlefield married Nov. 3, 1837, Francis Wilson Swan, b. 1805 in New Hampshire; d. March 29, 1872. Mrs. Swan d. April 27, 1856. Child: Deborah Thomas, b. June 19, 1845; married Dec. 11, 1866, James Fellows, b. Oct. 21, 1837; d. July 3, 1914.
- ix. Mercy, b. Jan. 19, 1796.
- x. Sarah, b. June 20, 1797.
- 537. xi. Elisha Hopkins, b. Dec. 8, 1801; married Sarah Storey.

Authority: Mr. William Storey Higgins, Bangor, Maine.

282. SIMEON<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Philip*<sup>5</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born —; died —; married Feb. 13, 1781, at Georgetown, Maine, Elizabeth Macantios (McAndrews<sup>2</sup>) of Georgetown.

Simeon Higgins went with his father when very young to Georgetown, Maine. Later a part of Georgetown was organized as Bath, and the census of 1790 shows Simeon Higgins living at Bath and having four or five children. It is believed that some, at least, of the Higginses of Harpswell and Brunswick, Maine, were his descendants, but they have not been fully traced. The following are found in the records of Brunswick:

David S. Higgins, b. Jan. 22, 1815, at West Bath; d. June 19, 1878, at Brunswick, aged 62 years; married Phoebe C. Perkins, b. June 6, 1824, at West Bath. He was a master mariner. Children: Benjamin Franklin, b. June 25, 1849; Ella M., b. March 1, 1851; Joseph C., b. April, 1854, d. Sept. 7, 1855; Joseph W., b. —; married Harriet Estelle Larrabee, daughter of John and Harriet Larrabee of Brunswick, Maine; Ida S., b. June 6, 1861, d. Aug. 22, 1865; Kate P., b. April 9, 1864.

Abram Higgins, born in Harpswell, Maine, lived in Brunswick; married Hattie D. Elwell of Brunswick, born in Poland, Maine. Their second child was Clara M. Higgins.

Mr. Nathaniel Gilpatrick and Abigail Higgins, both of Brunswick, marriage intention filed Feb. 11, 1786.

James Thompson, Sr., and Mary Higgins, marriage intention filed March 7, 1764, at Brunswick, Maine.

Alfred B. Higgins, born in Bath, married and lived at Brunswick. His third child, Sophia, was born Jan. 10, 1893, at Brunswick.

Ephraim Higgins died March 25, 1864, aged 90 years, 5 months. Records of Brunswick, Me.

Charles U. Higgins, born at Webster, Maine, married Alice M. Groves of Topsham, Maine. He was son of Abram and Lydia Higgins.

283. PHILIP<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Philip*<sup>5</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born 1758; died —; married Sept. 12, 1780, Mary Spaulding.

Philip Higgins, residing in Lincoln Co., Maine, placed on pension roll Dec. 19, 1833, aged 75. Served in Massachusetts Militia.

Philip Higgins resided at West Bath, Maine. His sons, Isaiah and Jeremiah, are mentioned in the will of their grandfather, Philip Higgins.

*Children.*

- i. Isaiah (or Asa), b. —, at West Bath, Maine; d. at Baltimore, Md.
538. ii. Jeremiah, b. February, 1787; married (1) Mehitabel Grover; (2) Rachel Willson.
539. iii. Philip, b. Dec. 14, 1795; married June 6, 1821, Lydia Deshon.
540. iv. John, b. —; married (1) Hannah Wilds of Kennebunk, Maine; (2) Elizabeth Wilds; (3) Charlotte Higgins.
- v. Nancy, b. —; married Francis Wilds of West Bath, Maine. Children: Mary, Philip, Lydia, Elizabeth, Frank, Rebecca.

284. THOMAS<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Thomas*<sup>5</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>4</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born July 9, 1764; died Dec. 13, 1842, at Wellfleet, Mass.; married Jan. 29, 1792, Martha Swett, born June 26, 1774; died March 7, 1861; daughter of Noah and Thankful (Pierce) Swett.

Thomas Higgins resided at Wellfleet. He was for years a sea captain and later a merchant at Pamet Point.

*Children.*

- i. Anna, b. March 14, 1796; d. Jan. 24, 1800.
541. ii. Thomas, b. Dec. 6, 1797; married (1) Thankful H. Holbrook; (2) Hannah S. Freeman.
- iii. Noah Swett, b. April 27, 1799; d. Feb. 24, 1800.
- iv. Noah Swett, b. Dec. 20, 1800; d. July 12, 1801.
542. v. Noah Swett, b. March 23, 1802; married Anna Kemp Norton.
- vi. Patty, b. Dec. 4, 1805; d. Feb. 5, 1833; married Feb. 23, 1823, Elijah Jones Dill. Children: Jerusha Cole, b. —; d. young; Eliza Ann, married Aaron Gill, and was living in Boston in 1900 and had five children; Martha, d. young; Joseph Warren (married and had children); Martha Ellen (who married Joseph Chipman and had five children); Ernestine (who married James Snow and had two children); and Frank.
- vii. Anna, b. Feb. 5, 1807; d. Feb. 17, 1903; married Nov. 25, 1824, Giles Hopkins, 2d., b. March 27, 1802; d. Sept. 11, 1878. Children: Joseph Warren, b. Feb. 21, 1827, at Wellfleet; d. April 11, 1827; Joseph Warren, b. Aug. 15, 1829; d. Nov. 5, 1833; Giles, b. April 1, 1833; married Dec. 1, 1859, at East Boston, Lucy Ann Higgins and had Elmer Ellsworth, b. May 8, 1861; Anna, b. April 27, 1836; married April 8, 1858, Warren Pierce, b. —; d. Jan. 30, 1898, and had Abbott Lawrence Pierce, b. Oct. 27, 1860, who married Alice Vale and had three children.
543. viii. John Swett, b. July 18, 1808; married Betsey R. Freeman.
- ix. Betsey Alden, b. Aug. 19, 1810; married (1) April 19, 1834, Asa P. Arey; married (2) Nov. 11, 1840, Isaiah Barker. She d. July 28, 1887.
- x. Ruth, b. Feb. 11, 1812; d. April 3, 1899; married (1) Nov. 30, 1834, James Hutton Atwood; (2) in 1858, Isaac Freeman. Children by first husband: James T., b. July 29, 1835; d. Oct. 29, 1876; married May 19, 1859, Melissa A. Newcomb; Martha H., b. May 23, 1837; married April 29, 1855, Frank H. Pervere and had two children: Arnold, b. Aug. 9, 1856, and Ruth, b. Aug. 12, 1859, who married Feb. 23, 1882, Albert Mott and had Frank Mott, b. June 7, 1885; Arnold M. Atwood, b. April 20, 1845; d. July 17, 1847; Ruth H. Atwood, b. Aug. 29, 1849; d. Sept. 18, 1849.
- xi. Rebecca, b. March 11, 1814; d. March 14, 1906; married May 5, 1836, Richard Rich Freeman of Wellfleet, b. Dec. 17, 1813; d. Nov. 29, 1886. Children: (1) Rebecca, b. July 24, 1837; d. Aug. 16, 1837; (2) Betsey Rich, b. Sept. 14, 1838; (3) Ellen Augusta, b. Aug. 6, 1840; married John Lanton Nicholson and had Gilbert Freeman, b. March 10, 1860; d. Feb. 22, 1871; Rebecca Edna, b.

Nov. 26, 1871; Maud Lanlor, b. Jan. 21, 1874; (4) Clara Maria, b. March 4, 1842; married Feb. 10, 1870, Ebenezer Tilton Atwood and had Alice Tilton, b. Feb. 8, 1872; Josephine, b. Nov. 17, 1875; Freeman Dana, b. April 6, 1879; d. March 15, 1885; (5) Rebecca, b. April 5, 1844; d. April 10, 1859; (6) Isabelle Blake, b. April 16, 1847; d. April 21, 1859; (7) Ruth Atwood, b. Feb. 19, 1850; d. April 19, 1859; (8) Lilla Rich, b. March 20, 1852; d. April 7, 1859; (9) Richard Rich, b. Nov. 29, 1853; d. March 29, 1859; (10) Ada Florence, b. Nov. 22, 1858; married Jan. 6, 1881, Dr. Alexander W. Jackson and had Mary Dorothy, b. March 31, 1884; Alexander F., b. Aug. 5, 1887; Richard Malcolm, b. June 29, 1892; d. July 14, 1892; Charles Hurst, b. Aug. 19, 1897; d. Jan. 3, 1898; Roger Treat, b. June 2, 1899; (11) Richard Rich, b. Nov. 19, 1861; married Mary Turner Manson and had Richard Rich Freeman, b. Oct. 28, 1886; Elizabeth Freeman, b. Jan. 21, 1888; Margaret Freeman, b. April 22, 1889; d. Oct. 8, 1889; Catherine Freeman, b. March 22, 1892.

Authorities: *Freeman Genealogy*, p. 320; *Mayflower Des.*, vol. xi, pp. 143-4; *Treat Genealogy*, pp. 241 and 285; Miss Betsey Freeman of Wellfleet, Mass.; Elmer E. Hopkins.

285. JONATHAN<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Jonathan*<sup>5</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Nov. 6, 1754, at Wellfleet; died in Truro, 1819; married (int. April 22, 1785) Mercy Pike of Truro.

This Jonathan Higgins lived at Wellfleet until after 1796, then in Truro, where he died. Administration to wife Mercy, Oct. 14, 1819.

*Children born at Wellfleet.*

- i. Elisha, b. July 29, 1787.
- ii. Reuben, b. Oct. 27, 1792. "Reuben son of Jonathan Junr and Mercy Higgins d. Jan. 29, 1796, in his 4th year."—Stone in Duck Creek Cemetery, Wellfleet.
- iii. Betsey, b. April 9, 1795. "Betsey only daughter of Jonathan Junr and Mercy Higgins d. Dec. 27, 1799, in her 5th year."—Stone in Duck Creek Cemetery, Wellfleet.

Authorities: Wellfleet Records: Barnstable Co. Probate Records; *Mayflower Des.*, vol. xi, pp. 143-4.

286. PAINE<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Jonathan*<sup>5</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Dec. 15, 1758; died June 4, 1812; married April 10, 1782, Elizabeth Harding.

He resided at Wellfleet. Left an insolvent estate. Served in



Revolution as follows: "Higgins, Paine, Wellfleet, Matross, Capt. John Gill's co., Col. Thomas Crafts' (Artillery) regt.; abstract for advance pay, mileage, etc., sworn to at Boston, June 8, 1776; mileage (102 miles) allowed said Higgins."

*Children.*

- i. Martha, b. Dec. 15, 1782; married (int. Nov. 3, 1819) Benjamin Rich Wetherell.
544. ii. Samuel, b. May 27, 1786; married Lucy Newcomb.
- iii. Elizabeth, b. Nov. 25, 1788.
- iv. Hannah, b. Aug. 20, 1793; married — Lewis of Wellfleet.
- v. Temperance, b. June 25, 1796; married June 5, 1818, Cornelius Harding.

287. NATHANIEL SNOW<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Jonathan*<sup>5</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Sept. 20, 1778, at Wellfleet; died Jan. 25, 1859, at Duxbury, Mass.; married at Wellfleet or Truro, March 13, 1802, Rebecca Harding Young, born Oct. 24, 1783, at Truro or Wellfleet; died Dec. 5, 1864, at Duxbury; daughter of Dr. John and Rebecca (Harding) Young.

Nathaniel S. Higgins lived at Wellfleet and at Duxbury. He followed the sea.

*Children.*

- i. Pamela Young, b. Sept. 30, 1803, at Wellfleet; d. Sept. 14, 1824.
- ii. John Young, b. Sept. 4, 1805, at Wellfleet; d. Aug. 11, 1822, at Flagg Island, off North Carolina.
- iii. Rebecca Young, b. July 15, 1808; d. July 26, 1850, at Duxbury; married —.
545. iv. Nathaniel Snow, b. March 2, 1811, at Duxbury; married Elizabeth —.
- v. Caroline V., b. Nov. 9, 1813, at Duxbury; d. there June 12, 1824.
- vi. Hiram, b. April 3, 1817, at Duxbury; married —; resided in Kansas.
546. vii. George Lewis, b. Dec. 8, 1819, at Duxbury; married (1) Sarah P. Briggs; (2) Mrs. Sarah Hayden.
- viii. Isaac E., b. April 9, 1822, at Duxbury; d. Aug. 3, 1887, in Arizona; resided in California and Arizona; unmarried.
- ix. John, b. March 15, 1825, at Duxbury; d. Sept. 4, 1826.
- x. Sarah, b. May 27, 1827, at Duxbury; d. April 9, 1896, in Boston; married Charles Travers.

288. HENRY<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Jonathan*<sup>5</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Oct. 23, 1783, at Wellfleet; died there in 1849; married Aug. 18, 1805, Hannah Harding Newcomb.

Henry Higgins resided at Wellfleet. The will of Henry Higgins of Wellfleet, dated Oct. 19, 1848, proved Nov. 1, 1849, mentions wife Hannah, daughter Hannah M. and other children.

*Children.*

- i. Bethiah Snow, b. Nov. 2, 1806; married Jan. 3, 1829, Alden T. Kelley.
- ii. Joshua Newcomb, b. Dec. 11, 1808.
- iii. Mary Jenkins, b. April 19, 1811; married Nov. 21, 1830, Daniel Mayo of Truro.
- iv. Thomas Newcomb, b. July 14, 1814; d. Jan. 6, 1815.
- v. Mary Rich, b. April 30, 1816; d. April 7, 1889; married May 2, 1847, Joshua Sparrow.
- vi. Infant daughter, b. Oct. 17, 1819; d. Oct. 18, 1819.
- vii. Henry Thomas, b. May 11, 1822; d. June 27, 1822.
- viii. Henry Thomas, b. March 5, 1824.
- ix. Edward, b. Dec. 11, 1826.
- x. Hannah M., b. May 28, 1829; married George Williams. Children: Edward, b. June 6, 1852; George, b. —.

289. EZEKIEL<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Jonathan*<sup>5</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Sept. 11, 1788, at Wellfleet; died there in 1861; married (1) Feb. 20, 1811, Jemima Atwood, born —; died —; married (2) Mrs. Jerusha Knowles.

Ezekiel Higgins lived all his life at Wellfleet. His will, dated April 18, 1861, was proved Oct. 30, 1861.

*Children born at Wellfleet.*

- i. Lucy, b. June 20, 1812; d. July 11, 1812.
- ii. A daughter, b. Dec. 13, 1813; d. Dec. 20, 1813.
- iii. Ezekiel, b. June 22, 1816; d. June 28, 1818.
- iv. Betsey, b. Feb. 8, 1820; d. Sept. 10, 1825.
- v. Hannah Horton, b. Oct. 28, 1823; married March 9, 1843, Warren Stubbs and had two children.
- vi. Ezekiel, b. June 24, 1827.
547. vii. Nathaniel Coombs, b. Nov. 9, 1832; married Mary Knowles.

290. ELNATHAN<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Jonathan*<sup>5</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born July 20, 1793, at Wellfleet;

died —; married March 9, 1819, Thankful Swett, daughter of John and Mary (Collins) Swett.

Einathan Higgins resided at Wellfleet.

*Children born at Wellfleet.*

- i. Eunice Horton, b. Sept. 12, 1820; married Feb. 18, 1841, Atkins D. Baker.
- ii. Elnathan, b. March 24, 1822; married — Bell.
548. iii. John Swett, b. Dec. 22, 1823; married Achsah Snow.
549. iv. Clement Meserve, b. Sept. 17, 1825; married Dorcas Collins.
- v. Catherine, b. Sept. 20, 1827; married Jan. 7, 1847, Nathaniel W. Rich.
- vi. Harriet Ann, b. Aug. 27, 1830; married Thomas Rich.
- vii. Mary Collins, b. Sept. 27, 1832; married March 18, 1851, Noah R. Newcomb.
- viii. Benjamin Franklin, b. Sept. 5, 1834; married — Snow, sister of Ambrose Snow.

291. SOLOMON<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Solomon*<sup>5</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>4</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born July 21, 1774; died —; married March 29, 1794, Elizabeth Dyer of Wellfleet, Mass.

Solomon Higgins resided in Wellfleet and in Provincetown.

*Children.*

550. i. Barzilla, b. Nov. 28, 1795; married Abigail Sparks.
- ii. Louisa S., b. —; d. Sept. 10, 1847.
- iii. Nathaniel, b. Jan. 30, 1797; d. April 28, 1800.
- iv. Solomon, b. Oct. 12, 1799.
- v. Nathaniel, b. Aug. 12, 1803; d. Nov. 29, 1804.

292. ISAAC<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Solomon*<sup>5</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>4</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born April 1, 1789; died —; married (int. Nov. 20, 1813) Mehitabel Gill, born —; died —; daughter of John and Azubah Gill of Wellfleet.

*Children.*

- i. Rebecca, b. Nov. 13, 1814.
- ii. Maria, b. Dec. 6, 1816; d. July 15, 1817.
- iii. Isaac, b. Aug. 4, 1820; married April 29, 1845, Lydia, daughter of Nathan and Abigail Hopkins.
- iv. Abigail, b. Jan. 29, 1822; married July 28, 1853; Benjamin Dyer.

- v. William, b. Aug. 8, 1825; married Dec. 5, 1848, Mary K. Doane, daughter of Crowell and Abigail Doane.
- vi. Beriah, b. Sept. 10, 1832.

293. ALLEN<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Samuel<sup>5</sup>, Paul<sup>4</sup>, Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born Nov. 13, 1774; died —; married Mehitabel Holway of Sandwich(?), Mass.

*Child.*

- i. Lydia, b. 1823 in Sandwich; d. June 13, 1849, at Provincetown.

294. JUDAH<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Samuel<sup>5</sup>, Paul<sup>4</sup>, Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born Oct. 12, 1784, at South Orleans, Mass.; died there Nov. 4, 1854; married Feb. 12, 1806, Elizabeth Small of Harwich, Mass., born Nov. 3, 1786; died June 5, 1842, at South Orleans; daughter of Eli and — (Rogers) Small.

Judah Higgins was a mariner and when ashore and after he retired from the sea lived at South Orleans. He held a town office in Orleans in 1814.

The wife of Eli Small was a daughter of Enos Rogers and granddaughter of Judah Rogers, for many years deacon of the First Church of Christ at Orleans and selectman of the town of Eastham. Both Judah Higgins and his wife were direct and lineal descendants of Thomas and Joseph Rogers, the *Mayflower* passengers of 1620.

*Children.*

- i. Rebecca Gould, b. Aug. 30, 1809; d. March 22, 1888, at Orleans; married (1) Dec. 30, 1830, Abner Mayo; (2) Seth Rogers, widower of her sister Eliza. Children: Zeda Mayo, Nathan Mayo and, by second marriage, Ann Eliza Rogers, who married William Crosby and had Zeda and Ernest Crosby.
- ii. Eliza, b. Oct. 15, 1811; d. Dec. 5, 1842; married Nov. 28, 1833, Seth Rogers of Orleans. Children: Seth H. and John A. Rogers.
- 551. iii. Nathan, b. Feb. 28, 1813; married Charlotte Small.
- 552. iv. Paul, b. Feb. 5, 1815; married Sylvia Snow.
  - v. Samuel, b. Dec. 8, 1816; d. Sept. 7, 1839.
  - vi. Judah, b. Aug. 15, 1819; d. Nov. 3, 1839.
- 553. vii. Allen, b. Dec. 9, 1821; married Sally A. (Newcomb) Phinney.
- 554. viii. Eli Small, b. Aug. 19, 1824; married (1) Laura A. Nickerson; (2) Mehitabel Rogers.



ix. Elizabeth Small, b. July 22, 1826; d. Dec. 28, 1904; married Feb. 20, 1848, Reuben Kendrick of Orleans. Children: George Edwin, Reuben Perley, Celia Rose, Lilla Medora, and Winfield Scott Kendrick.

x. Zedekiah, b. Nov. 14, 1828; d. Oct. 3, 1829.

xi. Patia Ann, b. July 7, 1830; d. Sept. 19, 1910; married Dec. 12, 1851, George Smith, mariner, of Harwich, Mass., later of Swampscott, Mass. Children: Charles Albert, Flora Belle and Marion Estelle.

295. MARK<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Samuel<sup>5</sup>, Paul<sup>4</sup>, Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born Oct. 10, 1792; died —; married Dec. 13, 1814, Mary Eldredge.

Mark Higgins resided at Chatham, Mass.

#### *Children.*

i. Josiah, b. Dec. 21, 1817, at Chatham, Mass.; d. March 28, 1866, probably unmarried.

555. ii. Elva E., b. in 1835; married Ellen Nickerson.

296. JOSIAH<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Edmund<sup>5</sup>, Benjamin<sup>4</sup>, Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born Sept. 18, 1762, at Eastham; died —. married Aug. 17, 1786, Abigail Harding (or Abigail Twining) of Wellfleet.

The following Revolutionary records probably all belong to this Josiah Higgins:

“Capt. George Webb’s co., Col. William Shepard’s regt. (Third); date of return not given; enlisted for 8 mos. for town of Eastham; Josiah Higgins, residence Eastham; reported discharged.”

“List of men raised for 6 months service and returned by Brig. Gen. Paterson as having passed muster in a return dated Camp Totoway, Oct. 25, 1780; Josiah Higgins, Eastham.”

“List of men raised to reinforce the Continental Army for the term of six mos., agreeable to the resolve of June 5, 1780, as returned at Springfield, Mass. July 18, 1780. Josiah Higgins aged 17 years; stature 5 ft. 6 ins.; complexion light; service 4 mos., 1 day.”

Josiah Higgins removed to Thorndike, Maine, and probably had family.

#### *Children.*

i. Nancy, b. May 8, 1801; married July 11, 1822, William Wing.

ii. William, b. March 21, 1805.

297. WILLIAM<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Benjamin*<sup>5</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Aug. 14, 1780; died —; married (published July 5, 1800) Abigail Rogers.

William Higgins probably went to Orrington, Maine.

298. BENJAMIN<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Lot*<sup>5</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born July 27, 1780, at Eastham-Orleans; died in 1814; married (int. Nov. 14, 1801, at Orleans) Dorcas Freeman, born Oct. 27, 1778; died Jan. 6, 1848, in Wareham, Mass.; daughter of Isaac and Hannah (Higgins) Freeman.

Benjamin Higgins was a mariner and died at sea. His will, dated Dec. 6, 1809, makes wife Dorcas sole legatee and executrix. She married (2) Isaiah Ryder. No children by first marriage.

Authorities: Rev. Jonathan Bascom's Bill of Mortality, Orleans; Orleans Marriage Intentions; Barnstable Probate Records, vol: xxxviii, p. 60.

299. LOT<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Lot*<sup>5</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born March 1, 1784, at Eastham-Orleans; died in 1809; married Mercy Sparrow, born March 28, 1778; died June 18, 1847; daughter of Josiah Sparrow.

Lot Higgins was of Eastham-Orleans. He was a mariner and was lost at sea.

*Child born at Orleans.*

556. i. Lot, b. Sept. 10, 1809; married Sevilla Snow.

300. ELISHA<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Elisha*<sup>5</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Oct. 29, 1780; living in 1834, at Falmouth, Maine, married Nov. 27, 1806, Lucy Sawyer of Falmouth, Maine, born March 17, 1787; died —.

Elisha Higgins after his marriage lived at Falmouth and Portland, Maine. He was a carpenter and tinsmith; built the Higgins house, situated at the corner of Woodford Street and Stevens Plains Avenue.

*Children.*

- i. Sukey or Susan, b. Dec. 20, 1807; married Capt. Chandler Rackleff of Boothbay, Maine.
557. ii. Charles, b. Oct. 27, 1809; married Catherine Mitchell of Westbrook, Maine.
558. iii. William, b. Sept. 5, 1811; married Julia Skillings.
559. iv. Thomas, b. Dec. 15, 1813; married — Turner.

- v. Sophronia, b. May 11, 1816; married Thomas Butler of Massachusetts; no children.
560. vi. Edward, b. May 19, 1818; married Maria Day.
561. vii. Francis, b. Oct. 5, 1820; married (1) Mary Jane Warren; (2) Sarah Foss; (3) Elizabeth Sinclair.
562. viii. Elisha, b. Feb. 9, 1823; married (1) Martha Leighton; (2) Olive Dearborn.
- ix. Mary, b. —; married Charles A. Morgan of Concord, Mass.
563. x. Freeman, b. May 22, 1825; married Ellen Twiney.
564. xi. George S., b. Aug. 25, 1828; married —.

Authorities: Mr. H. H. Higgins of Westbrook, Maine; Records of Rev. Caleb Bradley of Westbrook, Maine; *Maine Hist. and Genealogical Records*, vol. iv.

301. JAMES<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Elisha*<sup>5</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born —; died —; married Effie Staples. James Higgins was a seafaring man.

*Children.*

- i. Asa, b. —.
- ii. Willard, b. —.
- iii. Jane, b. —; married Josiah Parsons. Children: Samuel (a furniture dealer at Montreal); Apphia, married Orville Storey, residence Somerville, Mass.; Josiah, residence Montreal, Canada.
- iv. Mary, b. —; married — Nightingale. She d. at Boston.

302. HENRY<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Israel*<sup>5</sup>, *Zaccheus*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Nov. 27, 1769, at Eastham, Mass.; died March 26, 1794 (or 1796), in the West Indies; married Sept. 20, 1791, Anna Coggins of Yarmouth, Mass, born July 4, 1772; died —, at Trenton, Maine.

Henry Higgins was a sea captain. Mrs. Anna Higgins married (2) Roger Googins, Jr., of Trenton, Maine, where she died, burned to death.

*Children.*

- i. Mary, b. July 22, 1792; d. Jan. 10, 1881, at Trenton, Maine; married Jan. 8, 1813, Samuel Eaton of Trenton, Maine. Children: Mary, b. —; married Moses McFarland of Trenton, Maine; Henry Higgins, b. —; married Caroline Austin of Trenton, Maine; Stephen Higgins, b. Aug. 8, 1823; Zena, b. —; married George Gillpatrick of Trenton, Maine; Samuel N., b. —; married Aurilla Gillpatrick, Trenton, Maine.

Stephen Higgins Eaton, b. Aug. 8, 1823, at Trenton, Maine; d. March 15, 1853; married Jan. 29, 1849, Clarinda Young, b. Feb. 21, 1824, at Trenton, Maine, daughter of Solomon and Sally (Lord) Young. Child: Althea K. Eaton, b. June 10, 1857; married Jan. 19, 1876, Hugh C. Smith, b. March 19, 1845, at Lawrence, Mass. Residence Methuen, Mass. Children: Stephen Eaton Smith, b. Dec. 24, 1878, married Avis Foster; Florence Susan Smith, b. Nov. 28, 1881; Clarence Leroy Smith, b. Dec. 7, 1883.

565. ii. Stephen, b. May 14, 1794; married Prudence Abbott.

Authorities: *Mayflower Des.*, vol. x, p. 4; Mrs. Hugh C. Smith, Methuen, Mass.

303. STEPHEN<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Israel*<sup>5</sup>, *Zaccheus*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Nov. 21, 1771, probably at Eastham, Mass.; died Dec. 19, 1852, at Bar Harbor, Maine; married (date unknown) Deborah Wasgatt, born about 1771; died at Bar Harbor, Nov. 26, 1845, aged 74; daughter of Thomas and Eunice Wasgatt.

*Children born at Bar Harbor, Maine.*

- i. A child, b. May 8, 1789; d. May 16, 1789.
566. ii. Henry, b. July 2, 1790; married Huldah Leland.
567. iii. Amos, b. Nov. 7, 1792; married Martha Wasgatt.
- iv. Eunice, b. July 25, 1795.
- v. Mercy (or Mary), b. Nov. 1, 1798; married Asa Higgins, son of James Dean and Mary (Rodick) Higgins.
- vi. Oliver, b. June 16, 1800; d. Feb. 18, 1880.
- vii. Hannah, b. Oct. 20, 1802; d. Dec. 29, 1813.
- viii. Margaret, b. June 16, 1805.
- ix. Thomas Wasgatt, b. Feb. 17, 1810.
568. x. Stephen, b. Dec. 8, 1812; married Ann Maria Higgins.
- xi. Hannah, b. April 19, 1817; married Daniel Higgins, son of James Dean Higgins.

304. OLIVER<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Israel*<sup>5</sup>, *Zaccheus*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Jan. 22, 1776, probably at Eastham; died Jan. 20, 1862, at Bar Harbor, Maine; married, in 1802, Rhoda Leland, born July, 1782; died Sept. 29, 1871; daughter of Ezra and Sally (Hamor) Leland.

Oliver Higgins lived all his life at Bar Harbor.

*Children.*

- i. Hannah, b. 1803; married Joseph Loring.
- ii. Sally, b. 1805; d. Aug. 28, 1876, aged 71.



- iii. Zaccheus, b. 1807; d. Nov. 23, 1856.
- iv. Maria, b. 1809; married Capt. Benjamin Ash.
- v. Rhoda, b. 1811; d. Aug. 13, 1811.
- vi. Ezra Leland, b. 1814; married Ellen P. Freeman. He d. March 16, 1855, at Bar Harbor.
- vii. Israel, b. 1816.
- viii. Experience, b. 1819; married Jacob Silvey(?).
- ix. Mary H., b. 1819.
- x. Oliver, b. 1825.
- xi. William H., b. 1832; married Margaret Higgins.

Authorities: *Bangor History*, vol. iii, p. 19; *Leland Genealogy*, p. 167.

305. ISRAEL<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Israel*<sup>5</sup>, *Zaccheus*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born March 5, 1778, probably at Bar Harbor, Maine; died March 29, 1823; married (1) Jan. 26, 1800, Mary Hull, born 1782; died Feb. 22, 1818; daughter of Samuel and Charlotte Leonora (Phelps) Hull of Derby (Oxford), Conn.; married (2) Aug. 31, 1819, Mrs. Zena Stanwood, born —; died Sept. 18, 1821.

Israel Higgins settled at Bar Harbor. He was a sea captain or "master mariner." He took command of the schooner *Hazard* of Eden on May 12, 1809, Samuel Hadlock of Mt. Desert owner, built in 1809, the first vessel built in the town of Eden. He was one of the selectmen of Eden in 1802, 1803 and 1809. He and his son Seth were lost from on board the schooner *Julia Ann*, twenty-five miles south from Sandy Hook, March 29, 1823.

Samuel Hull, father of Israel Higgins' wife, was a sea captain. Before 1789 he settled on the south side of Hull's Cove (named for him), where he kept a store and built a number of vessels. He was the chief citizen of the little village and took an active part in the business of the towns of Mt. Desert and Eden. The first town meeting was held at his house and he was chosen first selectman. The famous Commodore Isaac Hull, commander of the frigate *Constitution*, was his brother.

#### *Children.*

- i. Jonathan, b. May 16, 1800; d. June, 1824, on board the brig *William* on a voyage from Havana to Portland, Maine.
- ii. Samuel, b. Sept. 10, 1801; d. March 29, 1816.
- iii. Eliza, b. Jan. 20, 1803; perhaps married Ezra Hamor, b. 1798.

- iv. Stephen, b. Sept. 10, 1804.
- v. Charlotte, b. Sept. 10, 1806.
- 569. vi. Royal Grant, b. Jan. 31, 1809; married (1) Sarah F. Suminsby; (2) Mary Frances Snow.
- vii. Seth, b. Sept. 5, 1810; lost at sea March 29, 1823.
- viii. Sophia, b. Sept. 17, 1812; d. Feb. 9, 1897, at Ellsworth, Maine; married William E. Burleigh, b. Sept. 26, 1810, in Sanbornton, N. H.; d. September, 1863, at Ellsworth, Maine; settled at Great Pond (now Eagle Lake), Eden, then in Ellsworth, Maine. Children: Marcia Ann, b. May 15, 1834, d. May 20, 1834, in New Hampshire; Marcia Ann, b. May 31, 1835; Charlotte Murray, b. March 12, 1837, d. Nov. 29, 1909, at Eden, Maine; Margaret H., b. Jan. 2, 1839, d. March 14, 1899, at Eden; Jacob, b. Oct. 18, 1841; d. July 15, 1848; Roscoe Eugene, b. Sept. 16, 1843; Stephen H., b. Nov. 20, 1845, d. Oct. 1, 1855; Sophia A., b. Nov. 25, 1847, d. May, 1882, at Ellsworth; William, b. Feb. 2, 1849; Jacob Oren, b. May 11, 1851, d. July 11, 1911, at Fairfield, Maine; Mary Elizabeth, b. Oct. 25, 1853; Carl G., b. April 14, 1856. Oren Jacob Burleigh, b. May 11, 1851, married Flora A. Tibbetts and had Maude B., b. Oct. 16, 1875, who married Aug. 21, 1899, Harry S. Brown, and resides at Fairfield, Maine.
- 569A. ix. Warren, b. Feb. 27, 1814; married Mary A. Manchester.

306. ZACCHEUS<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Israel*<sup>5</sup>, *Zaccheus*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Dec. 13, 1782, at Bar Harbor, Maine; died May 16, 1867; married, about 1809, Sarah Leland, born about 1786; died July 16, 1869; daughter of Ezra and Sarah (Hamor) Leland.

Zaccheus Higgins was a sea captain, or master of vessels.

*Children.*

- i. Adeline, b. 1809; married John A. Hotchkiss.
- ii. Betsey, b. 1812; married Sparrow Nickerson.
- iii. Ann Maria, b. 1813; married Stephen Higgins.
- iv. Sarah, b. 1815.
- v. Miriam, b. 1817; married David Rodericks, Jr.
- vi. Samuel, b. 1819.
- vii. Zenas W., b. 1822.

Authorities: *Leland Genealogy*; *Bangor Historical Magazine*, vol. iii, p. 19; Bar Harbor Inscriptions.

307. SOLOMON<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Solomon*<sup>5</sup>, *Solomon*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born July 18, 1784, at Eastham-Orleans;

died —; married (date not found) Hannah Mayo Higgins, born July 16, 1789; died July 23, 1848; daughter of John and Sarah (Mayo) (Sparrow) (Higgins) Higgins of Eastham.

Solomon Higgins was a master of a vessel and was lost at sea, perhaps in 1820. Mrs. Hannah Higgins did not marry again, but went out nursing to support her children. She engaged in this until the time of her death.

*Children born at Eastham-Orleans.*

- i. Abigail Twining, b. Nov. 28, 1812; d. April 5, 1874; she lived in the family of Capt. Israel Linnell at South Orleans until her marriage on Nov. 29, 1832, to John G. Snow, b. July 28, 1811; d. Oct. 17, 1896. Children: John L., b. Jan. 18, 1834; Israel Linnell, b. Dec. 8, 1835; Esther A., b. Oct. 1, 1838, d. young; Esther A., b. April 8, 1841; Joseph L., b. Sept. 17, 1842; Melissa, b. Oct. 20, 1844; Abbie, b. June 26, 1846; Benjamin L., b. July 26, 1852.
570. ii. Solomon, b. Nov. 15, 1816; married Olive Smith Sparrow.

Authorities: Mrs. Andrew C. Berry and her son, Prof. C. W. Berry.

308. JOSIAH S.<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*James Dean*<sup>5</sup>, *Solomon*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born —, in Eden, Maine; died in 1846, at New York City; married at New York City, Jane Gibson, born 1804, in Scotland; died 1883, at Norwich, Conn., daughter of John Gibson of —, Scotland.

Josiah S. Higgins was probably a rigger of vessels at New York. He died of pneumonia, and his widow died in consequence of a fall downstairs.

*Child.*

571. i. Ambrose, b. Sept. 18, 1844, at New York; married Mary Jane Underwood.

309. PRINCE<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Timothy*<sup>5</sup>, *Freeman*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Sept. 25, 1772, at Eastham, Mass.; died January, 1860, at Standish, Maine; married (1) Sept. 29, 1799, Selina Higgins, born June 14, 1773, at Eastham; died Jan. 22, 1847, at Standish, Maine; daughter of Seth and Martha (Linnell) Higgins of Eastham and Standish; married (2) Mrs. Decker.

Prince Higgins was probably fourteen or fifteen years old when his father removed from Eastham to Standish. He grew to manhood amidst the hardships of pioneer life in a settlement in the Maine woods. He inherited a sturdy and robust body and an active mind. No doubt the life in the pioneer settlement developed these endowments. He became noted for his self-reliance, strength and courage. He was also an excellent mechanic, operating mills and a cooper shop.

It is said that he went back to Eastham, Cape Cod, for his wife, who was Selina Higgins, daughter of Seth and Martha (Linnell) Higgins. This may possibly be true, but since Seth and Martha Higgins emigrated from Eastham to Standish at some time after 1790, bringing their family with them, it is more probable that the acquaintance of Prince and Selina ripened into love and marriage in their homes at Standish. It is of course certain that they must have been well acquainted with each other as children in the old homes at Eastham. Selina was also noted for her great strength, and the old residents tell of the ease with which she could carry heavy pails of milk and feed for the animals. Both Prince and Selina lie buried in the cemetery at Standish, and on the stone which marks the grave of Selina is the following epitaph:

So Jesus slept. God's dying Son  
Passed through the grave and blessed the dead.  
Then rest dear Saint till from His Throne  
The morning brake and pierce the shade.

Died Jan. 22, 1847, aged 73 years, 8 months.



*Children born at Standish, Maine.*

- i. Mary, b. Aug. 12, 1800; d. April 5, 1854; married Nov. 24, 1825, Jonathan P. Shaw, one of twenty-six children, son of Eben Shaw. Children: Willard, b. May 1, 1829; d. suddenly July 19, 1851, unmarried; Lyman, b. Oct. 18, 1833; married (1) June 22, 1859, Harriet, daughter of Rev. Joel Whitney; (2) May 28, 1873, Alzada E. Hart of South Berwick, Maine; Winslow, b. Nov. 3, 1836; married July 4, 1870, Lucinda Ballou; lived in Caney, Montgomery Co., Kansas; have seven children. Jonathan P. Shaw d. at Harrison, March, 1869, in seventy-first year.
572. ii. Lewis, b. Jan. 18, 1803; married Susan Whitney.
- iii. Martha, b. Jan. 31, 1805; d. young.
- iv. Esther, b. Sept. 18, 1806; d. in 1872; married Oct. 22, 1833, Col. John Shaw. They removed to Aroostook, Maine. Children: Freeman, b. Feb. 5, 1834; living in Minneapolis, Minn.; Francis, b. Dec. 30, 1836; d. at Fort Monroe, Sept. 20, 1864; Lucinda, b. at Corinth, Maine, Nov. 13, 1838; married George Mitchell; had five children; Jane, b. May 24, 1840; d. in Lowell, March 24, 1860; Chesley, b. Sept. 27, 1843, in Corinth, Maine; served in 15th Maine regt. for five years, unmarried; Prentiss, b. May 8, 1845; enlisted in Baker's Cavalry, was wounded and came home and d. April 14, 1865; Salome S., b. April 5, 1848; married, 1874, John A. Joselyn; William H., b. March 6, 1850; married Emma Shepard.
- v. Lucinda, b. Sept. 15, 1808; d. young.
- vi. Freeman, b. June 14, 1812.
573. vii. Chesley, b. July 4, 1816; married (1) Abigail Marean; (2) Isabel Paine; (3) Mrs. Eliza (Thorn) Blake.

310. EPHRAIM<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Timothy*<sup>5</sup>, *Freeman*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Oct. 11, 1775; died March 25, 1865; married Nov. 15, 1798, Rebecca Higgins, born Dec. 21, 1774; died March 22, 1834; daughter of Seth and Martha (Linnell) Higgins of Standish, Me.

Ephraim Higgins resided at Standish, Maine.

*Children.*

- i. Daniel, b. June 9, 1799; married Ruth McNally of Fredericton, N. B.
574. ii. Timothy, b. March 8, 1802; married Jane Came.
575. iii. Stephen, b. Aug. 20, 1803; married Sally Libby.
- iv. Louisa Brown, b. March 3, 1806; d. May 15, 1842, unmarried.
- v. Martha, b. March 3, 1808; married Aug. 12, 1829,

Martin Nudd. Children: Joseph, b. in 1830, married Abbie Hale, went to California; Daniel, b. —, married Esther —; Laura Elizabeth, b. Feb. 14, 1833, married April 30, 1857, Dr. Henry Lincoln.

vi. Reliance, b. Feb. 9, 1811; married Nov. 13, 1830, Forest Brooks. They lived at Standish, Maine, where their children were born. Children: Horace and Lucinda (both d. young); Silas, went to California; Horace, b. in Jackson, Maine; Louisa Frances; John.

vii. Catherine, b. Sept. 13, 1813; married Sept. 27, 1832, William E. Libby of Buxton, Maine. Children: Rebecca Anne, b. Nov. 2, 1835; married Jan. 3, 1853, David R. Foss; Susan M., b. 1838; Benjamin F., b. 1840; Frank, b. — (these three d. young); Susan M., b. July 1, 1842; Benjamin Franklin, b. April 7, 1846; William Henry, b. Dec. 6, 1848.

viii. Rebecca, b. Sept. 17, 1816; married at Standish, Maine, Jan. 28, 1839, James Berry of Limington, Maine, son of Samuel and Susan (Merrill) Berry. Children: Three who d. in infancy; Louisa Adelaide, b. —; married Winfield Scott Hutchinson of Paris, Maine; also a daughter who lives in Boston.

311. TIMOTHY<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Timothy*<sup>5</sup>, *Freeman*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born June 20, 1791; died at Standish, Maine, May 21, 1863; married (1) Jan. 1, 1818, Mary Ann Winslow, born —; died —; married (2) Dec. 30, 1823, Rosanna (Stuart) Moody, born Sept. 27, 1797; died Dec. 14, 1858, aged 60 years; daughter of Wentworth and Hannah (Shaw) Stuart of Standish, Maine.

Timothy Higgins resided at Standish, Maine.

*Children.*

576. i. Winslow Freeman, b. March 7, 1819; married Eunice Smith.

ii. Mary Ann, b. —.

312. LUKE HAVILAND<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Luke Haviland*<sup>5</sup>, *Nathaniel*<sup>4</sup>, *Gershom*<sup>3</sup>, *Eliakim*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Nov. 28, 1809, probably at Elizabeth, N. J.; died Dec. 13, 1884; married Jan. 1, 1833, Harriet Stiles, born July 14, 1810, at Elizabeth, N. J.; died May 28, 1848; daughter of John Stiles.

*Children.*

- i. —.
- ii. —.
- iii. Phoebe C., b. in 1839; d. April 21, 1859 in twentieth year.

Authorities: *Stiles Genealogy*, p. 609; Inscriptions in Cemetery of First Presbyterian Church, Elizabeth, N. J.

313. JOSEPH T.<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Luke Haviland*<sup>5</sup>, *Nathaniel*<sup>4</sup>, *Gershom*<sup>3</sup>, *Eliakim*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Nov. 19, 1817; died March 19, 1858; married Sept. 4, 1844, Susan C. Harvey, daughter of Edmund Harvey(?).

Joseph T. Higgins resided at Rahway, N. J., where he owned a house and lot. His will, dated Aug. 9, 1856, shows that he was then ill and he left all to his wife, Susan C. Higgins. No children mentioned.

*Child.*

- i. Edmund Harvey, b. Oct. 4, 1846; d. Oct. 26, 1854, aged 8 years, 22 days. (Elizabethtown Presbyterian Cemetery.)

Authorities: Wills at Trenton, File 43 T.; *Inscriptions in Cemetery at Elizabeth, N. J.*

314. ISAAC O.<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Luke Haviland*<sup>5</sup>, *Nathaniel*<sup>4</sup>, *Gershom*<sup>3</sup>, *Eliakim*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born —; died Feb. 20, 1901; married —.

His will, dated Nov. 11, 1893, proved March 17, 1901, mentions children here given.

*Children.*

- i. William H., b. —; married —.
- 577. ii. Edward Payson, b. March 10, 1841; married Susan Woodruff.
- iii. Cornelia L., b. —; married John O. Campbell.
- iv. Mary E., b. —.

315. JAMES D.<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Luke Haviland*<sup>5</sup>, *Nathaniel*<sup>4</sup>, *Gershom*<sup>3</sup>, *Eliakim*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born —; died Jan. 22, 1844; married —.

James D. Higgins lived at Newark, N. J. He appears from the inventory of his estate to have been a coach or wagon maker. His will, dated Jan. 20, proved Jan. 30, 1844 (Trenton, N. J., File No. 13359 G), gives his residence as the City of Newark and leaves all his estate to his wife for support of herself and infant child. In case of the death of both the real estate to be divided among his brothers and sisters then living.

*Child.*

- i. Mary Emiley, b. Aug. 1, 1843. She was with her grandfather, Luke H. Higgins, from April 23, 1844, to Aug. 24, 1857; after that until Aug. 1, 1864, her Aunt Mary was her guardian. (E. B. Stockton.)

316. JOSEPH<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Michael<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Jediah<sup>3</sup>, Jediah<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born Dec. 19, 1767, at Amwell, N. J.; died Feb. 26, 1855, at Mountairy, N. J.; married Sarah Cornell.

317. JONATHAN M.<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Michael<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Jediah<sup>3</sup>, Jediah<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born Sept. 26, 1787; died Nov. 2, 1861; married (1) Eliza Ann Howell, born —; died Jan 29, 1854; married (2) Mary Austen of Doylestown, Pa.

He had no children living at the time of his death.

318. MICHAEL<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Michael<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Jediah<sup>3</sup>, Jediah<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born Nov. 14, 1791, at Amwell, N. J.; died Oct. 14, 1851, probably at Mendota, Ill.; married (1) Oct. 26, 1811, Ann Brokaw (or Berean), daughter of Abraham Brokaw (or Berean) of Amwell, N. J.; married (2) Dorothea White.

Michael Higgins removed to Mendota, Ill. Hunterdon County marriage records spell the name of his wife "Berean," but the will of Abraham "Brokaw" of Amwell, dated 1816, mentions his daughter Ann Higgins.

*Children.*

- i. Amanda, b. —; married Mahlon Pettit.  
ii. Hiram, b. —; married Emma Castles and had Lilian Cora, b. in Tray Grove, Ill., married Charles W. Rand.

Authority: *D. A. R. Lineage Book*, vol. xxii, p. 355.

319. ISRAEL<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Michael<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Jediah<sup>3</sup>, Jediah<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born April 17, 1794, at Amwell, N. J.; died May 20, 1865, at Mountairy, N. J.; married (1) (date not found) Mary Holcombe, born March 8, 1796; died Feb. 7, 1825, aged 28 years, 10 months, 29 days; married (2) Rebecca Taylor, born —; died —; married (3) Jan. 6, 1855, Martha Ann Hagaman, born Feb. 4, 1815; died Sept. 3, 1893, aged 78 years, 6 months, 29 days; daughter of Abraham Hagaman of Lambertville, N. J.

Israel Higgins lived at or near Lambertville, N. J., but he and his family were buried at Mountairy. He left a will, dated March



21, 1864, which mentions wife Martha Ann Higgins and children then living.

*Children.*

578. i. Joseph H., b. July 6, 1819; married ——.  
ii. Harriet, b. Aug. 2, 1821; married Azariah P. Hunt; had five children. She d. March 8, 1890.  
iii. Mary, b. Dec. 13, 1828; d. Oct. 12, 1830.  
iv. Levi, b. Feb. 18, 1831; d. Aug. 11, 1846.  
v. Elizabeth, b. Dec. 9, 1833; married J. Moore Hunt.  
vi. Israel, b. Jan. 9, 1835; living at DeWitt, Iowa.  
vii. Jonathan Mitchell, b. March 8, 1839; d. after March 21, 1864.  
579. viii. William B., b. June 3, 1842; married ——. ix. Sarah Matilda, b. May 26, 1845; married Nov. 30, 1865, Simeon R. Huselton. Children: Israel Huselton, b. Feb. 19, 1867; married June 8, 1892, Daisy M. Butcher and resides at Lambertville, N. J.; Samuel A. Huselton, b. ——.

Authority: Mrs. I. H. Huselton; Mr. H. E. Deats.

320. JUDIAH<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Judiah*<sup>5</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>4</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born May 27, 1785; died May 20, 1824; married May 13, 1809, Mary Quick, born July 7 (or 17), 1792; died Jan. 3, 1858.

Judiah Higgins lived at or near Flemington, N. J. Both he and his wife Mary were buried in the Baptist Cemetery, Flemington.

*Children.*

- i. Mary Ann, b. April 24, 1810; d. Aug. 25, 1891; married Feb. 18, 1830, David Rickoff Bodine, b. Feb. 16, 1808; d. May 18, 1867, at Trenton, N. J. Children: Judiah Higgins Bodine, b. Dec. 8, 1830, d. March 7, 1890, married May 1, 1855, Martha Beatty; John Fletcher Bodine, b. April 16, 1832, married Dec. 28, 1854, Jane Lanning; Jesse Pettit Bodine, b. Dec. 31, 1833, at Canterville, N. J., d. July 30, 1909, at Flemington, N. J.; married June 5, 1862, at Trenton, N. J., Mary Ellen Whitaker, b. Nov. 19, 1838, at Trenton, N. J., d. April 19, 1913, at Flemington, N. J., daughter of Joseph and Mary (Johnston) Whitaker of Trenton (Jesse P. Bodine for more than fifty years was a hardware merchant at Flemington, N. J., and a prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and was succeeded in the business by his two sons, William Henry Bodine and Frederick James Bodine); Mary Bodine, b. Aug. 11, 1835, d. May 28, 1876, married

May 15, 1859, George Wright of Easton, Penn., and had two children; Susan Bodine, b. Sept. 17, 1837, married Sept. 22, 1859, Stewart C. Baldwin, and had Hattie, Lizzie, George, Jesse, Mary Ann, Harry, Susan, Thomas, Robert and Martha, all b. at Trenton, N. J., where parents lived; Martha Jane Bodine, b. Dec. 10, 1839, d. Oct. 1, 1844; Esther Bodine, b. March 1, 1842, married Oct. 1, 1867, George Harper, b. July 2, 1839, and had Elinor, b. Aug. 15, 1868, and Mary Hannah Harper, b. April 7, 1871, who married Harry Luther Hawes of Springfield, Mass.; Peter Bodine, b. Aug. 1, 1844, d. Aug. 20, 1844; Jemima Atkinson Bodine, b. Sept. 15, 1845, married Nov. 19, 1867, John Gerard, residence New Britain, Conn., and had Grace Amelia Gerard, b. Aug. 24, 1869; Velna Zenobia Gerard, b. June 22, 1872, married May 10, 1894, Oliver Nering Judd of New Britain, Conn., and had one child, Olive Helen Judd, who married Dec. 8, 1915, Harold Ingraham; John Bodine Gerard, b. Aug. 15, 1874, married April 17, 1903, Grace Anna Polson and had Ruth Elizabeth; Walter Harold Gerard, b. June 16, 1877, married Dec. 19, 1900, Myra Stevens; Helen Corinne Gerard, b. Oct. 7, 1879, married Aug. 12, 1911, Frederick Hine Van Ausdale and has two children; Thomas Thornton Canfield Bodine, b. Oct. 5, 1847, married (1) Laura Smith, b. —, d. March 10, 1871, (2) Lena Beekman, (3) Mrs. Sarah Wykoof and had Eva, Walter and Methena Bodine; Joseph Horner Bodine, b. June 20, 1850, d. June 30, 1881, resided at East Orange, N. J., married Helen Bodmer and had David Bodine and Helen Dorothea Bodine; Anna Conover Bodine, b. June 15, 1852, married Rev. Robert Fletcher Young Pierce and had Charles Pierce, married Florence Reisenberger and had Robert Pierce, Elizabeth Stetson Pierce, married Henry T. Fielding and had Robert Trumborner Fielding and Anna Elizabeth Fielding.

ii. Hannah Kuhl, b. Nov. 9, 1811; d. Feb. 18, 1891; married Jan. 23, 1845, John G. Ewing and had one daughter, Ellen Ewing, who married Josiah C. Britton and had nine children.

580. iii. John, b. Aug. 11, 1813; married Rhoda Carkhuff.  
 iv. Martha Hill, b. Sept. 9, 1815; married William Britton.  
 581. v. Cornelius Quick, b. May 30, 1817; married Elizabeth R. Bartolette.  
 582. vi. Judiah J., b. May 8, 1820; married Phoebe Ann Mulford.  
 vii. Jonathan B., b. April 3, 1822; d. Nov. 5, 1829.  
 viii. Eleanor, b. Aug. 21, 1824; d. March 11, 1897; married Jan. 20, 1855, Benjamin L. Pimm, b. June 28, 1829, d. Aug. 16, 1886, in Florida. They lived at Prospect Hill in Flemington, N. J. Children: Lambert Pimm, b. July

27, 1856, d. Oct. 13, 1857; William B. Pimm, b. Nov. 9, 1857, d. March, 1909; Charles H. Pimm, b. Aug. 2, 1860; Samuel, b. Nov. 23, 1861; d. Dec. 6, 1861; Walter B. Pimm, b. Oct. 13, 1862; Mary Pimm, b. Aug. 16, 1863, d. July 20, 1864; Minerva, b. Aug. 18, 1864, d. July 7, 1865; Anna Matilda, b. March 25, 1867, married Sept. 3, 1891, Ellis Stenabaugh and lives at Flemington, N. J. Children: Raymond Fox Stenabaugh, b. June 19, 1893; Charles Pimm Stenabaugh, b. Feb. 20, 1895; Paul Stenabaugh, b. Nov. 12, 1899; Frank Higgins Stenabaugh, b. Aug. 20, 1910. Benjamin Pimm was son of Samuel Pimm, b. Aug. 28, 1806, and Mary Lambert, b. Nov. 28, 1807.

Authorities: Bible Records in possession of descendants.

321. ASHER<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Jediah*<sup>5</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>4</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Sept. 16, 1787; died Dec. 10, 1823; married Feb. 20, 1818, Margaret Merrill, born April 10, 1797; died Sept. 21, 1875; daughter of William and Jane Merrill.

Asher Higgins lived in or near Flemington, N. J. Mrs. Margaret (Merrill) Higgins married (2) Dec. 3, 1825, John Marlow and had one daughter, Mary Jane Marlow, who married Lewis Dayton of Piscataway and left two sons, John Dayton and Jesse Dayton.

*Children.*

583. i. William Merrell, b. April 5, 1819; married Ann Eliza Drake.

584. ii. Asher, b. June 23, 1821; married Anna Case.

Authority: Bible Record belonging to Mrs. W. J. Suydam of Flemington.

322. JONATHAN J.<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Jediah*<sup>5</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>4</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Sept. 17, 1789; died Feb. 28, 1840; married Feb. 20, 1812, Eleanor Vorhees, born Dec. 31, 1787; died May 1, 1848.

Jonathan J. Higgins and wife were buried at Flemington, but his will, dated Feb. 25, 1840, and mentioning wife Eleanor and four children, was probated at Somerville, Somerset County, N. J. He resided at Hillsborough, Somerset County, N. J.

*Children.*

585. i. William Bishop, b. Jan. 18, 1813; married Eleanor Cole.

ii. Catherine, b. April 30, 1815, d. May 13, 1884, married Sept. 15, 1832, George Gano.

iii. Rebecca, b. June 26, 1820, d. Aug. 6, 1862, at Cherry-

ville, N. J.; married Nov. 10, 1838, Hiram Deats and had children: Jonathan Higgins Deats, b. Nov. 8, 1840, d. Aug. 16, 1850, at Cherryville; Emily Ogden Deats, b. Sept. 13, 1842, d. July 26, 1879, at Cherryville; Lemuel Madison Deats, b. June 23, 1845, d. July 27, 1879, at Cherryville; Rebecca Julia Deats, b. Oct. 11, 1848. By his second marriage with Elmira Stevenson, Mr. Hiram Deats was father of Hiram Edmund Deats, b. May 20, 1870, residence Flemington, N. J., who has rendered great assistance to this work in tracing the descendants of Richard Higgins in New Jersey.

323. JOHN<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Jediah<sup>5</sup>, Jonathan<sup>4</sup>, Jediah<sup>3</sup>, Jediah<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born Oct. 6, 1791; died Feb. 15, 1851; married Feb. 26, 1820, Rebecca Schenck, born Nov. 19, 1800; died Feb. 11, 1835.

John Higgins resided at or near Flemington, N. J., and was there interred.

#### *Children.*

- i. Mary Schenck, b. Dec. 30, 1820; d. November, 1895; married August, 1839, Rev. William Bilbee Schrope, a Baptist minister at Point Pleasant, Penn., Lambertville, N. J., Jersey City Heights, N. J., until health failed. He was born Oct. 13, 1817, and d. May, 1887, at Newark, N. J. Children: John Higgins Schrope, b. Sept. 16, 1840; George Baldwin Schrope, b. Dec. 14, 1842, d. July 18, 1900, married Amy Elizabeth Robbins; Rebecca Higgins Schrope, b. Jan. 25, 1845, married Thomas Schrope, b. March 12, 1847; Eugene Kincaid Schrope, b. Dec. 22, 1848, married Anna Bronson; Charles Farrell Schrope, b. Aug. 28, 1851, d. March, 1897; Harry Higgins Schrope, b. Sept. 28, 1854, married Carrie Heavener.
- ii. Catherine, b. Oct. 29, 1822; d. January, 1866; married Asa Suydam.
- iii. Nathaniel, b. Nov. 2, 1826; d. July 9, 1849.
586. iv. John Schenck, b. Nov. 11, 1828; married Elizabeth Jerolomon.
- v. Ann Elizabeth, b. Nov. 17, 1830; d. Dec. 29, 1904; married Nov. 9, 1852, James G. Ewing, b. July 11, 1823, d. March 21, 1905; residence Flemington, N. J. Children: John Higgins Ewing, b. Nov. 1, 1853, d. Jan. 13, 1910, married Oct. 31, 1883, Zoulie Sullivan and have four children; Firman Rosette Ewing, b. 1855, d. Nov. 24, 1861.
- vi. Rachel, b. Aug. 5, 1834; d. May 4, 1893; married (1) John Reed; (2) Asa Suydam, as his second wife.

Authorities: Bible Record of Rebecca (Higgins) Schrope and other private records.



324. RICHARD<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Jediah*<sup>5</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>4</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Feb. 13, 1794; died Sept. 3, 1829; married Sept. 29, 1825, Eliza Britton, born Oct. 20, 1803; died

Richard Higgins resided at Lambertville, N. J. Mrs. Eliza (Britton) Higgins married (2) Aug. 4, 1842, Gabriel W. Aller.

*Children.*

- 587. i. Leonard Kuhl, b. Aug. 13, 1826; married Susan Fine.
- ii. Hugh Capner, b. Sept. 17, 1828; d. Feb. 13, 1830.
- 588. iii. Richard, b. Nov. 30, 1829; married Lydia Haines Thatcher.

Authorities: Mr. H. E. Deats of Flemington; C. W. Rotzell of Philadelphia.

325. JESSE<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Jediah*<sup>5</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>4</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born April 25, 1796; died Dec. 9, 1848; married Oct. 9, 1823, Elizabeth L. Clark, born Sept. 17, 1801; died Jan. 26, 1890; daughter of Henry Clark.

It is stated that Jesse Higgins and family lived at New Brunswick, N. J., but the family monument is in the Baptist Cemetery at Flemington, N. J., and it is certain that some of the family lived there. Family tradition states that Henry Clark, father of Mrs. Higgins, served in the Revolutionary War.

*Children.*

- i. Ann, b. Oct. 9, 1824; d. Feb. 6, 1825.
- ii. Theodore, b. Oct. 17, 1827; d. Jan. 9, 1913; married Lucretia Rockafellow. No children.
- iii. Sarah B., b. Nov. 18, 1829; d. 1903, unmarried.
- iv. Mary Elizabeth, b. March 2, 1832; d. 1898, unmarried.
- v. Mahlon Clark, b. Aug. 30, 1834.
- vi. Johanna C., b. March 23, 1837; d. 1913, unmarried.
- vii. Martha Kuhl, b. Aug. 25, 1839; d. Feb. 8, 1913, unmarried.
- viii. Gilbert Burton, b. April 25, 1842; d. 1907, unmarried; private 97th Regt., New Jersey Volunteers.
- ix. Ann Judson, b. Feb. 23, 1845; d. Jan. 7, 1916, at Flemington, N. J., unmarried.

Authority: Bible Record belonging to Ann Judson Higgins of Flemington; Family monument at Flemington.

326. JONATHAN READING<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Jonathan*<sup>5</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>4</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Jan. 16, 1792; died Feb. 19, 1865; married July 25, 1818, Rhoda Godown.

Jonathan R. Higgins removed to New York state.

*Children.*

- i. Mary Ann, b ———.
- ii. Sarah Jane, b. ———; married George Chamberlain and had son, John Chamberlain.

327. POLHEMUS<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Jonathan*<sup>5</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>4</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Feb. 6, 1796; died April 30, 1831; married Feb. 4, 1819, Fanny Quick.

Polhemus Higgins lived at Amwell, N. J. Mrs. Higgins married (2) Jacob Polhemus.

*Only child.*

- i. Catherine D., b. ———; d. aged about 35 years.

328. JUDIAH<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Jonathan*<sup>5</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>4</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born July 16, 1799; died Sept. 8, 1890; married April 30, 1825, Charity Fisher, born Nov. 29, 1803; died Feb. 9, 1881; daughter of William and Lucretia (Slack) Fisher.

Judiah Higgins lived at Flemington, N. J.

*Children.*

589. i. William Fisher, b. Feb. 14, 1826; married Frances Hoagland.
590. ii. Jonathan, b. Jan. 18, 1828; married Lydia Jerolomon.
- iii. Eleanor, b. May 11, 1830; d. May 5, 1916; married Sept. 5, 1849, Avery Parker, b. Jan. 10, 1819; d. Aug. 22, 1891. Children: Emily Parker, b. Aug. 9, 1850, married Dec. 1, 1881, Henry C. Suydam and resides at Bound Brook, N. J.; Annie Forker Parker, b. June 10, 1853, married Oct. 11, 1876, Henry A. Fluck and had one son, Linton A. Fluck, b. April 12, 1882; Willard Coombs Parker, b. Jan. 16, 1855; married Oct. 12, 1881, Margaret Boeman Higgins (daughter of Joseph H. Higgins, son of Israel<sup>6</sup> Higgins) and had George Rollin Parker, b. Aug. 27, 1882, Charles Russell Parker, b. Oct. 16, 1883, Avery Willard Parker, b. Oct. 31, 1887.
- iv. Lucretia, b. Feb. 28, 1833; d. May 14, 1866; married Oct. 6, 1864, George A. Rea of Flemington, N. J.
- v. Catherine, b. Nov. 2, 1836; d. Feb. 11, 1843.
- vi. Mary Ann, b. Feb. 21, 1839; married Jan. 10, 1867, William H. Fulper. Children: Harriet Higgins Fulper, b. June 21, 1869, d. Sept. 28, 1871; William H. Fulper, b. May 15, 1872, married Aug. 14, 1906, Etta Pierce; Julia Higgins Fulper, b. Nov. 12, 1874, married June 10,

1901, Philip Insley Craig, and had Gretchen Insley Craig, b. May 24, 1903, Charity Higgins Craig, b. Oct. 8, 1909.

vii. Julia, b. Nov. 16, 1846; married Augustus F. Young as his second wife.

Authorities: Family Record of Judiah and Charity Fisher Higgins and other family records.

329. DAVID C.<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Jonathan*<sup>5</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>4</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born March 16, 1802; died —, 1830, at Shamokin, Pa.; married — Carhart.

Removed from Amwell or Flemington to Shamokin, Pa., where he died.

*Child.*

i. Ellen Ann, b. —; married Daniel Carey.

330. NICHOLAS BRITTON<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Nathaniel*<sup>5</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>4</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born July 15, 1787; died March 26, 1851; married April 1, 1809, Hannah Hill.

Nicholas B. Higgins lived at Flemington or Sandy Ridge, N. Y. Mrs. Higgins was a sister of Asher Hill.

*Children, but not in order of their births.*

i. Samuel, b. —.

ii. Asa, b. about 1816; d. April 2, 1845, aged 29.

iii. Jonathan, b. —.

591. iv. Nathaniel, b. —; married Emma Sergeant Reading, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Sergeant) Reading on Nov. 1, 1845.

v. John, b. about 1824; d. Sept. 2, 1846.

vi. Elias, b. about 1826; d. Sept. 1, 1846, aged 20.

592. vii. Alexander, b. March 2, 1833; married March 30, 1862, Christiana Hope.

593. viii. Samuel, b. March 17, 1835; married Jane Gaddis.

ix. George W., b. —; married March 23, 1864, Carrie Wolverton.

x. Elizabeth, b. —; married Sept. 28, 1839, Edward Hunt.

xi. Matilda, b. —; married Jan. 27, 1844, Joseph B. Case.

xii. Hannah, b. —; married Nov. 1, 1843, Robert Holcombe of Trenton, N. J.

xiii. Ure, b. —; d. Sept. 22, 1816.

xiv. Theodore, b. —; d. Dec. 26, 1834.

xv. Amos, b. about 1827; d. July, 1835, aged 8.

Authorities: *Reading Genealogy*, p. 75; Mr. H. E. Deats, Flemington, N. J.

331. JAMES<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Nathaniel<sup>5</sup>, Jonathan<sup>4</sup>, Jediah<sup>3</sup>, Jediah<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born Sept. 6, 1789; died April 18, 1839; married (1) (date not found) Phœbe Still, born Dec. 20, 1801; died Jan. 17, 1826, aged 24 years, 28 days; married (2) (date not found) Elizabeth Still, born —; died Oct. 29, 1833; married (3) (date not found) Sarah Ann Still, born March 31, 1814; died May 8, 1861, aged 47 years, 1 month, 8 days.

James Higgins lived at or near Flemington, N. J.

*Children.*

- i. William, b. —; married —Hope.
- ii. David, b. —; d. unmarried.
- iii. Phœbe, b. June 1, 1830; d. Jan. 15, 1851, aged 21 years, 7 months, 8 days, "only daughter of James and Elizabeth Higgins."

332. ASA<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Nathaniel<sup>5</sup>, Jonathan<sup>4</sup>, Jediah<sup>3</sup>, Jediah<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born Jan. 20, 1796; died April 13, 1871; married Jan. 25, 1821, Eurah Wilson, born Sept. 22, 1803; died Nov. 7, 1847; daughter of Elijah and Elizabeth (Skillman) Wilson.

Asa Higgins lived near Flemington, or at Ringoes, Hunterdon County, N. J.

*Children.*

594. i. Jonathan B., b. Dec. 21, 1821; married Harriet Lee.
- ii. Mary, b. Dec. 2, 1829; married J. J. Fisher, son of William P. and Sarah (Wilson) Fisher; lived at Ringoes, N. J.
  - iii. Martha, b. April 14, 1832; d. Jan. 8, 1913; married Peter Ogden Holcombe and lived at Ringoes.
  - iv. Charity, b. June 8, 1833; married Frank Holcombe; lived at Woodside, N. J.

Authority: Family Bible Record.

Children of Peter Ogden and Martha (Higgins) Holcombe were: John Q. Holcombe (married Martha Quick); Henry H. Holcombe (unmarried); Catherine Holcombe; Fanny Holcombe (married Orville H. Dilts).

Children of Frank and Charity (Higgins) Holcombe were: Wilfred Holcombe (married Almata Quick); Franklin Jenney Holcombe (married Belle Manners, daughter of Peter Manners).

Mary Higgins, daughter of Asa and Eurah (Wilson) Higgins, married Oct. 11, 1848, James John Fisher, born July 2, 1824.



Fisher children were: Eurah, b. Nov. 26, 1849, married Albretus K. Rittenhouse; Asa Higgins, b. July 8, 1851, married Lavina Johnson, daughter of Wesley Johnson; Martha, b. Dec. 27, 1852, married David Bond, four children; Sarah, b. Sept. 2, 1854, married John Britton, two children; Mary A., b. February, 1857, married Stephen Hunt; Charity, b. April 28, 1858, d. Sept. 8, 1859; Alice, b. Sept. 30, 1859, d. April, 1871, unmarried; William Johnson, b. March 15, 1861, married Maggie J. Case; James Wilson, b. March 31, 1862, married Emma Hassel; David, b. July 11, 1863, d. April 21, 1864; Franklin, b. Oct. 24, 1864; Rebecca, b. June 21, 1866, d. Dec. 21, 1866; Susan Higgins, b. May 15, 1867, married Joseph Fisher; Jesse Bodine, b. Oct. 6, 1869, unmarried.

Authority: *Fisher Genealogy*, p. 5.

333. SAMUEL<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Samuel*<sup>5</sup>, *Joshua*<sup>4</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born July 6, 1803; died March 31, 1885; married (date not found) Sarah Ann Selover, born March 15, 1812; died Oct. 11, 1887.

Samuel Higgins lived in South Brunswick township, N. J. He was a justice of the peace in 1866.

#### *Children.*

- i. Catherine, b. —; married Daniel Gulick.
- ii. Charles, b. —; married Kate Davison.
- iii. Martin Van Dyke, b. —; married Kate Emmons.
- iv. John, b. —; married (1) Mrs. Susan Pierson Spinning; (2) Kate Briggs.
595. v. Samuel S., b. Jan. 21, 1847; married (1) Sarah E. Cortelyou; (2) Lena Lutz.
- vi. Spencer, b. in 1851; killed on railroad July 27, 1888; unmarried.
- vii. Joseph, b. —; married twice.

334. CHARLES CLUN<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Tunis*<sup>5</sup>, *Joshua*<sup>4</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Jan. 16, 1800; died August, 1857; married Ellen Myers of New Brunswick, N. J., who survived him.

Charles C. Higgins lived at Howell, N. J., where he had a farm or plantation. At the time of his death he was residing at Raritan township, Hunterdon(?) County, N. J. He also owned land at Freehold, N. J. His will, dated July 27, 1857, proved Sept. 24, 1857, mentions wife Ellen, two sons and five daughters.

*Children.*

- i. Charles W., b. Oct. 4, 1821; d. Sept. 17, 1823.
- ii. Charles W., b. April 21, 1824; d. young (?).
596. iii. William Morris, b. June 18, 1826; d. 1903, at Redlands, Cal.; married — Boyd; had three children.
- iv. Margaret Ann, b. Oct. 27, 1828; married Jacob Smith; had two children, all deceased.
- v. Mary Louisa, b. May 9, 1831; married John Patterson and lived at Keyport, N. J. Children: Charles Patterson (lives at Brooklyn, N. Y.); Evelyn Patterson (deceased); Catherine Patterson (deceased).
- vi. Frances Eliza, b. Oct. 11, 1834; married (1) Joseph Judson; (2) John Taney.
- vii. Theodore M., b. Dec. 29, 1836; d. unmarried; lived at Patterson, Socorro Co., New Mexico.
- viii. Evalina M., b. Oct. 15, 1839; married Thomas Applegate; no children.
- ix. Charlotte Woodhull, b. April 14, 1845; married Frank L. Smith. Children: Edward, Charlotte (married Rev. — Lockwood, an Episcopal clergyman, residing at North Yakima, Wash.), Frank, Judson, Ernest, Grace.

Authorities: Monmouth County, N. J., Will Book, G, p. 62; Bible Record of Charles Clun Higgins, in possession of his daughter, Mrs. John Patterson.

335. JAMES<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Jediah*<sup>5</sup>, *James*<sup>4</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born May 5, 1786; died —; married —.

James Higgins settled at Woodstock, Ga., near Savannah.

336. HENRY<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Jediah*<sup>5</sup>, *James*<sup>4</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Sept. 15, 1789; died May, 1849; married Catherine Downie, born Jan. 27, 1785(?), at Princeton, N. J.; died July 29, 1889; daughter of Lieut. Col. John Downie.

Lieut. Col. John Downie came from Scotland with Dr. John Witherspoon in 1768 in the same ship, the latter having been elected to the presidency of Princeton College, and coming over that year to take the office. Family tradition says that Colonel Downie's eldest son William was a babe in the arms of his mother at the time of the battle of Princeton. She, in an effort to cross the street, encountered the retreating Hessians, who stopped her, took the silver shoe buckles from her shoes, and asked where the father of the child was. She replied "At Ticonderoga." They retorted, "Burgoyne has got him before this."

Henry Higgins resided at Princeton, N. J.

*Children.*

- i. Henrietta Maria, b. May 15, 1817; d. May 20, 1876; married 1840, Rev. Peter Dougherty. She had eight daughters and one son. Two, Cornelia Shiel and Susan Augusta Dougherty, were for a long time missionary workers among the Indians in northern Minnesota. Her son, Henry Dougherty, resides at Warsaw, Ind.
- ii. Susan, b. May 3, 1820; d. April, 1899; married, 1854, William Rowland and went with him to Virginia; had two children who d. in infancy and one son, William H. Rowland, who in 1909 was living at Chester, near Richmond, Va., was married and had six children.
- iii. Cornelia, b. Aug. 3, 1825; d. Sept. 22, 1908.
597. iv. Archibald Alexander, b. Sept. 29, 1827; married Elizabeth Ann Sage.
598. v. Charles Olden, b. Aug. 3, 1830; married Sarah Jerolomon.
  - vi. James, b. Nov. 25, 1834; d. Aug. 3, 1886, unmarried.
  - vii. Anna D., b. Sept. 24, 1838; d. Oct. 5, 1916; lived at Asbury Park, N. J.
  - viii. William Henry, b. about 1823; d. 1825.
  - ix. Henry, b. —; d. young, about 1832.

Authorities: Miss Anna D. Higgins; Mrs. Sarah Jerolomon Higgins.

337. ISAAC<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Jediah*<sup>5</sup>, *James*<sup>4</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Aug. 18, 1794; died about 1839; married —.

Isaac Higgins removed from Somerset County, N. J., and settled in Chester, Pa. In 1900 there were some of his descendants living in Chester, Pa., or in Wilmington, Del.

*Children.*

- i. Hannah, b. —.
- ii. Sarah, b. —.
- iii. James, b. —.

Authority: Miss Anna D. Higgins of Asbury Park, N. J.

338. AMOS<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*James*<sup>5</sup>, *Azariah*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Dec. 18, 1803; died —; married — Danbury.

Amos Higgins lived in East or West Amwell township, near Sourland Mountain.

*Children.*

- i. Wallace, b. —; a blacksmith.

339. JOHN<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*James<sup>5</sup>, Azariah<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Jediah<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born Feb. 8, 1806; died Oct. 9, 1887; married Oct. 20, 1829, Ellen (or Elenor) Smith, born —; died July 24, 1871.

John Higgins lived at Newells, near Flemington, Hunterdon County, N. J. He was generally known as John W. Higgins, the middle initial being added to distinguish him.

*Children.*

- i. Alice Ann, b. Jan. 7, 1830; married Wilson Abbott; had one daughter, Ella, who married Stilford Closson.
- ii. Mary Ellen, b. Dec. 28, 1832; married Enoch L. Abbott; had six children.
599. iii. John DeMott, b. April 7, 1834; married Mary Elizabeth Miers.
- iv. Margaret Jane, b. June 20, 1836; married June 23, 1855, Paul Kuhl Cole and had two children.
- v. Hannah Jones, b. Oct. 20, 1838; d. Oct. 7, 1914; married John H. Horn of Rocktown, N. J.; had one son.
600. vi. Joseph Smith, b. Oct. 2, 1841; married (1) Sarah E. Hubbard; (2) Susan Gary.
- vii. James, b. Feb. 6, 1845; d. same day.
601. viii. Sylvanus Shaw, b. Oct. 20, 1846; married Electa Rockafellow.
602. ix. Jonas Britton, b. Oct. 2, 1849; married —; lives at Plainfield, N. J.; has four children.
603. x. David, b. Nov. 28, 1853; married Susie La Rue.

Authority: Bible Record of John Higgins's family, in possession of his son, Sylvanus S. Higgins, residing near Flemington, N. J.

340. LEWIS<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*James<sup>5</sup>, Azariah<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Jediah<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born June 30, 1809; died May or June, 1864, in Virginia; married (1) Jan. 25, 1832, Ann Barbara Cramer; married (2) Oct. 29, 1853, Mahala Hummer.

Lewis Higgins resided at Stanton and at Clinton, N. J. Lewis Higgins enlisted in the Fifteenth New Jersey regt. in 1862. He was killed at the Battle of the Wilderness, May 5-7, 1864. Mr. William Dungan of Ringoes, N. J., has the original muster roll and discharge book, showing non-return of Lewis Higgins. Clinton B. Higgins, grandson of Lewis Higgins, says that his grandfather was killed at the Battle of Cold Harbor, June 1-4, 1864.

*Children.*

- i. George, b. —; married — Grable; was a soldier in the Civil War.



- ii. Jane, b. —; married Weon Fisher; residence Plainfield, N. J.
- iii. Daniel, b. —; was in the Civil War.
- iv. Sarah, b. —; married — Hartpence.
- 604. v. John C., b. 1843; married Adeline Terhune.
- vi. Elizabeth, b. —; married — Fisher.
- 605. vii. James, b. Oct. 11, 1846; married Mary L. Cleveland.
- viii. Emaline, b. —; married James Higgins Swallow; one child, Margaret H. Swallow.

Authorities: *Cleveland Genealogy*, p. 1328; Clinton B. Higgins, Trenton, N. J.; Orra C. Higgins, Perry, Ill.

341. JONATHAN<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*James*<sup>5</sup>, *Azariah*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born June 8, 1811, at Westville, N. J.; died —; married Dec. 23, 1835, Anna Holcombe, daughter of Elijah Holcombe.

Jonathan Higgins resided in Hunterdon County, N. J., probably at Westville.

*Children.*

- 606. i. Ira, b. —; married Dec. 13, 1859, in Somerset Co., N. J., Jane Schenck.
- ii. Mary Ann, b. —; married William Hill of Reaville, N. J.
- iii. Hannah M., b. —; married Dec. 2, 1868, Henry T. Rynearson.
- iv. Cornelia, b. —.
- v. A daughter, b. —.

342. DAVID B.<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*James*<sup>5</sup>, *Azariah*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born May 8, 1817, at Ringoes, N. J.; died —; married July 4, 1863, Jane Amelia Servis.

David B. Higgins resided at Ringoes, N. J.

*Child.*

- i. Edward, b. about 1864; residence Ringoes, N. J., where he has been postmaster.

343. ASHER<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*James*<sup>5</sup>, *Azariah*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Oct. 6, 1819, at Unionville, N. J.; died —; married (1) March 24, 1849, Sarah M. Conover; married (2) Oct. 1, 1853, in Somerset County, N. J., Jane Vorhees.

Asher Higgins resided at Unionville, Hunterdon County, N. J.

*Children.*

- i. A daughter, b. —.
607. ii. Henry, b. —; married Nancy Bryant.
- iii. John W., b. —; married (1) Rebecca Hornell; (2) — Williamson.
- iv. David, b. —.
- v. Sarah, b. —; married Newton Walker; residence Hopewell, N. J.
- vi. Mary, b. —; married William Conover; residence Three Bridges, N. J.

344. NATHANIEL<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*James*<sup>5</sup>, *Azariah*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Feb. 20, 1824; died —; married Rebecca Young, daughter of Theodore Young.

He resided at Ringoes, N: J.

*Children.*

- i. Marion, b. —.
- ii. Theodore Young, b. —; married Victoria Wilson.
- iii. Cicero, b. —.

345. MAHLON<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Gideon*<sup>5</sup>, *Azariah*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Jan. 26, 1808; died Jan. 10, 1881; married June 7, 1834, Ann Wynkoop Everitt, born Dec. 5, 1814; died April 15, 1895; daughter of David and Ann Everitt.

Mahlon Higgins lived on and owned a farm in Raritan township, Hunterdon County, N. J., now occupied by his son Vandervier Higgins, near Flemington. Family buried at Flemington Baptist Cemetery.

*Children.*

- i. Hannah Elizabeth, b. March 3, 1835; d. 1912; married Jan. 1, 1862, Enoch Swallow, b. Nov. 2, 1822; d. June 4, 1868.
608. ii. Vandervier, b. Feb. 8, 1837; married (1) Mary Margaret Merrell; (2) Mrs. Rachel Ann (Merrell) Dilts.
- iii. Mary Rebecca, b. Jan. 21, 1838; d. June 13, 1896, unmarried.
- iv. Joseph Achilles, b. Jan. 15, 1841; d. Dec. 29, 1842.
- v. Corinda Ann, b. Feb. 23, 1843; d. April 9, 1862, unmarried.
609. vi. David Everitt, b. June 25, 1845; married (1) Hannah H. Britton; (2) Lucinda La Rue.
- vii. Sarah Maria, b. June 27, 1847; d. Aug. 27, 1910; married Jan. 20, 1875, William Bogert DeMott.

- viii. Eleanora, b. Dec. 5, 1849; married Oct. 17 (or 26), 1877, William L. Everitt, b. May 20, 1845, son of Watson B. and Elizabeth (Case) Everitt.
610. ix. Ezekiel Lensley, b. March 9, 1851; married Elizabeth Ann Fisher.
- x. Angeline, b. Dec. 29, 1852; d. January, 1853.
- xi. Emma Augusta, b. Sept. 8, 1854; married Jan. 22, 1878, Peter Bellis.

Authority: Bible Record, in possession of Mrs. Swallow, Flemington.

346. DILTS ANDERSON<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Gideon*<sup>5</sup>, *Azariah*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Dec. 6, 1814; died —; married Nov. 17, 1838, Elizabeth Rockafellow.

*Child.*

- i. S. E., b. about 1846; d. Sept. 20, 1903, aged 57. He was a traveling salesman and was buried at Fairview Cemetery, Shawnee, Oklahoma.

347. DANIEL<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Samuel*<sup>5</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Zerah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born about 1760; died Oct. 13, 1823; married Sarah Pound, born about 1758; died Aug. 28, 1810. She was from Scotch Plain or Plainfield, N. J.

Daniel Higgins was a farmer and served in the Revolutionary War. He lived at a place called Connecticut Farms, in Elizabethtown, now called Union. He and some of his family are interred in the Presbyterian Churchyard, Union, N. J.

*Children.*

- i. Noah, b. —; went South and was never heard from.
- ii. Jemima, b. Jan. 3, 1792; d. Jan. 6, 1867; married Nov. 15, 1818, David Sayre, b. Feb. 10, 1793; d. May 5, 1865, son of Benjamin Sayre. Children (*Sayre Genealogy*, p. 492): John Pound Sayre, b. 1820; married Mary Pound, and lived at Connecticut Farms, now Union, N. J. Children: John, Phœbe and Hannah.
- iii. Mary L., b. April 13, 1797; d. Aug. 21, 1842; married Joseph B. Tooker. Children: Noah H. Tooker, b. Oct. 31, 1818; d. Jan. 1, 1827; a daughter who married Mr. Coe.
- iv. Daniel, b. January, 1799; d. June 6, 1849; married Sarah Edwards, b. Feb. 15, 1803; d. Jan. 27, 1874. Child: Daniel W., b. February, 1839; d. May 13, 1840.

Authority: Mr. J. Wallace Higgins, Roselle Park, N. J.

348. JAMES<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Samuel<sup>5</sup>, Jonathan<sup>4</sup>, Richard<sup>3</sup>, Zerah<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born March, 1763, in Elizabethtown (now Union), N. J.; died there, Oct. 22, 1826; married March 5, 1787, at Westfield, N. J., Rebecca Jefferys, born May 22, 1766; died June 29, 1849.

James Higgins was a native of Union township, N. J., and lived there all his life. He was a farmer by occupation. James Higgins served in First Regiment, Essex Co. Militia during the Revolutionary War. He had an eventful life, but what the "events" were, we are not informed. Mr. James Wallace Higgins, his lineal descendant, says that James Higgins's farm was between Connecticut Farms and Cranford, N. J.

#### *Children.*

- i. John, b. Aug. 28, 1789; d. April 28, 1812; married Elizabeth —; had no children. Mrs. Higgins married (2) — Van Camp.
- ii. Mary, b. June 26, 1791; d. July 1, 1853; married Daniel Drake and left many descendants.
- iii. Rebecca, b. Sept. 28, 1793; d. Dec. 25, 1836; married Dec. 31, 1811, Isaac Roll; left many descendants.
- iv. James Ward, b. Jan 30, 1796; d. April 26, 1848; married Eleanor —; had one daughter Eleanor Higgins, who married Thomas Gustin, but had no children.
- v. Hannah, b. May 1, 1798; d. Nov. 6, 1827; married May, 1816, David Townley and left descendants.
- vi. Elizabeth, b. Nov. 15, 1800; d. Jan. 31, 1861; married in 1821 Moses Faitoute; many descendants.
611. vii. David Sayre, b. July 26, 1804; married Margaret Searing.
- viii. Martha, b. Feb. 10, 1807; married Samuel Williams; she d. Oct. 18, 1857, leaving many descendants.
612. ix. Elmer Williams, b. Aug. 2, 1811; married Sarah Maria Faitoute.

Authorities: *Union and Middlesex County History*, pp. 385-6 (data furnished by Mrs. David S. Higgins); James Wallace Higgins, Roselle Park, N. J.

349. ISAAC<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Samuel<sup>5</sup>, Jonathan<sup>4</sup>, Richard<sup>3</sup>, Zerah<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born about 1767, probably at Elizabethtown, N. J.; died there March 2, 1808, aged 41; married (date not found) Hannah Tooker(?); born about 1775; died April 17, 1811, at Elizabethtown, aged 36.

The will of Isaac Higgins of the borough of Elizabeth, dated



Feb. 27, 1808, proved March 11, 1808, mentions wife Hannah and the four children given below, who were not then deceased. The will of Hannah Higgins of Elizabeth, dated March 9, 1811, names son Elias Tooker Higgins and daughters Jane Davis and Elizabeth Cannaday Higgins. Dr. Isaac Morse of Elizabethtown to be executor and guardian of the two daughters.

*Children.*

613. i. Elias Tooker, b. —; married Elizabeth Sayre.
- ii. Jane Davis, b. —.
- iii. Elizabeth Cannaday, b. —.
- iv. Sarah, b. —.
- v. William Brown, b. —; d. Oct. 30, 1802, in his third year.
- vi. Deborah Halsted, b. —; d. Feb. 11, 1807, aged 8 years, 11 months.

Authorities: Trenton Will Books; *Inscriptions Elizabethtown Presbyterian Churchyard.*

350. JOHN<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Samuel<sup>5</sup>, Jonathan<sup>4</sup>, Richard<sup>3</sup>, Zerah<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born about 1771, probably at Elizabethtown, N. J.; died there Sept. 29, 1848, aged 77 years; married (date not found) Susan Hatfield, born about 1775; died July 18, 1838, aged 62 years, 11 months.

*Child.*

- i. Susan Butler, b. —; d. Sept. 19, 1801, in her fourth year.

Authority: *Inscriptions Elizabethtown Presbyterian Churchyard.*

351. SETH<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Seth<sup>6</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>5</sup>, Samuel<sup>4</sup>, Jonathan<sup>3</sup>, Jonathan<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born Aug. 28, 1776; died in 1805; married July 10, 1803, Experience Higgins, born Sept. 20, 1777; died Sept. 8, 1865, at Standish, Maine, daughter of Timothy and Reliance (Yates) Higgins of Eastham, Mass. and Standish, Maine.

Seth Higgins was lost at sea in 1805 and Mrs. Higgins married (2) July 7, 1814, Daniel Lowell of Buxton, Maine. She was buried at Standish, Maine.

*Children.*

614. i. John, b. September, 1803; married Martha Tappan.
615. ii. Seth, b. Aug. 1, 1805; married Rebecca Shaw.

*Children of Daniel and Experience (Higgins) Lowell.*

- i. Mercy, b. —; married — Paine.

ii. Eliza Ann, b. —; married — Paine.

The husbands of these two Lowell daughters were not brothers.

352. ELISHA<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Seth*<sup>6</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>5</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Nov. 14, 1787; died —; married Nov. 29, 1804, Rebecca Rich of Truro, Mass.

According to one authority Elisha Higgins resided at Orrington, Maine. He is said to have had two sons and a daughter, but their names are not given.

353. EBENEZER<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Ebenezer*<sup>6</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>5</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born July 4, 1775, at Truro, Mass.; died —; married Mrs. Joanna Atkins, born —; died June 23, 1849, at Provincetown, Mass.

Ebenezer Higgins was a sea captain and was lost at sea. He resided at Truro and at Penobscot or Castine, Maine.

*Child.*

616. i. Ebenezer, b. April 1, 1815, at Penobscot, Maine; married Martha Atkins.

354. DAVID<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Ebenezer*<sup>6</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>5</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Nov. 3, 1787, at Standish, Maine; died July 27, 1863, at Lewiston, Maine; married in 1811, Catherine Jordan of Otisfield, Maine.

David Higgins lived for some time in Gorham, Maine, on the Fort Hill road, just north of the old Col. Nathaniel Frost place. He afterwards removed to Otisfield and Monson, Maine, but appears to have returned to Lewiston, Maine, where he died.

*Children.*

617. i. Dyer, b. —; married Catherine Piper.

ii. Ebenezer, b. —; d. young.

618. iii. David Jordan, b. Sept. 18, 1817; married Cynthia Weeks.

iv. Esther, b. —; lived at Monson, Maine; unmarried.

619. v. Eben Blake, b. April 7, 1822; married Marietta Holmes.

vi. Albion, b. —; d. young.

vii. Eliza Ann, b. —; married Dexter Thomas. Children: Rosetta Thomas, b. —; married Mr. Briggs; Robert Thomas, b. —; married (1) Emily Beedy, (2) Nellie —; Emily Thomas, b. —; Alfred Thomas, b. —, married Rose Sibley; Hattie Thomas; Josiah Thomas.

620. viii. John Colby, b. Aug. 14, 1827; married Sarah C. Steward.
- ix. Abbie S., b. June 1, 1830; d. March 21, 1891; married Solomon Chandler of Monson, Maine. Children: Emma F. Chandler, married (1) George McNall, (2) ——— Montells; Willis Chandler, married Edith Kerly; Eva Chandler, d. young.
- x. Tabitha, b. June 11, 1831.
- 620A. xi. Samuel Howard, b. June 1, 1833; married Hannah Elizabeth Flanders.
- xii. Sarah Esther, b. Jan. 21, 1837; married Jan. 22, 1862, Rev. Charles Wesley Brooks. Children: Anna Maud Brooks, b. July 17, 1868, at Gouverneur, N. Y.; Susan Louisa Brooks, b. April 7, 1870; married Oct. 28, 1903, Dr. E. D. Hall.

355. JAMES<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Jonathan*<sup>6</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>5</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Feb. 17, 1781; died March 20, 1871; married (1) Dec. 9, 1802, Jerusha Linnell of Harwich; married (2) January, 1856, Priscilla Bassett of Harwich, born 1793.

James Higgins resided at Orleans, Mass., and was a farmer. In January, 1832, James Higgins, Jr., was certified a member of the Methodist Society of Harwich and was then a resident of Orleans. His will was dated Jan. 1, 1844, the codicil was dated July 3, 1860, and both were approved by Barnstable Probate Court, May 16, 1871.

*Children.*

- i. Olive, b. Feb. 21, 1804; d. Feb. 29, 1884, at Orleans; married March 31, 1825, Zeba Eldredge of Harwich.
621. ii. Jonathan, b. May 2, 1806; married Mehitabel Eldredge.
622. iii. James, b. Oct. 20, 1808; married Dorothy Eldredge.
- iv. Ebenezer, b. Jan. 1, 1811; living Jan. 1, 1844.
- v. Jerusha, b. March 29, 1813; married Jan. 20, 1831, Edward Nickerson.
623. vi. Zebina, b. March 19, 1815; married (1) Mercena Nickerson; (2) Sarah (Holman) Nickerson.
624. vii. Israel Linnell, b. July 10, 1817; married Ruth Y. Rogers.
- viii. Solomon, b. Feb. 4, 1820; living Jan. 1, 1844.
- ix. Wilson, b. May 2, 1822; not mentioned in will of James, 1844.

356. ABNER<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Jonathan*<sup>6</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>5</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born May 13, 1795; died Jan. 4,

1859; married Reliance Allen, born June 24, 1797; died Aug. 26, 1850.

He resided at Brewster and Orleans.

*Children.*

- i. Fanny, b. May 12, 1817; d. March or May 20, 1832.
625. ii. Freeman A., b. Aug. 15, 1819; married Mary Ann Eldredge.
626. iii. Abner, b. Feb. 24, 1822; married Asenath Burgess.
- iv. Reliance, b. April 12, 1825; married June 3, 1844 (or Dec. 28, 1843), Tully Rogers, Jr.
- v. Elvira, b. March 9, 1828; married (1) March 4, 1847, Jesse Snow, son of Jesse and Patty (Higgins) Snow and had two children; married (2) July 14, 1892, Nathaniel Nickerson of Orleans.
- vi. Clement S., b. Nov. 13, 1831; d. Feb. 26, 1836.
627. vii. Joseph Baker, b. Dec. 24, 1834; married (1) Temperance C. Newcomb; (2) Emily A. Garran.
- viii. Susan F., b. Sept. 6, 1837; married (1) Feb. 11, 1858, George Chapman of Orleans, mariner, and lived in Jamaica Plain, Mass.; (2) Dec. 3, 1872, Joseph Swain, son of Joseph and Asenath Swain, mariner of Orleans.
- ix. Elisha A., b. April 14, 1841; married in China.

357. CYRUS<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Abishai*<sup>6</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>5</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born April 4, 1789; died —; married (date not found) Mary Turner.

Cyrus Higgins resided at Hampden, Maine.

*Child.*

628. i. Abisha, b. —; married Sarah Garland.  
Probably others.

358. CONSTANT<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Heman*<sup>6</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>5</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born April 17, 1779, at Rochester, Mass.; died —; married Lois —.

Little has been discovered concerning Constant Higgins. He may have been a mariner. The children here given were born at Rochester, Mass.

*Children born at Rochester.*

- i. Joel, b. May 30, 1804; d. May, 1827, at sea.
- ii. Abishai, b. Feb. 14, 1806; d. June, 1808.
629. iii. Gideon, b. Oct. 16, 1808; married Ruth Edwards.



- iv. Hannah, b. January, 1811; d. April 14, 1814, aged 3 years, 3 months.
- v. Jane, b. — ( ? ); married (int. June 20, 1829) Samuel Leonard.
- vi. Nancy, b. Aug. 13, 1817.
- vii. Henry, b. — ( ? ); d. Aug. 11, 1819, aged 2. May be identical with the previous child, but so the record.
- viii. Susan, b. Aug. 11, 1819; married (int. Sept. 28, 1839) Charles H. Wing of Fairhaven.
- ix. Charles, b. Aug. 3, 1822.
- x. Eliza Ann, b. April 19, 1829.

Also three children that died in infancy, dates of birth and death not given.

Authority: *Rochester, Mass., Vital Records.*

359. SAMUEL<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Elkanah<sup>6</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>5</sup>, Samuel<sup>4</sup>, Jonathan<sup>3</sup>, Jonathan<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born Feb. 2, 1791; died —; married Dec. 19, 1812, Olive Shute. Lived at Clinton, Maine, where he was buried.

*Child.*

630. i. Stephen, b. —, 1816; married (1) Elvira Works; (2) Louisa White.

360. EBENEZER<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Elkanah<sup>6</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>5</sup>, Samuel<sup>4</sup>, Jonathan<sup>3</sup>, Jonathan<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born July 20, 1795; died —; married (1) Nov. 24, 1816, Mary Thompson, born —; died —; married (2) June 11, 1818, Hannah Foss; married (3) Sept. 9, 1860, Miriam Thorn.

Ebenezer Higgins resided in Standish, Maine. Mrs. Hannah (Foss) Higgins was burned to death.

*Children by second wife.*

631. i. Ephraim, b. 1825; married Abbie Elwell.  
 ii. Isaiah, b. 1827; d. June 20, 1899.  
 iii. Bradford, b. 1840; married Oct. 22, 1896, Lucy Flood, b. 1848, at Buxton, Maine.

361. ABNER<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Elkanah<sup>6</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>5</sup>, Samuel<sup>4</sup>, Jonathan<sup>3</sup>, Jonathan<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born Nov. 25, 1797; died —, at Belgrade, Maine; married Anna Shute of Standish, Maine.

362. YATES<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Elkanah<sup>6</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>5</sup>, Samuel<sup>4</sup>, Jonathan<sup>3</sup>, Jonathan<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born June 11, 1799; died —; married Oct. 13, 1825, Almira Chandler.

Yates Higgins was a minister.

363. JONATHAN<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Elkanah<sup>6</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>5</sup>, Samuel<sup>4</sup>, Jonathan<sup>3</sup>, Jonathan<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born April 20, 1801; died —; married Oct. 24, 1822, Martha Sanborn of Standish, Maine.

Jonathan Higgins resided at Standish, Maine.

*Child.*

- i. Helen, b. —.

364. ELKANAH<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Elkanah<sup>6</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>5</sup>, Samuel<sup>4</sup>, Jonathan<sup>3</sup>, Jonathan<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born Nov. 13, 1802; married —.

*Children.*

- i. Adeline, b. —; married Mr. Bickford; d. —. Child: Althea, b. —; married Mr. Spaulding.
- ii. Leonard, b. —.
- iii. Martin, b. —.

365. HEMAN<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Elkanah<sup>6</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>5</sup>, Samuel<sup>4</sup>, Jonathan<sup>3</sup>, Jonathan<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born April 29, 1804; died —; married (date not found) Mary Gross Higgins, born Sept. 2, 1801; died —; daughter of Joshua and Mary (Gross) Higgins of Orland, Maine.

He is said to have removed from Standish, Maine, to Orland, where he married, and to have lived at Sedgwick, Maine.

*Child.*

- i. Mary Gross, b. —.

366. CURTIS<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Elkanah<sup>6</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>5</sup>, Samuel<sup>4</sup>, Jonathan<sup>3</sup>, Jonathan<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born Aug. 19, 1810, at Standish, Me.; d. Dec. 17, 1893, at Belgrade, Maine; married (1) in 1831 Harriet Decker, born March 14, 1812; died April 13, 1860; daughter of William and Huldah (Ingles) Decker of Smithfield,

Maine; married (2) Mrs. Rose A. Hoxie, born Sept. 10, 1838; married (3) Mrs. Mack.

Curtis Higgins resided at Smithfield, Augusta, and Belgrade Maine, and was a cooper.

*Children.*

632. i. Jefferson, b. Dec. 10, 1833, at Smithfield, Maine; married Helen Sexton.
633. ii. Henry Curtis, b. April 16, 1838; married Eliza Pendleton Thurston.
- iii. Laura Ann, b. Feb. 27, 1842, at Augusta, Maine; d. 1906, at Hartland, Conn.; married Frederick B. Rogers of Hartland.
- iv. Lenora, b. Nov. 1, 1847; d. May 27, 1892; married Oct. 27, 1866, Miles Frain; lived at Slaterville, R. I. Children: Velma Ardelle, b. 1867, d. December, 1897, married — Clark; Arthur Elwood, b. May 3, 1869, d. May 6, 1869; Hattie Elmira, b. Aug. 16, 1870, married James Robinson; Nettie May, b. Sept. 29, 1873; Floyd Jefferson, b. Dec. 27, 1880, d. 1882; Bertha Lenore, b. Dec. 28, 1884, married 1906 — Bemis; Myra, b. May 16, 1892.
- v. George A., b. June 6, 1851; d. —.
- vi. George Kendall, b. May 4, 1853; d. March 15, 1887, unmarried.
- vii. Infant, b. Nov. 12, 1855; d. soon.

367. DANIEL<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Daniel*<sup>6</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>5</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Jan. 27, 1800; died Feb. 10, 1876; married (1) Jan. 3, 1826, Elizabeth Sparrow, born 1803; died Jan. 15, 1839, aged 36; daughter of — Sparrow; married (2) —, Mercy Higgins, born Dec. 17, 1806, at Orleans; died there Dec. 27, 1869; daughter of Capt. Moses and Hannah (Rogers) Higgins; married (3) June 22, 1863, Mrs. Sarah (Smith) Lincoln, daughter of Freeman and Phœbe Smith.

Daniel Higgins lived at Orleans, where he had a cooper's shop. He was a Baptist, and willed his pew in the Baptist Church to his family.

*Children born at Orleans, Mass.*

- i. Elizabeth Sparrow, b. March 11, 1827; d. Dec. 11, 1862, at Orleans; married there March 19, 1848, Jesse Sparrow, Jr. Children: Alphonse B. and Susan E. Sparrow, who are mentioned in the will of their grandfather, Daniel Higgins.

- ii. Eliza H., b. Aug. 23, 1829; d. Sept. 23, 1858, at Orleans; married Jan. 9, 1853, Vickery N. Crosby. Children: Elliot E. and Lewis A. Crosby, mentioned in the will of Daniel Higgins, their grandfather.
- iii. Mary B., b. Feb. 10, 1832; unmarried.
- iv. Clara Ann, b. Sept. 14, 1834; unmarried.
- v. Daniel, b. May 6, 1837; drowned Oct. 8, 1856, aged 20 years, 5 months.

368. WILLARD<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Daniel*<sup>6</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>5</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Jan. 12, 1810, at Orleans, Mass.; died there Feb. 2, 1879; married (1) Nov. 5, 1840, at Orleans, Margaret E. H. Crosby; married (2) Aug. 28, 1853, Marietta Rider, born September, 1819, at Chatham, Mass.; died Dec. 14, 1900, at Orleans, aged 81 years, 3 months, daughter of Warren and Sarah (Smith) Long of Chatham, and widow of Mr. Rider.

Willard Higgins resided at Orleans. Both he and his second wife left wills.

*Children.*

- i. Willard Edward, b. Sept. 10, 1846.
- ii. Marietta F., b. —; d. —; married — Crosby. Child: Orville W. Crosby.

369. SAMUEL<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Thomas*<sup>6</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>5</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Oct. 16, 1802; died —; married Lurania Paine.

Samuel Higgins resided at Quincy, Mass.

*Children.*

- i. Asenath, b. June 16, 1828; married George W. Basley; living at Belmont, Mass., in 1900.
- ii. Samuel P., b. in 1831; married Mary —; living in Belmont, Mass., in 1900.
- iii. Thomas P., b. in 1833; married Mary Swett of Marblehead, Mass.
- iv. Jonathan, b. in 1836; d. unmarried.
- v. Mary Gray, b. in 1838; d. unmarried.
- vi. Lurania, b. in 1841; d. unmarried.

370. JOHN HOPKINS<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Thomas*<sup>6</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>5</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born June 29, 1804; died Sept. 6, 1868, at Orleans; married (1) Nov. 26, 1829, Rhoda



Ellis, b. 1809; died Feb. 6, 1844, aged 35; married (2) Roxanna Small; born Sept. 25, 1810, in Harwich; died Feb. 24, 1895, in Orleans; daughter of Thomas Small of Harwich.

John Hopkins Higgins resided at Orleans, Mass.

*Children.*

- i. Abigail, b. December, 1830; d. April 21, 1861, at Orleans; married Feb. 9, 1851, Theophilus Hurd.
- ii. John Thomas, b. Oct. 25, 1832; d. Nov. 8, 1844.
- iii. Susan Mayo, b. Sept. 22, 1835; d. 1908, at Arcata, Calif.
- iv. Rhoda, b. March 11, 1838; d. April 14, 1907 at Orleans; married Dec. 2, 1858, Wallace Taylor of Orleans, mariner.
- v. John H., b. Aug. 7, 1849; resided at North Attleboro.
- vi. Joseph E., b. Jan. 4, 1852; resided at North Attleboro; d. 1907 at Orleans.
- vii. Adeline S., b. March 7, 1856; resided at North Attleboro, Mass.

Authority: Orleans Records.

371. THOMAS<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Thomas*<sup>6</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>5</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Sept. 4, 1811; died Oct. 26, 1893; married Susan Snow, born Jan. 22, 1815; died July 30, 1893; daughter of Joseph and Ruth (Snow) Snow.

*Children.*

- i. Cordelia, b. Oct. 30, 1835.
- ii. Stillman S., b. April 24, 1838.
634. iii. Thomas Willard, b. May 25, 1842; married Deborah C. Sparrow.
635. iv. Leander Freeman, b. Oct. 18, 1849; married Arsenoe Bertha Cheney.
- v. Cordelia, b. July 18, 1856; married Dec. 9, 1886, Giles H. Hopkins, a direct descendant of Stephen Hopkins of the *Mayflower*; residence, West Somerville, Mass. Children: Helen, Ralph, Clarence, Bertha, Dorothy.
- vi. Susan M., b. Jan. 28, 1861; unmarried; resides at West Somerville. In 1901, lived with sister Cordelia Hopkins.

372. JONATHAN<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Thomas*<sup>6</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>5</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Nov. 21, 1816; died June 18, 1897; married (1) Oct. 18, 1840, Mary Doane, born Aug. 28, 1819; died —; daughter of Seth and Abigail (Cole) Doane; married (2) June 21, 1863, Ruth Snow Doane, born Nov. 25, 1819;

died at Orleans, March 21, 1907; daughter of Joseph and Ruth (Snow) Doane.

He was a lawyer, also a deacon in the Congregational Church at Orleans, Mass. He was frequently called Judge Higgins and held the office of Register of Probate for Barnstable County for a number of years.

*Children.*

- i. Helena H., b. May 14, 1842; d. July 19, 1909; married Aug. 29, 1865, Alfred Paine, son of Reuben and Theresa (Hurd) Paine. Children: Theresa, b. July 28, 1866; married April 30, 1888, Henry K. Cummings of Orleans, son of Joseph and Helen C. (Linnell) Cummings; Lena, b. —, unmarried in 1900; Mary Helena, b. 1872; d. Jan. 16, 1901; Ida F., b. in Pittsfield; Alfred I., b. Sept. 10, 1882.
- ii. Keziah, b. July 1, 1843; d. Aug. 31, 1843.
- iii. Lucy Sparrow, b. Nov. 16, 1844; d. Feb. 2, 1909, at Middleboro, Mass.; married April 8, 1864, Orien E. Deane, b. Feb. 27, 1837; residence Middleboro, Mass. Children: Mary E., b. —; Albert, b. —, married Irene G. Soule; Florence, b. —, married Arthur Hixon; George A., b. June 10, 1879, married July 20, 1910, Florence Young; Laura C., b. —.
- iv. Calvin D., b. Nov. 16, 1844; d. Nov. 18, 1844.
636. v. George Cleveland, b. Nov. 19, 1845; married Ellen S. Irving.
- vi. Jonathan Austin, b. Aug. 30, 1850; d. Dec. 23, 1850.

Authorities: Orleans Records; *Doane Genealogy*, p. 195.

373. FREEMAN<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Eliakim*<sup>6</sup>, *Eliakim*<sup>5</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Oct. 21, 1795, at Eastham-Orleans; died —; married —.

The will of *Eliakim*<sup>6</sup> Higgins, dated Feb. 18, 1839, mentions the children of his son Freeman Higgins as given below.

*Children.*

- i. Freeman C., b. —.
- ii. Susan, b. —.
- iii. Eliza, b. —.

374. ELIAKIM<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Eliakim*<sup>6</sup>, *Eliakim*<sup>5</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born April 7, 1804, at Orleans, Mass.; died there June 1, 1883; married Nov. 20, 1831, Rebecca Kingman, born Oct. 10, 1810, at Orleans; died there June 12, 1895,

aged 85 years, 8 months, 2 days; daughter of Matthew and Mercy (Kenrick) Kingman of Orleans.

Eliakim Higgins was a farmer and lived at Orleans.

*Children born at Orleans.*

637. i. Freeman, b. Dec. 8, 1832; married Bethiah Warren.  
ii. Warren, b. April 12, 1835; d. Jan. 7, 1885, unmarried.

Authorities: Eastham and Orleans Records; Barnstable Probate Records for the will of Eliakim<sup>7</sup> Higgins, dated May 31, 1883.

375. JOSEPH EDWIN<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Joseph<sup>6</sup>, Christian<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Jonathan<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born May 3, 1792, at Wethersfield, Conn.; died Aug. 18, 1842, at Bridport, Vt.; married Aug. 19, 1813, Anna Sandford, born Dec. 30, 1793, at Litchfield, Conn.; died Aug. 25, 1851, at Brandon, Vt.; daughter of Moses Sanford or Sandford.

Joseph Edwin Higgins was a farmer, and lived at Orwell, Shoreham, and Bridport, Vt.

*Children.*

- i. William H., b. May 3, 1815, at Orwell, Vt.  
638. ii. Julius E., b. April 23, 1817; married Catherine Day.  
iii. Lewis E., b. July 29, 1819.  
iv. Delia Ann, b. Dec. 13, 1822, at Shoreham, Vt.  
v. Joseph S., b. Oct. 25, 1833, at Bridport, Vt.

Authority: *Thomas Sandford Family*, pp. 249, 436.

376. SILAS<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Joseph<sup>6</sup>, Christian<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Jonathan<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born —; bapt. June 6, 1796; died —; married Aug. 22, 1816, Nancy Wolcott, born July 9, 1797; died —; daughter of Theodore and Rhoda (Goodrich) Wolcott of Wethersfield, Conn., and Farmington, Ohio.

No children mentioned.

Authority: *Wolcott Memorial*, p. 385; *Descendants of John Dwight*, p. 225.

377. JOSEPH<sup>7</sup> HAGANS (*George-Josiah<sup>6</sup>, Elisha<sup>5</sup>, Elisha<sup>4</sup>, Elisha<sup>3</sup>, Jonathan<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born Jan. 1, 1786, at Willsborough, N. Y.; died Dec. 16, 1816, at or near Mt. Carmel, Ill.; married probably in Charlotte, Vt., Mary Fuller, daughter of Ammi

Fuller of Charlotte, Vt. She died at Mt. Carmel, Ill., at about the same time as her husband died.

Joseph Hagans appears to have remained in New York or Vermont for several years after the departure of his father and younger brothers for the West. Both he and his wife died of the malaria or fever incident to the new country, and their surviving children were taken to Virginia and brought up by their grandparents.

#### *Children.*

- i. Juan Fernandez, b. Aug. 21, 1807, or 1808; d. in Adair County, Mo., 1885; married at Kingwood, W. Va., Oct. 21, 1824, Samuel Byrne, b. Morgantown, Va., Jan 13, 1789; d. in Scotland County, Mo., Feb. 7, 1867. Children: Emaline L., b. Nov. 1, 1826; d. Jan. 11, 1830; Nancy, b. April 5, 1829; married in Preston County, Va., Alexander Kerns; William, b. April 5, 1829; d. March 31, 1836; Charles, b. Feb. 8, 1831; Harrison Hagans, b. July 3, 1833; d. Aug. 7, 1912; married in Scotland County, Mo., Dec. 16, 1856, Isabel Wilson; Harriet R., b. Nov. 9, 1835; married (1) in Scotland County, Mo., July 28, 1857, John Brown; married (2) in 1862, Isaac P. Farnsworth, lives at Soldiers' Home, Yountville, Napa County, Cal.; John P., b. Sept. 29, 1839; lives at Millville, Shasta County, Cal.; Maria T., b. March 1, 1842; married (1) in Scotland County, Mo., Dec. 31, 1857, Nicholas Miller; (2) — Crutcher; lives at Hawthorne, Nev; Joseph Squire, b. April 22, 1843; married in Adair County, Mo., March, 1869, Lyda Lord; residence, Dudley, Ida.; Lucien E., b. Oct. 19, 1845; married in Adair County, Mo., July 1, 1869, Elizabeth Ayres; residence Memphis Mo.; Zacrid, b. March 1, 1849; dead.

Children of Harriet R. Byrne: Sarah Elizabeth Brown, b. Scotland County, Mo., 1859; d. at Manton, Cal.; George Williams Brown, b. 1861; d. young; Mary Ida Farnsworth, b. 1863; d. about 1882; Charles Lucian Farnsworth; b. 1864; married at Red Bluff, Cal., 1903; Annie L. Armstrong and had Ethyl, Alva, Iola, and Charles Ray Farnsworth; Leila Virginia Farnsworth, b. 1866; dead; John Harrison Farnsworth, b. 1872; unmarried; Nettie M. Farnsworth, b. 1876; married (1) — Gross, and had Harlen Charles Gross, b. 1900; married (2) 1914, Richard Slevin; Jennie Leila Farnsworth, b. 1878; married 1902, Seth D. Purdon, and had: Laura W., b. 1903; Coral, b. 1905; Edna May Purdon.

Children of Joseph Squire Byrne, Dudley, Ida: (1) Inez Elvira, b. July 15, 1869; d. Feb. 9, 1872; (2) Minnie Maria, b. June 24, 1872; married in Adair County, Mo., Jan 22, 1893, William Erwin Pratt, b. Jan 22, 1870, and had: Maud Opal Pratt, b. Nov. 15, 1893; married, Dudley, Ida.,



June 17, 1914, Arthur Homer Palmer, and had Evert Arthur Palmer, b. April 17, 1915; William Evart Pratt, b. Dec. 13, 1894; d. Oct. 3, 1895; Joseph Orr Pratt, b. Jan. 17, 1896; Iva Grace Pratt, b. Jan. 10, 1898; Clarence Merritt Pratt, b. Jan. 30, 1900; Roy Byrne Pratt, b. June 21, 1902; Harriet Jane Pratt, b. April 21, 1904; Mary Alice Pratt, b. Jan. 18, 1906; Harold Alvey Pratt, b. May 12, 1908; Minnie Ava Pratt, b. Feb. 17, 1911; (3) Marcellus Byrne, b. Jan. 24, 1875; married at Nelson, B. C., July 28, 1908, Hattie Earling, b. Dec. 5, 1891, near Milwaukee, Wis., and had: Emery Albert Byrne, b. May 24, 1909; Erma Adrienne Byrne; b. May 8, 1910; Ethel May Byrne, b. Aug. 12, 1914; (4) Lilian Grace Byrne, b. July 18, 1879; married at Wallace, Ida., June 15, 1904, George Francis Elstone and had: Hazel Juanita Elstone, b. Jan. 24, 1905; Earl Francis Elstone, b. Oct. 27, 1907; (5) Charles Roy Byrne, b. May 15, 1881; (6) Earl Joseph Byrne, b. May 31, 1885.

639. ii. Joseph Squire, b. Aug. 10, 1812; married (1) Nancy Endsley; (2) Minerva West.

640. iii. Ammi Fuller, b. —; married Jane Graham.

Authorities: Bible record of Samuel Byrne, in possession of Lucien E. Byrne, Memphis, Mo.; Joseph Squire Byrne, Dudley, Idaho.

378. JOSIAH<sup>7</sup> HAGANS (*George-Josiah*<sup>6</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>5</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>4</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Feb. 25, 1791, at Willsborough, N. Y.; died March 19, 1817, at or near Mt. Carmel, Ill.; married —, who died at Mt. Carmel, Ill., about the same time as her husband. Both died of the hardships and fevers incident to the unhealthful region where they had settled, and they had one son who did not long survive his parents.

379. ZER<sup>7</sup> HAGANS (originally Ebenezer Higgins) (*George-Josiah*<sup>6</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>5</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>4</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born July 23, 1793, at Willsborough, N. Y., died Aug. 12, 1831, at Petersburg, Penn.; married Catherine Dicks.

A merchant, "strictly moral and upright."

*Children.*

641. i. Alpheus Dicks, b. May 20, 1822; married (1) Caroline G. Allen; (2) Lydia C. Turner.

ii. Persis Anne, b. Oct. 22, 1823; d. Jan. 22, 1853; married Dr. P. M. Sturgis. Children: Felicia, who married A. C. Latham; Ewing F.; M. Virginia; Ross; Charles; M. Katherine, who married R. R. Frey and had two daughters.

642. iii. Jared Elisha, b. May 4, 1826; married Amanda Johnson.  
 iv. Mary, b. Feb. 22, 1829; d. September, 1907; married  
 (1) Dr. Charles H. Connelly; (2) Asa Frey. Children by  
 first marriage: Ida and Margaret, both of whom d. young;  
 Mary, who married J. W. Endsley and had issue.  
 v. Caroline, b. May 12, 1830; married Henry Clay Hagans.

380. HARRISON<sup>7</sup> HAGANS (originally Urban Higgins)  
 (*George-Josiah*<sup>6</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>5</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>4</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>),  
 born June 17, 1796, "probably in Vermont"; died May 7,  
 1867, at Brandonville, W. Va.; married May 28, 1818, Jane  
 McCollum, daughter of Daniel McCollum of Brandonville, W. Va.

*Children.*

643. i. George McCollum, b. April 14, 1819; married (1)  
 Martha Maria Randall; (2) Mrs. Jane (Lowry) McGee.  
 ii. Persis, b. Jan. 5, 1821; d. Oct. 14, 1893; married, in  
 1841, James C. McGrew, b. 1813; d. Sept. 13, 1910.  
 Children: William Clark, b. April, 1842; married Julia  
 Willey, and had Willey McGrew, b. Feb. 21, 1866; d.  
 March 14, 1880; George Harrison, b. —; married  
 Sept. 11, 1876, Anna Julia Lore, and had James, Elizabeth  
 (married Everett Kimball), and David Dallas; Sarah  
 Martha, b. April 3, 1844; married Sept. 3, 1868, Francis  
 Heermans, and had Edward McGrew, b. March 19, 1870  
 (married Sept. 17, 1891, Florence Ann Elliott), Persis  
 Hagans, b. Feb. 28, 1873 (married Oct. 5, 1898, J. Russell  
 Trotter, and had Martha Elizabeth, b. Feb. 19, 1901;  
 James Francis, b. Aug. 11, 1902; John Heermans, b. Feb.  
 17, 1904).  
 644. iii. William, b. March 3, 1823; married Isabella Lazelle.  
 645. iv. Lucian Adams, b. Jan. 31, 1825; married Lovila Hagans.  
 v. Sarah Anne, b. April 1, 1827; d. Oct. 15, 1843.  
 646. vi. Henry Clay, b. June 1, 1829; married (1) Caroline  
 Hagans; (2) Mrs. Mary Beatty (Cavette) Beeson.  
 vii. Elisha Merrill, b. Jan. 26, 1832; d. March 6, 1832.  
 viii. Delia Anne, b. May 23, 1833; d. April 28, 1901;  
 married April 22, 1851, Edward C. Bunker. Children:  
 Harrison and Belle, both of whom d. young.  
 ix. Virginia Ellen, b. Sept. 27, 1835; married Sept. 5, 1855,  
 Dr. William Frey, he d. Feb. 18, 1890.

Children: (1) William Harrison Frey, b. June 19, 1856;  
 d. June 17, 1900; married Nov. 25, 1884, Mary Alberta  
 Leps; no children; (2) Callie Augusta Frey, b. Feb. 17,  
 1860; married Sept. 28, 1881, Mansfield Ames Ross; no  
 children; (3) George Arthur Frey, b. May 9, 1864; married  
 May 11, 1887, Katherine Plummer and had: Arthur Clark,

b. April 11, 1888; Callie Bell, b. Nov. 30, 1889; Hazel Virginia, b. April 26, 1892; Edith Maric, b. April 3, 1894; (4) Wilbur Hagans Frey, b. April 26, 1871; married Jan. 10, 1910, Grace Brown Richardson; (5) Virginia Bunker Frey, b. Jan. 10, 1874; d. July 10, 1874.

647. x. John Marshall, b. Aug. 13, 1838; married Sarah Barnes Willey.

381. ELISHA MERRILL<sup>7</sup> HAGANS (*George-Josiah*<sup>6</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>5</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>4</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Nov. 28, 1798, at Willsborough, N. Y.; died April 8, 1864, at Cincinnati, Ohio; married June 29, 1826, Anne M. Brown.

Elisha Merrill Hagans lived at Brandonville, Va., until the later years of his life, when he removed to Cincinnati and lived with his son.

*Children.*

- i. Marcellus Brown, b. April 21, 1827; married Almira Lewis. Lived in Cincinnati, Ohio.
- ii. Rachel Jane, b. May 3, 1828; d. April 12, 1852; married April 2, 1849, John A. Dille. Only child: Oliver Hagans Dille, b. Feb. 20, 1850; d. at Morgantown, W. Va., Nov. 22, 1914; married Sept. 16, 1873, Gillie Coleman Evans, and had (1) Thomas Ray Dille, b. Dec. 5, 1874; (2) Elisha Merrill Hagans Dille, b. June 21, 1878; married July 3, 1900, Esta May Hinkle, and had Merrill Morse Dille, b. April 14, 1901; Mary Ruth Dille, b. Nov. 28, 1902; Gillie Evelyn Dille, b. Nov. 23, 1904; (3) Rachel Jane Hagans Dille, b. Jan. 23, 1880; (4) Maud Evans Dille, b. Dec. 16, 1882; married Sept. 16, 1908, Harold W. Campbell, and had: Alexander Oliver Campbell, b. June 18, 1907; Harold William Campbell, Jr., b. June 24, 1912; (5) James Evans Dille, b. April 6, 1886; married Sept. 1, 1912, Opal Flodell Howard and had: Edith Elaine, b. April 13, 1913; (6) John Adams Dille, b. May 25, 1889.
- iii. Lovila, b. May 27, 1829; married Lucian Adams Hagans.
- iv. Juliet Brown, b. April 15, 1832; d. Nov. 28, 1850; unmarried.
- v. Ann Eliza, b. Aug. 4, —; d. June 4, 1851.

382. EBEN PARSONS<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Robert Kemp*<sup>6</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>5</sup>, *Beriah*<sup>4</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born in 1811; died in 1879; married in 1835 Rebecca Abbott of Andover, Mass.

*Children.*

648. i. Albert, b. —; married —.
- ii. Charles, b. —.

382A. WHITMAN FISK<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Henry Fisk*<sup>6</sup>, *Henry*<sup>5</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>4</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Feb. 26, 1821; died —; married (1) —; married (2) —.

Whitman Fisk Higgins went from his native town of Hardwick in 1845 to Worcester, Mass., and 1901, was living there. On his eightieth birthday he was still working for his employers, the Hamblin & Russell Manufacturing Company, as regularly as he did when a young man, being vigorous and strong. On that day a family reunion took place at his home, his sisters Mrs. O. M. Wood, Mrs. Cambridge Moulton, and Mrs. Franklin Barnes being present, as well as his brother Elon Galusha Higgins. The combined ages of the five were 374 years. Besides there were present twenty-two nieces and nephews, sixteen representatives of the third generation and two of the fourth. Mr. Higgins was twice married, but had no children.

383. ELON GALUSHA<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Henry Fisk*<sup>6</sup>, *Henry*<sup>5</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>4</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born May 11, 1825, at Hardwick, Mass.; died —; married Feb. 1, 1845, Lucy Maria Graves, daughter of Lawson and Mary (Child) Graves of Hopkinton and Worcester, Mass.

Elon G. Higgins was educated in the district schools of Hardwick, Enfield and North Brookfield. His opportunities were limited, as he worked on a farm much of his time up to the age of seventeen. His father then gave him his time and he shifted for himself thereafter. After working for a time in shoe shops at North Brookfield and Worcester, in 1847 he learned the trade of paper hanger. He was skillful and thorough in his work and his business grew. He added a small stock of wall paper, which he kept at his house. From this small beginning grew a very large wholesale and retail business in wall paper. This business was incorporated in 1893 as the E. G. Higgins Company. By this time it had become one of the largest in New England. From 1869 to 1876 his brother, Francis Wayland Higgins, was associated with him in the business.

Mr. Higgins's character was clean and his piety intense. For nearly sixty years he was a member of the Second Advent Church at Worcester, in which he was a leader and generous supporter. He was personally acquainted with the leaders and preachers of that faith in the United States, and entertained many of them at his house. He took pride in the fact that he never saw a theatrical performance. He was a constant reader of the Bible and



abstained from tobacco and alcoholic drinks, as a matter of principle.

*Children born at Worcester, Mass.*

- i. Abbie Maria, b. Aug. 1, 1847; d. young.
- ii. Charles Albert, b. July 10, 1849; d. young.
649. iii. Francis Elon, b. Oct. 15, 1851; married Sarah C. Heald.
- iv. William Elliston, b. Sept. 20, 1853; in wall paper business in Worcester, Mass.
- v. Frederick Othello, b. Jan. 23, 1856; d. young.
- vi. Ethel (or Ethan) E., b. Oct. 29, 1858.
- vii. Albion Galusha, b. July 1, 1860; d. young.
- viii. Edward Lawson, b. Jan. 5, 1863; in the wall paper business at Worcester, Mass.
- ix. Arthur Clarence, b. May 29, 1867; in the wall paper business at Worcester, Mass.

384. FRANCIS WAYLAND<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Henry Fisk*<sup>6</sup>, *Henry*<sup>5</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>4</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Sept. 6, 1831, at Hardwick, Mass.; died Oct. 1, 1891, at Worcester, Mass.; married (1) —; married (2) —; married (3) in 1871, Mary Sargent of Boxborough, Mass.

Francis W. Higgins spent his boyhood in Hardwick, working on his father's farm and attending the district school. When he was nearly twenty years old he went to Worcester, where his brother had established a wall paper business. In 1867 the brothers formed a partnership which continued until 1873 and was very successful. Francis had the charge of the men employed in paper hanging and other decorative work and to his energy and efficiency much of the success of the firm was due. In 1873 he set up a business of his own and soon built up a profitable trade in wall papers. After a few years his health failed and he was obliged to retire.

Mr. Higgins was a quiet but a very worthy citizen, a man of great piety and thoroughly consistent in his daily life. He was a member of the Second Advent Church and commanded the respect of many who were not in sympathy with his religious convictions, because of his sincerity and sterling character.

*Children born at Worcester, Mass.*

- i. Jennie L., b. —; married J. E. Smith of Worcester, Mass.
- ii. Josephine C., b. —; d. young.
- iii. Hattie, b. —; d. 1888.

- iv. Irville F., b. —; in business with his uncle, William E. Higgins.
- v. Myrtice M., b. —; a stenographer; resides at Worcester with her mother.

385. ELDAD ATWOOD<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Daniel*<sup>6</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>5</sup>, *Barnabas*<sup>4</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Nov. 13, 1808, at Orleans, Mass.; died there Jan. 23, 1879; married Oct. 15, 1828, Cynthia A. Brown, born Sept. 21, 1810, at Wellfleet; died March 24, 1879, at Orleans; daughter of Theodore and Cynthia A. Brown of Wellfleet.

Eldad A. Higgins resided at Orleans, Mass.

*Children born at Orleans.*

- i. Caroline Brown, b. July 28, 1832.
- ii. Eliza Doane, b. Aug. 16, 1836; d. Jan. 8, 1841.
- iii. Eliza D., b. February, 1845; d. April 26, 1849, aged 4 years, 2 months.
- iv. Annie L., b. April 8, 1847; d. Jan. 3, 1904, at Orleans; married Sparrow Mayo.
- v. James A., b. 1843; d. May 19, 1849, aged 6 years, 2 months.

386. DANIEL<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Daniel*<sup>6</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>5</sup>, *Barnabas*<sup>4</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Oct. 2, 1811; died —; married July 1, 1836, Hepzibah Brown of Orleans, Mass.

Daniel Higgins resided at Wellfleet, Mass.

*Child.*

- i. James Franklin, b. —.

387. BENJAMIN WARREN<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Philip*<sup>6</sup>, *Philip*<sup>5</sup>, *Barnabas*<sup>4</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born July 3, 1828; died March 24, 1894; married Dec. 11, 1858, Ann Mayo, born —; died Sept. 28, 1909; daughter of Daniel and Mary (Higgins) Mayo of Wellfleet and granddaughter of Henry and Hannah (Harding) Higgins.

Benjamin Warren Higgins resided at Wellfleet, Mass.

*Child.*

- i. Jesse S., b. Aug. 6, 1858.

388. PHILIP<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Philip*<sup>6</sup>, *Philip*<sup>5</sup>, *Barnabas*<sup>4</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Nov. 8, 1835; died —; married Arabella Cass Blaney.

He resided at Wellfleet, Mass.

*Children.*

650. i. William H. Blaney, b. Sept. 9, 1866; married Lucinda L. Higgins.  
ii. Lizzie Archer, b. May 10, 1870.
651. iii. Herbert Selden, b. Sept. 14, 1872; married Lizzie Bell.  
iv. Mercy S., b. March 18, 1880; unmarried.  
v. Arabella, b. —; married John A. Sparrow; child: Delia B., b. —.  
vi. Benjamin W., b. in 1881; unmarried.

389. SAMUEL JONES<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Philip*<sup>6</sup>, *Philip*<sup>5</sup>, *Barnabas*<sup>4</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born July 26, 1841; died —; married Nov. 19, 1866, Mary A. M. Hatch.

He resided at Wellfleet, Mass.

*Child.*

- i. Frank Edson, b. Aug. 12, 1867.

390. AARON SNOW<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Philip*<sup>6</sup>, *Philip*<sup>5</sup>, *Barnabas*<sup>4</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born May 30, 1843; died —; married Oct. 17, 1869, Jennie McIntosh.

Aaron S. Higgins resided at Wellfleet, Mass.

*Children.*

- i. Eugene Weston, b. May 24, 1870.  
ii. Sarah Nickerson, b. May 29, 1872.  
iii. James Roberts, b. Dec. 9, 1873; d. —.  
iv. Charles, b. May 9, 1877.  
v. Ethel Grant, b. —.

391. DAVID JAMES MONROE<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*James H. N.*<sup>6</sup>, *David*<sup>5</sup>, *Philip*<sup>4</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Jan. 12, 1831, at Oldham, N. S.; died April 11, 1911, at Marston's Mills, Barnstable Co., Mass.; married May 27, 1867, at Medford, Mass., Delia Lexandrie Archibald, born Aug. 6, 1836, at Musquodoboit, N. S.; died April 7, 1903, at Boston, Mass.; daughter of Alexander and Janet (Harvey) Archibald of Medford, Mass.

David J. M. Higgins was a watchmaker. He lived at Alton, Ill., Marshfield, Mo., Medford, Boston and Marston's Mills, Mass.

*Children.*

652. i. Herman Keene, b. Aug. 12, 1868; married Betsey B. Armington.

653. ii. James Hayden, b. Feb. 2, 1871; married Grace G. Babbitt.

392. JOSHUA LINNELL<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Sylvanus*<sup>6</sup>, *Hezekiah*<sup>5</sup>, *James*<sup>4</sup>, *James*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Oct. 21, 1806; died Feb. 16, 1881; married April 5, 1829, Jane Whitcomb, born —; died June 10, 1871, aged 60; daughter of David and Prudence Dorothy Whitcomb.

Joshua L. Higgins resided at Hingham, Mass., and was a master mariner.

*Children.*

- i. Melesia Ann, b. July 16, 1830; d. Aug. 16, 1830.
  - ii. Joshua Otis, b. Aug. 8, 1831; d. June 4, 1834.
  - iii. George Foster, b. Oct. 19, 1832; d. Sept. 14, 1833.
  - iv. Almira, b. —; d. Aug. 3, 1836.
  - v. Mary Jane, b. Dec. 11, 1834, or June 6, 1835; d. May 16, 1860; married Sept. 13, 1857, John H. Ripley.
654. vi. George Otis, b. Nov. 24, 1836; married Mary E. Pratt.
- vii. Harriet Ann, b. Oct. 5, 1842; d. May 13, 1868; married Jan. 28, 1864, William Cushing.

Authority: *History of the Town of Hingham.*

393. EZRA<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Sylvanus*<sup>6</sup>, *Hezekiah*<sup>5</sup>, *James*<sup>4</sup>, *James*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born June 17, 1808, at Orleans; died Oct. 13, 1884; married Dec. 4, 1834, Mary M. Seymour, born Feb. 28, 1812, at Brewer, Maine; died —; daughter of Joel and Polly (Whiting) Seymour.

He resided in Hingham and was a master mariner.

*Children.*

- i. Almira Hatherby, b. June 11, 1836; d. Aug. 30, 1836.
- ii. Ezra Bronson, b. —; d. March 17, 1842.
- iii. Lathrop Johnson, b. Aug. 17, 1841; d. March 17, 1842.
- iv. Mary Whiting, b. Aug. 19, 1843; married Oct. 30, 1867, William H. Thomas.
- v. Frank Farnsworth, b. July 17, 1846; d. Sept. 21, 1846.
- vi. Ezra Linnell, b. Nov. 12-13, 1850.

394. SYLVANUS<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Sylvanus*<sup>6</sup>, *Hezekiah*<sup>5</sup>, *James*<sup>4</sup>, *James*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born June 19, 1810, at Orleans; died Aug. 20, 1887, at Stark, Florida; married Feb. 24, 1833, Mary Elizabeth Hinckley, born at Boston, Mass., May 11, 1816;



died June 9, 1881, at Stark, Florida; daughter of Joseph and Sylvia (Holmes) Hinckley.

*Children.*

- i. Josiah W., b. April 24, 1835; married Jan. 18, 1859, Sarah A. Taylor of Milton.
- ii. Sylvanus H., b. Feb. 19, 1839; d. Sept. 1, 1850.
- iii. Louisa Elizabeth, b. June 4, 1843.
- iv. Henry, b. —.
- v. Joseph H., b. Jan. 19, 1846, or Jan. 30, 1847.
- vi. Thomas Ariel, b. June 18, 1848; d. Oct. 10, 1848.
- vii. Thomas Ariel, b. Oct. 10, 1850.
- viii. Sally L., b. Oct. 12, 1853; d. Jan. 10, 1858.
- ix. Theoda Josephine, b. Aug. 16, 1857; d. Jan. 3, 1858.

Authorities: *History of Hingham, Mass.*; *Holmes Gen.*, p. 95.

395. HEMAN<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Sylvanus*<sup>6</sup>, *Hezekiah*<sup>5</sup>; *James*<sup>4</sup>, *James*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born June 4, 1812; died Aug. 28, 1840; married Feb. 4, 1835, Sarah Gill Humphrey, born Oct. 10, 1814; died 1872; daughter of Noah and Sally (Gill) Humphrey. He resided at Hingham, Mass.

Mrs. Sarah Higgins married (2) Sept. 1, 1844, Henry A. Osborn.

*Children.*

- i. Caroline, b. in 1835; married Oct. 1, 1857, Franklin Curtis of Quincy.
- ii. George Humphrey, b. November, 1837; d. Aug. 12, 1839.

Authorities: *Humphrey Genealogy*; Quincy Town Records.

396. JOSIAH GOULD<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Sylvanus*<sup>6</sup>, *Hezekiah*<sup>5</sup>, *James*<sup>4</sup>, *James*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born March 20, 1814; died in 1860; married Susannah Harris, daughter of Thomas and Mahala (Wilder) Harris.

*Children.*

- i. Susan Gould, b. —; d. Sept. 29, 1838.
- ii. Josiah A., b. Sept. 14, 1844.

Authority: *History of Hingham, Mass.*

397. SULLIVAN<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Sylvanus*<sup>6</sup>, *Hezekiah*<sup>5</sup>, *James*<sup>4</sup>, *James*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Sept. 25, 1818, at Orleans; died Oct. 9, 1865; married April 24, 1842, Susanna Burr, born

Nov. 5, 1821; died Nov. 22, 1866; daughter of John and Priscilla (Bourne) Burr.

He resided at Hingham, Mass.

*Children.*

- i. Laura Ann, b. in 1843; d. March 13, 1845.
655. ii. Heman Linnell, b. Jan. 8, 1844; married Adaline A. Loud.
- iii. Olive, b. Jan. 7, 1846.
- iv. Susan Ellen, b. July 25, 1848.
- v. Charles Francis, b. Nov. 13, 1850; d. Sept. 13, 1852.
- vi. Sally L., b. Oct. 12, 1853; d. Dec. 28, 1857.
- vii. Lizzie, b. in 1856; d. Dec. 14, 1871.
- viii. Theoda J., b. Aug. 13, 1857; d. Sept. 16, 1857.

Authority: *History of Hingham, Mass.*

398 EDSON<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Nathaniel*<sup>6</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>5</sup>, *Nathaniel*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Feb. 16, 1794; died Jan. 19, 1874; married May 12, 1823, Mary Bruce, born —; died Feb. 7, 1877; daughter of Samuel and Polly (Cronal) Bruce of Newfane, Vt.

He resided at Newfane, Vt.

*Children.*

656. i. Lewis S., b. Dec. 10, 1824; married (1) Jane E. Harris; (2) Jane E. Simonds.
- ii. Fannie Maria, b. —; d. in 1902; married Edwin C. Baker.
- iii. Samuel B., b. —; married —; Mrs. Higgins was living at Newfane, Vt., in 1902.
- iv. Ira S., b. —; married Betsey F. Burnett, daughter of Stephen P. and Emily Burnett.
- v. Alvin Granby, b. —; d. Dec. 9, 1863, at New Orleans, aged 27; in Eighth Vermont Regiment.

399. THOMAS<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Nathaniel*<sup>6</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>5</sup>, *Nathaniel*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born July 30, 1795; died Nov. 16, 1859; married Jan. 10, 1825, Lucy S. Mellendy.

He resided at Newfane, Vt.

*Children.*

- i. Augustus L., b. Nov. 22, 1825.
- ii. Augusta L., b. Nov. 22, 1825.
- iii. Oscar T., b. July 25, 1828.

- iv. Lucy A., b. July 25, 1828.
- v. Lydia A., b. Jan. 9, 1836.
- vi. Mary A., b. Nov. 13, 1838.
- vii. Henry J., b. July 25, 1841.
- viii. Lizzie S., b. Sept. 24, 1845.

Authority: Mrs. S. S. Collier, Boston, Mass.

400. STEPHEN<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Nathaniel<sup>6</sup>, Thomas<sup>5</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>4</sup>, Ichabod<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born June 5, 1804, at Newfane, Vt.; died Sept. 11, 1873; married Dec. 7, 1835, Mary A. Bowker, born —; died May 4, 1885.

Stephen Higgins probably lived at Newfane, Vt.

*Children.*

- i. Leonard B., b. —.
- ii. Martin H., b. —.
- iii. Abbie M., b. —.

401. CORNELIUS<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Cornelius<sup>6</sup>, Cornelius<sup>5</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>4</sup>, Ichabod<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born June 28, 1768, at Haddam, Conn.; died about 1801 at Lisbon, Portugal; married — Arnold(?).

He was a seaman and is said to have been drowned in Lisbon Harbor in 1801, probably by accident.

*Children.*

- i. Henry, b. —.
- ii. Ezra, b. —.
- iii. Arnold, b. —.
- iv. Jeanette, b. —.
- v. Ann, b. —.
- vi. Clarissa, b. —.
- vii. Amanda, b. —.
- viii. Philanda, b. —.

402. GIDEON<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Hawes<sup>6</sup>, Cornelius<sup>5</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>4</sup>, Ichabod<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born Sept. 8, 1782; died Aug. 1, 1878; married June 3, 1809, Anna Wright, born in 1782; died Aug. 2, 1854; daughter of William Wright of Chatham, Conn.

He resided in East Haddam, Conn.

*Children.*

- 657. i. William Wright, b. Feb. 4, 1811; married Cornelia E. Howes.

- ii. Lucinda Ann, b. Aug. 11, 1813; d. May 27, 1865; married Nathan Tyler.
- iii. Catherine, b. Nov. 25, 1815; d. Jan. 21, 1899; lived with Henry Bliss Welch of East Haddam, Conn.; unmarried.
- iv. Eliza Matilda, b. March 10, 1820; d. May 17, 1876; married Dec. 20, 1843, James Munroe Welch of Chatham, Conn. Children: Gideon Higgins, b. Sept. 22, 1844; married Susan C. Agard of Torrington, Conn.; lived at Chatham, Conn.; Henry Bliss, b. Jan. 11, 1848; unmarried; William Wright, b. June 9, 1852; d. May 11, 1876; Carrie Ann, b. May 8, 1858; married Charles W. Boardman of Lynn, Mass.
- v. Mary S., d. young.

Authority: Bible of Gideon Higgins, owned by Henry B. Welch of East Haddam, now in Lynn, Mass.; also Henry Bliss Welch.

403. JOHN D.<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Hawes*<sup>6</sup>, *Cornelius*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Oct. 23, 1785; died —; married March, 1816, Eliza Higgins, born May 4, 1799; died —; daughter of Rev. David and Eunice (Gilbert) Higgins.

John D. Higgins was a physician and resided at Bath, N. Y.

*Children.*

- i. Franklin, b. —; living at Bath, N. Y., in 1898.
  - ii. William, b. —.
- Also six daughters.

404. EBENEZER<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Ebenezer*<sup>6</sup>, *Cornelius*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Oct. 28, 1781; died Sept. 19, 1851; married —.

Ebenezer Higgins was a shoemaker and lived at Perry, N. Y., from which place he removed to Flint, Mich.

*Children.*

- i. Martin, b. —; d. in Washington, D. C.; was a shoemaker.
- ii. Theron, b. —; lived in St. Clair, Mich.; was a Methodist clergyman in Michigan. Descendants not traced.

405. OTIS<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Ebenezer*<sup>6</sup>, *Cornelius*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Aug. 1, 1788; died at Perry, Wyoming Co., N. Y., June 15, 1844; married Dec. 15, 1811, Hannah Nutt, born March 22, 1795, in Vermont; died Dec. 12, 1876, at Perry, N. Y.



Otis Higgins was the first physician at Perry, N. Y., and settled there about 1820. He was one of the original members of the Presbyterian Church at Perry, organized in 1834.

*Children.*

- i. Fanny Angeline, b. Oct. 31, 1812; married Jason Lathrop of Perry, N. Y.; she d. at Albion, N. Y., Sept. 25, 1876.
- ii. Almira, b. April 10, 1815; married Nathan Woodward of Warsaw, N. Y.; she d. at Warsaw Nov. 30, 1875.
- iii. Mary Eliza, b. April 16, 1818; married Erastus Bowen of Perry, N. Y.; she d. at Perry, April 11, 1901.
- iv. Otis Lee, b. Jan. 23, 1821; d. at Binghamton, N. Y., July 1, 1855. \*Another account says that he went to California in 1848-9 and died on the way home.
658. v. Niles Delano, b. April 3, 1823; married Sarah Jane Wygant.
659. vi. Galen Hyde, b. Nov. 10, 1825; married Mary Ann Bacon.
- vii. Rollin Delos, b. Jan. 20, 1828; married Mary Jane Kinney of Perry, N. Y.; he d. at Perry, Jan. 25, 1899.
- viii. Daniel, b. —; d. in infancy.

406. SELDEN<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Ebenezer*<sup>6</sup>, *Cornelius*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born April 12, 1791; died Nov. 2, 1831, at Perry, N. Y.; married at Perry, N. Y., Sept. 16, 1819, Mary Taylor; born Feb. 25, 1800, at New Marlboro, Mass.; died at Perry, N. Y., March 10, 1881.

Selden Higgins was a cabinetmaker, and resided all his life at Perry, N. Y.

*Children born at Perry, N. Y.*

- i. Jane Elmira, b. June 16, 1820; married Sept. 22, 1842, Daniel Ball. She d. March 12, 1894.
660. ii. John Darwin, b. April 15, 1823; married Eleanor H. Davis.
- iii. Sheldon, b. Jan 23, 1826; d. at Perry, Oct. 17, 1859, unmarried.
661. iv. Barton B., b. Jan 28, 1828; married (1) N. Amelia Huntington; (2) Eliza M. Pendleton.
- v. Norton, b. Oct. 20, 1830; d. July 6, 1833, at Perry, N. Y.

407. HENRY KNOWLES<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Ebenezer*<sup>6</sup>, *Cornelius*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Nov. 23, 1793; died —; married (1) at Aurelius, N. Y., Jan. 26, 1817, Anna

Beers; born June 20, 1795, at Weston, Conn.; died at Perry, N. Y., Dec. 7, 1831; married (2) Nov. 7, 1832, Esther Ann Manwaring, born Feb. 25, 1812, at Lyme, Conn.; died Oct. 29, 1861, at Perry, N. Y.; married (3) Jan. 5, 1862, Abigail B. Smith.

He removed from Aurelius, Cayuga Co., N. Y., to Perry, about 1830 or 1831. Lived on a farm a little east of Perry village, where the seven sons of the second wife were born.

*Children.*

- i. A son, b. Jan. 18, 1818; d. young.
- ii. Emeline, b. March 16, 1819; married John Sheldon and had three children; she d. Jan. 4, 1856.
662. iii. David Henry, b. May 29, 1836; married Maria B. Kelton.
663. iv. Jason Lathrop, b. June 25, 1838; married Mary O. Beers.
664. v. Romeyne Otis, b. April 5, 1840; married Helen M. Rathbun.
665. vi. Frank Amando, b. May 9, 1842; married Mary R. Hollands.
666. vii. James Edward, b. Feb. 1, 1847; married Margaret Thompson.
667. viii. Sanford Armstrong, b. May 23, 1849; married Emma Kerriger.
668. ix. Lloyd Sheldon, b. April 3, 1851; married (1) Flora Harrington; (2) Alice Schesler.

408. DAVID<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*David*<sup>6</sup>, *Cornelius*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Aug. 2, 1789, at Lyme, Conn.; died in 1873, at Washington, D. C.; married (1) at Easton, Md., Cecilia Davis, born —; died October, 1846, at Washington, D. C.; married (2) in 1847, at Washington, Letitia King, born —; died at Washington, D. C.

David Higgins studied law and became a lawyer. He was Circuit Judge of Northern Ohio for many years. In 1846, after Polk's inauguration, he secured a clerkship in Washington, which he retained until his death.

*Children.*

- i. Robert Emmet, b. —.
- ii. George Llewellyn, b. —.
- iii. Mary Louise, b. Sept. 1, 1820; married July 4, 1842, Joseph M. Farr; d. at Norwalk, Ohio, Aug. 13, 1854.
- iv. Marion, b. —; married J. Remington Fairlamb; d. in New York City.
- v. Lucius Cornelius, b. —.

Authority: S. B. Gifford, Syracuse, N. Y.

409. JAMES GILBERT<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*David*<sup>6</sup>, *Cornelius*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Feb. 22, 1791, at Lyme, Conn.; died April 24, 1840, at Ottawa, Ill.; married (1) Feb. 10, 1819, at Bath, N. Y., Charlotte Townsend, born Nov. 19, 1797, at Albany, N. Y.; died Sept. 5, 1834, at Bath, N. Y.; married (2) at Bath, May, 1835, Maria Elizabeth Burns, who died at Laporte, Ind.

James Gilbert Higgins was a dry goods merchant at Bath, N. Y., where he resided until May, 1835, when he removed to Ottawa, Ill.

*Children.*

- i. Emily, b. Dec. 29, 1821; d. Dec. 14, 1834.
- ii. Elizabeth, b. June 18, 1823; married Oct. 16, 1855, Joseph M. Farr; she d. July 25, 1893. No children.
- iii. Helen Anne, b. Jan. 14, 1825; d. July 21, 1827.
- iv. Mary, b. May 17, 1826; married April 22, 1846, Ralph M. Gibbs. She was living in June, 1906, at Norwalk, Ohio.
- v. David, b. Oct. 3, 1827; married May 12, 1852, Mary E. Williams; he d. March 14, 1895, at Norwalk, Ohio.
- vi. James Gilbert, b. March 28, 1829; married August, 1851, Clara Holland; he d. April 27, 1869, at Norwalk, Ohio.
- vii. Henry, b. July 26, 1832; d. Jan. 28, 1834.
- viii. Henry, b. Feb. 17, 1836; married Harriet Reeve, who d. at La Porte, Ind. He d. there October, 1865.
669. ix. William Edward, b. Aug. 28, 1837; married Harriet J. Place.
- x. Harriet Amelia, b. March 31, 1840; married in 1865, Dr. Thomas T. McDonald; she d. Oct. 2, 1897, at New Carlisle, Ind.

Authority: Mr. S. B. Gifford of Syracuse, N. Y.

410. WILLIAM<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*David*<sup>6</sup>, *Cornelius*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born May 16, 1801, at Lyme, Conn.; died after 1841; married Nov. 16, 1829, in New York City, Elizabeth Wortman Spader, born Sept. 14, 1803; died Feb. 14, 1879, at Trenton, N. J.

William Higgins was a millwright. He resided in New York City, in La Porte, Ind., and in Iowa. His cousin, William Edward Higgins, son of James Gilbert Higgins, says that William Higgins laid out and built the village of Higginville, Ill.

*Children.*

- i. Abraham Spader, b. Nov. 17, 1830; d. Jan. 13, 1841.
  - ii. William Lucius, b. Aug. 1, 1832; d. Feb. 2, 1833.
  - iii. Helen Maria, b. Jan. 17, 1834; d. June 3, 1839, at Norwalk; lived with her uncle, David Higgins, at Norwalk, Ohio.
670. iv. William Lucius, b. March 12, 1836, at La Porte, Ind.; married Ellen Maria Wolverton.

411. AARON<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Richard*<sup>6</sup>, *Isaiah*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Jan. 18, 1786; died Jan. 6, 1849; at Stark, Maine; married Apphia Gill; born —; died Sept. 5, 1842, at Stark, Maine.

Aaron Higgins resided in Stark, Maine.

*Children.*

671. i. Barnabas Atwood, b. Sept. 27, 1812; married Ann G. Frederick.
  672. ii. John Chandler, b. July 19, 1824; married Cordelia Oliver.
- Authority: *History of Industry, Me.*, by W. C. Hatch, p. 647.

412. JOHN GILL<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Richard*<sup>6</sup>, *Isaiah*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born August, 1802, at Stark, Maine; died at Hutchinson, Minn., October, 1887; married at Leeds, Maine, in 1829, Rachel Foss, daughter of Levi and — (Miller) Foss.

*Children.*

- i. Holmes Berse, b. March 17, 1830; married in 1896 Virginia Anderson; d. July 26, 1908. Residence in Hutchinson, Minn.
- ii. Almyra Foss, b. 1833; married, 1852, Joseph Frederick Brown. She d. in 1861; residence Stark, Maine.
673. iii. Wilbur Tinkham, b. July 6, 1835; married Hannah Janet Lydiard.
- iv. Calista Foss, b. September, 1837; residence Hutchinson, Minn.; unmarried.
- v. John Turner, b. November, 1838; d. Dec. 22, 1894; married Emily Lydiard in Berkeley, Cal.; had a son who lived at Morgan Hill, Cal.

Authority: Wilbur T. Higgins of Berkeley, Cal.

413. JOSIAH<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Elkanah*<sup>6</sup>, *Elkanah*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born April 1, 1791, at Eastham,



Mass.; died there — 1881; married (1) Feb. 11, 1819, Hannah Snow; born at Harwich, Mass., Sept. 25, 1794; died at Orleans, Mass., Dec. 14, 1850; daughter of Isaac and Hannah (Freeman) Snow; married (2) Mrs. Ann (Knowles) Snow of Orleans.

Josiah Higgins lived at Eastham, probably in the northern part of the present town of Eastham, as his father had done. The will of Isaac Snow mentions the children of his daughter Hannah Higgins, Willis, Joseph, Mary J., Russell S., Elbridge and Amos.

*Children born at Eastham.*

- i. Willis, b. Oct. 18, 1819; d. Nov. 26, 1839.
674. ii. Joseph, b. Aug. 7, 1821; married (1) Olive Doane; (2) Lucy M. Holway.
- iii. Mary Jane, b. Oct. 5, 1824; married (1) July 25, 1844, Cushing Horton, son of Cushing Horton; (2) Ebenezer Holway, and lived at Provincetown, Mass.
675. iv. Russell S., b. Sept. 9, 1826; married (1) Hannah M. West; (2) Harriet E. Newman.
- v. Elbridge, b. Sept. 10, 1830; married, about 1872-3, Hepzibah Wing Holway, daughter of Stephen and Abbie (Hoxie) Holway; they lived at Avon, Mass., and then removed to Topeka, Kan., where Elbridge Higgins died. No children.
- vi. Amos, b. Sept. 1, 1833; d. unmarried.
- vii. Hannah Snow, b. March 30, 1837; married — Atkins; resided at Provincetown, Mass.
- viii. Snow Young, b. Jan. 3, 1839; married (1) Nov. 26, 1868, Azubah A. Baker; (2) May 2, 1895, Mary G. Smith. No children. Residence Eastham, Mass.
676. ix. Willis, b. May 19, 1844; married (1) Irene A. —; (2) Emmazette Folger; residence Nantucket; two children.
677. x. Alonzo R., b. Sept. 5, 1846; married Elizabeth W. Rogers. Residence North Eastham, Mass. Children: Nettie, who married A. L. Wiley of Wellfleet and Samuel, who married and lives at Orleans.

Authorities: W. B. Snow, Malden, Mass.; Eastham and Orleans Records.

414. ISAIAH<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Elkanah*<sup>6</sup>, *Elkanah*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Feb. 26, 1797, at Eastham, died —, probably at Quincy, Mass.; married Ann Doane.

Isaiah Higgins removed to Quincy, Mass.

*Children.*

- i. Eliza, b. —; married Samuel Belcher.

- ii. Isaiah, b. —; married twice; d. in the eighties; lived in Quincy, Mass.
- iii. Lucinda, b. —; d. young.
- iv. Warren, b. —; married and lived at Quincy, Mass.
- v. Adeline, b. —; married William Belcher.

415. EPHRAIM<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Elkanah<sup>6</sup>, Elkanah<sup>5</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>4</sup>, Ichabod<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born Aug. 2, 1803, at Eastham, Mass.; died Oct. 2, 1869, at Brewster, Mass.; married (int. Jan. 26, 1828) Deborah P. Young, born May 30, 1809; daughter of Jonathan F. and Susanna Young of Orleans. She died at Eastham. Ephraim Higgins lived at North Eastham.

*Children.*

- 678. i. Orien, b. July 9, 1830; married Eliza Jane Smith.
- ii. Betsey Freeman, b. July 31, 1832; d. May 17, 1909; married Jan. 29, 1852, James Prince of Truro; and had children b. there.
- iii. Mary Knowles, b. Sept. 4, 1835; married Isaiah Robbins of Brewster, Mass., and removed to Attleboro, Mass.
- iv. A child, who d. in infancy.
- v. Another child, who d. in infancy.
- vi. Philip G., b. Sept. 17, 1841; d. Dec. 12, 1849.

416. JOHN W.<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Benjamin<sup>6</sup>, Elkanah<sup>5</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>4</sup>, Ichabod<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born May 26, 1796; died Jan. 9, 1870; married Sept. 24, 1835, Mary S. Taylor of Wellfleet, Mass., born April 16, 1807.

John W. Higgins resided at Eastham or Wellfleet.

*Children.*

- 679. i. Peter, b. Dec. 28, 1838; married (1) Harriet E. Baker; (2) Phebe Burroughs; (3) Martha A. M. Higgins.
- ii. Fanny Knowles, b. June 12, 1847; married April 18, 1878, Rev. Charles Hollis of Portsmouth, England; before her marriage she was a successful school teacher; residence Vineland, N. J.

417. ELKANAH<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Benjamin<sup>6</sup>, Elkanah<sup>5</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>4</sup>, Ichabod<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born Oct. 24, 1797; died in 1828 in Cuba; married April 10, 1824, Hannah King of Wellfleet, Mass.

Capt. Elkanah Higgins was a master mariner in command of a ship, and died in Cuba at the age of thirty-one years.

*Child.*

- i. Zephaniah King, b. Sept. 16, 1826; lost at sea with Barnabas Higgins, his uncle, in 1846; married and left a child, Peter Higgins, of whom his grandmother, Hannah (King) Higgins, was appointed guardian.

418. BEN<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Benjamin*<sup>6</sup>, *Elkanah*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Nov. 2, 1801; died Nov. 22, 1880; married June 25 or Sept. 22, 1828, Hannah A. Higgins, daughter of Daniel Higgins of Wellfleet.

Ben Higgins resided at Eastham.

*Children.*

- i. Mary Jane, b. Nov. 28, 1830; married Nov. 22, 1852, Nathan W. Hatch of Eastham. Children: (1) Walter Maynard Hatch, b. Feb. 8, 1854, who married Susan — and had Eugenia M., b. Dec. 29, 1877, Eleanor, b. Sept. 22, 1881, Beulah C., b. Jan. 31, 1886, Marion J., b. July 16, 1887, Walter M., b. July 5, 1897. (2) Wendell Chester Hatch, b. Feb. 15, 1857; married Minnie E. Slack and had Mary E., b. May 24, 1889, Agnes V., b. Sept. 26, 1890.
680. ii. Daniel, b. Oct. 12, 1832; married Betsey G. Collins.
- iii. Mercy Ann, b. Oct. 9, 1835; married Feb. 12, 1854, Elisha S. Young of Chatham. Residence at Barnstable, Mass. Child: Clarence H. Young.
681. iv. Eldad, b. March 4, 1838; married Paulina Knowles.
- v. Benjamin, b. Aug. 1, 1841; d. Nov. 10, 1841.
- vi. Clarinda W., b. June 19, 1845; married March 6, 1883, Lewis Hall.
682. vii. Benjamin Franklin, b. Aug. 19, 1847; married Amelia R. Johnson.

419. ANDREW WALKER<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Benjamin*<sup>6</sup>, *Elkanah*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Feb. 25, 1806; died March 2, 1872, at Eastham, Mass.; married (1) Nov. 26, 1829, Rebecca R. Atkins, born —; died Sept. 30, 1836; married (2) April 26, 1837, Chloe Bodfish Whelden of Barnstable, Mass.; born —; died Feb. 12, 1880, at Eastham.

Andrew W. Higgins resided at Wellfleet and Eastham.

*Children.*

- i. A son, b. Oct. 8, 1830; d. Oct. 11, 1830.
- ii. Elkanah, b. Dec. 7, 1831; d. Dec. 20, 1831.
- iii. Cordelia, b. July 27, 1833; married Sept. 17, 1855, Theophilus J. Newcomb; she d. Feb. 4, 1858.

683. iv. Atkins, b. Aug. 21, 1835; married Althea Ann Kershaw.  
 684. v. Isaac Henry, b. March 16, 1838; married Harriet N. White.  
 685. vi. Andrew, b. Sept. 24, 1842; married Caroline W. Winsor.

420. BARTLETT<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Benjamin*<sup>6</sup>, *Elkanah*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Jan. 8, 1808; died Dec. 28, 1849; married June 17, 1833, at Wellfleet, Mass., Lucy Newcomb Higgins, born Aug. 8, 1813, at Wellfleet; died Jan. 6, 1862; daughter of Samuel and Lucy (Newcomb) Higgins of Wellfleet.

Bartlett Higgins was a shoemaker, and resided at Wellfleet.

*Children.*

- i. Sarah Ann, b. March 9, 1834; married Nov. 21, 1852, Alfred S. Freeman. Child: Joshua Freeman, b. May 15, 1853.  
 686. ii. John Grey, b. April 26, 1836; married (1) Lucinda R. Newcomb; (2) Abigail Freeman; (3) Hattie E. Cole.

Authority: *Freeman Genealogy*, p. 266.

421. JUSTUS<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Benjamin*<sup>6</sup>, *Elkanah*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born April 5, 1812; died July 29, 1890, at Wellfleet, Mass.; married March 22, 1835, Lois Hickman of Wellfleet, born —; died Jan. 7, 1895, at South Boston, Mass.

Justus Higgins resided at Boston and Wellfleet, Mass.

*Children.*

687. i. Justus, b. —; married Emma S. Pierce.  
 ii. Sarah Lewis, b. —; married May 9, 1858, Obadiah Rich and had two sons.  
 iii. Benjamin Merriam, b. July 24, 1839; d. June 19, 1840.  
 iv. Lewis Hickman, b. May 5, 1843; married May 15, 1872, Etta F. Bryant.  
 v. Bartlett, b. Nov. 27, 1851.

422. DAVID<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Joshua*<sup>6</sup>, *Elkanah*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Jan. 3, 1804; died Jan. 24, 1894; married April 12, 1827, Sally Swain, born in 1807; died March 22, 1897, aged 90 years; daughter of Walter P. and Hannah (Myrick) Swain.

David Higgins resided at Eastham.



*Children born at Eastham, Mass.*

688. i. Benaiah G., b. Jan. 20, 1829; married Maria T. Dill.  
ii. Hannah Rebecca, b. May 8, 1831; married Dec. 28, 1852, James Savage. She d. at Eastham, April 18, 1888. Children: James, Henry, and Eulalia Cole Savage.  
iii. David Gill, b. Sept. 20, 1836; lost at sea March 22, 1854.  
iv. Maria Holmes, b. Nov. 6, 1839; d. 1915; married Jan. 8, 1866, Roland D. Cobb. Child: Sarah Cobb, living at Eastham in 1916.  
689. v. Asa, b. Jan. 16, 1841; married Eunice Hattie Robbins.  
690. vi. Levi Walter, b. Feb. 29, 1844; married Kate A. Savage.

423. JOSHUA<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Joshua*<sup>6</sup>, *Elkanah*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Feb. 16, 1812; died Nov. 1, 1852; married Maria Holmes Cobb, born —; died —; daughter of Scotto and Phœbe (Foster) Cobb.

Joshua Higgins resided at Eastham, Mass.

*Children.*

691. i. Joshua Warren, b. July 3, 1841; married (1) Rebecca Higgins Horton; (2) Martha Pierce.  
ii. Ann Maria, b. Aug. 14, 1843; married Gustavus Swift of Chicago, the beef magnate. Residence, Chicago. Children: Louis F., Edward F., Lincoln, Annie Mae, Ellen, Charles H., Gustavus F., Albert, Ruth, and two others.

424. ISAAC<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Ephraim*<sup>6</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Sept. 27, 1796; died May 12, 1879, at Jamaica, Vt.; married (date not found) Almena Baldwin, born —; died —; daughter of Levi and Bathsheba (Fisher) Baldwin.

Isaac Higgins resided at Jamaica, Vt.

*Children.*

- i. Lestina Almena, b. —; married (1) Lewis Bills of Jamaica, Vt.; (2) John Wilder. No children.  
692. ii. Justin Emory, b. May 10, 1825; married Jane Anna Perham.  
693. iii. Benjamin Franklin, b. —; married Joan M. Johnson.  
iv. Isaac Wilson, b. —; married (1) Miss Rice of Jamaica, Vt.; (2) Carrie E. Adams. One child, d. in infancy.  
v. Alexander Martin, b. Dec. 14, 1830; married Aug. 23, 1859, Abby A. Morse of Reading; lived in East Somerville, Mass. No children.  
vi. Louisa Abigail, b. —; married George E. Hammond of West Wardsboro, Vt. Children; Lavinia, Zella, Flora, Herbert Joel, Herbert.

- vii. Mary Ann, b. Jan. 5, 1833; d. ———.
- 694. viii. Charles Wesley, b. April 6, 1835; married Emeline F. Delva.
- ix. Otis Henry, b. ———; d. ———.
- x. Infant daughter, b. ———; d. ———.

425. JAMES<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*James*<sup>6</sup>, *Jethro*<sup>5</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born May 6, 1794, at Bucksport, Maine; died there in 1822; married May 29, 1819, Hannah Cole of Bucksport.

No more known of them. Probably no children.

Authority: Bucksport Records, vol. i, p. 488.

426. LUTHER<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*James*<sup>6</sup>, *Jethro*<sup>5</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Feb. 10, 1797, at Bucksport, Maine; died June 4, 1882, at Orland, Maine; married in Orland, Nov. 11, 1818, Jane Saunders, born June 5, 1796, at Orland; died there Dec. 1, 1878 (or Feb. 3, 1879).

Luther Higgins was a farmer; lived at Bucksport and later at Orland; died of paralysis.

*Children born at Orland.*

- i. Aaron G., b. April 18, 1820, at Bucksport; d. Feb. 17, 1877; captain; married Clara Brookman, who is said to have d. in South Carolina.
- ii. Mary Ann, b. Aug. 9, 1824, at Orland, Maine; d. July 28, 1903; married in Orland, Sept. 15, 1844, Almon Dickey, b. Aug. 14, 1815, at Acworth, N. H.; d. Sept. 25, 1896.
- iii. Elizabeth A., b. May 13, 1831; d. at Bangor, Jan. 25, 1910; married March 15, 1852, John Storer (or Stover), who d. April 18, 1900.
- iv. Caroline Jane, b. Feb. 6, 1835; d. at Portsmouth, N. H.
- 695. v. Howard Luther, b. June 5, 1837; married Sarah Cushman.

Authority: Capt. Howard L. Higgins of Brooklyn, N. Y.

427. PHILEMON<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*James*<sup>6</sup>, *Jethro*<sup>5</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Aug. 21, 1798, at Bucksport; died at Bangor, Maine, March 25, 1869, and buried at Bucksport; married March 18, 1822, by Rev. Joshua Nye, Duty Nickerson of Bucksport, born 1797; died at Bangor, March 21, 1869, and buried at Bucksport.

They had children.

428. JOSIAH<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*James*<sup>6</sup>, *Jethro*<sup>5</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born March 1, 1804, at Bucksport, Maine; died —; married —.

He was a Methodist minister and had pastorates at Bristol, Whiting, Georgetown, Monmouth, and Newcastle, Maine.

*Children.*

- i. Mary Abbie, b. Aug. 14, 1830; d. at Bangor; married Stephen Cook.
  - ii. Sarah T., b. Sept. 19, 1832; d. at Bucksport, Maine; married Charles W. Curtis.
  - iii. Hannah Maria, b. Feb. 2, 1835, at Whiting, Maine; d. at Provincetown, Mass.; married Nathaniel P. Holmes.
  - iv. Susan J., b. December, 1837; d. November, 1838, at Newcastle, Maine.
696. v. Josiah Parker, b. Feb. 8, 1841, at Bristol, Maine married (1) Lavina Adams; (2) Florinda B. Goodwin.
- vi. Susan, b. Aug. 10, 1842, at Georgetown, Maine; d. July 3, 1879.
  - vii. Charles W., b. April 29, 1845, at Monmouth, Maine; d. May 7, 1867.

429. RICHARD<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Zaccheus*<sup>6</sup>, *Zaccheus*<sup>5</sup>, *Joshua*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Nov. 16, 1786; died —; married March 20, 1814, Thankful Crosby.

He resided at Orleans.

*Children.*

- i. Hannah, b. April 8, 1815; d. Dec. 22, 1890; married Jan. 6, 1848, Freeman Mayo of Orleans.
- ii. Ruth C., b. Jan. 27, 1817.
- iii. Caroline, b. Sept. 17, 1819; d. July 10, 1853.
- iv. Thankful, b. Feb. 12, 1827; married Dec. 3, 1846, Isaac C. Foster, son of Sears and Betsey Foster.

Authorities: Eastham Records; Orleans Records.

430. CHARLES<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Zaccheus*<sup>6</sup>, *Zaccheus*<sup>5</sup>, *Joshua*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born July 29, 1789, at Orleans; died Sept. 30, 1866, at Chatham; married March 13, 1819, Molly Loveland of Chatham.

*Children.*

- i. Elijah, b. July 7, 1821.
- ii. Sarah Jane, b. Feb. 15, 1825; married — Arnold; lived in Chatham, Mass.

431. CARMI<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Zaccheus*<sup>6</sup>, *Zaccheus*<sup>5</sup>, *Joshua*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born April 9, 1793, at Eastham; died there —; married (int. Dec. 14, 1818) Sarah Walker, born Sept. 19, 1794; died —; daughter of Peter Walker.

Carmi Higgins resided at Eastham, Mass.

No children.

Authorities: *Walker Genealogy*, p. 345; Gravestones at Eastham.

432. BARNABAS<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Zaccheus*<sup>6</sup>, *Zaccheus*<sup>5</sup>, *Joshua*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Dec. 27, 1797; died July 20, 1825; married Oct. 4, 1821, Dorcas Higgins, born Sept. 30, 1799; died Aug. 14, 1837, at Barnstable, daughter of Benjamin and Mercy (Walker) Higgins.

He was a sea captain and was lost at sea.

*Child.*

- i. Barnabas Nathaniel Green, b. Nov. 23, 1824. He was lost at sea, 1846, with his cousin Zephaniah Higgins.

433. ZARA<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Zaccheus*<sup>6</sup>, *Zaccheus*<sup>5</sup>, *Joshua*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Sept. 15, 1801, at Eastham; died there Oct. 15, 1874; married June 3, 1824, Betsey Cobb, born —, 1804; died Feb. 17, 1885.

He was for many years treasurer of the town of Eastham. His portrait in oil hangs in the Timothy Smith Town Hall at Eastham.

No children.

434. WARREN H.<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Zaccheus*<sup>6</sup>, *Zaccheus*<sup>5</sup>, *Joshua*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born in 1810; died —; probably married (1) Hannah —; probably married (2) Betsey —.

He was a mariner and resided at Eastham.

*Children.*

- i. Polly Williams, b. May 4, 1836; d. June 20, 1842.
- ii. Betsey Curtis, b. April 10, 1838; married Dec. 11, 1853, Benjamin Knowles.
- iii. Warren R., b. Dec. 7, 1851.

Authority: Eastham Record.

435. HATSALD<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Hatsald*<sup>6</sup>, *Joshua*<sup>5</sup>, *Joshua*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Sept. 28, 1794; died —;

married Feb. 11, 1845, Sarah Eldredge Doane, born Aug. 18, 1824; died at Riverside; R. I.; daughter of Samuel Doane of Chatham, Mass.

*Children.*

- i. Lucyetta A., b. June 4, 1848; d. Nov. 29, 1861.
- ii. Hatsald A., b. Nov. 17, 1854; d. Nov. 6, 1860.
- iii. Ernest W. A., b. June 11, 1865.

Authority: *Doane Family*, p. 259.

436. JOSHUA<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Hatsald*<sup>6</sup>, *Joshua*<sup>5</sup>, *Joshua*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Jan. 25, 1796; died Nov. 16, 1849; married Jan. 4, 1821, Sylvia Knowles, born 1800; died March 10, 1879, aged 78 years, 11 months, daughter of Robert and Lydia Knowles.

He resided at Eastham-Orleans.

*Children.*

- i. Fannie, b. Oct. 18, 1821; d. Oct. 23, 1899, at Orleans; married Dec. 24, 1840, Edwin Smith; her daughter Betsey T. married Amos Sherman.
- ii. Mehitable Sherman, b. June 19, 1826; d. March 4, 1905, at Orleans; married Nov. 28, 1847, Leonard Young as his second wife.
- iii. Lucinda, b. Sept. 29, 1828; married Dec. 26, 1847, Abram Chapman of Provincetown.
- iv. Harriet, b. Dec. 15, 1830; d. Aug. 12, 1850; married Dec. 26, 1847, Asa T. Bowley of Provincetown.
- v. Sylvia, b. June 12, 1833; married Feb. 20, 1853, Levi A. Kilburn; (2) March 12, 1861, Joseph Snow, mariner, of Orleans; she d. June 21, 1890, at Orleans.
- vi. Mercy A., b. Dec. 15, 1841; d. Feb. 25, 1894; unmarried.

Authority: Eastham-Orleans Records.

437. LEONARD<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Hatsald*<sup>6</sup>, *Joshua*<sup>5</sup>, *Joshua*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Nov. 30, 1801; died ———; married Feb. 20, 1826, Betsey T. Gould of Eastham.

He resided at Eastham and was a carpenter or "housewright."

*Children.*

- i. Elbridge Gerry, b. Nov. 30, 1827.
- ii. Leonard Gould, b. March 29, 1830.
- iii. Betsey D., b. March 12, 1832.
- iv. Sparrow, b. Sept. 3, 1834.



438. JOSHUA<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Joshua*<sup>6</sup>, *Joshua*<sup>5</sup>, *Joshua*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born July 15, 1797, at Eastham-Orleans; died —; married Aug. 9, 1821, Joanna Gould, born 1800; died Feb. 5 or 7, 1878, aged 78; daughter of John and Joanna (—) Gould.

*Child.*

- i. Eunice, b. —; d. Jan. 2, 1847; married Dec. 28, 1845, Frederick Percival.

439. JOSEPH<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Eleazer*<sup>6</sup>, *Enoch*<sup>5</sup>, *Eleazer*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Jan. 3, 1786; died —; married Oct. 12, 1812, Abigail Brown.

Joseph Higgins resided at Wellfleet, Mass.

*Children.*

- i. Seth Brown, b. Aug. 10, 1813; married (1) Nov. 2, 1837, Alice Brown; (2) Nov. 4, 1876, Mary C. (Everton) Smith. No children.
697. ii. Joseph, b. Nov. 18, 1817; married Rachel Newcomb.
- iii. Jerusha, b. Jan. 18, 1820; d. Aug. 22, 1904; married Alfred Smith. No children.
- iv. Sarah Foster, b. Aug. 5, 1822; married Thomas Allen Higgins.
- v. Mercy Waterman, b. May 9, 1825; married Dec. 5, 1848, Simeon Atwood.
- vi. Charles, b. Sept. 4, 1827; d. Dec. 8, 1831.
- vii. Abigail, b. April 28, 1830; d. unmarried.
698. viii. Charles Wesley, b. Jan. 30, 1833; married Ann H. Jenkins.

440. JOSIAH RICH<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Uriah*<sup>6</sup>, *Enoch*<sup>5</sup>, *Eleazer*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Sept. 20, 1794; died —; married Jan. 8, 1820, Abigail H. Freeman, born April 12, 1801; died —; daughter of Benjamin and Mercy (Atwood) Freeman.

Josiah R. Higgins resided at Wellfleet, Mass.

*Children.*

699. i. Thomas Allen, b. Dec. 20, 1820; married Sarah Foster Higgins.
- ii. Jerusha Rich, b. Feb. 11, 1824; d. June 15, 1825.
- iii. Jerusha Rich, b. Oct. 26, 1825; d. Feb. 9, 1906; married David Holbrook Baker.
- iv. Mercy Atwood, b. July 17, 1828; married Dec. 20, 1850, Albert W. Holbrook.

- v. Josiah Rich, b. Oct. 17, 1830; d. unmarried.
- vi. Reuben Franklin, b. March 12, 1833; lost at sea, unmarried.
- vii. Nancy Atwood, b. May 29, 1835; married at Wellfleet, Dec. 31, 1857, Benjamin Ryder Jones, b. Jan. 24, 1832; d. May 13, 1895, son of Arnold Murray and Rachel Doane (Harding) Jones. No children.
- viii. Lucy Ann, b. July 15, 1837; d. April 18, 1901; married Dec. 1, 1859, at East Boston, Mass., Giles Hopkins, Jr., b. April 1, 1833; d. Dec. 2, 1875; son of Giles and Anna (Higgins) Hopkins. Children: Elmer Ellsworth Hopkins, born May 8, 1861; married Mary Elizabeth Goud, daughter of Thomas and Bethiah C. (Goodwin) Goud of Dresden Mills, Maine. Residence New York City.
- 700. ix. William Henry Greenough, b. July 1, 1840; married Eusebia S. Doane.
- 701. x. Charles Freeman, b. May, 1842; married Abbie R. Baker.

Authorities: *Freeman Genealogy*, p. 181; Miss Betsey Freeman of Wellfleet, Mass.; Wellfleet Vital Records.

441. JOHN KNOWLES<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Ephraim*<sup>6</sup>, *Enoch*<sup>5</sup>, *Eleazer*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Feb. 28, 1795; died Nov. 25, 1854; married (1) March 30, 1819, Thankful Snow Newcomb, born June 26, 1796; died Jan. 17, 1829; married (2) Jan. 19, 1830, Ruth Wiley, born July 24, 1794, at Eastham; died June 3, 1880, at South Wellfleet, Mass.

John K. Higgins resided at Wellfleet, Mass.

#### *Children.*

- i. Reuben, b. Feb. 6, 1820; drowned from schooner *Lexington*, Oct. 25, 1840.
- 702. ii. John Rich, b. Aug. 28, 1822; married (1) Eliza F. Higgins; (2) Mrs. Almira Manter.
- 703. iii. Alfred, b. Aug. 12, 1826; married Mary R. M. Higgins.
- iv. Minerva, b. Sept. 7, 1828; married (1) May 10, 1849, Josiah Pervear, son of Isaac and Phoebe (Higgins) Pervear; married (2) Dec. 15, 1885, Wells E. Kemp. Child: James Pervear.
- 704. v. Rufus, b. Oct. 4, 1830; married Sarah E. Wiley.
- 705. vi. Henry Mayo, b. Aug. 25, 1832; married Peryntha Wetherell.
- vii. Charles Knowles, b. Oct. 29, 1834; d. June 27, 1862.

Authority: Mr. S. B. Gifford, Syracuse, N. Y.

442. ENOCH<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Ephraim*<sup>6</sup>, *Enoch*<sup>5</sup>, *Eleazer*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Sept. 2, 1798; died —; married Nov. 7, 1820, Elizabeth (Elvia?) Hopkins.

Enoch Higgins resided at Wellfleet, Mass.

*Children.*

- i. Nancy Rich, b. Aug. 13, 1821; married William Newcomb, who was drowned at sea with his brother-in-law, William H. Higgins.
706. ii. William Hutton, b. April 10, 1823; married Jerusha C. Dyer.
707. iii. John Knowles, b. Jan. 24, 1825; married Lucy Rich.
708. iv. Allen, b. March 28, 1827; married Sarah P. Hatch.
- v. Thankful Atwood, b. Sept. 1, 1829; married — Snow(?).
- vi. Elizabeth Anne, b. May 3, 1832; married March 18, 1852, Seth Newcomb.
- vii. Warren Emerson, b. Sept. 29, 1834; d. March 29, 1835.
- viii. Rosanna Mary, b. Feb. 7, 1836; married — Parsons.  
Child: Emma.
- ix. Warren Emerson, b. Feb. 3, 1838; d. Sept. 27, 1838.
- x. Clarissa Emerson, b. Aug. 27, 1839; married —.

443. EPHRAIM<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Ephraim*<sup>6</sup>, *Enoch*<sup>5</sup>, *Eleazer*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born April 8, 1811; died June 19, 1892, at Everett, Mass.; married at Truro, Mass., Dec. 11, 1833, Rebecca Sears, born —; died Dec. 16, 1854; daughter of Richard and Mary (Rich) Sears.

Ephraim Higgins resided at Wellfleet, Mass., but died at Everett.

*Children.*

- i. Mary Abigail, b. July 18, 1835; married Jeremiah Newcomb Snow. Child: Letitia Snow, b. —; married William A. Mitchell; residence, Chicago; much interested in the Higgins Genealogy.
709. ii. Richard Sears, b. Dec. 23, 1837; married Frances Emma Taber.
- iii. Rebecca Ellen, b. Dec. 23, 1838; married Henry Rich of Truro, Mass. Child: Carrie Pamela Rich.
- iv. Henry Rich, b. 1844; married Nellie S. Cobb, sister of Judge Hollis Cobb of Worcester, Mass.; residence Allston, Mass.
- v. Minerva, b. 1847; d. unmarried.
- vi. Zoeth, b. 1850; married Marie —; residence Franklin, Mass.

- vii. Albertina, b. 1854; married David Moses; residence Camp-  
ton, N. H.

444. REUBEN<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Reuben*<sup>6</sup>, *Enoch*<sup>5</sup>, *Eleazer*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Oct. 16, 1805; died —; married Jan. 5, 1834, Joanna Bacon.

Reuben Higgins resided at Wellfleet, Mass.

*Children.*

- i. Adeline Augusta, b. Feb. 27, 1835; d. Feb. 26, 1904; married John Elliot Knowles. Child: George C. Knowles.  
710. ii. Lewis Hamlin, b. Aug. 22, 1836; married Elizabeth A. Rider.  
iii. Chloe Ann, b. Sept. 4, 1837; d. unmarried.  
iv. George A., b. Aug. 16, 1845; unmarried.  
v. Warren F., b. Aug. 16, 1845.

445. LEWIS HAMLIN<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Reuben*<sup>6</sup>, *Enoch*<sup>5</sup>, *Eleazer*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Oct. 25, 1812; died —; married Nov. 7, 1838, Hannah Atwood, born —; died Feb. 22, 1900; daughter of John and Hannah (Cook) Atwood.

Lewis Hamlin Higgins resided at Wellfleet, Mass.

*Children.*

- i. Lucretia Franklin, b. Oct. 27, 1839; married May 6, 1860, Robert B. Jenkins. Children: Robert, b. —, d. unmarried; Edith Jenkins, who married Solomon Barnard.  
ii. Samuel Roberts, b. March 19, 1842; probably unmarried.  
iii. Joshua Hamlin, b. Dec. 12, 1844; d. —.  
711. iv. Joshua Hamlin, b. Sept. 29, 1849; married Ida Nye.  
v. A child, b. Aug. 13, 1853; d. in infancy.  
712. vi. Walter E., b. Jan. 31, 1857; married Lucy M. Young.  
vii. Sarah, b. —; unmarried.

446. ASA<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Reuben*<sup>6</sup>, *Enoch*<sup>5</sup>, *Eleazer*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Aug. 10, 1823; died —; married April 6, 1833, Ruth Doane Rich, born June 27, 1803; died Dec. 16, 1878; daughter of Robert and Eunice (Harding) Rich.

Asa Higgins resided at Wellfleet, Mass. The discrepancy in date of Asa Higgins's birth it has been impossible to correct.

*Children.*

713. i. Jesse Thomas, b. Oct. 28, 1833; married Mary E. Weston.  
ii. Eunice Rich, b. July 30, 1835; married Benjamin Hopkins.
714. iii. Solomon R., b. March 20, 1837; married Elizabeth Oliver.  
iv. Sarah Ann, b. Dec. 20, 1840.  
v. Wilbur Fisk, b. Oct. 8, 1842; d. unmarried.

Authority: *Treat Genealogy*, p. 335.

447. DANIEL PAINE<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Jedidiah*<sup>6</sup>, *Jedidiah*<sup>5</sup>, *Eleazer*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born June 9, 1811; died —; married Dec. 21, 1837, Abigail H. Rich.

Daniel P. Higgins resided at Truro, Mass. Mrs. Higgins was living there in 1900.

*Children.*

- i. Reuben Orcut, b. Oct. 16, 1840; d. Nov. 23, 1843.  
ii. Daniel Paine, b. —; d., aged 24 years, unmarried.  
iii. Huldah, b. —; married about 1873, Gamaliel Atkins; living in 1900.

448. JOSEPH<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Jedidiah*<sup>6</sup>, *Jedidiah*<sup>5</sup>, *Eleazer*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Dec. 25, 1822; died —; married Hannah Paine.

Joseph Higgins resided in Truro, Mass., where he was living in 1900.

*Children.*

- i. Joseph A., b. —; d. unmarried in 1900.  
ii. Delia, b. —; married (1) Thomas Davis; (2) Richard Luther; resided in Attleboro, Mass.  
iii. Jedidiah, b. —; married and has four children; residence Dover, Mass.  
iv. Richard, b. —; married Miss —, from Parsboro, N. S. Children: Harold Luther Higgins and a daughter.

449. THOMAS<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Barnabas Paine*<sup>6</sup>, *Jedidiah*<sup>5</sup>, *Eleazer*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Nov. 7, 1799; died —; married Dec. 11, 1822, Abigail Freeman Atwood.

Thomas Higgins resided at Truro and Wellfleet, Mass.

*Children.*

- i. Abigail Atwood, b. —; married March 21, 1844, William G. Todd.



- ii. Maria T., b. —.
- iii. Barnabas, b. Oct. 16, 1827; d. Aug. 14, 1829.
- 715. iv. Thomas, b. Oct. 15, 1830; married Clarissa C. Paine.

450. REUBEN<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Joseph<sup>6</sup>, Jedidiah<sup>5</sup>, Eleazer<sup>4</sup>, Richard<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born Sept. 28, 1808; died —; married (1) Louisiana Atwood; (2) Emma Atherns of Nantucket.

*Children.*

- i. Louisiana A., b. April 22, 1836; married Horace L. Atherns of Nantucket, Mass., brother of Reuben Higgins's second wife.
- ii. Reuben, b. Feb. 18, 1838; d. unmarried.
- iii. Richard Atwood, b. Nov. 2, 1841; d. at sea; unmarried.

451. JEREMIAH<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Joseph<sup>6</sup>, Jedidiah<sup>5</sup>, Eleazer<sup>4</sup>, Richard<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born Nov. 14, 1813; died —; married Jan. 3, 1837, Sally Lombard, born —; died Feb. 6, 1896; daughter of Thomas and Abigail (Hopkins) Lombard.

Jeremiah Higgins resided at Truro, Mass.

*Children.*

- 716. i. Jeremiah Thomas, b. Sept. 26, 1837; married Sarah Lombard.
- 717. ii. Levi L., b. Nov. 9, 1839; married Harriet L. Whitman.
- iii. Sarah Abigail Lombard, b. Aug. 22, 1842; married Ainsley McCloud and has three children, all married.
- iv. Rebecca, b. —; married Charles Orton. Child: Rebecca.
- v. Mary, b. —; d. unmarried in 1895.
- vi. Mercy Paine, b. 1848; married May 13, 1869, Isaac Lewis Rich of Wellfleet, later of Boston, Mass., where he kept a market. Child: Lula.

452. EBENEZER LELAND<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Nehemiah<sup>6</sup>, Levi<sup>5</sup>, Theophilus<sup>4</sup>, Richard<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born April 8, 1808; died Dec. 28, 1901; married Dec. 27, 1827, Hannah D. Hamor, born —; died Sept. 10, 1893; daughter of David and Experience (Thompson) Hamor.

Ebenezer L. Higgins resided at Eden, Mount Desert, Maine. He was a master mariner, and also a large property owner. It is said that at one time he was the heaviest taxpayer on the island

of Mount Desert. He was a member of the legislature of Maine in 1839 and held many other offices. It is said that he was the bearer of the last communication that passed between the governments of the United States and Mexico, previous to the outbreak of the Mexican War.

*Children.*

- i. Eveline, b. Nov. 18, 1836; d. Nov. 4, 1857, at Eden, Maine, unmarried.
- ii. Ansel B., b. Nov. 10, 1838; d. July 12, 1839.

453. BENJAMIN LELAND<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Nehemiah*<sup>6</sup>, *Levi*<sup>5</sup>, *Theophilus*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Sept. 9, 1814, at Eden, Maine; died Jan. 29, 1891; married at Philadelphia, Penn., in 1835, Louisa Moxley.

Benjamin L. Higgins resided at Rockland, Maine. He was a limeburner and survived his wife many years.

*Children.*

- i. Ellen R., b. April 8, 1836; d. at Rockland, Maine; unmarried.
- ii. Zenas H., b. May 20, 1838.
- iii. Nancy L., b. Sept. 14, 1840; d. in 1890 at Portland, Maine; married Henry M. Foss.
- iv. John Milton, b. Jan. 8, 1843; d. Jan. 5, 1848.
- v. Eben L., b. Oct. 15, 1845.
- vi. Sherman W., b. Oct. 2, 1848.
- vii. Lizzie S., b. Jan. 2, 1850; married June 11, 1873, Rev. Gideon Mayo of Eden, Maine, b. Nov. 23, 1846; residence Winter Harbor, Maine.
- viii. Benjamin F., b. March 12, 1852; married Harriet J. Hopkins; d. at Bar Harbor, Maine.
- ix. Rosilla, b. Jan. 28, 1854; married Hiram J. Emery of Bangor, Maine.

Authorities: Eaton's *Thomaston, Me.*, vol. ii, p. 267; *Leland Genealogy*; Mr. Josiah Higgins of Ellsworth, Maine.

454. NATHAN<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Elkanah*<sup>6</sup>, *Levi*<sup>5</sup>, *Theophilus*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born July 7, 1788; died about 1880; married (int. Oct. 17, 1808,) Anna Leland, born in 1789, at Trenton, Maine; died —; daughter of — —.

Nathan Higgins resided at Pittsfield, Maine, and later at Cooper, Maine.

*Children.*

- i. Leonard, b. —.
- ii. Mary Travis, b. —.
- iii. Ephraim, b. —.
- iv. Benjamin, b. —.
- v. James, b. —.
- vi. Henry, b. —.
- 717A. vii. Nathan, b. —; married —.
- viii. Ebenezer, b. —.
- ix. A daughter, b. —; married David Vance.
- x. Joseph, b. —.
- xi. Sabina, b. —.
- xii. A daughter, b. —; married Spencer Sprague.
- xiii. Thomas, b. —.

455. NATHANIEL<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Elkanah*<sup>6</sup>, *Levi*<sup>5</sup>, *Theophilus*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born March 1, 1790, at Eden, Maine; died —; married Remember Blaisdell of Palmyra, Maine.

Nathaniel and Remember Higgins had nine children.

456. THOMAS<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Elkanah*<sup>6</sup>, *Levi*<sup>5</sup>, *Theophilus*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Nov. 19, 1795, at Eden, Maine; died —; married Jane Gifford of Fairfield, Maine.

Thomas and Jane Higgins had nine children.

457. HENRY<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Elkanah*<sup>6</sup>, *Levi*<sup>5</sup>, *Theophilus*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Jan. 12, 1798, at Eden, Maine; died —; married Mahala Davis of Albion, Maine.

Henry and Mahala Higgins had four children.

458. LEVI<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Elkanah*<sup>6</sup>, *Levi*<sup>5</sup>, *Theophilus*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born April 1, or 5, 1800, at Fairfield, Maine; died Jan. 5, 1851, at Saint Albans, Maine; married at Bloomfield, Maine, Nov. 29, 1826, Charlotte Russell, born Dec. 27, 1796; died March 30, 1861, at Dexter, Maine; daughter of Asa Russell of Skowhegan, Maine.

Levi Higgins was a lumberman and a farmer.

*Children.*

718. i. Edwin G., b. February, 1829; married (1) Miranda E. Jackson; (2) Abigail F. Mower.

- ii. Mary Jane, b. Oct. 5, 1830; married Dec. 25, 1856, William S. Whitman of Bangor, Maine. She d. April 7, 1907.
- iii. Sarah Elizabeth, b. —; married Feb. 22, 1858, Loring L. Hayes of Dexter, Maine. She d. April 11, 1895, at Bangor, Maine.

459. SERENUS<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Richard*<sup>6</sup>, *Levi*<sup>5</sup>, *Theophilus*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Sept. 3, 1807; died —; married (date not found) Emily Rodick.

Serenus Higgins was a sea captain and resided at Bar Harbor, Maine. Mrs. Emily (Rodick) Higgins survived him and married (2) Thomas Dollard of Ellsworth, Maine.

*Children.*

- i. Richard, b. —; d. April 28, 1833.
- ii. Richard, b. —.
- iii. Emily, b. —; d. Sept. 6, 1872.
- 719. iv. Forrest R., b. April 7, 1835; married Carrie M. Stafford.

460. ALBION<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Richard*<sup>6</sup>, *Levi*<sup>5</sup>, *Theophilus*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Aug. 8, 1811; died July 7, 1871; married, in 1843, Sophia Hamor.

Albion Higgins was a sea captain and resided at Hull's Cove, Mount Desert, Maine.

*Children.*

- i. Nathan, b. June 2, 1845; d. June 5, 1878.
- ii. Sarah A., b. Feb. 23, 1847.
- iii. Mary R., b. Nov. 1, 1848.
- iv. Serenus H., b. May 3, 1852.
- v. Ezra H., b. Dec. 12, 1855.
- vi. Emily, b. Aug. 2, 1862.

461. WARREN F.<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Richard*<sup>6</sup>, *Levi*<sup>5</sup>, *Theophilus*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Aug. 24, 1813; died —; married (1) Zeruah Higgins; married (2) in 1854, Cornelia Hamor.

*Child.*

- i. Warren F., b. —.

462. JOSIAH<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Josiah*<sup>6</sup>, *Levi*<sup>5</sup>, *Theophilus*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born April 15, 1830; died —;

married Aug. 31, 1854, Harriet F. Caswell, who was born at West Camden, Maine, March 21, 1832.

He resided at Ellsworth, Maine; was a boat builder.

*Children.*

720. i. Orient C., b. Nov. 27, 1855; married Grace K. Perry.  
ii. Leonora G., b. Feb. 14, 1857; principal of Leland School, Portland, Maine; unmarried.  
iii. Charles R., b. May 30, 1858; unmarried in 1906; contractor and builder at Portersville, Cal.
721. iv. Lloyd H., b. March 21, 1863; married Albertina Farrell.  
v. Louis F., b. Nov. 26, 1864; married July 31, 1890, Minerva Young; no children; he was a house carpenter at Ellsworth, Maine.  
vi. Julia Viola, b. Aug. 1, 1872; married Louis A. Nichols; residence in Woonsocket, R. I.  
vii. Mary C., b. Oct. 25, 1873; married Oct. 2, 1897, George S. Hagerthy, dentist, Ellsworth, Maine.

Authority: Josiah Higgins, Ellsworth, Maine.

463. EBEN L.<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Levi*<sup>6</sup>, *Levi*<sup>5</sup>, *Theophilus*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born June 6, 1835, in Eden, Maine; died —; married in Trenton, Maine, Dec. 2, 1853, Hannah H. Nutt; daughter of William and Nancy (Ladd) Nutt of Camden, Maine. He resided in Minneapolis, Minn., and was a blacksmith.

*Children.*

722. i. George W., b. at Rockland, Maine, March 6, 1855; married Cora L. Farnham.  
ii. Charles H., b. at Rockland, Maine, in 1857; d. in Camden, Maine, in 1859.  
iii. Albert, b. in Rockland, Maine, in 1859; d. there in 1859.  
iv. Daughter, b. in Rockland, Maine, in 1861; d. in infancy.
723. v. Elmer Ellsworth, b. at Trenton, Maine, Dec. 9, 1863; married Effie Williams.  
vi. Carrie J., b. at Trenton, Maine, June 12, 1867; married Dec. 31, 1882, Frank Haycock of Minneapolis, Minn. Children: Leon, b. Oct. 13, 1883, married Minnie Johnson, resided at Tacoma, Wash.; a daughter residing at Tacoma; Irene, b. Jan. 24, 1888; Elane, b. May 13, 1890; Vivian, b. Sept. 12, 1893; Francis, b. Jan. 7, 1894(?); Gordon, b. Jan. 3, 1910.  
vii. Gertrude, b. at Mount Desert, Maine, Dec. 2, 1868; married August, 1890, Stewart Munson; resided at Tacoma,



Wash. Children: Ita, b. at Tacoma, Aug. 29, 1891; Cora, b. at Tacoma, Wash., July 20, 1893; Louis, b. at Minneapolis, Minn., June 30, 1895; Helen, b. at Minneapolis, Minn., Feb. 23, 1901; Eben L., b. at Minneapolis, Minn., June 7, 1903.

464. CHARLES HOWARD<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Levi*<sup>6</sup>, *Levi*<sup>5</sup>, *Theophilus*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Oct. 1, 1838, at Trenton, Maine; died September, 1895, at Trenton, Maine; married at Trenton, Maine, Jan. 4, 1859, Sarah Jane Young, born April 7, 1839, at Flushing, Long Island; died —; daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Roe) Young.

He was a sea captain.

*Children.*

- i. Charles Edward, b. Dec. 28, 1859; married Hattie B. Brush; residence, Missoula, Mont.
- ii. Josephine Letitia, b. Jan. 26, 1863; d. Nov. 6, 1894; married Charles W. Sylvester; no children.
- iii. Weston Everett, b. Feb. 3, 1865; married Lettie Smith; residence, St. Albans, Vt.
724. iv. Arthur Minot, b. June 18, 1867; married Virginia Bradford.
- v. Lillian Leavett, b. Jan. 12, 1872; married Herbert E. Marshall; residence Minneapolis, Minn.
- vi. Elizabeth Young, b. May 24, 1873; married Herbert Leonard Stoughton; residence, Osage, Iowa.
- vii. Sarah Jeanette, b. Aug. 3, 1880; married Lynden Pierce Green; residence, Minneapolis, Minn.

Authority: Arthur Minot Higgins.

465. WINSLOW<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Stephen*<sup>6</sup>, *Jedidiah*<sup>5</sup>, *David*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born 1786; (baptized April 4, 1819); died June 5, 1828, aged 42; married Nov. 18, 1810, Lydia Smith, born 1794; died Oct. 20, 1868, aged 74; daughter of Lemuel and Lydia (Stocking) Smith of Middle Haddam and Hamilton, N. Y.

He resided in Middle Haddam, Conn., and Hamilton, N. Y. Both he and his wife were members of the Haddam Congregational Church.

*Children.*

- i. Infant, b. —; d. June 24, 1815.
725. ii. Alfred S., b. 1813; married Lydia G. Arthur.

Authorities: *Haddam, Conn., First Congregational Church,*

200th Anniversary, p. 213; *Stocking Genealogy*, p. 19; Haddam, Conn., Vital Records; Bailey's *Early Connecticut Marriages*; Middle Haddam Cemetery Inscriptions.

466. JULIUS<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Dyer*<sup>6</sup>, *Jedidiah*<sup>5</sup>, *David*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born —; died —; married —.

*Child.*

726. i. George, b. —.

467. EDMUND CONE<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Dyer*<sup>6</sup>, *Jedidiah*<sup>5</sup>, *David*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Feb. 25, 1807; died April 13, 1864; married (date not found) Magdalene Reese, born Nov. 26, 1807; died —.

Residence probably Springwater, N. Y.

*Children.*

- i. Phoebe Letitia, b. Feb. 27, 1828; married Jan. 20, 1850, Harvey T. Grover. Child: — Grover, who married A. J. Nixon of Springwater, N. Y. Mrs. Nixon has Edmund Cone Higgins's Bible record, and furnished a copy of it.
- ii. Carile Cone, b. May 4, 1831; married Jan. 7, 1860, James V. Brown.
- iii. Emily Griffith, b. March 7, 1833; married Nov. 20, 1850, Burr H. Grover.
- iv. Almira L., b. July 18, 1839; married March 31, 1857, George Stowell. She d. about 1860.
- v. Lavantia Ann, b. April 28, 1844; married (1) June 22, 1861, as his second wife, George Stowell, husband of her sister, Almira L.; married (2) Aug. 2, 1888, Allen P. Perley of Williamsport, Penn.
- vi. Helen Adelaide, b. Nov. 1, 1852; d. Jan. 1, 1914; married 1878, George Piper. Her son, Dr. Piper, lives in Philadelphia.

Authority: Bible Record of Edmund Cone Higgins; Mrs. A. J. Nixon of Springwater, N. Y.

468. NEWELL FULLER<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Elias*<sup>6</sup>, *Moses*<sup>5</sup>, *David*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born July 5, 1802; died November, 1858, at Newark, N. J.; married (1) (date not found) Ann Ross Vanderbilt; married (2) (date not found) Samantha Rawson.

Newell Fuller Higgins was a lawyer. He resided at Newark, N. J., for some years.

*Children.*

727. i. Emerson VanNess Vanderbilt, b. May 17, 1830; married Emma McDowell.  
728. ii. William Vanderbilt, b. —; married Hattie Howland.

469. SAMUEL DANFORTH<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Elias*<sup>6</sup>, *Moses*<sup>5</sup>, *David*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Oct. 8, 1805, at Deposit, N. Y.; died Dec. 5, 1874; married Aug. 27, 1834, Cornelia Mather, born April 17, 1809, at Cannonville, N. Y.; died May 1, 1904, at Deposit, N. Y.; daughter of Dr. Thaddeus and Sarah (Parker) Mather.

Samuel D. Higgins was a physician. Mrs. Higgins's parents moved to Deposit, N. Y., when she was only one year old and at her death she was the oldest resident there. She was a lifelong member of the Presbyterian Church, an earnest Christian woman, kind-hearted, and possessing a remarkably acute business sense and a clear and active mind. Mr. Higgins practiced medicine at Deposit for forty years, until his death.

*Children.*

- i. Ann Augusta, b. May 25, 1838; married June 21, 1865, S. S. Doolittle of North Chatham.  
ii. Sarah Cornelia, b. April 6, 1840; married Oct. 26, 1864, John I. Cook; four children; residence Philadelphia.  
iii. Caroline Amelia, b. Sept. 12, 1842; d. Sept. 21, 1888; married Sept. 12, 1866, William Bennett Lewis; three children.  
iv. Helen Frances, b. May 12, 1845; unmarried.  
v. Calvin Mather, b. May 5, 1850; married Nov. 18, 1879, Frances Louisa Lake; no children; living in East Hartford, Conn., in 1904.  
vi. Jennie Louisa, b. June 17, 1853; unmarried.

Authority: Mrs. C. M. Higgins; *Mather Family*, p. 294.

470. AMOS<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Eleazer*<sup>6</sup>, *Reuben*<sup>5</sup>, *Reuben*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born April 22, 1796; died March 14, 1868, in New York City; married Sarah Hamilton of Gray, Maine, born 1803, at Yarmouth, Maine; died 1864 at Charleston, Maine.

Amos Higgins was a very faithful student in the common schools, and early in life saw that there were fine openings in the new towns of his native state. Impelled by the same pioneer spirit which had caused many of his family name to make grand success in life by removals into new conditions, he went to Garland, Maine, 1822, bought wild land, built a log cabin, 1822, and began

the work to which was devoted his entire life, farming. In 1840 he changed this farm for one in Charleston (since known as the "Old Pearl Place"), abandoned as a farm in 1900, and the buildings were removed by Henry A. Higgins and added to his at Charleston Village, and there he lived the remainder of his days. He was a man of sterling qualities, strictest integrity, industrious and very rigid in the discipline of his large family. In politics he was a Republican, and ever took a deep interest in all national affairs. He was a very faithful member of the Free Will Baptist Church, and was never absent from church services unless detained by some serious illness.

#### *Children.*

i. Sarah Jane, b. Dec. 23, 1821, in Lisbon, Maine; d. Dec. 27, 1881, at Charleston, Maine; married Aug. 31, 1840, Hazen Tilton, b. Nov. 10, 1818, at Corinth, Maine; d. Aug. 11, 1864, in California. He was a blacksmith at Atkinson, Maine. In 1852, he left his family, and went to California to seek gold. He returned to his family after a number of years. Mrs. Tilton was a woman of resolute but kindly Christian spirit, and a devoted member of the Baptist Church. Children: Frederick T. Tilton, b. April 20, 1843; d. April 25, 1915, at Charleston, Maine; Helen Tilton, b. Aug. 1, 1844; d. Dec. 1, 1885, at Denver, Colo.; married George Henry Higgins; Benjamin R. Tilton, b. Nov. 3, 1847; in 1914, living at Denver, Colo.; Annie M. Tilton, b. April 10, 1849, at Charleston, Maine; d. July 22, 1904, at Denver, Colo.; married (1) May 10, 1870, Thomas A. Davis of Lynn, Mass.; (2) Oct. 26, 1877, in Denver, Colo., George Henry Higgins.

ii. Ann Hamilton, b. Aug. 29, 1823, at Garland, Maine; d. May 6, 1892, at Atkinson, Maine; married Sept. 28, 1842, Edward B. Page of Charleston and Atkinson, Maine, where he d. June 14, 1872. He was a successful farmer, highly esteemed for his strict integrity and exemplary character. Mrs. Page was loved and honored, genuinely charitable, and a staunch supporter of the Free Baptist Church of which she was a member. Children: Melissa Page, b. Jan. 9, 1844; married Dec. 31, 1863, Peter Cummings of Parkman and Dover, Maine; she resides at Dover; one child. Peter Page, b. Aug. 22, 1845, at Charleston, Maine; d. Feb. 23, 1908, in Detroit, Mich.; Jennie S. Page, b. Sept. 1, 1851; d. Aug. 4, 1910, at Atkinson, Maine; married June 22, 1870, Bramuel Lyford, a farmer of Atkinson, Maine. Children: William E., b. June 6, 1871; Thomas B., b. Dec. 24, 1873; Eugene, b. Jan. 25, 1876; d. March 30, 1898, in Denver, Colo.; Annie M., b. Jan. 21, 1878; d. March 22, 1894; Edwin B., b. June 7, 1883; Thornton, b. July 29, 1886; Helen L., b. June 4, 1890;



- d. Jan. 31, 1899; Ernest P., b. Oct. 29, 1893; d. April 27, 1894; John H., b. Feb. 8, 1896.
729. iii. Amos Dyer, b. July 27, 1825; d. Feb. 11, 1894; married Flora Wilbur.
730. iv. Alvin Hamilton, b. March 28, 1832, at Garland, Maine; married Helen Augusta Clapp.
731. v. Elias Smith, b. Feb. 22, 1837; married (1) Martha J. Hichborn; (2) Louise A. Lougee.
- vi. Charlotte Ellen, b. April 23, 1839, in Garland, Maine; d. April 29, 1911, at Charleston, Maine; well educated, a teacher for several years, of remarkable business ability; married (1) in 1866, Dr. E. D. Sargent of Washington, Vt.; secured a divorce and married (2) in 1878, Rev. H. R. Howes of China, Maine. In 1885, she returned to Charleston, Maine, and lived there the remainder of her life. Children: Mabel E. Sargent, b. May 24, 1867; d. June 11, 1882; Estella A. Howes, b. July 8, 1879, at East Burke, Vt., a teacher and librarian; J. Herbert Howes, b. South Woodbury, Vt., Dec. 5, 1880, a farmer at Charleston, Maine; married May 11, 1907, Edith M. Hatte of East Machias, Maine. No children.
732. vii. John Hamilton, b. May 28, 1841; married (1) Fanny E. Perley; (2) Emma L. Perley; (3) Mrs. Ellen Harvey McCulley.
733. viii. George, b. Oct. 4, 1843; married Maria R. Terry.
- ix. Charles, b. Feb. 22, 1848; d. 1871, unmarried in Charleston, Maine.

Authority: Franklin A. Higgins, Brooklyn, N. Y.

471. ARTHUR<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Eleazer*<sup>6</sup>, *Reuben*<sup>5</sup>, *Reuben*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Feb. 8, 1808, at Gray, Maine; died there Feb. 6, 1888; married May 16, 1833, Susan Perley of Gray, Maine, daughter of Isaac Perley.

Arthur Higgins lived all his life at Gray, Maine, and lived on the home farm. He was highly respected as a man of strictest integrity and exemplary character. For over forty years he was a trustee of the Baptist Church. In politics he was a Republican.

*Children born at Gray, Maine.*

- i. Martha Porter, b. April 19, 1835; married Nov. 20, 1856, Lathrop L. Blake of Gray, later a furniture and carpet dealer in Lewiston, Maine. Children: Elizabeth Higgins Blake, b. March 29, 1859; Cora Susan Blake, b. April 23, 1864; Arthur Lewis Blake, b. June 15, 1872; d. Aug. 28, 1877.
734. ii. Orrin Smith, b. Jan. 19, 1837; married Henrietta Perley.







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- iii. Susan Dyer, b. Nov. 9, 1839; d. Aug. 5, 1895; married Dec. 4, 1862, Cyrus Jordan Perley, a farmer of Gray, Maine. He served two years in the Civil War, was wounded and a cripple, using a crutch, for the remainder of his life. No children.

472. GEORGE<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Eleazer*<sup>6</sup>, *Reuben*<sup>5</sup>, *Reuben*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born June 29, 1809, at Gray, Maine; died July 22, 1871, in New York City; married Mary Pierson, born July 21, 1812, at Boston, Mass.; died July 14, 1888, at Harlem, N. Y.

George Higgins was a carpenter and builder of marked ability, being considered one of the very best of his time. He built the old Rutgers College on Fifth Avenue at Forty-second Street and many noted buildings in prominent sections of the city. He was a natural genius, of great integrity, and commanding appearance. He was a prominent member of the Baptist Church and a Republican in politics.

*Children.*

- i. Mary Ellen, b. Aug. 15, 1843; d. in New York City, Oct. 22, 1871; married Nov. 1, 1866, Dr. S. D. Wadsworth, b. March 16, 1834, in Michigan; d. Jan. 19, 1875. Dr. Wadsworth was a practicing physician in New York City, highly esteemed in the profession and by a very large circle of friends. No children.
- ii. George Henry, b. Jan. 19, 1846; married (1) Helen T. Tilton; (2) Annie M. (Tilton) Davis.
- iii. Lucie Anna, b. Sept. 2, 1849; married Oct. 3, 1876, in New York City, Frank Littlefield, b. July 22, 1850, at Portland, Maine; d. April 28, 1905, at New York. Mrs. Littlefield is living in Harlem, N. Y. She was educated in New York and graduated from Rutgers College; a lady of refined and religious character. Mr. Littlefield was for many years a salesman in the employ of the Higgins Carpet Company in their wholesale department in White Street, New York. In 1890 he engaged in the retail carpet business for himself. This venture not being successful, he discontinued it after three years and was not in business at the time of his decease.

473. ALVIN<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Eleazer*<sup>6</sup>, *Reuben*<sup>5</sup>, *Reuben*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born May 12, 1813, at Gray, Maine; died May 31, 1890, at New York City; married June, 1841, Hannah Johnson, born 1823, in Portsmouth, N. H.; died Jan. 28, 1906, at New York City.

Alvin Higgins at the age of twenty-three went to Portland, Maine, and engaged as clerk in a store and a little later through the interest of a friend learned the weaving of rag carpeting on a hand loom, working evenings. He was very industrious and prudent and by strict economy soon saved two hundred dollars. He started out for himself and persuaded his brother, Elias Smith Higgins, to borrow a sum equal to his own and join him in the manufacture of carpeting. They went to Haverstraw, N. Y., and commenced making rag carpeting on one hand loom. Soon another loom was added and this small beginning grew into the great carpet works and was the foundation of the great fortunes of later years. By their energy and shrewd management their business constantly expanded and in 1840 they located in Astoria, N. Y., with enlarged facilities and power looms. They began the manufacture of ingrain carpeting, and the third brother, Nathaniel D. Higgins, was taken into partnership. The business continued to expand and in 1847-8 they built a large factory on 43d Street, New York City, between 11th Avenue and the Hudson River. Here the works remained, continually expanding until 1890. Then, needing more room and the original founders having died, the remaining members of the firm effected a consolidation with another company and located at Thompsonville, Conn., where the great works now are. The company manufactured all kinds of carpeting, ingrain, body and tapestry Brussels, Wilton and velvet rugs and the like, from their locating in New York City to the present time. During the Civil War the company manufactured great quantities of army blankets for the government, at great profit to themselves.

Alvin Higgins was a man of remarkable business ability, in fact he developed into a business genius and a wizard in finance. He was extremely successful and amassed a fortune. His rapid rise and phenomenal success in many ventures led him into speculation and finally into dissipation. This resulted in friction with his brothers and he withdrew from the firm and became heavy owner and speculator in real estate and general merchandise. He later owned and lived in the most magnificent mansion in Manhattanville and later still bought Hunter's Island, which comprised more than three hundred acres, and the Hunter mansion, built of stone quarried on the island. His gardens, parks, lodges, stables and equipages were of the finest and it was his greatest pleasure to entertain his relatives and friends here. During his early married life he lived at the Astor House and the couple were

often remarked for their stately appearance. As he grew older he became more dissipated and speculated more heavily. In 1878 he became so heavily involved in real estate that he had to make an assignment and lost all he had, about two million dollars. After that he lived in a house provided by his brother, Elias S. Higgins. He did not return to his native state until 1889, when he and his wife visited every relative in Maine. His ready wit and jovial disposition admitted him at once into the good graces of his relatives and they treated him royally. Although he had traveled extensively throughout the world in his younger days, he said he had the "time of his life" on his trip to the scenes of his childhood.

#### *Children.*

- i. A son, b. —; d. aged 5 years; buried at Portsmouth, N. H.
- ii. A daughter, b. —; d. aged 7 years; buried at Portsmouth, N. H.

Authority: Franklin A. Higgins, Brooklyn, N. Y.

474. ELIAS SMITH<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Eleazer*<sup>6</sup>, *Reuben*<sup>5</sup>, *Reuben*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born March 29, 1815, at Gray, Maine; died Aug. 18, 1889, in New York City; married Ella M. Baldwin, born 1827 in New York City; died June 23, 1890; sister of Rear Admiral Charles H. Baldwin, U. S. N.

Elias Smith Higgins at the age of twenty-one was persuaded to enter on the weaving of carpeting, as already related in the sketch of his brother Alvin. It was the master mind of Elias S. Higgins that developed the carpet business and with it the fortunes of the Higgins family. He was a very remarkable man in every respect, his great ambition being to amass wealth. He was always respected as a man of the strictest integrity, a very keen student of men, sharp and shrewd in business and an indomitable worker, often the first man at business in the morning and the last to leave at night. He was very unpretentious, even to being plain, but always bore an air of refinement and intelligence. He was a firm believer and advocate of the growth of the city of New York and beside his large manufacturing interests, dealt very extensively in real estate and stocks, all of which proved his wisdom and contributed largely to his immense wealth.

In early life he lived at the Astor House, later he had a city house on Fifth Avenue and a magnificent country home at Morristown, N. J. He never returned to his native state, often giving as an excuse that he could not afford the time, and was not intimate



with his relatives. He showed decided interest in the welfare of his nephews who were in his employ and was always ready to help them. He was not a member of any church, but often attended St. Thomas Episcopal Church. His wife was a Roman Catholic, but he never attended her church. He was worth about twelve millions of dollars when he died, and he willed the bulk of his estate to his wife, son and daughter.

*Children.*

- i. Emma Louise, b. 1851; d. Sept. 11, 1870.
- ii. Josephine Florence, b. 1854; married H. Mortimer Brooks. Children: Reginald, Josephine Whitney and Gladys Baldwin Brooks.
- iii. Eugene, b. 1858. He received a controlling interest in the great Higgins carpet firm and other valuable property from his father's estate by will. He gave very little personal attention to the business and in 1899 sold his interest to Robert P. Perkins, who became president of the company, on condition that the name Higgins should not be used in connection with the firm name. After that he resided chiefly in Paris. He is unmarried.
- iv. Florin, b. 1862; d. Oct. 9, 1863.
- v. Leonie, b. 1865; d. Jan. 6, 1873.

Authority: Franklin A. Higgins, Brooklyn, N. Y.

475. NATHANIEL DYER<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Eleazer*<sup>6</sup>, *Reuben*<sup>5</sup>, *Reuben*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Dec. 18, 1823, at Gray, Maine; died Jan. 12, 1882, in New York City; married —.

Nathaniel Dyer Higgins remained on his father's farm at Gray, Maine, until his twenty-first year, when he was taken into partnership with his two older brothers, Alvin and Elias Smith. He was successful from the first and proved his ability to master the details of the business. As their business increased and their interests multiplied, he was put in charge of the manufacturing as general manager. He was a man of much refinement of character and of a sensitive nature. He loved his relatives, took his nephews into their business and helped them on to success. He was in poor health the last twenty years of his life and was a great sufferer. He traveled the world over for relief and was operated on in Paris, but with little success. He lived at the Astor House for a number of years and later on Madison Avenue. He also had a magnificent country home at White Plains, extensive gardens and nurseries, fast horses and a private racing track.

He was a member of St. Thomas Episcopal Church and a Republican in politics. He was unfortunate in marriage and lived with his wife but a short time. He left a fortune of six million dollars and in his will remembered his brothers and sisters, nephews and nieces and other relatives handsomely. He also left fifty thousand dollars to be divided among ten charitable and religious corporations of New York City. His daughter and her husband received the most of the estate.

*Only child.*

- i. Nathalie Florence, b. Dec. 6, 1846; d. May 2, 1901; married Jules Reynal de Saint Michel and had several children. They lived in New York City and his will was dated June 25, 1894. He d. not long after.

Authority: Franklin A. Higgins of Brooklyn, N. Y.

476. JEFFERSON<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Micah*<sup>6</sup>, *Reuben*<sup>5</sup>, *Reuben*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Aug. 17, 1808; died —; married Aug. 14, 1832, Elizabeth R. Emery of Cape Elizabeth, Maine.

He resided at Bangor, Maine, at the time of his marriage.

*Children.*

- i. Charles M., b. Dec. 2, 1833, at Bangor, Maine.
- ii. Laura, b. —; married M. A. Duras; residence in Chicago, Ill.
- iii. Hiram, b. —; married April 1, 1868, Maria Stanler of Scarborough, Maine; two children; was treasurer of Rock Island and Pacific R. R. Co.

477. ARTHUR M.<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Micah*<sup>6</sup>, *Reuben*<sup>5</sup>, *Reuben*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Feb. 14, 1816; died —; married Catherine L. Fogg of Portland, Maine.

Arthur M. Higgins lived at Bangor, Maine, in 1843.

*Children.*

- i. Amanda A., b. —; married Sept. 9, 1866, Thomas L. Libby as his second wife; lived in Gray, Maine.
- ii. Marion H., b. March 20, 1843, in Bangor, Maine; married Sept. 5, 1875, Dr. James Freeland Newman, b. April 30, 1845; two children.
- iii. Martha, b. —; married — Marr; lived in Minneapolis, Minn.
- iv. Arthur, b. —.

Authorities: *Dow (or Dowse) Genealogy*, p. 253; *The Libby Family*, p. 473.

478. EMERSON<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Micah*<sup>6</sup>, *Reuben*<sup>5</sup>, *Reuben*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Feb. 25, 1819; died June 19, 1892; married June 12, 1853, Frances Ross of Gray, Maine.

*Children.*

- 735. i. Reuben, b. May 24, 1854; married Alice M. Staples.
- 736. ii. Henry B., b. March 4, 1856; married Ella Mann.
  - iii. Mary Grey, b. March 9, 1859.
  - iv. Emma Frances, b. July 21, 1867.

479. MICAH<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Micah*<sup>6</sup>, *Reuben*<sup>5</sup>, *Reuben*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Jan. 22, 1822; died April 18, 1901; married April 30, 1846, Mary Ann Whitney, daughter of Stephen and Abigail (Maybury) Whitney of Windham, Maine, born March 9, 1827; died March 4, 1908.

He resided in Portland, Maine.

*Children.*

- i. Samuel Curtis Stanwood, b. Dec. 19, 1848; residence in New York.
- ii. Mary Elizabeth, b. June 30, 1850; married Frederick Strout.
- iii. Edwin Roscoe, b. Nov. 13, 1852; d. unmarried.
- iv. Ada Almeda, b. Jan. 28, 1855; married Harry Herbert Tobey; residence Melrose, Mass.
- v. William Weeks, b. June 28, 1857; d. young.
- vi. Jennie May, b. April 5, 1860; married Charles Augustus Strout, son of Judge Strout of Portland, Maine.
- vii. Frederick Augustus, b. July 1, 1863; married Jan. 14, 1885, Emma Louise York of Boston, Mass.

480. AQUILA<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Aquila*<sup>6</sup>, *Gideon*<sup>5</sup>, *Moses*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Oct. 15, 1803; died Jan. 29, 1876; married Nov. 24, 1825, Abigail Rich, born —; died Nov. 8, 1875, aged 68; daughter of Solomon and Sarah Rich.

He resided at Provincetown, Mass.

*Children.*

- i. Bethiah Rich, b. Aug. 10, 1826; d. April 21, 1908; married Feb. 6, 1852, David Smith; no children.
- 737. ii. Nehemiah Twining, b. Oct. 12, 1828; married Lucy J. Baker.

738. iii. Solomon Rich, b. Nov. 11, 1833; married Fannie C. Genn.  
 iv. Sarah Nickerson, b. July 9, 1839; unmarried; lived in Provincetown, Mass.  
 v. Philena, b. Aug. 10, 1844; unmarried.  
 vi. Abbie, b. Jan. 30, 1848; d. July, 1903; unmarried.

481. ZEDEKIAH<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Aquila*<sup>6</sup>, *Gideon*<sup>5</sup>, *Moses*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Aug. 11, 1808; died July 27, 1884; married Dec. 4, 1832, Caroline Stevens Snow, born —; died April 10, 1883.

He resided at Provincetown, Mass.

*Children.*

- i. Joseph Proctor, b. Aug. 23, 1833; d. Sept. 18, 1834.
  - ii. Benjamin Proctor, b. May 11, 1839; d. Aug. 30, 1839.
  - iii. Albert W., b. Feb. 16, 1841; married Sept. 3, 1867, Elizabeth Kingsley, b. —; d. Jan. 16, 1905, at Rutland, Vt. Albert W. Higgins is a physician at Rutland, Vt.
739. iv. Benjamin Alstrum, b. March 4, 1845; married Albina Estella Wilder.

482. HASKELL PEPPER<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Aquila*<sup>6</sup>, *Gideon*<sup>5</sup>, *Moses*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born June 31, 1810; died —; married (1) Lydia A. Holway; married (2) March 17, 1836, Mary A. Merrithew, born Aug. 22, 1811; died —; married (3) Oct. 21, 1849, Susan Soule of Freeport, Maine, born April 6, 1825, died —.

He resided at Provincetown, Mass.

*Children.*

- i. Son, b. —; d. June 25, 1858.
- ii. Lydia S., b. Aug. 27, 1853; married Otis Floyd of Winthrop, Mass.
- iii. Walter C., b. —; d. Aug. 29, 1856.
- iv. Emma C., b. Oct. 4, 1858; d. Aug. 17, 1904.
- v. Alexander M., b. Aug. 14, 1862; d. Sept. 2, 1863.
- vi. Nathan Young, b. Nov. 7, 1865.
- vii. Charles, b. April, 1867; d. May 10, 1867, at Chelsea, Mass.
- viii. Lillie Vaughn, b. Oct. 28, 1867.
- ix. Lillian H., b. July, 1869; d. Aug. 27, 1869.

483. JABEZ<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Moses*<sup>6</sup>, *Elnathan*<sup>5</sup>, *Moses*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Feb. 29, 1796, at Orleans, Mass.; died

there Nov. 8, 1881, aged 85 years, 8 months, and 8 days; married Sept. 4, 1817, Alice Linnell, born December, 1797, at Orleans; died there March 16, 1878, aged 80 years, 4 months, daughter of Edmund and Sarah Linnell.

Jabez Higgins lived at Orleans, Mass., all his life.

*Children born at Orleans.*

740. i. Joseph Linnell, b. Dec. 21, 1817; married Eliza D. Snow.  
ii. Sarah Linnell, b. Aug. 11, 1819; d. Aug. 3, 1900; married in 1843, John Keelor. Children: Sarah L., Angelia, Jabez A., John W., Josephine E., married Charles F. Bearse; residence Roxbury, Mass.  
iii. Moses, b. Oct. 1, 1822; drowned at the wharf in Boston, Sept. 10, 1834.  
iv. Celestia, b. Aug. 18, 1824; d. Aug. 20, 1899; married May 15, 1842, Benjamin Wiles, b. 1822; d. 1914. Children: Sarah A., b. —; Temperance, b. —; Moses E., b. —; living at Brewster, Mass., in 1900; Selania M., b. —; married Mr. Kauler and lived at Somerville, Mass.  
v. Hannah F., b. Aug. 20, 1826; d. at Orleans, Jan. 28, 1905; married Feb. 20, 1848, Alfred Rogers of Brewster, Mass.; no children.
741. vi. Jabez Bradford, b. Jan. 31, 1831; married Melissa Snow.  
vii. Betsey S., b. February, 1834; living in 1900 at Orleans, unmarried.  
viii. Moses, b. Sept. 8, 1836; d. Sept. 4, 1837.  
ix. Maria Helen, b. Oct. 8, 1838; married March 16, 1863, Albert B. Sanborn. Children: Albert Linwood, b. —; d. young; Alden L., b. Aug. 31, 1869; Ralph Waldo, b. —; living in 1900 at Everett, Mass.  
x. A son, b. and d. Feb. 1, 1845.

Authorities: Orleans Records; Miss Betsey S. Higgins.

484. BENJAMIN<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Moses*<sup>6</sup>, *Elnathan*<sup>5</sup>, *Moses*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born March 26, 1800; died in December, 1833; married Jan. 2, 1822, Tamzin Rogers, daughter of Eleazer Rogers.

"He was a sea captain and died at sea." Residence South or East Orleans.

*Children.*

- i. Benjamin, b. Nov. 9, 1823; d. Nov. 31, 1824.  
ii. Mehitabel, or "Hitta," b. July 24, 1825; d. Oct. 21, 1881; married April 16, 1846, Thomas Knowles, who d. Oct. 21, 1881; son of Capt. Winslow Knowles of Eastham.



One daughter, Ella J., who married Julius Attleton and left two children, Grace May and Mattie.

742. iii. Benjamin, b. Sept. 4, 1827; married Azubah S. Nicker-son.

iv. Almira J., b. Oct. 21, 1829; d. March 28, 1838.

v. Eli F., b. Jan. 19, 1832; d. May or June, 1850, at sea.

Authorities: Benjamin Higgins; Eastham Records.

485. HEMAN<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Ephraim*<sup>6</sup>, *Jesse*<sup>5</sup>, *Moses*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born —; died —; married Betsy Tibbets.

*Children.*

743. i. Calvin K., b. about 1844; married Rebecca Murgatroyd.

ii. Charity T., b. about 1845; married William Dyer and lived in South Pittsfield, Maine. Children: Olive, Heman.

744. iii. George W., b. about 1848; married Leonora Richardson.

iv. Mary E., b. about 1852; married Henry Lancaster, son of Henry and Sarah (Crosby) Lancaster of South Pittsfield, Maine. Children: Ina, b. —; residence, Stonington, Maine; Fred, b. —.

486. HANSON ROBESON<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Richard*<sup>6</sup>, *David*<sup>5</sup>, *Moses*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Feb. 13, 1816; died Oct. 11, 1896; married (1) Sept. 17, 1837, Louisa Mayo, born Oct. 8, 1817; died July 31, 1878; daughter of Theophilus and Olive Mayo; married (2) Feb. 2, 1879, Mrs. Mary A. (Palmer) Charles, born in England in 1831; died at Orleans, Mass., Oct. 3, 1907, aged 66 years, 6 months; daughter of William (or Robert) and Jane (or Margaret) Palmer of England.

Hanson R. Higgins resided at Orleans, Mass.

*Children.*

i. Infant son, b. Nov. 19, 1838; d. Dec. 1, 1838.

745. ii. Augustus Everett, b. Oct. 8, 1839; married Emma F. Rogers.

746. iii. Lewis Washburn, b. Jan. 9, 1842; married (1) Matilda C. Rogers; (2) Melora Joseph; (3) Mrs. Maria J. Miller.

iv. Martha R., b. Dec. 26, 1843; married Nov. 5, 1861, Elisha F. Rogers, mariner; resided in Salem, Mass. Children: Frank E., b. July 14, 1866; Linwood A., b. Oct. 22, 1867.

v. Louisa, b. Aug. 6, 1845; married Dec. 3, 1868, Jonathan T. Sparrow of Chatham, Mass.

vi. Arthur Ray, b. Nov. 18, 1846; d. May 2, 1848.

- vii. Arthur Ray, b. Oct. 2, 1848; married (1) Belle Maraspin of Barnstable, Mass.; (2) —; lived at Westboro, Mass.
- viii. Rebecca Olive, b. Aug. 17, 1850; married Jan. 1, 1868, Freeman M. Sparrow of Chatham, Mass.; two children.
- 747. ix. Hanson Robeson, b. Oct. 21, 1853; married (1) Bessie E. Robinson; (2) Mary Lee.
- x. Eddie E., b. Dec. 6, 1855; d. May 9, 1856.

Authority: Orleans Vital Records.

487. EPHRAIM<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Sparrow*<sup>6</sup>, *David*<sup>5</sup>, *Moses*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born April 20, 1798; died —, at North Ellsworth, Maine; married (1) Oct. 17, 1820, Lois Reed, daughter of William and Rachel (Somes) Reed of Somesville, Mount Desert, Maine; married (2) in Ellsworth, Adeline Ather-ton of Beech Hill, Mount Desert, Maine.

Ephraim Higgins resided at Mount Desert and at Ellsworth, Maine.

*Children.*

- i. Pamela, b. —; married Luther Knights; lived "somewhere up the Penobscot."
- 748. ii. George Somes, b. Feb. 2, 1823; married Valena Smith.
- 749. iii. Ephraim, b. about 1825; married Catherine Smith.
- iv. Penelope, b. —; d. at Blue Hill, Maine, unmarried.
- v. Sarah Ann, b. —; d. at Blue Hill, Maine, unmarried.
- vi. Abigail, b. —; married and d. near Gloucester, Mass.
- vii. Louisa, b. —; d. young.
- 750. viii. Joseph Morrison, b. —; married —.
- ix. Daughter, b. —; d. in infancy.

488. ROBERT<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Reuben*<sup>6</sup>, *David*<sup>5</sup>, *Moses*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born July 27, 1806; died June 18, 1864; married Dec. 25, 1833, in Mount Desert, Maine, Mary Holmes, born Feb. 11, 1811; died —, in Hancock, Maine; daughter of Leonard and Mary (Manchester) Holmes.

He was a veterinary surgeon in Eden, Maine. He enlisted in 1862 in the First Maine Heavy Artillery and was killed in front of Petersburg in 1864.

*Children born at Hancock, Maine.*

- i. Lucretia, b. 1835(?); d. Nov. 10, 1874, unmarried.
- ii. Leonard, b. —; married Sarah Clark; one child.
- iii. Elizabeth, b. —; married Charles McFarland; two children.

- iv. Amelia, b. —; married Clinton McFarland; no children.
- v. Julia, b. —; married William Miles; two children.
- vi. Martha Jane, b. —; married Frank Ball; one child.
- vii. Warren D., b. —; d. of wounds received in Civil War.
- viii. Edward Lemuel, b. Sept. 20, 1849; married (1) Anna West; (2) Alice E. Stewart; one child by each wife.

Authority: *Holmes Gen.*, p. 210.

489. LUTHER G.<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Shaw*<sup>6</sup>, *David*<sup>5</sup>, *Moses*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born —; died —; married Lucy Ober.

He resided in Maine.

*Children.*

- i. Martharete, b. —; d. young.
- ii. Ellen V., b. —; married Joel Young of Lamoine, Maine; had two children.
- 751. iii. Freeman G., b. at Eden, Maine; married Julia Hamilton.

490. CALVIN KITTREDGE<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Oliver*<sup>6</sup>, *David*<sup>5</sup>, *Moses*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born about 1819, at Mount Desert, Maine; died in 1867, at Jaffa, Palestine; married (1) Sophia Heath of Mount Desert, Maine; married (2) Elizabeth Helen Thompson.

Calvin K. Higgins's early home was at Indian Point, Mt. Desert; later he was a physician at Blue Hill, Brooklin and Surrey, Maine. On Aug. 11, 1866, he sailed with his wife Elizabeth and two children in the barque *Nellie Chapin* from Jonesport, Maine, in company with the ill-fated "Palestine Emigration" of members of the Church of the Messiah. He reached Jaffa, where he died of smallpox and was buried.

*Children born at Brooklin, Maine.*

- i. Louise, b. 1847; married Henry Judkins of Surrey, Maine; lived at Mansfield and had one child that d. young.
- 751A. ii. Prescott Powers, b. Jan. 9, 1849; married Hattie Rogers. For his family, see Addenda.
- iii. Rose, b. —; married (1) Dr. Gay of Providence, R. I.; (2) William Packard of Mansfield, Mass.; living in 1917.
- iv. Julia, b. —; married (1) Frank Richards of Bar Harbor, Maine; married (2) Thomas Robinson and in 1917 lived in Orrington, Maine. No children.
- v. Sophia, b. —; d. young.
- vi. Tamsin, b. —; d. young.

491. WILLARD<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Oliver<sup>6</sup>, David<sup>5</sup>, Moses<sup>4</sup>, Richard<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born —; died —; married Abbie —.  
Willard Higgins resided at Bar Harbor, Maine.

*Children.*

- i. Willard, b. —.
- ii. Calvin, b. —.
- iii. Belle, b. —.
- iv. Clara, b. —.

492. EZEKIEL HOLBROOK<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Ezekiel<sup>6</sup>, Jacob<sup>5</sup>, Isaac<sup>4</sup>, Isaac<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born Nov. 6, 1800; died —; married April 12, 1829, Abigail Sawyer of Bolton, born Sept. 4, 1802, at Bolton, Mass.; died Dec. 25, 1863, at Groton, Mass.

He resided at Brewster and Hingham and carried on the business of bookbinding in Boston.

*Children.*

- i. Adelaide Holbrook, b. Aug. 26, 1833, in Hingham; d. unmarried May 12, 1859, at Cambridge.
- ii. Ellen Amanda, b. Oct. 25, 1835, in Hingham; d. in 1855, 6 weeks after marriage; married May, 1855, William Kent.

493. FRANKLIN<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Ezekiel<sup>6</sup>, Jacob<sup>5</sup>, Isaac<sup>4</sup>, Isaac<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born July 22, 1803; died July 17, 1881, in Coldbrook, N. Y.; married July 22, 1825, Susan Otis Brown in Boston, born —; died April 29, 1875, at Coldbrook, N. Y.

He resided in Norway, Poland, and Coldbrook, all in Herkimer County, N. Y.

*Children.*

- i. Susan Frances, b. Dec. 16, 1825, in Boston; d. July 12, 1881, unmarried.
752. ii. Joseph Brown, b. Dec. 11, 1829, at Norway, N. Y.; married Adelaide Smith.
- iii. Eliza A., b. Oct. 3, 1832, at Poland, N. Y.; living in 1905; married June, 1894, George W. Clossen of Windsor, Fla.; b. —; d. Feb. 25, 1902.
- iv. Leonora Minerva, b. June 30, 1836, at Poland, N. Y.; d. January, 1894; married September, 1880, Morris Vincent of Coldbrook, N. Y.
- v. Theresa Maria, b. Nov. 5, 1840; d. May 27, 1867, at Coldbrook, N. Y.

494. SAMUEL<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Samuel*<sup>6</sup>, *Jacob*<sup>5</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>4</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born March 10, 1812, at Brewster; died Aug. 12, 1881, at Chatham; married Oct. 20, 1834, Abbie E. Hallett, born Oct. 26, 1814, at Yarmouth, died June 5, 1897; daughter of Samuel and Abigail E. Hallett.

He resided at Chatham, Mass., as a blacksmith, stove and tinware dealer. He was also a member of the General Court, 1861-2, County Treasurer six years, member of school board four years and active in the Congregational Church.

*Children.*

- i. Abby Clementine, b. March 31, 1840, at Syracuse, N. Y.; married Jan. 15, 1888, Joseph C. Chase, b. —; d. Oct. 14, 1896; son of Heman Chase; she resided in Chatham in 1900.
- ii. Adelaide Lydia, b. March 20, 1842; d. March 1, 1845.

Authority: S. B. Gifford, Syracuse, N. Y.

495. SEABURY MAYO<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Samuel*<sup>6</sup>, *Jacob*<sup>5</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>4</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Jan. 9, 1822, at Brewster, Mass.; died Dec. 9, 1889, in Memphis, N. Y.; married (1) in Camillus, N. Y., April 16, 1846, Ann B. Thorpe, born —; died Sept. 21, 1858, at Memphis, N. Y.; married (2) March 4, 1860, Frances Josephine Brown, born —; died Feb. 21, 1872, aged 36 years; married (3), June 30, 1881, Charlotte Marion Burch, born —; died Jan. 31, 1905.

He was a prominent physician for more than forty years and a member of the faculty, College of Medicine, Syracuse University. He was buried in the Higgins plot, Oakwood Cemetery, Syracuse, N. Y.

*Children.*

753. i. George Edwin, b. May 20, 1862, at Memphis, N. Y.; married Costella M. Lazier.
754. ii. Seabury Mayo, b. May 13, 1868, at Memphis, N. Y.; married Helena Hill.

Authority: S. B. Gifford, Syracuse, N. Y.

496. ELISHA MAYO<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Samuel*<sup>6</sup>, *Jacob*<sup>5</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>4</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born at Brewster, Nov. 5, 1823; died Aug. 12, 1857, at Syracuse, N. Y.; married Oct. 22, 1845, Mary Jane Head of Onondaga Hill, near Syracuse, N. Y., born in 1828; died June 16, 1895, at Syracuse, aged 67 years.



He was a carriage builder at Syracuse, with residence at Onondaga Hill, four miles distant. Of his entire family, parents and eight children, his was the first death until his youngest brother was 27 years of age.

Mrs. Higgins married (2) about 1863, Newton G. Cook. She was buried at Onondaga Hill.

*Children.*

- i. William Oscar, b. in 1846; married about 1870, Maggie —.
- ii. Helen, b. in 1848; d. in 1885; married James Bartlett, a farmer at Onondaga Hill; b. —; d. about 1890. Three sons and one daughter.

Authority: S. B. Gifford, Syracuse. N. Y.

497. BENJAMIN LUCIUS<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Samuel<sup>5</sup>, Jacob<sup>5</sup>, Isaac<sup>4</sup>, Isaac<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born Oct. 14, 1826, in Brewster, Mass.; died Nov. 19, 1891, at Syracuse, N. Y.; married June 13, 1847, Mary Jane Clark, daughter of John M. Clark of Syracuse. Mrs. Higgins was still living in Syracuse in 1905, aged 77 years. No children.

He resided in Syracuse and learned the moulders' trade but health failed. Established "daguerreotype gallery" before the days of photography; a member of Syracuse City Council several terms; elected Chief Engineer Volunteer Fire Department and continued till the War, when he raised a company among the firemen, and entered the 86th Regiment, N. Y. Vol. Infantry, Co. A. He became successively Major, Lieutenant-Colonel and Colonel. Was in many engagements including Gettysburg, July 1, 2 and 3, 1863, when the regiment suffered severely and he was wounded. Had been twice wounded before. Later was discharged because of disability. He never fully recovered. At the dedication of the monument at Gettysburg, July 2, 1888, of the 86th Regt., N. Y. Vol. Infantry—2d Brigade, 1st Division, 3d Corps, General Sickles, Mr. Charles H. McMaster in his address said:—"Your own gallant Colonel was severely, and it was thought fatally wounded, but he is with you hale and hearty to-day, and all will wish that Colonel Higgins may be permitted to enjoy' many anniversaries of the day." (*New York at Gettysburg*, Vol. I.)

The *Syracuse Daily Journal* of Jan. 28, 1864, and *Corning, N. Y., Journal* (date unknown), speak in highest terms of his war record.

“Colonel Benjamin L. Higgins of this city, commandant of the Eighty-sixth N. Y. Volunteers—who has lain in hospital at Alexandria for some time past, suffering from wounds and fever, has so far recovered as to be able to come home, though he is still in a very weak state. A few days ago we announced that his case was considered hopeless by his physicians, and his relations were called to his bedside; but a happy turn in his disease has led to rapid recovery, and on Friday last he was able for the first time in many weeks to sit up. On Sunday night, accompanied by his wife, he left Alexandria, and by resting at Washington, New York and Albany, he was enabled to reach this city last evening. It being understood that he was to arrive here at that time, his former comrades of the Fire Department and many other citizens joined in giving him a hearty reception. At half past five o’clock a large representation of firemen from the several companies, preceded by a band, marched to the Central Station to welcome home their former Chief Engineer. As the train entered the station, the band struck up ‘Hail to the Chief,’ accompanied by the cheers of the large concourse of citizens. Colonel Higgins, being in a very feeble condition, was placed in a carriage and driven through the open ranks of his friends of the Fire Department, who closed in and followed him to the residence of his brother, Mr. Alfred Higgins. The Colonel was in such an exhausted condition that it was not in his power to make a formal acknowledgment of this general welcome; and we are desired both by him and his brother, to return their thanks for this most kindly and generous demonstration of friendship and regard.

“These honors were most worthily bestowed upon a gallant and heroic officer, whose services in the field and camp have been of the highest merit and value. We join with his friends in the hope that he may have a full and speedy recovery from his wounds and illness, and soon again be able to lead his command.”

498. EBEN<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Eben*<sup>6</sup>, *Jacob*<sup>5</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>4</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born May 12, 1818; died at Brewster, Mass., May 23, 1880; married July 15, 1841, Lydia Ann Tucker of Gloucester, Mass.

Eben Higgins resided all his life at Brewster, Mass.

*Children born at Brewster, Mass.*

- i. Lydia Ann, b. April 25, 1843; married July 9, 1867, Abraham Bigelow; she d. at Natick, Mass., May 24, 1876.
755. ii. Eben, b. March 31, 1845; married Sarah A. Goulding.
756. iii. Willard Sears, b. May 23, 1847; married H. Maria James.
- iv. Susan Abby, b. Nov. 29, 1849; married Sept. 7, 1870, Roger S. Bartlett; she d. Jan. 14, 1872.
- v. Howard Holbrook, b. Oct. 6, 1852; d. Dec. 16, 1852.

Authority: *Sears Genealogy*, p. 159.

499. WILLIAM FILES<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Joseph<sup>6</sup>, Joseph<sup>5</sup>, Isaac<sup>4</sup>, Isaac<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born April 22, 1806; died —; married —1831, Phœbe Coffin, born Dec. 24, 1808; died July 5, 1854.

Resided at Thorndike, Maine. General in the Civil War(?).

*Children.*

- i. Simeon C., b. Sept. 23, 1832.
- ii. Mary Elizabeth, b. May 17, 1835; married March 24, 1856, Roscoe G. Harding, b. July 10, 1834; d. Nov. 12, 1910; residence Gorham, Maine. Three children.
- iii. Enoch Freeman, b. Aug. 20, 1839; d. April 23, 1864.
- iv. Sibyl, b. Feb. 20, 1842.
- v. William M., b. Nov. 13, 1845.
- vi. Orrin B., b. Feb. 11, 1852.

500. JOSEPH<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Joseph<sup>6</sup>, Joseph<sup>5</sup>, Isaac<sup>4</sup>, Isaac<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born May 28, 1819; died —; married (1) May 3, 1846, Louisa W. Higgins, born April 25, 1826; died 1869; daughter of Samuel S. and Olive E. Higgins; married (2) Mrs. Lydia (Vickery) Ferguson, daughter of Elie Vickery of Unity, Maine.

Joseph Higgins was born at Lincoln Plantation, now Thorndike, and lived there all his life (living 1906). He secured such education as the common schools of those early days afforded and soon became interested in public affairs. He always did his own thinking and had the independence to act upon his own convictions. This he showed by his first vote in 1840, when he supported the Whig candidates for state and nation. He thus antagonized the overwhelming sentiment of his town, including those of his own family, who were then Democrats, but soon to become Abolitionists. In 1842 he supported the candidates of the Liberal party. In 1854 Joseph Higgins was among those who organized the Waldo County Republican Club. He never swerved from his allegiance to the principles and candidates of the Republican party. For sixty-five years he never failed to vote in all elections, general, special, or town meetings, a record which would be hard to match in the entire country. He was clerk, treasurer and selectman of his town upon frequent occasion.

His devotion to the church so long directed by his father was notable. For sixty years he sang in the choir of the church and

was the deacon and Sunday school superintendent for most of the time. He saw generations come and go until he was left practically alone, head and front of the society and church. In late years the removal of the early families of the town to other places left the church in a much weakened condition, and unable to maintain a pastor and Sunday services. Notwithstanding this discouragement, Deacon Higgins held steadfastly to his post, keeping up the Sunday school and watching over the younger portion of the flock. For twenty-five years he was clerk of the Free Will Baptist Quarterly Conference, never failing to be present in the face of long distances to travel, rough roads and inclement weather. He was modest in his old age and disliked to talk of himself. During his long life he was content to till the soil and bring up his children to walk in his ways.

*Children.*

- i. Emma Gertrude, b. Oct. 16, 1848.
- ii. Sarah J., b. July 12, 1855.
- iii. Hattie J., b. Oct. 2, 1861.
- iv. Joseph Dumont, b. —.
- v. Betsey Lida, b. —.

501. REUBEN<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Isaac<sup>6</sup>, Joseph<sup>5</sup>, Isaac<sup>4</sup>, Isaac<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born Jan. 31, 1801; died —; married Feb. 9, 1829, Susan Dickey.

*Children.*

- i. Esther, b. Feb. 16, 1830.
- ii. George, b. Nov. 1, 1831.

502. SAMUEL S.<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Isaac<sup>6</sup>, Joseph<sup>5</sup>, Isaac<sup>4</sup>, Isaac<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born July 17, 1802; died —; married (1) Olive E. —, born Sept. 4, 1807; died Feb. 18, 1833; married (2) July 2, 1835, Julia A. Twitchell.

*Children.*

- i. Louisa W., b. April 25, 1826; married her cousin, Joseph<sup>7</sup> Higgins.
- ii. Stephen J., b. Jan. 31, 1828; d. March 8, 1833.
757. iii. Isaac, b. Jan. 25, 1830; married Julia A. —.
- iv. Francis J., b. Nov. 7, 1831.



- v. Samuel, b. July 9, 1836.
- vi. Virgil N., b. Oct. 18, 1838.
- vii. Julia T., b. Jan. 2, 1841.
- vii. Homer H., b. Dec. 31, 1842.
- ix. Prince D., b. June 20, 1845.
- x. Octavia P., b. Oct. 6, 1847.
- xi. Henry M., b. Oct. 29, 1852.

503. EPHRAIM J.<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Isaac*<sup>6</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>5</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>4</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Nov. 3, 1818 or 1819; died —; married Feb. 7, 1847, Rebecca Lewis.

*Child.*

- i. Lewis Leslie, b. Aug. 17, 1848.

504. JARED<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Israel*<sup>6</sup>, *Israel*<sup>5</sup>, *Israel*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Dec. 25, 1790; died Jan. 20, 1876, at Berlin, Conn.; married Nov. 26, 1811, at Glastonbury, Conn., Harriet Hurlburt, born Oct. 22, 1791; died Oct. 16, 1874; daughter of Capt. Stephen and Phœbe (Pelton) Hurlburt.

Jared Higgins resided in Glastonbury, Conn., until 1834, when he removed to Beckley Quarter in the town of Berlin, Conn., where he died and was buried.

*Children.*

- 758. i. Henry, b. Oct. 29, 1812; married (1) Abilena Ticknor; (2) Lucina Hutchinson.
- 759. ii. William Bradford, b. Sept. 4, 1815; married Mary Jane Sanford.
- 760. iii. Nelson, b. July 6, 1817; married Fidelia Bulkeley.
- 761. iv. Septerius, b. July 9, 1819; married (1) Mary Hayward; (2) Caroline A. Taylor.
- 762. v. Charles, b. Oct. 7, 1822; married Wealthy Atkins.
- vi. Susan, b. June 23, 1825; d. Feb. 23, 1828.
- vii. Infant, b. April 15, 1827; d. April 18, 1827.
- 763. viii. George Stone, b. Feb. 5, 1830; married (1) Martha Naomi Lankton; (2) Emily Maria King.
- ix. Ellen, b. April 30, 1832; d. April 7, 1903, in Fairhaven, Conn.; married May 30, 1860, Robert Woolworth, b. Jan. 20, 1824, at Waterbury, Conn., son of Azariah and Rebecca (Allen) Woolworth of Waterbury. Azariah Woolworth was b. Sept. 25, 1779, at Longmeadow, Mass. Rebecca Allen was b. May 25, 1784, at Woodbridge, Conn. Children: Lena Gertrude Woolworth, b. May 8, 1861,



at New Haven, Conn.; Jennie Higgins, b. Sept. 3, 1864, at Ansonia, Conn. Both reside at New Haven, Conn., unmarried.

x. Julia Sophia, b. Jan. 7, 1840; d. Jan. 14, 1915; married Oct. 2, 1858, at Berlin, Conn., Charles Selah Webster of Hartford, Conn., b. Nov. 22, 1834; d. April 27, 1914, at Berlin, Conn. Children: Harriet Churchill Webster, b. March 20, 1870, married Jan. 19, 1898, Frank Langdon Wilcox, b. Jan. 6, 1859, son of Samuel C. and Anna Scovill (Peck) Wilcox and had Margaret Webster Wilcox, b. Feb. 15, 1900, Samuel Churchill Wilcox, b. Nov. 30, 1902; residence, Berlin, Conn.; Cyrus Webster, b. Sept. 3, 1874; d. Sept. 5, 1891.

505. DUEL<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Israel*<sup>6</sup>, *Israel*<sup>5</sup>, *Israel*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born April 6, 1792; died Nov. 19, 1871, in Glastonbury, Conn.; married (1) March 24, 1819, Fannie Blinn, born in 1797; died July 16, 1849; daughter of Theodore Blinn of Rocky Hill, Conn.; married (2) Elizabeth Bigelow, born in 1806; died April 10, 1881; daughter of John Bigelow of Marlborough, Conn.

Duel Higgins resided in the town of Glastonbury, Conn., and was a farmer. He was for many years deacon of the Congregational Church at Buckingham, formerly called Eastbury. He was buried at East Glastonbury.

#### *Children.*

- i. Henrietta, b. Dec. 14, 1819; d. Aug. 31, 1891; married Jan. 1, 1843, Arad W. Clark, b. —; d. Dec. 29, 1883. Residence, East Glastonbury, occupying a part of the original Higgins farm, purchased by Israel<sup>5</sup> Higgins. Children: Kate D. Clark, b. Oct. 21, 1843, married Theron L. Curtis and had George, Villa, Effie, and Clayton Curtis; Charles Clark, b. Sept. 30, 1845; d. Jan. 13, 1846; John Duel Clark, b. Aug. 8, 1847; married Kate Manderville of Albany, N. Y., and had: Frank M., Ada H., and Florence B. Clark of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Dwight A. Clark, b. Oct. 20, 1850; married Emma Fick of Vernon, Conn., and had Ernest and Beritia M. Clark; Frank B. Clark, b. —; married Nellie J. Belden of Rocky Hill, Conn., and had Edith D. N., Maude B., Frances B., and Frank B. Clark.
- ii. Betsey, b. —; married Timothy Cannon of New Hartford, Conn. Children: Charles T., Georgiana, and Maurice Cannon. She d. Dec. 24, 1891.
- iii. Israel, b. —; d. Aug. 15, 1849, aged 24; married — Gains; no children.

- iv. Hannah, b. —; d. in Bennington, Vt., March 9, 1894; married Charles Burnham; left a son and a daughter.

506. ALDEN<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Israel*<sup>6</sup>, *Israel*<sup>5</sup>, *Israel*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Nov. 12, 1795; died Feb. 23, 1868, at Batavia, N. Y.; married Dec. 8, 1835, at Alexander, N. Y., Maria A. Austin.

Alden Higgins resided in Connecticut and then in Batavia, N. Y.; was a carriage maker. Mrs. Higgins was a lineal descendant of Rev. Cotton Mather, the Boston divine.

*Children.*

764. i. De Witt Clinton, b. May 8, 1837, at Batavia, N. Y.; married (1) Kate Byrnes; married (2) Kate R. Headley.  
ii. Marietta, b. Feb. 24, 1839; d. at Geneva, N. Y., Feb. 2, 1882.  
765. iii. William Irving, b. June 5, 1841; married Elizabeth Lambert.

507. HARLOW<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Israel*<sup>6</sup>, *Israel*<sup>5</sup>, *Israel*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born March 11, 1811; died Nov. 9, 1894, at Batavia, N. Y.; married (1) Oct. 7, 1834, —; who died Nov. 9, 1854(?), at Batavia, N. Y.; married (2) (date not found) Rhoda Hodge, born Nov. 8, 1813; died Nov. 4, 1871.

Harlow Higgins resided at Batavia, N. Y.

*Children.*

- i. Prudence Ellen, b. Aug. 15, 1840; married May 13, 1866, Alonzo Rackley.  
ii. Mary, b. June 9, 1842; married May 25, 1887, Winfield Seward.  
766. iii. Herman Wilbur, b. Sept. 12, 1844; married Ellen Clark.  
iv. Martha Jane, b. Nov. 3, 1846; married Oscar Kelsey of Batavia, N. Y.  
v. Herman Wilfred, b. April 18, 1849; married Oct. 27, 1878, Jennie Higgins.

508. TIMOTHY<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Timothy*<sup>6</sup>, *Israel*<sup>5</sup>, *Israel*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Nov. 24, 1801, at East Had-dam, Conn.; died Sept. 4, 1891, at Rushford, N. Y.; married (1) in 1825 Elmira Thrall, born Aug. 18, 1807; died Oct. 1, 1836; married (2) Sophronia Thrall, born July 1, 1819; died March 24, 1890.

Timothy Higgins studied medicine and became an eminent physician. He went to Rushford, Allegany County, N. Y., in company with his two brothers before the Erie Canal was opened, and resided there the remainder of his life.

*Children.*

767. i. Orrin Thrall, b. Aug. 14, 1826; married Lucia C. Hapgood.  
ii. Helen M., b. Sept. 8, 1830; d. Dec. 12, 1893, unmarried.

509. HUGH JOHNSON<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*William<sup>6</sup>, Israel<sup>5</sup>, Israel<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born June 24, 1797; died at Friendship, N. Y., Jan. 4, 1876; married Feb. 11, 1818, Eliza Osgood, born December, 1800, in Concord, N. H.; died at Friendship, N. Y., Feb. 26, 1860.

*Children.*

- i. Harrison, b. July 29, 1820; d. Feb. 20, 1869; married, 1840, Sally Ann Evans; no children(?).  
768. ii. Johnson, b. Nov. 10, 1822; married Mary Scott.  
iii. Ammi, b. —; married and had son Adelbert Osgood Higgins who in 1906 was living at Sayre, Penn.  
iv. Eliza, b. April 1, 1832; d. February, 1884; married Dec. 8, 1849, Chester Scott.  
v. Harriet, b. Dec. 19, 1833; married July 11, 1855, Charles Evans.  
vi. Henry, b. Oct. 16, 1840; married May 31, 1860, Cynthia Scott.  
vii. Walter, b. Jan. 23, 1844; married March 23, 1868, Marora Lesner.

Authority: Mrs. F. R. Utter, Friendship, N. Y.

510. JABIN STRONG<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*William<sup>6</sup>, Israel<sup>5</sup>, Israel<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born March 9, 1799, at Windham, Greene Co., N. Y.; died Oct. 5, 1881, at Otsego, Mich.; married March 12, 1820, Betsey Aldrich, born Nov. 10, 1802, at Poultney, Vt.; died Nov. 14, 1872, at Otsego, Mich.

Jabin S. Higgins went from Windham, N. Y., to Kalamazoo County, Mich., in 1833 and from there to Otsego, Mich., in 1836. He was a farmer and lumberman and built the first sawmill in Otsego.

*Children.*

- i. Cyrus Strong, b. Oct. 7, 1820; d. April 20, 1892; married Adeline Aldrich.

- ii. Abigail, b. Feb. 16, 1822; d. May 24, 1901; married (1) Samuel Beckwith; (2) — Seymour.
- iii. Willard, b. Oct. 9, 1823; residence Otsego, Mich.
- iv. Rosalinda, b. July 30, 1825; d. Jan. 1, 1853; married George Barnes.
- v. Lydia Almira, b. June 1, 1827; d. Sept. 14, 1828.
- vi. Eliza, b. April 15, 1829; d. April 4, 1903; married Carlos Baker.
- vii. Hugh, b. April 16, 1831; d. February, 1903; married Calista Goodwin.
- viii. Marvin Gilbert, b. Nov. 7, 1833; living July, 1906, at Otsego, Mich.; married Harriet Eldred.
- ix. Zenas Aldrich, b. Sept. 1, 1838; living 1906, at Stockton, Kan.
- x. Harriet, b. May 28, 1841; living 1906, at Plainwell, Mich.; married James D. Steele.
- xi. Orlin, b. Jan. 13, 1844; married Mary Lindsay.

511. WILLIAM<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*William*<sup>6</sup>, *Israel*<sup>5</sup>, *Israel*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born April 15, 1810, at Windham, N. Y.; died Feb. 21, 1890, at Otsego, Mich.; married Dec. 11, 1839, at Amity, Allegany County, N. Y., Emily Ann Norton, born May 16, 1819, at Easton, Washington County, N. Y.; died March 5, 1888, at Otsego, Mich.; daughter of Ebenezer and Phoebe (Sparks) Norton.

William Higgins was a farmer and lived at Angelica, N. Y., and at Galesburg, Pavilion and Otsego, Mich.

*Children born at Angelica, N. Y.*

- i. Abigail Lillian, b. Nov. 9, 1841; d. Sept. 23, 1900, at Plainwell, Mich.; a successful school teacher; member of Congregational Church.
- ii. Elizabeth Maria, b. Feb. 10, 1842; d. at Kalamazoo, Mich.; married Nov. 1, 1860, Calvin Gardner of Augusta, Maine.
- iii. Emily Ann, b. June 25, 1843; living 1906, at Plainwell, Mich.; married May 1, 1879, Lowell Edgar Baxter.
- 769. iv. James Emery, b. Dec. 19, 1844; married Sarah Jane Potter.
- v. William, b. April 11, 1846; went to Kansas in 1870.
- vi. Julia Ida, b. Nov. 2, 1850; married Sylvanus James Betts in Otsego, Mich.; removed to Minneapolis, Minn., in 1882.
- 770. vii. George Dermott, b. Dec. 27, 1859, in Galesburg, Mich.; married Isa Curtis.

Authority: Mrs. Emily Ann Baxter of Plainwell, Mich.



512. SYLVESTER WESLEY<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*James*<sup>6</sup>, *Sylvanus*<sup>5</sup>, *Israel*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born March 24, 1798; died —; married (date not found), — Beckwith.

Sylvester W. Higgins went from Utica, N. Y., to Michigan and then to California. He was a wealthy man.

*Children.*

- i. Sylvester Wesley, b. —; married —; lived in Detroit, Mich., and had a daughter, who married L. L. Farnsworth of Detroit, Mich.
- ii. Minnie, b. —; married — Farnsworth and had son, Frederick E. Farnsworth, who resides at Detroit, Mich.
- iii. James, b. —; d. unmarried.

513. FRANCOIS DE NOGUE<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*James*<sup>6</sup>, *Sylvanus*<sup>5</sup>, *Israel*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born in Middle Haddam, Conn., March 20, 1808; died Aug. 21, 1873, at Bouckville, N. Y.; married (1) March 31, 1831, Sarah Parlin of East Hamilton, N. Y., born May 18, 1804; died May 1, 1851; married (2) Dec. 31, 1851, Lucietta Ives Hendrick, born Aug. 4, 1830; died August, 1882; daughter of Jesse and Lydia Hendrick.

Francois De Nogue Higgins learned the trade of cabinetmaker of his father, but afterward became a Methodist circuit rider, some years traveling a hundred-mile circuit, which was in Madison County, N. Y. He was called the boy preacher, as he was an exhorter at nineteen, deacon at twenty-two, elder at thirty-five, and until his death a most successful preacher. He was captain of the militia in Madison County when a young man, and going West, owned land there for a time. His pastorates were in Madison County from 1838 to 1864. In the last years of his life he kept a store at Madison village for five years.

*Children.*

- i. Parlin, b. July, 1833; d. Dec. 11, 1835.
- ii. Annernette(?), b. November, 1836; d. Aug. 7, 1838.
- iii. Sarah Amelia, b. June 8, 1841; married Oct. 2, 1862, Hollister Josiah House; residence, Waucoma, Iowa.
771. iv. Francois Wesley, b. Feb. 7, 1857; married Kittie Smith.
772. v. Louis Jesse, b. Jan. 10, 1859; married Caroline E. Kingman.

514. ALVIN<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Jehiel*<sup>6</sup>, *Heman*<sup>5</sup>, *Israel*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Aug. 27, 1798, at Watertown, Conn.;



died at Syracuse, N. Y., July 21, 1872; married in Camden, N. Y., March 30, 1825, Maria S. Castle, born Aug. 14, 1802, at Waterbury, Conn.; died Dec. 18, 1875, at Syracuse, N. Y.; daughter of Seth Castle.

Alvin Higgins resided at Waterbury, Conn., and removed to Camden, N. Y., when about twenty-five years old. Afterward he lived at Salina and Syracuse, N. Y. He was first a farmer and then a salt manufacturer.

*Children.*

- i. Melissa, b. Jan. 22, 1826; d. Aug. 19, 1849; unmarried.
773. ii. William Edward, b. May 16, 1828; married Margaret E. Barrett.
774. iii. George Oscar, b. June 9, 1831; married Annie M. Stewart.
775. iv. Charles Henry, b. Oct. 18, 1834; married (1) Minerva Patterson; (2) Cora Belle Brennan.
- v. Susan, b. May 10, 1837; d. in infancy.
- vi. Olive Maria, b. Sept. 15, 1839; blind; resided in Syracuse, N. Y., with her brother, Charles H. Higgins.

515. ETHEL<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Jehiel*<sup>6</sup>, *Heman*<sup>5</sup>, *Israel*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born in 1807 at Watertown, Conn.; died June 24, 1872, at Florence, N. Y.; married in 1827 Clarissa Johnson, daughter of Russell Johnson of Amboy, Oswego County, N. Y.

Ethel Higgins was a farmer and was prominent in the affairs of his town and of the Methodist Church, to which he belonged. He died at Florence, but was buried at Camden, N. Y.

*Children.*

776. i. Gilbert, b. Oct. 15, 1829; married Emily R. Stillman.
- ii. Tirzah, b. 1833; d. Nov. 12, 1895, aged 62; married May 1, 1855, Leander U. Sanford.
- iii. Harriet, b. —; married Jan. 12, 1856, Sedgwick F. Dyer; she was living in New York City in 1906.

516. SELDEN<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Sylvester*<sup>6</sup>, *Heman*<sup>5</sup>, *Israel*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Nov. 6, 1806, in East Haddam, Conn.; died in 1887, in Oregon; married (date not found) Susan M. McClinch.

Selden Higgins resided at East Haddam, Conn., until 1849, when he removed to Oregon. He had eighteen grandchildren.

*Children.*

- i. Sarah L., b. —; married Albert Walker of Springfield, Ore.
- ii. Susan A., b. —; married Paul Smith of Salem, Ore.
- iii. John Selden, b. —.
- iv. Ephraim Cranston, b. —.
- v. Ella May, b. —.
- vi. Mary Ida, b. —.

517. SILAS<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Sylvester*<sup>6</sup>, *Heman*<sup>5</sup>, *Israel*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Sept. 3, 1817, at South Hadley, Mass.; died Aug. 29, 1888, at Norwich, Conn.; married July, 1835, Susannah Montgomery (Turner) Ives, born Nov. 22, 1808; died Oct. 22, 1894; daughter of Edward Turner of Middlefield, Conn., and widow of Charles Ives.

Silas Higgins was about eight years old when his father died. His mother being left with nine children, several of whom were quite young, sent Silas to live with his grandfather Selden at Middle Haddam, Conn. He received a common school education and at seventeen went as a clerk to the store of Edward Turner at Middlefield, Conn., whose daughter he married. After a year or two he removed to Clinton, Conn., and engaged for himself in a wholesale dry goods business. In May, 1859, he removed to Norwich, Conn., where he continued and enlarged his business. He early embraced the cause of anti-slavery and of temperance, devoting his spare time to writing and lecturing. He was also active in educational and Sunday school work, influencing the lives of many young men for good. He continued his interest in these activities, until in 1879 blindness compelled him to put an end to his business and other work.

*Children born in Middlefield and Clinton, Conn.*

777. i. Werter Chapin, b. March 4, 1837; married Grace Agnes Taintor.
- ii. Sarah Josephine, b. Nov. 17, 1838; d. June 11, 1894, at Norwich, Conn.; married Thomas H. King, a shipmaster and deputy consul at Hong Kong under President Grant's administration. No children.
  - iii. Wallace, b. —; d. young.
  - iv. Sarah, b. —; d. young.
  - v. Susan Montgomery, b. Oct. 14, 1845; residence Providence, R. I.; married Oct. 26, 1865, Gilbert Johnson, b. April 4, 1838, at Lebanon, Conn.; d. March 6, 1914, son of Ebenezer and Ruby (Clark) Johnson of Lebanon, Conn. Children:

Lilian Montgomery Johnson, b. Aug. 29, 1867; d. April 30, 1899; married Oct. 15, 1898, Louis H. Lamb of South Hadley, Mass.; Susan Maud Johnson, b. Sept. 28, 1869; Charles Henry Johnson, b. Nov. 29, 1871; d. Oct. 10, 1878; Gilbert Johnson, Jr., b. Jan. 28, 1874; married Nov. 8, 1908, Inez Roberts. Children: Grace Susan, b. Nov. 11, 1913, Gilbert Roberts, b. Jan. 6, 1915; Stanley Clark Johnson, b. Aug. 7, 1882; married Oct. 17, 1910, Edelia Palmer, and had Stanley Clark, Jr., b. Feb. 11, 1917; Charles Le Roy Johnson, b. Nov. 28, 1885; d. June 19, 1909.

- vi. Silas Edward, b. Jan. 28, 1847; married August, 1902, Ada Smith of New York City. Residence New York and Amherst, N. H. No children.

518. CHARLES SNOW<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Bela*<sup>6</sup>, *Nehemiah*<sup>5</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born July 1, 1807, at New Haven, Conn.; died Oct. 14, 1890, at Cincinnatus, N. Y.; married (1) Mary Northrop; married (2) Oct. 1, 1861, at Pitcher, N. Y., Elizabeth Dye, born Oct. 1, 1830; died Jan. 12, 1908; daughter of Joshua and Martha (Kenyon) Dye.

Charles Snow Higgins lived at Cincinnatus, N. Y., and had three or four children. He was a harness dealer.

*Children.*

- i. —, b. —.  
ii. —, b. —.  
iii. Jennie Elizabeth, b. —; married — Dye of Pitcher, N. Y.  
777A. iv. Henry Charles, b. May 6, 1865; married Henrietta L. Carroll.

519. DAN<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Dan*<sup>6</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>5</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born June 11, 1810, at West Haven, Vt.; died —; married (1) in Pike County, Ill., Sarah Meek, born —; died —; married (2) in 1869, Louisa Argo.

In 1883 he was living at Nortonville, Kan.

*Children.*

- i. James, b. —; d. —.  
ii. Hannah, b. —; d. —.  
(Twins.)

520. JAMES<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Dan*<sup>6</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>5</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born at Le Roy, N. Y., July 21, 1813; died January, 1893, in Benson, Vt.; married Sept. 24, 1840,

Chloe C. Adams, born Sept. 14, 1817, in Benson, Vt.; died there Feb. 20, 1867.

James Higgins resided in Benson, Vt., and was a farmer.

*Children born at Benson, Vt.*

- i. Orlin, b. Feb. 18, 1841; d. Nov. 4, 1862, in Chicago. Union soldier in the Civil War.
- ii. Seleucia H., b. July 31, 1842; married Oct. 18, 1858, Chandler B. Gibbs, a farmer of Hubbardton, Vt. Children: Helen P., b. Feb. 8, 1860, at Hubbardton; married Nov. 9, 1880, Charles E. Towne of Granville, N. Y., carpenter, and had Willie C. Towne, b. at Hubbardton, Jan. 5, 1882; d. at Fair Haven, Vt., Nov. 21, 1882; Martha E., b. July 11, 1870, at Hubbardton, Vt.
- iii. Martha S., b. April 22, 1844; d. May 4, 1869; married Jan. 13, 1869, Isaac Maxwell, farmer, of Benson, Vt.
- iv. Sarah M., b. Oct. 11, 1845.
778. v. Dan, b. Sept. 7, 1847; married Elizabeth McLaughlin.
- vi. Temperance E., b. Aug. 7, 1849; d. Nov. 19, 1866.
- vii. James M., b. March 19, 1853; d. April 5, 1869.

521. CHAUNCEY<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Dan*<sup>6</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>5</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Aug. 24, 1815, at Le Roy, N. Y.; died Feb. 1, 1889; married in Dupage County, Ill., Oct. 23, 1844, Emily Root, born March 18, 1812, in Benson, Vt.; died July 4, 1897.

Residence, Dupage, Will County, Ill. Farmer.

*Children born at Will County, Ill.*

- i. Emily Frances, b. Sept. 22, 1845; d. in Dupage County, Ill., Feb. 21, 1870; married Oct. 21, 1867, Joseph Bank of Dupage County, and had Charles Howard, b. Aug. 14, 1868; d. May 11, 1871; James Francis, b. Jan 9, 1870; d. Aug. 14, 1870.
- ii. James Chauncey, b. April 8, 1847; d. Aug. 31, 1862, in Will County, Ill.
779. iii. Daniel Frank, b. May 2, 1849; married Mary Brown.
780. iv. Olney E., b. April 16, 1852; married Sarah Campbell.
- v. Charles Sumner, b. May 4, 1857; d. July 30, 1880, at Dupage, Will County, Ill.

522. HENRY<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Dan*<sup>6</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>5</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Dec. 8, 1817, at Le Roy, N. Y.; died Dec. 6, 1852, in Will County, Ill.; married in 1850, Mary S. Clark, born 1834; died June 19, 1853, aged 19 years.



*Children.*

781. i. Horace Noble, b. June 5, 1851; married Belle McDonough.  
ii. Mary Olive, b. Nov. 7, 1852; name changed to Gillette by adoption; married Nov. 29, 1877, in Richland, Adair County, Iowa, George R. Peet, and had Clara Ruth, b. Sept. 23, 1878; Sarah Louise, b. June 26, 1880; Edward Wheelock, b. Jan. 13, 1882.

523. ALPHONSO<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Dan*<sup>6</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>5</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born May 11, 1820, at Benson, Vt.; died — at Benson; married in Benson, June 12, 1842, Harriet Gibbs, born —; died June 29, 1880.

He was a farmer, residing at Benson, Vt.

*Children born at Benson, Vt.*

782. i. Edson J., b. June 10, 1843; married Mary Cook.  
ii. Lydia S., b. Feb. 12, 1845; d. Feb. 17, 1870, at Benson, Vt.; married Sept. 30, 1867, Eugene S. Lee of Benson, Vt.  
783. iii. Gilbert A., b. July 2, 1849; married Louisa J. Frisbie.  
784. iv. David E., b. Sept. 16, 1854; married Maggie Crammond.  
785. v. George B., b. Sept. 14, 1862; married Emma G. Daily.  
vi. Chloe E., b. Sept. 9, 1865.

524. ALVARIZO<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Dan*<sup>6</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>5</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Aug. 6, 1824, at Benson, Vt.; died Oct. 13, 1897; married (1) Feb. 15, 1844, Lucy Brown, born —; died Dec. 4, 1863; married (2) Oct. 11, 1867, Elizabeth H. Ward.

He was a farmer, residing at Benson and West Haven, Vt., until 1855. After that date he removed to Greenbush, Wis., where he died.

*Children.*

- i. Elvira, b. June 1, 1845; married Oct. 11, 1865, Nelson St. Clair, a farmer; living at Dresden, N. Y., in 1883.  
ii. Mary, b. Nov. 26, 1848; married Feb. 16, 1870, John Smith, a soldier of the United States regular army; in 1883, they were at Benicia Barrack, Cal.  
786. iii. George A., b. Nov. 21, 1851, in Benson, Vt.; married Helen Ward.  
787. iv. Royce Edward, b. Sept. 11, 1856, at West Haven, Vt.; married Mary J. Straub.  
v. Franklin A., b. Oct. 28, 1868, at Greenbush, Wis.



525. FRANCIS<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Dan*<sup>6</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>5</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Dec. 11, 1828, at West Haven, Vt.; died —; married April 7, 1857, Altha Jenkins.

Francis Higgins was a farmer and resided at Benson, Vt.

*Children born at Benson, Vt.*

- i. Francis E., b. Nov. 23, 1859.
- ii. Cora A., b. May 11, 1866.
- iii. Hannah M., b. Aug. 20, 1868.

526. OLNEY<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Dan*<sup>6</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>5</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born April 4, 1832, at Benson, Vt.; died Aug. 19, 1876, at Greenbush, Wis.; married Jan. 6, 1861, Maria N. Belden.

Olney Higgins was a farmer and removed to Greenbush, Wis., after 1866.

*Children born at Benson, Vt.*

- i. Jessie, b. Dec. 20, 1861.
- ii. Jennie, b. Aug. 10, 1864.
- iii. Bayard Taylor, b. Aug. 22, 1866; married Sept. 30, 1897, Lucia Bacon; residence Oshkosh, Wis.

527. SIMEON<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Asa*<sup>6</sup>, *Simeon*<sup>5</sup>, *Simeon*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born July 24, 1796, at Eastham-Orleans; died there Oct. 24 or 29, 1861; married (1) Oct. 12, 1817, Ruth Smith, born —; died —; daughter of Nathan Smith; married (2) Paulina Collins, born 1796; died Aug. 19, 1830; married (3) Melinda Gould, born —, 1807; died March 3, 1866, at Orleans, aged 58; daughter of John and Tamzin Gould.

Simeon Higgins resided all his life at Orleans, Mass. He was an innholder, and kept the celebrated Higgins Tavern, mentioned by Thoreau. His will was dated Aug. 9, 1861, and proved Dec. 10, 1861.

*Children born at Orleans, Mass.*

- i. Ruth Adams, b. Oct. 10, 1819; d. June 25, 1857; married — Edson.
- ii. Adeline Clapp, b. July 12, 1825; d. Aug. 24, 1842.
- iii. Matilda, b. Oct. 14, 1828; married May 29, 1849, Capt. William L. Foster of Brewster, Mass.
- iv. Sophronia, b. Feb. 3, 1830; married Sept. 1, 1863, James P. Taylor of Brookline, Mass., mariner.
- v. Knowles, b. Feb. 26, 1832; d. April 13, 1836.

- vi. Paulina Collins, b. Jan. 25, 1834; married Oct. 23, 1860, George D. Ruggles of New Bedford.
- vii. Sarah K., b. Aug. 26, 1836; married November, 1866, James W. Fernald of Wolfboro, N. H.
- 788. viii. Simeon K., b. May 20, 1841; married (1) Sophronia Newcomb; (2) Idella —.
- ix. James B., b. March 20, 1843; d. Jan. 29, 1899, at Orleans.
- x. George D., b. May 5, 1845; d. Oct. 14, 1846.
- xi. Melinda, b. —, 1846.
- xii. Adeline Clapp, b. July 7, 1848; married July 7, 1868, Isaac F. Crosby, b. Oct. 6, 1843, son of Isaac and Eunice (Nickerson) Crosby. Residence, Brewster, Mass. Child: Beatrice, b. May 24, 1873; married Lockwood Honoré.
- xiii. Melinda Gould, b. Aug. 16, 1850; d. Sept. 14, 1864.

528. GEORGE WASHINGTON<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Asa*<sup>6</sup>, *Simeon*<sup>5</sup>, *Simeon*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born June 29, 1800; died —; married Nov. 9, 1822, Abigail F. Crosby of Brewster, Mass.

George W. Higgins resided at Brewster, Mass.

*Children.*

- 789. i. George Washington, b. April 21, 1829; married (1) Ruth G. Hurd; (2) Sarah Barker.
- 790. ii. John Adams, b. May 2, 1832; married —.
- iii. Thomas Jefferson, b. July 5, 1838. In 1910 he was the owner of a large coffee plantation in Hawaii, and probably residing there.

529. HORTON<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Asa*<sup>6</sup>, *Simeon*<sup>5</sup>, *Simeon*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Aug. 23, 1806, at Orleans, Mass.; died there Sept. 12, 1842; married Dec. 24, 1825, Sarah Nickerson.

Horton Higgins resided at Orleans, Mass.

*Children born at Orleans.*

- i. Lucy Arey, b. Feb. 19, 1826.
- ii. Asa, b. Sept. 20, 1829.

530. ROBERT<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Seth*<sup>6</sup>, *Nathan*<sup>5</sup>, *Simeon*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Jan. 6, 1803, at Orleans, Mass.; died there June 19, 1857; married Nov. 30, 1822, Eliza Snow, born 1805; died in Charlestown, Mass., Jan. 29, 1874, aged 69 years; daughter of Josiah and Eliza Snow of Orleans.

Robert Higgins was a sea captain and when on land lived at Orleans, Mass. His will, dated April, 1857, names wife Eliza and three youngest children.

*Children born at Orleans.*

- i. Rachel Snow, b. Nov. 16, 1823; d. Oct. 11, 1861, at Orleans, Mass.; married Dec. 11, 1853, Dean F. Gray of Orland, Maine.
- ii. Seth, b. June 20, 1825; d. Aug. 7, 1825.
- iii. Infant, b. March 6, 1827; d. same day.
- iv. Eliza Snow, b. June 1, 1828; d. Oct. 17, 1853; married Nov. 5, 1848, Solomon Crosby of Orleans, Mass.
- v. Seneca, b. Sept. 15, 1830; d. June 22, 1855.
- vi. Matilda, b. Oct. 20, 1832; d. June 3, 1855; married Oct. 21, 1854, Joseph L. Sherman of Orleans, Mass.
- vii. Fanny, b. Aug. 16, 1834; d. Dec. 11, 1834.
- viii. Fanny H., b. Nov. 14, 1835; d. March 15, 1872, at Orland, Maine; married Nov. 5, 1856, Abram G. Gray of Orland, Maine.
- ix. Infant, b. Sept. 12, 1837; d. Sept. 20, 1837.
791. x. Robert Bruce, b. Oct. 23, 1838; married Elizabeth Rogers Higgins.
- xi. Almira Helen, b. May 1, 1841; d. May 7, 1876; married April 23, 1865, as his second wife, Dean F. Gray of Orleans, mariner, b. at Orland, Maine.
- xii. Maria Seabury, b. June 12, 1843; lived at Somerville, Mass.

531. SETH<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Seth*<sup>6</sup>, *Nathan*<sup>5</sup>, *Simeon*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Aug. 1, 1806, at Orleans, Mass.; died there —, 1888; married (1) Thankful C. Linnell, born —, 1807; died Dec. 14, 1846; married (2) Dec. 25, 1828, Eliza S. —, born —, 1817; died —, 1898.

Seth Higgins resided at Orleans, Mass.

*Children.*

- i. Thankful C., b. Oct. 7, 1829; d. June 23, 1849.
- ii. Priscilla, b. Aug. 11, 1832; d. Sept. 20, 1846.
- iii. Hannah C., b. Aug. 24, 1834.
- iv. Mary E., b. July 26, 1836.
- v. Seth Oliver, b. Oct. 20, 1838; d. 1864.
- vi. Rebecca, b. Oct. 18, 1840.
- vii. Maria S., b. Jan. 23, 1844.

532. SENECA<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Seth*<sup>6</sup>, *Nathan*<sup>5</sup>, *Simeon*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Sept. 18, 1808, at Orleans, Mass.; died there May 28, 1891; married Oct. 16, 1834, Phoebe Gould, born June 16, 1810; died April 12, 1876, aged 65 years, 9 months, 27 days; daughter of John and Joanna Gould of Orleans.

Seneca Higgins resided at Orleans, Mass.

*Children.*

- i. Joan, b. Dec. 23, 1834; d. 1916; unmarried.
792. ii. Seth, b. June 28, 1836; married Rebecca F. Rogers.
793. iii. Thomas, b. Sept. 20, 1838; married Abbie G. Eldredge.
794. iv. Seneca O., b. Nov. 23, 1840; married Charlotte A. Higgins.
  - v. Albert, b. May 23, 1843; lost at sea in 1869.
  - vi. Samuel, b. Sept. 15, 1845; married Mary Louise Stephens; resided at Beverly, Mass.; had one child that died young.
  - vii. Phœbe Jane, b. Sept. 5, 1848; d. Oct. 11, 1893, at Orleans; unmarried.
  - viii. Emma F., b. Dec. 30, 1850; married Aug. 8, 1880, James H. Payne of Brewster, Mass., mariner, son of Roland and Almira Payne.
  - ix. Adelia, b. Dec. 25, 1853; married (1) Aug. 14, 1878, Charles N. Doane of Fitchburg, Mass. Child: Nellie F. Doane, b. Feb. 4, 1879; d. Feb. 6, 1896; married (2) Jan. 30, 1897, Samuel H. Doane of Chatham, Mass., mariner, father of her first husband.
  - x. Elizabeth G., b. Dec. 14, 1855; d. March 31, 1901; married Dec. 2, 1890, Sylvanus B. Collins.

533. SOLON<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Seth*<sup>6</sup>, *Nathan*<sup>5</sup>, *Simeon*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Sept. 18, 1808, at Orleans, Mass.; died there April 11, 1869; married (1) Dec. 22, 1836, Mrs. Almira (Higgins) Taylor, born Sept. 3, 1808; died Aug. 3, 1882; daughter of Moses and Hannah (Rogers) Higgins of Orleans.

Solon Higgins resided at Orleans, Mass. His will, dated Feb. 3, 1869, proved May 18, 1869, mentions wife Almira and two children here given.

*Children born at Orleans, Mass.*

- i. Charlotte Augusta, b. Oct. 8, 1840; married (1) Seneca O. Higgins; (2) James Craig.
- ii. Solon Osgood, b. Nov. 7, 1843; living in 1916 at Orleans; unmarried.



534. SIMEON<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Reuben<sup>6</sup>, Philip<sup>5</sup>, Thomas<sup>4</sup>, Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born March 20, 1777, in Georgetown (now Bath or West Bath); died June 3, 1862, at Georgetown, Maine; married March 24, 1803, Margaret Hogan, born Nov. 28, 1778; died Jan. 19, 1832, at Georgetown, Maine.

*Children.*

- i. Eleanor, b. Oct. 2, 1803; married April 30, 1826, Noah Webber.
795. ii. James, b. Feb. 23, 1805; married Mary Rairden.
- iii. Sarah, b. Oct. 7, 1806; married July 7, 1825, Thomas Hall.
- iv. Catherine C., b. March 8, 1808; married August, 1839, Samuel Noyes.
796. v. Frederick Stinson, b. Aug. 12, 1809; married Jane McKinney.
- vi. Julia Ann Gilmour, b. March 11, 1811; married Dec. 28, 1837, William R. Cameron.
- vii. Elizabeth A., b. Oct. 4, 1812; married May 26, 1839, Rufus Webber.
- viii. Martha Jane, b. June 22, 1815; married June 17, 1841, Stephen W. Tarbox.
797. ix. William H., b. May 13, 1817; married Mary A. Campbell.
- x. Mercy, b. Jan. 24, 1819; married June 15, 1849, Ebenezer Rowe of Georgetown, Maine.
798. xi. Simeon P., b. March 29, 1821; married Mary E. Tarr.
- xii. Margaret S., b. June 2, 1823; married Feb. 27, 1849, Jacob S. Wood.

Authority: William S. Higgins of Bangor, Maine.

535. REUBEN<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Reuben<sup>6</sup>, Philip<sup>5</sup>, Thomas<sup>4</sup>, Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born April 3, 1785, at West Bath, Maine; died at Barnard, Maine, March 18, 1876; married Jan. 2, 1814, Rachel Carey of Brunswick, Maine.

Reuben Higgins resided at Brunswick, Sebec and Barnard, Maine.

*Children.*

- i. Thomas; b. March 27, 1815; d. Jan. 10, 1888, at Sebec, Maine.
- ii. Mary Ann, b. July 7, 1821; d. June 27, 1903, at Chelmsford, Mass.; married John Thompson Cross of Barnard, Maine. Children: Sarah, b. 1840; Edwin, b. 1841; married Margaret Morse of New York City and had: Frederick



Cross, b. April 6, 1864, at Holliston, Mass.; Minnie Cross, b. Oct. 24, 1868 (married John Bowker of Boston and had John Bowker, b. May 31, 1888, at Boston; Edith Bowker, b. June 30, 1889; Elliot Bowker, b. Aug. 7, 1891; Grace Bowker, b. Nov. 15, 1893); John, b. and d. 1842; Emeline, b. 1843; married Luther Brown and had Annie Brown (married — Hapgood) and Percy Brown, both born at Sebec, Maine; Reuben, b. February, 1846; d. Oct. 7, 1864; Ellen, b. 1850; d. July 10, 1865; Lizzie, b. 1854; d. November, 1903; John, b. 1855; Frederick, b. 1860.

799. iii. John Henry, b. Jan. 22, 1824; married Susanna Cross.

536. THOMAS<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Reuben*<sup>6</sup>, *Philip*<sup>5</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Aug. 27, 1789; died —; married March 28, 1819, Sophia Merrill, born Jan. 19, 1792; died —.

Thomas Higgins resided at West Bath, Maine, and was a prosperous farmer.

*Children born at West Bath, Maine.*

- i. Charlotte, b. Feb. 12, 1822; married John<sup>7</sup> Higgins, son of Philip<sup>6</sup>.
- ii. Samuel M., b. Aug. 25, 1823; was in the Civil War.
- iii. Mercy, b. May 26, 1825.
- iv. George Philbrook, b. Dec. 20, 1827.
- v. Josiah M., b. June 11, 1831; killed in the Civil War.

537. ELISHA HOPKINS<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Reuben*<sup>6</sup>, *Philip*<sup>5</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Dec. 8, 1801, at Bath, Maine; died there Sept. 30, 1848; married Aug. 10, 1828, Sarah Donnell Storey, born at Brunswick, Maine, Dec. 10, 1806; died Oct. 2, 1878, at Bath, Maine, daughter of William and Mary (Donnell) Storey of Brunswick, Maine.

Elisha H. Higgins was a shipbuilder in his early days; on retiring from the sea he was interested in shipbuilding. His residence was West Bath, Maine.

*Children born at Bath, Maine.*

- i. Susanna Philbrook, b. Feb. 10, 1830; d. Oct. 25, 1916, at Bath; married Dec. 13, 1855, Dr. Milton S. Briry of Bath, born at Bowdoin, Maine. Children: Ernest Milton, b. April 7, 1857; d. 1877; Edward Everett, b. Nov. 25, 1858; Mary Ellen, b. March 4, 1863; John Franklin, b. July 25, 1865; married June 29, 1898, Nellie Tukey Campbell, b. Jan. 16, 1864; no children; William Storey, b.

- Oct. 6, 1870; married April 2, 1899, Ettie May Morrill, b. July 12, 1869. Children: Ettie Louise, b. April 25, 1903; Josephine S., b. Feb. 6, 1905; d. April 2, 1914.
800. ii. George Henry, b. Nov. 15, 1831; married Mary Ann Swan.
- iii. Sophia Merrill, b. Nov. 28, 1833; d. Jan. 23, 1916; resided at Bath; unmarried.
- iv. Marietta, b. Jan. 27, 1836; d. Jan. 4, 1838.
- v. A daughter, b. March 10, 1839; d. same day.
- vi. Mary Patten, b. March 21, 1840; d. June 18, 1876.
801. vii. William Storey, b. Dec. 12, 1842; married Carrie L. Morse.
- viii. Sarah Maria, b. Feb. 17, 1845; living at West Bath, on the old homestead built by Joshua Philbrook in 1785; married Sept. 17, 1874, Capt. James Frederick Murphy, b. March 31, 1840, at Bath; d. April 15, 1912. Children: Mary Jane Sewell, b. Sept. 9, 1876; James Wilder, b. March 16, 1879; lost at sea January, 1901.
- ix. Charles Edward, b. June 3, 1847.

538. JEREMIAH<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Philip*<sup>6</sup>, *Philip*<sup>5</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born February, 1787, at West Bath, Maine; died July 25, 1867, at West Bowdoin or Lisbon, Maine, aged 81 years, 5 months; married (1) Mehitabel Grover, born —; died March 5, 1842, at Bowdoin, Maine; married (2) (int. July 30, 1842), Rachel Willson, of Topsham, Maine, born about 1795; died April 20, 1845, aged 49 years, 9 months.

Jeremiah Higgins is called captain and probably followed the sea, although the title may have been military. He served as a private in Captain Willson's company at Bath, June 20-22, 1814, and Sept. 10-18, 1814, in the War of 1812, probably in connection with the coast defenses. He spent his life at Bath, Topsham, and that part of Bowdoin which was later Lisbon. His first wife was buried at Bowdoin, in the Old North churchyard. He and his second wife were buried at West Bowdoin.

#### *Children.*

- i. Mehitabel, b. Nov. 27, 1809, at Bath; d. Dec. 13, 1888, aged 79 years; married Samuel Smullen, b. at Lisbon, Maine, in 1804; d. March 26, 1888, aged 84. Her son, Jeremiah Smullen, died at Matanzas, Oct. 21, 1870, aged 27.
- ii. Mary, b. Feb. 13, 1812, at Topsham; d. at Lisbon, Maine, aged 68 years; married (int. June 10, 1833) William King Cowing of Lisbon, Maine, who d. there at the age of 70 years.

- iii. Andrew Grover, b. Oct. 11, 1813, at Topsham; married (int. October, 1838) Eliza Coombs of Lisbon, Maine. He d. at sea of yellow fever, aged 30.
- iv. Philip, b. March 27, 1816, at Bowdoinham; d. Nov. 30, 1836.
- 802. v. Jeremiah, b. April 26, 1818; married Phœbe Sawyer.
- vi. Daniel Horton, b. May 5, 1820; d. Sept. 6, 1823.
- vii. Jordan Grover, b. Nov. 20, 1823; d. at sea, aged 22 years.
- 803. viii. Daniel Horton, b. April 18, 1824; married Mahala Jones.
- ix. Adriannah Louzain, b. Oct. 28, 1827; living in 1903; married — Palsey.
- x. Delphina Adelaide, b. July 14, 1833; d. November, 1900, aged 67 years, 4 months; married Mr. Dearborn and had two daughters: Mrs. Bertha Vaughn of Worcester, Mass., and Mrs. Flora A. Smith, Lewiston, Maine.

Authorities: Records of Lisbon Falls, Maine; Mrs. Adriannah L. Palsey.

539. PHILIP<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Philip*<sup>6</sup>, *Philip*<sup>5</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Dec. 14, 1795, at Bath, Maine; died —; married June 6, 1821, at Bath, Maine, Lydia Deshon, born Oct. 21, 1794.

*Children born at Bath, Maine.*

- i. Harriet Augusta, b. June 7, 1828.
- ii. Almira Stead, b. March 29, 1832.
- iii. Philip Henry, b. April 16, 1835.

540. JOHN<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Philip*<sup>6</sup>, *Philip*<sup>5</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born —; died —; married (1) Hannah Wilds of Kennebunk, Maine; married (2) Eliza Wilds, sister of his first wife; married (3) Charlotte Higgins, daughter of Thomas and Sophia (Merrill) Higgins of West Bath, Maine.

*Children.*

- i. Lydia, b. —.
- ii. Hannah, b. —.
- iii. Ellison, b. —.
- iv. Lucinda, b. —.
- v. James, b. —.
- vi. Isaiah, b. —; d. in childhood.
- vii. Alva, b. —.

- viii. Walter, b. —.
- ix. Cyrenius, b. —.

541. THOMAS<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Thomas*<sup>6</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>5</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Dec. 6, 1797; died at Wellfleet, Mass., Oct. 6, 1867; married (1) Nov. 18, 1820, Thankful H. Holbrook, born in 1801; died in 1846; daughter of —; married (2) April 7, 1847; Hannah S. Freeman, born 1808; died 1885.

Thomas Higgins resided at Truro and Wellfleet, Mass.

*Children.*

- 804. i. Elijah Jones Dill, b. Sept. 7, 1821; married Margaret Harding.
- ii. Thomas, b. Nov. 16, 1823; d. May 27, 1894; unmarried.
- iii. Mercy Holbrook, b. Dec. 12, 1825; d. —; married May 21, 1843, George Baker. Children: (1) Maria Theresa, b. July 7, 1844; d. Feb. 27, 1887; married Bartholomew Rich. (2) Thankful, b. Sept. 16, 1846; married William Bodfish, and had Adeline E., b. Jan. 4, 1875. (3) George Baker, b. Sept. 26, 1848; d. Sept. 5, 1879; married Annette Newcomb. (4) Mercy Baker, b. Jan. 17, 1851; married John M. Higgins, b. March, 1847, and had Frederick W. Higgins, b. July 29, 1876; d. Nov. 18, 1877; and Russell Rich Higgins, b. Nov. 7, 1887. (5) Margaret Baker, b. Nov. 13, 1852; married Edward Young Oliver, b. June 2, 1847, and had Edward W., b. Feb. 23, 1874; and Bartholomew Rich Oliver, b. Feb. 23, 1874. (6) Clara Baker, b. Aug. 18, 1858; married Joseph Young and had George Baker Young, b. Feb. 16, 1880. (7) Adeline Allen Baker, b. Feb. 12, 1860; married Frank Hopkins and had Edna Hopkins, b. Oct. 19, 1887. (8) Twin children, b. April 25, 1863; both d. young.
- iv. Maria Theresa, b. April 1, 1828; married (1) Jan. 7, 1847, Jesse Hamlin. Children: Jessie, Joshua, Maria Hamlin; married (2) April 24, 1864, Jeremiah Howes and had eight children.
- v. Barnabas Cole, b. Sept. 10, 1830; d. May 23, 1840.
- vi. John Allen, b. April 15, 1833; d. April 22, 1834.
- vii. Adaline Allen, b. Nov. 14, 1836; married (1) May 17, 1860, Zoeth Rich, who was drowned at sea March 5, 1862, and had Zoeth Rich, b. Feb. 16, 1861; d. Sept. 28, 1864; married (2) Dec. 29, 1867, Frederick W. Snow, b. Nov. 4, 1831, and had Adaline Walston Snow, b. Oct. 21, 1868; Eunice Oliver Snow, b. Aug. 16, 1870; married Dec. 11, 1895, Frederick Alton Higgins, and had Alice Norton Higgins, b. Oct. 19, 1896; and Allen Franklin Higgins, b.



- Oct. 31, 1898; Celia Stangworth Snow, b. March 4, 1872; Christobel Snow, b. Oct. 16, 1873; Frederick Allen Snow, b. Oct. 30, 1875; d. April 6, 1900; David Berthow Snow, b. Sept. 4, 1877; Roland Smith Snow, b. March 13, 1881.
- viii. Rebecca Hopkins, b. Jan. 8, 1840; married April 26, 1860, Edward Taylor Rich. Children: Carlton Rich, b. —; Edward Rich, b. —.
- ix. John Allen, b. Jan. 12, 1849; d. Jan. 20, 1850.
805. x. Barnabas Cole, b. June 9, 1850; married Lydia S. Hopps.

542. NOAH SWETT<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Thomas*<sup>6</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>5</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>4</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born March 23, 1802; died Dec. 4, 1885; married Aug. 18, 1825, Anna Kemp Norton.

He resided at Wellfleet.

*Children.*

- i. Sally Kemp, b. May 1, 1827; d. Sept. 1, 1828.
806. ii. Noah Swett, b. April 4, 1828; married Abigail Newcomb.
807. iii. Robert Emery, b. March 5, 1835; married Jerusha A. Atwood.
- iv. John Henry, b. Sept. 25, 1837.
- v. Sarah Ann, b. Sept. 14, 1840; d. Oct. 29, 1908.

543. JOHN<sup>7</sup> SWETT HIGGINS (*Thomas*<sup>6</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>5</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>4</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born July 18, 1808; died July 29, 1866, at Melrose, Mass.; married at Wellfleet, Nov. 18, 1828, Betsey R. Freeman, daughter of Edward and Priscilla (Rich) Freeman, born —; died July, 1895.

He resided at Wellfleet, and at Melrose, Mass. He removed to Boston in 1828 and founded the pioneer oyster and lobster business in that city, which was largely wholesale in his time.

*Children.*

808. i. Richard Rich, b. Feb. 19, 1830; married (1) Emma G. Drake; (2) Kittie O. Hutchinson.
- ii. John Swett, b. Oct. 9, 1831; d. Sept. 1, 1832.
- iii. Mary J., b. July 22, 1833.
809. iv. John Swett, b. Nov. 9, 1835; married (1) Lucetta A. Swan; (2) Susan A. Hayden.
- v. Adaline A., b. Sept. 8, 1837.
- vi. Edmund F., b. Sept. 22, 1839; d. Feb. 20, 1841.
- vii. Edmund F., b. Dec. 19, 1842, in Boston; d. August, 1853.

- viii. Sarah Elizabeth, b. Sept. 9, 1845; married George C. Sargent, son of Amasa and Abigail Sargent. Children: Frank Everett Sargent, b. Nov. 15, 1865, in Wyoming; married his cousin, Lulie Evelyn Higgins, daughter of John Swett Higgins and had one child; George Nichols Sargent, b. July 25, 1867; married Alice Poore, daughter of Augustus and Harriet Poore and had Vera Dubois, b. March 14, 1895, Elizabeth Proctor, b. Dec. 22, 1896; Frederick Amasa Sargent, b. Oct. 2, 1870; William Edward Sargent, b. July 3, 1872; Lucille Elaine Sargent, b. March 14, 1876.
- ix. Ella Frances, b. Nov. 24, 1849; d. April 14, 1852.
- x. Lilla Rich, b. Nov. 24, 1849; d. April 14, 1852.
- xi. Freeman, b. July 24, 1854; d. June 15, 1855.

544. SAMUEL<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Paine*<sup>6</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>5</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born May 27, 1786, at Wellfleet, Mass.; died there June 20, 1842; married Dec. 29, 1808, Lucy Newcomb, of Wellfleet.

Samuel Higgins resided at Wellfleet. The will of Samuel Higgins of Wellfleet, dated June 5, 1863, proved Nov. 2, 1864, mentions wife Abigail and most of the children here named except the first three.

*Children born at Wellfleet.*

- i. Eunice Harding, b. May 19, 1809; married Aug. 6, 1829, John C. Peak; no children.
- ii. Charlotte Newcomb, b. Aug. 14, 1811; married Richard Atwood; one child that d. young.
- iii. Lucy Newcomb, b. Oct. 8, 1813; married Bartlett Higgins.
- 810. iv. Samuel, b. April 3, 1817; married (1) Joan Pierce; (2) Angelina B. —.
- v. Sally Newcomb, b. June 15, 1819; married William Arnaud.
- vi. Eliza Harding, b. June 7, 1821; married Jan. 2, 1849, Richard Stone. Children: Elizabeth, b. —; married Albert Rice; Lewis, b. —; married Emma —; Richard, b. —.
- 811. vii. Lemuel Newcomb, b. April 12, 1823; married Eliza O. Newcomb.
- viii. Paine Warren, b. July 22, 1825; married May 9, 1850, Maria P. Freeman, daughter of Ebenezer and Hannah (Atkins) (Newcomb) Freeman; no children.
- ix. Martha, b. Aug. 24, 1827; married Nov. 14, 1847, Benjamin H. Brown.

x. John Gray, b. July 24, 1829; d. Feb. 9, 1835.

xi. Lewis, b. June 10, 1832; married March 27, 1852; Rebecca Stubbs; no children.

Authorities: Wellfleet Vital Records, vol. ii, p. 73; Barnstable County Probate Records.

545. NATHANIEL SNOW<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Nathaniel Snow*<sup>6</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>5</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born March 2, 1811, at Duxbury, Mass.; died Jan. 20, 1898, at Chicago, Ill.; married Elizabeth —.

He lived in Fairhaven, Mass., and removed to Chicago. Buried at Fairhaven, Mass.

*Children.*

- i. William, b. —; d. in Chicago; buried in Fairhaven, Mass.
- ii. Katherine M., b. —; living in Chicago, 1911.
- iii. George, b. —; living at Genesee, Ida., when last heard from; married, and had a son, b. 1873; d. 1897 of consumption.

546. GEORGE LEWIS<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Nathaniel Snow*<sup>6</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>5</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Dec. 8, 1819, at Duxbury, Mass.; died there Feb. 16, 1907; married (1) (date not found) Sarah Pratt Briggs, born in 1821; died Sept. 29, 1850, at Duxbury; daughter of Capt. James and Elizabeth T. (Robinson) Briggs of Cohasset; married (2) about 1855, Mrs. Sarah Chamberlain Hayden, born Nov. 23, 1825; died Sept. 13, 1894; daughter of John Hamilton.

George L. Higgins lived all his life in Duxbury. He was a carpenter.

*Children born at Duxbury.*

- i. Lucy Porter, b. Oct. 28, 1843, at Boston; resides Duxbury; unmarried.
- ii. William Ingalls, b. Aug. 20, 1845; d. Dec. 13, 1879, in Santa Rosa, Cal.; married Josephine Boardman.
- iii. Rosalie Ray, b. Jan. 11, 1847; d. Dec. 19, 1905; married May 29, 1884, in Rico, Colo., John Garland.
- iv. John Porter, b. 1848; d. at Duxbury, September, 1849.
- v. Charles Carroll, b. 1850; d. at Duxbury, September, 1850.
- vi. Sarah Briggs, b. Sept. 15, 1856.

Authority: Miss Lucy Porter Higgins of Duxbury, Mass.

547. NATHANIEL COOMBS<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Ezekiel*<sup>6</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>5</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Nov. 9,

1832; died —, 1873; married Mary Knowles, daughter of Mrs. Knowles, who was his father's second wife.

Nathaniel C. Higgins lived at Wellfleet, Mass. His will was proved June 30, 1873.

*Children.*

- i. Carrie May, b. Oct. 1, 1859.
- ii. Nettie Stanton, b. May 16, 1864; d. before her father.

548. JOHN SWETT<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Elnathan*<sup>6</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>5</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Dec. 22, 1823; died —; married Achsah Snow.

John Swett Higgins resided at Wellfleet, Mass. Mrs. Achsah (Snow) Higgins was engaged to, and perhaps married, Benjamin<sup>7</sup> Higgins, son of Elnathan<sup>6</sup>, but Benjamin dying soon, she married his brother, John S. Higgins.

*Children.*

- i. Albert Irwin, b. Jan. 10, 1849.
- ii. Alice P., b. June 7, 1854.
- iii. Harriet R., b. Sept. 5, 1856.

549. CLEMENT MESERVE<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Elnathan*<sup>6</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>5</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Sept. 17, 1825; died Sept. 17, 1887; married (date not found), Dorcas Collins, born —; died Sept. 16, 1904.

Clement M. Higgins resided at Wellfleet, Mass., and was a carpenter.

*Children born at Wellfleet.*

- i. Emma G., b. Oct. 14, 1852; married Jan. 26, 1873, Melville W. Freeman; living at Winthrop, Mass.
- ii. —, b. April 18, 1858.
- iii. Benjamin E., b. Oct. 26, 1861.
- iv. Lillian F., b. Dec. 26, 1870; married Jan. 22, 1891, Elbridge C. Freeman; living at Winthrop, Mass.

Authority: Miss Betsey Freeman, Wellfleet, Mass.

550. BARZILLA<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Solomon*<sup>6</sup>, *Solomon*<sup>5</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>4</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Nov. 28, 1795; died July 15, 1852; married Jan. 5, 1818, Abigail Sparks, born —; living Nov. 20, 1858.

Barzilla Higgins resided at Provincetown, Mass.



*Children.*

812. i. Solomon, b. Jan. 1, 1824; married Betsey Cook.  
813. ii. Barzilla Franklin, b. June 13, 1833; married Lydia L. Brooks.  
iii. Elizabeth T., b. —; married Sept. 29, 1839, Washington Case.  
iv. Nathaniel Collins, b. Oct. 18, 1835; d. young.

551. NATHAN<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Judah<sup>6</sup>, Samuel<sup>5</sup>, Paul<sup>4</sup>, Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born Feb. 28, 1813, at Orleans, Mass.; died there Sept. 14, 1876; married Jan. 1, 1851, Charlotte Small, born about 1816; died at Orleans in 1889, aged 72 years, 10 months, 29 days; daughter of Eldredge and Hannah Small.

Nathan Higgins resided at Orleans, Mass. No children.

552. PAUL<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Judah<sup>6</sup>, Samuel<sup>5</sup>, Paul<sup>4</sup>, Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born Feb. 5, 1815, at Orleans, Mass.; died Aug. 23, 1849; married Sylvia Snow, born June 25, 1819.

Paul Higgins resided at Orleans, Mass.

*Child.*

- i. Josephine, b. —; married — Doane and lives at Harwichport, Mass.

553. ALLEN<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Judah<sup>6</sup>, Samuel<sup>5</sup>, Paul<sup>4</sup>, Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born Dec. 9, 1821, at Orleans, Mass.; died Jan. 26, 1893, at Pawtucket, R. I.; married Dec. 4, 1849, Sally A. (Newcomb) Phinney, born May 31, 1819; died May, 1892; daughter of Jeremiah and Sarah (Long) Newcomb.

Allen Higgins resided at West Brewster, Mass., and at Pawtucket, R. I.

*Children.*

- i. Samuel, b. —; d. in infancy.  
ii. Rebecca Ellen, b. Oct. 21, 1853; d. Oct. 10, 1873.  
814. iii. William Wright, b. May 13, 1855; married Martha E. Hall.  
iv. Allen Leslie, b. Sept. 23, 1857; d. —.

554. ELI SMALL<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Judah<sup>6</sup>, Samuel<sup>5</sup>, Paul<sup>4</sup>, Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born Aug. 19, 1824, at Orleans, Mass.; died there Sept. 30, 1894; married (1) Nov. 5, 1846, Laura A. Nickerson, born Jan. 29, 1823, at Harwich, Mass.;

died March 2, 1849; daughter of Solomon Nickerson; married (2) Nov. 28, 1850, Mehitabel Rogers, born May 5, 1830; died Jan. 3, 1877; daughter of Adnah and Mehitabel Rogers.

Eli S. Higgins resided at South Orleans, Mass., and was a seafaring man. He bought of Adnah Rogers a portion of the original estate of Lieut. Joseph Rogers at South Orleans.

*Children.*

- i. Charles Albert, b. Oct. 24, 1848; d. June 4, 1853.
815. ii. Enos Otto, b. Oct. 28, 1853; married Hannah A. Taylor.
- iii. Charles E., b. Aug. 20, 1857; unmarried; physician; residence San Diego, Cal.
- iv. Josiah Foster, b. Jan. 21, 1859; d. Jan. 3, 1909; unmarried.
- v. Laura Mehitabel, b. Jan. 25, 1868; married Dec. 25, 1890, Abbott Clarence Nickerson, mariner, of Harwich. Children: Le Roy Abbott, b. Sept. 29, 1891; Otto Eli, b. Feb. 3, 1896; Abbie Cora, b. May 31, 1898; Thelma Estelle, b. Nov. 16, 1900; Clara Mehitabel, b. Feb. 24, 1906.

555. ELVA E.<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Mark*<sup>6</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>5</sup>, *Paul*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born in 1835(?); died September, 1866; married Dec. 29, 1859, Ellen Nickerson, born Nov. 6, 1817; died Aug. 16, 1866; daughter of Tully and Ruth Nickerson.

Elva E. Higgins resided at Chatham and at Harwich, Mass. He was a tailor.

*Child.*

- i. Helen E., b. October, 1862.

556. LOT<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Lot*<sup>6</sup>, *Lot*<sup>5</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Sept. 10, 1809, at Orleans, Mass.; died there April 16, 1896; married there Feb. 9, 1832, Sevilla Snow, born Aug. 26, 1807, at Orleans; died there April 5, 1900; daughter of Isaac and Hannah (Freeman) Snow, of Orleans.

Lot Higgins resided at Orleans.

*Children.*

- i. Mercy Freeman, b. Oct. 26, 1833; married March 31, 1853, Augustus Percival. Children: Mary S., b. Aug. 25, 1854; Augustus S., b. May 5, 1860; George, b. Jan 25, 1864.
- ii. Seville Franklin, b. Sept. 21, 1838; d. Jan. 11, 1839.
- iii. Lot Sullivan, b. Nov. 23, 1841; lost at sea April 20, 1859, from ship *Samuel Appleton*, when off the Cape of Good Hope.

- iv. Mary Franklin, b. June 7, 1844; d. Nov. 23, 1844.  
816. v. Sparrow, b. April 18, 1846; married Abbie S. Linnell.  
Authorities: Orleans Records; Mr. W. B. Snow of Malden, Mass.

557. CHARLES<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Elisha<sup>6</sup>, Elisha<sup>5</sup>, Benjamin<sup>4</sup>, Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born Oct. 27, 1809, at Westbrook, Maine; died —, at Lewiston, Maine; married Feb. 26, 1833, Catherine Mitchell, born in Westbrook, Maine, in 1812; died —.

He was brought up to the trade of tinsmith, learning the trade from his father and succeeding him. After his marriage he removed to Bath and carried on his trade, later to Turner Village, then to Auburn and finally to Lewiston. He was a member of the Whig party, later a Free-soiler and finally a Republican.

*Children.*

817. i. Algernon Sidney, b. March 6, 1834; married Sarah Maria Conklin.  
ii. Persis, b. —; married — Gould.  
iii. Mary, b. —; married — Hull.

558. WILLIAM<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Elisha<sup>6</sup>, Elisha<sup>5</sup>, Benjamin<sup>4</sup>, Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born Sept. 5, 1811; died —; married Nov. 29, 1840, Julia Skillings of Falmouth, Maine.

*Children.*

- i. William, b. —; d. —.  
ii. Albert, b. —; d. —.  
iii. Lucy, b. —; married — Rhoades; lives in Lynn, Mass.

559. THOMAS<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Elisha<sup>6</sup>, Elisha<sup>5</sup>, Benjamin<sup>4</sup>, Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born Dec. 15, 1813; died —; married Miss Turner of Maine, or perhaps a lady who resided at Turner, Maine.

*Children.*

- i. Ellen, b. —.  
ii. Delia, b. —; married — Crocker of Norway, Maine.

Authority: Henrietta H. Higgins, Westbrook, Maine.

560. EDWARD<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Elisha<sup>6</sup>, Elisha<sup>5</sup>, Benjamin<sup>4</sup>, Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born May 19, 1818; died —; married Maria Day of Freeport, Maine.

*Child.*

- i. Clarence, b. —; lives in Lynn.  
Two children died.

Authority: Mrs. H. H. Higgins, Westbrook, Maine.

561. FRANCIS<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Elisha*<sup>6</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>5</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Oct. 5, 1820; died —; married (1) Sept. 26, 1845, Mary Jane Warren of Lovell, Maine, born —; died Jan. 10, 1848; married (2), July 16, 1851, Sarah Foss of Biddeford, Maine, born Nov. 19, 1826; died July 21, 1859; married (3) April 12, 1863, Elizabeth (Stimpson) Sinclair of Limerick, Maine.

*Children.*

- i. Ella Frances, b. Jan. 14, 1847; married Charles Rackliff.
- ii. Laura Jane, b. Feb. 17, 1852; married Corydon Goding of Portland; child, Arthur.
- iii. Francis Warren, b. June 12, 1858; married —; lives in Denver, Colo.; child, Bert, b. —; 18 years old in 1903.

562. ELISHA<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Elisha*<sup>6</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>5</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Feb. 9, 1823; died March 26, 1892; married (1) Martha Leighton of Falmouth, Maine; married (2) Olive Dearborn of Biddeford, Maine.

*Children.*

- i. Florina Morrill, b. —; married —; one child, adopted by her grandfather's sister, Mary A. Morgan.
- ii. Martha, b. —; married Fred A. Coburn of Tynsboro, Mass.
- iii. Florence, b. Dec. 29, 1853.
- iv. Mary E., b. Oct. 28, 1860.
- v. Henry Elisha, b. Oct. 23, 1862.
- vi. Mary, b. Aug. 23, 1864.

563. FREEMAN<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Elisha*<sup>6</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>5</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born May 22, 1825; died Oct. 12, 1895; married Ellen Twiney of Standish or Buxton, Maine.

*Child.*

- i. George, b. Aug. 25, 1846; residence Gorham, Maine.  
Authority: Mrs. H. H. Higgins, Westbrook, Maine.



564. GEORGE S.<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Elisha*<sup>6</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>5</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Aug. 25, 1828; died —; married —.

He resided in Illinois.

*Children.*

- i. Lura, b. —; married S. A. Anderson of Congress Street, Portland, Maine.
- ii. Ida, b. —; married and lives in Illinois.

565. STEPHEN<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Henry*<sup>6</sup>, *Israel*<sup>5</sup>, *Zaccheus*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born May 14, 1794, at Bar Harbor, Maine; died at Trenton, Maine; married (date not found) Prudence Abbott.

*Children.*

- i. Maria, b. —; married George Gault.
- ii. Warren, b. —; lost at sea; unmarried.
- iii. Mary Ann, b. —; married Frank Joy.
- iv. Emily, b. —; unmarried.
- v. Elmira, b. —; married; lived in California.
- vi. Edmund, b. —; unmarried; lived in California.
- vii. Wilson, b. —; married and lived in California.
- viii. Alden, b. —; married — Hutchins; lived at Trenton, Maine.
- ix. Stephen, b. —; lived in California.
- x. Mahala, b. —; married — McFarland.
- xi. Adaline, b. —; married John Whittaker; lived at Trenton, Maine.
- xii. Eliza, b. —; married; lived in California.

566. HENRY<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Stephen*<sup>6</sup>, *Israel*<sup>5</sup>, *Zaccheus*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born July 2, 1790, at Bar Harbor, Maine; died there July 3, 1843; married (date not found) Huldah Leland, born about 1797; died Jan. 9, 1882; daughter of Ezra and Sarah (Hamor) Leland.

No children given.

567. AMOS<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Stephen*<sup>6</sup>, *Israel*<sup>5</sup>, *Zaccheus*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Nov. 7, 1792, at Bar Harbor, Maine; died —; married Martha Wasgatt.

*Children.*

- i. Jane G., b. —; married Feb. 4, 1837, James H. Stuart.
- ii. John G., b. —; married Frances Gilpatrick.

- iii. Caroline, b. —; married May 23, 1840, Morrill Bickford.
- iv. Stephen, b. —; married June 6, 1854, Sarah Helen Dudley.
- v. Henry, b. —; married (int. May 2, 1861) Emma Rogers; had a son Frank, b. 1867; d. June 6, 1900, aged 33.

568. STEPHEN<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Stephen*<sup>6</sup>, *Israel*<sup>5</sup>, *Zaccheus*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Dec. 8, 1812; died —; married about 1830, Ann Maria Higgins, born about 1813; died —; daughter of Zaccheus and Sarah (Leland) Higgins of Bar Harbor, Maine.

*Children.*

- i. Adeline H., b. —, 1831; married — Leland; her daughter, Mrs. Everett Brewer, resides at Bar Harbor, Maine.
- ii. Amos H., b. —, 1834.
- iii. Samuel N., b. —, 1839.
- iv. Charles, b. —, 1842.

569. ROYAL GRANT<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Israel*<sup>6</sup>, *Israel*<sup>5</sup>, *Zaccheus*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Jan. 31, 1809, at Bar Harbor, Maine; died Feb. 23, 1873; married (1) Oct. 16, 1834, Sarah F. Suminsby (or Suminsberg), born —; died —; daughter of John and Dorcas (Rodick) Suminsby of Eden, Maine; married (2) (date not found) Mary Frances Snow, born Dec. 25, 1839, at West Eden, Maine; living in 1909, at Bar Harbor, Maine; daughter of Giles and Cordelia (Higgins) Snow.

Royal Grant Higgins was a sea captain or master of vessels. Residence Bar Harbor, Maine.

*Children.*

- i. Harriet Ann, b. July 10, 1835; d. Sept. 10, 1860; unmarried.
- ii. Leander, b. June 3, 1839; married Oct. 15, 1863, Mary Higgins.
- iii. Florence A., b. Oct. 13, 1842; married Edwin H. Higgins.
- iv. Ella F., b. Sept. 12, 1856; d. unmarried.
- 818. v. Royal Grant, b. Sept. 11, 1867; married Katherine Grant Little.
- vi. Stephen W., b. Dec. 30, 1869; d. in 1887 at Bar Harbor.

569A. WARREN<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Israel*<sup>6</sup>, *Israel*<sup>5</sup>, *Zaccheus*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Feb. 27, 1814, at Bar Harbor, Maine; died —; married Mary A. Manchester, daughter of Major John Manchester.

Warren Higgins settled at North East Harbor, Eden, Maine. He was a ship master and died probably about 1848.

*Children.*

- i. Laura, b. —; married — McGaffney.
- ii. Ella, b. —; married — Crafts. Her son resided at Somerville, Maine.
- iii. —, b. —; married — Stanley; had a son who is captain of a vessel sailing out of Gloucester.
- iv. Warren, b. —; married —, and had at least one son.

570. SOLOMON<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Solomon*<sup>6</sup>, *Solomon*<sup>5</sup>, *Solomon*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Nov. 15, 1816, at Orleans, Mass.; died there Dec. 30, 1883; married Feb. 8, 1838, Olive Smith Sparrow, born Feb. 8, 1819, at Orleans; died there Dec. 17, 1890.

Solomon Higgins lived with Hatsel Higgins until his marriage when twenty-one years old. Solomon's mother, Hannah Mayo Higgins, and his maternal grandmother, Sarah (Mayo) (Higgins) (Higgins) Rogers, lived with him after his marriage in his home on the road to Barley Neck, East Orleans, near Capt. Harvey Sparrow's (the house has since burned down).

*Children born at Orleans.*

- i. Elizabeth Rogers, b. Nov. 30, 1838; d. March 30, 1900, at Somerville, Mass.; married Dec. 6, 1860, Robert B. Higgins.
819. ii. Thomas Rogers, b. March 17, 1841; married Abbie A. Sparrow.
- iii. Lucinda Linnell, b. Jan. 29, 1843; married Aug. 13, 1862, Andrew Campbell Berry, son of Samuel and Elizabeth Berry, b. Aug. 23, 1839; residence Charlestown and Boston, Mass. Mrs. Berry has always been active in business and church affairs; has been associated with Baptists, Christian Scientists and Spiritualists; has been officer of many societies engaged in social work. Children: Elizabeth Olive, b. April 25, 1866, at Charlestown, Mass.; married Oct. 21, 1890, William Sharp of Enfield, England; three children: Charles William, b. May 21, 1872, at Charlestown, Mass.; married April 17, 1903, Lexie Macdonald, b. 1876, at Heartsville, P. E. I., formerly Strathalbyn. Charles W. Berry graduated, 1895, from Massachusetts Institute of Technology; studied two years at Göttingen on a fellowship; is now (1908) Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering at the M. I. T.; author of books and articles in the line of his profession; three children.

820. iv. Solomon Sparrow, b. June 4, 1845; married (1) Julia L. Nickerson; (2) Abbie Lakin.
821. v. Edward Payson, b. Oct. 29, 1847; married Sarah E. Nickerson.
822. vi. James Arthur, b. April 27, 1850; married Emily M. Rogers.
823. vii. Webster, b. Dec. 7, 1852; married (1) Eleanor Hannah Goulden; (2) Amanda J. Parker.
- viii. Hannah M. F., b. March 10, 1857, at Orleans; d. there Oct. 1, 1864.
- ix. Adeline Davis, b. Aug. 20, 1859; married Sept. 29, 1887, Thomas F. Eldredge, son of Thomas and Mary (Winslow) Eldredge. Children: Olive Madeline, b. March 3, 1891; Marion Franklin, b. May 3, 1893. Adeline Davis Higgins was a dressmaker before her marriage; since then she has lived at Orleans in the old homestead.

Authorities: Orleans Records; Frank B. Snow; Prof. Charles W. Berry.

571. AMBROSE<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Josiah S.*<sup>6</sup>, *James Dean*<sup>5</sup>, *Solomon*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Sept. 18, 1844, in New York City; living in 1912 at Jewett City, Conn.; married Oct. 5, 1872, at Norwich, Conn., Mary Jane Underwood, born June 14, 1844, at Colchester, Conn.; living in 1912; daughter of Thomas H. and Abby Jane (Shaler) Underwood of Colchester, Conn.

Ambrose Higgins was a compositor by occupation and in November, 1912, was living at Jewett City, Conn.

*Child.*

824. i. Josiah Ambrose, b. Nov. 14, 1875; married Florence Phillips.

572. LEWIS<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Prince*<sup>6</sup>, *Timothy*<sup>5</sup>, *Freeman*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Jan. 18, 1803, at Standish, Maine; died at Manchester, N. H., March 11, 1888; married March 25, 1828, Susan Whitney, born at Gorham, Maine, Jan. 23, 1804; died March 9, 1879, at Manchester, N. H.; daughter of Edmund and Martha (Meserve) Whitney of Gorham, Maine.

Lewis Higgins inherited his father's ability. He was vigorous and possessed a strong individuality. At the beginning of his married life he built a house on land adjoining his father's farm, but the soil was so barren that after his children began to grow up and were able to assist him he satisfied his ambition by buying



a much better farm in White Rock and moving his family from Standish to the new farm. He showed his mechanical ability by building a machine shop near his house and he was noted throughout the region for his fine collection of farming tools, which he was willing to lend *once*, but if the borrower did not return the borrowed article promptly, the privilege was forfeited. The sons were always anxious to work in the shop and when engaged in farm work in the absence of their father they would flee to this shop, to leave only when one of the younger brothers announced that father was coming, when they would leap from door or window and rush back to their appointed task. The influence which this small machine shop had upon these active boys appeared later in their efficient lives, spent in important mechanical industries of our country.

Susan Whitney, mother of these remarkable boys, was greatly esteemed for her housekeeping ability and her wonderful graciousness. Her father, Edmund Whitney, was the son of Isaac who fought in the Revolutionary War. He was the son of another Isaac Whitney, whose father, Nathaniel Whitney, was in the military company for defense against the Indians. Nathaniel Whitney's father was Benjamin, who was son of John and Elinor Whitney, who settled at Watertown, Mass., in 1635. Their ancestry has been traced back by Mr. Melville through members of Parliament and kings to Edward I of England, William the Conqueror, and Philip III of France.

Both Lewis and Susan (Whitney) Higgins were interred in the White Rock Cemetery, and white marble stones mark their resting place.

#### *Children.*

- i. Ivory Fessenden, b. Aug. 15, 1828; d. Oct. 12, 1847; unmarried. He was a remarkably promising young man and his death was greatly lamented. He went to Lawrence, Mass., to start in his career, taking his younger brother, Freeman. He died soon after of typhoid fever, and was buried in the family lot at White Rock, Maine.
825. ii. Freeman, b. Jan. 11, 1830; married Mary Dennett.
- 825A. iii. Orlando Melvin, b. Aug. 22, 1831; married (1) Amanda Abbott; (2) Martha (Spink) Allen.





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826. iv. Elijah Lewis, b. June 23, 1833; married Clara Bickford.  
 v. Martha Ellen, b. June 7, 1835; d. Nov. 13, 1904; unmarried. She was one of the most remarkable members of the family. For many years she taught in the country schools, and at the same time she encouraged her brothers to go to college and was always ready to inspire them to renewed interest in their studies and work. For a long time after she resigned from teaching she had a fancy goods store in Manchester, N. H., finally selling out to return to the old homestead to care for her father and mother. To her indomitable will and unfailing good advice her brothers owe much of their success in life.
827. vi. Merrill Whitney, b. July 11, 1837; married (1) Ella Cutting; (2) Myra Parker.
- 827A. vii. Aravesta, b. April 10, 1840; married James G. Sturgis.  
 viii. Aramantha, b. April 10, 1840; d. Nov. 14, 1901; unmarried.
828. ix. Milton Prince, b. Dec. 7, 1842; married Katharine E. Chapin.
829. x. Edmund Fessenden, b. March 13, 1847; married Martha Safford.
830. xi. Hadley Foster, b. July 28, 1849; married (1) Myrta Jones; (2) Margaret E. Hearn.

573. CHESLEY<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Prince*<sup>6</sup>, *Timothy*<sup>5</sup>, *Freeman*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born July 4, 1816, at Standish, Maine; died Aug. 5, 1889, at Portland, Maine; married (1) June 2, 1838, Abigail Marean, born July 15, 1816; died Oct. 4, 1855; daughter of John and Anna (Shaw) Marean; married (2) May 2, 1856, Isabel Paine of Standish, Maine; married (3) Mrs. Eliza (Thorn) Blake.

Chesley Higgins resided at Standish, Maine, during all but the last years of his life. As a boy he was very ingenious and desired to learn the machinist's trade. When nineteen years old he planned to leave home for that purpose, but was persuaded by his mother to remain on the farm. He was fond of hunting and fishing and had many adventures while thus engaged, accounts of which he was fond of relating. He was an obliging neighbor, a devoted husband and father and kept his youthful spirits and tastes until late in life. He spent his last days with his son, Henry Harrison Higgins, at Portland, Maine.



*Children.*

- i. Lucinda, b. Oct. 31, 1838; d. December, 1867; married John Weed, son of Alva Weed of Buxton, Maine. Children: Ida, b. —; d. young; also an infant that lived but a short time.
831. ii. Henry Harrison, b. Sept. 28, 1840; married (1) Melinda Small; (2) Henrietta H. Prescott.
832. iii. Daniel Prince, b. July 16, 1844; married Fannie L. Prescott.
- iv. Cynthia Selina, b. May 20, 1848; d. February, 1890; married December, 1867, William A. Miller of Auburn, Maine. Children: Infant, b. —; d. young; Willard A., b. Feb. 2, 1868 (married Mertie Russell).
- v. Abbie Paine, b. July 4, 1855; married on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 25, 1880, Walter C. Mitchell of Deering, Maine. Children: Marion Barrows, b. Apr. 14, 1882; d. —; Flossie Miller, b. Feb. 2, 1887, at Portland, Maine; Marion Barrows, b. Apr. 13, 1889 (married Henry Gerry); Mildred B., b. March, 1897, at Beverly, Mass.
833. vi. George, b. Feb. 9, 1859; married Emily Collier.

574. TIMOTHY<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Ephraim*<sup>6</sup>, *Timothy*<sup>5</sup>, *Freeman*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born March 8, 1802; died Oct. 26, 1887; married Feb. 9, 1830, at Buxton, Maine, Jane Came, daughter of Samuel and Ruth Kimball Came.

He resided at Buxton, Maine.

*Children.*

- i. Ruth Elizabeth, b. —; d. young.
- ii. Phœbe, b. Oct. 28, 1833; married Leander Foss, b. —; lost on the *Isadore*, 1853; son of Leander Foss; no children.
- iii. Frances Maria, b. Oct. 20, 1835; married Uriah Berry. Children: Almeda Estelle, b. July 24, 1858; married George Libby, son of David Watson and Lydia (Townsend) Libby. Children: Ella, b. August, 1883; infant, d. young; Harry, b. Feb. 8, 1890; Lydia Frances, b. August, 1892; Susan, b. November, 1894; Atwood L. Berry, b. —; married Cora McLeas.
834. iv. James, b. June 11, 1838; married Caroline Gookins.
- v. Daniel, b. September, 1844; d. July 14, 1851.

575. STEPHEN<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Ephraim*<sup>6</sup>, *Timothy*<sup>5</sup>, *Freeman*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Aug. 20, 1803; died Jan. 5, 1902; married Jan. 1, 1832, Sally Libby, born Oct. 26,

1810; died April 6, 1890; daughter of Josiah and Ruth (Elden) Libby.

He resided in Hollis, Maine.

*Children.*

- i. Mary Ann, b. April 12, 1833; lived in Hollis; unmarried.
- ii. Rebecca, b. Nov. 6, 1837; married Joseph G. Harmon, son of Joel and Eleanor (Berry) Harmon. Children: Josiah L., b. March 13, 1863; married June 13 or 23, 1892, Frances Tebedore; Frederick Oscar, b. June 8, 1865.
- iii. Josiah L., b. March 26, 1849; d. Sept. 16, 1851.

Authority: *Libby Family Gen.*, p. 336.

576. WINSLOW FREEMAN<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Timothy*<sup>6</sup>, *Timothy*<sup>5</sup> *Freeman*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born March 7, 1819; died —; married Sept. 28, 1842, Eunice Smith, born Nov. 23, 1824; daughter of Hugh M. Smith.

He resided at Moderation, Maine.

*Children.*

835. i. Sumner C., b. Nov. 24, 1843; married Jennie Ayer.
- ii. Marietta, b. Aug. 1, 1845; married Jan. 19, 1864, William B. Joy, b. —; d. Jan. 19, 1894. Children: Mellin R., Superintendent Engraving Company, Boston; Georgianna; Alexona; Willie G.; Lillian; Alice J.; Arthur F.
- iii. Peter A. V., b. July 9, 1847; d. Sept. 28, 1849.
- iv. Ella Charlotte, b. July 22, 1849; married Charles Robards of Gray, Maine. Children: Carrie E., b. —; married Gene Lowell; child, Roy, b. Aug. 25, 1894.

577. EDWARD PAYSON<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Isaac O.*<sup>6</sup>, *Luke Haviland*<sup>5</sup>, *Nathaniel*<sup>4</sup>, *Gershom*<sup>3</sup>, *Eliakim*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born March 10, 1841, at Newark, N. J.; died there June 16, 1868; married June 14, 1864, Susan Woodruff of Newark, N. J.

Edward Payson Higgins was a lawyer; admitted to the bar, March 12, 1862. Residence, Newark, N. J.

*Child.*

- i. John Whitehead, b. Aug. 18, 1866; in 1897 he was a chemist, residing in New York City.

Authority: Whitehead's *Contributions to East Jersey History*.

578. JOSEPH H.<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Israel*<sup>6</sup>, *Michael*<sup>5</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>4</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born July 6, 1819; died Sept. 20, 1884; married —.

He was a druggist at Flemington, N. J., and had nine children.

579. WILLIAM B.<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Israel*<sup>6</sup>, *Michael*<sup>5</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>4</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born June 3, 1842; died at Merchantsville, N. J.; married —.

He was a merchant in Philadelphia.

*Child.*

i. Wilfred W., b. —; living in New York.

580. JOHN<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Judiah*<sup>6</sup>, *Judiah*<sup>5</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>4</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Aug. 11, 1813; died June 26, 1889; married April 30, 1836, Rhoda Carkhuff, born July 16, 1814; died Feb. 28, 1895; daughter of John G. and Mary (Dilts) Carkhuff.

John Higgins lived at or near Flemington, N. J. Both he and his wife were buried in the Baptist Cemetery at Flemington.

*Children.*

836. i. Jonathan, b. Oct. 27, 1837; married Maria Mattison.

ii. William, b. —; d. —.

837. iii. Judiah Quick, b. April 20, 1843; married Cornelia Dalley.

iv. Zadella, b. Sept. 20, 1847; d. Jan. 20, 1890; married Nov. 13, 1869, Theodore F. Swarer, son of Abraham W. and Elizabeth (Hendershot) Swarer. Children: John Higgins Swarer, b. July 26, 1871; d. May 30, 1911; married Dec. 2, 1891, Elizabeth H. Conover, daughter of Perley H. and Emeline (Huff) Conover and had Bertha E., b. June 13, 1892; Frank C., b. Nov. 2, 1900; Ethel Marie, b. Oct. 8, 1901; Theodore F., b. June 26, 1905; Esther H., b. March 15, 1907; Inez, b. Nov. 14, 1910; Hannah R. Swarer, b. Aug. 19, 1873; married Sept. 24, 1896, George B. Corson, son of John and Mary H. (Kline) Corson; residence Clinton, N. J.

838. v. Joseph H. S., b. June 22, 1850; married Elizabeth Dalley.

vi. John, b. —; d. young.

vii. Anna E., b. Jan. 22, 1857; d. Sept. 12, 1896; married and had Eva R., b. Feb. 25, 1876, who resides at Neshanic, N. J.; married Christopher G. Horner, son of Wesley H. Horner and Margaret W. Stevens and had Alice M. Horner, b. July 7, 1900; Wesley H., b. Jan. 28, 1903; Donald L., b.

July 24, 1905; Joseph L., b. Nov. 2, 1907; Helen A., b. June 3, 1910.

Authorities: Mr. H. E. Deats of Flemington; Mrs. C. G. Horner of Neshanic, N. J.; Mrs. George B. Corson, Clinton, N. J.

581. CORNELIUS QUICK<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Judiah*<sup>6</sup>, *Judiah*<sup>5</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>4</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born May 30, 1817; died July 30, 1883; married Nov. 25, 1861, Elizabeth R. Bartolette, daughter of Rev. Charles Bartolette.

Cornelius Q. Higgins resided at Sargeantville, Hunterdon Co., N. J. He was a member of the Sandy Ridge Baptist Church. Mrs. Higgins's father was a Baptist minister at Flemington, or Sandy Ridge, and probably at other places in the county.

*Child.*

- i. Charles Bartolette, b. —; married Dec. 23, 1867, Mary Kitchen of Frenchtown and had a son, Frederick Higgins, who resides in New York City.

582. JUDIAH J.<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Judiah*<sup>6</sup>, *Judiah*<sup>5</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>4</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born May 8, 1820, at Flemington, N. J.; died April 27, 1882, at Los Angeles, Cal.; married Phoebe Ann Mulford, daughter of Clarence W. Mulford.

Judiah J. Higgins lived at Los Angeles, Cal., with his son Frank, at least in his later years. Mrs. Higgins's father, Rev. Clarence W. Mulford, was pastor of the Baptist Church at Flemington, N. J.

*Child.*

- i. Frank, b. April 1, 1860; married (1) Annie Dilworth; (2) Oct. 6, 1891, Mary E. Thayer, daughter of Isaiah and Mary (Locklin) Thayer. Residence, Los Angeles, Cal. No children.

583. WILLIAM MERRELL<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Asher*<sup>6</sup>, *Judiah*<sup>5</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>4</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born April 5, 1819; died July 10, 1850; married Ann Eliza Drake, born 1824; died Sept. 28, 1854, aged 30.

William M. Higgins lived in or near Flemington, N. J.

*Child.*

- i. George Drake, b. April 11, 1845; d. Dec. 15, 1870, at Flemington.



584. ASHER<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Asher*<sup>6</sup>, *Judiah*<sup>5</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>4</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born June 23, 1821; died Feb. 13, 1890; married Dec. 31, 1845, by Rev. B. Carroll, Reaville, N. J., Anna Case, born Jan. 22, 1826; died May 27, 1906; daughter of Anthony L. and Clarinda (Chamberlain) Case.

*Children.*

- i. William, b. Nov. 24, 1848; d. March 29, 1894; married May 23, 1876, Susie Sharp Young, b. Oct. 26, 1857, daughter of Nathaniel Wilson and Sarah (Dilts) Young. No children. She married (2) George D. Dalley of Three Bridges, N. J.
- ii. Clarinda Case, b. Oct. 14, 1855; married Nov. 13, 1877, William Jones Suydam, son of Daniel and Mary (Jones) Suydam. Child: Mary Edna Suydam, who married June, 1909, Hawley H. Rittenhouse.
- iii. Rettie Rebecca, b. Oct. 16, 1862; married Sept. 10, 1884, Woodbury Holt Apgar. Children: Mildred Higgins, b. Dec. 16, 1887; Anna Maria, b. Oct. 18, 1889; Woodbury Holt, b. —.

Authority: Mrs. W. J. Suydam.

585. WILLIAM BISHOP<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Jonathan J.*<sup>6</sup>, *Judiah*<sup>5</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>4</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Jan. 18, 1813; died Oct. 16, 1869; married Sept. 14, 1833, Eleanor (or Helena) Cole, born Oct. 10, 1813; died Aug. 23, 1868.

William Bishop Higgins was a prosperous farmer, living in the township of Branchburg, Somerset County, some seven or eight miles from Flemington, where he and his wife were buried. He left a will, dated May 20, 1869, proved Nov. 10, 1869, in which he left legacies to his six sons, daughter Rebecca and two grandchildren, children of son Jesse Higgins.

*Children.*

839. i. Jesse, b. Aug. 15, 1836; married Martha Stryker.
840. ii. George Cole, b. April 2, 1838; married (1) Sarah Brokaw; (2) Mary A. Marsh.
841. iii. Jonathan, b. Jan. 12, 1840; married Matilda Kiple.
842. iv. Jacob Vorhees, b. Dec. 2, 1841; married (1) Kate D. Oakey; (2) Elizabeth Thompson.
  - v. Peter Augustus, b. March 5, 1844; married Anna Everitt.
  - vi. Rebecca Cole, b. June 16, 1846; married Feb. 12, 1873 William H. Merrell.
  - vii. John Amada, b. June 18, 1848; d. Aug. 19, 1848.

843. viii. Levi, b. Feb. 9, 1851; married (1) Hannah M. Everitt;  
(2) Alice Hockin.

Authority: Bible Record of William B. Higgins, belonging to his son, Levi Higgins.

586. JOHN SCHENCK<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*John*<sup>6</sup>, *Judiah*<sup>5</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>4</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Nov. 11, 1828; died May 21, 1894; married July 6, 1858, Elizabeth Jerolomon, born May 20, 1830; daughter of James and Christiana (Cole) Jerolomon.

John Schenck Higgins was a graduate of Rochester University, 1853; was a farmer and surveyor. He lived near Flemington. His children were all well educated, the sons at college.

*Children.*

844. i. Leonidas Raymond, b. Nov. 30, 1859; married Eva Lawrence Appleton.
- ii. Ella Christiana, b. July 6, 1862; graduate of Peddie Institute.
845. iii. James Jerolomon, b. March 22, 1864; married Anna Augusta Snedeker.
- iv. Lelia Minerva, b. Jan. 16, 1866; graduate of Peddie Institute.
- v. Samuel McPherson, b. Feb. 17, 1868; graduate of Brown University.
- vi. Anna Mary, b. Dec. 26, 1869; married May 4, 1898, Cyrus G. Freeman.

587. LEONARD KUH<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Richard*<sup>6</sup>, *Judiah*<sup>5</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>4</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Aug. 13, 1826; died Jan. 5, 1865; married Susan Fine, born Sept. 15, 1829; died May 21, 1901, at Philadelphia, Penn.

Leonard K. Higgins lived near Flemington, N. J., where he was buried.

*Children.*

- i. Richard, b. July 1, 1850; d. March 31, 1851; buried at Flemington.
- ii. Ann Eliza, b. Sept. 28, 1855; living 1914, unmarried.
- iii. Leonard Kuhl, b. January, 1857; went West, married, and is believed to be living in Utah; no further information.
- iv. Ella Winner, b. March, 1859; living 1914, unmarried.
- v. Susan Campbell, b. Feb. 14, 1862; married June 8, 1892, Harry S. Rotzell; lived in Philadelphia. Child: C. W. Rotzell, living at Philadelphia in 1915.

588. RICHARD<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Richard*<sup>6</sup>, *Judiah*<sup>5</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>4</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Nov. 30, 1829; died March 10, 1904; married July 17, 1851, Lydia Haines Thatcher, daughter of Jonas Thatcher, born Nov. 9, 1827; died March 28, 1895.

Richard Higgins lived near Flemington, N. J., where he was buried. He was for a long time a manufacturer at Stockton, N. J. Afterward he lived in West Virginia and at Lambertville, N. J. He was a private of Co. I, 38th New Jersey Volunteers, in the Civil War.

*Children.*

- i. Anna, b. June 26, 1853; d. April 7, 1855; buried at Flemington.
- ii. John Britton, b. Feb. 8, 1856.
- iii. Mary Elizabeth, b. March 18, 1859; d. May 21, 1873; buried at Flemington, N. J.
- iv. Eda May, b. May 1, 1863; living 1916 at Lambertville, N. J.
- v. Carrie, b. Feb. 9, 1867; d. Dec. 18, 1908, at Washington, D. C.; married Sept. 21, 1888, John Edward Hobbs of Martinsburg, West Virginia.
- vi. William, b. March 31, 1871.

589. WILLIAM FISHER<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Judiah*<sup>6</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>5</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>4</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Feb. 14, 1826; died April 10, 1892; married Feb. 2, 1853, Frances Elizabeth Hoagland, born July 7, 1830; died Feb. 24, 1893; daughter of Issachar and Mary S. (Prall) Hoagland.

William Fisher Higgins lived at or near Flemington, N. J. He was buried in Prospect Hill Cemetery, Flemington, as was his wife.

*Children.*

- i. Mary Ellen, b. Feb. 2, 1854.
- ii. Millard Fillmore, b. June 19, 1856; d. Oct. 29, 1879.
846. iii. Issachar Hoagland, b. Jan. 30, 1860; married Oct. 25, 1882, Sarah E. Gaddis.
- iv. Jacob Schenck, b. Feb. 8, 1864; married Hannah Nevins Young.
- v. Lucretia Rea, b. Jan. 16, 1867.
- vi. Mabel, b. Nov. 29, 1872; married Edward S. Mahoney.

Authority: Family Bible record of William Fisher Higgins, in possession of his family.

590. JONATHAN<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Judiah*<sup>6</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>5</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>4</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Jan. 18, 1828; married Nov. 9,

1865, at Bedminster, N. J., Lydia Jerolomon, born Sept. 2, 1832; daughter of James and Christiana (Cole) Jerolomon.

Jonathan Higgins lived at Flemington, N. J.

*Children.*

- i. Elizabeth, b. May 1, 1867; married May 1, 1890, Rev. Thomas Edwin Vassar. No children.
847. ii. Judiah, b. July 14, 1872; married Bertha Rittenhouse.
848. iii. William Fisher, b. Nov. 26, 1876; married Nov. 28, 1904, May Taylor, b. Nov. 5, 1877.

591. NATHANIEL<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Nicholas Britton*<sup>6</sup>, *Nathaniel*<sup>5</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>4</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born —; married Nov. 1, 1845, Emma Sergeant Reading, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Sergeant) Reading.

Authority: *Reading Genealogy*, p. 75.

592. ALEXANDER<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Nicholas Britton*<sup>6</sup>, *Nathaniel*<sup>5</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>4</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born March 2, 1833; died June 14, 1905; married March 30, 1862, Christiana Hope, born Jan. 25, 1843; daughter of Adam and Ann (Lomason) Hope.

*Children.*

- i. Hannah, b. Nov. 22, 1862; d. Aug. 11, 1884, interred at Sandy Ridge, N. J.; married Samuel Gary.
- ii. Elizabeth, b. Dec. 17, 1864; d. Aug. 27, 1880, at Sandy Ridge, N. J.
849. iii. Britton, b. June 16, 1866; d. Feb. 2, 1913; married Feb. 2, 1887, Martha Reading.
- iv. Alexander, b. Oct. 8, 1867; married Charlotte Harsell.
- v. Infant, b. and d. Oct. 25, 1871.
- vi. George, b. Dec. 29, 1872; married Lucinda, daughter of Isaac Lake.
- vii. Emma, b. Oct. 8, 1874; married John Phillips.
- viii. Mary Shepherd, b. Aug. 10, 1876; married Theodore Smith.
- ix. John, b. Oct. 30, 1881; married Elizabeth Ryan.

Authorities: Mrs. Christiana (Hope) Higgins; Mrs. Theodore (Higgins) Smith.

593. SAMUEL<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Nicholas Britton*<sup>6</sup>, *Nathaniel*<sup>5</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>4</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born March 17, 1835; died —; married Jane Gaddis.

Possibly the name should be Lemuel, not Samuel.

*Children.*

- i. Lewis, b. —; residence Sergeantsville, N. J.; a barber.
- ii. Samuel, b. —; residence Roselle Park, N. J.
- iii. Ella, b. —; married Edward Lindaberger; residence Roselle Park, N. J.
- iv. John, b. —; residence Elizabeth, N. J.

594. JONATHAN<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Asa*<sup>6</sup>, *Nathaniel*<sup>5</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>4</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Dec. 21, 1821; died September, 1894; married Harriet Lee.

Jonathan Higgins resided at Ringoes, N. J., and at Raritan, Hunterdon Co., N. J.

*Children.*

- i. Nathaniel H., b. —; married Elizabeth Hoff.
850. ii. Theodore Wilson, b. —; married Isabella Compton.
- iii. Jonathan B., b. —; married Lucretia Kitchen.
- iv. Asa, b. —; unmarried.
- v. Mary, b. —; unmarried.
- vi. Harry, b. —; married (1) — Smith; (2) — Zielstorff.
- vii. Cora, b. —; married George Servis; lives on part of the old homestead at Ringoes; has Bible of Jonathan<sup>4</sup> Higgins.
- viii. Margaret, b. —; d. Sept. 27, 1859.

595. SAMUEL S.<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Samuel*<sup>6</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>5</sup>, *Joshua*<sup>4</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Jan. 21, 1847; died Feb. 14, 1897; married (1) Sarah Cortelyou, born Nov. 15, 1844; died Oct. 30, 1880; married (2) Lena Lutz.

Samuel S. Higgins resided at New Brunswick, N. J.

*Children.*

- i. Mary, b. —.
- ii. Anna, b. —.
- iii. Van Dyke, b. —.
- iv. Samuel, b. —.

596. WILLIAM MORRIS<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Charles Clun*<sup>6</sup>, *Tunis*<sup>5</sup>, *Joshua*<sup>4</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born June 18, 1826; died — 1903; married — Boyd.

Residence Redlands, Cal.



*Children.*

- i. Fanny, b. —; married — Lyon; residence Hollywood, Cal.
- ii. Margaret, b. —; unmarried; residence Hollywood, Cal.
- iii. Charles, b. —; residence San Francisco, Cal.

597. ARCHIBALD ALEXANDER<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Henry*<sup>6</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>5</sup>, *James*<sup>4</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Sept. 29, 1827, at Princeton, N. J.; died Oct. 9, 1897, at Manasquan, Monmouth County, N. J.; married March 17, 1858, Elizabeth Ann Sage, born June 10, 1831, at Sandisfield, Mass.; died —; daughter of Josiah H. and Abigail (Alford) Sage of Sandisfield, Mass., and Winsted, Conn.

Archibald A. Higgins graduated with honors from Princeton College in 1846 at the age of eighteen. He then studied medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, from which he graduated in 1854, and located at Freehold, N. J. He afterward migrated to Squan village (Manasquan), N. J., where he devoted a half century to his ministrations among the fishermen, farmers, seafaring men, volunteer life saving coast guards and their families. He was elected to the New Jersey legislature by the Democrats and later was appointed county judge by Governor Leon Abbott.

*Children.*

- i. Henry H., b. Aug. 9, 1860; d. October, 1860.
851. ii. Archibald S., \*b. Feb. 9, 1867; married Anna Taylor Darby.

598. CHARLES OLDEN<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Henry*<sup>6</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>5</sup>, *James*<sup>4</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Aug. 3, 1830; died July 31, 1887; married, 1853, Sarah Jerolomon, born —; died —; daughter of John and Ann (Van Doren) Jerolomon.

Charles O. Higgins lived at Newark, N. J. Mrs. Sarah J. Higgins was living at Newark in 1912.

*Children.*

- i. Annie Louisa, b. —; married Joseph Tidey; had Sarah Claudia.
- ii. Henrietta Maria, b. —; married Benjamin Roe Braisted.
- iii. Charles, b. —; d. unmarried.
- iv. Mary Steven, b. —; married Herbert Eugene Taylor of Gainesville, Fla.; had two sons.
- v. Henry, b. —; unmarried.

- vi. Sarah Jerolomon, b. —.
- vii. Bertha Virginia, b. —.

599. JOHN DEMOTT<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*John*<sup>6</sup>, *James*<sup>5</sup>, *Azariah*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born April 7, 1834, near Flemington, N. J.; married March 8, 1856, Mary Elizabeth Miers, born Aug. 4, 1833.

John DeMott Higgins was a carpenter by trade and during all his working life followed this trade with vigor. When he was eighty years old he fell from a ladder and completely shattered his right elbow. But such was the good condition of his health and constitution that the splintered bones knitted together as readily as they would have done in a young person. In May, 1916, Mr. Higgins was living at Plainfield, N. J., tending his garden and following all his usual customs, although he had given up his trade. In previous years he had lived near Stanton, N. J., and probably at other places.

*Children born near Stanton, N. J.*

- i. George Cook, b. Jan. 2, 1858; married Annie M. Biggs.
- 852. ii. Jacob Miers, b. March 1, 1859; married Clara Gunzelman.
- 853. iii. Joseph H., b. April 14, 1860; married Mary Sophia Rockafellow.
- 854. iv. John, b. Sept. 19, 1862; married Josephine Hockenbury.
- 855. v. Aaron Miers, b. July 22, 1865; married Mary Brewer Stout.
- vi. Annie Elizabeth, b. June 9, 1869; married Oct. 3, 1891, George Hummer, b. Dec. 12, 1868, carpenter and contractor; residence Plainfield, N. J. Children: Jennie May, b. Sept. 20, 1892, d. Dec. 3, 1908; Lizzie H., b. July 21, 1896; George William, b. July 24, 1899; Jessie Miers, b. May 13, 1902.

600. JOSEPH SMITH<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*John*<sup>6</sup>, *James*<sup>5</sup>, *Azariah*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Oct. 2, 1841; married (1) Nov. 12, 1868, Sarah E. Hubbard, born about 1844; died April 21, 1885, aged 41, at Stanton, N. J.; married (2) Sept. 25, 1886, Susan Gary, born March 9, 1865; daughter of John William and Rhoda B. (Cronce) Gary.

Joseph S. Higgins resides four miles north of Flemington, N. J. Post office address, Three Bridges, N. J.

*Children.*

- i. Ella Abbott, b. Oct. 2, 1869; married Feb. 28, 1891, Gabriel Carkhuff.
- ii. Josephine, b. Feb. 8, 1871; d. Dec. 26, 1894; married May 11, 1893, Frederick L. Hoffman.
- iii. Cora May, b. Dec. 25, 1876; married February, 1897, Frederick L. Hoffman as his second wife.
- iv. Ada Jane, b. June 6, 1878; married Dec. 23, 1896, William F. Fitts.
- v. Amy, b. June 23, 1887; married John B. Miller.
- vi. Harold, b. July 25, 1890; d. Jan. 4, 1905.
- vii. Raymond, b. July 25, 1890; d. Jan. 3, 1905.
- viii. Mary, b. Aug. 28, 1893.
- ix. Lettie Elsie, b. Oct. 29, 1896.
- x. William Newton, b. Aug. 24, 1904.

601. SILVANUS SHAW<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*John*<sup>6</sup>, *James*<sup>5</sup>, *Azariah*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Oct. 20, 1846; died —; married Electa (Lettie) Rockafellow.

Silvanus S. Higgins lives two miles north of Flemington, N. J.

*Child.*

- i. Wilson, b. —; married Lizzie German and lives at Sandy Ridge, N. J.

602. JONAS BRITTON<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*John*<sup>6</sup>, *James*<sup>5</sup>, *Azariah*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Oct. 2, 1849; married —.

Resides at Plainfield, N. J. Has four children.

603. DAVID<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*John*<sup>6</sup>, *James*<sup>5</sup>, *Azariah*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Nov. 28, 1853; married Susan La Rue, daughter of "Major" La Rue.

*Child.*

- i. Florence, b. —; married Albert Phillips; lives between Rocktown and Lambertsville, N. J.; seven children.

604. JOHN C.<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Lewis*<sup>6</sup>, *James*<sup>5</sup>, *Azariah*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born about 1843; married Nov. 27, 1867, Adeline Terhune of Harlingen, N. J.

In 1910 John C. Higgins was living at Belle Mead, near Skillman Station, N. J. He served in the Fifth and Thirty-fifth regiments of New Jersey Volunteers in the Civil War.

*Child.*

- i. Clinton B., b. —; residence Trenton, N. J.

605. JAMES<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Lewis*<sup>6</sup>, *James*<sup>5</sup>, *Azariah*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Oct. 11, 1846, at Clinton township, Hunterdon County, N. J.; married June 21 (or Sept. 11), 1871, Mary L. Cleveland, born June 7, 1849, at Perry, Ill.; daughter of John Kent and Emeline (Canfield) Cleveland of Perry, Ill.

Enlisted July 27, 1865, in Co. A, Thirty-fifth New Jersey Volunteers, which was included in the 1st Division of the 17th Army Corps. Service principally with Sherman, including the March to the Sea. In 1879 he was residing at Perry, Pike County, Ill., and was a jeweler and watchmaker.

*Children born at Perry, Ill.*

- i. Ora C., b. Nov. 6, 1872; unmarried.  
ii. Arthur C., b. Dec. 21, 1874; residence St. Louis, Mo.  
iii. Aileen C., b. Dec. 7, 1876; married June 14, 1911, John A. Sinclair; residence Duluth, Minn. She is an author and story writer.

606. IRA<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Jonathan*<sup>6</sup>, *James*<sup>5</sup>, *Azariah*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born —; died —; married Dec. 13, 1859 (Somerset County records), Jane Schenck.

607. HENRY<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Asher*<sup>6</sup>, *James*<sup>5</sup>, *Azariah*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born —; died —; married May 26, 1853, Nancy Bryant.

*Child.*

- i. Mary Catherine, b. Feb. 12, 1885; married May 18, 1904, William Kentner Drake, b. Oct. 14, 1877, son of Smith Whitefield and Elizabeth (Kentner) Drake. Residence East Amwell township, one mile northeast of Flemington, N. J. Mr. Drake is a farmer. Children: Evelyn May, b. May 30, 1905; Howard Jefferson, b. May 28, 1910.

608. VANDERVIER<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Mahlon*<sup>6</sup>, *Gideon*<sup>5</sup>, *Azariah*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Feb. 8, 1837; married (1) Sept. 13, 1865, Mary Margaret Merrell, born Jan. 4, 1839; died June 13, 1896; daughter of John C. and Elizabeth (Dayton) Merrell; married (2) April 14, 1900, Mrs. Rachel Ann (Merrell) Dilts, sister of his first wife and widow of John Dilts.

Vandervier Higgins lived in or near Flemington, N. J.

*Children.*

- i. Corinda Ann, b. Jan. 20, 1867; d. May 12, 1896, at Samp-  
town, N. J.; married June 21, 1894, Charles Furman Day-  
ton. Child: Robert Irving Dayton, b. Oct. 25, 1895; d.  
Aug. 14, 1896.
- ii. Elizabeth Merrell, b. Sept. 4, 1869; d. Aug. 13, 1870.
- iii. Edward Raymond, b. Dec. 13, 1870.
- iv. William Alvin, b. Jan. 30, 1876; married Nov. 26, 1907,  
Louise Page Camm. Child: William Walter Higgins,  
b. —.

609. DAVID EVERITT<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Mahlon*<sup>6</sup>, *Gideon*<sup>5</sup>,  
*Azariah*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born June 25, 1845; died  
—; married (1) Sept. 5, 1871, Hannah H. Britton; married (2)  
Oct. 17, 1877, Lucinda La Rue.

610. EZEKIEL LENSLEY<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Mahlon*<sup>6</sup>, *Gideon*<sup>5</sup>,  
*Azariah*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born March 9, 1851; died  
Nov. 13, 1907, at Rosemont, N. J.; married Oct. 26, 1881,  
Elizabeth Ann Fisher.

611. DAVID SAYRE<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*James*<sup>6</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>5</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>4</sup>,  
*Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Zerah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born July 26, 1804; died Oct. 31, 1871;  
married Feb. 24, 1827, Margaret Searing, daughter of Jacob  
Searing, a Revolutionary soldier.

David S. Higgins lived in Union township, N. J., near Eliza-  
beth. He was a member of the Baptist Church of Elizabeth.

*Children.*

- i. Elizabeth, b. July 1, 1828; d. May 12, 1879; married  
May 26, 1852, Reuben S. Van Tassel.
- ii. Hannah, b. Feb. 27, 1833; d. Oct. 19, 1863; married  
Jan. 20, 1859, James Clark, son of Ephraim Clark; two  
children that d. young.
- iii. Margaret Ann, b. Aug. 7, 1835; married Feb. 20, 1861,  
Rev. Hugh Collins Townley.
- iv. Rebecca, b. Oct. 22, 1836; married October, 1867,  
Henry H. Richards; no children.
856. v. James Ward, b. Feb. 21, 1839; married Adelia J.  
Littlefield.
- vi. Mary Ellen, b. March 7, 1842; d. Jan. 16, 1848.
- vii. David Spencer Cone, b. June 30, 1844; d. December,  
1866, unmarried. He served three years in the Civil War.
- viii. Sarah Maria, b. Nov. 4, 1846; d. Aug. 25, 1847.



- ix. Phœbe Newning, b. Jan. 3, 1848; married (1) May 6, 1869, Capt. Jonathan Townley; (2) Morgan Long.

612. ELMER WILLIAMS<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*James*<sup>6</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>5</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Zerah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Aug. 2, 1811; died May 31, 1852; married Sarah Maria Faitoute.

Elmer W. Higgins was a physician.

*Child.*

857. i. Elmer Faitoute, b. Aug. 14, 1840; married Catherine Hamilton White.

613. ELIAS TOOKER<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Isaac*<sup>6</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>5</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Zerah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born —; died about Oct. 1, 1859; married Jan. 1, 1825, Elizabeth Sayre, born —; died —; daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Littell) Sayre of Connecticut Farms, Union township, N. J.

In 1857 he resided on Union Street in township of Rahway, as his will, dated Jan. 1, 1857, shows. Will mentions wife Elizabeth, children named below, and real estate in Rahway.

*Children.*

- i. Isaac S., b. —.
- ii. Sarah Jane, b. —; married Ansel W. Monroe.
- iii. Mary Elizabeth, b. —; married John Taylor Conklin of Somerville, N. J.

Authorities: *Sayre Genealogy*, p. 208; Trenton Will Records, vol. T, p. 88.

614. JOHN<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Seth*<sup>7</sup>, *Seth*<sup>6</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>5</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born September, 1803, at Standish, Maine; died Sept. 27, 1885; married Martha Tappan, born —; died March 26, 1880, aged 66 years; daughter of Luther and Mercy (Dow) Tappan.

He resided in Gorham, Maine, and ran a mill near Stephenson's bridge.

*Children.*

- i. Mary Ellen, b. Aug. 1, 1837; married Edward Clement of Baldwin, Maine; resided at Westbrook, Maine. Children: Lizzie, b. —; married Lewis Patrick of Gorham and had: Stephen, Philip, Marion, Merle, Ray; Mary, b. —, married Elmer Cotton and had: Edmund.
- ii. Julia Maria, b. Nov. 25, 1841; resided in Gorham, Maine, in 1900.

- iii. Emeline, b. March 13, 1845; married Jan. 2, 1873, Levi H. Bean, son of William and Mary (Waterhouse) Bean, of Limington, Maine; resided in Gorham in 1900 near the R. R. Station.

Authority: *History of Gorham, Maine.*

615. SETH<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Seth<sup>7</sup>, Seth<sup>6</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>5</sup>, Samuel<sup>4</sup>, Jonathan<sup>3</sup>, Jonathan<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born Aug. 1, 1805; died Dec. 4, 1898; married Rebecca Shaw, born —; died April 30, 1866, aged 83 years, 11 months; daughter of Eben Shaw.

He resided in Standish, Maine. He was a blacksmith at West Gorham, and built the brick house on the road which runs from Standish village to Fort Hill.

*Children.*

- i. George Francis, b. Dec. 1, 1827; d. Oct. 10, 1828.
  - ii. George Francis, b. May 14, 1830; d. in 1833.
  - iii. Infant, b. —; d. July 12, 1832.
858. iv. Henry Allen, b. April 24, 1836; married Maggie Chase.
859. v. Albert, b. Jan. 21, 1840; married —.

616. EBENEZER<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Ebenezer<sup>7</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>6</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>5</sup>, Samuel<sup>4</sup>, Jonathan<sup>3</sup>, Jonathan<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born April 1, 1815, at Penobscot, Maine; died —; married Aug. 21, 1830, Martha Atkins.

Ebenezer Higgins resided at Castine, Maine.

*Children.*

- i. Rebecca, b. Aug. 8, 1832.
- ii. Malvina C., b. June 23, 1837.
- iii. Ebenezer, b. Dec. 17, 1839.

617. DYER<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*David<sup>7</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>6</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>5</sup>, Samuel<sup>4</sup>, Jonathan<sup>3</sup>, Jonathan<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born —; died Jan. 14, 1876, at Grove Lake, Minn.; married May 31, 1833, at Bangor, Maine, Catherine Piper.

Dyer Higgins lived at Monson, Maine, and then removed to Minnesota.

*Children born at Monson, Maine.*

- i. Merritt, b. —.
- ii. Elizabeth, b. —.
- iii. Emerson, b. —.
- iv. George, b. —.

- v. Henry, b. —; married and had five children.
- vi. Ella, b. —.
- vii. Marcellus, b. —.

618. DAVID JORDAN<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*David*<sup>7</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>6</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>5</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Sept. 18, 1817; died —; married —, Cynthia Weeks.

Clergyman. Living, 1910, at Pasadena, Cal.

“The oldest student attending a university in the United States is said to be Rev. David Jordan Higgins, a nonagenarian preacher and former colonel in the United States Army, who is attending the classes in philosophy conducted by Prof. J. H. Hoose of the college of liberal arts, University of Southern California. The incident of an octogenarian teaching a nonagenarian probably has no parallel in the world.”—*Globe*, Nov. 29, 1910.

*Children.*

- i. Wilbur, b. —; d. 1881.
- ii. Charles, b. —; d. in childhood.
- iii. Emma, b. —; married Charles Spencer.
- iv. Ella, b. —; married Robert Clark.

619. EBEN BLAKE<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*David*<sup>7</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>6</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>5</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born April 7, 1822; died April 2, 1889, at Hamlin, Maine; married Nov. 25, 1847, Marietta Holmes.

*Children.*

- i. Anna Warren, b. —; married Mr. Drew.
- ii. Francis Asbury, b. —; married and had one child.
- iii. Julia R., b. —.
- iv. Lizzie Belle, b. Jan. 18, 1860.
- v. Sarah Esther, b. —.
- vi. Etta Brooks, b. —; married Oct. 3, 1889, Willis Spaulding; had two children.

620. JOHN COLBY<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*David*<sup>7</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>6</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>5</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Aug. 14, 1827, at Gorham, Maine; died March 17, 1904, at Skowhegan, Maine; married Oct. 14, 1851, Sarah Clark Steward.

Residence, Gorham, Wilton, Oakland, and Skowhegan, Maine.

*Children.*

- i. Nancy Ellen, b. Nov. 14, 1855, at Wilton, Maine; married

(1) May 24, 1873, Albion L. Hilton, b. —; d. —. Children: Howard Burton, b. June 17, 1877; married June 17, 1899, Cora E. Moody, and had one child, Earle Francis Hilton, b. Aug. 20, 1900. Mrs. Nancy Ellen (Higgins) Hilton married (2) Jan. 1, 1888, Charles A. Leighton.

- ii. Lizzie Belle, b. Jan. 29, 1863 at Oakland, Maine; resides at Skowhegan, Maine.

620A. SAMUEL HOWARD<sup>3</sup> HIGGINS (*David*<sup>7</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>6</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>5</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born June 1, 1833, at Gorham, Maine; died Dec. 7, 1864, at Murfreesborough, Tenn.; married, about 1858, Hannah Elizabeth Flanders.

Samuel H. Higgins lived at Monson, Maine, and at Hastings, Minn. He probably served in the Civil War, on the Union side.

*Children.*

860. i. Frederick W., b. Feb. 29, 1860, at Monson, Maine; married (1) Emma E. Cummings; (2) Abbie F. Savage.  
ii. Frank H., b. March 10, 1864, at Hastings, Minn.

621. JONATHAN<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*James*<sup>7</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>6</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>5</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born May 2, 1806; died —; married Nov. 30, 1826, Mehitabel Eldredge of Harwich, Mass.

Jonathan Higgins resided at Orleans, Mass.

*Children born at Orleans.*

- i. Mehitabel Eldredge, b. Oct. 29, 1829; married Jan. 10, 1850, at Harwich, Mass., Benjamin S. Cahoon, son of Seth Cahoon.  
ii. Olive, b. June 8, 1834; married May 18, 1854, Franklin Nickerson.  
iii. Jonathan, b. July 25, 1836; married June 21, 1863, Ruth Doane.

Authority: Orleans Vital Records.

622. JAMES<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*James*<sup>7</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>6</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>5</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Oct. 20, 1808; died —; married Dorothy Eldredge (int. Jan 25, 1827), of Harwich, Mass.

James Higgins, Jr., died before July 3, 1860, as shown by his father's will.

*Children.*

- i. Wilson, b. Sept. 5, 1827.
- ii. Dorothy, b. Oct. 19, 1832.
- iii. James, b. Nov. 13, 1839.

623. ZEBINA<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*James<sup>7</sup>, Jonathan<sup>6</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>5</sup>, Samuel<sup>4</sup>, Jonathan<sup>3</sup>, Jonathan<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born March 19, 1815, at Orleans, Mass.; died there Aug. 19, 1897; married (1) (int. Feb. 11, 1836), Mercena Nickerson, born Feb. 1, 1819, in Harwich, Mass.; died Oct. 9, 1893, at Orleans, Mass.; daughter of Silas and Susan Nickerson of Harwich; married (2) Jan. 1, 1894, Mrs. Sarah (Holman) Nickerson, daughter of William and Mary (Gibbs) Holman.

Zebina Higgins resided at Orleans, Mass. Mrs. Sarah Holman Higgins married (3) Nov. 20, 1898, Truman Snow.

*Children born at Orleans, Mass.*

- i. Zebina E., b. Sept. 21, 1838; d. young.
861. ii. Zebina H., b. Sept. 11, 1840; married Lucinda A. Linnell.
862. iii. Albert F., b. in 1845; married Lucy J. Gerould.
  - iv. Mercena E., b. May 22, 1849; married Sept. 1, 1868, Isaac W. Chase. Children: Isaac E. Chase, b. March 26, 1869; Lucy Emmareno Chase, b. Dec. 15, 1881, married (1) Dec. 10, 1901, Fred H. Black; (2) Nov. 16, 1913, George Wilson Ryder.
863. v. Orrick E., b. Nov. 11, 1851; married (1) Mary L. Cahoon; (2) Annie Freeman.
864. vi. Clarrington E., b. Aug. 10, 1854; married Adella M. Cash.
  - vii. James Curtis, b. —; d. July 13, 1861.
  - viii. Fred L., b. Sept. 30, 1865; drowned Oct. 20, 1883, in Barnstable Bay.
865. ix. Frank G., b. Sept. 30, 1865; married Eliza F. Hayden.

624. ISRAEL LINNELL<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*James<sup>7</sup>, Jonathan<sup>6</sup>, Jonathan<sup>5</sup>, Samuel<sup>4</sup>, Jonathan<sup>3</sup>, Jonathan<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born July 10, 1817; died —; married Dec. 12, 1839, Ruth Young Rogers of Orleans, Mass.

Israel L. Higgins resided at Chatham, Mass.

*Child.*

- i. Israel Linnell, b. Dec. 30, 1841.



625. FREEMAN A.<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Abner*<sup>7</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>6</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>5</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born August 15, 1819, in Brewster, Mass.; died Feb. 17, 1897, at Orleans, Mass.; married April 17, 1839, Mary Ann Eldredge, born Aug. 10, 1819, at Harwich, Mass.; died Feb. 15, 1901, at Orleans; daughter of Oliver and Huldah (Chase) Eldredge of Harwich.

Freeman A. Higgins and his wife both died in Orleans, but were buried at East Harwich.

*Children.*

- i. Rebecca T., b. Sept. 6, 1839; d. Jan. 6, 1912, at Orleans; married April 10, 1862, Seth Nickerson, son of Seth and Roxanna Nickerson of Chatham, Mass.
866. ii. Freeman, b. Dec. 12, 1843; married Almira Y. Mallows.
- iii. Mary E., b. Oct. 23, 1850; married Nov. 28, 1871, Brad-dock P. Allen of Harwich, Mass., mariner, son of Elisha and Mercy Allen of Harwich.
- iv. Celia, b. Jan. 18, 1855; d. Oct. 22, 1894; married April 15, 1873, Samuel Smith of Orleans, b. in Nova Scotia. Children: Grace E., b. June 7, 1880; Benjamin F., b. Sept. 20, 1882; Irving C. Smith.

626. ABNER<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Abner*<sup>7</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>6</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>5</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Feb. 24, 1822, at Brewster, Mass.; died Aug. 15, 1901, at Orleans; married March 29, 1849, Asenath Burgess, born Nov. 1, 1830, at Harwich, Mass.; died Dec. 3, 1915, at Orleans; daughter of Stephen and Mercy C. (Ellis) Burgess of Harwich.

Abner Higgins resided at Orleans, Mass., and apparently for a time at Wareham in the same state. He left a will dated March 2, 1893, naming wife Asenath.

*Children.*

- i. Clementine B., b. July 2, 1850; married Nov. 24, 1871, Luther Hurd, son of Luther and Elizabeth Hurd; residence Providence, R. I.; had four children.
- ii. George W., b. Aug. 26, 1852; married June 6, 1883, Etta B. Carlisle, daughter of William and Mary (Forbes) Carlisle of Everett, Mass.; no children.
- iii. Elvira Snow, b. Feb. 7, 1855; married April 24, 1874, George D. Smalley, Jr.; residence Harwichport, Mass. Children: George Smalley and Abner Norwell Smalley.
- iv. Ida Stevens, b. March 15, 1858; married Jan. 19, 1892, Charles W. Barnard, Jr.; residence Melrose, Mass. Children: Ida D., b. July 24, 1893; Charles W., b. May 19, 1895.

- v. Lucy F., b. Sept. 26, 1863; d. Feb. 5, 1868.
- vi. Abner F., b. ——— 1866; d. March 22, 1867.
- vii. Charles H., b. June 19, 1868; d. Jan. 17, 1870.
- 867. viii. William Mortimer, b. April 24, 1871, at Wareham, Mass.; married (1) Mary C. Crosby; (2) Sarah A. Fleming.

627. JOSEPH BAKER<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Abner*<sup>7</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>6</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>5</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Dec. 24, 1834, at Orleans, Mass.; died ———; married (1) Sept. 5, 1859, Temperance C. Newcomb, daughter of Elnathan S. Newcomb; married (2) March 7, 1867, Emily A. Garran of Boston, daughter of George and Mary Garran.

Joseph B. Higgins resided at Orleans, Mass., and was a mariner. He enlisted June 24, 1864, in Co. F, Third Massachusetts Heavy Artillery, and was discharged August 24. Mrs. Temperance Higgins died Nov. 2, 1865, aged 27 years, 7 months.

*Children.*

- 868. i. Elisha Allen, b. Oct. 31, 1862; married Minnie S. Bassett.
- ii. Eva Georgiana, b. July 24, 1868; married Oct. 27, 1891, Thomas A. Smith. Children: Ralph Smith, Edith Smith, Gladys Smith.
- iii. Josephine, b. Oct. 9, 1870; unmarried.

628. ABISHA<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Cyrus*<sup>7</sup>, *Abisha*<sup>6</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>5</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born ———; died ———; married (int. March 24, 1844) Sarah Garland.

Abisha Higgins was a sea captain and resided at Hampden, Maine.

*Children.*

- i. Georgiana, b. ———; married Dec. 1, 1867, by Rev. C. L. Browning to Franklin G. Rogers. Child: Allen Rogers, Ph.D., consulting chemist, Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Authorities: Vital Records of Hampden, Maine; Dr. Allen Rogers.

629. GIDEON<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Constant*<sup>7</sup>, *Heman*<sup>6</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>5</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Oct. 16, 1808, at Rochester, Mass.; died at date unknown; married at Rochester, April 17, 1831, Ruth Edwards, born April 17, 1807, at Rochester, Mass.; died ———; daughter of John and Sally (Bolles) Edwards of Rochester.

Gideon Higgins is called a mariner on the Rochester records. Little more has been learned concerning him.

*Children born at Rochester.*

- i. Sarah Allen, b. Jan. 18, 1832.
- ii. Lucy Randall, b. May 20, 1836.
- iii. Charles Gideon, b. Nov. 6, 1842.
- iv. James E., b. Dec. 7, 1844.

Authority: Rochester Vital Records.

630. STEPHEN<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Samuel<sup>7</sup>, Elkanah<sup>6</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>5</sup>, Samuel<sup>4</sup>, Jonathan<sup>3</sup>, Jonathan<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born in 1816; died June 26, 1860; married (1) in 1840, Elvira Works, born —; died —; married (2) July 4, 1852, Louisa White, born Aug. 13, 1831; died —.

*Children.*

- i. William, b. Aug. 11, 1841; married —.
- ii. Sarah Cushing, b. —; d. aged six months.
- iii. Charles, b. Feb. 10, 1848; married —.
- iv. May, b. June 11, 1854; married Nov. 27, 1873, Horace Berry.
- v. Lizzie, b. Dec. 23, 1855; married Sept. 22, 1879, W. J. Daggett.
- vi. Hattie Maria, b. Sept. 13, 1860; d. Jan. 23, 1863.

631. EPHRAIM<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Ebenezer<sup>7</sup>, Elkanah<sup>6</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>5</sup>, Samuel<sup>4</sup>, Jonathan<sup>3</sup>, Jonathan<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born in 1825; died Jan. 14, 1892; married Jan. 1, 1850, Abbie Elwell, born —; died —; daughter of Levi and Diadema (Rand) Elwell.

Ephraim Higgins resided at Standish, Maine.

*Children.*

- i. Mary, b. —.
- ii. Evelyn, b. —; married Edgar Adelbert Whitney.  
Child: Merton Whitney.
869. iii. Charles Edward, b. September, 1856; married Maria Rand.
- iv. Frank, b. —.
- v. Jane, b. May 16, 1864.
870. vi. Leland W., b. Oct. 1, 1867; married (1) Mabel L. Boulter; (2) Hattie F. Davis.
- vii. Harry D., b. —, 1869; married Dec. 25, 1892, Hattie L. Dixon.
- viii. Ralph, b. —.

632. JEFFERSON<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Curtis*<sup>7</sup>, *Elkanah*<sup>6</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>5</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Dec. 10, 1833, at Smithfield, Maine; died March 16, 1896, at Gaffney, S. C.; married (1) May 12, 1849, Helen Sexton, born July 6, 1833, at Halifax, Nova Scotia; died Sept. 9, 1884, at Dodgeville, R. I.; daughter of Edward and Mary (Saxton) Sexton; married (2) Caroline Owens of Laurel, Md.

Jefferson Higgins resided at Augusta, Maine, Dodgeville, R. I., and at Gaffney, S. C. He was a cotton manufacturer and was considered an expert authority on the industry. He built and equipped cotton mills. He was chosen by a syndicate to start the business in China, using American machinery and help, but declined the offer because he would have been obliged to agree to remain in China ten years.

*Children born at Augusta, Maine.*

- i. George, b. Jan. 3, 1850; d. April 8, 1852, at Augusta, Maine.
871. ii. George Edwin, b. Nov. 3, 1852; married Mrs. Fannie Novess.
- iii. Harriet Francis, b. Nov. 25, 1854; married Dec. 24, 1874, Charles Otis Tibbetts of Augusta, Maine, b. Aug. 5, 1851; son of John A. and Sarah (Whittemore) Tibbetts.
- iv. Mary Helen, b. Jan. 26, 1857; d. Jan. 15, 1912; married Clarence Ashmore Stinchfield, b. Jan. 8, 1848; d. March 17, 1899. Child: Charlotte Stinchfield, b. May 1, 1874; married June 28, 1899, at Augusta, Maine, Merton LeForest Wheeler, b. Aug. 25, 1872.
- v. Harry Jefferson, b. Nov. 8, 1866; d. in 1900, at Providence, R. I., unmarried.
- vi. Elida Estelle, b. Nov. 7, 1876; married Jan. 7, 1914, Wellington Bond, b. May 30, 1874; son of George and Martha (Perry) Bond of Boston, Mass.; residence Winthrop, Mass.

Authority: Mrs. Elida E. (Higgins) Bond of Winthrop, Mass.

633. HENRY CURTIS<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Curtis*<sup>7</sup>, *Elkanah*<sup>6</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>5</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born April 16, 1838, at Smithfield, Maine; died Nov. 1886, at Winona, Minn.; married Jan. 1, 1856, at Augusta, Maine, Eliza Pendleton Thurston of Skowhegan, Maine.

Henry C. Higgins resided for years at Augusta, Maine, and then removed to Minnesota.

*Children.*

- i. Henry Eugene, b. Sept. 16, 1858; d. March 3, 1863, at Augusta, Maine.
872. ii. Frederick Eugene, b. May 23, 1865; married Mary Clark Pierce.

634. THOMAS WILLARD<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Thomas*<sup>7</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>6</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>5</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born May 25, 1842, at Orleans, Mass.; living there in 1916; married Feb. 2, 1870, Deborah Crosby Sparrow, born Jan. 21, 1849, at Orleans; living there in 1916; daughter of Samuel and Deborah Sparrow.  
Thomas W. Higgins is a resident of Orleans, Mass.

*Child.*

- i. Ellen J., b. May 15, 1872; d. Nov. 30, 1884.

635. LEANDER FREEMAN<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Thomas*<sup>7</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>6</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>5</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Oct. 18, 1849; married Jan. 1, 1878, Arsenoe Bertha Cheney, daughter of Leonard and Lucinda (Bass) Cheney of Southbridge, Mass.

Leander F. Higgins resides at Worcester, Mass., and is an expressman.

*Children.*

- i. Bertha, b. Jan. 18, 1880; d. July 3, 1880.
- ii. Newton, b. Jan. 18, 1880; d. July 5, 1880.

636. GEORGE CLEVELAND<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Jonathan*<sup>7</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>6</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>5</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Nov. 19, 1845; married Jan. 1, 1868, Ellen S. Irving, daughter of Asa and Abigail (Childs) Irving of Lynn, Mass.

*Children.*

- i. Arthur J., b. March 11, 1871; married June 1, 1892, Ella J. Brown. No children.
- ii. George Henry, b. March 30, 1875; married Sept. 27, 1900, Israelena Sutherland.
- iii. Mabel Childs, b. July 16, 1879.

637. FREEMAN<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Eliakim*<sup>7</sup>, *Eliakim*<sup>6</sup>, *Eliakim*<sup>5</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Dec. 8, 1832, at Orleans, Mass.; died there July 13, 1891; married Nov. 19, 1866, Bethiah Bradford Warren, born May, 1841; died at Orleans,



Feb. 9, 1884, aged 42 years, 9 months, daughter of Edward A. and Bethiah (Doty) Warren.

Freeman Higgins resided at Orleans, but during some portion of his life at Cambridge, Mass. Both his parents were descendants of passengers of the *Mayflower* in 1620, and both his wife's parents were such descendants, being in the direct line from Richard Warren and Edward Doty.

*Child.*

- i. Alice Herbert, b. Nov. 26, 1873, at Cambridge, Mass.; married Feb. 21, 1903, Washington Whitcomb MARRS, son of John H. and Lucy A. (Stoddard) MARRS; residence Milton, Mass., where Mr. MARRS is a civil engineer.

638. JULIUS E.<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Joseph Edwin*<sup>7</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>6</sup>, *Christian*<sup>5</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>4</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born April 23, 1817, at Bridport, Vt.; died June 18, 1875, at Brandon, Vt.; married Oct. 6, 1842, Catherine M. Day, born Aug. 15, 1820, at Geneva, N. Y.; died June 20, 1875, at Brandon, Vt.

*Children.*

- i. Frances Lorraine, b. Sept. 12, 1845; d. June 5, 1858.
- ii. Ellen Palmer, b. Sept. 30, 1848; d. Dec. 22, 1890; married Charles Walker.
- iii. Anna Sandford, b. Nov. 27, 1851; married George Briggs.
- iv. Edward Day, b. Feb. 3, 1854; d. Nov. 12, 1878, at Fitchburg, Mass.

Authority: *Thomas Sandford Family*, pp. 249, 436.

639. JOSEPH SQUIRE<sup>8</sup> HAGANS (*Joseph*<sup>7</sup>, *George-Josiah*<sup>6</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>5</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>4</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Aug. 10, 1812, "on Otter Creek," that is, at Charlotte, or Vergennes, Vt.; died Oct. 17, 1887, at Uniontown, Penn.; married (1) Aug. 17, 1834, Nancy M. Endsley of Somerfield, Penn.; born —; died Feb. 6, 1848; married (2) in Uniontown, Penn., June 4, 1854, Minerva Elizabeth West of Uniontown, born —; died —.

Joseph S. Hagans, his parents having died at or near Mt. Carmel, Ill., in 1817, was taken by his grandparents to Brandonville, Va., where he was brought up. Later he settled at Uniontown, Penn., where he spent most of his life.

*Children.*

- i. Harrison, b. May 27, 1835; d. at Duncan's Falls, Ohio, Jan. 17, 1870; married at Somerfield, Penn., March 24,

- 1869, Chelsea Kemp, and had one child, Henrietta, who d. young. Harrison Hagans was a clergyman.
- ii. Milford Bard, b. Sept. 27, 1836; d. at Columbus, Ohio, May, 1898; married in Fairmont, W. Va., Nov. 3, 1870, Sarah Probst and had one child, Maggie S. Hagans.
  - iii. Thomas, b. Dec. 18, 1837; d. Jan. 8, 1838.
  - iv. Adelia Jenkins, b. June 1, 1839; d. at Wheeling, W. Va., Aug. 19, 1910; married in Fairmont, W. Va., April 14, 1857, Thomas R. Jackson and had children (order unknown): Nannie, Florence, Harrison Hagans, Clara Louise, Julia and Wilbur E. Jackson, all dead, also Florence, second, who married John Ollum, and Mary Kate, who married William Nesbit.
  - v. William Henry, b. Oct. 13, 1841; d. at Oakland, Md., May 7, 1902; married in Maryland, May 16, 1866, Lucretia Tasker. No children.
  - vi. Howard Lynn, b. Dec. 25, 1843; d. Feb. 24, 1844.
  - vii. Mary Virginia, b. Jan. 15, 1848; d. at Lake Park, Md., July, 1910; married in Maryland, July 26, 1869, Charles West and had children (order and dates unknown): Lula, Maud, George, Zalmon, Albert, William, Annie, Clara, Florence, Bessie.
  - viii. Margaret Jane, b. June 18, 1855, in Fairmont, Va.; living, unmarried.
  - ix. Charles Ammi, b. Oct. 4, 1857, at Fairmont, Va.; d. March 9, 1860.
  - x. Twin son, b. Oct. 4, 1857; d. at birth.
  - xi. Frank Snyder, b. Aug. 29, 1862, at Uniontown, Penn.; married in Somerset, Penn., Aug. 29, 1889, Violet Love Collins of Connellsville, Penn. Children (all b. in Uniontown, Penn.): Joseph Snyder, b. June 5, 1890; Mary Clarke, b. Feb. 26, 1892; Lucretia Love, b. Sept. 30, 1894 (married in Cumberland, Md., June 19, 1914, Thomas S. Gorley); Maggie Jean, b. Feb. 3, 1898.

640. AMMI FULLER<sup>8</sup> HAGANS (*Joseph*<sup>7</sup>, *George-Josiah*<sup>6</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>5</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>4</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born —; died —, probably in Ohio; married Jane Graham.

*Children.*

- i. Amelia, b. —.
- ii. One other, b. —.

641. ALPHEUS DICKS<sup>8</sup> HAGANS (*Zer*<sup>7</sup>, *George-Josiah*<sup>6</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>5</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>4</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born May 20, 1822; died Feb. 9, 1905; married (1) May 20, 1845, Caroline G. Allen; married (2) May 1, 1849, Lydia C. Turner.

*Children.*

- i. A child, b. about 1847; d. in infancy.
- ii. Catherine Baldwin, b. Feb. 10, 1850; married T. Sampson. Children: Alpheus, Kenneth, Harry, Irene.
873. iii. Zer Jared, b. Dec. 13, 1851; married Matilda Bullard.
- iv. Caroline, b. Nov. 26, 1853; married Harry Hagans Frey.
- v. Sarah Jane, b. May 2, 1856; married Ledren Wade. Children: Hugh Roscoe, Harper, Edna, Bessie.
874. vi. Kenneth Rudsill, b. Aug. 10, 1858; married Anna Hearn.
- vii. Lida Isabella, b. Oct. 23, 1860; married S. H. Brooke. Children: Kenneth, Clyde, Aura, Margaret, Edith.

642. JARED ELISHA<sup>8</sup> HAGANS (*Zer<sup>7</sup>, George-Josiah<sup>6</sup>, Elisha<sup>5</sup>, Elisha<sup>4</sup>, Elisha<sup>3</sup>, Jonathan<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born May 4, 1826; died —; married Amanda Johnson.

*Children.*

875. i. Walter, b. —; married —.
- ii. May Jane, b. —; married Calvin Painter; two sons.
- iii. Emma, b. —; married Dr. Wilson.
876. iv. Clarence, b. —; married —.

643. GEORGE McCOLLUM<sup>8</sup> HAGANS (*Harrison<sup>7</sup>, George-Josiah<sup>6</sup>, Elisha<sup>5</sup>, Elisha<sup>4</sup>, Elisha<sup>3</sup>, Jonathan<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born April 14, 1819; died Dec. 29, 1873; married (1) May 12, 1840, Martha Maria Randall; married (2) Aug. 12, 1844, Mrs. Jane (Lowry) McGee.

*Children.*

- i. Harriet Jane, b. April, 1846; unmarried.
- ii. Juliet Virginia, b. April, 1848; married Thomas Ray Willey.
- iii. Clara Eliza, b. Dec. 14, 1850; unmarried.
877. iv. George Harrison, b. Jan. 24, 1854; married Kate Baggerly..
- v. William Lucian, b. May 24, 1856; d. Sept. 9, 1908; unmarried.

644. WILLIAM<sup>8</sup> HAGANS (*Harrison<sup>7</sup>, George-Josiah<sup>6</sup>, Elisha<sup>5</sup>, Elisha<sup>4</sup>, Elisha<sup>3</sup>, Jonathan<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born March 3, 1823; died —; married Isabella Lazelle.

*Child.*

- i. Martha Persis, b. —; married Darius Waterhouse.

645. LUCIAN ADAMS<sup>8</sup> HAGANS (*Harrison*<sup>7</sup>, *George-Josiah*<sup>6</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>5</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>4</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Jan. 31, 1825; died June 6, 1890, at Chicago, Ill.; married April 19, 1848, Lovila Hagans, born May 27, 1829; died Jan. 3, 1917, at Chicago, Ill.; daughter of Elisha Merrill and Anne M. (Brown) Hagans.

*Children.*

878. i. Wilber Eggleston, b. July 23, 1851; married Zella Mary Billings.
- ii. Mira Belle, b. May 9, 1857; d. June 10, 1868.

646. HENRY CLAY<sup>8</sup> HAGANS (*Harrison*<sup>7</sup>, *George-Josiah*<sup>6</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>5</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>4</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born June 1, 1829; died Sept. 9, 1891; married (1) Jan. 15, 1850, Caroline Hagans, born May 12, 1830; died June 21, 1866; daughter of Zer and Catherine (Dicks) Hagans; married (2) in 1868, Mrs. Mary Beatty (Cavette) Beeson.

*Children.*

- i. Laura Blanche, b. Oct. 19, 1850; married March 17, 1870, A. Marshall Ross. Children: Laura Hagans Ross, married Oct. 18, 1893, Rev. Joseph Duxbury; Ethel Ross; Sullivan Ross.
- ii. Lucian Livingston, b. Jan. 22, 1853; d. Aug. 10, 1870.
- iii. Effie Jane, b. Feb. 3, 1855; d. —, 1856.
- iv. Mary Virginia, b. Sept. 28, 1857; d. 1874.
- v. William Henry, b. March 10, 1862; d. March 30, 1913.
- vi. Lowrie B., b. —.
- vii. Mira, b. —.
- viii. Lulu, b. —.

647. JOHN MARSHALL<sup>8</sup> HAGANS (*Harrison*<sup>7</sup>, *George-Josiah*<sup>6</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>5</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>4</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Aug. 13, 1838; died June 16, 1900; married Sept. 2, 1860, Sarah Barnes Willey.

In 1894 he was judge of the Second Judicial Circuit of West Virginia.

*Children.*

- i. Mary Virginia, b. Dec. 13, 1862; d. Jan. 24, 1902; married Sept. 13, 1884, Dr. J. W. Hartigan. Had five children.
- ii. Lily Bunker, b. Feb. 23, 1865; unmarried.
- iii. Bessie Ludington, b. Aug. 2, 1874; d. June 3, 1900.

648. ALBERT<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Eben Parsons*<sup>7</sup>, *Robert Kemp*<sup>6</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>5</sup>, *Beriah*<sup>4</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born —; died —; married —.

*Child.*

i. Alice L., b. —; residence Brookline, Mass.

649. FRANCIS ELON<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Elon Galusha*<sup>7</sup>, *Henry*<sup>6</sup>, *Henry*<sup>5</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>4</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Oct. 15, 1851, at Worcester, Mass.; married Oct. 12, 1885, Sarah C. Heald, daughter of Solomon O. Heald.

Francis E. Higgins was educated in the Worcester public schools and after leaving school worked in the office of the Ames Plow Company for a while. In 1869 he went to work for his father and in 1873 became a partner with him in his decorating and wall paper business. A wholesale department was added and the business prospered and grew to large proportions. In 1893, the firm became a corporation, Mr. Higgins being treasurer and general manager.

Mr. Higgins is proficient with his brush in oils and water colors and has studied abroad the subject of interior decoration. After his father's death he became sole owner of the business and expanded it in many directions. A fire in 1902 destroyed the large stock, but as soon as possible the business was resumed, continued and enlarged.

Mr. Higgins is a member of the Commonwealth Club, the Builders Exchange and of the Worcester Board of Trade. He is also a member of Quinsigamond Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

*Children.*

- i. Gladys, b. Sept. 8, 1891.
- ii. Francis Raymond, b. October, 1896; d. in 1899.
- iii. Ethel Hazel, b. May 23, 1897; d. in 1899.

650. WILLIAM HENRY BLANEY<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Philip*<sup>7</sup>, *Philip*<sup>6</sup>, *Philip*<sup>5</sup>, *Barnabas*<sup>4</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Sept. 9, 1866; married Lucinda Higgins, born —; daughter of Reuben and — (Wiley) Higgins.

He resided at Wellfleet, Mass.

*Children.*

- i. Infant, b. Nov. 27, 1883; d. soon.
879. ii. Harold Clifton, b. Aug. 12, 1885; married Eva F. Robinson.



- iii. Raymond Smith, b. June 28, 1887.
- iv. Blanche Franklyn, b. —; married Dec. 23, 1903, Stanley M. Fisher, son of George H. and Eunice A. (Manter) Fisher.

651. HERBERT SELDEN<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Philip*<sup>7</sup>, *Philip*<sup>6</sup>, *Philip*<sup>5</sup>, *Barnabas*<sup>4</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Sept. 12, 1872; died —; married Lizzie Bell.

*Children.*

- i. Frances Elizabeth, b. —.
- ii. Gordon Prentice, b. —.

652. HERMAN KEENE<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*David James Monroe*<sup>7</sup>, *James H. N.*<sup>6</sup>, *David*<sup>5</sup>, *Philip*<sup>4</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Aug. 12, 1868, at Alton, Ill.; married June 26, 1903, Betsey B. Armington.

Herman K. Higgins resided at Jackson, Mich., in 1914. No further information.

653. JAMES HAYDEN<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*David James Monroe*<sup>7</sup>, *James H. N.*<sup>6</sup>, *David*<sup>5</sup>, *Philip*<sup>4</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Feb. 2, 1871, at Marshfield, Mo.; married Sept. 17, 1895, at Boston, Mass., Grace Goodwin Babbitt, born Aug. 5, 1869, at Columbus, O.; daughter of Henry Smith and Harriet M. (Smith) Babbitt.

James Hayden Higgins is a physician, but has retired from active practice. He lived at Marston's Mills, town of Barnstable, Mass., until after 1904, and now resides at Union Village, Vt.

*Children born at Marston's Mills, Mass.*

- i. Marjorie, b. Feb. 8, 1897.
- ii. Roger Wolcott, b. April 23, 1898.
- iii. Katherine, b. Jan. 22, 1900.
- iv. Priscilla, b. April 29, 1902.
- v. Donald Elwood, b. June 2, 1904.

654. GEORGE OTIS<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Josiah Linnell*<sup>7</sup>, *Sylvanus*<sup>6</sup>, *Hezekiah*<sup>5</sup>, *James*<sup>4</sup>, *James*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Nov. 24, 1836; died —; married Feb. 24, 1859, Mary E. Pratt, daughter of Capt. Elijah and Mary (Marsh) Pratt.

George O. Higgins resided at Hingham and Scituate, Mass.,

and in 1902 was living at Cohasset, Mass. He was a provision dealer.

*Children.*

880. i. Arthur Otis, b. Oct. 16, 1860; a boat builder; married Mary Alice Bourne.  
ii. Clara Etta, b. Jan. 20, 1863, at Hingham, Mass.; married Sept. 18, 1887, Charles B. Wood.
881. iii. Frederick Chester, b. May 2, 1865, at Scituate, Mass.; married Emma F. Vance.
882. iv. Joshua Francis, b. Nov. 23, 1868, at Cohasset; married Celia Louise Studley.
883. v. George Foster, b. Sept. 19, 1871; married (1) Mary Louise Higgins; (2) Gertrude Wagstaff.  
vi. Hattie Jane, b. June 27, 1874, at Cohasset; d. November, 1875.

655. HEMAN LINNELL<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Sullivan*<sup>7</sup>, *Sylvanus*<sup>6</sup>, *Hezekiah*<sup>5</sup>, *James*<sup>4</sup>, *James*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Jan. 8, 1844; married June 6, 1869, Adaline A. Loud, born —; daughter of Clinton and Chloe G. (Burrell) Loud of Plymouth, Mass.

Heman L. Higgins resided for a long time at Weymouth, Mass., and later at Brockton, Mass.

*Children.*

- i. Henry Clinton, b. June 8, 1870.  
ii. Olive Burr, b. Oct. 31, 1871; d. Aug. 4, 1872.  
iii. Marion Linnell, b. Nov. 23, 1873; d. Jan. 4, 1875.  
iv. Lizzie, b. June 18, 1876; married Nov. 14, 1900, William E. Fouchu, son of Simeon and Emily (Gile) Fouchu.  
v. Carleton Loud, b. Feb. 16, 1880.

656. LEWIS S.<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Edson*<sup>7</sup>, *Nathaniel*<sup>6</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>5</sup>, *Nathaniel*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Dec. 10, 1824; died —; married (1) Jane E. Harris, daughter of Ezekiel and Jerusha Stone Harris of Chesterfield, N. H.; married (2) Jane E. Simonds, born —; died June 2, 1894; daughter of Perrin and Eliza Simonds.

*Child.*

- i. Addie E., b. —.

657. WILLIAM WRIGHT<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Gideon*<sup>7</sup>, *Hawes*<sup>6</sup>, *Cornelius*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Feb. 4, 1811; died —; married May 8, 1838, Cornelia E. Howes.

*Children.*

- i. Son, b. —; lived in Toledo, Ohio.
- ii. Cornelia, b. — in Michigan City, Ind.; d. May 21, 1899; married John Milton Kenyon.
- iii. Daughter, b. —.

658. NILES DELANO<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Otis*<sup>7</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>6</sup>, *Cornelius*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born April 3, 1823; died Dec. 24, 1905, at Castile, N. Y.; married Sept. 13, 1854, Sarah Jane Wygant, born July 2, 1831, at Marlboro, Ulster County, N. Y.

He resided at Perry and Castile, N. Y.; was a farmer. He united with the Presbyterian Church in early manhood and at the time of his death was the oldest member. His farm was part of an original Indian reservation.

*Children.*

- i. Mary Eliza, b. Oct. 13, 1855; married Dec. 29, 1875, John W. Tyler, a lawyer at Cleveland, Ohio.
- ii. Florence, b. Dec. 26, 1859; married March 25, 1885, Lyman D. Root, a farmer at Dansville, N. Y.
- iii. Otis Wygant, b. Dec. 25, 1860; d. at Perry, N. Y., Sept. 13, 1861.
884. iv. Walter Lee, b. Nov. 11, 1870; married Ada Sharpsteele.

659. GALEN HYDE<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Otis*<sup>7</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>6</sup>, *Cornelius*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Nov. 10, 1825, at Perry, N. Y.; died Sept. 1, 1888, at Painesville, Ohio; married Dec. 31, 1848, at Castile, N. Y., Mary Ann Bacon, born March 21, 1828, at Rochester, Vt.; died June 23, 1904, at Castile, N. Y.; daughter of Horace and Hannah (Belden) Bacon.

He resided in town of Castile, N. Y.; was a pharmacist, having his place of business in Perry.

*Children born at Castile, N. Y.*

885. i. Charles Otis, b. May 3, 1850; married Clara B. Ladd.
886. ii. Arthur Delos, b. May 8, 1853; married Alice Eckels.
- iii. Flora Alena, b. Nov. 29, 1859; d. June 21, 1861.

660. JOHN DARWIN<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Selden*<sup>7</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>6</sup>, *Cornelius*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born April 15, 1823, at Perry, N. Y.; died May 4, 1903, at Rome, N. Y.; married Dec. 30, 1858, Eleanor H. Davis of Camden, N. Y. she was living in 1906.

He graduated from Hamilton College in class of 1848 and with thirteen others of the class lived to celebrate its fiftieth annual reunion in 1898. He was superintendent of the gas manufactory and later a banker. He possessed a clear mind, and like others of his family a rarely beautiful character. No children.

661. BARTON B.<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Selden*<sup>7</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>6</sup>, *Cornelius*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Jan. 28, 1828, at Perry, N. Y.; died —; married (1) Sept. 10, 1855, at Perry, N. Y., N. Amelia Huntington, born —; died March 22, 1865; married (2) Sept. 6, 1881, Eliza M. Pendleton, born 1832; died Nov. 17, 1896, at Hotel San Remo, N. Y.; daughter of John B. and Eliza Matilda (Blydenburgh) Pendleton.

He resided at Dixon, Ill., Rochester and Yonkers, N. Y. No children by second marriage. He was of Rochester, N. Y., at time of his second marriage. Afterward he was a member of the firm of Higgins and Seiter, dealers in china and glassware, located in 22d Street, New York City. Afterwards they moved further up town and were unsuccessful in business.

*Children born at Dixon, Ill.*

- i. Flora Belle, b. Nov. 25, 1859; d. Feb. 27, 1860.
887. ii. Arthur Sheldon, b. Aug. 2, 1862; married Annie Soule.
- iii. Lloyd B., b. March 22, 1865; d. young.

Authority: *Pendleton Gen.*, p. 750.

662. DAVID HENRY<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Henry Knowles*<sup>7</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>6</sup>, *Cornelius*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born May 29, 1836, at Perry, N. Y.; died —; married Sept. 25, 1859, at Perry, N. Y., Maria B. Kelton, born June 1, 1838, in England.

He was street commissioner at Watkins, Schuyler Co., N. Y., in 1906.

*Children.*

- i. John Henry, b. July 16, 1862; d. Aug. 31, 1883.
- ii. Alice Esther, b. Aug. 6, 1864; married Jan. 1, 1890, George E. Hoare.
- iii. Jessie Maria, b. Feb. 5, 1869; married April, 1903, William Kendall.
- iv. Maud Mellicent, b. July 25, 1870; married June 22, 1899, Frank Schultz.

- v. Joy Roy, b. Jan. 29, 1872; married Nov. 1, 1899, Catherine Mitchell. He was bookkeeper in freight department of New York Central & Hudson River Railroad, Geneva, N. Y.

663. JASON LATHROP<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Henry Knowles*<sup>7</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>6</sup>, *Cornelius*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born June 25, 1838, at Perry, N. Y.; married May 20, 1884, Mary O. Beers, born July 16, 1836.

Jason L. Higgins was store agent for a coal company at Arnot, Penn., for twenty years or more, then at Peele and Gazzan, Penn., and again at Arnot for a while. In July, 1906, he was living at Watkins, N. Y. No children.

664. ROMEYNE OTIS<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Henry Knowles*<sup>7</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>6</sup>, *Cornelius*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born April 5, 1840, at Perry, N. Y.; died Oct. 10, 1873, at Corning, N. Y.; married April 10, 1864, Helen M. Rathbun, born July 5, 1840; died Feb. 20, 1897, at Corning, N. Y.

He was a lumberman and later in railroad business.

*Children.*

- i. George, b. Feb. 17, 1873; d. young.  
888. ii. Henry Romeyne, b. Feb. 17, 1873; married Belle L. Huber.

665. FRANK AMANDO<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Henry Knowles*<sup>7</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>6</sup>, *Cornelius*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born May 9, 1842, at Perry, N. Y.; died —; married March 23, 1870, at Blossburg, Tioga Co., Penn., Mary R. Hollands, born April 24, 1848, in Luton, Bedfordshire, England.

He resided in Corning, N. Y. He served three years in the army during the Civil War; since then a railroad conductor.

*Children.*

- i. Frank Mannering, b. June 10, 1883; a glass blower; in 1906 a post office clerk of Corning, N. Y.  
ii. Florence Esther (adopted child), b. Nov. 19, 1874; d. Aug. 20, 1898; daughter of Lloyd S. Higgins and niece of Frank Amando Higgins.  
iii. Florence Sterling (adopted child), b. Aug. 16, 1898, daughter of Nathan S. and Florence Esther (Higgins) Sterling.

666. JAMES EDWARD<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Henry Knowles*<sup>7</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>6</sup>, *Cornelius*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born



Feb. 1, 1847, at Perry, N. Y.; died Nov. 12, 1903, at Elmira, N. Y.; married Sept. 26, 1872, Margaret Thompson, born May 19, 1851.

He was traveling salesman and alderman in the city of Elmira.

*Children.*

- i. Lucy Abbey, b. March 27, 1874; d. July, 1893; married Sept. 14, 1892, George E. Backer.
- ii. Fred E., b. Nov. 29, 1882; lived in Elmira, N. Y., in 1906.

667. SANFORD ARMSTRONG<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Henry Knowles*<sup>7</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>6</sup>, *Cornelius*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born May 23, 1849; died —; married April 7, 1872, at Castile, N. Y., Emma Kerriger, born Oct. 17, 1854.

He resided in Bellevue, Ohio; was a farmer.

*Children.*

- i. Minnie Esther, b. May 20, 1873; married Aug. 10, 1891, Ernest A. Austin, b. March 27, 1870.
- ii. Jason H., b. Sept. 10, 1877; d. July 17, 1906.
- iii. Wheeldon K., b. Dec. 25, 1878; married June, 1904, Anna Baldwin. He served four years in the army. At West Point in 1906.
- iv. Edward Roy, b. Aug. 13, 1883.
- v. Lloyd S., b. April 3, 1887.
- vi. Ruth A., b. May 15, 1890.
- vii. Henry P., b. March 20, 1892; d. Feb. 20, 1904.
- viii. Hattie M., b. Jan 22, 1895.

668. LLOYD SHELDON<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Henry Knowles*<sup>7</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>6</sup>, *Cornelius*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born April 3, 1851; d. —; married (1) Jan. 28, 1875, Flora Harrington, b. April 3, 1851; d. —; married (2) Nov. 8, 1876, Alice Schesler, b. March 7, 1849.

*Children.*

- i. Florence Esther, b. Nov. 19, 1875; married Jan. 12, 1897, Nathan S. Sterling. She was adopted by her uncle, Frank Amando Higgins. Child: Florence, b. Aug. 16, 1898.
- ii. Bertha, b. June 14, 1878; married Oct. 30, 1899, Fred Gilbert, b. Oct. 19, 1879.
- iii. Wilbur, b. Oct. 8, 1885. Electrician on one of the government vessels in 1906.

669. WILLIAM EDWARD<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*James Gilbert*<sup>7</sup>, *David*<sup>6</sup>, *Cornelius*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born

Aug. 28, 1837, at Ottawa, Ill.; living in 1911; married Sept. 22, 1863, Harriet J. Place.

He resided at Laporte, Ind.; was a lawyer.

*Child.*

- i. Fannie Belle, b. —; married Abram Somerfield; resided at Laporte, Ind. No children.

670. WILLIAM LUCIUS<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*William*<sup>7</sup>, *David*<sup>6</sup>, *Cornelius*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born March 12, 1836, at Laporte, Ind.; died Jan. 15, 1890, at Trenton, N. J.; married March 12, 1860, near Branchville, N. J., Ellen Marcia Wolverton, born Jan. 8, 1834, at Montgomery, N. J.; died at Trenton, N. J., Sept. 11, 1895.

He was a farmer; enlisted August, 1862, in the Fifteenth Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers; wounded at Chancellorsville, May 3, 1863, in hospital nine months, then returned to regiment and, after expiration of term, re-enlisted and remained in service until end of war. He died very suddenly of pneumonia.

*Child.*

889. i. Eugene, b. Dec. 12, 1861; married Mary Ida Cornish.

Authority: Eugene Higgins.

671. BARNABAS ATWOOD<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Aaron*<sup>7</sup>, *Richard*<sup>6</sup>, *Isaiah*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Sept. 27, 1812, at Stark, Maine; died in New Portland, Maine; married Jan. 25, 1835, Ann G. Frederick, born Nov. 24, 1812; died —; daughter of Joseph and Lydia (Gay) Frederick of Stark, Maine.

Soon after his marriage Barnabas A. Higgins settled at Allen's Mills, Maine, where he remained until after the outbreak of the Civil War. He was a carpenter by trade and during his residence at Allen's Mills built several houses in Industry. He eventually moved to New Portland, where he died. No children.

Authority: *History of Industry, Maine.*

672. JOHN CHANDLER<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Aaron*<sup>7</sup>, *Richard*<sup>6</sup>, *Isaiah*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born July 19, 1824; died Oct. 5, 1886, at Allen's Mills, Maine; married Feb. 23, 1844, Cordelia Oliver, daughter of John and Jane (Oliver) Oliver.

He was a farmer and resided in Industry, Maine, for most of his life.

*Children.*

- i. Apphia Jane, b. Oct. 23, 1846; married Albert J. Gerry of Farmington, a hardware dealer, and had one daughter; she was living at Farmington, Maine, in 1911.
- ii. Mary Ann, b. March 2, 1848; married Charles E. Wheeler of Farmington.
- iii. Charles Henry, b. May 18, 1849; married in Texas, where his wife died. Resided later in Idaho. Stock raiser. No issue.
- iv. William Franklin, b. Jan. 30, 1851, in Sidney; unmarried; resided in Farmington, Maine.
890. v. John Chandler, b. June 9, 1852; married (1) Nancy M. Kennedy; (2) Anna L. Durrell.
- vi. Andrew Tinkham, b. Sept. 23, 1853; married Eliza Chase of Woodville, N. H., and had three children.
- vii. Estella, b. Nov. 22, 1854; resided in Bath, Maine.
- viii. Edwin Manning, b. June 6, 1856; married June 16, 1887, Florida E. Dill, and had one son; resided in Farmington, Maine.
- ix. Ida May, b. April 4, 1861; married George Chubbuck and has one daughter; resided in Brockton.

673. WILBUR TINKHAM<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*John Gill*<sup>7</sup>, *Richard*<sup>6</sup>, *Isaiah*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born July 6, 1835, at Stark, Maine; living in 1910; married March 4, 1867, at Long Lake, Minn., Hannah Janet Lydiard, born June 6, 1840; daughter of William and Hannah (Archibald) Lydiard.

Wilbur T. Higgins resides at Berkeley, Cal.

*Children.*

891. i. Elvin Lydiard, b. Dec. 22, 1867; married Viola May Porter.
- ii. William James, b. Nov. 28, 1871; married, 1902, Nelly Morrison; residence, Gridley, Cal.
- iii. Irving Wilbur, b. Nov. 10, 1878; residence, Berkeley, Cal.

Authority: Wilbur Tinkham Higgins.

674. JOSEPH<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Josiah*<sup>7</sup>, *Elkanah*<sup>6</sup>, *Elkanah*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Aug. 7, 1821; died —; married (1) (in Boston, by the Rev. Edward Beecher), Olive Doane, born May 25, 1824; died Jan. 27 or June 17, 1852, at Eastham; daughter of — Doane; married (2) Lucy M. Holway, daughter of Stephen and Abbie (Hoxie) Holway.

Joseph Higgins resided at Eastham and at Charlestown, Mass.  
Authority: *Doane Family*, p. 290.

675. RUSSELL S.<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Josiah*<sup>7</sup>, *Elkanah*<sup>6</sup>, *Elkanah*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Sept. 9, 1826; died —; married (1) (int. July 21, 1851) Hannah M. West of Abington, Mass.; married (2) Harriet E. Newman.

Joseph Higgins resided at Eastport, Maine, Abington, Mass., and North Eastham, Mass., where he was living in 1914.

*Children.*

- i. Frederick Eugene, b. —, at Abington, Mass.; married Alice Fitzpatrick, May 8, 1893; resided at Brockton, Mass., in 1910.
- ii. Franklin O., b. June 1, 1855.
- iii. Granville Morton, b. Jan. 31, 1859, at North Eastham; resided at Brockton, Mass., in 1910.
- iv. Bradford, b. April 9, 1861.
- v. Elbridge, b. —, at Eastport, Maine; married Jan. 27, 1897, Florence Elliott, daughter of Charles F. and Evelyn (Calkins) Elliott; resides at Avon, Mass.
- vi. Emma, b. at Eastport, Maine; resides at Eastham; unmarried.
- vii. Hiram, b. —; resides at Brockton, Mass.
- viii. John Milton, b. —; resides at Avon, Mass.
- ix. Alberta Cora, b. —; married Feb. 19, 1891, Joseph L. Chase; residence, Provincetown, Mass.
- x. Edward Everett, b. —; d. —.
- xi. Marion Newman, b. —; d. —.
- xii. Mary Jeanett, b. July 26, 1878; resides at Eastham, Mass.
- xiii. George Walter, b. —; resided at Brockton, Mass., in 1910.

Authorities: Eastham Records; Mr. Granville M. Higgins of Brockton, Mass.

676. WILLIS<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Josiah*<sup>7</sup>, *Elkanah*<sup>6</sup>, *Elkanah*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born May 19, 1844, at Eastham, Mass.; married (1) Irene A. —, who died June 20, 1881, aged 37 years; married (2) Dec. 23, 1888, Emmazette Folger, daughter of Alfred and Sarah J. Folger.

*Children.*

- i. Lizzie Atkins, b. —; married Dec. 1, 1897, William Thomas Covell.
- ii. Willis, b. June, 1881; d. Sept. 9, 1881.

677. ALONZO R.<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Josiah*<sup>7</sup>, *Elkanah*<sup>6</sup>, *Elkanah*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Sept. 5, 1846; married Elizabeth W. Rogers, daughter of Samuel and Eunice Rogers.

Alonzo R. Higgins resided at Eastham, Mass.

*Children.*

- i. Nettie Wiley, b. Aug. 11, 1875; married April 28, 1897, Alvin Lewis Wiley.
- ii. Samuel Rogers, b. April 11, 1878; married Sept. 25, 1901, Almira S. Horton, daughter of Isaiah and Rachel (Wethrell) Horton.

678. ORIEN<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Ephraim*<sup>7</sup>, *Elkanah*<sup>6</sup>, *Elkanah*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Banjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born July 9, 1830, at Eastham, Mass.; died Feb. 15, 1910, at Orleans, Mass.; married Jan. 23, 1853, Eliza Jane Smith, born Sept. 4, 1834, at Orleans; died March, 1916, at Harwich, Mass.; daughter of Alvin Smith of Orleans.

Orien Higgins was a mariner and followed the sea for fifty years. His residence was at Eastham.

*Children.*

892. i. Joshua Francis, b. Sept. 23, 1854; married Albertina Chandler.
- ii. Ella Jane, b. Aug. 15, 1856; d. Aug. 16, 1858.
- iii. Herbert A., b. June 4, 1858; d. Sept. 28, 1860.
- iv. Mary Ella, b. Dec. 3, 1861; d. April 22, 1907; married Simeon L. Payne of Harwich. Children: Arthur, George A. (dead), Elsie L. (married Clifton Hopkins), William R.
893. v. Herbert Elmer, b. Dec. 25, 1863; married Adelaide Snow Hopkins.
894. vi. Edgar Austin, b. Nov. 15, 1865; married Florence Bassett.
895. vii. Orien Winslow, b. Sept. 25, 1867; married Helen F. Higgins.
- viii. Lizzie Deborah, b. Sept. 6, 1869; married Aug. 6, 1888, William H. Quinn of Truro, N. S.; residence, Eastham. Children: Edna F. (married May 4, 1909, Ormand Howes of Eastham); Lottie M., b. 1891, d. March 3, 1912, aged 20 years, 4 months, 28 days; Clarence H.; Lester; and Clarence B. Quinn.
- ix. Willis, b. Aug. 6, 1871; d. Sept. 17, 1873.
- x. Lionne Edna, b. Sept. 17, 1873; married June 13, 1895, Isaiah Wallace Eldredge. Children: Maud D., Manton C., Eugene, Bertram, and Linnie R. Eldredge.



896. xi. Ephraim Willis, b. Jan. 21, 1875; married Linnie Burton.

679. PETER<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*John*<sup>7</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>6</sup>, *Elkanah*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Dec. 28, 1838, at Eastham; died there in 1915; married (1) March 22, 1864, Harriet E. Baker; married (2) Nov. 24, 1868, Phœbe Burroughs; married (3) Martha Anna Mortimer, daughter of Charles and Yetta Higgins.

Peter Higgins resided in Eastham all his life and was a farmer. He was interested in the genealogy of his family and gathered a very considerable mass of records, which have been used in this book.

*Children born at Eastham.*

897. i. Henry Francis, b. July 13, 1866; married Nora E. Brown.

ii. Sarah E., b. July 2, 1869; d. Dec. 21, 1872.

898. iii. John Worthen, b. Nov. 24, 1870; married Rebecca Higgins Horton.

899. iv. William B., b. Aug. 29, 1875; married Bertha Howard Brewer.

v. Florence Ellen, b. April 2, 1878; d. March 21, 1879.

vi. Flora B., b. —.

Authorities: Family records from Fanny R. Hollis; Eastham Records.

680. DANIEL<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Benjamin*<sup>7</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>6</sup>, *Elkanah*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Oct. 12, 1832; died —; married Jan. 15, 1860, Betsey G. Collins, daughter of Michael and Dorcas Collins.

Daniel Higgins resided at Albion, Cal., and was a sea captain. He afterwards returned to Massachusetts and in 1905 lived at Quincy.

*Child.*

i. Dorcas Collins, b. —; a teacher at Brookline, Mass.

681. ELDAD<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Benjamin*<sup>7</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>6</sup>, *Elkanah*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born March 4, 1838; died —; married Nov. 27, 1863, Paulina Knowles, daughter of William and Elizabeth Knowles.

Eldad Higgins was a sea captain, and in 1905, having retired, was living at Eastham, Mass.

*Children.*

i. George K., b. May 10, 1872; d. July 15, 1872.

- i. Wallace Eldad, b. Nov. 18, 1874; married December, 1899, Alice Evans. No children in 1902; resided at Scranton, Penn.

Authority: Eastham Records.

682. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Benjamin*<sup>7</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>6</sup>, *Elkanah*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Aug. 19, 1847; died —; married Oct. 18, 1879, Amelia R. Johnson of San Francisco, Cal.

He was a teacher and lawyer in Ukiah, Cal.

*Children.*

- i. Daisy Gertrude, b. —.
- ii. Roy Chester, b. —; residence, San Francisco, Cal.

683. ATKINS<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Andrew Walker*<sup>7</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>6</sup>, *Elkanah*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Aug. 21, 1835; died Oct. 28, 1915; married Nov. 23, 1868, Althea Ann Kershaw, daughter of Robert and Mary (White) Kershaw.

He resided at Sandwich and Cambridge, Mass.

*Children.*

- i. Athelia Olive, b. Sept. 26, 1870; residence, Reading Highlands, Mass.; unmarried.
- ii. Stella Atkins, b. June 19, 1872; married John Farr of Cambridgeport, Mass., who died in 1903; residence, Melrose, Mass. Children: Marion Althea Farr, b. Dec. 13, 1896; Richard Lynsdel Farr, b. March 12, 1901.
- iii. Walter Gibson, b. Dec. 12, 1875; residence, Reading Highlands, Mass.
- iv. Arthur Walker, b. April 19, 1877; residence, Reading Highlands, Mass.

684. ISAAC HENRY<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Andrew Walker*<sup>7</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>6</sup>, *Elkanah*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born March 16, 1838; died Jan. 9, 1909, at Gloucester, Mass.; married July 25, 1859, Harriet Nye White, born March 8, 1836, at Provincetown, Mass.; died Feb. 15, 1894, at Gloucester, Mass.; daughter of Nicholas and Hepsibeth White of Provincetown.

Isaac N. Higgins lived for years in Gloucester, Mass. He was the founder and president of the Higgins-Gifford Manufacturing Company, for many years one of the leading industries of Gloucester. He was active in church and Y. M. C. A. work, as

well as in the civic life of Gloucester. He was a prominent leader in the Masonic Order and in other societies of like nature.

*Children.*

- i. Rhoda Nye, b. Dec. 12, 1860; d. Nov. 17, 1861.
- ii. Charles Lathrop, b. April 9, 1863; residence, Boston, Mass.; unmarried. He has been a successful merchant and importer for the past thirty years. He is an active leader in Y. M. C. A. and civic work, and one of the pioneers in the field of industrial education, not only as a lecturer, but for a number of years one of the Advisory School Committee of the Trade Schools in Boston, of the Trade Shops, Union Schools, and Evening Schools for foreigners. An active member of numerous clubs and social organizations, he is perhaps better known to the public by his "Travel Talks" and Lectures on Sicily and Mediterranean Countries, illustrated by lantern slides of great artistic merit. He has an artistic summer home in Provincetown, which for many years has been a center for town and social betterment.
- iii. Clara Elizabeth, b. Sept. 10, 1868; d. Nov. 9, 1868.
- iv. Infant daughter, b. and d. Nov. 25, 1870.
- v. Hattie Louise, b. June 17, 1873; d. Aug. 13, 1873.
- vi. Stephen Whitaker, b. March 24, 1875; d. Oct. 12, 1875.
- 899A. vii. Elmer Asbury, b. March 29, 1879; married Myra Louise Goss.

685. ANDREW<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Andrew Walker*<sup>7</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>6</sup>, *Elkanah*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Sept. 24, 1842; died May 8, 1909; married July 2, 1868, Caroline Whitman Winsor, born Sept. 16, 1848; daughter of Whitman Sanderson and Caroline (Brown) Winsor of Wellesley, Mass.

Andrew Higgins resided in Eastham and at Sandwich, Mass.

*Children.*

- i. Elizabeth Lothrop, b. Aug. 24, 1870; married Aug. 16, 1912, George Everett Burbank; residence, Sandwich, Mass. No children.
- ii. Caroline Louise, b. June 5, 1873; married July 11, 1906, Harris C. Lovell; residence, Osterville, Mass. Child: Robert Winsor Lovell, b. Nov. 30, 1910.
900. iii. Andrew Whitman, b. March 2, 1879; married Louise S. Wilbur.
- iv. Beulah Wadsworth, b. Sept. 18, 1881, at Eastham; married Feb. 19, 1916, Peter Larson Smith; residence, Worcester, Mass.

686. JOHN GREY<sup>s</sup> HIGGINS (*Bartlett*<sup>7</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>6</sup>, *Elkanah*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born April 26, 1836; died —; married (1) May 31, 1855, Lucinda R. Newcomb, born —; died in 1859; married (2) Jan. 24, 1861, Abigail Freeman, born —; died in September, 1863; married (3) Dec. 24, 1863, Hattie E. Cole.

John Grey Higgins resided at Wellfleet, Mass.

*Children.*

- i. Lucinda R., b. Aug. 8, 1859; d. April, 1879; married Feb. 13, 1878, Benjamin H. Snow.
901. ii. Charles Bartlett, b. Aug. 27, 1863; married Agnes M. Bates.
902. iii. Alfred F., b. Oct. 14, 1867; married Abbie F. Phillips.
903. iii. Francis C., b. Feb. 16, 1872; married Myrtle R. Paul.
- iv. George E., b. Sept. 8, 1882.

687. JUSTUS<sup>s</sup> HIGGINS (*Justus*<sup>7</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>6</sup>, *Elkanah*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born —; died —; married Emma S. Pierce.

*Children.*

- i. Ada Washington, b. April 17, 1875; married Feb. 17, 1894, Embert L. Tribon of Brockton.
- ii. Sarah Bartlett, b. Nov. 27, 1877; married Sept. 26, 1896, John Edwin Fielding.
- iii. Arthur Hayman, b. Feb. 7, 1882; married June 30, 1907, Ethel M. Graham, daughter of William F. and Sarah E. (Cook) Graham.
- iv. Mary F., b. Oct. 12, 1884.
- v. Ethel Florence, b. Aug. 10, 1887; d. April 7, 1888.
- vi. Anna May, b. Nov. 30, 1889.

688. BENAIHAH GILL<sup>s</sup> HIGGINS (*David*<sup>7</sup>, *Joshua*<sup>6</sup>, *Elkanah*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Jan. 20, 1829; died at Eastham, Jan. 1, 1876; married Dec. 4 or 16, 1851, Maria Theresa Dill, born —; died August, 1902; daughter of Heman and Caroline (Gill) Dill of Eastham.

He resided at Eastham. Mrs. Higgins married (2) Charles Edwin Heath of Nashua, N. H.

*Children.*

- i. Lillian May, b. Oct. 1, 1852; married Nov. 30, 1871, Herbert F. Fish Child: Alfred, b. —; professor at

Harvard University and a lawyer, residing at Brookline in 1916.

- ii. David Gill, b. Aug. 4, 1854; d. April 23, 1881.
- iii. Celia Florence, b. in 1861; d. May 5, 1875.
- iv. Sarah Ann, b. Sept. 15, 1863; unmarried.
- 904. v. Franklin Clifton, b. April 25, 1867; married Sadie Ethel Lambert.
- vi. Effie Florence, b. Feb. 4, 1876; (name changed to Heath); married Earle Fisk; residence, Springfield, Mass. Child: Margaret Buell Fisk, b. Aug. 19, 1909.

Authority: Eastham Records.

689. ASA<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*David*<sup>7</sup>, *Joshua*<sup>6</sup>, *Elkanah*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Jan. 16, 1841; died in Eastham, Aug. 17, 1897; married Dec. 2, 1865, Eunice Hattie Robbins of Brewster, Mass.; daughter of Seth and Eunice (Higgins) Robbins of Brewster.

Asa Higgins resided all his life at Eastham.

He was superintendent of schools, and for twenty years chairman of the Republican Town Committee. "His word was as good as a bond." Mrs. Higgins is (in 1916) living at Attleboro Mass.

*Children.*

- i. Clara Louise, b. Oct. 7, 1867; d. Nov. 18, 1873.
- ii. Amelia Winslow, b. May 15, 1869; married June 17, 1891, Nelson E. Dyer of Wellfleet; son of Knowles and Julia A. Dyer.
- 905. iii. Clarence Irving, b. Dec. 6, 1870; married Margaret S. (Ryan) Patten.
- iv. Wilmer Leroy, b. Nov. 27, 1877; lives at Waltham, Mass.; unmarried.

Authority: Eastham Records.

690. LEVI WALTER<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*David*<sup>7</sup>, *Joshua*<sup>6</sup>, *Elkanah*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Feb. 29, 1844; married Dec. 30, 1868, Kate A. Savage of Eastham.

*Children.*

- 906. i. Charles Lester, b. Dec. 23, 1870; married —.
- ii. Harry Savage, b. Sept. 24, 1877; residence, Providence, R. I.
- 907. iii. Paul Tatum, b. Aug. 6, 1886; married —.



691. JOSHUA WARREN<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Joshua*<sup>7</sup>, *Joshua*<sup>6</sup>, *Elkanah*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born July 3, 1841; died —; married (1) June 9, 1861, Rebecca Higgins Horton, daughter of Isaiah Horton, and granddaughter of Beriah and Abigail (Higgins) Higgins; married (2) Martha Pierce.

Joshua Warren Higgins lived at Eastham and at Lawrence, Mass. Some of his children reside at Lawrence.

*Children born at Eastham.*

- i. Henry T., b. June 8, 1862.
- ii. Lucy M., b. —.
- iii. Joshua Warren, b. —.
- iv. Percy, b. —.
- v. Frank, b. —.
- vi. Charles, b. —.

692. JUSTIN EMORY<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Isaac*<sup>7</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>6</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born May 10, 1825; died —; married in 1854 Jane Anna Perham, born —; died at Orange, Mass., in 1898; daughter of Stephen and Anna (Powers) Perham of Jamaica, Vt.

Justin E. Higgins resided at Jamaica, Vt., and in Warwick, Mass., where he died. He was a farmer.

*Children.*

- i. Andrew Wesley, b. in 1858; d. in 1882.
- ii. Minnie Anna, b. in 1860; married in 1882 Charles Milton Armstrong; lived at East Jaffrey, N. H. Children: Edward Wayland, b. in 1883; Willis Milton, b. in 1894.
- iii. Wayland Harding, b. in 1862.
- iv. Ellsworth Justin, b. in 1867; married in 1902 Clara Combs; resided in Winchester, N. H.
- v. Edwin Winfield, b. in 1876; d. in 1880.

693. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Isaac*<sup>7</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>6</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born —; died —; married Joanna Mitchell Johnson of Jamaica, Vt.

*Children.*

- i. Henry Martin, b. —; d. young.
- ii. Della Lysett, b. —.
- iii. Alceus Leroy, b. —; lived in 1903 in Ashfield, Mass.
- iv. Francis E., b. —.

- v. George F., b. July 28, 1866; married Sept. 14, 1889, Ellen M. Davis, daughter of George H. and Diantha (Hammond) Davis of Winchester, and lives in Marlboro, N. H. No children.
- vi. William H., b. Feb. 27, 1871.
- vii. Edward, b. —; d. young.

694. CHARLES WESLEY<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Isaac<sup>7</sup>, Ephraim<sup>6</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>5</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>4</sup>, Ichabod<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born April 6, 1835; living in 1903; married June 2, 1861, at Warwick, Mass., Emeline F. Delva of Warwick, Mass., born Jan. 3, 1843; daughter of Calvin W. and Lucy M. (Fuller) Delva.

He resided at Warwick, Orange, and Bedford, Mass. He was a farmer.

*Children.*

- i. Herbert Walter, b. May 26, 1862; married Nov. 16, 1887, Gertrude Handley.
- ii. Ada Florence, b. Oct. 16, 1867, at Orange, Mass; married Dec. 24, 1890, Rev. Harry W. Chamberlain, pastor of the Baptist Church at Petersham, and later at Somerville, Mass. Children: Emma Florence, b. Sept. 16, 1892; Ruth Gertrude, b. March 17, 1897.
- iii. Mabel Etta, b. April 6, 1879, at Bedford, Mass.; married Jan. 11, 1905, William Henry Gibbs.

Authority: Charles Wesley Higgins.

695. HOWARD LUTHER<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Luther<sup>7</sup>, James<sup>6</sup>, Jethro<sup>5</sup>, Thomas<sup>4</sup>, Ichabod<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born June 5, 1837, at Orland, Maine; died —; married in Cuba, March 25, 1863, Sarah Cushman, born Jan. 15, 1841, in Dexter, Maine; died —; daughter of Charles C. and Hannah Whittier (Sleeper) Cushman, born in Vermont and died in Wisconsin, but living at Dexter, Maine, at the time of his daughter's marriage.

Howard L. Higgins was a sea captain and followed the sea many years. After retiring he has resided in Brooklyn, N. Y.

*Children.*

- i. Mary Alice, b. Jan. 29, 1864; unmarried; residence, Brooklyn, N. Y.
- ii. Howard Cushman, b. June 1, 1865; married July 17, 1909, Bertha Thompson; residence, Freneau, N. J.
- iii. Eleanor Cushman, b. Dec. 31, 1878; d. July 24, 1890.

696. JOSIAH PARKER<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Josiah*<sup>7</sup>, *James*<sup>6</sup>, *Jethro*<sup>5</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Feb. 8, 1841, at Bristol, Maine; died May 13, 1895, at Hyde Park, Mass.; married (1) Oct. 28, 1866, Lavina Adams of Provincetown, Mass., born —; died August, 1871; married (2) Florinda B. Goodwin, born July 9, 1844; died —; daughter of Thomas Guinness Goodwin who was born in Ireland.

Josiah Parker Higgins lived at East Northfield, Mass., and in Hyde Park, Mass.

*Children.*

- i. Mary Abbie, b. September, 1868, or August, 1869.
- ii. Lavina Adams, b. March, 1871; d. August, 1871.
- iii. Susan B., b. April 8, 1879, at East Northfield, Mass.
- iv. Ethelinda V., b. Sept. 14, 1884, at East Northfield, Mass.

697. JOSEPH<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Joseph*<sup>7</sup>, *Eleazer*<sup>6</sup>, *Enoch*<sup>5</sup>, *Eleazer*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Nov. 18, 1817; died —; married Rachel Newcomb.

*Children.*

- i. Joseph Allen, b. July 29, 1841; married Jan. 4, 1866, Anna Watson.
- ii. John R., b. Sept. 25, 1845; married Mercy Higgins Baker, daughter of George B. and Mercy (Higgins) Baker.
- iii. Rachel E., b. Jan. 14, 1852.
- iv. Charles W., b. Dec. 15, 1853.
- v. Alfred W., b. Nov. 1, 1857.
- vi. Robert W., b. —; married Hannah B. Hawes.

698. CHARLES WESLEY<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Joseph*<sup>7</sup>, *Eleazer*<sup>6</sup>, *Enoch*<sup>5</sup>, *Eleazer*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Jan. 30, 1833; died —; married Nov. 30, 1855, Ann H. Jenkins.

He resided at Wellfleet.

*Children.*

- i. Charles W., b. Aug. 3, 1866; a prominent surgeon; residence, Providence, R. I.
- ii. Son, b. —.
- iii. Son, b. —.
- iv. Edgar J., b. May 23, 1871.
- v. Infant, b. Dec. 30, 1874.
- vi. Mattie M., b. Dec. 20, 1876; married Everett W. Snow.

699. THOMAS ALLEN<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Josiah Rich<sup>7</sup>, Uriah<sup>6</sup>, Enoch<sup>5</sup>, Eleazer<sup>4</sup>, Richard<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born Dec. 20, 1820; died Oct. 2, 1883; married Sarah Foster Higgins, born Aug. 5, 1822; died April 18, 1901; daughter of Joseph and Abigail (Brown) Higgins.

He resided at Wellfleet.

*Children.*

908. i. Francis Albert, b. Jan. 14, 1848; married Matilda A. Baker.

ii. Elizabeth Augusta, b. April 7, 1851.

iii. Sarah Ellen, b. Jan. 19, 1854.

909. iv. Thomas Allen, b. Feb. 3, 1857; married Ednah P. Hale.

v. Fannie Blanchard, b. Nov. 19, 1862; married Oct. 21, 1885, Dr. Nehemiah Somes Hopkins, a missionary in China. Children: Paul Stanley, b. Jan. 5, 1887, in Tsun Hua, China; Ralph Harrison, b. Aug. 27, 1891; Helen Terry, b. Jan. 12, 1897; Howard, b. —; d. young. Mrs. Fannie B. (Higgins) Hopkins died at Wellfleet, July 30, 1916. Dr. Hopkins was the son of Thomas and Hannah (Rich) Hopkins.

700. WILLIAM HENRY GREENOUGH<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Josiah Rich<sup>7</sup>, Uriah<sup>6</sup>, Enoch<sup>5</sup>, Eleazer<sup>4</sup>, Richard<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born July 1, 1840, at Wellfleet, Mass.; died there April 2, 1873; married Feb. 10, 1863, at Wellfleet, Eusebia Sawyer Doane, born Aug. 12, 1841, at Wellfleet; died March 20, 1916, at Everett, Mass.; daughter of Jonathan and Eliza (Horton) Doane.

William H. G. Higgins resided at Wellfleet.

*Child.*

i. Charles Greenough, b. Aug. 27, 1864, at Wellfleet; d. March 25, 1902, at Somerville, Mass.; unmarried.

701. CHARLES FREEMAN<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Josiah Rich<sup>7</sup>, Uriah<sup>6</sup>, Enoch<sup>5</sup>, Eleazer<sup>4</sup>, Richard<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born May, 1842; died April 1, 1889; married Jan. 24, 1865, Abigail Rich Baker, daughter of Nehemiah Murray and Abigail Swett (Rich) Baker of Wellfleet.

Charles F. Higgins resided at Wellfleet.

*Children.*

i. Arthur Wayland, b. June 13, 1866; d. Aug. 16, 1866.

ii. Abigail Baker, b. Dec. 9, 1870; married Nov. 11, 1897, James Laurence Wiley, b. Dec. 16, 1868; son of James and

Olive Maria (Kemp) Wiley. Child: Charles Higgins Wiley, b. May 28, 1902.

- iii. Cora Morrison, b. July 27, 1872; d. Oct. 2, 1914, at Hartford, Conn.; married Dec. 31, 1896, Charles Augustus Collins, b. Oct. 13, 1867; d. April 6, 1897; son of Edmund Burke and Sarah Doane (Swett) Collins. No children.
- iv. William Henry Greenough, b. March 16, 1877; unmarried in 1916.
- v. Annie Baker, b. Oct. 16, 1879; married Oct. 12, 1904, Ernest C. Higgins, son of Marshall and Hope Higgins.

702. JOHN RICH<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*John Knowles*<sup>7</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>6</sup>, *Enoch*<sup>5</sup>, *Eleazer*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Aug. 28, 1822; died Aug. 30, 1895, at Providence, R. I.; married (1) Dec. 2, 1849, Eliza Franklin Higgins, born May 20, 1825; died Nov. 8, 1870, at Providence, R. I., daughter of Reuben<sup>6</sup> and Betsey (Harding) Higgins of Wellfleet, Mass.; married (2) Nov. 13, 1871, Mrs. Almira Manter.

John R. Higgins followed the sea during early life. Retiring, he engaged in the grocery business at Wellfleet, Mass., until 1870, when he removed to Providence, R. I., engaging in business there for twenty-five years, until his death.

*Children born at Wellfleet.*

- i. Martha Knowles, b. Sept. 25, 1850; married Dec. 7, 1872, at Providence, R. I., William Appleton.
- 910. ii. John Franklin, b. Aug. 13, 1853; married Naomi Maria Hatch.
- 911. iii. Edwin Francis, b. July 30, 1858; married Mary Griffiths.
- 912. iv. Charles Knowles, b. Aug. 19, 1864; married Lucy B. Soule.

703. ALFRED<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*John Knowles*<sup>7</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>6</sup>, *Enoch*<sup>5</sup>, *Eleazer*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Aug. 12, 1826; died Nov. 9, 1875, at Providence, R. I.; married Aug. 12, 1852, Mary Russell Martin Higgins, born Nov. 11, 1822, at Providence, R. I.; died there May 28, 1895.

*Children.*

- i. William Martin, b. June 27, 1853, at Providence, R. I.; d. Dec. 15, 1859.
- 913. ii. Eugene Alfred, b. April 29, 1856, at Providence, R. I.; married Henrietta Eatnough.



704. RUFUS<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*John Knowles*<sup>7</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>6</sup>, *Enoch*<sup>5</sup>, *Eleazer*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Oct. 4, 1830; died Feb. 5, 1909; married Nov. 17, 1852, Sarah E. Wiley, born Sept. 25, 1832; died Dec. 28, 1893, at Wellfleet.

He resided at Wellfleet.

*Children.*

914. i. Lewis H., b. Aug. 12, 1854; married Hannah A. ——.  
ii. Eugene W., b. Aug. 30, 1856; d. May 7, 1890, at Wellfleet.  
iii. Emma F., b. Oct. 7, 1858; married Feb. 23, 1879, Benjamin F. Bell.  
iv. Eddie R., b. June 7, 1860; d. April 12, 1881.  
v. Charles K., b. April 14, 1862; d. April 28, 1862.  
vi. Lucinda Lewis, b. May 2, 1867; married April, 1894, Sylvanus S. Dill.

Authority: S. B. Gifford.

705. HENRY MAYO<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*John Knowles*<sup>7</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>6</sup>, *Enoch*<sup>5</sup>, *Eleazer*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Aug. 25, 1832; died Dec. 9, 1902, at Hyde Park, Mass.; married Nov. 20, 1858, Peryntha D. Wetherell, born Feb. 26, 1838.

*Children.*

915. i. Olstin Mayo, b. June 25, 1866; married Josephine Bendroth.  
ii. Henry Davis, b. Feb. 24, 1873; unmarried in 1906.

706. WILLIAM HUTTON<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Enoch*<sup>7</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>6</sup>, *Enoch*<sup>5</sup>, *Eleazer*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born April 10, 1823; drowned at sea; married Nov. 27, 1845, Jerusha C. Dyer. He resided at Wellfleet. He was a seafaring man.

*Children.*

- i. Sarah K., b. Oct. 5, 1851; d. Jan. 7, 1896.  
916. ii. Marshall Irving, b. July 3, 1854; married Hope D. Smith.  
917. iii. William H., b. March 1, 1859; married Ella F. Powers.  
iv. Bessie D., b. April 29, 1866; married in Malden.  
v. Mary Angeline, b. ——; married Oct. 24, 1872, Wesley J. Freeman.

707. JOHN KNOWLES<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Enoch*<sup>7</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>6</sup>, *Enoch*<sup>5</sup>, *Eleazer*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Jan. 24,

1825; died Sept. 26, 1876; married Nov. 12, 1846, Lucy Rich, daughter of Michael Rich.

He resided in Wellfleet and Boston, Mass.

*Child.*

- i. William Allen, b. April 10, 1850; d. Dec. 10, 1855.

708. ALLEN<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Enoch*<sup>7</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>6</sup>, *Enoch*<sup>5</sup>, *Eleazer*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born March 28, 1827; died July 20, 1910; married Dec. 5, 1850, Sarah P. Hatch, daughter of Stephen A. and Rebecca P. Hatch.

He resided at Wellfleet, Mass.

*Child.*

- i. Harlan P., b. May 18, 1854; married May 27, 1875, at Provincetown.

709. RICHARD SEARS<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Ephraim*<sup>7</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>6</sup>, *Enoch*<sup>5</sup>, *Eleazer*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Dec. 23, 1837; died —; married Jan. 5, 1864, Frances Emma Taber, daughter of William and Elizabeth Ann (Vandenburg) Taber.

*Child.*

- i. Edward Everett, b. —; residence, Brooklyn, N. Y.

710. LEWIS HAMLIN<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Reuben*<sup>7</sup>, *Reuben*<sup>6</sup>, *Enoch*<sup>5</sup>, *Eleazer*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Aug. 22, 1836; died 1873; married Elizabeth A. Rider.

He resided at Wellfleet.

*Children.*

- i. Herbert L., b. Aug. 8, 1859.
- ii. Sidney Clarence, b. Sept. 25, 1865.
- iii. Annie May, b. Dec. 7, 1867.
- iv. Frank Chester, b. Nov. 2, 1870.

711. JOSHUA HAMLIN<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Lewis Hamlin*<sup>7</sup>, *Reuben*<sup>6</sup>, *Enoch*<sup>5</sup>, *Eleazer*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Sept. 29, 1849; died —; married Ida Nye.

He resided at Wellfleet, Mass.

*Child.*

- i. Edna F., b. March 1, 1876.

712. WALTER E.<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Lewis Hamlin*<sup>7</sup>, *Reuben*<sup>6</sup>, *Enoch*<sup>5</sup>, *Eleazer*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Jan. 31, 1857; died —; married Lucy Mattie Young.

He resided at Wellfleet, Mass.

*Children.*

- i. Lewis Hamlin, b. May 11, 1885.
- ii. Bessie, b. —.

713. JESSE THOMAS<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Asa*<sup>7</sup>, *Reuben*<sup>6</sup>, *Enoch*<sup>5</sup>, *Eleazer*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Oct. 28, 1833; died —; married Sept. 15, 1864, Mary E. Weston, born April 30, 1836, in Middleboro, Mass.

He resided at Wellfleet, Mass.

*Child.*

- i. Thomas Weston, b. Aug. 27, 1865, in Wellfleet.

714. SOLOMON ROGERS<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Asa*<sup>7</sup>, *Reuben*<sup>6</sup>, *Enoch*<sup>5</sup>, *Eleazer*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born March 20, 1837; died —; married Elizabeth Oliver.

He resided at Wellfleet, Mass.

*Children.*

- i. Wilbur O., b. Oct. 12, 1865; employed at Commercial National Bank, Boston.
- ii. Ralph Stetson, b. in 1875, in Charlestown.

715. THOMAS<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Thomas*<sup>7</sup>, *Barnabas Paine*<sup>6</sup>, *Jedidiah*<sup>5</sup>, *Eleazer*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Oct. 15, 1830; died Feb. 16, 1894; married Clarissa C. Paine.

He resided at Eastham; was a mariner and trader.

*Children.*

- i. Addie F., b. Aug. 12, 1858; married — Beeler.
- ii. Clara H., b. Aug. 28, 1859; lives in Eastham.
- iii. William Paine, b. Sept. 1, 1861.
- iv. Sarah Isabella, b. Feb. 10, 1864; married — Sabin.
- v. Thomas, b. in 1874; d. in infancy.

716. JEREMIAH THOMAS<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Jeremiah*<sup>7</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>6</sup>, *Jedidiah*<sup>5</sup>, *Eleazer*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Sept. 26, 1837; died —; married Dec. 25, 1858, Sarah Lombard.

He resided at Wellfleet, Mass.

*Children.*

- i. Jeremiah, b. about 1862.
- ii. Nellie, b. July, 1866; d. Dec. 21, 1890.

717. LEVI L.<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Jeremiah*<sup>7</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>6</sup>, *Jedidiah*<sup>5</sup>, *Eleazer*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Nov. 9, 1839; died —; married May 18, 1873, Harriet L. Whitman, daughter of Lothrop and Mary Jane (Whitman) Whitman.

He resided at Truro and Wellfleet, Mass.

*Children.*

- i. Infant, b. Dec. 12, 1875; d. Dec. 22, 1875.
- ii. Leila Rider, b. Oct. 12, 1877.
- iii. Grace Mabelle, b. Nov. 3, 1881; married June 28, 1904, Ernest W. Young, son of Jeremiah F. and Ella T. (Lincoln) Young of Somerville.
- iv. Myrtie Lewis, b. June 5, 1885; married Sept. 3, 1906, Charles W. Swift, son of Charles H. and Nellie F. (Ward) Swift of Truro.
- v. John Linnell, b. Dec. 18, 1887.

717A. NATHAN<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Nathan*<sup>7</sup>, *Elkanah*<sup>6</sup>, *Levi*<sup>5</sup>, *Theophilus*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born about 1824 at Machias or Cooper, Maine; died Oct. 1, 1864; married about 1848 —.

Nathan Higgins, Jr., served in the Civil War and was wounded, resulting in his death within a short time. The record of his family is very incomplete. It is said that there were ten children in his family, but only three are known, of whom William Clifford Higgins was the youngest.

*Children.*

- i. Stillman, b. —; living in 1911 at Columbia Falls, Maine.
- ii. Julia, b. —; married — Tracy; living, 1911, at Cherryfield, Maine.
- iii. William Clifford, b. Sept. 23, 1860, at Cooper, Maine; married in 1883 Dora Lund of Nashua, N. H. He settled in Nashua, N. H., in 1880 and died there Dec. 8, 1905. No children mentioned in Mrs. Dora L. Higgins' letter of December, 1910.

718. EDWIN G.<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Levi*<sup>7</sup>, *Elkanah*<sup>6</sup>, *Levi*<sup>5</sup>, *Theophilus*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born February, 1829, at St. Albans, Maine; died May 5, 1882, at Corinna, Maine; married

(1) May 1, 1858, Miranda E. Jackson, born Nov. 22, 1837, at Hartland, Maine; died Nov. 27, 1860, at St. Albans, Maine; daughter of Joseph and Patience (Thompson) Jackson of Hartland, Maine; married (2) Abigail F. Mower of Dexter, Maine.

Edwin G. Higgins was a farmer and resided at Corinna, Maine.

*Children.*

918. i. Clarence Edwin, b. Aug. 3, 1859; married May L. Mower.  
ii. William W., b. Jan. 20, 1866; married Nellie Crane; residence, Chicago, Ill., or Modisto, Cal.  
iii. Frank J., b. March 20, 1868; married Eva Blackwood of Helena, Mont.; residence, Modisto, Cal.

719. FORREST RICHARD<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Serenus*<sup>7</sup>, *Richard*<sup>6</sup>, *Levi*<sup>5</sup>, *Theophilus*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born April 7, 1835, at Flushing, L. I., N. Y.; died Oct. 4, 1916; married Dec. 16, 1868, Carrie M. Stafford, born Sept. 3, 1843; died Nov. 18, 1901; daughter of Harrison S. and Hannah (Oliver) Stafford of Oldtown, Maine.

Forrest R. Higgins resided at Oldtown and Ellsworth, Maine. He was a lumberman and contractor.

*Children.*

919. i. Leon Forrest, b. April 29, 1870; married Josephine Shackley.  
ii. Maud C., b. Feb. 22, 1872; married John Fitzpatrick; residence, Auburndale, Mass.  
920. iii. Harry Oliver, b. June 28, 1875, at Oldtown, Maine; married Gertrude H. Souie.  
iv. Willard E., b. Dec. 25, 1877; residence, Brewer, Maine.

720. ORIENT C.<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Josiah*<sup>7</sup>, *Josiah*<sup>6</sup>, *Levi*<sup>5</sup>, *Theophilus*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Nov. 27, 1855; married Nov. 1, 1881, at San Francisco, Cal., Grace K. Perry of Rockland, Maine.

Orient C. Higgins resides at Portersville, Cal., and is a physician.

*Children.*

- i. Robert Musgrave, b. Dec. 16, 1885.  
ii. Eloise Leonora, b. July 17, 1887.  
iii. Hattie Madeline, b. April 17, 1890.



721. LLOYD H.<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Josiah*<sup>7</sup>, *Josiah*<sup>6</sup>, *Levi*<sup>5</sup>, *Theophilus*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born March 21, 1863; married Nov. 14, 1889, Albertina Farrell.

Lloyd H. Higgins was a boat builder at Herreshoff's Yards at Bristol, R. I., and resided in that town.

*Children.*

- i. Roger Lloyd, b. July 4, 1893.
- ii. Lawrence G., b. Oct. 1, 1897.
- iii. Hollis, b. March 13, 1903.

722. GEORGE W.<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Eben L.*<sup>7</sup>, *Levi*<sup>6</sup>, *Levi*<sup>5</sup>, *Theophilus*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born March 6, 1855, at Rockland, Maine; died Oct. 20, 1910, at Minneapolis, Minn.; married March 6, 1875, Cora L. Farnham.

George W. Higgins was a member of the Minnesota Legislature in 1907; chairman of the State Prohibition Committee for fourteen years.

*Children born at Minneapolis, Minn.*

- i. Geneva, b. Dec. 5, 1876; d. March 6, 1904.
- ii. Maud, b. Feb. 23, 1878; married June 1, 1904, William Stromme. Children: Geneva Stromme and George H. Stromme.
- iii. Ernest, b. Feb. 29, 1884; d. March, 1887.
- iv. Elsie, b. Feb. 22, 1886.
- v. Gertrude, b. May 18, 1891.

723. ELMER ELLSWORTH<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Eben L.*<sup>7</sup>, *Levi*<sup>6</sup>, *Levi*<sup>5</sup>, *Theophilus*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Dec. 9, 1863, at Trenton, Maine; married May, 1887, Effie Williams of Melville, Saskatchewan, Canada.

Residence, Melville, Sask.

*Children born at Melville, Sask.*

- i. Warren, b. Jan. 22, 1888.
- ii. Floyd, b. May 11, 1890.
- iii. Evelyn, b. March, 1893.
- iv. Merlin, b. Oct. 10, 1898.
- v. Lawrence, b. Jan. 9, 1907.

724. ARTHUR MINOT<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Charles Howard*<sup>7</sup>, *Levi*<sup>6</sup>, *Levi*<sup>5</sup>, *Theophilus*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born June 18, 1867, at Ellsworth, Maine; married May 17, 1892, at Excelsior,

Minn., Virginia Bradford; born at Minneapolis, Minn., May 16, 1870; daughter of Adolphus and Margaret Ann (MacNullan) Bradford.

Residence, Minneapolis, Minn. Lawyer.

*Children.*

- i. Virginia, b. Feb. 6, 1893.
- ii. Joseph, b. Dec. 12, 1894.
- iii. Margaret, b. Dec. 12, 1894; d. Dec. 18, 1907.

Authority: Arthur Minot Higgins.

725. ALFRED SMITH<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Winslow*<sup>7</sup>, *Stephen*<sup>6</sup>, *Jedidiah*<sup>5</sup>, *David*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born 1813; died Sept. 3, 1849; married Lydia Gilmour Arthur, born May 27, 1822; died at Middletown, Conn., Sept. 25, 1853; daughter of Alexander and Sarah L. (Smith) Arthur\* of Middletown-Portland, or Middle Haddam, Conn.

Alfred S. Higgins was probably a merchant, but perhaps a mariner. The will of Mrs. Lydia G. Higgins, dated Oct. 30, 1851, probated Oct. 17, 1853, is on record at Middletown, Conn. She makes bequests to her mother-in-law, Lydia S. Higgins, and to her children. In a codicil she bequeaths \$1,500 to her sister, Sarah L. Arthur, and \$30 per annum to her mother, Rebecca Arthur. All the rest of her estate she left to her mother-in-law, Lydia S. Higgins, for her life; the remainder to "my children unless they become addicted to bad habits; if one becomes so, the rest goes to the other; if both become so, then the rest goes to the American Home Missionary Society, to the American Bible Society, and to the American Tract Society." Date of the codicil, Sept. 24, 1853.

Authority: Middletown Probate Records, vols. 18, 19, 20; Middle Haddam Cemetery Inscriptions.

*Children.*

- i. Alfred Winslow, b. about April, 1844; d. at sea Sept. 22, 1846, aged 2 years and 5 months.

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\* Alexander Arthur, a Scotchman from Edinborough, came to Connecticut. He married Sept. 10, 1821, Sarah Lewis Smith of Chatham, Conn. He came to work in the quarries at Portland. He died at Middle Haddam, Conn., Sept. 15, 1848, age 56 years. Sarah L. Arthur, his wife, died at Middle Haddam, Conn., Nov. 29, 1830, age 32 years. He married (2) in 1831 Rebecca Robbins Worthington, born in Colchester, Conn., in 1795, daughter of Joshua and Rebecca (Robbins) Worthington of Colchester, afterwards of East Haddam. Mrs. Rebecca Arthur died at Middle Haddam, Conn., Sept. 27, 1853, aged 58 years.

- ii. Alfred Winslow, b. April 1, 1846; d. Feb. 13, 1870.
- iii. Arthur S., b. in 1849; d. June 11, 1867, at Minneapolis, Minn.

726. GEORGE<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Julius<sup>7</sup>, Dyer<sup>6</sup>, Jedidiah<sup>5</sup>, David<sup>4</sup>, Richard<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born —; died —; married —.

*Child.*

- i. George, b. —.

727. EMERSON VAN NESS VANDERBILT<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Newell Fuller<sup>7</sup>, Elias<sup>6</sup>, Moses<sup>5</sup>, David<sup>4</sup>, Richard<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born May 17, 1830; died Nov. 27, 1864; married in 1855 Emma McDowell, born Feb. 13, 1832.

*Children.*

- i. Rosalie, b. Oct. 29, 1855; lives in Philadelphia, Penn.
- ii. Thomas Bennett, b. April 18, 1857.
- iii. Anna Vanderbilt, b. July 17, 1859.
- iv. Charles P., b. Dec. 16, 1860; d. March 16, 1861.
- v. Mollie P., b. —; married S. H. Edwards; lives at Bayonne, N. J.
- vi. Ellen Bennett, b. Oct. 16, 1864; d. July 16, 1865.
- vii. Emerson L., b. April 17, 1865; married —; lives at Bayonne, N. J.

728. WILLIAM VANDERBILT<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Newell Fuller<sup>7</sup>, Elias<sup>6</sup>, Moses<sup>5</sup>, David<sup>4</sup>, Richard<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born —; married Hattie Howland.

*Child.*

- i. Mabelle, b. —; married — Rue and lives at Dutch Neck, near Heightstown, N. J.

729. AMOS DYER<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Amos<sup>7</sup>, Eleazer<sup>6</sup>, Reuben<sup>5</sup>, Reuben<sup>4</sup>, Richard<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born July 27, 1825, at Garland, Maine; died Feb. 11, 1894, at Charleston, Maine; married Flora Wilbur, who was living at Charleston, Maine, in 1916.

Amos D. Higgins was very industrious and hard working as a young man. He spent a number of years lumbering and in a large sawmill at Orono, Maine. He accumulated considerable money and bought a farm in Charleston known as the "Edward Page Place," where several of his brothers and sisters then lived. In 1880 he sold his farm to his sister Jane and bought a place in

West Charleston. This he kept but two years, and then bought a place in Charleston Village, and lived there the remainder of his days in ease and comfort.

He was a man of strict integrity and noted for his shrewdness. He often visited New York to see his son, brothers, and uncles, with whom he was always a welcome guest. He had a remarkable, ready wit and was a good story teller, and fond of a joke. He was decidedly original and many of his jokes and tricks are still repeated. In politics he was a Republican. He was not a member of any church, but contributed to the support of the Free-Will Baptist Church of his town.

*Children born at Charleston, Maine.*

921. i. Alvin Dyer, b. March, 1850; married Mary Stewart.  
ii. Edward Page, b. Oct. 4, 1856; d. April 11, 1876.

730. ALVIN HAMILTON<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Amos*<sup>7</sup>, *Eleazer*<sup>6</sup>, *Reuben*<sup>5</sup>, *Reuben*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born March 28, 1832, at Garland, Maine; died July 20, 1909, in New York City; married July 27, 1872, Helen Augusta Clapp of Charleston, born in Brownville, Maine.

Alvin H. Higgins was educated in the town schools and at Foxcroft Academy; went to New York in 1850 and entered the employ of his uncles in their large carpet factory. He remained there two years and then went to their salesrooms and finally became their head salesman in the United States. His great success was largely due to his tremendous energy and devotion to duty. He never failed to grasp the slightest opportunity and by his unique genius and enterprise developed enormous business that most other men would have passed unnoticed. He was a man of strictest integrity, had utmost confidence in the goods he offered or whatever enterprise he was engaged in and his earnestness and personality won the confidence of his customers and all his associates. He developed into an athlete of marked ability as a wrestler, and gave instruction in that art. He made some very profitable deals in real estate. When he went to New York he boarded with his uncle George in his palatial home at 59th Street and Tenth Avenue, which at that time was a suburb of the city. Later he bought a house on 42d Street and was married there. Later still he owned a magnificent home at Yonkers, N. Y., but returned to New York and bought the Colonial Hotel where he lived for a number of years, disposing of it at an enormous profit.



After that he lived on 122d Street and at 227 Lenox Avenue, where he died.

He was a man of retiring disposition, seldom visited any relatives or friends, but was a most genial host, always delighted to have his friends visit him. He retained a keen interest in his native state and town, although he did not visit there during the last forty years of his life. He was very kindly and charitable to his friends and relatives and was one of the principal benefactors of the Higgins Classical Institute. He retired from active business in 1905 and established a private office with the firm of Shepard, Knapp & Co. He lost very heavily in Wall Street during the panic of 1907 and later. In his will he remembered his relatives generously. No children.

731. ELIAS SMITH<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Amos*<sup>7</sup>, *Eleazer*<sup>6</sup>, *Reuben*<sup>5</sup>, *Reuben*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Feb. 22, 1837, at Garland, Maine; living in 1917; married (1) in 1858 Martha J. Hichborn, born Sept. 30, 1838, in Medford, Maine; died March 22, 1877, at Charleston, Maine; only daughter of John Edward and Jane Hichborn of Medford, Maine; married (2) Aug. 3, 1879, Mrs. Louise A. Lougee of Dexter, Maine.

Elias Smith Higgins was educated in the schools of Charleston and of Sebec, and when a mere boy determined to go to California, where many of the older boys of his town had gone in search for gold. He got as far as New York, where he stopped off to see his brother and uncles, and was persuaded by them to return to Maine, finish his education and then come to New York and enter their Carpet Works. Their agreement and inducements prevailed and he returned to Maine, entered the academy in Corinth and shortly afterward was taken sick and had a protracted illness. He gave the money which had been furnished him to his younger brother, John Hamilton Higgins, who took his place in school, and later the position in New York which he had started to prepare for. In speaking of his start for California, he said: "I have never regretted that I did not go but once, and that has been all my life."

Elias S. Higgins was a very energetic young man and when in his twenties owned a sawmill and gristmill in Orneville, which he later traded for a hotel in Charleston (at that time called a tavern). As a hotel proprietor he was very popular and to this day is a very genial host.







**Rev. John Hamilton Higgins**  
Baptist Minister, Evangelist and Philanthropist  
Founder of Higgins Classical Institute, Charleston, Maine.

In 1864 he was drafted for service in the Civil War, but on account of his business interests, sickness, and family of small children, he hired a substitute. In 1865 he sold the tavern and bought a large farm a mile west of Charleston Village, which he improved and developed into one of the best farms in town. He was noted for having the best draft oxen in the state of Maine, as shown by their success in winning premiums against all comers at the various State Fairs. In October, 1888, he sold his farm, and has since lived in Charleston Village. He has always been respected as a man of strict integrity, kind and charitable, a ready wit, and of jovial disposition. He is a prominent member of the Baptist Church and a Republican in politics.

*Children.*

- i. Adeline Maria, b. Jan. 30, 1860; d. Jan. 1, 1894; married May 1, 1885, Edgar Leeman Hamm, b. July 23, 1859, at Charleston, Maine, a merchant and farmer at Charleston, Maine, where they resided. Children: Alvin Hamilton Hamm, b. July 22, 1885; married, and in 1916 living at Arkansas City, Ark.; Martha Louise Hamm, b. Jan. 7, 1887; married Aug. 25, 1909, John F. Dority of Charleston, Maine, where they reside; Gertrude Eva Hamm, b. Nov. 29, 1893; d. Sept. 16, 1896.
- 922. ii. Henry Albert, b. April 10, 1862; married Myra A. Page.
- iii. Mary Ellen, b. July 14, 1865; married Oct. 23, 1886, Henry T. Sally, b. April 14, 1860, at Madison, Maine, a blacksmith and farmer at Bradford and East Corinth, Maine. Children: Harry Livingston Sally, b. July 28, 1888; Harold Elias Sally, b. Jan. 16, 1890; Sadie Amelia Sally, b. Sept. 4, 1891; Franklin Higgins Sally, b. Oct. 13, 1897; Carl Henry Sally, b. July 9, 1900.
- 923. iv. Franklin Augustus, b. Oct. 10, 1867; married Mrs. Maria R. Higgins.
- v. Sarah Ann, b. Aug. 4, 1869; married March 15, 1896, Edgar Leeman Hamm of West Charleston, Maine. Children: Elsie Gertrude Hamm, b. Sept. 20, 1896; Walter Edgar Hamm, b. Nov. 24, 1897; Mildred Ellen Hamm, b. Sept. 18, 1906.
- 924. vi. John Edwin, b. Nov. 1, 1871; married Minnie Elva Ross.
- 925. vii. George Herbert, b. Nov. 23, 1873; married Nellie May King.
- viii. Ralph Elias Smith, b. Nov. 19, 1883.

Also two children who died in infancy.

732. JOHN HAMILTON<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Amos*<sup>7</sup>, *Eleazer*<sup>6</sup>, *Reuben*<sup>5</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born May 28, 1841, at

Charleston, Maine; died there April 16, 1910; married (1) July 18, 1866, Frances E. Perley, born June 17, 1846, at Gray, Maine; died Jan. 8, 1869, at New York City; daughter of Isaac and Ellen W. (Higgins) Perley of Gray, Maine; married (2) Oct. 22, 1872, Emma L. Perley, born March 30, 1851, in Gray, Maine; died Jan. 12, 1894, at Charleston, Maine; sister of his first wife; married (3) March 12, 1895, Mrs. Ellen (Harvey) McCulley, widow of Judge Lawrence McCulley, late of Honolulu, Hawaii, and daughter of Greenleaf P. and Abigail Lois (Dexter) Harvey.

He was educated in the schools of his native town and at Corinth, Maine. At the age of sixteen he went to New York and entered the Carpet Works of his uncles. Diligently applying himself to the task of mastering the carpet business, in five years he was advanced to the position of manager, and retained that responsible position for twenty years, directing the affairs of the firm with marked ability and advancing still further the high reputation enjoyed by the firm.

In 1874 he left the Carpet Works, returned to Charleston, Maine, and for a number of years engaged in religious work as evangelist and pastor in small communities unable to support a settled minister.

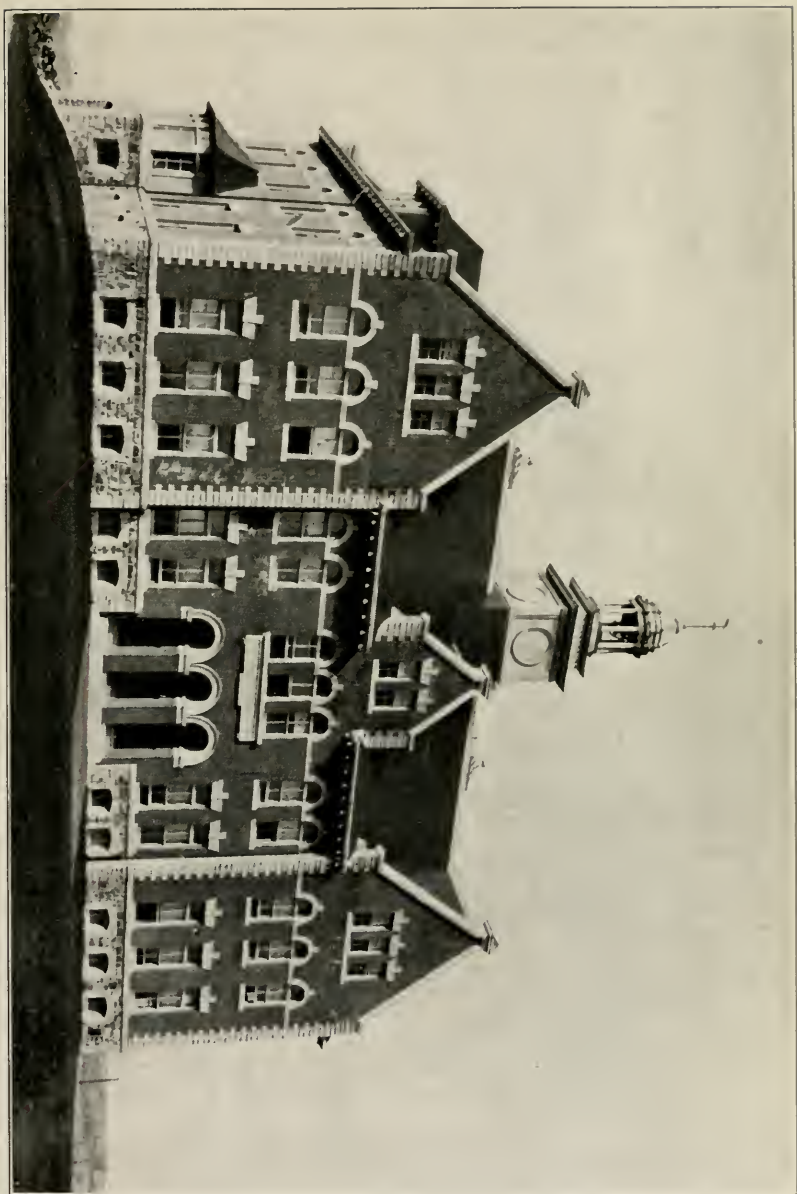
In 1888 at the urgent appeal of his uncle, Elias Smith Higgins, he returned to New York and again became general manager of the Carpet Works, which had become very much involved through incompetent management and labor troubles. His methods at this time were quiet, deliberate, well planned, to the minutest detail, and very determined. The masterly manner in which he rehabilitated the business, crushed the labor organizations which had been a constant menace, and placed every department on a sound and equitable basis of work and production was a revelation to every one who knew of his accomplishment. A year after his uncle's death, which occurred Aug. 18, 1889, he resigned and returned to Maine and in the next and succeeding years proceeded to erect what is now known as the Higgins Classical Institute, an incorporated institution for the promotion of Christian education and instruction of youth in the languages, arts, and sciences. This was opened in 1901 and comprised a main building and a dormitory and grounds of twenty acres. The total cost was one hundred thousand dollars. The institution is thoroughly equipped for its purpose, has five or more regular instructors, and accommodations for two hundred and fifty students. It offers college preparatory, English, normal and musical courses, and







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maintains the highest standards of educational efficiency. The endowment is ample and the expenses to students are small.

In 1906 Mr. Higgins relinquished active ministerial work and lived in retirement at his home in Charleston the remainder of his days. He retained the presidency of the board of trustees and active headship of the Higgins Classical Institute until failing health obliged him to resign. He was a member of the Baptist Church. His labors in the interests of religion and education have left an impress upon the lives of the men and women of his native state. In his own town he was universally loved and esteemed.

#### *Children.*

- i. Fanny Mildred, b. Jan. 1, 1869; d. March 26, 1874.
- ii. Lillie, b. and d. February, 1876, aged 7 days.
- iii. Millie, b. and d. February, 1876, aged 7 days.
- iv. Florence Ellen, b. May 18, 1879; resides at Charleston, Maine; unmarried.
- v. Ethel May, b. Dec. 6, 1880; married Sept. 6, 1907, William Porter Beck of Bethel, Ohio. Residence, Pittsburgh, Penn. Children: Elizabeth Emma Beck, b. July 22, 1908; John Hamilton Beck, b. Oct. 27, 1911.
- vi. Alice Emma, b. Dec. 14, 1882; married (1) Sept. 17, 1902, Odber Boadway of Charleston, Maine. She divorced him Oct. 15, 1913, and he married (2) May 6, 1915, Pearl A. Bennett of Newport and Charleston, Maine. Residence, Charleston Village. Child: Lucile Higgins Boadway, b. Dec. 30, 1903.

Authorities: Franklin A. Higgins, Brooklyn, N. Y.; *Perley Family Genealogy*; *Maine Genealogy*, vol. iv.

733. GEORGE<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Amos<sup>7</sup>, Eleazer<sup>6</sup>, Reuben<sup>5</sup>, Reuben<sup>4</sup>, Richard<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born Oct. 4, 1843, at Charleston, Maine; died Sept. 27, 1886, in New York City; married Sept. 22, 1869, Maria Rosalie Terry of New York City.

George Higgins was educated in the schools of his native town and worked on the home farm until President Lincoln's first call for volunteers in 1861. Then without his parents' consent, he ran away from home and enlisted in the 6th Maine Cavalry in Washington, D. C. He remained in active service until September, 1863, when during a charge of his regiment he was badly injured by his horse falling and stepping upon him. After many months and the best possible care from his brother, Alvin Hamilton Higgins, and his uncle, George Higgins, in New York, he was able

to return to his home in Maine, where he completely recovered. Late in 1864 he entered the employ of his uncles in their Carpet Factory. After a few months he was advised by his uncle, Nathaniel D. Higgins, to take up engineering. Accordingly, he obtained a position with the Corliss Engine Works at Providence, R. I. He then returned to the Carpet Works as chief engineer. To this was added in 1872 the position of master mechanic. On May 30, 1885, he succeeded to the position of superintendent of the works, a post he had been striving for for a long time. He was very successful and his uncles had unbounded confidence in his ability. He still carried the responsibility of the two former positions and the load proved to be too great a strain. The troubles he had suffered from since his accident in the army were aggravated and resulted in his death.

He was very fond of horses and owned many fast ones. His friends were legion and he was ever ready to help them in trouble. He kept his interest in his home town and relatives in Maine, and visited them every year. He lived in Forty-third Street for many years, where he owned considerable property. He was planning to retire and return to Maine when he died. He was a member of the Central Baptist Church and a Republican in politics. He left a considerable estate.

#### *Children.*

- i. Lulu DeGrenia, b. Jan. 11, 1871; d. May 27, 1873.
- ii. Olney Lawrence, b. Sept. 21, 1874; educated in private schools in New York City, and spent his summers at Charleston, Maine. He became so attached to the place that he lived there nearly all the time from 1892 to 1904. Since then he has lived at Foxcroft, Maine, where he has a fine home. Devoted to horses and automobiles; he has never married.
- iii. Arthur Terry, b. Jan. 27, 1877; d. Oct. 17, 1897. As a boy he was full of pranks and fond of sports, but he had the good judgment to know when he had gone far enough. He was an enthusiastic hunter and spent much time at his camp on the west shore of Little Benson Pond. While there with his guide, their canoe was upset in a windstorm and he was drowned. He was not engaged in business and was unmarried.

734. ORRIN SMITH<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Arthur*<sup>7</sup>, *Eleazer*<sup>6</sup>, *Reuben*<sup>5</sup>, *Reuben*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Jan. 19, 1837, at Gray, Maine; died there July 19, 1910; married Nov. 28, 1866,



Henrietta Perley, born March 3, 1844, at Gray, Maine; daughter of George Perley.

Orrin Smith Higgins was educated in Gray and remained at home with his father on the old homestead, which they rebuilt and developed into one of the finest farms in the town or county. They did an extensive dairy business, selling their product in Portland at excellent prices. Orrin S. Higgins was a prominent member and trustee of the Baptist Church and a Republican in politics.

*Only Child.*

926. i. Fred Smith, b. Nov. 10, 1873; married Alma D. Savoy.

Authority: Franklin A. Higgins of Brooklyn, N. Y.

735. REUBEN<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Emerson*<sup>7</sup>, *Micah*<sup>6</sup>, *Reuben*<sup>5</sup>, *Reuben*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born May 24, 1854; married Nov. 24, 1887, Alice M. Staples of Cape Elizabeth, Maine.

He resided at Cape Elizabeth, Maine.

*Children.*

- i. Florence, b. May 9, 1893.
- ii. Staples, b. May 21, 1895; d. June 19, 1895.
- iii. A son, b. March 8, 1897.

736. HENRY B.<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Emerson*<sup>7</sup>, *Micah*<sup>6</sup>, *Reuben*<sup>5</sup>, *Reuben*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born March 4, 1856; married Nov. 17, 1880, Ella Mann of Freeport, Maine.

He resided at Cape Elizabeth, Maine.

*Children.*

- i. Eva M., b. Dec. 18, 1881.
- ii. Harland B., b. March 9, 1884.

737. NEHEMIAH TWINING<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Aquila*<sup>7</sup>, *Aquila*<sup>6</sup>, *Gideon*<sup>5</sup>, *Moses*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Oct. 12, 1828; died Nov. 3, 1884; married Nov. 17, 1850, Lucy J. Baker, daughter of Joseph and Belinda Baker.

He resided at Provincetown, Mass.

*Children.*

- i. Son, b. Sept. 24, 1853; d. Sept. 27, 1853.
927. ii. Charles Alden, b. Jan. 14, 1863; married Bessie Loveland Bangs.

738. SOLOMON RICH<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Aquila*<sup>7</sup>, *Aquila*<sup>6</sup>, *Gideon*<sup>5</sup>, *Moses*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Nov. 11, 1833; died March 9, 1874; married Dec. 30, 1860, Fannie C. Genn of Freeport, Maine.

He resided at Provincetown, Mass. He served as a private in the 56th Regiment, Massachusetts Infantry, during the Civil War. Mrs. Fannie G. Higgins married (2) Dec. 11, 1877, Seth Smith of Provincetown.

*Children.*

- i. Frederick Sherman, b. March 14, 1862; d. June 4, 1871.
- ii. Martha C. J., b. —.

739. BENJAMIN ALSTRUM<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Zedekiah*<sup>7</sup>, *Aquila*<sup>6</sup>, *Gideon*<sup>5</sup>, *Moses*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born March 4, 1845; died Dec. 16, 1910; married in 1868 Albina Estella Wilder.

He resided at Provincetown, Mass. After education in the schools of his native town, he started in life as a fisherman, but not meeting with the success he had expected, he abandoned fishing for whaling. In this he was very successful, on every voyage bringing home large quantities of oil, and on several voyages securing quantities of ambergris. On one voyage in the *Adella Chase* of New Bedford he brought in 128 pounds of this precious stuff, which sold for over \$30,000. On his last voyage Captain Higgins sailed out of New Bedford in command of the bark *Wanderer*. In seventeen months he secured 2,250 barrels of sperm oil, a record catch, even in that port of famous voyages. Toward the end of this voyage his sight began failing him and he left his vessel and returned from St. Helena in a steamer, reaching his home almost blind. By skillful treatment his sight was almost restored, when he was stricken with paralysis and rapidly failed until the end. He was a member of the Boston Marine Society and of the Masons and Odd Fellows.

*Child.*

- i. Elwood A., b. in 1870.

740. JOSEPH LINNELL<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Jabez*<sup>7</sup>, *Moses*<sup>6</sup>, *Elnathan*<sup>5</sup>, *Moses*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Dec. 21, 1817, at Orleans, Mass.; died there Sept. 24, 1897; married Nov. 27, 1840, Eliza D. Snow, born Aug. 23, 1820; died June 3, 1845; daughter of David and Mary (Snow) Snow.

He resided at Orleans in the section called Tonset.

*Children.*

- i. Infant, b. —; d. —.
- ii. Washington S., b. Dec. 26, 1844; residence, Orleans; unmarried.

741. JABEZ BRADFORD<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Jabez*<sup>7</sup>, *Moses*<sup>6</sup>, *Elnathan*<sup>5</sup>, *Moses*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Jan. 31, 1831; died July 14, 1904, at Orleans, Mass.; married Dec. 19, 1862, Melissa Snow, born April 26, 1834; died Jan. 5, 1915; daughter of Deacon David and Mary (Doane) Snow of Orleans.

Jabez B. Higgins resided at Cambridge, Mass., and at Orleans.

*Children.*

928. i. Augustus E., b. Aug. 21, 1864; married Marion Campbell.
- ii. Lottie L., b. Dec. 4, 1865; residence, Cambridge, Mass.

742. BENJAMIN<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Benjamin*<sup>7</sup>, *Moses*<sup>6</sup>, *Elnathan*<sup>5</sup>, *Moses*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Sept. 4, 1827, at East Orleans, Mass.; died there April 30, 1911; married Jan. 20, 1850, Azubah S. Nickerson, daughter of Dean S. Nickerson.

Benjamin Higgins was a shoemaker and lived at Orleans, Mass. No children.

743. CALVIN K.<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Heman*<sup>7</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>6</sup>, *Jesse*<sup>5</sup>, *Moses*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born about 1844; died —; married Rebecca Murgatroyd.

Calvin K. Higgins removed to Beatrice, Neb.

*Children.*

- i. May, b. —.
- ii. Pansy, b. —.
- iii. Charles, b. —.
- iv. Edith, b. —.

Two others.

Authority: B. Lake Noyes.

744. GEORGE W.<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Heman*<sup>7</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>6</sup>, *Jesse*<sup>5</sup>, *Moses*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born about 1848; married Leonora Richardson.

*Children.*

- i. Angie, b. —.
- ii. Everett, b. —.
- iii. Inez, b. —.

- iv. George, b. —.
- v. Earl, b. —.
- vi. Bessie, b. —.
- vii. Harold, b. —.

745. AUGUSTUS EVERETT<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Hanson Robeson*<sup>7</sup>, *Richard*<sup>6</sup>, *David*<sup>5</sup>, *Moses*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Oct. 8, 1839, at Orleans, Mass.; died April 23, 1876, at Orleans; married Nov. 15, 1861, Emeline F. Rogers, born Aug. 14, 1842; died July 19, 1909, at Orleans; daughter of Zenas and Mary Rogers.

Augustus E. Higgins resided at Orleans and was a mariner.

*Children.*

- i. Everett Elliott, b. Aug. 21, 1862.
- ii. Winnie C., b. July 27, 1864.

746. LEWIS WASHBURN<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Hanson Robeson*<sup>7</sup>, *Richard*<sup>6</sup>, *David*<sup>5</sup>, *Moses*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Jan. 9, 1842, at Orleans, Mass.; died there March 6, 1916; married (1) April 26, 1866, Matilda G. Rogers, born Aug. 15, 1847, at Orleans; died there Oct. 12, 1877; daughter of Isaiah Y. and Olive Rogers of Orleans; married (2) May 31, 1879, Melora Joseph, born Oct. 5, 1855, at Dennisport, Mass.; died April 29, 1893, at Orleans; daughter of Francis and Anna (Kelly) Joseph of Western Islands and Dennisport; married (3) June 9, 1908, Mrs. Maria J. (Sederquest) Miller, daughter of John and Hannah M. (McGregor) Sederquest.

Lewis W. Higgins resided at Orleans.

*Children.*

- i. Ona W., b. —; married Jan. 26, 1892, Charles O. Mayo.  
No children.
- ii. Francis L., b. Sept. 2, 1881; d. Dec. 26, 1890.
- iii. Ralph Waldo, b. Dec. 4, 1883.

747. HANSON ROBESON<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Hanson Robeson*<sup>7</sup>, *Richard*<sup>6</sup>, *David*<sup>5</sup>, *Moses*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Oct. 21, 1853; married (1) Nov. 10, 1875, Bessie E. Robinson of Framingham; daughter of David and Livina Robinson (divorced); married (2) Mary Lee.

He resided at Orleans.

*Child.*

- i. Carrie B., b. April 25, 1885.

748. GEORGE SOMES<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Ephraim*<sup>7</sup>, *Sparrow*<sup>6</sup>, *David*<sup>5</sup>, *Moses*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Feb. 2, 1823, at Somesville; married Valena Smith, daughter of Samuel and — (Robinson) Smith of Bucksport, Maine.

He resided at Bucksport, Ellsworth, and Stonington, Maine; was drafted and served in the Civil War; was a mechanic. In April, 1907, he was at Eden or Bar Harbor.

He was eccentric, and lived alone many years.

*Children.*

- i. Mary, b. about 1850.
- ii. Lucretia Arabine, b. —.
- iii. Luella, b. in Ellsworth, Maine.
- iv. Lois, b. in Ellsworth, Maine.

749. EPHRAIM<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Ephraim*<sup>7</sup>, *Sparrow*<sup>6</sup>, *David*<sup>5</sup>, *Moses*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born about 1825 at Somesville, Maine; married Catherine Smith, daughter of Samuel and — (Robinson) Smith of Bucksport.

He resided in North Ellsworth, Maine, on the place which was his father's.

*Children.*

- i. Charles, b. —.
- ii. Francis, b. —.
- iii. Georgianna, b. —.
- iv. Clara, b. —.
- v. Grace A., b. Dec. 26, 1872; d. March 20, 1893, at Bangor, of consumption.

750. JOSEPH MORRISON<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Ephraim*<sup>7</sup>, *Sparrow*<sup>6</sup>, *David*<sup>5</sup>, *Moses*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born —; died —; married —, a near relative of Dyer Jordan of Ellsworth, Maine, born 1843; died at Ellsworth, Oct. 1, 1900, aged 57 years.

Joseph M. Higgins was a mariner and ship owner, wealthy and retired, living at Ellsworth, Maine, of which city he was in 1898 elected Mayor on the Democratic ticket.

No children mentioned.

751. FREEMAN G.<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Luther G.*<sup>7</sup>, *Shaw*<sup>6</sup>, *David*<sup>5</sup>, *Moses*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born at Eden, Maine; married Julia Hamilton.

He resided at Sedgwick, Maine, and West Brookline.



*Children.*

- i. George F., b. —; married Aug. 24, 1896, Abbie Cousins, daughter of Clifford E. and Delia F. (Jameson) Cousins.
- ii. Laura E., b. —; married Clayton S. Willett.
- iii. Celia M., b. —; married Arthur L. Rich of Brickton.
- iv. Raymond W., b. Feb. 19, 1881; married Dec. 7, 1902, Lillian M. Eldridge.
- v. Fred H., b. —; married July 3, 1900, Alice Rider, daughter of Joshua H. and Jennie (Cahoon) Rider.

752. JOSEPH BROWN<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Franklin*<sup>7</sup>, *Ezekiel*<sup>6</sup>, *Jacob*<sup>5</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>4</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Dec. 11, 1829; died April 30, 1875; married Adelaide Smith, born —; died July, 1879.

He resided at Norway, Herkimer County, N. Y.; was a carpenter, sleigh and wagon builder.

*Children.*

- i. Elva Irene, b. Dec. 30, 1866; d. July, 1879.
- ii. Marvel Joseph, b. July 3, 1875; married Nov. 8, 1903, Emma Coombs; lived in Herkimer, N. Y., in 1906.

753. GEORGE EDWIN<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Seabury Mayo*<sup>7</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>6</sup>, *Jacob*<sup>5</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>4</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born May 20, 1862, at Memphis, N. Y.; married April 29, 1888, at Syracuse, N. Y., Costella Mae Lazier, daughter of Hiram Lazier of Syracuse, N. Y.

*Child.*

- i. Frances, b. April 4, 1893.

754. SEABURY MAYO<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Seabury Mayo*<sup>7</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>6</sup>, *Jacob*<sup>5</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>4</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born May 13, 1868, at Memphis, N. Y.; married April 18, 1896, at Elbridge, N. Y., Helena Hill.

Residence, Syracuse, N. Y. With American Express Co.

*Child.*

- i. Helen, b. May 21, 1898.

755. EBEN<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Eben*<sup>7</sup>, *Eben*<sup>6</sup>, *Jacob*<sup>5</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>4</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born March 31, 1845, at Gloucester; married Sept. 15, 1868, at Dover, Sarah A. Goulding, born Sept. 15, 1845, at Garland, Maine.

He resides at Dover, Mass; was a contractor and builder; town clerk; justice of the peace.

*Children.*

929. i. Eben Edward, b. Nov. 2, 1871, at Auburndale; married Nina M. Ashley.  
930. ii. Charles Herbert, b. Feb. 23, 1875, at Newtonville; married Jane R. Hall.  
iii. Lydia Adeline, b. Jan. 27, 1884, at Dover; music teacher.  
Authority: *Sears Genealogy*.

756. WILLARD SEARS<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Eben<sup>7</sup>, Eben<sup>6</sup>, Jacob<sup>5</sup>, Isaac<sup>4</sup>, Isaac<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born May 23, 1847, at Gloucester; married April 7, 1870, at Gloucester, H. Maria James, born March 22, 1849; died Sept. 14, 1892, at Newtonville, Mass.

He resided at Newtonville; was one of the firm of Higgins & Nickerson, builders, in May, 1906.

*Children.*

- i. Willard Elliott, b. Feb. 7, 1874.  
ii. Roger Winslow, b. May 4, 1881.  
iii. Ralph Holbrook, b. Sept. 23, 1887.

757. ISAAC<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Samuel S.<sup>7</sup>, Isaac<sup>6</sup>, Joseph<sup>5</sup>, Isaac<sup>4</sup>, Isaac<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born Jan. 25, 1830; married Julia A. —, born July 21, 1828.

*Children.*

- i. Harvey A., b. July 22, 1856.  
ii. Ellen Louisa, b. Oct. 7, 1857.

758. HENRY<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Jared<sup>7</sup>, Israel<sup>6</sup>, Israel<sup>5</sup>, Israel<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born Oct. 29, 1812; died April 8, 1872, at Glastonbury, Conn.; married (1) March 19, 1834, at Hebron, Conn., Abilena Ticknor, born May 16, 1816, at Columbia, Conn.; died Jan. 15, 1841, at Gilead, Conn.; married (2) May 5, 1841, Lucina Hutchinson, born at Columbia, Conn., Dec. 25, 1815; died December, 1873, at Glastonbury, Conn.

*Children.*

931. i. Charles Henry, b. Sept. 6, 1836, at Berlin, Conn.; married twice.  
ii. James Munroe, b. March 5, 1844; drowned Dec. 21, 1862, while skating on the Connecticut River.

- iii. George M., b. in 1846; married June 10, 1868, at Chatham Corners, N. Y.; living at New York City in 1899.
- iv. Ella, b. Feb. 27, 1850; d. in 1873; married Oct. 2, 1872.
- v. Adin, b. Oct. 25, 1854, at Hartford, Conn.
- vi. Lester, b. April 27, 1858; d. September, 1873.
- 932. vii. Douglas, b. Oct. 26, 1860; married Ada Curtis.

759. WILLIAM BRADFORD<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Jared*<sup>7</sup>, *Israel*<sup>6</sup>, *Israel*<sup>5</sup>, *Israel*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Sept. 4, 1815; died Sept. 2, 1880; married Mary Jane Sanford of East Berlin, Conn.

He removed to Red Bluff, Cal., where he died.

*Children.*

- i. Walter, b. —.
- ii. Maria, b. —; married Christopher Murray in Ohio.
- iii. Scott, b. —.

760. NELSON<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Jared*<sup>7</sup>, *Israel*<sup>6</sup>, *Israel*<sup>5</sup>, *Israel*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born July 6, 1817, in Glastonbury, Conn.; died Feb. 4, 1901, at Derby, Conn.; married March 3, 1844, Fidelia Bulkeley, born June 16, 1815, at Hampton, Conn.; died Feb. 14, 1911, at New Britain, Conn.; daughter of Dan and Phebe (Burnett) Bulkeley of Hampton, Conn., and descendant of Rev. Peter Bulkeley of Concord, Mass., 1635.

Nelson Higgins spent his early life at Berlin, Conn. After his marriage he was in business for some years at Hampton, Conn. In 1857 he removed to New Britain, Conn, with his son-in-law, Frederick W. Benham.

*Children born at Hampton, Conn.*

- i. Eugene Bulkeley, b. Jan. 15, 1846; married Sept. 25, 1857, Laura Raymond Culver of Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; residence at East Orange, N. J., in 1917. No children.
- ii. Vincent P., b. March 29, 1849; d. Sept. 6, 1851.
- iii. Mary Estelle, b. Aug. 20, 1852; married Oct. 30, 1878, Frederick W. Benham of New Britain, Conn.; resided at Derby, Conn., and at New Britain, Conn. No children.

761. SEPTERIUS<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Jared*<sup>7</sup>, *Israel*<sup>6</sup>, *Israel*<sup>5</sup>, *Israel*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born July 9, 1819; died March 18, 1874, at Brooklyn, N. Y.; married (1) in New York City, Sept. 14, 1847, Mary Hayward, born Oct. 6, 1826, in England; died July 5, 1862, in New York City; daughter of Edward and Harriet (May)

Hayward; married (2) Jan. 7, 1865, Caroline Amelia Taylor, who survived him and married — DeMerit.

He resided in Connecticut, and at Brooklyn, N. Y.

*Children.*

- i. Edward Jared, b. Aug. 2, 1848, at Brooklyn, N. Y.; d. Jan. 3, 1849.
- ii. Mary Frances, b. Aug. 22, 1850, at Brooklyn, N. Y.; d. June 6, 1878.
933. iii. James Henry, b. March 15, 1853; married Virginia Downing.
934. iv. William Franklin, b. Feb. 24, 1857; married Lida E. McClave.
935. v. Edward Septerius, b. Oct. 15, 1866; married Eleanor L. S. Hall.
- vi. Frederick Arthur, b. Dec. 4, 1868; d. March 11, 1881, at Farmington, Conn.

762. CHARLES<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Jared*<sup>7</sup>, *Israel*<sup>6</sup>, *Israel*<sup>5</sup>, *Israel*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Oct. 7, 1822; died Oct. 7, 1902; married April 29, 1845, Wealthy Atkins, born Sept. 29, 1826, in Wolcott, Conn.; died March 18, 1903; daughter of John S. and Esther (Harrison) Atkins of Berlin, Conn.

He resided at Fair Haven, Conn.; enlisted at New Haven, Aug. 20, 1862, in Co. F., 27th Regiment, Connecticut Volunteer Infantry; was wounded at battle of Fredericksburg, Dec. 13, 1862; mustered out July 27, 1863, at expiration of service. Later he lived at Beckley, town of Berlin, Conn.

*Children.*

- i. Junie Atkins, b. March 9, 1846; married Walter M. Brown of Berlin, Conn. Children: Edith, b. Feb. 16, 1869; Nellie S., b. Nov. 20, 1871; William Lewis, b. Feb. 20, 1877, deceased; Junie May, b. Feb. 17, 1881.
936. ii. Charles, b. July 29, 1848; married (1) Mary Adele Thompson; (2) Sadie Howard; (3) Mrs. Susan Blaisdell.
- iii. Harriet Hurlburt, b. Jan. 3, 1856; married George W. Smith of New Hartford, Conn.; both deceased. Child: Harry Monroe, b. Aug. 30, 1886; unmarried in 1914.

763. GEORGE STONE<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Jared*<sup>7</sup>, *Israel*<sup>6</sup>, *Israel*<sup>5</sup>, *Israel*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Feb. 5, 1830; died Dec. 25, 1898, at Beckley, Conn.; married (1) Martha Naomi Lankton of Hartford; married (2) Emily Maria King, born Sept. 5, 1843.

He resided at Beckley, Conn.

*Child.*

- i. Lillie Alice, b. May 17, 1881; deceased.

764. DE WITT CLINTON<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Alden*<sup>7</sup>, *Israel*<sup>6</sup>, *Israel*<sup>5</sup>, *Israel*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born May 8, 1837, at Batavia, N. Y.; died April 25, 1895, at Newark, N. J.; married (1) Aug. 7, 1862, Kate Byrnes, born —; died Sept. 28, 1879, at Newark, N. J.; married (2) July 20, 1882, Kate R. Headley.

DeWitt C. Higgins resided in Newark, N. J. No children.

765. WILLIAM IRVING<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Alden*<sup>7</sup>, *Israel*<sup>6</sup>, *Israel*<sup>5</sup>, *Israel*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born June 5, 1841; married Aug. 1, 1870, at Geneva, N. Y., Elizabeth Lambert.

He is treasurer of the Lake George Paper Company at Ticonderoga, N. Y. Residence, New York City during winters.

*Children.*

937. i. Frederick Alden, b. Aug. 4, 1871, at Geneva, N. Y.; married Kate Hyde.

ii. Medora Lambert, b. Jan. 27, 1875; graduated at Vassar College in 1897; married Oct. 8, 1902, Frank Cyrus Hooper; residence, North River, N. Y. Children: Elizabeth, b. April 30, 1904; d. Feb. 24, 1909; Medora Louise, b. Sept. 29, 1905; Alice, b. Aug. 15, 1908; Eleanor, b. Feb. 7, 1910; Jane, b. Jan. 31, 1916.

766. HERMAN WILBUR<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Harlow*<sup>7</sup>, *Israel*<sup>6</sup>, *Israel*<sup>5</sup>, *Israel*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Sept. 12, 1844, at Plainville, Conn.; married Oct. 6, 1874, Ellen Clark.

*Children.*

i. Louis Wilbur, b. July 30, 1875.

ii. Harold Clark, b. March 10, 1879.

767. ORRIN THRALL<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Timothy*<sup>7</sup>, *Timothy*<sup>6</sup>, *Israel*<sup>5</sup>, *Israel*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Aug. 14, 1826, at Centerville, N. Y.; died March 3, 1890, at Olean, N. Y.; married Sept. 25, 1851, Lucia Cornelia Hapgood, born March 27, 1831, at Rushford, N. Y.; died there Sept. 15, 1868; daughter of Bates Turner and Alzina (Taylor) Hapgood.

Orrin T. Higgins became a successful merchant at Rushford, N. Y., and also maintained a system of stores in the oil region.



He also became a realty operator. He was senior partner in the firm of Higgins, Blodgett & Co., which conducted a number of grocery stores in central New York towns, and was owner of large tracts of timber land in Minnesota. In politics he was a life-long Democrat, but supported Benjamin Harrison for the presidency in 1888.

Mrs. Higgins was educated at Phipps Union Seminary, Albion, N. Y., and graduated, 1849; had many opportunities for travel and was a woman of unusual culture and attainments.

*Children born at Rushford, N. Y.*

- i. Clara Alzina, b. Sept. 6, 1854; educated at Mrs. Bryan's celebrated school at Batavia, N. Y., together with a three years' course at Berlin, Germany; married Oct. 17, 1877, Frank Sullivan Smith, son of William M. Smith, M.D., of Paterson, N. J., born Oct. 14, 1851, at Angelica, N. Y., residing there and in New York City.
938. ii. Frank Wayland, b. Aug. 18, 1856; married Kate C. Noble.
- iii. Edward Hapgood, b. Sept. 18, 1858; d. Jan. 13, 1859.

768. JOHNSON<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Hugh Johnson*<sup>7</sup>, *William*<sup>6</sup>, *Israel*<sup>5</sup>, *Israel*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Nov. 10, 1822; died May 23, 1892; married Jan. 4, 1842, Mary Scott, born Nov. 22, 1824; died Dec. 12, 1900; daughter of Jefferson and Cynthia (Kendall) Scott.

*Children.*

- i. Adelbert, b. Oct. 29, 1843; d. Feb. 18, 1851.
- ii. Alice Augusta, b. July 2, 1846; d. Feb. 18, 1908; married Dec. 8, 1864, Samuel S. Busby. Children: Mary Higgins, b. Oct. 22, 1866; married Frank R. Utter, Friendship, N. Y.; Julia Ella, b. Oct. 20, 1868; married Oct. 21, 1888, William C. Carter.
- iii. Ella Gertrude, b. May 25, 1850; d. April 22, 1910; married July 10, 1867, Cassius C. Lewis. Child: Agnes W., b. —; married Guy Wellman; residence, Buffalo, N. Y.

769. JAMES EMERY<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*William*<sup>7</sup>, *William*<sup>6</sup>, *Israel*<sup>5</sup>, *Israel*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Dec. 19, 1844, at Angelica, N. Y.; died Feb. 11, 1879, at Holland City, Mich.; married Jan. 1, 1870, Sarah Jane Potter of Otsego, Mich., born April 5, 1850; daughter of Josiah and Susan Jane (Carmen) Potter.

He was railroad agent and telegraph operator. The family belonged to the Methodist Church.

*Children.*

- i. Gertrude Jane, b. Sept. 26, 1871, at Otsego, Mich.; married July 18, 1900, Charles Fred Hunter at Traverse City, Mich.
- ii. William Josiah, b. Oct. 11, 1874; dentist at Traverse City, Mich.

770. GEORGE DERMOTT<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*William*<sup>7</sup>, *William*<sup>6</sup>, *Israel*<sup>5</sup>, *Israel*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Dec. 27, 1859; married 1888 at Plainwell, Mich., Isa Curtis of Ottawa, Ill.

*Children.*

- i. William Emery, b. 1900 at Otsego, Mich.
- ii. Laura Edna, b. — at Otsego, Mich.

771. FRANÇOIS WESLEY<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*François De Nogue*<sup>7</sup>, *James*<sup>6</sup>, *Sylvanus*<sup>5</sup>, *Israel*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born at Plymouth, Chenango County, N. Y., Feb. 7, 1857; died Dec. 18, 1903, at Cortland, N. Y.; married Nov. 26, 1879, Kittie Smith, born Sept. 4, 1860; daughter of Moses Gage and Polly (Doud) Smith of McGraw, N. Y.

He attended medical schools at Ann Arbor, Mich., and in New York City, and began the practice of medicine in 1881 at Truxton, N. Y. After five years he went to Chemung, N. Y., but early in 1887 he located permanently at Cortland, N. Y. He was active and studious, taking post-graduate courses in New York, Philadelphia, and in Europe. He was a member of the County Medical Society and prominent in Cortland and in the Methodist Episcopal Church there, also a Mason.

*Children.*

939. i. Reuben Paul, b. Sept. 27, 1880; married Mabel A. Brewer.
- ii. Max Smith, b. June 22, 1882; educated at Cornell, class of 1906; mechanical engineer; assistant secretary, Mesta Machine Co. of Pittsburgh, Penn.; residence, Hagerstown, Md., in 1916.
- iii. George Hendrick, b. July 8, 1886; married Celestia Harrison.
- iv. Winifred Amelia, b. March 17, 1890.

Authority: Betsey Collins (Higgins) Greenleaf, Ithaca, N. Y., 1901, sister of François De Nogue Higgins.

772. LOUIS JESSE<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*François De Nogue*<sup>7</sup>, *James*<sup>6</sup>, *Sylvanus*<sup>5</sup>, *Israel*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Jan. 10,

1859, at Poolville, Madison County, N. Y.; married Oct. 7, 1885, Carrie E. Kingman, born June 16, 1858; adopted daughter of Henry Kingman of Cincinnati, N. Y.

He resides at Cortland, N. Y., and is an artist.

*Children.*

940. i. Henry Kingman, b. July 13, 1888; married Ethel Leete.
- ii. Jessie Pamela, b. April 11, 1891.
- iii. Frances Maria, b. Dec. 3, 1892; d. Dec. 4, 1892.
- iv. Mary Ethel, b. Nov. 8, 1894.
- v. Lucy Hendrick, b. May 11, 1898; d. Feb. 2, 1901.
- vi. Eunice Louise, b. March 11, 1900.

773. WILLIAM EDWARD<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Alvin*<sup>7</sup>, *Jehiel*<sup>6</sup>, *Heman*<sup>5</sup>, *Israel*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born May 16, 1828, at Salina (now first ward of Syracuse), N. Y.; died Aug. 10, 1897, at Syracuse, N. Y.; married Aug. 25, 1861, at Syracuse, N. Y., Margaret E. Barrett.

He resided at Syracuse, N. Y.

*Children.*

- i. William James, b. March 19, 1864; unmarried; residence, Syracuse, N. Y.
- ii. Agnes, b. April 21, 1865; d. Nov. 17, 1890.
- iii. Jane Maria, b. Aug. 12, 1866; is now called Sister De Chautel, of St. Joseph's Order in Troy, N. Y.
- iv. Mary Elizabeth, b. April 12, 1869; residence, Syracuse, N. Y.
- v. Francis Eugene, b. Aug. 3, 1871; d. March 12, 1893.
- vi. Catherine Maud, b. Nov. 17, 1873; d. July 7, 1890.

774. GEORGE OSCAR<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Alvin*<sup>7</sup>, *Jehiel*<sup>6</sup>, *Heman*<sup>5</sup>, *Israel*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born June 9, 1831, in Salina, N. Y.; married Oct. 4, 1860, in Sacramento, Cal., Annie M. Stewart, born Jan. 23, 1842, in Allegany County, Md.

He resided near Salem, Ore., and was a farmer.

*Children.*

- i. Amos Henry, b. Sept. 15, 1861; d. June 5, 1885; unmarried.
- ii. Deborah Maria, b. Dec. 17, 1863; married Jan. 23, 1889, Philip Gilham.
- iii. Emma Minerva, b. Nov. 6, 1866.

- iv. Mary Elizabeth, b. Oct. 11, 1868; married Dec. 6, 1893, Oliver M. Jones.
- v. Fannie Carol, b. May 18, 1871.
- vi. Ida May, b. Jan. 1, 1874.
- vii. George Stewart, b. Oct. 14, 1877.

775. CHARLES HENRY<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Alvin<sup>7</sup>, Jehiel<sup>6</sup>, Heman<sup>5</sup>, Israel<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born Oct. 18, 1834; married (1) Dec. 14, 1871, Minerva Patterson; married (2) Jan. 27, 1904, Cora Bell Brennan.

Residence, Syracuse, N. Y. No children.

776. GILBERT<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Ethel<sup>7</sup>, Jehiel<sup>6</sup>, Heman<sup>5</sup>, Israel<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born Oct. 15, 1829, at Camden, N. Y.; married Sept. 29, 1857, at Newport, N. Y., Emily R. Stillman, born July 10, 1838; died May 26, 1904.

Gilbert Higgins resided at Newport, N. Y., and was a farmer.

*Children.*

- i. Herbert, b. June 11, 1861; d. June 22, 1861.
- ii. Minnie L., b. Aug. 25, 1862; married June 23, 1880, John Sherman.

777. WERTER CHAPIN<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Silas<sup>7</sup>, Sylvester<sup>6</sup>, Heman<sup>5</sup>, Israel<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born March 4, 1837; died April 21, 1910; married June 26, 1860, Grace Agnes Taintor, born Aug. 26, 1835, at Clinton, Conn.; died July 14, 1916, at Hudson, N. Y.; daughter of Henry and Ann Maria (Crane) Taintor.

Werter C. Higgins resided at Norwich, Conn., but removed to Boston in 1899. Before removing to Norwich, Conn., where he was in business for many years, he was in business in New York City.

Mrs. Grace (Taintor) Higgins graduated in 1855 from the famous school founded by Catherine Beecher at Hartford. She spent her life in helpfulness and unselfish devotion to her family, but retained her interest in current affairs to the very last. She died at the home of her daughter in Hudson, N. Y., where she spent her winters after the death of her husband, but was interred at Norwich, Conn.

*Children.*

- i. Ada Mary, b. Dec. 26, 1861; married Edward D. Griffin of Arlington, Mass.; residence, Amherst, N. H. Children: Allen Werter, b. Aug. 8, 1895; d. July 20, 1901; Faith, b. March 13, 1904.
- ii. Grace Taintor, b. Feb. 23, 1866; married Charles A. Van Deusen; residence, Hudson, N. Y. Children: Leslie Marshall, b. May 15, 1890; Donald Higgins, b. July 6, 1891; Charles Werter, b. June 20, 1899.
- iii. Susan Montgomery, b. May 23, 1868; married Frederick W. Lester; residence, Norwich, Conn. Children: Grace Taintor, b. Oct. 10, 1894; Mary, b. June 14, 1899.
941. iv. Henry Silas, b. June 7, 1870; married Lucy P. Warner.
942. v. Edwin Werter, b. July 2, 1874; married Alice May Neff.
943. vi. John Mitchell, b. Sept. 7, 1876; married Georgiana Gregory.

777A. HENRY CHARLES<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Charles Snow*<sup>7</sup>, *Bela*<sup>6</sup>, *Nehemiah*<sup>5</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born May 6, 1865, at Cincinnati, N. Y.; married Dec. 25, 1909, at Niagara Falls, Ontario, Henrietta Lillian Carroll, born Oct. 17, 1871, at Door Village, Ind.; daughter of Eli Pickett and Hannah Eliza (Higgins) Carroll.

Henry C. Higgins is an editor of a newspaper and resides at Uxbridge, Mass.

778. DAN<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*James*<sup>7</sup>, *Dan*<sup>6</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>5</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Sept. 7, 1847, at Benson, Vt.; died —; married Oct. 17, 1876, Elizabeth McLaughlin.

In 1882 he was living at Putnam, N. Y., and was a merchant. No information as to family.

779. DANIEL FRANK<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Chauncey*<sup>7</sup>, *Dan*<sup>6</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>5</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born May 2, 1849, at Du Page, Will County, Ill.; died March 25, 1909, at Joliet, Ill.; married May 4, 1881, Mary Brown, born June 6, 1857.

Daniel F. Higgins was a lawyer and resided at Joliet, Ill. He was interested in his Higgins ancestry, and in 1883 published a pamphlet of twelve pages, which he had compiled by the aid of Miss Sarah Higgins of Benson, Vt., and others, containing all he could learn of Samuel Higgins of Killingworth, Conn., and Castleboro, Vt., and his descendants. The entire contents of the pamphlet are included in this genealogy.



*Children.*

- i. Daniel Frank, b. Sept. 15, 1882; married June 6, 1910, Ethel Nichols Taylor.
- ii. Charles C., b. Dec. 11, 1883.
- iii. Helen Jane, b. March 17, 1885.
- iv. Marshall Fargo, b. Oct. 5, 1886.
- v. Max Brown, b. Feb. 8, 1889.
- vi. Mary Marguerite, b. Nov. 14, 1890.
- vii. Asa Broadwell Brown, b. April 3, 1893.
- viii. Alfred Nash, b. Feb. 29, 1896.

780. OLNEY E.<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Chauncey*<sup>7</sup>, *Dan*<sup>6</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>5</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born April 16, 1852, at Du Page, Will County, Ill.; died —; married March 18, 1876, Sarah Campbell, born May 19, 1854.

Residence, Du Page, Will County, Ill.

*Children.*

- i. Daisy, b. April 2, 1883.
- ii. Calin, b. June 6, 1886.

781. HORACE NOBLE<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Henry*<sup>7</sup>, *Dan*<sup>6</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>5</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born June 5, 1851, in Will County, Ill.; died —; married June 5, 1881, Belle McDonough.

Residence, Hays City, Kans.

*Children.*

- i. Harry L., b. March 4, 1882.
- ii. Clarence, b. Aug. 11, 1883.
- iii. Flora B., b. Dec. 27, 1885.
- iv. Florence D., b. Dec. 27, 1885 (twin).
- v. Clinton H., b. Oct. 31, 1887.
- vi. Ethel B., b. Nov. 20, 1889.
- vii. Frederick C., b. Oct. 17, 1891.
- viii. Mabel F., b. Nov. 23, 1893.
- ix. Everett Ray, b. June 29, 1897.
- x. Elva May, b. June 29, 1897 (twin).

782. EDSON J.<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Alphonso*<sup>7</sup>, *Dan*<sup>6</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>5</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born June 10, 1843; died Sept. 27, 1882; married Nov. 27, 1867, Mary Cook, born June 28, 1844.

Edson J. Higgins resided at Chalklevel, Mo.

*Children.*

944. i. Charles Edson, b. Aug. 24, 1868; married Docia Garnett.  
ii. Jennie E., b. Sept. 15, 1869; d. Aug. 15, 1870.  
iii. Howard A., b. July 29, 1873.  
iv. Arthur G., b. March 8, 1877.

783. GILBERT A.<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Alphonso*<sup>7</sup>, *Dan*<sup>6</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>5</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born July 2, 1849; married June 5, 1880, Louisa J. Frisbie, born Feb. 19, 1861.

Gilbert A. Higgins resided at Chalklevel, Mo.

*Children.*

- i. Almon J., b. Oct. 5, 1881.  
ii. John E., b. Dec. 16, 1882.  
iii. Dan T., b. Oct. 23, 1884.  
iv. Maggie M., b. Aug. 16, 1892.

784. DAVID E.<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Alphonso*<sup>7</sup>, *Dan*<sup>6</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>5</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Sept. 16, 1854; married Maggie Crammond.

David E. Higgins is a physician, and resides at Putnam, N. Y.

*Child.*

- i. Mary Ethel, b. Aug. 2, 1878.

785. GEORGE B.<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Alphonso*<sup>7</sup>, *Dan*<sup>6</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>5</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Sept. 14, 1862; married Sept. 10, 1885, Emma G. Daily.

George B. Higgins resided at Minneapolis, Minn.

*Children.*

- i. Roy L., b. July 21, 1886.  
ii. Emma A., b. Sept. 7, 1888.

786. GEORGE A.<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Alvarizo*<sup>7</sup>, *Dan*<sup>6</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>5</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Nov. 21, 1851, at Benson, Vt. (or Rutland, Vt.); married July 30, 1876, Helen Ward, born Sept. 26, 1860, in Forest, Wis.

George A. Higgins resided at Lamartine, Wis.

*Children.*

- i. George F., b. Aug. 24, 1877; d. May 17, 1881.  
ii. Martha H., b. Sept. 8, 1879.

- iii. Charles L., b. Oct. 8, 1881.
- iv. Laura E., b. May 30, 1884.
- v. Arthur A., b. Oct. 21, 1886.
- vi. Edward W., b. Jan. 15, 1889.
- vii. Hattie M., b. June 22, 1891.
- viii. Maudie M., b. Jan. 15, 1894.
- ix. Alice L., b. Sept. 9, 1897.

787. ROYCE EDWARD<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Alvarizo*<sup>7</sup>, *Dan*<sup>6</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>5</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Sept. 11, 1856; married Dec. 18, 1882, Mary Joanna Straub, born July 15, 1865, in Germany.

Royce Edward Higgins resides at Valley Falls, Kan.

*Children.*

- i. Dan, b. Oct. 15, 1883.
- ii. Leroy Edward, b. April 21, 1886.
- iii. Katie May, b. April 23, 1888.
- v. Louis Harold, b. Aug. 12, 1895.

788. SIMEON KNOWLES<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Simeon*<sup>7</sup>, *Asa*<sup>6</sup>, *Simeon*<sup>5</sup>, *Simeon*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born May 20, 1841; died in 1904; married (1) Oct. 23, 1860, Sophronia A. Newcomb, born in 1843; died March 28, 1865, aged 22; married (2) Idella —, born in 1849; died —.

Simeon K. Higgins resided all his life at Orleans, Mass.

*Child.*

- i. Paulina, b. June 11, 1862.

789. GEORGE WASHINGTON<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*George Washington*<sup>7</sup>, *Asa*<sup>6</sup>, *Simeon*<sup>5</sup>, *Simeon*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born April 21, 1829; died —; married (1) Oct. 27, 1853, Ruth G. Hurd, daughter of Gould and Melinda Hurd; married (2) Sarah Barker of Chicago, Ill.

He sailed at the age of fourteen in a vessel going round Cape Horn to Central America and California, chiefly after hides. He kept a log book of the voyage, which he preserved as one of his most treasured possessions. In 1903 one of the Chicago newspapers published an interview with Mr. Higgins in which the latter gave an account of his life and quoted from the old log book kept on his first voyage. The book shows that the vessel, *Leonesa E. Miller*, sailed June 26, 1843, from Liverpool, bound

for the western coast of South America, and after a stormy voyage of 115 days, made Realejo, on the west coast of Nicaragua.

“The captain’s name was Metcalf,” said Mr. Higgins, “and my son, Edward Metcalf Higgins, is named after him. An ordinary seaman’s pay then was \$11 a month. Mine was \$5, but on the next voyage they raised it to \$9. In parts it was a rough voyage and there was more of adventure and experience in it than of profit or enjoyment. Our experiences were about the same as those described in Dana’s ‘Two Years Before the Mast.’”

“We had a flogging on board too, like the one Dana describes. The second mate was reduced from his position for some offense or neglect and sent forward to the forecabin. That made him angry and that night he struck the captain. Next day he was seized up and the captain himself put it on with a rope’s end till the second mate’s back was covered with blood. It was a good flogging and the man well deserved it.

“On our return round the Horn we met with continuous gales and our bulwarks were stove in; but you’ll find all that kind of thing in Dana,—I like to read him. We had some fatalities, too. Here is the record of one: ‘Friday, May 30.—This day commenced with sending up a fore topgallant mast and a dear mast. The cabin boy fell from the topgallant mast and was instantly killed. At noon the next day his body was committed to the deep.’”

“Early in July, 1845,” continued Mr. Higgins, “we arrived in New York and I remember the first news we heard was that Gen. Jackson was dead. In 1849 I made a second voyage round the Horn. Twelve of us owned the brig *Achilles*, 120 tons. We were our own sailors and one of our number, an experienced salt named Crosby, was elected captain. We visited nearly every port from Cape Horn to the Columbia river. At that time I went to Portland, Ore., which then consisted of only one plastered house and some log cabins, and I was there when the first number of *The Oregonian* was published. I saw the Indians hanged that murdered the Whitcomb family in the summer of 1850. About then the steamer *Lot Whitcomb* was built on the Willamette river; it was considered at that time a great enterprise and achievement.

“From Portland I went in 1852 on horseback to the California mines. The country was full of Indians and there were only six of us in the party, but we got through all right. I spent that summer in Wyreka, Northern California, digging for gold. I still have some of the gold I got, but my luck was nothing extra at the diggings. The late Philip D. Armour was also there at the time, in hunt for fortune. I went back to Oregon and from there to China and was at Hongkong when the United States fleet under Perry was there in connection with making a treaty with Japan which would open the ports of that country to the world,—there being up to that time but one small Japanese port open, and only to the Dutch.”

In 1853 he returned to the United States and located at Chicago.

“When I came to Chicago,” said Mr. Higgins, “the board of trade was a small concern indeed. The initiation fee was \$5 and the annual fee \$5 and the directors gave us daily free lunch of crackers, cheese and ale to induce us to attend. In 1868 the late Benjamin Peters Hutchinson, once king of the pits, and myself were the first to build packing houses at the Union stockyards. Some of the old traders, such as Hancock, Culbertson and Blair, called us remarkable fools for doing such a thing, but the next year Bottsford followed our example and B. F. Murphy the year after. So we founded Packingtown.”

For fifty years Mr. Higgins was a member of the Chicago Board of Trade. In 1903 he was the chief living pioneer-builder of the vast and unequaled provision trade of Chicago. He was a man of great physical and mental power, extraordinary firmness, and indomitable will, tempered with kindness and a touch of humor.

*Children.*

- i. George Washington, b. —.
- ii. Edward Metcalf, b. —; member of the Chicago Board of Trade; residence, North Edgewater, near Chicago.

790. JOHN ADAMS<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*George Washington*<sup>7</sup>, *Asa*<sup>6</sup>, *Simeon*<sup>5</sup>, *Simeon*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born May 2, 1832; died —; married —.

John A. Higgins early went to sea. The vessel on which he was a sailor was wrecked on a reef off the Mauritian group of islands and every one on board was drowned but himself. The natives received him with kindness and hospitality and on the death of their native monarch they made Higgins their king. He married a native maiden and for many years lived happily in royal state under the palm trees. He at length fell in battle with a hostile tribe. His two sons were well educated and corresponded with their uncle, George W. Higgins of Chicago.

*Children.*

- i. Harry, b. —; lived in or near Mauritius.
- ii. John, b. —; married Carrie Sturgis, b. in or near Mauritius.

791. ROBERT BRUCE<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Robert*<sup>7</sup>, *Seth*<sup>6</sup>, *Nathan*<sup>5</sup>, *Simeon*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Oct. 23, 1838; died July, 1911; married Dec. 6, 1860, Elizabeth Rogers Higgins,



daughter of Solomon and Olive C. (Sparrow) Higgins, born Nov. 30, 1838; died March 30, 1900.

He resided at Orleans, Mass.

*Child.*

945. i. Seneca Dean, b. Oct. 8, 1861; married Mary Eliza Cross.

792. SETH<sup>s</sup> HIGGINS (*Seneca*<sup>7</sup>, *Seth*<sup>6</sup>, *Nathan*<sup>5</sup>, *Simeon*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born June 28, 1836; died Oct. 28, 1882, at Danvers, Mass.; married Dec. 15, 1859, Rebecca F. Rogers, daughter of Eleazer Rogers.

Seth Higgins was a mariner; residence, Orleans, Mass.

*Child.*

i. Mary F., b. May 16, 1862.

793. THOMAS<sup>s</sup> HIGGINS (*Seneca*<sup>7</sup>, *Seth*<sup>6</sup>, *Nathan*<sup>5</sup>, *Simeon*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Sept. 20, 1838; died at Orleans, March 18, 1914; married Nov. 15, 1865, Abbie G. Eldredge of Chatham, daughter of Gorham and Mary Eldredge.

He resided at Orleans; in the ice business in 1902.

*Children.*

i. Carrie E., b. June 27, 1867.

ii. Albert O., b. May 18, 1872.

iii. Bertha M., b. 1873; d. Nov. 27, 1896; unmarried.

946. iv. George T., b. 1875; married Sarah Y. Fulcher.

v. Edward, b. Oct. 20, 1878.

vi. Mary A., b. Aug. 25, 1880; d. April 22, 1881.

794. SENECA O.<sup>s</sup> HIGGINS (*Seneca*<sup>7</sup>, *Seth*<sup>6</sup>, *Nathan*<sup>5</sup>, *Simeon*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Nov. 23, 1840, in Orleans, Mass.; died March 18, 1868; married Nov. 15, 1866, Charlotte A. Higgins, born Oct. 8, 1840; died at Orleans Feb. 18, 1908; daughter of Solon and Almira Higgins.

Seneca O. Higgins resided at Orleans. No children. Mrs. Higgins married (2) James Craig.

795. JAMES<sup>s</sup> HIGGINS (*Simeon*<sup>7</sup>, *Reuben*<sup>6</sup>, *Philip*<sup>5</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Feb. 23, 1805, probably at Georgetown, Maine; died —; married Sept. 26, 1831, Mary Raiden of Georgetown, Maine.

James Higgins appears to have resided at Georgetown, Maine.

*Children born at Georgetown, Maine.*

- i. Bradstreet R., b. March 6, 1832.
- ii. Henrietta, b. June 17, 1834.
- iii. Sarah Margaret, b. Oct. 6, 1836.
- iv. Susannah, b. Jan. 24, 1839.
- v. Abby Ellen, b. May 7, 1841.
- vi. Ann Maria, b. Dec. 21, 1843.
- vii. Martha, b. Aug. 6, 1845.

796. FREDERICK STINSON<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Simeon*<sup>7</sup>, *Reuben*<sup>6</sup>, *Philip*<sup>5</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Aug. 12, 1809, at Georgetown, Maine; died —; married Dec. 15, 1833, Jane McKinney of Georgetown, Maine.

*Children born at Georgetown, Maine.*

947. i. George Clinton, b. Oct. 1, 1834; married Martha A. —.
- ii. Andrew McKinney, b. Feb. 25, 1836.
- iii. William Thomas, b. Jan. 17, 1838.
948. iv. Charles Madenson, b. Oct. 17, 1839; married Reinda —.
- v. Mary Margaret, b. Nov. 24, 1841; d. July 4, 1868.
- vi. Icena Ann, b. June 9, 1844; married Willis Higgins; resided at Provincetown and Nantucket.
- vii. Benjamin Franklin, b. June 25, 1846.
- viii. John P., b. Oct. 13, 1848.
- ix. Elbridge S., b. Sept. 16, 1850.
- x. Edwin S., b. April 2, 1853.
- xi. Sarah J., b. June 19, 1856.

797. WILLIAM H.<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Simeon*<sup>7</sup>, *Reuben*<sup>6</sup>, *Philip*<sup>5</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born May 13, 1817, at Georgetown, Maine; died there June 21, 1900; married April 25, 1842, Mary Ann Campbell of Georgetown, Maine, born —; died Aug. 19, 1898.

He is called of Woolwich at the time of his marriage.

*Children.*

- i. Helen Augusta, b. Feb. 12, 1843.
- ii. Frances L., b. Oct. 17, 1847.
- iii. Franklin S., b. Nov. 12, 1849; d. April 27, 1886, at Phippsburg, Maine; aged 36 years, 5 months.

798. SIMEON P.<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Simeon*<sup>7</sup>, *Reuben*<sup>6</sup>, *Philip*<sup>5</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born March 29, 1821, at Georgetown, Maine; died —; married Oct. 21, 1847, Mary E. Tarr.

*Child.*

i. Mary E., b. Sept. 14, 1851.

799. JOHN HENRY<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Reuben*<sup>7</sup>, *Reuben*<sup>6</sup>, *Philip*<sup>5</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Jan. 22, 1824, at Brunswick, Maine; died Aug. 7, 1897, at Sebec, Maine; married Susannah Cross of Barnard, Maine.

John H. Higgins resided at Barnard, Maine.

*Children born at Barnard, Maine.*

i. Laura, b. February, 1846; married Edwin Sturtevant of Dexter, Maine; had eight children.

ii. Amelia, b. July, 1847.

949. iii. Elisha, b. Dec. 31, 1848; married Susan Davis.

iv. Rachel Ann, b. July, 1850; married Elbridge Perkins of New Brunswick, Canada. Children: Bert Perkins, b. November, 1873; married Hattie Harriman of Searsport, Maine, and had Eunice, b. Nov. 8, 1905; Ethel, b. August, 1907, at Milo, Maine; E. Wellington, b. Nov. 16, 1908; Mabel Perkins, b. December, 1882; married Roscoe Nichols of Skowhegan, Maine, and had Audrey, b. October, 1907; Wilbur, b. September, 1911; Ada Perkins, b. April, 1886.

950. v. Charles Henry, b. April, 1853; married Clara Brown.

vi. Hannah Susan, b. August, 1856; married George Ryder of Methuen, Mass.; has two children.

vii. John Thompson, b. 1858; married Addie Wyman of Brownsville, Maine.

viii. Ella, b. 1860; d. 1865 at Barnard, Maine.

800. GEORGE HENRY<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Elisha Hopkins*<sup>7</sup>, *Reuben*<sup>6</sup>, *Philip*<sup>5</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Nov. 15, 1831, in Bath, Maine; died Sept. 6, 1911; married at Davenport, Iowa, Dec. 30, 1858, Mary Ann Swan, born March 13, 1831; died Feb. 22, 1892, at Chicago, Ill.

George H. Higgins resided at Wilmette, Ill., where he died. His life was uneventful.

*Child.*

i. Harriet Swan, b. Oct. 7, 1859; married May 20, 1902, Justin Luther Bray. She resides on a ranch near Albany, Ore.

801. WILLIAM STOREY<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Elisha Hopkins*<sup>7</sup>, *Reuben*<sup>6</sup>, *Philip*<sup>5</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Dec. 12, 1842, at Bath, Maine; married Nov. 19, 1874, Carrie L. Morse, born Nov. 3, 1848; daughter of Llewellyn J. and ——— Morse of Bangor, Maine.

William S. Higgins attended schools at Bath until he was seventeen years of age, and then like most Bath boys in those days went to sea. He commanded ships in the Pacific and India trade for twenty years, but for the past thirty-three years has been located in Bangor, Maine, in the lumber business. His son, Walter Storey Higgins, is associated with him.

*Children.*

- i. Louise Maria, b. on board ship in Peru, South America; residence, Brooklyn, N. Y.; married July 7, 1904, Dr. Harry R. Tarbox. Children: Elizabeth, b. July 8, 1905; Margaret, b. May 3, 1907; Walter Lemont, b. Sept. 17, 1912; Caroline, b. Jan. 19, 1915.
- ii. Walter Storey, b. Aug. 22, 1877; residence, Bangor, Maine; in the lumber business with his father; unmarried.

802. JEREMIAH<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Jeremiah*<sup>7</sup>, *Philip*<sup>6</sup>, *Philip*<sup>5</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born April 26, 1818 in Bowdoin or Bowdoinham, Maine; died May 16, 1858, aged 40 years; married (int. Aug. 27, 1841) Phœbe T. Sawyer, born about 1816; died Jan. 29, 1864, aged 48 years.

Jeremiah Higgins, Jr., lived in Lisbon, Maine.

*Child.*

- i. Mary E., b. May 25, 1849, in Lisbon, Maine; d. Feb. 20, 1885, at Somerville, Mass.; married M. M. Kelley.

803. DANIEL HORTON<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Jeremiah*<sup>7</sup>, *Philip*<sup>6</sup>, *Philip*<sup>5</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born April 18, 1824, at Lisbon, Maine; died Feb. 21, 1899; married Feb. 8, 1847, at Lisbon, Maine, Mahala Jones, born Sept. 27, 1826, at Webster, Maine; died Jan. 15, 1905.

*Children born at Lisbon, Maine.*

- i. Andrew C., b. Dec. 10, 1849; d. Oct. 22, 1882; married Nov. 23, 1876, Sarah E. Adams of Bowdoin, Maine; left son Herbert.
- ii. Eleona A., b. Nov. 18, 1851; married Sept. 17, 1873, Alpheus M. Brown of Bowdoin, Maine.

- iii. Dexter A., b. Oct. 10, 1853; married at Brunswick, Maine, Nov. 27, 1882, Clara Ellwell of Richmond, Maine.
- iv. Daniel H., b. June 16, 1859; married Dec. 12, 1888, Annetta Beal of Bowdoin, Maine.
- v. Eldora S., b. Oct. 16, 1861; married Nov. 1, 1888, George R. Andrews of Lisbon, Maine.

804. ELIJAH JONES DILL<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Thomas*<sup>7</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>6</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>5</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>4</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Sept. 7, 1821; died October, 1885; married Nov. 3, 1844, Margaret Harding.

Elijah J. D. Higgins resided at Wellfleet, Mass.

*Children.*

- i. Charles, b. —.
- ii. Mary E., b. Jan. 18, 1852.

805. BARNABAS COLE<sup>1</sup> HIGGINS (*Thomas*<sup>7</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>6</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>5</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>4</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born June 9, 1850; married May 15, 1872, Lydia Sophia Hopps, daughter of Eleazer and — (Maloney) Hopps.

Residence, Wellfleet, Mass. (?) No record of children.

806. NOAH SWETT<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Noah Swett*<sup>7</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>6</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>5</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>4</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born April 4, 1828; died Nov. 10, 1894; married April 16, 1851, Abigail Newcomb.

He resided at Wellfleet, Mass.

*Children.*

- 951. i. Byron E., b. Oct. 1, 1853; married Fredina Knowles.
- ii. Elizabeth D., b. Jan. 21, 1855; married June 12, 1883, Charles H. Dyer. Child: Cora Ashton, b. Nov. 4, 1889.
- iii. Alice Norton, b. May 3, 1859; married June 17, 1885, William W. Cobb. Children: Leila Shepherd, b. March 7, 1889; Horace Higgins, b. Aug. 13, 1891.
- 952. iv. John Henry, b. Feb. 26, 1863; married Ruth Wanamaker.
- 953. v. Frederick Alton, b. July 7, 1870; married Eunice Olive Snow.

807. ROBERT EMERY<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Noah Swett*<sup>7</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>6</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>5</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>4</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born March 5, 1835; married Jan. 14, 1857, Jerusha A. Atwood, born Aug. 21, 1836; daughter of Thomas Atwood.

He resided at Wellfleet, Mass.



*Children.*

954. i. Richard Freeman, b. May 8, 1859; married Julia A. King.
- ii. Nellie May, b. Feb. 10, 1864; married (1) Oct. 24, 1883, Randall D. Gardner of Cambridge; (2) Russell Gardner. No children in 1900.

808. RICHARD RICH<sup>s</sup> HIGGINS (*John Swett<sup>7</sup>, Thomas<sup>6</sup>, Thomas<sup>5</sup>, Thomas<sup>4</sup>, Thomas<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born Feb. 19, 1830; died at Boston, Mass., April 11, 1904; married (1) Jan. 19, 1849, Emma Gertrude Drake, daughter of Jonathan and Elizabeth Drake of Rye, N. H.; married (2) July 25, 1875, Katherine O. Hutchinson, daughter of Erastus and Sarah Hutchinson of Cambridge, Mass.

Richard R. Higgins first attended school at a little old building in Cambridge Street, Boston, afterward going to the Mayhew School. In 1845 he had two years at Truro Academy, then a leading educational institution. For a year or two afterwards he was clerk in a store in Washington Street, under the oldtime Marlboro Hotel. He then entered his father's business, established in 1828 as the pioneer in Boston in the oyster and lobster trade. The father dealt in oysters at wholesale. The business rapidly developed and the two sons, John S. and Richard R. Higgins, succeeded their father, who died in 1866. They had retail oyster houses, as well as their wholesale trade. "Higgins's" in Court Street has been a famous place as the earliest oyster house in the city, and more recently known as "The place where your grandfather dined." After the death of his brother, Mr. Higgins admitted his nephew, Alfred S. Higgins, to the business, which was henceforward wholesale only. Mr. Higgins was prominent in the Masonic order and a member of the Mount Vernon Congregational Church.

*Children.*

- i. Edward Rich, b. March 31, 1850; d. July 1, 1878, at Denver, Colo.
- ii. Emma Augusta, b. July 21, 1852; d. July 8, 1866.
- iii. Clarence Freeman, b. Jan. 22, 1856; d. July 7, 1877, at Griffin, Ga.
- iv. Alice Pierce, b. Feb. 3, 1858; married Dr. George A. Leland of Boston.
- v. Emma Gertrude, b. May 8, 1876; married June 9, 1903, John Dickson Graham, son of Rev. William Graham; residence, Cambridge, Mass. Child: Rebecca, b. March 16, 1904.

- vi. Caroline Bolles, b. Oct. 6, 1878; residence, Boston, Mass.
- vii. Ruth Freeman, b. Nov. 22, 1887; residence, Boston, Mass.
- viii. Rebecca Rich, b. Aug. 15, 1889; residence, Boston, Mass.

809. JOHN SWETT<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*John Swett*<sup>7</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>6</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>5</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>4</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Nov. 9, 1835, at Boston; died there June 1, 1880; married (1) Aug. 6, 1856, Lucetta Amanda Swan, daughter of Moses and Mary L. Swan; married (2) July 9, 1872, Susan A. Hayden, daughter of Loring and Mary C. Hayden.

John S. Higgins resided at Boston. He was in the oyster business in Boston many years, he and his brother Richard succeeding their father in 1866. They did an extensive wholesale and retail business, having plants at Norfolk, Va., Chesapeake Bay and Providence River and other places.

*Children.*

- 955. i. Alfred S., b. April 22, 1858, at Boston; married Myra I. Wilson.
- ii. Lillah Rich, b. March 22, 1861; married James W. Hidenberg.
- iii. Lulie Evelyn, b. April 15, 1873; married (1) June 4, 1897, Frank Sargent, son of George C. and Sarah E. Sargent; married (2) Sept. 4, 1902, Charles Baldwin Cushing, son of Louis Thomas and Mary Rebecca (Johnson) Cushing. Children: Ellen Virginia Sargent, b. Sept. 8, 1898, at Yokohama, Japan; Dorothy Madeline Cushing, b. Dec. 19, 1903, at Cohasset, Mass.; Helen Barbara Cushing, b. April 9, 1907, at South Braintree, Mass.
- 956. iv. Frederick Barlow, b. July 25, 1874, at Boston, Mass.; married Mary Green.
- v. Amy Swett, b. Jan. 3, 1878; married Allen Plackinaw; residence, Winchester, Mass.
- vi. John Swett, b. March 2, 1879; paymaster U. S. N., Washington, D. C.

810. SAMUEL<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Samuel*<sup>7</sup>, *Paine*<sup>6</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>5</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born April 3, 1817; died —; married (1) Joanna Pierce; married (2) Angelina B.

Samuel Higgins resided at Wellfleet, Mass.

*Children.*

- i. Cassius M. Clay, b. Aug. 22, 1847; married Anna Gillespie of South Boston, Mass.

- ii. Florence L., b. April 29, 1855.
- iii. Caroline Hortense, b. —.

811. LEMUEL NEWCOMB<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Samuel<sup>7</sup>, Paine<sup>6</sup>, Jonathan<sup>5</sup>, Thomas<sup>4</sup>, Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born April 12, 1823; died —; married Nov. 27, 1845, Eliza O. Newcomb. Lemuel N. Higgins resided at Wellfleet.

*Children.*

- i. Payne Warren, b. Feb. 18, 1847; d. young.
- ii. Charlotte Ann, b. July 7, 1849.
- iii. Mary Ellen, b. Oct. 18, 1851.
- 957. iv. Payne Warren, b. Dec. 30, 1858; married Carrie A. Hawes.
- v. Ellen Maria, b. July 15, 1861.

812. SOLOMON<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Barzilla<sup>7</sup>, Solomon<sup>6</sup>, Solomon<sup>5</sup>, Thomas<sup>4</sup>, Thomas<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born Jan. 1, 1824; died March 2, 1859; married Nov. 8, 1846, Betsey Cook, born —; died March 8, 1859, aged 35.

Solomon Higgins resided at Provincetown, Mass., and was a seaman. His will, dated Nov. 20, 1858, proved April 20, 1860, mentions wife Betsey, father Barzilla Higgins, mother Abigail Higgins, but mentions no children.

*Children.*

- i. Louisa S., b. Sept. 10, 1847.
- ii. Elizabeth, b. —; married Captain Case. Children: Abbie C. Case, b. —; married — Ricker; Lizzie Case, b. —; married Joseph Tabor.

813. BARZILLA FRANKLIN<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Barzilla<sup>7</sup>, Solomon<sup>6</sup>, Solomon<sup>5</sup>, Thomas<sup>4</sup>, Thomas<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born June 13, 1833; died Nov. 14, 1861, at Cape Haytien, Hayti; married Feb. 22, 1854, Lydia L. Brooks, daughter of Cyrenus C. Brooks; she survived him and married (2) July 4, 1869, Thomas Roberts.

He resided at Provincetown, Mass.; buried at Cape Haytien, Hayti.

*Children.*

- i. Frank B., b. July 6, 1856; married Aug. 13, 1887, Isabel Lewis of Lincoln, Neb.

- ii. Lizette A., b. June 11, 1860; married Mar. 4, 1888, Philip J. Mills of Lincoln, Neb. Child: Robland H., b. Mar. 10, 1890.

814. WILLIAM WRIGHT<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Allen*<sup>7</sup>, *Judah*<sup>6</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>5</sup>, *Paul*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born May 13, 1855, at West Brewster, Mass.; married Martha E. Hall, born May 27, 1854. Residence Pawtucket and Providence, R. I.

*Children.*

958. i. Robert Wright, b. July 18, 1874; married Ellen M. Pike.  
ii. Grace R., b. Jan. 16, 1876; d. Dec. 23, 1880.  
959. iii. Zeda A., b. March 17, 1878; married Anna M. Braman.  
iv. Lola E., b. July 21, 1882; married T. Peckham Tillinghast.  
v. William L., b. March 23, 1892.

815. ENOS OTTO<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Eli Small*<sup>7</sup>, *Judah*<sup>6</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>5</sup>, *Paul*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Oct. 28, 1853, in Orleans; died there Dec. 31, 1876; married Dec. 8, 1874, Hannah Augusta Taylor of Harwich, daughter of Hezekiah and Hannah Taylor.

Enos O. Higgins was a mariner; residence Orleans, Mass. His widow married (2) Feb. 2, 1879, Webster Rogers of Harwich, mariner. No children.

816. SPARROW<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Lot*<sup>7</sup>, *Lot*<sup>6</sup>, *Lot*<sup>5</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born April 18, 1846; married Dec. 19, 1871, Abbie S. Linnell, daughter of Solomon and Abigail (Smith) Linnell.

He resided at Orleans; living there 1916; merchant.

*Child.*

- i. Martha W., b. Feb. 22, 1877; d. Jan. 11, 1883.

817. ALGERNON SIDNEY<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Charles*<sup>7</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>6</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>5</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born March 6, 1834, at Bath, Maine; married Aug. 1, 1857, Sarah Maria Conklin, born —; died in 1897; daughter of Ezra and Jane A. (Brown) Conklin of Huntington, Long Island, N. Y.

Algernon S. Higgins was educated in the schools of Turner Village and graduated at the Lewiston Falls Academy. In 1854 he began teaching at Huntington, L. I., and has been in educational affairs all his life since. In 1864 he was called to



Portland, Maine, but remained there but one year. Going to Brooklyn, N. Y., he taught in School No. 29 for eight years; then the principalship of a larger school, School No. 9, becoming vacant, he was promoted to that position and held it for twelve years. He then resigned and became the advertising manager of a large firm in Broadway, New York, and remained with them for twelve years. During eight years of this time he was a member of the School Board and was instrumental in securing the passage of the Teachers' Retirement Act. In 1898 he retired from his connection with the firm and was elected Assistant Superintendent of the schools of Brooklyn. In this capacity he served until 1902, when, owing to the consolidation of Brooklyn into Greater New York, he was made one of the Board of Superintendents, having to do with the intellectual part of the school work. In the spring of 1906, still in good health and at his own request, he was placed on the retired list.

Mr. Higgins had original ideas in education and his first school at Huntington, N. Y., attracted much attention, the work being a forecast of the present manual training and agricultural high schools. In Brooklyn he introduced improvements in subjects and method which have since become a part of the work of all schools in New York City. He was one of the organizers of the Maine State Association of Teachers, and has since been a member of many such in State and Nation. He is high in the circles of Masonry and a member of the Montauk Club, and its secretary; also secretary of the Berkeley School for Girls in Brooklyn.

#### *Children.*

960. i. Algernon Sidney, b. —; married M. Ida Preston.  
 ii. Myra Burgess, b. —; married Frederick H. Baldwin; residence Brooklyn, N. Y. Children: Frederick Rhey Baldwin; Olive Natalie Baldwin.

818. ROYAL GRANT<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Royal Grant*<sup>7</sup>, *Israel*<sup>6</sup>, *Israel*<sup>5</sup>, *Zaccheus*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Sept. 11, 1867, at Bar Harbor, Maine; married Feb. 21, 1894, Katherine Grant Little of Philadelphia, Penn.; daughter of Thomas Little.

Royal Grant Higgins was educated at the public schools and at the East Maine Methodist Conference Seminary at Bucksport, where he graduated. He then entered the Hahnemann Medical College at Philadelphia, Penn. He began the practice of medicine at Princeton, Ind., where he remained ten years. He then



removed to Bar Harbor, his birthplace, where he has since been in general practice. In politics a Republican.

*Child.*

- i. Royal Grant, b. Feb. 11, 1895, at Princeton, Ind.

819. THOMAS ROGERS<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Solomon*<sup>7</sup>, *Solomon*<sup>6</sup>, *Solomon*<sup>5</sup>, *Solomon*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born March 17, 1841, at Orleans, Mass.; married Feb. 4, 1866, Abbie Amelia Sparrow, born July 3, 1846, daughter of Isaac P. and Lydia F. Sparrow.

Thomas Rogers Higgins followed the sea when young. He served nine months in the Civil War, 1862-3, as a private in Co. E, 43d Regt., Massachusetts Volunteer Militia. For years he was a fish dealer in Boston, but later returned to Orleans, where he is now farming and raising eggs. He lived for years on Dexter Street, Medford, but now divides his time between his home on Higgins Avenue, Medford, and his farm at East Orleans.

*Children born at Medford, Mass.*

- i. Hannah May, b. May 29, 1871; married, 1897, Samuel Stanley Thorp. Child: Charles Edward, b. July 7, 1898.
- ii. Jessie L., b. Oct. 13, 1890; d. July 19, 1891.

820. SOLOMON SPARROW<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Solomon*<sup>7</sup>, *Solomon*<sup>6</sup>, *Solomon*<sup>5</sup>, *Solomon*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born June 4, 1845, at Orleans, Mass.; died March 1, 1914; married (1) Jan. 15, 1866, Julia Louisa Nickerson, b. June 5, 1848, at Bangor, Maine; died May 3, 1914; married (2) Abbie Lakin.

Solomon S. Higgins followed the sea when young, sailing around the world when he was nineteen years of age, in the ship *Littleton*. He then engaged in the produce business in Boston. After disposing of this he became interested in real estate, and built many houses in Somerville and Medford. He was councilman for his ward in the city government of Somerville, Mass., in 1891-2. He served as a private for nine months in 1862-3 in Co. E, 43d Regt., Massachusetts Volunteer Militia. He delivered several Memorial Day addresses at Harwich and elsewhere. He was on the national staff of the G.A.R. for three years. He was a member of the Central Club, Somerville.

*Children born at Somerville, Mass.*

- i. Flora L., b. Feb. 26, 1867; d. July 15, 1869.
- ii. Frederick Walter, b. July 23, 1868; married Ola Brown.

- iii. Solomon, b. July 19, 1870; d. July, 1871.
- iv. Flora L., b. Aug. 1, 1873; d. Aug. 1, 1874.
- v. Helen Lakin, b. July, 1889; married January, 1912, Thornton Allen Snow of Somerville, Mass. Child: Elizabeth, b. May 30, 1914.

821. EDWARD PAYSON<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Solomon*<sup>7</sup>, *Solomon*<sup>6</sup>, *Solomon*<sup>5</sup>, *Solomon*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Oct. 29, 1847, at Orleans, Mass.; died Nov. 20, 1899, at Somerville, Mass.; married July 13, 1870, Sarah Elizabeth Nickerson of Harwich, Mass., born Nov. 19, 1849.

Edward P. Higgins was a produce dealer, with Boston as his place of business and Somerville as his residence. He was the first president of the Somerville Young Men's Christian Association, an office which he held for several years. He was a member of an orchestra, and active in musical and church affairs. In his will he bequeathed a residence to his church, the Perkins Street Baptist. No children.

822. JAMES ARTHUR<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Solomon*<sup>7</sup>, *Solomon*<sup>6</sup>, *Solomon*<sup>5</sup>, *Solomon*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born April 27, 1850; died Dec. 26, 1909, at Medford, Mass.; married July 4, 1872, Emily Mayo Rogers, born Aug. 31, 1852, daughter of Joel and Thankful Rogers.

James Arthur Higgins was for many years a farmer and produce dealer at Orleans. He then removed to Somerville, Mass., and conducted a produce business in Boston. Being obliged to give up active exercise because of heart trouble, during the last years of his life he engaged in the real estate business in Somerville and Medford.

*Children.*

- i. Arthur Albert, b. August, 1875; married (1) Rose Gross; (2) Clara Towers.
- ii. Lily, b. June 17, 1876; d. March, 1888.
- iii. Edward Payson, b. April, 1882; married Edith Frances Buck.
- iv. Emily D., b. April, 1884; married, 1902, —Mitchell. Child: Emily, b. 1903; d. 1904.
- v. Erving, b. January, 1892.

823. WEBSTER<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Solomon*<sup>7</sup>, *Solomon*<sup>6</sup>, *Solomon*<sup>5</sup>, *Solomon*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Dec. 7, 1852,

at Orleans, Mass.; died April 15, 1916; married (1) Jan. 25, 1874, Eleanor Hannah Goulden, born July 1, 1854; died Oct. 25, 1879; married (2) June 13, 1881, Amanda Josephine Parker, born Jan. 19, 1858.

Webster Higgins removed from Orleans to Somerville, where he had been engaged in various branches of the produce business. He belonged to the Fraternal Helpers, Ancient Order of United Workmen, Knights of Malta. In the last organization he was a member of the Board of Directors of the Building.

*Children.*

- i. Ernest W., b. Oct. 8, 1877; married Lottie May French.
- ii. Ruby Rebecca, b. Aug. 26, 1882; married Dec. 27, 1905, Gustavus Hall. Children: Hattie J., b. Dec. 20, 1906; Ruth Taska, b. Feb. 28, 1908; Edith Parker, b. April 18, 1910.
- iii. Hattie J., b. Oct. 1, 1884; d. Dec. 11, 1888.
- iv. Harrison Parker, b. Feb. 7, 1886.
- v. William Arthur, b. July 14, 1890; married Elizabeth May Barnaby.

824. JOSIAH AMBROSE<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Ambrose*<sup>7</sup>, *Josiah S.*<sup>6</sup>, *James Dean*<sup>5</sup>, *Solomon*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Nov. 14, 1875, at Norwich, Conn.; married at New London, Conn., Florence Phillips, born at New London, Conn., daughter of Frank and Lavina M. (Keeney) Phillips of New London, Conn.

Josiah A. Higgins resided in Hartford, Conn., in 1912, and was a salesman for G. Fox and Co. No children.

825. FREEMAN<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Lewis*<sup>7</sup>, *Prince*<sup>6</sup>, *Timothy*<sup>5</sup>, *Freeman*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Jan. 11, 1830, at Standish, Maine; died January, 1914, at Manchester, N. H.; married Dec. 25, 1856, Mary Dennett, born Oct. 1, 1832; daughter of Oliver and Eunice (Seward) Dennett.

Freeman Higgins was a marked example of the useful New England type of manhood who forged his own way upward until he became one of the best known men in his home city of Manchester and State Senator of New Hampshire, held in high esteem for his honorable career. He received his early schooling at Standish, Maine, and afterward attended Gorham Academy. He then learned the machinist's trade in Lowell and in 1852 was employed in the old Essex machine shop for five years, where

he received thorough instruction which was of incalculable benefit in his life work.

In 1857 in company with N. S. Bean he built, while in the employ of Aretas Blood, the first steam fire engine used in Boston. So doubtful were the Boston officials of the practicability of steam engines in extinguishing fires that the makers had to agree to run the engine for one year before payment was made. In 1858 he went to Boston to the Hinckley Locomotive Works, and after remaining there one year he removed to Manchester, N. H., where he was destined to remain for the remainder of his life.

In 1860 he entered the employ of the Amoskeag Company. This company had taken the contract to supply a large quantity of United States Government rifles and Mr. Higgins had the contract for making the locks, one of the most difficult parts to construct. He was so successful in this work that at the close of the Civil War he was promoted to the position of master mechanic, a position he held for nearly forty years, as superintendent of the mechanical department of the Amoskeag Company. On his retirement on June 30, 1898, in a gathering of officers and mechanics of the Company's shops, he was presented with a watch chain and masonic charm and sleeve buttons. At the presentation the closing words which expressed the appreciation of the givers and the character of Mr. Higgins were these: "It is no slight thing for a man to hold the position which you have occupied so long, increasing each year the esteem and confidence of those who knew him best; but this you have done and we wish to express our admiration of those qualities which have enabled you to accomplish it."

Mr. Higgins held several positions of responsibility and trust. He was president of the Merrimack River Savings Bank of Manchester, N. H., and a director of the First National Bank in the same city. He was a member of the Lafayette Lodge of Masons. In politics he was a staunch Republican. He was elected to the State Senate of 1892-3.

#### *Children.*

961. i. George Frederick, b. June 8, 1862; married (1) Mary P. Clark; (2) Ruth Allen.
962. ii. Frank Albert, b. Jan. 16, 1865; married Marion F. Lawrence.
- iii. Wilson Freeman, b. Feb. 6, 1867; married Annie Blanche Merrill, daughter of Henry C. Merrill.



825A. ORLANDO MELVIN<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Lewis*<sup>7</sup>, *Prince*<sup>6</sup>, *Timothy*<sup>5</sup>, *Freeman*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Aug. 22, 1831, in Standish, Maine; died May 31, 1894, at Worcester, Mass.; married (1) Amanda Abbott of Andover, Mass.; married (2) in December, 1892, Mrs. Martha (Spink) Allen of Worcester, Mass.

Orlando M. Higgins was a man of quiet disposition. He learned the carpenter's trade and followed it with ability until he was called to be foreman and instructor in pattern making in the carpentry department of the Washburn shops connected with the Worcester Polytechnic Institute. This position he held until his death. He was greatly respected by the students for his skill and patience. They gave him the familiar title "O. M." and considered him a personal friend.

Mrs. Amanda (Abbott) Higgins was considered by her friends and neighbors as the finest of housekeepers. For many years she was a semi-invalid and her patience in suffering was a lesson to all who came within her home. No children.

826. ELIJAH LEWIS<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Lewis*<sup>7</sup>, *Prince*<sup>6</sup>, *Timothy*<sup>5</sup>, *Freeman*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born June 23, 1833, at Standish, Maine; died Nov. 17, 1862, at Portland, Maine; married Clara Bickford, daughter of Asa and Cynthia (Stevens) Bickford.

Elijah Lewis Higgins went when he was eighteen years of age to Lawrence, Mass., and completed an apprenticeship of three years in the machinist's trade. He was then employed in the Amoskeag shops at Manchester, N. H. About this time he married and not long after accepted a position at Lynn, Mass., where his son, Charles Lewis, was born. From Lynn he moved to Boston, where he was in the employ of the Wheeler and Wilson Sewing Machine Company. He was well fitted for this work, as he was a skilled machinist. He was not strong, however, and finally removed with his family to Maine, where he engaged in the carriage manufacturing business. In 1862 he went to Portland with the intention of enlisting in the Union army as a private soldier. Meeting a manufacturer of guns, he changed his mind and began to make the guns. After only one month at this business he was taken ill with diphtheria and died when only twenty-nine years of age. Mrs. Higgins married (2) Joel Richardson and resides in Belgrade, Maine.



*Child.*

963. i. Charles Lewis, b. March 18, 1857; married Urania S. Kimball.

827. MERRILL WHITNEY<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Lewis*<sup>7</sup>, *Prince*<sup>6</sup>, *Timothy*<sup>5</sup>, *Freeman*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born July 11, 1837, at Standish, Maine; died Feb. 16, 1898, at Manchester, N. H.; married (1) Ella Cutting, born —; died March 4, 1876; daughter of Harvey and Kate (Harmon) Cutting of Freedom, N. H.; married (2) May 19, 1879, Myra Parker, born June 24, 1845; daughter of John M. and Louisa (Worcester) Parker of Gorham, Maine.

At the age of twenty Merrill Whitney Higgins left home and went to Lawrence, Mass., whither his brother Freeman had preceded him, and learned the machinist's trade. While there he saw the Pemberton Mills fall to the ground. This made a great impression upon him and he frequently told the story of the event. In 1860 he removed to Manchester, N. H., and was employed in the Amoskeag machine shops. Later he was employed by Aretas Blood in the manufacture of the first steam fire engines. During the Civil War he took contracts for the manufacture of the locks of the guns used in the war.

Politically he was a strong Republican, a member of the Mechanics Lodge of the I. O. O. F., and of the James E. Shepard Colony of the Pilgrim Colony. He attended the Congregational Church.

He aided his father in buying the farm at White Rock, Maine, and for years his main interest was in supplying his father and mother with comforts and luxuries. When they became too old to be left on the farm alone, he took them to his own home in Manchester, N. H., and they resided with him during the remainder of their lives.

*Child.*

963A. i. Arthur Parker, b. Aug. 5, 1880; married Bertha P. Dunton.

827A. ARAVESTA E.<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Lewis*<sup>7</sup>, *Prince*<sup>6</sup>, *Timothy*<sup>5</sup>, *Freeman*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born April 10, 1840, at Standish, Maine; died there Oct. 3, 1906; married Aug. 9, 1862, James Gorham Sturgis, born May 23, 1837, at Standish, Maine; died Oct. 16, 1889; son of William and Joan Sturgis.

Aravesta Higgins lived at Standish, Maine, where her husband was for some years a physician. He served as a physician in the Civil War and at its close resumed practice in Manchester, N. H.

Mrs. Sturgis's twin sister, Amanda Higgins, never married, but resided with her sister Aravesta in Standish, Maine, and in Manchester, N. H. A more faithful, devoted sister never lived and much credit is due to her for her assistance in rearing her sister's family.

#### *Children.*

- i. Edmund Melvin Sturgis, b. Jan. 19, 1866; married Nov. 26, 1908, Florence Mae Henderson, daughter of William and Louise Gillis (Cannon) Henderson and had Priscilla Louise, b. March 26, 1910, and Lorraine Vesta, b. July 21, 1912.
- ii. Susan B. Sturgis, b. April 16, 1871; married Nov. 22, 1898, Sidney E. Taylor, son of William H. and Jeanette E. (Adsit) Taylor and had Sturgis Spaulding Taylor, b. April 25, 1900, Philip Eugene Taylor, b. June 1, 1901, Edmund Goodier Taylor, b. Nov. 26, 1903 (all born at Springfield, Mass.).
- iii. Grace May Sturgis, b. Oct. 9, 1875; married William Rollins McFarland, b. May 23, 1875, and had William Rollins McFarland, b. Dec. 3, 1912, Elizabeth Sturgis McFarland, b. June 5, 1914, and Jean Aurelia McFarland, b. Nov. 30, 1916.

828. MILTON PRINCE<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Lewis*<sup>7</sup>, *Prince*<sup>6</sup>, *Timothy*<sup>5</sup>, *Freeman*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>); born Dec. 7, 1842, at Standish, Maine; died March 8, 1912, at Worcester, Mass.; married June 15, 1870, Katharine Elizabeth Chapin, born Dec. 11, 1847, at Manchester, N. H.; daughter of Aldus Manutius and Catherine Fisher (Sawin) Chapin and a lineal descendant of Deacon Samuel Chapin, one of the founders of Springfield, Mass.

Milton Prince Higgins attended the public schools in Standish and prepared for college at the academy at Gorham, Maine. He entered Dartmouth College, from which he graduated in 1868. His student life was interrupted by the necessity of earning money for his tuition and expenses. He inherited from his father and grandfather their mental and bodily strength and their mechanical ability to a marked degree. Following the lead of this mechanical bent, he took for three years the apprentices' training in the Amoskeag Manufacturing Company's shops at Manchester, N. H., and afterward continued with that concern for a time, acquiring

invaluable practical experience that fitted him admirably for the work of instruction and laid a foundation for his subsequent career.

In 1868 Mr. Higgins came to Worcester to take charge of the Washburn shops of the Worcester Polytechnic Institute, but as the buildings were not then ready, he was occupied from August of that year until the following January as draughtsman and mechanical engineer for the Washburn and Moen Manufacturing Company. As superintendent he co-operated with Ichabod Washburn, the founder of the shops, in planning, building, and operation. Being in full sympathy with the purpose of Mr. Washburn and well equipped by natural gifts and training, he proved a most valuable man for the position of superintendent and from the beginning demonstrated the value and importance of the shops in technical education. He not only gave to the students practical experience in machine shop but actually made the shops a source of profit to the institution. In this field of education he was a pioneer and his methods were adopted in industrial training throughout the country. The graduates of the Institute, equipped with the training of the Washburn shops under his skillful and practical management, found their places early in the world of business and industry, and their efficiency as mechanical engineers gave the Institute a reputation second to none.

The manufacture of a hydraulic elevator, designed by Mr. Higgins, proved the chief source of revenue for the shops and in the course of time the elevator business became so large that the trustees considered it as too extensive for an educational institution and decided to sell it. Though Mr. Higgins was opposed to the sale of the elevator business, when the decision of the trustees was made, he became the purchaser and continued the business under the name of the Plunger Elevator Company, a corporation organized in 1896 with a capital of \$50,000. It soon became one of the substantial and prosperous industries of the city, occupying an extensive plant at Greendale, a suburb of Worcester, Mass. Mr. Higgins was president of the company until the business was finally sold to the Otis Elevator Company. Prof. George I. Alden, who was also of the faculty at the Institute, was a partner of Mr. Higgins in the purchase, organization, and development of the elevator business and was treasurer of the company.

Mr. Higgins was also the organizer of the Norton Emery Wheel Company, which has had a phenomenal growth and

prosperity. It was an outgrowth of a department of F. B. Norton's pottery plant in Worcester and was purchased by Mr. Higgins and Mr. Alden and incorporated in 1885. Subsequently they formed the Norton Grinding Company, manufacturers of grinding machinery. Both plants were located at Greendale near Barber's Crossing, Worcester, Mass. In 1893 the business of the Grant Corundum Wheel Manufacturing Company of Chester, Mass., was purchased by the Norton Emery Wheel Company and subsequently a large plant was erected at Niagara Falls, operated by electric power, manufacturing the newly invented abrasive, Alundum, for making grinding wheels. Branches were established also at Wesseling, Germany, and at Chippewa, Canada. Much of the machinery manufactured by these companies was designed by Mr. Higgins. Mr. Higgins remained at the head of these industries to the end of his life. He was also for many years president of the Worcester Pressed Steel Company, of which he was the principal founder; president of the Sanford Riley Stoker Company of Worcester and a director of the Mechanics National Bank, Worcester, Mass.

For forty-four years he was superintendent of the Washburn shops and after he resigned he was made a trustee of the Worcester Polytechnic Institute and no man contributed more to the development and success of that institution. His interest in manual training, technical education, and vocational schools did not cease when he became engaged in manufacturing. Though he carried a heavy load of responsibility, he was in later years even more active in the promotion and encouragement of schools for teaching trades and was the originator of the independent trade school system in this country. From 1899 until he died he devoted all of his influence and ability in forwarding the movement. At the meeting of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers in New York in 1899 he spoke on "The Education of Machinists, Foremen, and Mechanical Engineers." The discussion of the ideas presented in this address was so animated and the interest aroused so general that he was requested to speak on the same subject at the next meeting of the society. He consented and both of these epoch-making addresses were published in the proceedings of the society. At every opportunity and in all parts of the country he spoke on the same subject and on kindred topics. In January, 1904, he made a notable address before the Providence Associations of Mechanical Engineers on "Half-time Trade School for the Education of Boys" and his ideas were favorably



received by many educators and commended by many newspapers and other periodicals. Another important speech was delivered April 24, 1905, before the Worcester Congregational Club on "The Relations of Trade Schools to Industrial Education." In the same year he gave an address in Boston on "The Promotion of Industrial Drawing" and another at the convention of the National Teachers' Association on "Industrial Education from the Standpoint of the Manufacturer." He was the speaker at the commencement exercises of the Newark Technical School at Newark, N. J., May 15, 1905, and he founded the practical department of the Atlanta School of Technology and aided in the organization of the Miller Manual Labor School in Virginia.

Governor Douglas appointed Mr. Higgins chairman of the Worcester commission to act with the State commission on industrial education and in 1908 he had the satisfaction of seeing the practical application of his ideas in the magnificent trade school erected in Armory Square, Worcester, and subsequently in the Girls' Trade School in the same city. Both these institutions have been exceedingly useful and practical, carrying out their purposes admirably. A fitting memorial to Mr. Higgins was erected in the Boys' Trade School a few years after his death.

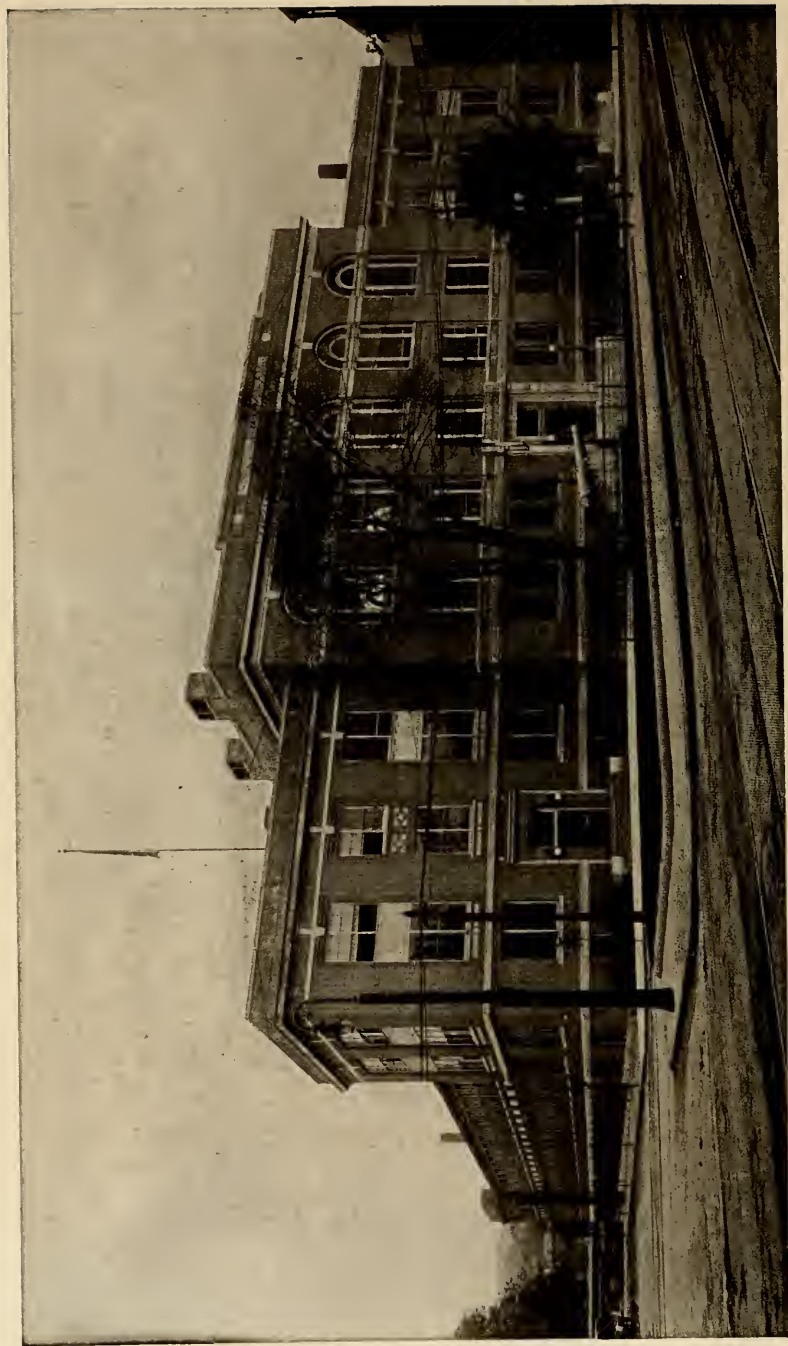
Mr. Higgins was vice-president of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers in 1901, 1902, and 1903. In politics he was a Republican. He was a faithful member of Piedmont Congregational Church for many years. He was a member of the Worcester Club.

In an article entitled "*Milton P. Higgins, an Appreciation*," Herbert N. Davison, secretary of the Worcester Board of Trade, wrote:—

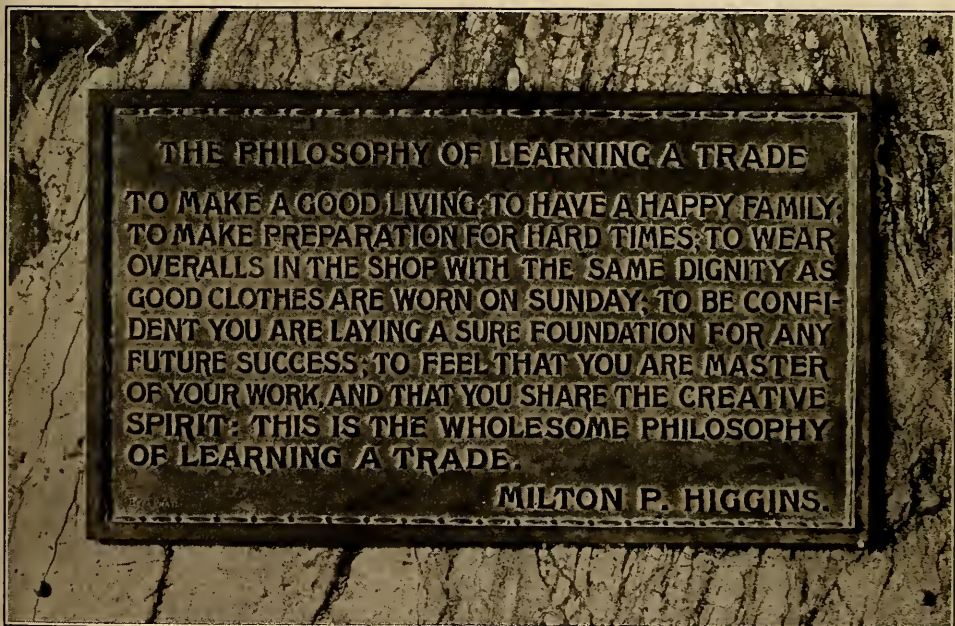
"Mr. Higgins belonged to a comparatively small group of men, unusual men of great brain, indefatigable industry, unselfish purpose, and pronounced determination, who are responsible for the Worcester of to-day. These men came from many walks of life and were peculiarly fitted for the job they set themselves to do, the building here of a community that should be thoroughly democratic and truly individualistic. . . . No pent-up Utica contracted his powers. Other men believed in him, but from boyhood he believed in himself more intensely than anybody else possibly could. He discovered in himself the germs of leadership. As he went on from boyhood to youth and from youth to manhood and from manhood to old age, doing the things that other men said could not be done, it is not strange that his character took on some of that iron determination and force that made







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Luther and Calvin and Napoleon and Cromwell the leaders that they proved. . . . Mr. Higgins personified in an unusual way the genius of teaching. He was an educationalist all his days; not in that constricted sense in which the term is ordinarily employed, but in that wider and more luminous sense in which we find classified such men as Horace Mann and William Penn, both of them commonwealth builders and revolutionaries of the best type. . . . He saw earlier than most men the failure of our great technical schools to reach the masses, and once convinced of that fact, he entered upon the task of revolutionizing our school system so that it should provide technical training for the poor boy, as if the job was child's play. The last thirteen years of his life were chiefly given over to preaching the gospel of technical training for that great mass of boys and girls coming out of the middle class families of America, on whom the future of the Republic rests.

"When he entered upon this task in 1899, he was absolute pioneer in the field—an Ishmael, if you will, with his hand raised against every man, and every man's hand raised against him. The apprenticeship system, thanks largely to the closed shop, had practically come to a standstill. No more apprentices were being received in many industries, and the competition between employers for labor resulted in practices far from laudable. Furthermore, the boys and girls were growing up in idleness or else, far worse, were being taught in the schools to despise the honest industry by which their fathers earned their bread. Mr. Higgins revolutionized all that. He gave labor a new dignity by incorporating it in the public school system, and he taught the young themselves that the boy who mastered a lathe or a planer or a drill, a carpenter's saw or a draughtsman's rule, was of just as much account in the world as the man who studied Greek or Latin and mastered them. . . . Furthermore, two of the most practical trade schools in this country were set up under his supervision and he not only launched them, but helped shape their course for many years to come. Thanks to him, the poor boy can now secure in practically every state in the union the rudiments of a good trade, and the shops of America are again filling up with competent youth, well educated, enthusiastic, and reliable.

"He saw to it also that the girls had equal privileges thrown open to them. He believed that they had quite as keen an interest in perfecting themselves for their life work as their brothers and in writing for the annual convention of the Manufacturers Association he insisted that Home Economics should take its place as one of the trades and that the time for a woman to learn to bake and brew and sew and sweep was before she married instead of afterwards. Unlike most reformers, he had the profound satisfaction in his own day, after contending for years with the colleges, the labor agitators, the schools and the employers, of having them one and all confess that his theories were correct and of seeing them put into practice."



Katharine Elizabeth Chapin, wife of Milton Prince Higgins, has a national reputation gained in her campaign for enlisting the parents of the Nation in the support and assistance of the teachers, as well as aiding the mothers by conference and advice in the training of their children. She was one of the pioneers in the movement to bring both the teacher and the parent into an organization known as the National Congress of Mothers and Parent-Teacher Associations, to increase the efficiency of the public schools. She has made innumerable addresses to mothers and teachers in all parts of the country and organized hundreds of branches of this organization in the public schools. She is president of the Congress of Mothers and Parent-Teachers of Massachusetts and vice-president of the National Congress of Mothers and Parent-Teacher Associations, and is now devoting most of her time to the promotion of this important work.

Mrs. Higgins has been for many years active in religious and charitable organizations. For a long time she was president of the primary and intermediate Sunday School Union in Worcester, Mass., and superintendent of the intermediate department of the Sunday school of Piedmont Congregational Church, Worcester, Mass., and she is now superintendent of the junior department of the Sunday school. She has had charge of the children's exercises at various state conventions of the International Sunday School Association in Massachusetts.

Mrs. Higgins is a graduate of Abbott Academy, Andover, Mass. She is a member of the Worcester Woman's Club and has been chairman of its educational committee. She was also active in the Woman's Auxiliary of the Young Men's Christian Association in years past, and has been chairman of the committee on Boys' Work. She was formerly regent of the Colonel Timothy Bigelow Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, and state historian and national chairman of Massachusetts for the Conservation of Women and Children. She is keenly interested in American history and genealogy and has compiled the records of various families in which she is interested. She is also the compiler and publisher of this Genealogy of the Higgins Family in America.

#### *Children.*

964. i. Aldus Chapin, b. Dec. 7, 1872; married (1) Edgenie G. Brosius; (2) Mary Sprague Green.
965. ii. John Woodman, b. Sept. 1, 1874; married Clara L. Carter.

- iii. Katharine Elizabeth, b. Aug. 6, 1878; married April 26, 1904, at Worcester, Mass. Robert Sanford Riley, son of Robert Thomas and Harriet (Murgatroyd) Riley, and resides at Worcester, Mass. Mrs. Riley is prominent in the Young Women's Christian Association and the Travelers Aid Association of Worcester. Children: Robert Sanford, b. April 2, 1906; Katharine Elizabeth, b. Aug. 19, 1907; Chapin, b. Jan. 4, 1909; Conrad Milton, b. Aug. 10, 1913.
- iv. Olive Chapin, b. Jan. 7, 1882; married June 12, 1907, Lewis Isaac Prouty, b. Jan. 10, 1872; son of Charles N. and Jane Azubah (Richardson) Prouty; graduate of Harvard University, 1894; member of the firm of Isaac Prouty & Co., shoe manufacturers, but at present (1917) treasurer of the Carr Fastener Company of Cambridge, Mass. Mrs. Prouty graduated from Smith College in 1904 and she is the author of "Bobbie, General Manager," "The Fifth Wheel," and numerous short stories. Residence, Brookline, Mass. Children: Jane Chapin, b. Oct. 20, 1909; Richard, b. Nov. 20, 1912; Anne Olivia, b. Aug. 5, 1917; d. Aug. 6, 1917.

829. EDMUND FESSENDEN<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Lewis*<sup>7</sup>, *Prince*<sup>6</sup>, *Timothy*<sup>5</sup>, *Freeman*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born March 13, 1847; married Oct. 7, 1879, Martha Safford, born Sept. 30, 1854, at Dunbarton, N. H.; daughter of Nathaniel and Eunice (Carter) Safford of Dunbarton and Manchester, N. H.

Edmund F. Higgins resides at Manchester, N. H., where he is treasurer and manager of the Manchester Supply Company, the largest dealers in plumbers' material in the state of New Hampshire.

*Children.*

- i. Paul Safford, b. —.
966. ii. Edmund Safford, b. Aug. 5, 1885; married Margaret L. Kelley.
- iii. Eunice Spaulding, b. June 28, 1887.
- iv. Ruth Whitney, b. June 2, 1891; graduate of Smith College, 1916.

830. HADLEY FOSTER<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Lewis*<sup>7</sup>, *Prince*<sup>6</sup>, *Timothy*<sup>5</sup>, *Freeman*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born July 28, 1849, at Standish, Maine; died April 16, 1917, at Woburn, Mass.; married (1) April 26, 1899, Myrta Jones, daughter of William Augustus and Harriet Jane (Cheney) Jones of Lyndeborough, N. H.; married (2) Dec. 27, 1916, Margaret E. Hearn.

Hadley F. Higgins was the youngest member of the family of eight boys and three girls and he inherited his father's indomitable spirit. He took the regular apprenticeship course at the Amoskeag Manufacturing Company's machine shops at Manchester, N. H. Afterwards in company with his brother Edmund he became one of the proprietors of the largest furniture and crockery store in Manchester. Later he superintended the installation of Plunger elevators built by the Washburn shops at Worcester, Mass. Still later he purchased a farm at Woburn, Mass., and resided there. He was a charter member of the Woburn Grange, was its first overseer, then served two years as lecturer and followed with three years as Master. He was a bulwark of strength in the Woburn Grange and he entered into the work with his whole heart. He not only placed a large part of his land at the disposal of those wishing to use it for gardens, but he even offered to plow it and put it in readiness for use besides advising and assisting in its cultivation. It was while so engaged in the field that he was stricken without a moment's warning and his life work was done. Enthusiasm was one of his marked characteristics and this made him a leader of great capability and his genial, friendly nature surrounded him with a host of friends. No children.

831. HENRY HARRISON<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Chesley*<sup>7</sup>, *Prince*<sup>6</sup>, *Timothy*<sup>5</sup>, *Freeman*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Sept. 28, 1840; married (1) May 25, 1864, Melinda Small; married (2) Oct. 20, 1867, Henrietta Harmon Prescott, born July 11, 1851; daughter of Tracy H. and Anne (Harmon) Prescott.

He resided in Portland, Maine, and was a blacksmith by trade.

*Children.*

- i. Hattie, b. Jan. 31, 1865; married Arthur Hutchins; residence in Watertown.
- ii. Melinda Small, b. April 4, 1872; d. young.
- iii. Helena Brown, b. April 4, 1872; d. young.
- iv. Harry Allison, b. April 2, 1875; married May 5, 1900, Lena May Clark, daughter of Leander M. and Mary Chandler Clark; residence at Kenosha, Wis.
- v. Clifford Brown, b. May 15, 1889.

832. DANIEL PRINCE<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Chesley*<sup>7</sup>, *Prince*<sup>6</sup>, *Timothy*<sup>5</sup>, *Freeman*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born July 16,

1844; married Nov. 25, 1868, in Westbrook, Maine, Fannie L. Prescott, born Mar. 28, 1847, in Portland, Maine; daughter of Tracy H. and Anne (Harmon) Prescott.

He resided in Kingston, Maine, in 1899.

*Children.*

- i. Fred Harrison, b. Sept. 3, 1869; d. young.
- ii. Annie Southworth, b. April 17, 1871; d. young.
- iii. Hattie Adelaide, b. Aug. 20, 1872; married December, 1893, John E. Thompson; residence, Portland, Maine.
- iv. Fred H., b. Feb. 28, 1877; d. young.
- v. Henrietta May, b. Feb. 26, 1879; married George N. Drew. Children: Ora Madeline, b. March 2, 1898; Anna Lawrence, b. Sept. 29, 1899; Arline, b. 1900.
- vi. Shirley Harmon, b. Feb. 23, 1881.
- vii. Harland Ray, b. June 14, 1884, in Deering.

833. GEORGE<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Chesley*<sup>7</sup>, *Prince*<sup>6</sup>, *Timothy*<sup>5</sup>, *Freeman*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Oct. 9, 1859; died 1913; married Emily Collier.

He resided in Charlestown (Boston), Mass.

*Children.*

- i. Herbert M., b. September, 1885.
- ii. Eleanor, b. about 1887.
- iii. Bertha, b. about 1893.

834. JAMES<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Timothy*<sup>7</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>6</sup>, *Timothy*<sup>5</sup>, *Freeman*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born June 11, 1838; died August, 1885; married Caroline Gookins, daughter of Thomas and Jane (Batchelder) Gookins.

He resided in Maine.

*Children.*

- i. Infant, b. —; d. —.
- ii. Anne, b. May 25, 1869; married Charles Nichols. Children: Edgar Leon, b. Nov. 10, 1895; son, b. Dec. 3, 1898.
- iii. Jennie, b. —; married George Taylor; residence in Philadelphia, Penn.
- iv. Hattie, b. about 1872; residence at Old Orchard, Maine, in 1899.
- v. Leon, b. Jan. 6, —; d. May, 1896.
- vi. Mabel, b. Feb. 20, 1878.
- vii. Martha, b. Feb. 20, 1878; married January, 1899; —; has one child.



835. SUMNER C<sup>8</sup>. HIGGINS (*Winslow*<sup>7</sup>, *Timothy*<sup>6</sup>, *Timothy*<sup>5</sup>, *Freeman*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Nov. 24, 1843; married Jennie Ayer.

He resided in Cambridgeport and is a steam fitter by trade.

*Children.*

- i. Frank b. —; married —.
- ii. Mabel, b. —; married in 1899.
- iii. Fred W., b. —.

836. JONATHAN B<sup>8</sup>. HIGGINS (*John*<sup>7</sup>, *Judiah*<sup>6</sup>, *Judiah*<sup>5</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>4</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Oct. 27, 1837; died —; married March 19, 1859, Maria Mattison, daughter of Asher and Mary A. (Trimmer) Mattison.

*Children.*

- i. Mary Quick, b. Jan. 6, 1860; d. May 21, 1860.
967. ii. Washington Irving, b. Jan. 30, 1861; married Lillian M. Stringer.
- iii. Susan S., b. Sept. 13, 1862; married Nov. 13, 1883, Joseph C. S. Labaw, son of Francis Marion and Sarah (Sutphen) Labaw. Children: Sarah S., b. Sept. 13, 1885; LeRoy H., b. March 17, 1888 (married Oct. 6, 1910, Edna P. Van Nuys); Francis M., b. Sept. 3, 1895; Anna M., b. Feb. 11, 1899.
- iv. Zadella Q., b. Nov. 23, 1866; married Nov. 13, 1889, Jacob Reger, son of John F. and Lucretia (Van Nest) Reger. Child: J. Britton Reger, b. Jan. 28, 1893.
968. v. John M., b. Aug. 21, 1868; married Martha Mason.
- vi. William B., b. Aug. 26, 1870; d. Aug. 24, 1871.
- vii. Mary M., b. Jan. 8, 1873; d. April 1, 1874.
- viii. Bessie M., b. April 15, 1876; d. May 11, 1877.
969. ix. Jacob C. W., b. Sept. 24, 1879; married Ida May Hamann.

837. JUDIAH QUICK<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*John*<sup>7</sup>, *Judiah*<sup>6</sup>, *Judiah*<sup>5</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>4</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born April 20, 1843; died Aug. 18, 1908; married May 12, 1867, Cornelia Dalley, born Feb. 15, 1842; died Jan. 31, 1911; daughter of Josiah Quimby and Catherine (Van Zandt) Dalley.

*Child.*

970. i. Barzillai R., b. April 10, 1868; married Ida Cole.



838. JOSEPH H. S.<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*John*<sup>7</sup>, *Judiah*<sup>6</sup>, *Judiah*<sup>5</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>4</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born June 22, 1850; married Dec. 30, 1871, Elizabeth Dalley, born —; died Jan. 31, 1912; daughter of Nicholas and Catherine (De Mott) Dalley.

*Children.*

971. i. Arthur D., b. Oct. 13, 1875; married Ella Runyon.
- ii. George H., b. Oct. 4, 1877; d. Aug. 9, 1878.

839. JESSE<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*William Bishop*<sup>7</sup>, *Jonathan J.*<sup>6</sup>, *Judiah*<sup>5</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>4</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Aug. 15, 1836; died May 4, 1873; married Martha Stryker.

*Children.*

- i. Randolph; living May 20, 1869.
- ii. Annie, b. —; living May 20, 1869.

840. GEORGE COLE<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*William Bishop*<sup>7</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>6</sup>, *Judiah*<sup>5</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>4</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born April 2, 1838; died —; married (1) Sarah Brokaw; married (2) Jan. 15, 1873, Mary A. Marsh.

841. JONATHAN<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*William Bishop*<sup>7</sup>, *Jonathan J.*<sup>6</sup>, *Judiah*<sup>5</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>4</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Jan. 12, 1840; married Matilda Kiple.

842. JACOB VORHEES<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*William Bishop*<sup>7</sup>, *Jonathan J.*<sup>6</sup>, *Judiah*<sup>5</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>4</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born December 2, 1841; married (1) Jan. 14, 1868, Kate Dumont Oakey, born about 1848; died Feb. 24, 1876, aged 27, daughter of John L. Oakey; married (2) May 29, 1878, Bessie Thompson, born March 10, 1852; daughter of William and Sophia (Ward) Thompson.

Jacob V. Higgins resides at Flemington, N. J., and is a miller.

*Children.*

- i. Emma Elena, b. Nov. 3, 1868; d. April 14, 1870.
- ii. Annabelle, b. March 23, 1871; married June 30, 1896, Ralph B. Bache; residence Bound Brook, N. J.
- iii. Elizabeth, b. May 21, 1874; married Oct. 9, 1901, Joseph Layten; residence Bedminster, N. J.
- iv. Helen Richards, b. Jan. 3, 1881.
- v. Harry Vassar, b. Jan. 18, 1885.

843. LEVI<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*William Bishop*<sup>7</sup>, *Jonathan J.*<sup>6</sup>, *Judiah*<sup>5</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>4</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Feb. 9, 1851; married (1) Sept. 26, 1876, Hannah M. Everitt, born Sept. 7, 1853; died April 24, 1890; married (2) June 16, 1892, Alice Hockin.

Levi Higgins resided at Trenton, N. J., in 1912.

844. LEONIDAS RAYMOND<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*John Schenck*<sup>7</sup>, *John*<sup>6</sup>, *Judiah*<sup>5</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>4</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Nov. 30, 1859; married Aug. 15, 1895, Eva Lawrence Appleton.

Leonidas R. Higgins resides at Ottawa, Kan.

845. JAMES JEROLOMON<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*John Schenck*<sup>7</sup>, *John*<sup>6</sup>, *Judiah*<sup>5</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>4</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born March 22, 1864; married July 6, 1892, Anna Augusta Snedeker.

James J. Higgins resides at —, and has two sons.

846. ISSACHAR HOAGLAND<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*William Fisher*<sup>7</sup>, *Judiah*<sup>6</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>5</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>4</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Jan. 30, 1860; married Oct. 25, 1882, Sarah E. Gaddis, born May 10, 1863; daughter of Robert and Ann Elizabeth (Hoffman) Gaddis.

Issachar H. Higgins was for many years a farmer at Barley Sheaf in Hunterdon County, but has retired from that labor and now lives on Main Street, Flemington, N. J.

#### *Children.*

972. i. Robert Gaddis, b. Aug. 31, 1883; married Viola Lovell.
- ii. William Higgins, b. June 14, 1887.

847. JUDIAH<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Jonathan*<sup>7</sup>, *Judiah*<sup>6</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>5</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>4</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born July 14, 1872; married May 1, 1902, Bertha Rittenhouse, born March 19, 1878; daughter of Brewer and Isabelle (Chamberlain) Rittenhouse.

Judiah Higgins was born on the Jonathan Higgins farm, two miles east of Flemington, where his father and grandfather were also born, the farm having been in the Higgins family since 1780. He was educated in the public schools of Flemington and after about two years with the Standard Oil Co. in Trenton, he became teller of the Hunterdon County National Bank and served as such for fifteen years, resigning in 1911 to accept the postmastership at Flemington, an office which he held until

April, 1915. Mr. Higgins has been a member of the board of education and district clerk for some years. He is treasurer of the Prospect Hill Cemetery Association and when his term as postmaster expired, he was elected president of the Flemington Milling Co. He is a member of the Flemington Baptist Church and has been its treasurer and president of the Men's Club. In November, 1915, he was elected County Clerk by a good majority, the first Republican in the history of the county to be elected to that office. He has given the county a thoroughly competent and businesslike administration of this important office. He has always taken an interest in matters relating to the public welfare and stands very high in his own community.

*Children.*

- i. Jonathan, b. Aug. 20, 1903.
- ii. Elizabeth, b. Aug. 30, 1904.
- iii. Janett, b. Nov. 21, 1909.

848. WILLIAM FISHER<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Jonathan*<sup>7</sup>, *Judiah*<sup>6</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>5</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>4</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Nov. 26, 1876; married Nov. 28, 1904, May Taylor, born Nov. 5, 1877.

849. BRITTON<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Alexander*<sup>7</sup>, *Nicholas Britton*<sup>6</sup>, *Nathaniel*<sup>5</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>4</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born June 16, 1866; died Feb. 2, 1913; married Feb. 2, 1887, Martha Reading.

No further information obtained.

850. THEODORE WILSON<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Jonathan*<sup>7</sup>, *Asa*<sup>6</sup>, *Nathaniel*<sup>5</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>4</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born —; married Isabella Compton, daughter of Philip Dilts and Elizabeth DeMott (Smith) Compton.

Theodore W. Higgins lived in Raritan Township, N. J., one mile north of Century School, Number 11.

*Children.*

- i. Jonathan Compton, b. —.
- ii. Elizabeth Spangenburg, b. —; married William B. Smith, son of Jacob S. Smith of Sunnyside, N. J.

851. ARCHIBALD S.<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Archibald A.*<sup>7</sup>, *Henry*<sup>6</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>5</sup>, *James*<sup>4</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Feb. 9, 1867, at Manasquan, Monmouth County, N. J.; died there Jan. 28,

1916; married Oct. 27, 1892, at Elizabeth, N. J., Anna Taylor Darby, born June 12, 1865, at Georgetown, N. J.; daughter of Benjamin and Caroline (Collier) Darby.

He was killed by a train while driving his automobile at Long Branch, N. Y.

*Children.*

- i. Caroline, b. Jan. 1, 1894.
- ii. Archibald Alexander, b. Jan. 18, 1896; d. March 2, 1897.
- iii. Benjamin Darby, b. Dec. 2, 1897.
- iv. Leonard Sage, b. July 4, 1900.

852. JACOB MIERS<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*John DeMott<sup>7</sup>, John<sup>6</sup>, James<sup>5</sup>, Azariah<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Jediah<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born March 1, 1859; married in 1885 Clara Gunzelman.

Jacob M. Higgins is a milk dealer and resides at Plainfield, N. J.

*Children.*

- i. William, b. March 16, 1886.
- ii. Eva, b. —.

853. JOSEPH H.<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*John DeMott<sup>7</sup>, John<sup>6</sup>, James<sup>5</sup>, Azariah<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Jediah<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born April 14, 1860, at Stanton, N. J.; married Feb. 11, 1891, Mary Sophia Rockafellow.

854. JOHN<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*John DeMott<sup>7</sup>, John<sup>6</sup>, James<sup>5</sup>, Azariah<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Jediah<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born Sept. 19, 1862; married Sept. 28, 1889, Josephine Hockenbury, born Aug. 20, 1867.

He is a mason by trade and resides at Plainfield, N. J.

*Children.*

- i. Viola Miers, b. Oct. 1, 1890.
- ii. Aaron Davis, b. Feb. 8, 1893.
- iii. Clarence Harold, b. June 29, 1897.
- iv. Seman Williams, b. Jan. 24, 1902.

855. AARON MIERS<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*John DeMott<sup>7</sup>, John<sup>6</sup>, James<sup>5</sup>, Azariah<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Jediah<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born July 22, 1865; married May 16, 1894, Mary Brewer Stout, born June 7, 1868.

He is an electrician and resides at Plainfield, N. J.

*Children.*

- i. Ernest Stout, b. April 28, 1896.
- ii. Harriet Elizabeth, b. Jan. 16, 1899.

- iii. Leonard Morse, b. July 12, 1903.
- iv. Chester Aaron, b. Dec. 17, 1906; d. March 26, 1907.
- v. Stanley Lincoln, b. Feb. 3, 1909.

856. JAMES WARD<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*David Sayre*<sup>7</sup>, *James*<sup>6</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>5</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Zerah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Feb. 21, 1839; died April 1, 1914; married Feb. 17, 1869, Adelia J. Littlefield, born —; daughter of Joshua and Czarina (Wood) Littlefield of Woburn, Mass.

James W. Higgins resided in Union township (now Kenilworth) and was a farmer. He removed in 1897 to Roselle Park.

*Children.*

- 973. i. James Wallace, b. July 6, 1873; married Agnes H. Bogart.
- ii. Spencer Littlefield, b. Nov. 13, 1876; graduate of Rutgers College, 1896; College of Physicians and Surgeons, 1903; was at Blackwell's Island Hospital in 1905; now Past Assistant Surgeon, U. S. N.

857. ELMER FAITOUTE<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Elmer William*<sup>7</sup>, *James*<sup>6</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>5</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Zerah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Aug. 14, 1840; died about 1895 at Newark, N. J.; married June 21, 1863, Catherine Hamilton White, born Aug. 9, 1844.

Elmer F. Higgins was secretary of an insurance company at Newark, N. J., where he resided. No children.

858. HENRY ALLEN<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*Seth*<sup>8</sup>, *Seth*<sup>7</sup>, *Seth*<sup>6</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>5</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born April 24, 1836; married Maggie Chase.

Henry Allen Higgins has resided in Maine and Washington, D. C.

*Child.*

- i. Reginald C., b. Aug. 18, 1869; graduate Georgetown University, Law Department; admitted to Suffolk bar in 1891.

859. ALBERT<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*Seth*<sup>8</sup>, *Seth*<sup>7</sup>, *Seth*<sup>6</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>5</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Jan. 21, 1840, in West Gorham, Maine; married —.

Albert Higgins resided in Sanford, Maine.

*Children.*

- i. Mamie R., b. Nov. 1, 1878.



- ii. Eva M., b. Oct. 24, 1880.
- iii. Ethel K., b. Oct. 24, 1880.

860. FREDERICK W.<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*Samuel Howard*<sup>8</sup>, *David*<sup>7</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>6</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>5</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Feb. 29, 1860, at Munson, Maine; died —; married (1) Oct. 15, 1880, Emma C. Cummings; married (2) Oct. 4, 1904, Abbie F. Savage.

*Children born at Greenville, Maine.*

- i. Irene May, b. Dec. 23, 1881; married Dec. 24, 1904, Harry C. Linnell.
- ii. Florence, b. July 8, 1883.

861. ZEBINA H.<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*Zebina*<sup>8</sup>, *James*<sup>7</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>6</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>5</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Sept. 11, 1840; died Dec. 22, 1903; married April 19, 1862, Lucinda A. Linnell, daughter of Oliver and Adeline J. Linnell of Orleans. Zebina H. Higgins lived at Orleans, Mass.

*Children.*

- i. Stenie N., b. Oct. 29, 1864; married Alexander Henry. Children: Arthur S., b. Oct. 6, 1889; Lillian F., b. Jan. 9, 1892.
- ii. Mabel E., b. Nov. 10, 1866; married Nov. 10, 1884, Thomas Howland of Brewster. Children: Leon R., b. Aug. 25, 1888; Chester F., b. Sept. 15, 1890; Blanche A., b. Oct. 6, 1891; Curtis M., b. Aug. 5, 1893; Lucinda A., b. Aug. 9, 1895; Dorcas L., b. Nov. 26, 1896; Fred C., b. July 13, 1898.
- iii. James H., b. Aug. 19, 1869; d. Nov. 30, 1877.
- iv. Oliver C., b. Nov. 29, 1873.
- v. Roscoe I., b. July 29, 1876; d. May 19, 1882.
- vi. Lucinda L., b. June 3, 1879.
- 974. vii. Arthur H., b. Aug. 10, 1881; married Flora J. Balcom.
- 975. viii. Frederick Seaver, b. July 12, 1883; married Agatha F. Shackley.
- ix. Roy C., b. Nov. 19, 1885.
- x. Susan C., b. March 3, 1887.

862. ALBERT F.<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*Zebina*<sup>8</sup>, *James*<sup>7</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>6</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>5</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born in 1845; died Aug. 18, 1905; married Feb. 10, 1867, Lucy J. Gerauld, daughter of James W. and Betsey J. Gerauld of Harwich, Mass. He resided at Orleans.

*Children.*

976. i. Winfred C.; b. Sept. 6, 1867; married Inez W. Nickerson.  
ii. Emerson A., b. Aug. 9, 1871.
977. iii. William H. L., b. March 14, 1873; married (1) Eva M. Cahoon; (2) Rosanna Lee.  
iv. Son, b. Oct. 31, 1888.

Authority: Harwich Records.

863. ORRICK E.<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*Zebina*<sup>8</sup>, *James*<sup>7</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>6</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>5</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Nov. 14, 1851; married (1) March 28, 1874, Mary L. Cahoon, daughter of Isaiah and Mary Cahoon of Harwich; married (2) Dec. 29, 1896, Annie Freeman, daughter of Thomas and Annie (Kearns) Freeman.

He resided at Orleans; a mariner.

*Children.*

- i. James E., b. Dec. 12, 1874.  
ii. Sumner M., b. Oct. 6, 1876.  
iii. Berira K., b. Feb. 22, 1881; d. Aug. 5, 1881.  
iv. Isaiah B., b. Sept. 13, 1883.

864. CLARINGTON E.<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*Zebina*<sup>8</sup>, *James*<sup>7</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>6</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>5</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Aug. 10, 1854; married Feb. 21, 1875, Adella M. Cash of Harwich, Mass., daughter of Joshua and Margaret Cash.

He resided at Orleans; a mariner.

*Child.*

- i. Silas C., b. May 31, 1875.

865. FRANK G.<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*Zebina*<sup>8</sup>, *James*<sup>7</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>6</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>5</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Sept. 30, 1865; married Sept. 9, 1886, Eliza F. Hayden.

He resided at Orleans.

*Child.*

- i. Maude V., b. April 3, 1887.

866. FREEMAN<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*Freeman*<sup>8</sup>, *Abner*<sup>7</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>6</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>5</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Dec. 12, 1843; married Nov. 13, 1864, Almira Y. Mallows of Chatham,

born March 12, 1843; died Sept. 24, 1875, daughter of Henry and Sarah G. Mallows.

Freeman Higgins resides at Orleans, Mass.

*Children.*

- i. Adeline Florence, b. Dec. 22, 1865; married July 4, 1883, Maurice A. Hayden. Child: Frank L., b. Sept. 21, 1885.
- ii. Walter Francis, b. November, 1867.
- iii. Ernest Linwood, b. Nov. 17, 1869.
978. iv. Curtis Freeman, b. Dec. 16, 1871; married Nellie L. Jason.
- v. Helen Fernando, b. Sept. 21, 1873; married Sept. 11, 1893, Orien Winslow Higgins, son of Orien and Eliza Jane (Smith) Higgins of Eastham. No children.

867. WILLIAM MORTIMER<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*Abner*<sup>8</sup>, *Abner*<sup>7</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>6</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>5</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born April 24, 1871, at Wareham, Mass.; married (1) Dec. 25, 1895, Mary C. Crosby, born —; daughter of Joshua and Mary (Clear) Crosby of Orleans; married (2) Jan. 27, 1909, Sarah Fleming.

William M. Higgins resides at Orleans, Mass., where he is proprietor of a general store.

*Children.*

- i. William Mortimer, b. —.
- ii. Mildred Asenath, b. Dec. 4, 1910.
- iii. George Abner, b. Nov. 13, 1911.

868. ELISHA ALLEN<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*Joseph Baker*<sup>8</sup>, *Abner*<sup>7</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>6</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>5</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Oct. 31, 1862, at Orleans, Mass.; married Nov. 23, 1884, Minnie S. Bassett of Yarmouth, daughter of Albert H. and Amanda Bassett.

Elisha A. Higgins resides at Orleans, Mass.

*Child.*

- i. Alma M., b. April 8, 1891.

869. CHARLES EDWARD<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*Ephraim*<sup>8</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>7</sup>, *Elkanah*<sup>6</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>5</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born September, 1856; married March 11, 1877, Maria Rand, daughter of Lewis and Mary Jane (Whitney) Rand.

He resided in Maine.

*Children.*

- i. Harlan V., b. Feb. 10, 1883.
- ii. Elma R., b. Feb. 22, 1885.

870. LELAND W.<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*Ephraim*<sup>8</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>7</sup>, *Elkanah*<sup>6</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>5</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Oct. 1, 1867; married (1) Sept. 13, 1893, Mabel L. Boulter, born —; died June 18, 1897; daughter of Isaac and Mary (Johnson) Boulter; married (2) Jan. 25, 1899, Hattie F. Davis.

He resided in Standish, Maine.

*Children.*

- i. Ray C., b. May 24, 1897.
- ii. Allen E., b. Jan. 18, 1902.

871. GEORGE EDWIN<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*Jefferson*<sup>8</sup>, *Curtis*<sup>7</sup>, *Elkanah*<sup>6</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>5</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born at Augusta, Maine, Nov. 3, 1852; married March 9, 1898, at Owosso, Mich., Mrs. Fannie Novess, born in 1859 at Los Angeles, Cal.

Residence, Kalamazoo, Mich.

*Child.*

- i. Harry Jefferson, b. March 19, 1900.

872. FREDERICK EUGENE<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*Henry Curtis*<sup>8</sup>, *Curtis*<sup>7</sup>, *Elkanah*<sup>6</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>5</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born May 23, 1865, at Skowhegan, Maine; married Oct. 16, 1889, Mary Clark Pierce of Winona, Minn.

He is treasurer of Winona Carriage Co., Winona, Minn., one of the largest carriage manufacturers in the world, and his residence is Winona.

*Child.*

- i. Emerson Pierce, b. Feb. 25, 1896, at Winona, Minn.

873. ZER JARED<sup>9</sup> HAGANS (*Alpheus Dicks*<sup>8</sup>, *Zer*<sup>7</sup>, *George-Josiah*<sup>6</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>5</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>4</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Dec. 13, 1851; married Matilda Bullard.

*Children.*

- i. Hugh A., b. —.
- ii. Persia McGrew, b. —.

874. KENNETH RUDSILL<sup>9</sup> HAGANS (*Alpheus Dicks*<sup>8</sup>, *Zer*<sup>7</sup>, *George-Josiah*<sup>6</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>5</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>4</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Aug. 10, 1858; married Anna Hearn.

875. WALTER<sup>9</sup> HAGANS (*Jared Elisha*<sup>8</sup>, *Zer*<sup>7</sup>, *George-Josiah*<sup>6</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>5</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>4</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born —; married —.

No further information obtained.

876. CLARENCE<sup>9</sup> HAGANS (*Jared Elisha*<sup>8</sup>, *Zer*<sup>7</sup>, *George-Josiah*<sup>6</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>5</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>4</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born —; married —.

No further information obtained.

877. GEORGE HARRISON<sup>9</sup> HAGANS (*George McCollum*<sup>8</sup>, *Harrison*<sup>7</sup>, *George-Josiah*<sup>6</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>5</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>4</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Jan. 24, 1854; died Jan. 18, 1897; married Jan. 25, 1893, Kate Baggerly.

*Child.*

i. Eleanor Lowry, b. Nov. 30, 1893.

878. WILBUR EGGLESTON<sup>9</sup> HAGANS (*Lucien Adams*<sup>8</sup>, *Harrison*<sup>7</sup>, *George-Josiah*<sup>6</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>5</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>4</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born July 23, 1851; married March 30, 1895, Zella Mary Billings.

Residence, Chicago, Ill. No children.

879. HAROLD CLIFTON<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*William H.*<sup>8</sup>, *Philip*<sup>7</sup>, *Philip*<sup>6</sup>, *Philip*<sup>5</sup>, *Barnabas*<sup>4</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Aug. 12, 1885; married Aug. 12, 1905, Eva F. Robinson, daughter of William and Ella (Verara) Robinson.

*Children.*

i. Lyndell Clifton, b. Feb. 14, 1906.

ii. Lorimer Franklin, b. Feb. 17, 1908.

880. ARTHUR OTIS<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*George Otis*<sup>8</sup>, *Josiah Linnell*<sup>7</sup>, *Sylvanus*<sup>6</sup>, *Hezekiah*<sup>5</sup>, *James*<sup>4</sup>, *James*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Oct. 16, 1860; married September, 1899, Mary Alice Bourne.



881. **FREDERICK CHESTER<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS** (*George Otis<sup>8</sup>, Josiah Linnell<sup>7</sup>, Sylvanus<sup>6</sup>, Hezekiah<sup>5</sup>, James<sup>4</sup>, James<sup>3</sup>, Jonathan<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born May 2, 1865, at Scituate, Mass.; married Nov. 26, 1890, Emma F. Vance, b. 1868 in Masstown, Nova Scotia, daughter of John and Isabella (Simpson) Vance.

Residence, Cohasset, Mass.

*Children.*

- i. Elsie, b. Jan. 9, 1893, in Scituate, Mass.
- ii. Earl Watson, b. Nov. 18, 1896, in Cohasset, Mass.
- iii. Lloyd Chester, b. March 6, 1899.

882. **JOSHUA FRANCIS<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS** (*George Otis<sup>8</sup>, Josiah Linnell<sup>7</sup>, Sylvanus<sup>6</sup>, Hezekiah<sup>5</sup>, James<sup>4</sup>, James<sup>3</sup>, Jonathan<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born Nov. 23, 1868, in Cohasset, Mass.; married Nov. 24, 1892, Celia Louise Studley, born March 29, 1876, daughter of Edwin B. and Melissa (Eastman) Studley.

Residence, Cohasset, Mass.

*Child.*

- i. Madge Foster, b. June 29, 1893.

883. **GEORGE FOSTER<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS** (*George Otis<sup>8</sup>, Josiah Linnell<sup>7</sup>, Sylvanus<sup>6</sup>, Hezekiah<sup>5</sup>, James<sup>4</sup>, James<sup>3</sup>, Jonathan<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born Sept. 19, 1871; married (1) July 31, 1895, Mary Louise Higgins, daughter of Elisha and Mary C. (Tillson) Higgins of Provincetown, b. Feb. 17, 1867, d. Jan. 19, 1903; married (2) June 24, 1904, Gertrude Wagstaff, b. 1882, daughter of Henry and Mary (Shelton) Wagstaff of Lawrence. Provision dealer. Residence Cohasset, from which removed to Lawrence.

*Child.*

- i. Lois Shelton, b. Jan. 18, 1903.

884. **WALTER LEE<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS** (*Niles<sup>8</sup>, Otis<sup>7</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>6</sup>, Cornelius<sup>5</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>4</sup>, Ichabod<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born Nov. 11, 1870; married June 27, 1894, Ada Sharpsteele.

He resided at Castile, N. Y., and Cleveland, Ohio; was a machinist.

*Children.*

- i. Henry Delano, b. at Cleveland, Ohio, June 23, 1896; d. Feb. 3, 1897.
- ii. Raymond Lee, b. Oct. 20, 1900, at Cleveland, Ohio; d. March 25, 1901.

885. CHARLES OTIS<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*Galen H.*<sup>8</sup>, *Otis*<sup>7</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>6</sup>, *Cornelius*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born May 3, 1850, at Castile, N. Y.; married June 6, 1878, at Painesville, Ohio, Clara Baldwin Ladd, born April 15, 1851; daughter of Silas Trumbull and Elizabeth (Williams) Ladd.

He is a pharmacist. Residence, Painesville, Ohio.

*Children.*

- i. Martha Brewster, b. June 14, 1881, at Painesville, Ohio.
- ii. Kathreen Ladd, b. Aug. 1, 1886, at Painesville, Ohio.

886. ARTHUR DELOS<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*Galen Hyde*<sup>8</sup>, *Otis*<sup>7</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>6</sup>, *Cornelius*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born May 8, 1853, at Castile, N. Y.; married April 18, 1876, at Fostoria, Ohio, Alice Eckels.

*Child.*

- i. Florence, b. in 1877 at Fostoria, Ohio.

887. ARTHUR SHELDON<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*Barton B.*<sup>8</sup>, *Sheldon*<sup>7</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>6</sup>, *Cornelius*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Aug. 2, 1862, at Dixon, Ill.; married Jan. 18, 1887, at Dixon, Ill., Annie Soule, born April 30, 1864, at Belvidere, Ill.

He resides at Yonkers, N. Y.; was a member of the firm of Higgins & Seiter of New York City, dealers in china and glassware.

*Child.*

- i. Charters Kent, b. Jan. 5, 1891.

888. HENRY ROMEYNE<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*Romeyne Otis*<sup>8</sup>, *Henry Knowles*<sup>7</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>6</sup>, *Cornelius*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Feb. 17, 1873; married March 8, 1899, Belle Louisa Huber, born Dec. 28, 1874.

Residence, Coudersport, Penn., where he is a bookkeeper in a bank.

*Children.*

- i. Rathbun Romeyne, b. Dec. 17, 1899.
- ii. John Harold, b. Aug. 19, 1902.

889. EUGENE<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*William Lucius*<sup>8</sup>, *William*<sup>7</sup>, *David*<sup>6</sup>, *Cornelius*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Dec. 12, 1861, at Clover Hill, N. J.; married Dec. 12, 1880,

at Trenton, N. J., Mary Ida Cornish, born Sept. 29, 1859, at Merrimac, Wis.

He is a letter carrier at Trenton, N. J.

*Children.*

- i. Marcia Ellen, b. March 27, 1882.
- ii. Francis Lucius, b. Dec. 13, 1883; d. Feb. 8, 1890.
- iii. Francis Lucius, b. Nov. 16, 1891.

Authority: Eugene Higgins, Trenton, N. J.

890. JOHN CHANDLER<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*John Chandler*<sup>8</sup>, *Aaron*<sup>7</sup>, *Richard*<sup>6</sup>, *Isaiah*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born June 9, 1852, at Allen's Mills; married (1) Nancy M. Kennedy, born —; died Aug. 20, 1881; daughter of Andrew and Salome S. (Viles) Kennedy; married (2) Aug. 20, 1891, Anna L. Durrell, born May 14, 1866; daughter of John and Louisa (Oliver) Durrell.

He was a farmer.

*Child.*

- i. Mellen E., b. March 24, 1877.

891. ELVIN LYDIARD<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*Wilber Tinkham*<sup>8</sup>, *John Gill*<sup>7</sup>, *Richard*<sup>6</sup>, *Isaiah*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Dec. 22, 1867; married Viola May Porter.

Residence, Hutchinson, Minn.

*Children.*

- i. Charles D., b. May 1, 1899.
- ii. Lila, b. July 2, 1900.
- iii. Janet, b. Feb. 14, 1902.
- iv. Wilber, b. Feb. 28, 1903.
- v. Amy P., b. Nov. 10, 1905.

892. JOSHUA FRANCIS<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*Orien*<sup>8</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>7</sup>, *Elkanah*<sup>6</sup>, *Elkanah*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Sept. 23, 1854, at Eastham, Mass.; married May 1, 1884, Albertina Chandler, born Feb. 22, 1865, at Provincetown, Mass.; died June 29, 1912, at Orleans, Mass.; daughter of James and Amelia (Talbot) Chandler.

Joshua Francis Higgins resided at Eastham and Orleans and was a mariner. Amelia Talbot was from the Canadian Provinces and was the second or third wife of James Chandler of Provincetown.

*Children.*

- i. Ella Albertina, b. Oct. 6, 1884; married Aug. 2, 1906, Willis Clark of West Brewster, Mass.
- ii. Herbert Edgar, b. Feb. 18, 1886, at Eastham.
- iii. Leon Chandler, b. June 25, 1887; d. Nov. 23, 1908.
- iv. Irving Augustus, b. Dec. 6, 1889.
- v. Pearl Madison, b. May 19, 1891; married March 15, 1909, Roy H. Crocker of Provincetown, Mass.
- vi. Eliza Jane, b. Dec. 31, 1892; married Dec. 11, 1910, George D. Knowles.
- vii. Lillian Estelle, b. Dec. 20, 1895; married Jan. 13, 1915, George Everett Crowell.
- viii. Lloyd Francis, b. Feb. 6, 1898.
- ix. Maurice Westly, b. Jan. 17, 1901; died —.
- x. Louis Raymond, b. Aug. 4, (or 22), 1902.
- xi. Chester Winfield, b. Dec. 30, 1905.
- xii. Azel Talbot, b. April 13, 1907.

Authorities: Records of Eastham and Orleans; Mr. Joseph H. Cummings of Orleans; Mrs. William H. Quinn.

893. HERBERT ELMER<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*Orien*<sup>8</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>7</sup>, *Elkanah*<sup>6</sup>, *Elkanah*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Dec. 25, 1863, at Eastham, Mass.; married June 3, 1887, Adelaide Snow Hopkins of Orleans, Mass., born July 27, 1863; daughter of John M. and Catherine Hopkins.

Herbert Elmer and Adelaide S. Higgins were living in 1916, at Orleans, Mass.

*Children.*

- i. Bernice Vivian, b. April 12, 1889; died young.
- ii. Carrol Evans, b. Aug. 28, 1890.
- iii. Zula Ashburton, b. Jan. 30, 1892; married in 1911, Warren Burgess of Brewster, Mass.
- iv. A child, b. Aug. 23, 1893; d. Aug. 28, 1893.
- v. Helen Meriva, b. Nov. 30, 1894.
- vi. Mabel Weston, b. Nov. 11, 1896.
- vii. Ruth Norma, b. Oct. 17, 1907.

894. EDGAR AUSTIN<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*Orien*<sup>8</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>7</sup>, *Elkanah*<sup>6</sup>, *Elkanah*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Nov. 15, 1865; married Florence Bassett of Harwich, Mass.

Edgar A. Higgins is one of the crew of the Manomet Life Saving Station.

*Children.*

- i. Izelle, b. —.
- ii. Ethelyn, b. —.
- iii. Hollis, b. —.

895. ORIEN WINSLOW<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*Orien*<sup>8</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>7</sup>, *Elkanah*<sup>6</sup>, *Elkanah*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Sept. 25, 1867, at Eastham; married Sept. 11, 1893, Helen F. Higgins, b. Sept. 21, 1873; daughter of Freeman and Almira (Mallows) Higgins of Orleans, Mass.

Orien W. Higgins and Helen F. Higgins were living in 1916 at Orleans, Mass. He is a member of the Eastham Coast Guard. No children.

896. EPHRAIM WILLIS<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*Orien*<sup>8</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>7</sup>, *Elkanah*<sup>6</sup>, *Elkanah*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Jan. 21, 1875; married Linnie Burton of Boston.

Ephraim W. Higgins lives near Boston.

*Child.*

- i. Harriet Burton, b. March 25, 1907.

897. HENRY FRANCIS<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*Peter*<sup>8</sup>, *John W.*<sup>7</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>6</sup>, *Elkanah*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born July 13, 1866, at Eastham, Mass.; married Sept. 25, 1888, Nora Emma Brown of York, Va.

Residence, Vineland, N. J.

*Children.*

- i. Charles Henry, b. Nov. 29, 1889.
- ii. Edward Francis, b. Jan. 24, 1891.
- iii. John Elliot, b. July 24, 1892.

898. JOHN WORTHEN<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*Peter*<sup>8</sup>, *John W.*<sup>7</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>6</sup>, *Elkanah*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Nov. 24, 1870; married Aug. 12, 1896, Rebecca Higgins Horton, daughter of Reuben H. and Cynthia Horton.

*Children.*

- i. Raymond Foster, b. Dec. 24, 1897.
  - ii. Larramer Earl, b. Sept. 7, 1899.
  - iii. Beulah Cynthia, b. Oct. 26, 1903.
- Perhaps others.



899. WILLIAM B.<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*Peter*<sup>8</sup>, *John Worthen*<sup>7</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>6</sup>, *Elkanah*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Aug. 29, 1875, at Eastham, Mass.; married Oct. 19, 1898, Bertha Howard Brewer, daughter of Jesse and Rosalthea (Ellis) Brewer.

899A. ELMER ASBURY<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*Isaac Henry*<sup>8</sup>, *Andrew Walker*<sup>7</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>6</sup>, *Elkanah*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born March 29, 1879; married Dec. 25, 1909, at Lewiston, Maine, Myra Louise Goss, born Feb. 10, 1882, at Lewiston; daughter of George W. and Lillian (Ricker) Goss.

Elmer A. Higgins resides at South Bend, Ind. No children.

900. ANDREW WHITMAN<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*Andrew*<sup>8</sup>, *Andrew Walker*<sup>7</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>6</sup>, *Elkanah*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born March 2, 1879, at Eastham, Mass.; married Aug. 20, 1913, Louise Smith Wilbur, born Dec. 23, 1888, at South Middleboro, Mass.; daughter of Ansel Clarence and Mary R. (Weston) Wilbur.

Residence, Sandwich, Mass. No children.

901. CHARLES BARTLETT<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*John Grey*<sup>8</sup>, *Bartlett*<sup>7</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>6</sup>, *Elkanah*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Aug. 27, 1863; married July, 1886, Agnes M. Bates.

*Children.*

- i. Byron M., b. March 8, 1892.
- ii. Infant, b. August, 1895; d. next day.
- iii. Miles B., b. March 4, 1899.

902. ALFRED F.<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*John Grey*<sup>8</sup>, *Bartlett*<sup>7</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>6</sup>, *Elkanah*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Oct. 14, 1867; married in 1886 Abbie F. Phillips.

*Children.*

- i. Sadie B., b. Oct. 25, 1886.
- ii. Charles B., b. Sept. 1, 1888.
- iii. Daniel C., b. Sept. 23, 1890.
- iv. Frances W., b. Oct. 1, 1892.
- v. Carrie E., b. May 10, 1894; d. February, 1895.
- vi. Hattie G., b. Jan. 8, 1896.
- vii. Alfred H., b. Nov. 26, 1897.
- viii. Roger P., b. Jan. 28, 1901.

903. FRANCIS C.<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*John Grey*<sup>8</sup>, *Bartlett*<sup>7</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>6</sup>, *Elkanah*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Feb. 16, 1872; married November, 1895, Myrtie R. Paul.

*Children.*

- i. Paul E., b. Aug. 25, 1896.
- ii. Nina May, b. June 10, 1898; d. August, 1898.
- iii. Ruth Marion, b. Oct. 26, 1900.

904. FRANKLIN CLIFTON<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*Beniah Gill*<sup>8</sup>, *David*<sup>7</sup>, *Joshua*<sup>6</sup>, *Elkanah*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born April 25, 1867; married Sadie Ethel Lambert of Nova Scotia.

Residence, Brookline, Mass.

*Child.*

- i. Edwin Clifton, b. March 11, 1895(?); 21 years old in 1916. Perhaps other children.

905. CLARENCE IRVING<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*Asa*<sup>8</sup>, *David*<sup>7</sup>, *Joshua*<sup>6</sup>, *Elkanah*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Dec. 6, 1870, at Eastham, Mass.; married Sept. 5, 1905, Mrs. Margaret S. Patten, born —; died May 3, 1916, at Attleboro, Mass.; daughter of John and Margaret Ryan.

Clarence Irving Higgins resided at Attleboro, Mass. No children.

906. CHARLES LESTER<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*Levi Walter*<sup>8</sup>, *David*<sup>7</sup>, *Joshua*<sup>6</sup>, *Elkanah*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Dec. 23, 1870; married —.

Residence, Dallas, Texas.

*Children.*

- i. Helen Sibyl, b. June 17, 1899.
- ii. Ruth Corinne, b. Feb. 10, 1902.
- iii. Constance, b. Dec. 23, 1908.

907. PAUL TATUM<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*Levi Walter*<sup>8</sup>, *David*<sup>7</sup>, *Joshua*<sup>6</sup>, *Elkanah*<sup>5</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Aug. 6, 1886; married Oct. 19, 1912, —.

*Child.*

- i. Virginia Grey, b. Jan. 25, 1915.

908. FRANCIS ALBERT<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*Thomas Allen<sup>8</sup>, Josiah Rich<sup>7</sup>, Uriah<sup>6</sup>, Enoch<sup>5</sup>, Eleazer<sup>4</sup>, Richard<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born Jan. 14, 1848; died Feb. 26, 1907; married June 13, 1883, Matilda A. Baker, born Feb. 27, 1853; died April 16, 1899; daughter of Nehemiah and Abigail Swett (Rich) Baker of Wellfleet.

Residence, Wellfleet, Mass.

*Child.*

- i. Elwood Foster, b. May 1, 1884; unmarried in 1910.

909. THOMAS ALLEN<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*Thomas Allen<sup>8</sup>, Josiah Rich<sup>7</sup>, Uriah<sup>6</sup>, Enoch<sup>5</sup>, Eleazer<sup>4</sup>, Richard<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born Feb. 3, 1857; died April 9, 1915; married Feb. 25, 1891, at Rowley, Mass., Ednah Picard Hale, born Dec. 10, 1857, daughter of Daniel and Frances Delivel (Grant) Hale.

He resided at Provincetown.

*Children.*

- i. Lloyd Hale, b. Feb. 22, 1892.
- ii. Merle Asbury, b. Dec. 18, 1893.
- iii. Lida, b. Oct. 11, 1895.

910. JOHN FRANKLIN<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*John Rich<sup>8</sup>, John Knowles<sup>7</sup>, Ephraim<sup>6</sup>, Enoch<sup>5</sup>, Eleazer<sup>4</sup>, Richard<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born Aug. 13, 1853, at Wellfleet, Mass.; married June 7, 1881, at Truro, Mass., Naomi Maria Hatch.

Residence, Providence, R. I.

*Children.*

- i. Eliza Mae, b. Aug. 29, 1882, at Providence, R. I.
- ii. Ethelyn Russell, b. April 19, 1893, at Providence, R. I.

911. EDWIN FRANCIS<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*John Rich<sup>8</sup>, John Knowles<sup>7</sup>, Ephraim<sup>6</sup>, Enoch<sup>5</sup>, Eleazer<sup>4</sup>, Richard<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born July 30, 1858, at Wellfleet, Mass.; married July 8, 1881, at Providence, R. I., Mary Griffiths, born Nov. 20, 1867, at Llanefydd, county Denbigh, North Wales; daughter of Richard and Margaret (Jones) Griffiths.

Residence, Providence, R. I.

*Child.*

- i. Elizabeth Hope, b. Nov. 3, 1898, in Providence, R. I.

912. CHARLES KNOWLES<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*John Rich*<sup>8</sup>, *John Knowles*<sup>7</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>6</sup>, *Enoch*<sup>5</sup>, *Eleazer*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Aug. 19, 1864, at Wellfleet, Mass.; married April 17, 1895, at Providence, R. I., Lucy B. Soule.

Residence, Providence, R. I.

*Children.*

- i. Edith Rich, b. Jan. 28, 1896, at Providence, R. I.
- ii. Marion Adaline, b. Jan. 28, 1896, at Providence, R. I.

913. EUGENE ALFRED<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*Alfred*<sup>8</sup>, *John Knowles*<sup>7</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>6</sup>, *Enoch*<sup>5</sup>, *Eleazer*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born April 29, 1856, at Providence, R. I.; married June 18, 1885, at Providence, R. I., Henrietta Eatnough.

*Child born at Somerville, Mass.*

- i. Alice Eatnough, b. May 12, 1887; d. May 14, 1887.

914. LEWIS H.<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*Rufus*<sup>8</sup>, *John Knowles*<sup>7</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>6</sup>, *Enoch*<sup>5</sup>, *Eleazer*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Aug. 12, 1854; married Hannah A. —.

Lewis H. Higgins resided at Wellfleet, Mass.

*Child.*

- i. Walter L., b. Sept. 24, 1884; married Martha J. Young.

915. OLSTIN MAYO<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*Henry Mayo*<sup>8</sup>, *John Knowles*<sup>7</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>6</sup>, *Enoch*<sup>5</sup>, *Eleazer*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born June 25, 1866, at Chelsea, Mass.; married Dec. 31, 1891, at Hyde Park, Mass., Josephine Bendroth, born Oct. 22, 1868, at Malmo, Sweden.

Residence, Hyde Park, Mass. Architect.

*Children.*

- i. Blanche May, b. Dec. 24, 1892.
- ii. Marian, b. June 23, 1894.

916. MARSHALL IRVING<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*William Henry*<sup>8</sup>, *Enoch*<sup>7</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>6</sup>, *Enoch*<sup>5</sup>, *Eleazer*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born July 3, 1854; married May 7, 1874, Hope Doane Smith, daughter of Hope Doane and Sarah Maria (Newcomb) Smith of Wellfleet, Mass.

He resided at Wellfleet.

*Children.*

979. i. Francis Irving, b. Dec. 12, 1874; married Miss Crowell.  
980. ii. Ernest Chester, b. May 16, 1880; married Annie Baker Higgins.  
iii. Sadie Newcomb, b. Sept. 11, 1881.

917. WILLIAM H.<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*William H.*<sup>8</sup>, *Enoch*<sup>7</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>6</sup>, *Enoch*<sup>5</sup>, *Eleazer*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born March 1, 1859; married Nov. 21, 1887, Ella F. Powers of Lowell.

He resided at Wellfleet, Mass.

*Children.*

- i. Jennie Lewis, b. July 16, 1889.  
ii. Elsie Frances, b. Jan. 29, 1890.  
iii. Mary Forest, b. Nov. 17, 1896.

Authority: Brockton Records.

918. CLARENCE EDWIN<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*Edwin G.*<sup>8</sup>, *Levi*<sup>7</sup>, *Elkanah*<sup>6</sup>, *Levi*<sup>5</sup>, *Theophilus*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Aug. 3, 1859, at St. Albans, Maine; married Nov. 22, 1885, at Hartland, Maine, May L. Mower, born May 24, 1860, at St. Albans; daughter of Jesse C. and Angeline S. (Brown) Mower.

He resided at Corinna, Maine, and was a farmer.

*Children.*

- i. Linneon J., b. June 29, 1888.  
ii. Edwin Jesse, b. Nov. 23, 1889; d. Oct. 21, 1900.  
iii. Angie Adelle, b. July 26, 1894.

919. LEON FORREST<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*Forrest Richard*<sup>8</sup>, *Serenus*<sup>7</sup>, *Richard*<sup>6</sup>, *Levi*<sup>5</sup>, *Theophilus*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born April 29, 1870, at Ellsworth, Maine; married Oct. 21, 1891, Josephine Shackley, born April 12, 1868; daughter of Joseph M. and Eliza (Holyoke) Shackley of Brewer, Maine.

Leon F. Higgins resides at Brewer, Maine. He was mayor of Brewer for three terms. Later he was elected to the lower branch of the State legislature and served two terms, being the Republican floor leader and candidate for the speakership. In 1916 he was elected State senator and was candidate for the presidency of that body. He is widely known throughout the State of Maine. He is high in Masonic circles and a Methodist in religious



preference. In 1917 he was general agent of the Travelers Insurance Company, with office in Bangor, Maine.

*Children.*

- i. Dorrice Mae, b. Dec. 16, 1894; graduate of University of Maine.
- ii. Donald Shackley, b. Jan. 6, 1897; student Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine, Class of 1918.

920. HARRY OLIVER<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*Forrest Richard*<sup>8</sup>, *Serenus*<sup>7</sup>, *Richard*<sup>6</sup>, *Levi*<sup>5</sup>, *Theophilus*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born June 28, 1875, at Oldtown, Maine; married Oct. 16, 1896, Gertrude H. Souie, daughter of Francis Souie.

Harry O. Higgins resided at Bangor, Maine; in 1917 at Winter Hill, Somerville, Mass.

*Children.*

- i. Henry Edward, b. April 12, 1898; d. Oct. 31, 1898.
- ii. Doris Ella, b. Sept. 21, 1899.

921. ALVIN DYER<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*Amos Dyer*<sup>8</sup>, *Amos*<sup>7</sup>, *Eleazer*<sup>6</sup>, *Reuben*<sup>5</sup>, *Reuben*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born March, 1850, at Atkinsonville, a part of Charleston, Maine; died Nov. 7, 1916, at Thompsonville, Conn.; married Aug. 11, 1873, Mary Stewart of New York City, daughter of Jonas and Ann (Odlum) Stewart, who survived him.

Alvin Dyer Higgins when seventeen years old entered the Higgins Carpet Works, carried on by his uncle, Elias Smith Higgins. He acquired thorough knowledge of the processes of manufacture of carpets and showed diligent application and exceptional ability which caused him to advance steadily until he assumed offices of responsibility in the management. When the company was reorganized after the death of Elias Smith Higgins, Alvin D. Higgins and Robert P. Perkins became the principal owners, Mr. Higgins being vice-president and general manager. In 1901 the company was amalgamated with the Hartford Carpet Corporation and the works located at Thompsonville, Conn., where Mr. Higgins took up his residence and continued to be general manager. In 1914 a still more important consolidation was effected, the Bigelow Carpet Company of Clinton and Lowell, Mass., being merged with the Hartford Carpet Company into a thirteen-million-dollar company, of which Mr. Higgins continued as general manager and vice-president.

The company has made constant progress and been very successful during the administration of Mr. Higgins, continual additions to the plant becoming necessary. This progress and success were in large measure due to his executive ability, and Mr. Higgins became widely known the country over in the textile world. His interests were by no means confined entirely to the carpet company, for he did much for the advancement and benefit of his employees and the village of Thompsonville, where the carpet works were located. He was taken suddenly ill of *angina pectoris*, having previously been in his usual good health, on the afternoon of the national election day and passed away within an hour after the attack. His funeral was held in St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Thompsonville, on November eleventh, and the large attendance testified to the affection and esteem in which he was held.

*Children.*

- i. Flora Stewart, b. 1887.
- ii. Grace, b. 1889; married May 17, 1910, in New York City William Edwards Lyford. They reside at Thompsonville, Conn., where Mr. Lyford is superintendent of the Bigelow-Hartford Carpet Company.

Authorities: Franklin A. Higgins of Brooklyn, N. Y.; *Hartford Times* of Nov. 8, 1916.

922. HENRY ALBERT<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*Elias Smith*<sup>8</sup>, *Amos*<sup>7</sup>, *Eleazer*<sup>6</sup>, *Reuben*<sup>5</sup>, *Reuben*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born April 10, 1862, at Charleston, Maine; died there Dec. 3, 1901; married Nov. 25, 1883, Myra Anna Page of Charleston, Maine, born Aug. 23, 1864.

Henry Albert Higgins was educated at the schools of Charleston and later at the academy in Corinth and the Charleston Academy, now the Higgins Classical Institute. In 1876 he went to live with his uncle, Rev. John Hamilton Higgins, at Charleston Village and soon took entire charge of the farm and stable of fine horses. During the next seven years the uncle greatly enlarged and improved this farm, adding more land and buildings, thoroughbred Hereford cattle and other cattle and horses. In 1883 he presented all this to his nephew, who has continued the breeding of fancy stock, animals which have taken the first prize at every fair at which they were exhibited. He was remarkably skillful as an ox-teamster and was well known throughout eastern Maine as "the man who has never been defeated." His principal occu-

pation was farming, but during the later years of his life he engaged in wool, stock, farm machinery, and merchandise. He was an enthusiastic sportsman and could never resist the allure-ment of a hunting or fishing trip. His habits and character were beyond reproach and he was one of the best and most favorably known men in his section of the country. He was a devoted Chris-tian worker and lived his everyday life fully up to the standard of His teachings. In politics he was a Republican and active in the affairs of the town. Ten months after the death of Mr. Higgins Mrs. Higgins rebuilt the house and made extensive improvements upon the farm. September 11, 1903, the entire set of buildings was burned to the ground. Nothing daunted, she rented the "Institute House" until the following spring when she purchased the Charles Page farm, where she was born. With the assistance of Rev. John H. Higgins and Franklin Higgins, she replaced the burned buildings and moved back to her village home, where she now resides.

*Children born at Charleston, Maine.*

- i. Lucy Maria, b. March 18, 1885; d. Aug. 29, 1905.
- ii. Walter Henry, b. Jan. 11, 1887; d. May 18, 1888.
- iii. Edna Emma, b. Oct. 6, 1889; d. Nov. 3, 1901.
- iv. Arthur Henry, b. Jan. 19, 1891; educated at the Higgins In-stitute and Brown University; in business in New York City, and resides in Brooklyn; unmarried.
- v. Ethel May, b. April 24, 1893; married July 27, 1913, Wendell Arthur Olmsted, a farmer of Enfield, Maine, where they reside. Children: Henry Higgins Olmsted, b. May 22, 1914; Stanley Lawrence Olmsted, b. Feb. 15, 1916.
- vi. Lawrence Edwin, b. May 25, 1895.
- vii. Pearl, b. Sept. 28, 1896; d. Oct. 1, 1896.
- viii. Donald George, b. Nov. 26, 1897; d. July 24, 1900.
- ix. Stanley Lincoln, b. Feb. 18, 1899.
- x. Myra Elaine, b. May 3, 1901.

923. FRANKLIN AUGUSTUS<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*Elias Smith*<sup>8</sup>, *Amos*<sup>7</sup>, *Eleazer*<sup>6</sup>, *Reuben*<sup>5</sup>, *Reuben*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Oct. 10, 1867, at Charleston, Maine; married Sept. 25, 1894, in New York City, Mrs. Maria Rosalie (Terry) Higgins, widow of his uncle, George Higgins.

Franklin A. Higgins was educated at Charleston, Maine. Jan. 1, 1884, he went to New York City and after employment

in Booth's Boiler Shop, entered the employ of E. S. Higgins and Co. as apprentice, to learn the trade of machinist and mechanical engineer. In November, 1889, he was appointed chief engineer of the large factory and in 1892 advanced to the position of master mechanic, a place he held until October, 1894, when he resigned from the firm's employ. In February, 1895, he engaged with Arbuckle Brothers, Brooklyn, as general superintendent and chief engineer of their many enterprises, a position which he still holds (1916). Mr. Higgins is an enthusiastic sportsman and every year makes a hunting trip to the big woods of Northern Maine. He has collected and written out much genealogical and biographical data concerning his branch of the Higgins family, data which he has most kindly contributed the use of, to the great benefit of this volume.

No children.

924. JOHN EDWIN<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*Elias Smith*<sup>8</sup>, *Amos*<sup>7</sup>, *Eleazer*<sup>6</sup>, *Reuben*<sup>5</sup>, *Reuben*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Nov. 1, 1871, at Charleston, Maine; married Sept. 18, 1912, Minnie Elva Ross of Charleston, Maine.

John Edwin Higgins was educated in the schools of Charleston, and at the Higgins Classical Institute. In June, 1891, he went to New York City and shortly afterward entered the employ of William Wright in Newburgh as an apprentice in the machinist and engineer's trade. After three and a half years he entered the employ of E. S. Higgins & Co., at the carpet works. He entered Cooper Union night school in 1905 and graduated in 1908 as mechanical draughtsman. He remained with the carpet company and removed with the removal of their works to Thompsonville, Conn. On account of poor health he resigned in August, 1908, and returned to his father's home in Maine. He is fond of sports, athletics, and hunting.

No children.

925. GEORGE HERBERT<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*Elias Smith*<sup>8</sup>, *Amos*<sup>7</sup>, *Eleazer*<sup>6</sup>, *Reuben*<sup>5</sup>, *Reuben*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Nov. 23, 1873, at Charleston, Maine; married July 10, 1898, Nellie May King, born at West Charleston, Maine, Aug. 20, 1878.

George Herbert Higgins was educated at the schools of Charleston and Bradford, Maine. He went to New York in 1893 and remained there until March, 1898, employed by several firms in a business way, meanwhile taking a course at Packard's Business



College and spending more than a year at his home town in Maine. In 1898 he started a general merchandise store in partnership with his brother-in-law at West Charleston. In a few months he became dissatisfied and rented the Dority store at Charleston Village. May 1, 1900, he moved to North Dexter, Maine, continuing in the same line of business and was also postmaster. In 1902 he returned to Charleston and then again to North Dexter, and in 1907 sold his business and located in Bangor, where in 1916 he was in the employ of the John Cassidy Company.

*Child.*

- i. Doris Marie, b. Oct. 1, 1899, at Charleston, Maine.

926. FRED SMITH<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*Orrin Smith<sup>8</sup>, Arthur<sup>7</sup>, Eleazer<sup>6</sup>, Reuben<sup>5</sup>, Reuben<sup>4</sup>, Richard<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born Nov. 10, 1873, at Gray, Maine; married Jan. 1, 1903, Alma D. Savoy of Gray, Maine.

He has always lived at Gray and succeeded his father on the home farm.

*Child.*

- i. Mary Ella, b. Jan. 3, 1908.

927. CHARLES ALDEN<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*Nehemiah<sup>8</sup>, Aquila<sup>7</sup>, Aquila<sup>6</sup>, Gideon<sup>5</sup>, Moses<sup>4</sup>, Richard<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born Jan. 14, 1863; married Sept. 11, 1901, Bessie Loveland Bangs, daughter of Percy and Julia Couilliard (Smith) Bangs.

He resided at Provincetown; was in Life Saving Service.

*Child.*

- i. Abbie Loveland, b. March 29, 1906.

928. AUGUSTUS E.<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*Jabez Bradford<sup>8</sup>, Jabez<sup>7</sup>, Moses<sup>6</sup>, Elnathan<sup>5</sup>, Moses<sup>4</sup>, Richard<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born Aug. 21, 1864, at Orleans, Mass.; died —; married in 1893, Marion Campbell.

Augustus E. Higgins resided at Boston or at Brooklyn, N. Y.

*Children.*

- i. Donald U., b. April 22, 1904; d. April 26, 1904, at Orleans.  
ii. Helen Doane, b. —.

929. EBEN EDWARD<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*Eben<sup>8</sup>, Eben<sup>7</sup>, Eben<sup>6</sup>, Jacob<sup>5</sup>, Isaac<sup>4</sup>, Isaac<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born Nov. 2, 1871,



at Auburndale; died Feb. 29, 1908, at Fitchburg; married Jan. 1, 1902, at Fitchburg, Nina Maude Ashley, daughter of Joseph and Melissa (Adams) Ashley.

He resided at Fitchburg; was a machinist.

*Children.*

- i. Mildred Ashley, b. Oct. 12, 1902, at Fitchburg.
- ii. Beatrice Irene, b. March 30, 1905, at Fitchburg.
- iii. Lois, b. —.
- iv. Hazel, b. in 1907.

930. CHARLES HERBERT<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*Eben*<sup>8</sup>, *Eben*<sup>7</sup>, *Eben*<sup>6</sup>, *Jacob*<sup>5</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>4</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Feb. 23, 1875, at Newtonville; married Oct. 22, 1901, in L'Avenir, Quebec, Canada, Jane Ruth Hall, daughter of Fred G. and Ruth (Brickley) Hall.

He was educated at Amherst College, and McGill University, Montreal, Canada; B.S., D.V.S.; he is now Pathologist to the Dominion of Canada; resides at Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.

*Children.*

- i. Ruth Dorothy, b. Oct. 26, 1902, at Ottawa, Ont.
- ii. Herbert Hall, b. May 17, 1907.

931. CHARLES HENRY<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*Henry*<sup>8</sup>, *Jared*<sup>7</sup>, *Israel*<sup>6</sup>, *Israel*<sup>5</sup>, *Israel*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Sept. 6, 1836, at Berlin, Conn.; died May 10, 1892; married (1) —; (2) —.

*Children.*

- i. Viva, b. —; resides at New York.
- ii. Clarence, b. —.

932. DOUGLAS<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*Henry*<sup>8</sup>, *Jared*<sup>7</sup>, *Israel*<sup>6</sup>, *Israel*<sup>5</sup>, *Israel*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Oct. 26, 1860; married Oct. 6, 1883, Ada Curtis, daughter of Norman Curtis of Glastonbury, Conn.

He resided at Glastonbury, Conn.

*Children.*

- i. Lester, b. in 1884.
- ii. Clifford, b. in 1887.
- iii. Ella, b. in 1893.
- iv. Douglas, b. in 1895.

933. JAMES HENRY<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*Septerius*<sup>8</sup>, *Jared*<sup>7</sup>, *Israel*<sup>6</sup>, *Israel*<sup>5</sup>, *Israel*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born March 15, 1853, in New York; married Oct. 23, 1879, Virginia Downing, daughter of John B. and Mary A. Downing of Brooklyn, N. Y.

He resided at Plainville, Conn.

*Child.*

- i. James Henry Sutherland, b. April 1, 1893, at New York City.

934. WILLIAM FRANKLIN<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*Septerius*<sup>8</sup>, *Jared*<sup>7</sup>, *Israel*<sup>6</sup>, *Israel*<sup>5</sup>, *Israel*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Feb. 24, 1857; died March 26, 1907, in New York City; married April 11, 1883, Lida Edwina McClave, daughter of John and Charlotte Louise (Wood) McClave.

Residence, New York City.

*Children.*

- i. Charlotte Edythe, b. April 10, 1884, in New York City.
- ii. Matie Abbett, b. Jan. 12, 1886; married — Rothschild.
- iii. Willard Thorwald, b. Oct. 3, 1887; resided at New Rochelle, N. Y.

935. EDWARD SEPTERIUS<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*Septerius*<sup>8</sup>, *Jared*<sup>7</sup>, *Israel*<sup>6</sup>, *Israel*<sup>5</sup>, *Israel*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Oct. 15, 1866; died March 8, 1899; married Sept. 27, 1893, Eleanor Louise Skinner Hall of Meriden, Conn., born Dec. 4, 1873.

Edward S. Higgins lived at Torrington, Conn., but died at Farmington, Conn.

*Children.*

- i. Lillian Belle, b. July 16, 1896.
- ii. Frederick Arthur, b. Dec. 4, 1898.

936. CHARLES<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*Charles*<sup>8</sup>, *Jared*<sup>7</sup>, *Israel*<sup>6</sup>, *Israel*<sup>5</sup>, *Israel*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born July 29, 1848; married (1) Oct. 7, 1874, Mary Adele Thompson of Hartford, Conn.; married (2) December, 1889, Sadie Howard of New Haven, Conn.; born —; died Feb. 19, 1897; married (3) March 11, 1898, Mrs. Susan M. (Priest) Blaisdell of New Haven, Conn.

Charles Higgins resided at New Haven, Conn.

*Children.*

- i. Grace, b. Aug. 21, 1876; married —.
- ii. Vera E., b. Jan. 4, 1890.
- iii. Ola E., b. Sept. 6, 1892.

937. FREDERICK ALDEN<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*William Irving*<sup>8</sup>, *Alden*<sup>7</sup>, *Israel*<sup>6</sup>, *Israel*<sup>5</sup>, *Israel*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Aug. 4, 1871, at Geneva, N. Y.; married Sept. 29, 1915, Mrs. Kate (Delano) Hyde, daughter of Clayton H. and Annie M. (Thompson) Delano and widow of Elmer W. Hyde.

938. FRANK WAYLAND<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*Orrin Thrall*<sup>8</sup>, *Timothy*<sup>7</sup>, *Timothy*<sup>6</sup>, *Israel*<sup>5</sup>, *Israel*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Aug. 18, 1856, at Rushford, Allegany Co., N. Y.; died Feb. 12, 1907, at Olean, N. Y.; married June 5, 1878, at Sparta, Wis., Catherine Corinne Noble, born July 16, 1856, at Rushford, N. Y.; daughter of Aaron Harrison Noble of Sparta, Wis.

Frank Wayland Higgins was educated in the district schools, at Pike Seminary, and at Riverview Academy, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. For a short time he was western sales agent for an oil refinery, and in 1875 became a partner in the mercantile firm of Wood, Thayer & Co. of Stanton, Mich. He purchased the interests of his partners in 1876, and conducted the business for three years, then selling out and becoming a member of his father's firm. His previous experience had qualified him to assume the management of the enterprise, and at the end of five years he was able to buy up the entire business. He also followed his father's example in realty operations, purchasing large tracts of timber lands in Washington state and in other parts of the country. His vested interests are represented in the Higgins Land Co. and the Guarantee Land Co., of which he was president; the Olean Land Co., of which he was treasurer; the Higgins Wildcat Co., of which he was secretary, and the Exchange National Bank of Olean, N. Y., in which he was a director. He first became prominent in politics when elected a delegate to the Republican National Convention, Chicago, in 1888. In 1893 he was elected to the state senate from the 32d district, including Cattaraugus, Chautauqua and Allegany counties, and in 1895 from the newly formed 50th district, consisting of Cattaraugus and Chautauqua, holding his seat by three successive re-elections until 1902. In the latter year he was nominated for lieutenant-governor of the state on the ticket with Benjamin B. Odell, and was elected by a plurality of more than 10,000 over his Democratic opponent, Charles N. Bulger. In 1904 he was nominated for governor, and in the great national Republican victory of that year carried the state over his Democratic opponent, Judge D. Cady Herrick, by a plurality of 80,560.

The foregoing account of Governor Higgins is taken from *The National Cyclopaedia of American Biography*, vol. xiii, but some more personal anecdotes, published at the time of his death, may be of interest here.

Early in life he developed a fondness for "trading." He wanted some money when he learned that a circus was coming to town. He made a contract with his grandfather to do a certain piece of work on the farm. For this he was to receive two dollars. Somehow he succeeded in persuading his grandfather to pay him the money in advance. Then he went to the circus.

It is said of him that he won no honors in school, but was full of pranks. The uniform of a soldier appealed to him, and decided him in his choice of a school after he had entered his teens. He informed his father that he desired to go to a military school because uniforms were worn there. "All right, my boy," said his father, "pick out your school and I will send you there. But if you go you will have to stay until you finish." To this the boy agreed and selected a military academy at Poughkeepsie. He stayed there long after the desire for military trappings wore off, and when he went back home he was ready for work.

Frank Wayland Higgins began to take an active interest in politics when he was sixteen years old. He "sassed" his father the only time in his life because they disagreed in the Greeley-Grant campaign, the son being an enthusiastic supporter of General Grant, while the father, a life-long Democrat, advocated the election of Mr. Greeley. When the boy said hotly that he had no respect for his father's political opinions, the father rebuked him in kindly fashion and added: "We will not talk politics any more." For sixteen years they carefully avoided politics in speaking to one another, although the son became well known as a local Republican politician. In 1888 when he returned from the National Republican Convention which nominated Benjamin Harrison for the presidency, the father came to him and said: "You have nominated a good man for President and I am going to vote for him."

As state senator he originated important bills which became law, regulating the state appropriations, expenses, and certain revenues which had not been usually turned over to the state treasury, and classifying the state's employees.

Mr. Higgins' administration as governor was characterized by the passage of some of the best measures ever signed by a governor of New York in the interest of the people—notably the Page-Agnew 80-cent gas bill, the life insurance bills, the act prohibiting corporations from contributing to campaign funds, the stock transfer tax, the amendments to the Raines law (regulating saloons), the bill for the removal of the tracks in



Eleventh Avenue, New York City, and a measure for the improvement of roads.

In 1905 because of the conditions in the great insurance companies of New York, Governor Higgins ordered a searching investigation of the companies. He said: "The insurance investigation was set in motion by me when it appeared that something was radically wrong in the management of great companies. It was conducted to a conclusion without fear or favor by an impartial committee, aided by counsel of the highest rank." It was due to Governor Higgins that the general insurance bill, framed as a result of the investigation, was passed in its original form, without the amendments which would have made it ineffective. In other reform legislation he was equally effective and successful. During his administration Governor Higgins suffered from that form of heart disease which ended his life, and he could have had a renomination, but his doctor warned him that his retirement from politics was absolutely necessary. He heartily acquiesced in the nomination of Mr. Hughes to succeed him, and attended the latter's inauguration at great risk to himself.

A hospital as a memorial to Governor Higgins has been established on the site of his home at Olean. He left a large estate, chiefly consisting of western timberlands and ore lands.

#### *Children.*

- i. Orrin Thrall, b. May 14, 1879; married —; residence, Denver, Col.
- ii. Josephine Belle, b. Nov. 2, 1883; married in 1912, at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Olean, N. Y., Emile Lucien Hovelague, Superintendent General of Public Instruction. Residence, Paris, France.
- iii. Frank Harrison, b. July 5, 1886.

939. REUBEN PAUL<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*François Wesley*<sup>8</sup>, *François De Nogue*<sup>7</sup>, *James*<sup>6</sup>, *Sylvanus*<sup>5</sup>, *Israel*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Sept. 27, 1880, at McGraw, N. Y.; married Oct. 28, 1908, Mabel Aroa Brewer, daughter of Edward and Eda May (Ainsley) Brewer of Cortland, N. Y.

Reuben P. Higgins graduated from the Cortland Normal School in 1898, from Cornell University in 1902, and from Johns Hopkins Medical School, 1905. He resides at Cortland, N. Y., where he is a physician and surgeon. He has been elected a member of the Board of Education of Cortland, is a prominent Mason and belongs to the Presbyterian Church.



*Children.*

- i. Elizabeth Brewer, b. Sept. 21, 1910.
- ii. Edward Francis, b. Feb. 3, 1914.
- iii. Reuben Paul, b. June 23, 1915.

940. HENRY KINGMAN<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*Louis Jesse*<sup>8</sup>, *François De Nogue*<sup>7</sup>, *James*<sup>6</sup>, *Sylvanus*<sup>5</sup>, *Israel*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born July 13, 1888, at Cortland, N. Y.; married Dec. 2, 1910, Ethel May Leete, born March 30, 1891, daughter of Horace and Mabel (Landers) Leete.

Henry K. Higgins resides at Cortland, N. Y., and is a carpenter.

*Children.*

- i. Mabel Caroline, b. Sept. 23, 1911.
- ii. Carrie Elida, b. Dec. 22, 1912.
- iii. Ada Josephine, b. July 19, 1914.
- iv. James Henry, b. Nov. 4, 1916.

941. HENRY SILAS<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*Werter Chapin*<sup>8</sup>, *Silas*<sup>7</sup>, *Sylvester*<sup>6</sup>, *Heman*<sup>5</sup>, *Israel*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born June 7, 1870, at Norwich, Conn.; married Oct. 17, 1894, Lucy Porter Warner of Norwich, Conn., daughter of John Edward and Sarah E. (Allen) Warner.

Residence, Toronto, Canada.

Mrs. Higgins is a lineal descendant of Miles Standish, the captain of the Pilgrims at Plymouth in 1620.

*Children.*

- i. Warren Allen, b. Feb. 18, 1901.
- ii. Lucile, b. April 29, 1903.

942. EDWIN WERTER<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*Werter Chapin*<sup>8</sup>, *Silas*<sup>7</sup>, *Sylvester*<sup>6</sup>, *Heman*<sup>5</sup>, *Israel*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born July 2, 1874, at Norwich, Conn.; married Sept. 21, 1904, Alice May Neff, daughter of Christian F. and Mary F. (Binn) Neff of Allegheny, Penn.

Edwin W. Higgins was educated in the schools of Norwich and took his degree in law at Yale University in 1897 and was at once admitted to the bar, beginning the practice of law in the same year. He was elected to the Connecticut General Assembly in 1899; served as corporation counsel of the city of Norwich, 1901-02; member of Republican State Central Committee, 1900-

06; Health Officer for New London County, 1900-05; prosecuting attorney for Norwich in 1905. He was elected a delegate to the Republican National Conventions of 1904 and 1916. He was four times elected to Congress, serving on the Judiciary Committee of the 59th, 60th, 61st and 62d Congresses. He has traveled in Japan, Hawaii, Panama, and Europe. He is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, of Phi Sigma Kappa, and of the American Bar Association. He has been a director and officer of the Groton and Stonington Street Railway Company and of the Uncas Power Company. At present he is vice-president and receiver of The Hopkins and Allen Arms Company. In religious preference he is a Congregationalist. He is a vice-president of the Higgins Family Association and holds a commission in the Connecticut Home Guard.

*Children born at Norwich, Conn.*

- i. Elizabeth Taintor, b. May 24, 1906.
- ii. Alice Crane, b. May 11, 1910.
- iii. Susan Montgomery, b. June 20, 1913.

943. JOHN MITCHELL<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*Werter Chapin*<sup>8</sup>, *Silas*<sup>7</sup>, *Sylvester*<sup>6</sup>, *Heman*<sup>5</sup>, *Israel*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Sept. 7, 1876, at Norwich, Conn.; married Oct. 3, 1899, Georgiana Gregory of Boston, Mass.

John M. Higgins was a student at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology at Boston in 1897; residence Somerville (Tufts College), Mass. No children.

944. CHARLES EDSON<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*Edson J.*<sup>8</sup>, *Alphonso*<sup>7</sup>, *Dan*<sup>6</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>5</sup>, *Ichabod*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Aug. 24, 1868; married Aug. 2, 1888, Docia Garnett, born Sept. 29, 1868.

Charles Edson Higgins resided in Bolivar, Mo.

*Children.*

- i. Mary Emogene, b. July 20, 1891.
- ii. Julia Allien, b. Aug. 11, 1895.
- iii. Mildred Chloe, b. Dec. 2, 1896.

Authority: Most of the data concerning Dan Higgins, son of Samuel and his descendants, here given is taken from *Descendants of Francis Le Baron*.

945. SENECA DEAN<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*Robert B.*<sup>8</sup>, *Robert*<sup>7</sup>, *Seth*<sup>6</sup>, *Nathan*<sup>5</sup>, *Simeon*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Oct. 8, 1861, at Orleans; married September, 1886, Mary Cross of Morrill, Maine, born July 4, 1862.

Lived in Medford, Mass.; was first a sailor, then a sugar refiner, then a carpenter.

*Child.*

- i. Henry Bruce, b. Sept. 23, 1887, at Somerville; married Oct. 3, 1915, Minnie —.

946. GEORGE T.<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*Thomas*<sup>8</sup>, *Seneca*<sup>7</sup>, *Seth*<sup>6</sup>, *Nathan*<sup>5</sup>, *Simeon*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born in 1875; married Nov. 20, 1895, Sarah Y. Fulcher, daughter of John and Josephine H. (Doane) Fulcher.

Residence, Eastham, Mass.

*Child.*

- i. Charles Doane, b. Feb. 24, 1897; d. March 14, 1898.

947. GEORGE CLINTON<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*Frederick Stinson*<sup>8</sup>, *Simeon*<sup>7</sup>, *Reuben*<sup>6</sup>, *Philip*<sup>5</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Oct. 1, 1834, at Georgetown, Maine; died —; married — Martha A. —, born —; died Dec. 13, 1909, at Georgetown, Maine.

He resided at Georgetown, Maine.

*Children.*

- i. Carrie I., b. Nov. 22, 1857.
- ii. Selina J., b. Aug. 3, 1858; d. July 14, 1859.
- iii. Cora E., b. Sept. 12, 1861.
- iv. Everett C., b. Aug. 6, 1864.
- v. Annie M., b. Nov. 23, 1866.
- vi. Susie B., b. April 4, 1869.
- vii. Martha F., b. June 9, 1871.
- viii. Beatrice A., b. April 21, 1873.

948. CHARLES MADENSON<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*Frederick Stinson*<sup>8</sup>, *Simeon*<sup>7</sup>, *Reuben*<sup>6</sup>, *Philip*<sup>5</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Oct. 17, 1839 at Georgetown, Maine; died —; married Reinda —.

He resided at Georgetown, Maine.

*Children born at Georgetown, Maine.*

- i. Ella S., b. Sept. 23, 1867.
- ii. Mary J., b. June 25, 1871.

949. ELISHA<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*John Henry*<sup>8</sup>, *Reuben*<sup>7</sup>, *Reuben*<sup>6</sup>, *Philip*<sup>5</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Dec. 31, 1848, at Barnard, Maine; married Susan Davis of Minnesota.

*Children.*

- i. Carrie, b. May, 1877, at Superior, Wis.; married Curt McCauley. Children: Ella, b. January, 1895; Alice, b. January, 1897; Auriel, b. August, 1901; Ruth, b. May, 1903; Ernest, b. May, 1905; Olive, b. March, 1907; Richard, b. February, 1909.
- ii. Joel, b. November, 1880.
- iii. Eliza, b. September, 1882; married Henry Smith of Wisconsin. Child, Henry.
- iv. Gussie, b. May, 1883; d. August, 1884.
- v. Susan, b. May, 1884; married Edward Johnsted. Children: George, b. June, 1909; Leslie, b. January, 1911.
- vi. Richard, b. March, 1886.
- vii. Dolly, b. February, 1888; married Richard Bowen.
- viii. John, b. July, 1890.
- ix. Laura, b. May, 1892.
- x. Mary, b. August, 1896.
- xi. Bertha, b. August, 1899.
- xii. Charles, b. December, 1902.
- xiii. Jessie, b. January, 1905; d. December, 1910.
- xiv. Raymond, b. March, 1907.

950. CHARLES HENRY<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*John Henry*<sup>8</sup>, *Reuben*<sup>7</sup>, *Reuben*<sup>6</sup>, *Philip*<sup>5</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born April, 1853, at Barnard, Maine; married Clara Brown of Detroit, Maine.

*Children.*

- i. Harold, b. Sept. 25, 1882, at Kingman, Maine; married Linda Willey of Greenboro, Vt. Child: Myrtie, b. January, 1910, at Craftsbury, Vt.
- ii. Arthur Higgins Chase (adopted), b. March, 1884, at Sebec, Maine; married Louise Chadbourne of Albany, Vt., and had Veda, b. Feb. 9, 1911, at Glover, Vt.

951. BYRON E.<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*Noah Swett*<sup>8</sup>, *Noah Swett*<sup>7</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>6</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>5</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Oct. 1, 1853; married in 1882 Fredina Knowles.

*Child.*

i. Delia Norton, b. March 9, 1884.

952. JOHN HENRY<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*Noah Swett*<sup>8</sup>, *Noah Swett*<sup>7</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>6</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>5</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Feb. 26, 1863; married in October, 1885, Ruth Wanamaker, born March 16, 1863.

Residence, Wellfleet, Mass.

*Children.*

- i. Ethel Rainsford, b. Aug. 18, 1888.
- ii. Daughter, b. Aug. 19, 1893; d. Sept. 6, 1893.
- iii. Irving Robert, b. April 26, 1896.
- iv. Everett Utley, b. Aug. 4, 1899.

953. FREDERICK ALTON<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*Noah Swett*<sup>8</sup>, *Noah Swett*<sup>7</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>6</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>5</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born July 7, 1870; married Dec. 11, 1895, Eunice Olive Snow.

Residence, Wellfleet, Mass.

*Children.*

- i. Alice Norton, b. Oct. 19, 1896.
- ii. Alan Franklin, b. Oct. 31, 1898.
- iii. Eunice, b. May 31, 1900.
- iv. Emily F., b. June 18, 1901.

Authority: W. B. Snow.

954. RICHARD FREEMAN<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*Robert*<sup>8</sup>, *Noah*<sup>7</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>6</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>5</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born May 8, 1859; married Oct. 10, 1882, Julia A. King, born Sept. 7, 1857; daughter of Isaac and Lucinda King.

Residence, Wellfleet, Mass.

*Child.*

i. George Kimball, b. Jan. 25, 1887.

955. ALFRED S.<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*John Swett*<sup>8</sup>, *John Swett*<sup>7</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>6</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>5</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>),



born April 22, 1858, at Boston; married Myra Inman Wilson, daughter of Benjamin F. and Harriet Oyer Wilson.

Residence, Wellfleet, Mass.

*Children.*

- i. John Stuart, b. Sept. 11, 1897, at Winchester, Mass.
- ii. Richard Robertson, b. Nov. 10, 1899.

956. FREDERICK BARLOW<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*John Swett*<sup>3</sup>, *John Swett*<sup>7</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>6</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>5</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born July 25, 1874; married Sept. 29, 1895, Mary Green, daughter of John Maxwell and Mary (Collins) Green.

Residence, Wellfleet, Mass. Treasurer and manager of the F. B. Higgins Company at Boothbay Harbor, Maine. Has also resided at Port Clyde, Maine, and at present at Boothbay Harbor, Maine.

*Children.*

- i. John Maxwell, b. July 27, 1897, at Port Clyde, Maine.
- ii. Frederick Barlow, b. Sept. 18, 1898.
- iii. Marion Evelyn, b. Oct. 29, 1901, at Boothbay Harbor, Maine.
- iv. Gertrude Isabel, b. Dec. 28, 1903.

957. PAYNE WARREN<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*Lemuel Newcomb*<sup>3</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>7</sup>, *Paine*<sup>6</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>5</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Dec. 30, 1858; died Feb. 22, 1900; married Feb. 19, 1890, Carrie A. Hawes.

Payne W. Higgins resided at Wellfleet, Mass.

*Children.*

- i. Lottie Allen, b. May 1, 1890.
- ii. Infant, b. Aug. 4, 1895.

958. ROBERT WRIGHT<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*William Wright*<sup>3</sup>, *Allen*<sup>7</sup>, *Judah*<sup>6</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>5</sup>, *Paul*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born July 18, 1874, at Pawtucket, R. I.; married June 18, 1900, Ellen M. Pike, born Oct. 21, 1877, daughter of Austin L. Pike of Providence, R. I.

Residence, Providence, R. I., and later Bridgeport, Conn., where he is now (1917) superintendent of the Whiting Manufacturing Company, silversmiths.

*Children.*

- i. Dorothy Allen, b. Feb. 11, 1902, at Providence, R. I.
- ii. Ruth Evelyn, b. Oct. 14, 1903, at Providence, R. I.
- iii. Mabel Josephine, b. Jan. 13, 1910, at Bridgeport, Conn.

959. ZEDA A.<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*William Wright*<sup>8</sup>, *Allen*<sup>7</sup>, *Judah*<sup>6</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>5</sup>, *Paul*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born March 17, 1878, at Pawtucket, R. I.; married July 5, 1901, Anna M. Braman, born July 30, 1877, daughter of Jason E. Braman.

Residence, Providence, R. I.

*Child.*

- i. Albert B., b. Nov. 20, 1904.

960. ALGERNON SIDNEY<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*Algernon Sidney*<sup>8</sup>, *Charles*<sup>7</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>6</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>5</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born —; married M. Ida Preston.

Algernon S. Higgins is a practicing physician and resides at Brooklyn, N. Y.

*Children.*

- i. Edith, b. —; d. young.
- ii. Harold Preston, b. —.
- iii. Marjorie, b. —.

961. GEORGE FRED<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*Freeman*<sup>8</sup>, *Lewis*<sup>7</sup>, *Prince*<sup>6</sup>, *Timothy*<sup>5</sup>, *Freeman*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born June 8, 1862; married (1) Mary (Mollie) Peabody Clark, born —; died Dec. 6, 1896; daughter of Joseph B. and Mary J. (Peabody) Clark; married (2) June 8, 1898, Ruth Allen, daughter of George W. and Mary (Lester) Allen.

He resided at Manchester, N. H.; at Worcester, Mass.; at Melrose, Mass., in 1914; president of Manufacturing Co.

*Children.*

- i. Clark Freeman, b. Sept. 6, 1888.
- ii. James Peabody, b. March 22, 1890; d. in 1909.
- iii. Rachel, b. July 6, 1892.
- iv. Eunice, b. June 11, 1894.
- v. Barbara Allen, b. Sept. 1, 1899.
- vi. Rogers Whitney, b. Jan. 13, 1901.
- vii. Harris Allen, b. July 31, 1902.
- viii. Richard, b. June 28, 1906.

962. FRANK ALBERT<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*Freeman*<sup>8</sup>, *Lewis*<sup>7</sup>, *Prince*<sup>6</sup>, *Timothy*<sup>5</sup>, *Freeman*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Jan. 16, 1865; married Marion Field Lawrence, daughter of A. Clarence and Sarah (Field) Lawrence.

He is a physician and surgeon, and resides at Boston, Mass.

*Children.*

- i. Lawrence, b. Nov. 10, 1896.
- ii. Freeman, b. —.

963. CHARLES LEWIS<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*Elijah Lewis*<sup>8</sup>, *Lewis*<sup>7</sup>, *Prince*<sup>6</sup>, *Timothy*<sup>5</sup>, *Freeman*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born March 18, 1857; married June 1, 1887, Urania S. Kimball, born May 27, 1867; daughter of Charles and Phebe (Taylor) Kimball.

Residence, Springfield, Mass.

*Child.*

- i. Miles, b. Oct. 24, 1889; married Nov. 26, 1916, at Pontiac, Ill., Minnie Dolde.

963A. ARTHUR PARKER<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*Merrill Whitney*<sup>8</sup>, *Lewis*<sup>7</sup>, *Prince*<sup>6</sup>, *Timothy*<sup>5</sup>, *Freeman*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Aug. 5, 1880, in Manchester, N. H.; married April 12, 1916, Bertha Perry Dunton, daughter of William Henry and Alice (Burrell) Dunton.

Arthur Parker Higgins resides at Worcester, Mass. He is secretary of the Worcester Pressed Steel Company.

*Child.*

- i. Merle, b. Nov. 26, 1917.

964. ALDUS CHAPIN<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*Milton Prince*<sup>8</sup>, *Lewis*<sup>7</sup>, *Prince*<sup>6</sup>, *Timothy*<sup>5</sup>, *Freeman*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Dec. 7, 1872, at Worcester, Mass.; married (1) June 6, 1898, Edgenie Gertrude Brosius, born Aug. 26, 1870; died Sept. 24, 1911; daughter of Milton Louis and Elizabeth (Dillon) Brosius of Lewiston, Penn.; married (2) Jan. 16, 1914, Mary Sprague Green, born June 10, 1882; daughter of James and Mary A. (Messinger) Green of Worcester, Mass.

Aldus Chapin Higgins received his early education in the public schools of Worcester and prepared for college at the Worcester High School, entering the Worcester Polytechnic Institute, from which he was graduated in the Class of 1893, with the degree of Bachelor of Science. For several months after his graduation he worked as a machinist in one of the shops of which his father was the head. Instead of continuing in the service of any of the corporations which his father had built up, he decided to study

law and entered the National University Law School at Washington, D. C. At the same time he was appointed assistant examiner in the United States Patent Office, a position in which his knowledge of mechanics was extended, fitting him in an exceptional degree for the duties of his subsequent positions with the Norton Company and the Norton Grinding Company. In 1896 he received from the law school his degree of Master of Laws *cum laude*, resigned his position in the Patent Office and was admitted to the Massachusetts bar in Worcester County.

After a year of travel he returned to his native city and opened a law office. For several years he was in general practice, making a specialty of patent law and during this time had charge of the patent and legal matters of the Norton Companies, conducting in 1900 the negotiations for the electric-furnace process of making the artificial abrasive known as Alundum acquired by the Norton Company in 1901 and completing the patent work in connection therewith. This branch of the Norton Company work demanded so much of Mr. Higgins' time and attention that he retired from the general practice of the law and entered the service of the Norton companies exclusively.

In 1901 Mr. Higgins built and managed the electric-furnace plant of the Norton Company at Niagara Falls, N. Y., putting the laboratory process of making Alundum upon a commercial basis. His invention of the electric-furnace in which Alundum is made commercially received the John Scott Medal and Premium awarded by the City of Philadelphia on recommendation of the Franklin Institute in 1913. This invention also received notable awards at the St. Louis Exposition.

With the growth of the Norton Company Mr. Higgins' executive activities were extended to cover the acquisition and management of bauxite mines; the erection and management of a plant at Chippawa, Canada, for the manufacture of carbide of silicon, an artificial abrasive known by the trade name of Crystolon; the extension of the manufacture of Alundum to the Canadian plant, and other activities in the organization of the Deutsche Norton Gesellschaft, at Wesseling, Germany. In 1912 Mr. Higgins was elected secretary and general counsel of the Norton Company and Norton Grinding Company and has continued in executive charge of all abrasive plants of the Norton Company, as well as general counsel for the Norton companies, with headquarters at Worcester, Mass.

He is also treasurer and counsel of the Sanford Riley Stoker



Company, a director of the Merchants' National Bank and president of the Bancroft Realty Company, owners of the Bancroft Hotel of Worcester.

In politics Mr. Higgins has been an active Republican, serving for a number of years on the Worcester Republican City Committee, of which he was chairman in 1900.

He is a member of Piedmont Congregational Church, the Worcester Club, and Tatnuck Country Club.

*Children.*

- i. Elizabeth Brosius, b. Oct. 11, 1900.
- ii. Milton Prince, b. Oct. 29, 1903.

965. JOHN WOODMAN<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*Milton Prince*<sup>8</sup>, *Lewis*<sup>7</sup>, *Prince*<sup>6</sup>, *Timothy*<sup>5</sup>, *Freeman*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Sept. 1, 1874, in Worcester, Mass.; married Jan. 17, 1906, Clara Louise Carter, born July 2, 1882; daughter of Thomas Whitman and Mary Louise (Lupton) Carter of St. Louis, Mo.

He attended public and private schools of his native city, prepared in the Worcester High School and entered the Worcester Polytechnic Institute, from which he graduated in the class of 1896, in the electrical and mechanical engineering courses, with the degree of Bachelor of Science. Immediately after graduation he associated with his father in a new corporation, the Plunger Elevator Company, and for eight years was secretary and superintendent. In 1904 this business was sold to the Otis Elevator Company and Mr. Higgins and his father then established the Worcester Pressed Steel Company, of which he has been the manager to the present time. In 1905 a new plant was built at Barber's Crossing, Worcester, which has been enlarged from time to time until it comprises twenty acres. The business has prospered. Several departments were added, including a cold rolling mill in 1912. Since the death of his father, Mr. Higgins has been president and treasurer.

He has been a director of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce, vice-president of the National Metal Trades Association and president of their Worcester Branch, director of the Associated Industries of Massachusetts, and vice-president of the Safety Council.

He was secretary of the Worcester Congregational Club and director and secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, in which he was especially active during the new building fund



campaign of 1916, when \$365,000 was raised in a week, starting the subscriptions with \$25,000.

He is also a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity, the Worcester Club, the Tatnuck Country Club, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the Engineers' Club of New York, the Society of Automotive Engineers, the Sons of the American Revolution and the Society of Mayflower Descendants. He is a Congregationalist and an active member of Piedmont Congregational Church of Worcester.

*Children.*

- i. Carter Chapin, b. Oct. 15, 1914.
- ii. Bradley Carter, b. Nov. 20, 1916.

966. EDMUND SAFFORD<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*Edmund Fessenden*<sup>8</sup>, *Lewis*<sup>7</sup>, *Prince*<sup>6</sup>, *Timothy*<sup>5</sup>, *Freeman*<sup>4</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Aug. 5, 1885, at Manchester, N. H.; married Sept. 30, 1914, at Philadelphia, Penn., Margaret Lucy Kelley, born at Babylon, N. Y.; daughter of William and Margaret (Bichan) Kelley of Nanticoke, Luzerne Co., Penn.

He was educated in the public schools of Manchester, N. H., and at Yale University, graduating from the Manchester High School in 1903 and from the Sheffield Scientific School in 1906. He chose engineering for his profession and in 1917 was maintenance engineer for the Dupont Powder Company at City Point, Va.

*Children.*

- i. Margaret Safford, b. Nov. 27, 1915.
- ii. Edmund Fessenden, b. June 20, 1917.

967. WASHINGTON IRVING<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*Jonathan B.*<sup>8</sup>, *John*<sup>7</sup>, *Judiah*<sup>6</sup>, *Judiah*<sup>5</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>4</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Jan. 30, 1861; married Feb. 12, 1890, Lillian M. Stringer, daughter of T. L. and Ellen C. (McLaurey) Stringer.

*Children.*

- i. Helen McLaurey, b. June 22, 1893.
- ii. Ruth Louise, b. Aug. 12, 1895.
- iii. Lloyd Stringer, b. March 8, 1899.
- iv. Laurence Mattison, b. Sept. 19, 1902.
- v. Mildred Agnes, b. Jan. 13, 1906.
- vi. Elizabeth Lillian, b. Sept. 27, 1910.

968. JOHN M.<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*Jonathan B.*<sup>8</sup>, *John*<sup>7</sup>, *Judiah*<sup>6</sup>, *Judiah*<sup>5</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>4</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Aug. 21, 1868; married July 1, 1896, Martha Mason, daughter of Theodore and Naomi (Drakeford) (Clare) Mason.

*Children.*

- i. Edith, b. April 12, 1897.
- ii. Theodore J., b. April 22, 1898.
- iii. J. Clare, b. Dec. 8, 1899.
- iv. Naomi, b. May 11, 1904.
- v. Ruth, b. March 17, 1906.
- vi. Donald, b. Dec. 13, 1910.
- vii. Dorothy, b. Dec. 13, 1910.

969. JACOB C. W.<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*Jonathan B.*<sup>8</sup>, *John*<sup>7</sup>, *Judiah*<sup>6</sup>, *Judiah*<sup>5</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>4</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Sept. 24, 1879; married Sept. 26, 1900, Ida May Hamann, daughter of Henry W. and Mary Abeal (Dumont) Hamann.

*Children.*

- i. Bernice Dumont, b. Aug. 16, 1901.
- ii. Russell Stanley, b. Sept. 25, 1902.
- iii. Henry Kenneth, b. Dec. 22, 1905.
- iv. Norman Mattison, b. June 30, 1907.
- v. Zadella Reger, b. Feb. 27, 1909.
- vi. Mary Marguerite, b. June 7, 1910.

970. BARZILLAI ROBBINS<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*Judiah Quick*<sup>8</sup>, *John*<sup>7</sup>, *Judiah*<sup>6</sup>, *Judiah*<sup>5</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>4</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born April 10, 1868; married Oct. 10, 1900, Ida Cole, daughter of Richard D. and Elizabeth A. (Chittenden) Cole.

Residence, Flemington, N. J., and later Bloomfield, N. J.  
No children.

971. ARTHUR D.<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*Joseph H. S.*<sup>8</sup>, *John*<sup>7</sup>, *Judiah*<sup>6</sup>, *Judiah*<sup>5</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>4</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Oct. 13, 1875; married June 5, 1901, Ella Runyon, daughter of John and Margaret (Schenck) Runyon.

Residence, Wyndmore, Penn.

*Child.*

- i. Harold R., b. Nov. 28, 1908.

972. ROBERT GADDIS<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*Issachar Hoagland*<sup>8</sup>, *William Fisher*<sup>7</sup>, *Judiah*<sup>6</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>5</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>4</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Aug. 31, 1883; married Oct. 4, 1911, Viola Lovell, born Feb. 1, 1888, daughter of Charles and Annie (Fisher) Lovell of Flemington, N. J.

973. JAMES WALLACE<sup>9</sup> HIGGINS (*James Ward*<sup>8</sup>, *David Sayre*<sup>7</sup>, *James*<sup>6</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>5</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Zerah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born July 6, 1873; married June 3, 1902, Agnes Hampton Bogart, daughter of Henry C. and Emily (Ryberg) Bogart of Roselle Park, N. J.

James W. Higgins is a civil engineer by profession, having an office in New York, but residing at Roselle Park, N. J.

*Child.*

- i. James Wallace, b. Feb. 20, 1906.

974. ARTHUR H.<sup>10</sup> HIGGINS (*Zebina H.*<sup>9</sup>, *Zebina*<sup>8</sup>, *James*<sup>7</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>6</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>5</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Aug. 10, 1881, at Orleans, Mass.; married Flora Josephine Balcom.

Arthur H. Higgins resides at Orleans, Mass.

*Child.*

- i. Flora Josephine, b. Aug. 18, 1903.

975. FREDERICK SEAVER<sup>10</sup> HIGGINS (*Zebina H.*<sup>9</sup>, *Zebina*<sup>8</sup>, *James*<sup>7</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>6</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>5</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born July 12, 1883, at Orleans, Mass.; married there Feb. 15, 1911, Agatha Florence Shackley, daughter of William and Alice F. (Mayo) Shackley.

Frederick S. Higgins resides at Orleans, Mass. No information as to family received.

976. WINFRED C.<sup>10</sup> HIGGINS (*Albert F.*<sup>9</sup>, *Zebina*<sup>8</sup>, *James*<sup>7</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>6</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>5</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Sept. 6, 1867; married Dec. 28, 1890, Inez W. Nickerson.

Residence, Harwich, Mass.

*Children.*

- i. Leon Curtis, b. Oct. 11, 1891; d. Feb. 15, 1905.
- ii. Albert W., b. Oct. 6, 1893.
- iii. A son, b. Sept. 30, 1895; d. Oct. 3, 1895.
- iv. Ira Myrtle, b. April 10, 1897; d. Feb. 27, 1904.

- v. A son, b. April 23, 1900; d. May 11, 1900.
- vi. Hazel B., b. Sept. 28, 1901; d. Sept. 23, 1902.
- vii. Dan, b. April 16, 1904.
- viii. Myrtle Marie, b. April 7, 1907.

977. WILLIAM H. L.<sup>10</sup> HIGGINS (*Albert F.*<sup>9</sup>, *Zebina*<sup>8</sup>, *James*<sup>7</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>6</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>5</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born March 14, 1873, at Harwich; married (1) Nov. 18, 1897, Eva M. Cahoon, born —; died —; daughter of Francis and Ruth (Eldredge) Cahoon of Chatham; married (2) Jan. 5, 1905, Rosanna Lee.

Residence, Harwich, Mass.

*Children.*

- i. Avis M., b. Dec. 29, 1903; d. March 19, 1907.
- ii. A child, b. Dec. 4, 1907.

978. CURTIS FREEMAN<sup>10</sup> HIGGINS (*Freeman*<sup>9</sup>, *Freeman*<sup>8</sup>, *Abner*<sup>7</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>6</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>5</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>3</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Dec. 16, 1871; married Feb. 27, 1902, Nellie L. Jason, daughter of Austin and Mary (Zerbone) Jason.

Curtis F. Higgins resided at Harwich, Mass. Later he has been a member of the United States Life Saving Service at Provincetown, Mass.

*Children.*

- i. Julia Beatrice, b. Aug. 14, 1904.
- ii. Barbara Elinisa, b. Jan. 3, 1907.
- iii. Austin Curtis, b. June 4, 1909.

979. FRANCIS IRVING<sup>10</sup> HIGGINS (*Marshall Irving*<sup>9</sup>, *William Henry*<sup>8</sup>, *Enoch*<sup>7</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>6</sup>, *Enoch*<sup>5</sup>, *Eleazer*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Dec. 12, 1874, in Wellfleet, Mass.; married April 23, 1903, — Crowell, daughter of William and Cynthia (Hall) Crowell.

Francis I. Higgins resides at Dennis, Mass.

980. ERNEST CHESTER<sup>10</sup> HIGGINS (*Marshall Irving*<sup>9</sup>, *William Henry*<sup>8</sup>, *Enoch*<sup>7</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>6</sup>, *Enoch*<sup>5</sup>, *Eleazer*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born May 16, 1880, at Wellfleet, Mass.; married Oct. 12, 1904, Annie Baker Higgins, daughter of Charles F. and Abbie (Baker) Higgins of Wellfleet, Mass.

Ernest C. Higgins resides at Hartford, Conn. He is secretary of the Ætna Life Insurance Company.

## UNPLACED DESCENDANTS OF RICHARD HIGGINS.

### I. RECORDS OF EASTHAM-ORLEANS.

Joshua Treat and Sarah Higgins int. March, 1719-20. *Treat Genealogy* says she was daughter of Isaac Higgins, probably in error.

Eleazer Rogers, Jr., of Harwich and Rebecca Higgins of Eastham married Nov. 13, 1747, by Rev. Joseph Crocker.

Jonathan Twining and Tabitha Higgins, both of Eastham, married Feb. 28, 1754, by Rev. Joseph Crocker. Children: Nathan, b. March 8, 1755; Lydia, b. Oct. 7, 1756; John, b. Oct. 11, 1758; Abigail, b. March 20, 1760; Elizabeth, b. Dec. 14, 1761; Tabitha, b. Sept. 21, 1763; Mercy, b. April 18, 1765; Barnabas, b. May 14, 1767.

Isaac Hopkins of Truro and Elizabeth Higgins of Eastham married Aug. 22, 1757, by Mr. Cheever, minister of Wellfleet (Eastham North Precinct).

Isaac Brown and Mercy Higgins, both of Eastham, int. Dec. 2, 1757.

Zebulon Young, Jr., and Elizabeth Higgins, both of Eastham, married Jan. 26, 1758, by Rev. Joseph Crocker. Children: Mercy, b. Nov. 19, 1758; Zebulon, b. Sept. 2, 1760.

Mr. Thomas Dill and Mrs. Mary Higgins, both of Eastham, int. Jan. 28, 1758.

Mr. Simon Newcomb and Mrs. Sarah Higgins, both of Eastham, int. Aug. 30, 1758.

Abiah Crosby and Sarah Higgins, both of Eastham, married April 3, 1759, by Rev. Joseph Crocker.

Henry Mayo and Lucy Higgins, both of Eastham, married Feb. 26, 1768, by Mr. Cheever, minister of Wellfleet.

Elkanah Young and Rebecca Higgins, both of Eastham, married March 16, 1769, by Rev. Joseph Crocker.

Philip Higgins and Lydia Hopkins, both of Eastham, married July 12, 1770, by Mr. Cheever.

James Higgins, Jr., and Mercy (sic) Young, both of Eastham, married Sept. 21, 1775, by Rev. Jonathan Bascom.

Nathan Hopkins and Sarah Higgins married Oct. 19, 1775, by Mr. Cheever.

John Gill and Anna Higgins married Oct. 24, 1775, by Rev. Jonathan Bascom.

Joseph Pepper and Abigail Higgins, both of Eastham, int. Sept. 28, 1776.



Theophilus Mayo and Susannah Higgins, both of Eastham, int. Dec. 14, 1776.

Joseph Collings and Bethia Higgins married Feb. 3, 1777, by Mr. Cheever.

Richard Higgins of Eastham and Mary Smith int. Jan. 25, 1777.

Heman Myrick and Sarah Higgins int. Oct. 31, 1778.

Ebenezer Harding and Constant Higgins, both of Eastham, int. Jan. 1, 1780. This record is a puzzle and it is impossible to identify the persons mentioned. Possibly it was intended for Ebenezer Higgins and Constant or Content Harding. It would then be the record of the third marriage of Ebenezer<sup>4</sup> Higgins, son of Ichabod. But the date seems to conflict with that of the will of Ebenezer Higgins.

Isaiah Snow and Abigail Higgins, both of Eastham, int. Jan. 20, 1780.

Seth Doane, Jr., and Rebecca Higgins, 3d, both of Eastham, int. Aug. 18, 1781.

John Brown and Rebecca Higgins, both of Eastham, int. March 12, 1785.

Elisha Freeman and Lydia Higgins, both of Eastham, int. April 15, 1786.

Simeon Higgins and Phoebe Higgins, both of Eastham, int. March 20, 1787.

James Snow, Jr., and Asenath Higgins int. Aug. 13, 1791.

Shubael Mayo and Thankful Higgins of Eastham int. Oct. 13, 1793.

John Knowles, 3d, and Sally Higgins of Eastham int. Nov. 16, 1793.

Joseph Cole, Jr., and Ruth Higgins of Eastham int. Feb. 14, 1795.

Nehemiah Atwood and Mercy Higgins of Eastham married Feb. 18, 1796, by Rev. Jonathan Bascom.

## II. RECORDS OF TRURO.

John Creed and Sarah Higgins married July 6, 1775.

## III. RECORDS OF WELLFLEET.

Joshua Rich, Jr., and Jane Higgins, both of Wellfleet, married Feb. 11, 1767. She was daughter of Beriah Higgins.

Abner Wing of Harwich and Sarah Higgins of Wellfleet married May 8, 1777.

Robert Wickerson (Nickerson?) and Miss Deliverance Higgins married May 1, 1785.

Hatsel Chipman of Sandwich and Mary Higgins of Wellfleet married Oct. 29, 1789.

Gershom Ryder and Abigail Higgins, both of Wellfleet, married Aug. 14, 1791.

Capt. Francis Stillfin of Pittstown and Miss Martha Higgins of Wellfleet married July 9, 1797.

Cushing Horton, Jr., of Eastham and Rachel Higgins of Wellfleet, married Nov. 6, 1804.

Elisha Higgins of Truro and Nancy Newcomb of Wellfleet married Aug. 27, 1808. Child: Mercy, b. Dec. 1, 1808, at Wellfleet.

Benjamin Nickerson of Orrington and Elizabeth Higgins of Wellfleet married Sept. 25, 1811.

Foster C. Brown of Wellfleet and Molly Higgins of Eastham int. April 3, 1813.

Thomas Chipman of Sandwich and Miss Sally Higgins of Wellfleet int. Jan. 1, 1814.

Henry C. Snow of Orrington and Hannah Higgins married April 23, 1816.

Caleb Lombard and Abigail Higgins, both of Wellfleet, int. March 8, 1817.

Samuel Coombs Atwood of Wellfleet and Betsey Higgins of Truro int. July 10, 1819.

Daniel Cole, 3d, of Wellfleet and Mercy Higgins, 2d, of Truro married July 21, 1825.

Mercy Higgins died Feb. 14, 1816.

Mary Higgins, daughter of the late Capt. Phillip Higgins, died Sept. 1, 1823.

Thomas Higgins died April 28, 1824.

Widow Nancy Higgins died March 26, 1829.

Barnabas, child of Thomas Higgins, 3d, died Aug. 14, 1829.

#### IV. RECORDS OF NEW JERSEY.

Bryan Higgins of Burlington Co. and Sarah Warwick of Burlington Co. married Aug. 17, 1737.

Bryant Higgins of Monmouth Co. and Michal Stillwell of Monmouth Co. married Oct. 20, 1750.

John Higgins of Middlesex Co. and Elizabeth Letts of the same county married May 11, 1765.

Isaac Lyons of Charles County, Md., and Mary Higgins of Middlesex Co., license to marry Dec. 6, 1757.

John Rodes and Bridget Higgins, both of Burlington Co., married Oct. 16, 1733.

David Oliver and Sophia Higgins of Essex Co. married April 19, 1760.

James Higgins of Middlesex Co. and Mary Warn married May 28, 1797.

Daniel Gilman of Burlington Co. and Mary Higgins married Dec. 8, 1762.

Charles Higgins of Essex Co. and Hannah Paul married Oct. 19, 1801.

## PROBABLY DESCENDANTS OF RICHARD HIGGINS.

ELEAZER HIGGINS, born, it is asserted by a descendant, on Cape Cod; died at Eden, Maine; married Sarah Hadley, born in Eden, Maine; died at Eastport, Maine.

This Eleazer Higgins was grandfather of Mrs. Florence Delina (Higgins) Moses of Eastport, Maine, who had given the information. It has been impossible to place this Eleazer Higgins in connection with the known Higgins Families of Eden, Maine. Perhaps Mrs. Moses was mistaken in the Christian name of her grandfather.

### *Children, order of births uncertain.*

- i. Isaac, b. —.
- ii. Nathan, b. —; d. at Calais, Maine.
- iii. Simeon, b. —; d. at Eastport, Maine.
- iv. Mary, b. —; married George Adams; d. at Eastport, Maine.
- v. Jerusha, b. —; married Caleb Green; died at Eastport, Maine.
- vi. Elbridge, b. —. An Elbridge Higgins of Richmond, Maine, married Feb. 14, 1847, Mary Jane Livermore of Brunswick, Maine. Perhaps identical with Elbridge, son of Eleazer Higgins.
- vii. Eben or Ebenezer, b. —.
- viii. John, b. April 23, 1813, at Eden, Maine; married Hannah S. Pearce.

SIMEON<sup>2</sup> HIGGINS (*Eleazer*<sup>1</sup>) is probably the Simeon Higgins of Eastport, Maine, who married and had a son Lorenzo Higgins. Lorenzo Higgins married and had a son Lorenzo S. Higgins, who married Lorinda Cunningham of Cape Sable, daughter of Seth. His residence was at St. Andrews, N. B., and at Brunswick, Maine.

### *Child.*

- i. Lorenzo S., Jr., b. at St. Andrews, N. B.; married Nov. 15, 1890, Georgia A. Hughes of Brunswick, Maine, born at Bath, Maine. Their daughter, Madeline G. Higgins, b. Nov. 15, 1893, at Brunswick, Maine.

JOHN<sup>2</sup> HIGGINS (*Eleazer*<sup>1</sup>), born April 23, 1813, at Eden, Maine; died March 27, 1906, at Eastport, Maine; married at Eastport, June 25, 1841, Hannah Shackford Pearce, born Aug. 11, 1818, at Eastport, Maine; died there Nov. 13, 1880; daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Clark) Pearce of Eastport.

John Higgins was a carpenter and resided at Eastport, Maine.

*Children.*

- i. Emma Sophia, b. April 23, 1842; d. April 15, 1844.
- ii. William Pearce, b. July 4, 1845; married Jan. 13, 1876, Stella Woodwell Shackford; residence Oconto, Wis.
- iii. Marianna Witherell, b. Dec. 5, 1847; d. Aug. 23, 1848.
- iv. Marianna, b. March 3, 1850; d. Oct. 29, 1853.
- v. Florence Delina, b. Aug. 5, 1852; married June 6, 1880, Rev. Thomas Gannett Moses. She resides at Eastport, Maine. Children: Infant, b. Oct. 12, 1881, d. same day; Cyrus Arthur, b. June 15, 1889, d. Jan. 30, 1890.
- vi. Arthur Thomas, b. Nov. 29, 1854; d. Aug. 29, 1855.
- vii. Louisa Victoria, b. May 24, 1856; residence Eastport, Maine.
- viii. Infant, b. and d. June 9, 1857.

JOHN H. HIGGINS, born in Ellsworth, Maine; married Isabelle Jellison, born in Waltham, Maine.

He lived at Ellsworth and at Bangor, Maine, in 1899 and is called a laborer.

*Children.*

- i. Perley Hartwell, b. 1876 at Ellsworth, Maine; married (1) Nov. 10, 1903, at Bangor, Maine, Grace Darling, b. 1874 at Houlton, Maine, daughter of Jacob and Ellen Darling of Houlton; married (2) Oct. 14, 1908, at Bangor, Thelina May Parsons, b. 1888 at Houlton, Maine, daughter of George and Mary Parsons of Hadlock, N. B. Perley H. Higgins was by occupation laborer and teamster. Child: Elizabeth Rose, b. Feb. 17, 1908, at Bangor, Maine.
- ii. Annie B., b. 1879 at Ellsworth; married June 27, 1899, at Hampden, Maine, Alvie Humphrey of Hampden, b. 1876, millman.
- iii. Vira, b. 1881 at Ellsworth, Maine; d. of diphtheria Jan. 21, 1898, at Bangor, Maine.

“Freeman Higgins of Eastham and Thankful his wife (see No. 64), Prince Snow, mariner, and Reliance his wife of Barnstable, *Mercy Higgins*, widow, of Truro, and Mary King of Boston, widow, the legal heirs and representatives of Elisha Paine,

deceased, authorize Titus Hosmer of Middletown to sell land in Middletown, Conn., to James Hopkins, June 11, 1770." *Middletown Land Records*, vol. xxii, p. 121.

From this it would appear that Mercy, daughter of Elisha and Thankful (Hopkins) Paine married — Higgins of Truro, who died before June 11, 1770, but his identity has not been discovered.

The four following families were given as sons and grandsons of Samuel<sup>5</sup> Higgins (*Joshua*<sup>4</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>3</sup>, *Jediah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), but this is believed to be impossible, because James and Jediah are not mentioned in the will of Samuel<sup>5</sup> Higgins as his children. Just where James and Jediah belong elsewhere has not been determined, but the undoubted fact is that they belong to Richard Higgins' descendants, among the New Jersey lines.

JAMES HIGGINS, born —; died —; married (1) Catherine Van Pelt; married (2) Margaret Smith.

*Children.*

- i. James K. Polk, b. —.
- ii. Rebecca, b. —.
- iii. Joseph, b. —.
- iv. Eliza, b. —.
- v. Henry, b. —.
- vi. John, b. —.
- vii. Emily, b. —; married (1) John Beekman; (2) — Morehouse.
- viii. Ann, b. —; married (1) —; (2) — Morse; lived at Dayton, N. J.

JEDIAH HIGGINS, born April 2, 1820; died May 20, 1907; married Almena Fiske, born about 1825; died April 2, 1902; daughter of Lemuel Fiske.

Jediah Higgins lived at Rocky Hill, N. J.

*Children.*

- i. Joshua, b. about 1846; married Amelia Randolph.
- ii. Jediah, b. July 23, 1848; married (1) Gertrude Graves; (2) Mary Bartedo; (3) Mrs. Ellen (Conlon) Flanagan.
- iii. Elmira, b. —; married Alfred Rule and lived near Rocky Hill, N. J. Children: Weston, William, Frederick, Margaret.
- iv. Mary, b. —; married John Stout. Children: Margaret (married Ralph Pullen); Mary (unmarried); Elmira.



(married (1) — Pullen; (2) — Anderson of Hightstown, N. J.; (3) Peter Bartedo of Princeton, N. J.).

v. Weston, b. —; d. in childhood.

JOSHUA HIGGINS (*Jediah*), born in 1846; died —; married Amelia Randolph.

*Children.*

- i. Vernon, b. —.
- ii. Gordon, b. —.
- iii. Agnes, b. —.
- iv. Mary, b. —.
- v. Wilbur, b. —.
- vi. Viola, b. —.
- vii. Ernest, b. —.
- viii. Randolph, b. —.
- ix. Raymond, b. —.

JEDIAH HIGGINS (*Jediah*), born July 23, 1848; died —; married (1) Gertrude Graves; (2) Mary Bartedo; married (3) Mrs. Ellen (Conlon) Flanagan, widow of John Flanagan of New York City.

*Children.*

- i. Elizabeth, b. —; married (1) — Goff; (2) — Ridgeway.
- ii. Kate, b. —; married (1) — Ellison; (2) —.
- iii. Emma, b. —; married — Nixon.
- iv. Ella, b. —; married Alfred Humphrey.
- v. Wesley, b. —; married Mary Karkoff or Karkhuff.
- vi. Arnold Farmer, b. —; married Mary Hadley.
- vii. Elmer Winfield, b. —; married Lizzie Stewart.
- viii. Albert Graves, b. —; d. young.
- ix. Theresa Dolores, b. 1908.
- x. A child, b. 1910.

The will of Morris Higgins, of Middletown township, Monmouth County, N. J., dated Oct. 2, 1847, proved March 19, 1867, mentions mother, Hannah Higgins, and sister, Frances Hughes. His wife was Eleanor, from whom he separated Feb. 9, 1849. Her will, dated Oct. 22, 1850, leaves property to the children of Joseph M. Cottrell, late of Marlborough township, Monmouth Co., N. J. She may have been a Cottrell herself. No Higgins children mentioned.

Authorities: Monmouth County Wills, Book I, p. 43; Book E., p. 52.

The will of Mrs. Lavinia Higgins, dated at Redbank, N. J., Sept. 10, 1887, mentions husband John Higgins and children mentioned below. Her residence is given as Oceanic township.

*Children.*

- i. George H., b. —.
- ii. Edward P., b. —.
- iii. Mary S., b. —; married — Treer and had daughter Daisy.
- iv. Susan K., b. —; married — Wilson and had daughter Jannette.
- v. Helen A., b. —.

Authority: Monmouth County Wills, vol. S., p. 356.

William Higgins of the township of Franklin, Gloucester Co., N. J. Will dated June 6, 1829; proved July 1, 1829. Leaves all property to wife Fanny. No children mentioned. (Book C., p. 375 of Gloucester County Wills at Woodbury, N. J.)

Isaac C. Higgins, probably of Somerset Co., died before 1856. He was married and had children, Mary, Joseph C. and Mary C., who are in the records called "legatees of the late Joseph Higgins." (Somerset Co., N. J., Probate Book C., p. 383.)

Mr. Benjamin Higgins and Mrs. Prudence Hand, both of Elizabethtown, Rahway, married Nov. 21, 1801.

Timothy Higgins, d. July 8, 1785, aged 51 yrs., 6 mos., 8 das.

Phoebe, wife of Timothy Higgins, d. Jan. 7, 1805, aged 62 yrs., 3 mos. Newark tombstones.

Charles W. Higgins, son of Charles and Ellen Higgins, d. Dec. 4, 1825, aged 1 yr., 7 mo., 9 da. Freehold, N. J., tombstone.

## POSSIBLY DESCENDANTS OF RICHARD HIGGINS.

TIMOTHY<sup>1</sup> HIGGINS was in 1790 living at Bowdoin, Maine, with a family of seven sons and one or two daughters, as is shown by the census of that year. The date of his birth is unknown and no gravestone has been discovered. The vital records of Bowdoin were destroyed by fire in "the early seventies" and consequently no dates regarding him or his family can be recovered. His grandson, Nathaniel S. Higgins, affirmed that Timothy Higgins came from Cape Cod. In this he may have been right, but no record has anywhere been found which lends support to the idea. The statement cannot be rejected as unreasonable, since the records of several Eastham Higgins families are either wanting or very imperfect.

Timothy Higgins of Bowdoin, Maine, had a wife Mehitabel —, and from various sources, used by Miss Myrta M. Higgins of Framingham, Mass., his family is known to have comprised those here given.

### *Children.*

- i. William, b. —.
- ii. Timothy, b. —; married —.
- iii. Simeon, b. —.
- iv. Joseph, b. —.
- v. Dyer, b. May 25, 1778; married Susanna Smith.
- vi. Moses, b. —.
- vii. Elijah, b. —.
- viii. Abigail, b. —.
- ix. Deborah, b. —.

TIMOTHY<sup>2</sup> HIGGINS (*Timothy*<sup>1</sup>), born —; died —; married —.

Resided at Lisbon, Maine. Records at Lisbon Falls, Maine.

### *Children born at Lisbon, Maine.*

- i. Deborah, b. July 9, 1797.
- ii. Benjamin, b. July 14, 1799.
- iii. Hannah, b. June 7, 1801.
- iv. Robert, b. Jan. 11, 1804.
- v. Ichabod, b. July 25, 1807.
- vi. George, b. Dec. 8, 1811.

DYER<sup>2</sup> HIGGINS (*Timothy*<sup>1</sup>), born May 25, 1778, at Bowdoin, Maine; died 1853; married Susanna Smith.

He served in the War of 1812. Residence, Lisbon, Maine.

*Children.* (All except William born at Lisbon, Maine.)

- i. Zaccheus Beal, b. March 10, 1802; married Mary Linscott Totman.
- ii. Noah Jordan, b. March 14, 1803; married —.
- iii. Mary, b. April 23, 1805; died Dec. 3, 1805.
- iv. Nathaniel Smith, b. Oct. 25, 1806; married Dec. 17, 1832, Mrs. Margaret (Collins) Rollins.
- v. Lucinda, b. Jan. 29, 1809.
- vi. Charles Smith, b. Feb. 4, 1812; married Ruth Davis.
- vii. Mary Smith, b. Sept. 2, 1814.
- viii. Rebekah Smith, b. Oct. 5, 1817; married Orrin Jackson. Residence, Portland, Maine. Five children.
- ix. William, b. —; married — Crockett.

ZACCHEUS BEAL<sup>3</sup> HIGGINS (*Dyer*<sup>2</sup>, *Timothy*<sup>1</sup>), born March 10, 1802, at Lisbon, Maine; died Aug. 24, 1879, at Webster, Maine; married Nov. 10, 1820, Mary Linscott Totman of Great Island, Harpswell, Maine.

Zaccheus B. Higgins lived at Lisbon and Webster, Maine.

*Children.*

- i. Benjamin Franklin, b. Jan. 13, 1821; married —.
- ii. Cornelia, b. Oct. 24, 1823; d. —.
- iii. William Totman, b. Feb. 19, 1825; married (1) Alice Reed Perry; (2) Mrs. Chandley or Chandler.
- iv. Lucretia Denney, b. July 15, 1827; married Moses Sinclair. She d. May 12, 1900, at Lisbon, Maine, where she resided. Children: Everett (moved to New Hampshire); Willis (moved to New Hampshire); Cyrus.
- v. Hannah, b. Nov. 19, 1830, at Webster, Maine; married Curtis Sawyer; residence, Lisbon, Maine.
- vi. Eveline, b. June 28, 1833.
- vii. Martin VanBuren, b. January, 1838; married Fanny Chandley.
- viii. Melvina, b. about 1842; d. Aug. 8, 1906; married George T. Allen of Lisbon, Maine, later moved to New Hampshire. Children: Frank, Mary, Curtis.

NOAH JORDAN<sup>3</sup> HIGGINS (*Dyer*<sup>2</sup>, *Timothy*<sup>1</sup>), born March 14, 1803, at Lisbon, Maine; died in 1875 at Webster, Maine; married —.

Noah J. Higgins resided at Topsham, Cape Elizabeth, and Webster, Maine.

*Child.*

- i. Mary Ann, b. —; d. October, 1882; married April 6, 1849, John Woodward at Topsham, Maine. Children: Alvin Wade, b. July 19, 1851; George Willard, b. July 22, 1853. The two sons removed to Tacoma, Wash., in 1888.

NATHANIEL SMITH<sup>3</sup> HIGGINS (*Dyer*<sup>2</sup>, *Timothy*<sup>1</sup>), born Oct. 25, 1806, at Lisbon, Maine; died April 26, 1889, at Calais, Maine; married Mrs. Margaret (Collins) Rollins, Dec. 17, 1832, at Wesley, Maine.

He resided at Wesley, Calais, and Lewiston, Maine.

*Children born at Wesley, Maine.*

- i. William Dyer, b. Nov. 25, 1833; married Laura H. Stuart.
- ii. Suel, b. Dec. 27, 1835; d. Oct. 7, 1838, at Wesley, Maine.
- iii. Tryphena Thomson, b. Feb. 15, 1838.
- iv. Susannah, b. March 20, 1840; d. Sept. 5, 1870.
- v. John Rollins, b. Sept. 25, 1842; married (1) Amelia Elsmore; (2) Olive Barnard.
- vi. Willis Foster, b. Nov. 13, 1844; married Mary Elizabeth Estes.

CHARLES SMITH<sup>3</sup> HIGGINS (*Dyer*<sup>2</sup>, *Timothy*<sup>1</sup>), born Feb. 4, 1812; died —; married Ruth Davis.

He resided at Wesley, Calais, and Mapleton, Maine.

*Children.*

- i. Cordelia, b. —; married (1) — Mylin; (2) — Smith.
- ii. Rhoda, b. —; married Henry Munson.
- iii. Orrin, b. —; married (1) Caroline Crockett; (2) — Tyler.
- iv. Aurilla, b. —; married — Whitlock.
- v. Susan, b. —; married — Moody.
- vi. Charles, b. —; married — Tyler.
- vii. Shepard, b. —.

WILLIAM<sup>3</sup> HIGGINS (*Dyer*<sup>2</sup>, *Timothy*<sup>1</sup>), born —; died —; married — Crockett.

He resided at Wesley, Calais, and Mapleton, Maine.

No children.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN<sup>4</sup> HIGGINS (*Zaccheus Beal*<sup>3</sup>, *Dyer*<sup>2</sup>, *Timothy*<sup>1</sup>), born Jan. 13, 1821; died —; married —.

He resided in Lisbon and Oakfield, Maine.

*Child.*

- i. Frank, b. —.



WILLIAM TOTMAN<sup>4</sup> HIGGINS (*Zaccheus Beal*<sup>3</sup>, *Dyer*<sup>2</sup>, *Timothy*<sup>1</sup>), born Feb. 19, 1825; died —; married (1) Alice Reed Perry, Sept. 25, 1848, at Harpswell Neck; married (2) Mrs. Chandley.

*Children.*

- i. John Edwin, b. Oct. 3, 1850, at Lisbon, Maine.
- ii. Matilda Jane, b. Oct. 30, 1852, at Webster, Maine; d. May 25, 1875, at Lewiston, Maine; married Oct. 16, 1873, Israel Phillips Folsom, son of William and Mary (Phillips) Folsom. Child: William Higgins, b. April 20, 1875.
- iii. Alice, b. —.
- iv. Cordelia, b. —; married James Wagg; residence, Bowdoin.

MARTIN VAN BUREN<sup>4</sup> HIGGINS (*Zaccheus Beal*<sup>3</sup>, *Dyer*<sup>2</sup>, *Timothy*<sup>1</sup>), born January, 1838, died May 11, 1901, aged 63 years, 4 mos.; married Fanny Chandley, born 1860; died May 5, 1883, aged 23 years. Both buried at West Bowdoin, Maine.

*Child.*

- i. Ernest, b. in Webster, Maine (or Lisbon Falls); married Nov. 4, 1916, Aura P. Hewitt of Richmond, Maine, daughter of Capt. Charles E. Hewitt. Residence Kittery, Maine.

WILLIAM DYER<sup>4</sup> HIGGINS (*Nathaniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Dyer*<sup>2</sup>, *Timothy*<sup>1</sup>), born Nov. 25, 1833, at Wesley, Maine; died —; married Aug. 31, 1857, at Wesley, Maine, Laura H. Stuart, born April 11, 1841, at Northfield, Maine; died Feb. 11, 1907, at Framingham, Mass.; daughter of Robert and Deborah (Libbey) Stuart.

He resided at Wesley, Maine, in 1857-1862; Calais, Maine, 1862-1883; Worcester, Mass., 1883-1885; Framingham, Mass., since 1885.

*Children.*

- i. Anna Laura, b. April 8, 1864, at Calais, Maine; married Wilford A. Bailey, Sept. 4, 1886, at Framingham, Mass. Residence, Worcester, Mass.
- ii. Abby Alice, b. November, 1869, at Calais, Maine; d. July 8, 1870, at Calais, Maine.
- iii. Adah Louise, b. Nov. 23, 1877, at Calais, Maine. Residence, Framingham, Mass.
- iv. Myrta Margaret, b. Jan. 25, 1880, at Calais, Maine. Residence, Framingham, Mass.

JOHN ROLLINS<sup>4</sup> HIGGINS (*Nathaniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Dyer*<sup>2</sup>, *Timothy*<sup>1</sup>), born Sept. 25, 1842, at Wesley, Maine; died May 31, 1904;

married (1) Amelia Elsmore, born —; died July 12, 1874, aged 26 years, 4 months; married (2) Olive Barnard.

He resided at Wesley, Calais, and Dennysville, Maine.

*Children.*

- i. Tryphena Humphrey, b. —; married — Burnham; d. Sept. 17, 1890, aged 26 years, 4 months.
- ii. George Washington, b. Jan. 23, 1866, at Calais, Maine.
- iii. Ella, b. —; d. May 15, 1891, aged 23 years, 3 months; married — Gifford.
- iv. Melvin Dyer, b. —.
- v. Minnie, b. —.
- vi. Earl, b. —.
- vii. Ralph, b. —.

WILLIS FOSTER<sup>4</sup> HIGGINS (*Nathaniel<sup>3</sup>, Dyer<sup>2</sup>, Timothy<sup>1</sup>*), born Nov. 13, 1844, at Wesley, Maine; died —; married Sept. 19, 1869, at Calais, Maine, Mary Elizabeth Estes, born Oct. 4, 1847, in Baring, Maine; daughter of Alvin and Mary Elizabeth Estes.

Residence, Calais, Maine.

*Child.*

- i. Ernest Edward, b. March, 22, 1874, at Calais, Maine; married Alice Burrill.

ERNEST EDWARD<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Willis Foster<sup>4</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>3</sup>, Dyer<sup>2</sup>, Timothy<sup>1</sup>*), born March 22, 1874, at Calais, Maine; married Oct. 9, 1902, at East Machias, Alice Burrill, born May 26, 1872, at East Machias, Maine; daughter of Henry and Amelia Burrill.

*Children.*

- i. Foster Burrill, b. Nov. 1, 1903, at Calais, Maine.
- ii. Elizabeth Amelia, b. Sept. 27, 1905, at Calais, Maine.

SETH HIGGINS (*ancestry undetermined*), born about 1796 at Sherburne, N. Y.; died at Englewood, near Chicago, Ill., in 1882, aged 86.

He lived at Warsaw and Laona, N. Y., and at Palmyra, Wis., and then went to Chicago with one of his sons. It is stated that he was killed by a locomotive, being thrown from the track at or near Englewood. The name of his wife is unknown. Informant could not furnish dates. He had a brother, John Higgins.

*Children.*

- i. Seth Benedict, b. at Warsaw, N. Y.; d. at Racine, Wis.
- ii. Hiram Murray, b. at Warsaw, N. Y.; d. at San Diego, Cal.

- iii. Sarah, b. at Warsaw, N. Y.; d. at Los Angeles, Cal.; married — Carr.
- iv. Elijah Breel, b. at Warsaw, N. Y.; d. at San Diego, Cal.
- v. Thomas Metcalf, b. at Laona, N. Y.; d. at Los Angeles, Cal.
- vi. Adoniram Judson, b. at Laona, N. Y.; married —.
- vii. Harriet Bernard, b. at Laona, N. Y.; married — Benton; she d. at Brest, France.
- viii. Elizabeth, b. at Laona, N. Y.; d. June, 1916, at Brooklyn, N. Y., aged 85; married — Jackson and had Ernest Higgins Jackson (residence, Brooklyn, N. Y.) and Leonora, married and living at Washington, D. C.
- ix. William Edson, b. at Laona, N. Y.; d. at Chicago, Ill.
- x. Charles Parmelee, b. at Laona, N. Y.; d. at San Francisco, Cal.
- xi. Mary, b. at Laona, N. Y.; d. in childhood at Palmyra, Wis.
- xii. Martha, b. at Laona, N. Y.; d. in childhood at Palmyra, Wis.

Seth Benedict Higgins married twice.

*Children.*

- i. Parla, b. —; residence Watertown, S. D.; married and has at least one son.
- ii. Alice, b. —; married — Spears; both dead; one daughter, Gertrude Spears.
- iii. Irene, b. —.

ADONIRAM JUDSON<sup>2</sup> HIGGINS (*Seth*<sup>1</sup>), born at Laona, N. Y.; died at Martinsburg, Mo., in 1869; married —.

He was a physician. Lived at Chicago at one time.

*Children.*

- i. Willard Judson, b. at Chicago; resides at Burlington, Ia.; married and has one son and four daughters.
- ii. Shelley Eugene, b. at Chicago; residence Whitewater, Mich.; a physician; married and has one son and three daughters.
- iii. Lillian Mabel, born at Chicago; married — Avery; residence Bradgate, Iowa.

Authority: Dr. Shelley E. Higgins, Whitewater, Wis.

## RECORDS OF REVOLUTIONARY WAR SERVICE.

The records of Revolutionary War service contained in this volume have been taken from the published records of Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Vermont, New York, and New Jersey. When the individual soldiers or sailors could be identified with a reasonable degree of certainty, their records have been placed under their names in the body of the work. In a few cases well attested family tradition has been accepted as the evidence of such service. The records which follow in this place are those of unidentified persons, and are taken from Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolution, published by the Commonwealth. Of these persons Josiah, Jonathan, Seth, and Zaccheus were probably descendants of Richard Higgins of Eastham. Of the others this cannot be confidently affirmed.

Higgins, Archibald, Worcester. Private Capt. Abiathar Angel's co., Col. David Brewer's regt.; muster roll dated Aug. 1, 1775; enlisted May 15, 1775; service 2 mos. 3 weeks; also, Capt. John Wright's co., Col. David Brewer's (9th) regt.; company return (probably October, 1775); reported right arm shot off Oct. 6, 1775, and as having died in October, 1775.

Higgins, Edward, Portsmouth, N. H. Descriptive list of officers and crew of the ship "America," commanded by Capt. John Somes, sworn to in Suffolk Co. June 8, 1780; age 14 years; stature 4 ft. 10 ins.; complexion light; residence Portsmouth.

Higgins, George, Salem. Sailor ship "Rhodes," commanded by Capt. Nehemiah Buffinton; descriptive list of officers and crew, sworn to Aug. 14, 1780; age 18 yrs.; stature 5 ft. 7 ins.; complexion light; residence Salem.

Higgins, John. Company receipt given to Capt. Oliver Soper for wages for Feb. and March 1776, dated New York; also company receipt given to Capt. Soper for ration allowance on March from Dorchester to New York, dated New York, April 29, 1776; also receipt for cartridge boxes, given to Lieut. Abijah Lincoln, dated New York, May 31, 1776, signed by said Higgins and others; also, company receipts given to Capt. Soper for wages May to Aug., 1776.

Higgins, John, Salem. Sailor ship "Rhodes," commanded by Capt. Nehemiah Buffinton; descriptive list of officers and crew sworn to Aug. 14, 1780; age 27 years; stature 5 ft. 6 ins.; complexion light; residence Salem.

Higgins, John. Account dated Ipswich Jan. 18, 1782, rendered by the Selectmen, of bounties paid said Higgins and others to serve in the Continental Army for the term of 3 years, agreeable to resolve of Dec. 2, 1780.



Higgins, Josiah, Brookfield. Private Capt. John Cutler's co., Col. Luke Drury's regt., marched from home Aug. 27, 1781; joined regt. at West Point Sept. 3, 1781; discharged Dec. 3, 1781; service 3 mos. 14 days, including travel (150 miles) home; residence Brookfield; enlisted for town of Brookfield; enlistment 3 months.

Higgins, Joel. Private (late) Capt. Jonas Parker's co., Lieut. Col. John Brook's (7th) regt.; muster roll for Jan., 1781, dated West Point; enlisted July 18, 1780; enlistment 6 mos., reported disch. Jan. 18, 1781.

Higgins, Jonathan. List of prisoners sent from Newport, R. I., in the prison ship "Lord Sandwich," and landed at Bristol March 7, 1778; reported a seaman.

Higgins, Lowden D. (also given Lowden Nona). Sheffield, Private Capt. Ephraim Fitch's co., Col. Benjamin Simonds' detachment of Berkshire Co. militia; muster roll dated Ticonderoga Feb. 25, 1777, enlisted Dec. 16, 1776; enlistment to expire March 15, 1777; also, list of men raised in Berkshire Co. to serve in the Continental Army for the term of 9 mos., agreeable to resolve of April 20, 1778, as returned by Truman Wheeler, Muster Master, dated Great Barrington, June 5, 1778. Residence Sheffield.

Higgins, Seth. Seaman brigantine "Hawke," commanded by Capt. Jonathan Oaks; engaged May 3, 1777; service 1 mo. with the fleet under Commodore John Manley. Roll sworn to in Middlesex Co.

Higgins, Morris, Leicester. Private Capt. Seth Washburn's co., Col. Ward's regt., which marched on the alarm of April 19, 1775; service 8 days.

Higgins, Robert, Taunton. Private Capt. Jesse Saunders' co., Col. P. D. Sergeant's regt.; muster roll dated Aug. 1, 1775, enlisted May 2, 1775; service 91 days.

Higgins, Seth, Wellfleet. Private Capt. Benjamin Godfrey's co., Col. John Cushing's regt.; service from Sept. 23, 1776, 60 days at Rhode Island; roll dated Newport; also, Capt. Benjamin Godfrey's co., Col. Josiah Whitney's regt.; arrived at destination May 10, 1777; discharged July 10, 1777; service 2 mos. 13 days at Rhode Island, travel (13 days) included; 118 miles reported as distance from Wellfleet to place of destination; enlistment 2 mos., roll dated Boston Neck, South Kingston.

Higgins, Zaccheus. Private Capt. Jonathan Andrew's co., Col. Joseph Prince's regt.; enlisted May 8, 1780; discharged Dec. 31, 1780; service 7 mos. 24 days, under Brig. Gen. Wadsworth at the Eastward; mileage home (120 miles) allowed. Roll certified at Thomaston.

Higgins, Zenas. Private Capt. Samuel Warner's co., Col. John Brown's (Berkshire Co.) regt.; enlisted July 18, 1780; discharged Oct. 23, 1780; service 3 mos. 13 days, travel (130 miles) included; regiment raised for 3 months.



## ADDENDA.

While this volume was in press some important documents have become accessible, not previously available. In 1893 Mrs. Rebecca (Kingman) Higgins, wife of Eliakim Higgins, gave to her nephew, Mr. Josiah Paine of Harwich, now deceased, a large number of old documents, chiefly deeds, which had come down in her husband's family for generations. One of these, dated 1711, is valuable because it clearly shows that Jonathan<sup>2</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, and Elisha<sup>3</sup> were sons of Jonathan<sup>2</sup> and Elizabeth (Rogers) Higgins. By the courtesy of the present owner of these documents, this deed is printed in full in this place and abstracts of other deed are given.

“To all People to whome these Presents Shall Com Greeting. Know ye that I Joseph Higgin senr of Eastham In the county of Barnstable in the Province of the Massachusetts bay &c: for & In consideration of the sum of eight pounds to me in hand paid by Jonathan Higgins Junr & Elisha Higgins both of Eastham in the county & Jurisdiction above named have Granted bargained sould Enfeofed and confirmed & delivered & hereby do for myself my heirs executors and administrators Grant bargain sell Enfeof confirm & deliver unto them the sd Jonathan Higgins Junr & Elisha Higgins & to their heirs & assigns for ever all that my one third part of that parcell of Land lying at the barley neck in Eastham aforesd given to our deceased mother Elizabeth Higgins by our Deceased Grandfather, Leutt Joseph Rogers the whole being eight acres more or less Ruled and bounded as may apeer by the origenall Grant thereof with my one third part of all swamp & medow ground thereto belonging as also my one third part of a small division of Land Granted by the Town of Eastham on the northwest part of sd land together with all members rights privileges & appurtenances every ways belonging & appertaining to all and singuler the sd Granted third parts of all and singuler the Granted premises whatsoever To have & to hold all & Singuler the Granted premises from me the sd Joseph Higgins my heirs executors & administrators unto them the sd Jonathan Higgins & Elisha Higgins & to their heirs & assigns forever free & clere & clerely acquitted of & from all maner of entanglements Whatsoever hereby declering that before & untill the time of Granteing these presents I was the true & Lawfull propriator of all the sd Granted premises & that the same was my own proper estate in fee simple & I thereby had good right full power & Lawfull authority to Grant bargain sell Enfeof & confirm as above sd & that the sd Jonathan Higgins & Elisha Higgins are allredy in the full & Lawfull possession of all the

Granted premises & may & shall by value of these presents by them selves their heirs & assigns for ever use occupie & Improve the same without suite let or hindrance warranting the title & tenure here of against all Lawfull claimes & challenges whatsoever.

In witness where of I have here to set my hand & seal this twenty eight day of May In the tenth year of her Majts Reign Annoque Dom 1711.

Joseph higgins (seal)

Signed sealed & delivered

In presence of

John Mulford

Beniaman Myerick

Barnstable ss: on the day & year above written the above named Joseph Higgins appeared before me the Subscriber one of her majts Justices of the peace for sd county & acknowledged the above written to be his act & Deed Joseph Doane

There is nothing to show that this deed was ever recorded.

By another deed, dated May 4, 1702, Jonathan Higgins and Jona Higgins, Jr., and Joseph Higgins all of Eastham, yeomen, convey to Nathaniel Mayo and Samuel Mayo their parcels of marsh or sedge ground at a place "comonly called lettel billingsgat with a parcel of upland at a place comonly called Griffins Island."

A third deed is in part as follows: "To all People to whome these Presents shall com Greeting Know ye that I, Joseph Higgins Junr of Eastham In the County of Barnstable In the Province of the massachusetts Bay in Newengland, marener, for & In consideration of the sum of two pounds & ten shillings Lawful money to me in hand paid . . . by Jonathan Higgins Junr of Eastham aforesd yeoman . . . have Granted, bargained, sould Enfeofed, confirmed and delivered unto the abovesd Jonathan Higgins & to his heirs and assigns forever all that part of Land lying in sd Eastham at the westerly side of the barley neck both upland and seder swamp to me belonging & allso all the right to my brother Beriah Higgins thereto belonging, which I bought of him of all and singuler that parcell of upland & seder swamp there lying which our Honoured great-Grandfather Livtt Joseph Rogers, gave to our Honoured Grand Mother Higgins In his last will & Testament the whole whereof is six acres more or les, bounded as in & by sd will may appear or otherwise acording to the known boundaries thereof . . . the said Jonathan Higgins is already in the free and lawful possession thereof . . .

"In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this ninth day of June In the thirteenth year of her majts Reign Annoque Domini 1714.

Joseph Higgins (seal)

"Witnessed by William Dyar and Joseph Doane Jr and acknowledged before Joseph Doane, one of her majts Justices of the Peace."

A fourth deed is in part as follows: "To all People to whome these Presents shall com Greeting. Know ye that I Joseph Higgins Senr of Eastham, yeoman, . . . for and in Consideration of nineteene pounds currant lawful money paid by Samuel Higgins Junr yeoman & Joshua Treat Joyner both of Eastham . . . convey unto them the said Samuel and Joshua all my tract or parcel of medow or sedge ground in Eastham at Pochey Beach between the old ship and the Innermost point (or part?) of sd Beach, four acres more or less. Signed and sealed the Twenty sixth day of May . . . Annoque Domini 1720. Joseph Higgins (seal)"

These deeds and the later ones in the collection formerly Mr. Paine's clearly show that Jonathan<sup>2</sup> Higgins and his descendants never were located in that part of the present town of Orleans which lies northwest of the present Orleans railroad station. This was stated to be a probable or possible fact in the text of this volume under Jonathan Higgins (No. 12). In view of the new information this theory must be declared wholly incorrect and impossible. There cannot be any question that Jonathan<sup>2</sup> Higgins and most of his descendants who remained in Eastham occupied that portion of the ancient town extending from East Orleans southward to the present South Orleans and eastward to that part of the Bay which separates this tract from Barley Neck, where, as has been seen, the three oldest sons of Jonathan, Senior, owned land by inheritance from Lieut. Joseph Rogers.

The old line between Harwich and Eastham up to 1773 or thereabouts began where the country road of 1665 crossed Namskaket Creek and extended southeast through the Indian burying ground to Salt Water Pond (now Arey's Pond). The outlet of this pond was called Higgins River or Portanumicut River. One side of this was in Eastham and the southerly side in Harwich. This fact probably explains why Joshua Higgins, Senior, and Paul Higgins and some others are called both of Eastham and of Harwich in the records. North of this "river" (it was salt water and tidal) lay Samson's Neck or Weesquansett and Kescayogansett Pond. South of it lay Namequoick Neck. The islands from north to south were Pochet Island, Samson's Island, Hog Island, Little Tom's Island, Sipson's and Little Sipson's, the last being opposite Chaqueset Neck. This part of Pleasant Bay was then called Portanumicut Harbor or Eastern Harbor. The Chatham line comes out of Muddy River Cove and passes north of Strong's Island. Portanumicut was the name of the district lying east of the Chatham-Eastham road from Wequassett northward to the Indian burying ground. As many ancient deeds show, considerable numbers of Indians lived in this district and sold land parcel by parcel to the whites. Baker's Tarkill River was a small stream north of Wequassett. Sipson's Purchase was a large tract around Cliff Pond and Baker's Pond. The present town line between Brewster and Orleans starts where the ancient line did, but after crossing Baker's Pond, runs more southerly and reaches the Bay



to the south and west of its ancient point, thus putting into the town of Orleans some land formerly in the bounds of the ancient town of Harwich.

(See pages 69-71.) Mr. William C. Smith, the historian of Chatham, has communicated notes of two deeds which throw a ray of light upon the widow and daughter of Joseph<sup>3</sup> Higgins, who appears to have spent his last years at Chatham. In the deed dated July 10, 1739, from Thomas Parker and Experience, his wife, of Falmouth to Thomas Doane of Chatham, one of the boundaries is a ditch "which is between the Land of the widow Higinis and said Land." From this it would appear that Ruth, widow of Joseph Higgins, was living at the date of the deed. The other deed, dated March 13, 1762, was from Ruth Eldredge "widow or relict of Mr. James Eldredge of Chatham" to "John Hawes and James Ryder both of Chatham" and contains these words: "It is to be understood all the land or swamp that my Honoured father Joseph Higgins deceased Bought of Mr. Joseph Stewart that Lyeth to the Eastward of said brook, which I had by Birth or Heirship."

Ruth, daughter of Joseph and Ruth Higgins, was born Sept. 11, 1700, and married Oct. 11, 1716, Ebenezer Stewart of Chatham. No children of theirs are on record and there is no mention of him after 1728, when he witnessed the will of Joseph Eldredge. Children of James and Ruth Eldredge are on Chatham records, beginning in 1733. She must have been his second wife, since his will mentions eldest son Seth and daughter Mary living in Rhode Island, who must have been born before 1733.

### JOSHUA HIGGINS, SENIOR.

Some account of the long life of Joshua<sup>3</sup> Higgins (*Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*) has been given in the proper place. A few more facts have been found.

A deed dated Feb. 17, 1737-8, is extant, whereby "Joshua Higgins Senr of Eastham yeoman, conveys to Jonathan Sparrow Junr of Eastham my land in Eastham on the southwesterly side of the pond called the weigh pond, which was laid out to me for a tenement lot in 1711."

The files of the Superior Court of Judicature at Boston reveal some of his personal experiences.

"Inquisition of Coroners Jury taken at Eastham Jan. 12, in tenth year of King George Second (1736-7) before John Knowles, gentleman, one of the Coroners of our sd Lord the King, within the county of Barnstable aforesaid upon view of the body of Presillah Higgins of Eastham aforesaid, then and there being Dead, by oathes of Capt. Samuel Knowles, (names of the rest of the Jury follow), good and lawfull men of Eastham aforesaid who being charged and sworn to enquire for our Lord the King when

and by what means & how the sd Prissillah Higgins came to her death, upon their oaths do say that shee came to her death by the Providence of God by a stroake of a mill going & not by the hand of man and so the Jurors say upon their oaths that the sd Presillah Higgins in maner and form aforesaid was killed & came to her death by misfortune." (Signed) John Knowles, Coroner, Samuel Knowles, Jr., David Smith, Jonathan Sparrow, Thomas Mayo, Theophilus Mayo, John Hurd, Jacob Hurd, Ebenezer Rogers, Prince Doane, John Sparrow, Jabez Sparrow, Josiah Cook, Elkanah Young, Nathaniel Gould.—File 64849.

The Priscilla Higgins, whose death is here described, is undoubtedly Priscilla Bixbie, wife of Joshua Higgins, Senior, and we here get a glimpse of a tragedy. Whether she was caught by the machinery of her husband's mill while operating it or was struck by the revolving arms of a windmill is not clear. Probably it was the former that caused her death. This misfortune shows why in 1737 Joshua Higgins was looking for another mate, filing his intention of marriage with Jane Maker in that year. She did not fulfill her part of the arrangement, and later he married Mary Baker.

The law suit of Joshua Higgins, Junior, plaintiff, against Joshua Higgins, Senior, defendant, came before the Superior Court in October, 1748. The Court appointed three men to audit the accounts of both parties and to report at the next term of Court, but owing to the absence of one of them, no report was rendered. In March, 1748-9, costs of £10.16.9 were allowed. One piece of testimony has been preserved, which is here given in full, because it sheds light upon the personal character of Joshua Higgins, Senior, who was, we must remember, at this time past his eightieth year. The testimony is as follows:—

“Samuel Knowles testifieth and saith that I being at the howse of Joshua Higgins Sener in Eastham on or about the month of March 1748, Joshua Higgins Juner being present the aforesaid higgenses talked of leveing som matters in Controverse between them to Mr. Thomas Freeman and myself, said Freeman being present. The matters said parties contrevverted about as I understood from them both wase as follows, that Joshua Higgins Junr was to find and provide for Joshua Higgines Sener sutebal clothing and provisions During the Life of the sd Joshua Higgence sener and in consideration thereof the said Joshua Higgince Juner was to have part of his moveable Estate in hand and the whole of his Real Estate at his Death and sd Joshua Higgence Juner said you have not fulfeld your promas, you have not Delivered me Divers things, or words to that affect, that you promased in our agree-mant. Joshua Higgence Sener said you have brok your bargain and have not provided for me as you ought, or words to that affect, for he had kept his negros beter than he was Kept. I asked the said Joshua Sener whether he had meat enufe, he answered yes and I asked him whether he had bread or meal anufe and he



answered, yes, when the Mill ground. I asked him whether he had milk anufe, he answered yes, when the cows gave milk and I understood by ther talk that he had buter and melses provided for him: and at said time the sd Joshua Higgince sener and Joshua Higgince Juner talked of leving the matter in contreversie between them to the abovesaid Freeman and myself, but the sd Joshua Higgince Sener Refusing to be come bound to stand to our Determination put that matter by.” Samuel Knowles.

Sworn in Sup. Court Barnstable July 1749.

These things are contained in Files 64849, 64987 and 65447.

File 21407 relates to Court held Fourth Tuesday of April, 1728, and records the case of “Joseph Bixbee of Boxford yeoman and administrator, appellant vs. Joshua Higgins of Eastham and Priscilla his wife appellees.” Joseph Bixbee appealed from a judgment of an Inferior Court of Common Pleas held at Barnstable third Tuesday of January 1727-8. He appeals for £40, 14 sh., one tenth of the estate of Joseph Bixbee late of Boxford and due to “sd Joshua Higgins for his wife Priscilla’s portion of sd deceased’s Estate.”

“Sarah Higgins, daughter of Mr. Joseph Byxbee of the town of Boxford in the year 172(5?) deceased, being of lawful age, testified that when she lived with her said father, Mr. Byxbee, she observed that her sd father kept a book of accomts and she observed that he did frequently from time to time enter in said book memorandums of his concerns & deallings with persons both of Debt and Credit.” Sarah Higgins.

Sworn 13 Jan. 1727-8 at Eastham, “She not being capable to Travel to Coart by reason of Bodily Infirmities on her selfe and family as she Saith.”

Another deed in the Paine collection shows that Bryan Martin (whose wife was a Higgins) was a tailor, living at Parsontown, Maine, in September, 1783.

Another deed shows that Thomas Twining, son of William Twining, had settled at Granville, Mass., before Oct. 16, 1786. Solomon Higgins, who married two Twinings in succession, perhaps sisters of this Thomas Twining, also settled at Granville. His third wife was Temperance Smith, born June 1, 1762, at Eastham, daughter of Joseph, 3d, and Ruth (Knowles) Smith.

Another deed dated May, 1786, shows that Simeon Higgins, Junior, of Eastham sold to Eliakim Higgins a parcel of land and a house that “I bought of Mr. Enos Knowles, late of Eastham.” Mr. Paine added the following note to this deed: “James Percival lived there in later years. Simeon Higgins was father-in-law of Eliakim Higgins and son-in-law of Enos Knowles. The place was at the head of Kescaogansett pond, where James Percival lived in 1879. From Eliakim Higgins it passed to Asa Higgins, then to

Ezekiel Vose, then to James Percival and finally to Frederick Percival."

Enos Knowles, born April 30, 1712, married at Eastham, April 12, 1733, Sarah Sparrow, daughter of Jonathan. Their daughter, Martha Knowles, married Jan. 30, 1766, Simeon Higgins, and her sister, Bethiah Knowles, born Jan. 12, 1734-5, married Ichabod Higgins.

Another deed, dated April 4, 1794, shows that Prince Higgins, son of Samuel Higgins, and Keziah his wife, conveyed real estate to Eliakim Higgins. This date is probably about the time that Prince and Keziah Higgins removed to Orrington, Maine.

Another deed, dated Oct. 1, 1795, shows that Eliakim Higgins (Senior) of Eastham conveyed to his sons, Eliakim Higgins and Reuben Higgins, both of Eastham "all my buildings and all my Real Estate in Eastham and Harwich in equal proportion, and my part of the wind mill and my part of the pew in the meeting house." Reuben Higgins died within less than a year afterward and there are in the collection deeds of William Crosby and Mercy Crosby his wife, of Athol, Worcester County, Mass., and of Abner Freeman and Sarah his wife of Orleans, conveying to their surviving brother, Eliakim Higgins, their share in the real estate that "was our brother Reuben Higginse, deceased," described as in the deed of their father to Reuben Higgins.

Family tradition says that Reuben Higgins was killed by pirates in the Caribbean Sea.

*Correction.* Eliakim Higgins and Rebecca Kingman were married Nov. 20, 1831, and their son, Freeman Higgins, was born Dec. 8, 1832. Eliakim Higgins' house is still standing in Orleans, near the road from the Soldiers' Monument to South Orleans. The older house of his father and grandfather stood a few rods from it.

Warren Higgins, brother of Eliakim, was a sailor, aged 17, in 1804.

Another group of deeds shows that Dorcas Freeman, who married Benjamin Higgins and afterwards Mr. Ryder, was a daughter of Isaac and Hannah Freeman and that her dwelling house in 1824 to 1836 was not far from Eliakim Higgins' house or land.

Another deed, dated Feb. 27, 1817, shows that Lucy, wife of Asa Higgins, was daughter of Oliver Arey.

Molly Smith, born Dec. 3, 1755, married March 19, 1777, Richard Higgins of Chatham. She was daughter of Isaac and Mary (Freeman) Smith of Harwich or Chatham. Mary Freeman, born May, 1721, was daughter of Prince and Mary (Doane) Freeman of Harwich, later of Middletown, Conn. Prince Freeman was son of Deacon Thomas Freeman of Harwich, who in turn was son of Major John Freeman of Eastham.

RACHEL<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Edmund<sup>6</sup>, Benjamin<sup>5</sup>, Benjamin<sup>4</sup>, Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born Sept. 15, 1770; married April 4, 1802, John Crosby, Jr., of Harwich-Brewster. This marriage is proved by a deed in the Stanley W. Smith Collection, dated March 25, 1802, whereby John Crosby of Harwich and Rachel, his wife, convey to Elkanah Snow "a lot of meddo that was formally our honoured fathers Edmon Higginces."

Another Rachel Higgins married May 1, 1796, Joshua Crosby (see p. 138). She was perhaps daughter of James Higgins. This seems to be confirmed by a deed in the Smith Collection, dated Aug. 9, 1803, whereby Joshua Crosby and his wife Rachel of Orleans sell to Timothy Doane land which "was formerly James Higginces."

Sarah, daughter of Hezekiah Higgins, married Jan. 8, 1800, David Eldridge of Harwich. This is proved by an inscription in the Orleans cemetery.

Daniel Higgins died May 20, 1814. Inscription in Orleans cemetery. This person has not been identified.

Miss Hannah Higgins died Dec. 27, 1798, in 17th year. Inscription in Orleans cemetery. Not identified. Her age has been read 97 years.

JOSHUA WARREN<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Joshua<sup>7</sup>, Joshua<sup>6</sup>, Elkanah<sup>5</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>4</sup>, Ichabod<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born July 3, 1841; died—; married (1) Rebecca Higgins Horton; (2) Martha Pierce.

*Children by first wife.*

- i. Henry T., b.—; married Sarah Bland and had Ernest and Esther.
- ii. Joshua W., b.—; married Blanche Chapin and had Edward, Joshua W., and Franklin.
- iii. Lucy, b.—; died—; married Guy Colby (deceased) and had Guy, Marian (deceased), Warren and Ralph.

*Children by second wife.*

- iv. Percy W., b.—.
- v. Francis E., b.—; residence Salem Depot, Salem, N. H.
- vi. Charles B., b.—;

ANN MARIA<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Joshua<sup>7</sup>, Joshua<sup>6</sup>, Elkanah<sup>5</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>4</sup>, Ichabod<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born Aug. 13, 1843; living at Chicago; married Gustavus F. Swift, born June 24, 1839; died March 29, 1903.

Mr. Swift was the founder of the vast business in the production of meats and their products, having its headquarters in Chicago and other cities, and operating under the name of Swift & Company. His sons are also engaged in the same business.

*Children.*

- i. Louis Franklin, b. Sept. 27, 1861; married Sept. 9, 1880, Ida Butler, b. May 3, 1860. Their children were: Nathan B. Swift, b. July 1, 1881, d. Sept. 20, 1903; Bessie Swift, b. Jan. 9, 1883, who married Jan. 23, 1903, Charles Fernald; Alden B. Swift, b. Nov. 16, 1885, who married Dec. 1, 1909, Lydia Niblack, b. March 4, 1889, and had Narcissa, b. Sept. 11, 1910, Nathan Butler, b. Dec. 27, 1911, Lydia, b. July 5, 1914; Ida May Swift, b. Nov. 24, 1891; married Jan. 15, 1916, Count James Minotto and had Demetrius, b. Feb. 8, 1917; Louis Franklin Swift, Jr., b. May 22, 1895; William Swift, b. March 13, 1897.
- ii. Edward Foster, b. Nov. 12, 1863; married March 28, 1888, Hortense Newcomer, b. June 25, 1864. Their children were: Annie May Swift, b. May 8, 1889, who married Jan. 5, 1911, Huntington B. Henry, b. Jan. 10, 1887, and had Hortense Swift Henry, b. Aug. 23, 1912; T. Philip Swift, b. July 12, 1891; Edward Foster Swift, Jr., b. April 1, 1895.
- iii. Lincoln, b. April 6, 1865; d. Aug. 22, 1867.
- iv. Annie May, b. Feb. 10, 1867; d. April 23, 1889.
- v. Helen, b. March 20, 1869; married (1) Oct. 1, 1890, Edward Morris, b. Oct. 1, 1866; d. Nov. 3, 1913; married (2) Sept. 4, 1917, Francis Neilson, b. Jan. 26, 1867. Her children were: Nelson Swift Morris, b. Dec. 22, 1891; Edward Morris, Jr., b. March 6, 1893, who married May 31, 1916, Helen Conover, b. June 8, 1893, and had Edward Morris, Third, b. Aug. 24, 1917; Ruth M. Morris, b. June 3, 1898; Helen Muriel Morris, b. Nov. 23, 1901.
- vi. Charles Henry, b. Dec. 27, 1872; married June 27, 1894, Lutie Murray, b. March 11, 1875.
- vii. Herbert L. b. April 22, 1875; d. Oct. 19, 1911; married Feb. 19, 1901, Bernice Jocelyn, b. June 3, 1877; d. March 25, 1912.
- viii. George Hastings, b. March 1, 1878; married Feb. 11, 1907, Lucile Casey, b. Jan. 2, 1881. Their children were: Ruth Swift, b. April 6, 1909; Lucile Swift, b. Feb. 10, 1913; Eleanor Swift, b. Feb. 10, 1913; Eleanor Swift, b. May 14, 1916.
- ix. Gustavus F., Jr., b. March 1, 1881; married June 10, 1907, Marie Fitzgerald, b. Dec. 23, 1883. Their children were: Geraldine Swift, b. March 27, 1912; Marie Swift, b. Feb. 11, 1914; Gustavus Swift, Third, b. Dec. 7, 1916.
- x. Ruth, b. Nov. 21, 1883; married (1) Nov. 1, 1902, Ernest Eversz, b. Aug. 3, 1872; married (2) February, 1910, Jeremiah D. Maguire, b. March 3, 1877. Child: Barbara Eversz, b. Oct. 9, 1904.
- xi. Harold Higgins, b. Jan. 24, 1885; residence Chicago, Ill.



PRESCOTT POWERS<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS (*Calvin Kittredge*<sup>7</sup>, *Oliver*<sup>6</sup>, *David*<sup>5</sup>, *Moses*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), b. Jan. 9, 1849; married Dec. 15, 1880, Hattie Rogers of Orrington, Maine.

He was living at Worcester, Mass., in 1917.

*Children.*

- i. Carl Kittredge, b. July 30, 1883; married Oct. 24, 1909, Ecla M. Clark. No children.
- ii. Morris Prescott, b. Jan. 16, 1885; married ——— Price of Presque Isle, Maine. No children.

BATHSHEBA HIGGINS, daughter of Josiah and Mary (Cousins) Higgins (see p. 259), married about 1837 Heard Moore. They lived on a farm about six miles south of Ellsworth, Maine, on the east side of Union Bay.

*Children.*

- i. Nahum, b. 1839; d. 1845.
- ii. Francis Asbury, b. Nov. 5, 1844; in 1917 resided at Salem, Ore., and was Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Oregon.
- iii. Mary A., b. 1847; d. 1904.
- iv. Delia A., b. 1849; married Mr. Leland and resides at Portland, Ore.
- v. James S., b. 1852; a physician, residing at Portland, Ore.
- vi. Arthur W., b. 1856; a physician, residing at Portland, Ore.
- vii. Addie C., b. 1859; married Mr. Palmer and resides at Springfield, Mass.

Mr. James Wallace Higgins of Roselle Park, N. J., has furnished, since the main portion of this book was in type, valuable data concerning Jonathan Higgins (No. 72, p. 136) and his descendants. As much of this as space would permit has been placed here.

JONATHAN HIGGINS married (2) June 24, 1759, Mrs. Phebe Frazee. Consequently what is printed under Jonathan No. 167A belongs to No. 72. As there shown, she left or deserted him and he advertised that he would pay no debts of her contracting. Date Nov. 4, 1772. This probably explains why she is not mentioned in his will.

Jonathan Higgins ran a "timber yard" in New York City in 1751-3 and was a builder in Rahway in 1768. A study of the Surrogate's accounts on the estate of Jonathan Higgins appears to show that Jonathan Higgins sold his Rahway estate, or a portion thereof, to Daniel Trembly of Rahway, who in 1779 paid £450 on his bond to the executor of Higgins' estate. After this sale Jonathan Higgins hired a house of Nathaniel Baker's, in the present town of Westfield, and there died.



“To be sold at Public Vendue, on Wednesday the 6th of November next, on the Premises, a small Plantation in Elizabeth Town, two Miles from the English church and on the Post Road to Philadelphia, containing Twenty-six Acres of Land, about seven or Eight of which are meadow and Ten good Woodland, with a good Stream running by the door, very convenient for a Tan-yard; there is on said Plantation a good Dwelling House, with four rooms and three Fire-Places, a Stable, an Orchard of 200 bearing Apple Trees and a Peach Orchard, The title is indisputable. There is to be sold at the same Time and Place, Cows, Horses, Hay and sundry Kinds of Household furniture. Any person inclining to purchase before the day of Sale may apply to Jonathan Higgins at John Ellis’s in New York, or at the said Plantation. Said Higgins, who keeps a Timber Yard at Ellis’s Slip, is willing to supply any Gentleman, or others, with all the Kinds of Timber, Boards or Plank, Sash Windows, with Sashes and Shutters to them ready made and at the cheapest Rates; he also makes Hatter’s Blocks in the best manner, likewise all sorts of Shop Joyner’s Ware and will take Timber, or merchantable Produce in all Payments.”—Advertisement in *N. Y. Gazette and Weekly Post Boy*, Sept. 23, 1751; reprinted in *N. J. Archives*, I, 19–99.

The property here offered for sale was probably Jonathan Higgins’ own homestead, no longer needed, as he had gone into business in New York City. He did not long continue in business there, but in two years there was printed in the same newspaper the following:—

“To be Sold on reasonable terms of Payment, A Lot of Ground on the North Side of Little Queen Street, in the City of New York, containing 33 Feet front, and 70 Feet back the whole Breadth; it bounds easterly on the House and Lot of Mr. John Ellison . . . Any Person desiring to purchase may apply to Jonathan Higgins of Elizabeth Town, or to Jonathan Woodruff in New York.”—*New Jersey Archives*, I, 19–283.

Jonathan Higgins appears later as a builder, probably in Rahway. He obtained a judgment by suit in Court against the property of Henry Lane, where Lane was then living, situated near Rahway Meeting House, and consisting of six and a half acres of land, dwelling house, barn and garden, and offered the same for sale Dec. 23, 1765, at public auction.—*N. Y. Gazette and Weekly Post Boy*, Jan. 30, 1766.

On Feb. 29, 1768, he advertised for sale or rent a new house in Elizabethtown-Rahway and offers to build a larger one, if desired, as “the materials are now ready to be put together and building is his trade.” He appears to have lived in this vicinity until April 5, 1776, as shown by a mortgage deed (Essex Co. Mortgages, A-390) covering the grist mill property and bounded in part by Jonathan Higgins. Soon after he sold to Daniel Trembly, as already related, and lived at Baker’s house in Westfield.

The will of Jonathan Higgins, dated April 25, 1775, mentions sons Samuel, Jonathan, and Jacob, grandson Jonathan Higgins Williams, daughter Zerviah, granddaughters Sarah and Zerviah Oliver, daughter Sarah and her daughter Phebe Williams, and his daughter Betty. He bequeaths his timber and shop and turning tools to son Jonathan, if he demands them in three months. A codicil dated Aug. 10, 1778, provides for the freedom of his two negroes. Jonathan Higgins died between Aug. 10 and Sept. 7, 1778. The accounts mention money paid for tombstones, but they have not been discovered.

Zerviah Higgins, daughter of Jonathan, married April 19, 1760, as second wife, David Oliver of Rahway. He died April 1, 1766, in his forty-seventh year, according to inscription in old cemetery at Rahway. His will, dated Feb. 27, 1766, mentions sons David, Samuel, Ichabod, and daughters Jemima Ward (d. May 8, 1768, aged 7), Sarah, and Zerviah. The three sons were rather notorious Tories during the Revolution.—See Hatfield's *History of Elizabeth*, pp. 469, 476, 509.

Sarah Higgins, daughter of Jonathan, married Nov. 26, 1757, Joshua Williams.

SAMUEL HIGGINS (see No. 168, p. 215), son of Jonathan, married Jemima Ward. This is proved by the will of Samuel Ward of Newark, dated July 23, 1752, probated April 16, 1759, which mentions daughter Jemima Higgins. In July, 1765, Samuel Higgins and others, confined in jail at Elizabeth as insolvent debtors, sought release under a new law recently passed for the relief of insolvent debtors. Tradition says that Samuel was very poor, having hardly money enough to buy his seed corn. In 1763 he and Daniel Sayre occupied adjoining farms north of the "Cross Roads," about a mile and a half west from the church at Connecticut Farms and near the Rahway River. This locality is now in Union township, a short distance north of the Kenilworth Borough line. He probably died before 1780.

Mary Higgins, daughter of Samuel, lived with her uncle, John Sayre, on the old Sayre homestead during the Revolution, presumably after her father's death. From these circumstances arose a protracted litigation extending from 1797 to 1804, with result not entirely clear, although two judgments in favor of Mary are recorded. In 1799 her cousin, Daniel Sayre, having acquired the titles of the heirs, except Mary, pulled down the old house over her head, for which she obtained damages. She then lived in a house across the road. She is described as a tall woman of a high-strung temperament, strong in her likes and dislikes, and greatly hating the Sayres and the British, who disturbed her housekeeping arrangements. At the close of her life she lived in a portion of a house at the "Cross Roads" and had a habit of dropping in on the neighbors for meals. She was burned to death, her apron catching fire from the open fire in her rooms, Dec. 14, 1833.

Jemima Higgins, daughter of Samuel, bapt. Nov. 26, 1758, probably died unmarried before 1799, although it is possible that she married Henry Jefferys. In 1799 Samuel Higgins had five children living, probably two other sons besides sons Daniel and James and daughter Mary. One of these two sons is said to have gone South and did not return. The other, probably named John, went to New York state, returned poor, and died in Union township. He owned an acre of land here in 1812.

DANIEL<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Samuel<sup>5</sup>, Jonathan<sup>4</sup>, Richard<sup>3</sup>, Zerah<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*) (see No. 347, p. 321) married April 11, 1790, at Scotch Plains, Sarah Pound. He died Oct. 13, 1823. His wife Sarah died Aug. 28, 1810, aged 52.

He served as a private in the Essex County New Jersey Militia during the Revolution and is said to have served at the battle of Springfield, June, 1780, and to have captured a gun from a Hessian at that time, which is now in possession of his great-grandson, Mr. Howard Dada of Orange, N. J. In 1797 he bought a farm on Galloping Hill Road, near the center of the present Kenilworth and on which "Tin Kettle Hill" was located. Previously he probably lived near the present Chestnut Grove School, a little south of the "Cross Roads," and the ancient Sayre homestead. He left no will, the farm being transferred during his lifetime to his son Daniel.

#### *Children.*

- i. Jemima, b. Jan. 3, 1792; married Nov. 15, 1818, David, son of Benjamin Sayre, b. Feb. 10, 1793; d. March 5, 1865. She d. Jan. 6, 1867, and had six children.
- ii. Noah, b. July 13, 1793; d. —; went South and was not seen again.
- iii. Mary L., b. April 13, 1795; d. Aug. 21, 1842; married Joseph B. Tooker. Residence, Connecticut Farms. Three children.
- iv. Daniel, b. January, 1799; married Sarah Edwards.

JAMES<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Samuel<sup>5</sup>, Jonathan<sup>4</sup>, Richard<sup>3</sup>, Zerah<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*) (see No. 348, p. 322), born March, 1763; died Oct. 22, 1826; married March 5, 1787, Rebecca Jefferys, born May 22, 1766; died June 29, 1849.

He enlisted in 1777, then aged 14, serving as a private in Capt. Thomas Mulford's company, First Regiment, Essex County Militia, Col. Samuel Potter. He enlisted again in 1779 and served as private for six months in Capt. John Craig's company of New Jersey State Troops. These services are proved by records in the office of the Adjutant General, State of New Jersey, and by his widow's application for a pension in 1848, which was granted. He appears to have served in the vicinity of his own home.

About the time of his marriage James Higgins lived on a small farm situated on the old road to Springfield, south of the Chestnut Grove school, in the borough of Kenilworth, but in later years he



acquired several tracts, lying about a mile to the southeast. This land now lies in the northeast corner of the township of Cranford, on Orange Avenue, the boundary line running through the original homestead farm. Here stands the house in which he lived, owned by his descendants until 1910. He was one of the largest land-owners in the township, and his land being wooded, much of his work consisted in cutting, hauling, and selling wood and timber. He was a hard working man, of strong character, and of much influence in the community. His financial success was entirely the result of his own labor. He left a will. After his death his homestead was sold to his son-in-law, Moses Faitoute.

#### *Children.*

- i. John, b. Aug. 28, 1789; d. April 28, 1812; married Elizabeth——, who married (2)——Van Camp. No children.
- ii. Mary, b. June 26, 1791; d. Jan. 1, 1853; married May 8, 1813, Daniel Drake of Plainfield, N. J., b. May 5, 1792; d. Oct. 23, 1881, son of Nathaniel Drake. Children: Rebecca Ann Drake, b. Aug. 8, 1814, d. Sept. 24, 1877, married June 30, 1832, Manning Vermeule, b. April 4, 1804, d. March 19, 1892, and had five children; Elizabeth Drake, b. Jan. 12, 1847, d.——, married Abraham Runyan, father by prior marriage of Chancellor Runyan, but had no children; John Drake, b. Feb. 4, 1819, d. ——, married Margaret, daughter of Benjamin Stelle; James W. Drake, b. Dec. 2, 1827, d. 1907, in the West, unmarried; Nelson Drake, b. June 28, 1831, d. ——, married Luella P. Knight, and was a physician, residing at Brooklyn, N. Y., had one son, Daniel Knight Drake; Elmer W. Drake, b. Jan. 13, 1834, d. 1905 in Denver, Col., married Mrs. Hawkins, but had no children.
- iii. Rebecca, b. Sept. 28, 1793; d. Dec. 25, 1836; married Dec. 31, 1811, Isaac Roll, b. Oct. 14, 1791, d. Sept. 14, 1852. They lived between Springfield and Westfield, N. J., at the foot of the mountain. Children: Hannah Eliza Roll, b. Sept. 28, 1812, d. April 28, 1875, married Jan. 18, 1831, David J. Crane, b. Nov. 26, 1808, d. Dec. 20, 1891; lived in present Kenilworth, N. J., and had seven children; James Ward Roll, b. Oct. 4, 1816, d. Sept. 6, 1875, married Hannah Mariah Smith, daughter of Joseph Smith of Springfield, was a farmer at Springfield, N. J. Children: Jane Delsena Roll, b. Jan. 25, 1847, at Springfield, N. Y., married Oct. 10, 1867, Edward Augustus Price, b. Aug. 5, 1840. Both are living at South Orange, N. J., and have two sons, both married, living at East Orange. Mary Emma Roll, b. Feb. 13, 1849, at Springfield, N. J.; married Oct. 20, 1873, Peter V. Stewart, b. Albany, N. Y., Dec. 21, 1842, d. April 12, 1915. Mrs. Stewart is living at South Orange, N. J., and has three children, two of whom are married. Mary Earl Roll, b. Jan. 17, 1819, d. April 25, 1892, married (1) Jan. 27,

1836, Lambert DeCamp, b. —, d. July 6, 1836, married (2) Philemon Dickinson, son of Philemon Dickinson of Springfield, N. J., b. March 11, 1820, d. March 15, 1889, a bank note engraver, residing at Newark, had eight children; Ellen Roll, b. Feb. 24, 1821, d. April 12, 1840, married Feb. 27, 1839, John Dickinson, son of Philemon Dickinson of Springfield, N. J., had no children; John D. Roll, b. Feb. 27, 1823, d. —, married Elizabeth Bond, daughter of Elihu Bond, brother of Rev. Lewis Bond of Plainfield, N. J., had no children; Nancy Jane Roll, b. June 26, 1826, d. —, married Sept. 18, 1844, Isaac Brokaw of New Market, N. J., residing on the road from New Market to Stelton, had nine children; David Elmer Roll, b. Aug. 21, 1830, d. —, married Jane Brokaw, daughter of Caleb Brokaw of Bound Brook, N. J., and sister of above Isaac Brokaw, moved to Illinois. The number of descendants of Isaac and Rebecca (Higgins) Roll is large, and although a nearly complete list was furnished, it has been impossible to include them all here.

- iv. James Ward, b. Jan. 30, 1796; married Eleanor —.
- v. Hannah, b. May 1, 1798; d. Nov. 6, 1827; married May 30, 1817, David Townley of Connecticut Farms, b. —, d. Nov. 9, 1827. She was an invalid. Children: Phebe Townley (married Isaac Newning and went out West), James Townley (an invalid), and Henrietta Townley (who married Blackford Holden after 1845).
- vi. Elizabeth, b. Nov. 15, 1800; d. Jan. 31, 1861; married Sept. 30, 1821, Moses Faitoute, b. May 20, 1799, d. July 4, 1875, son of Aaron and Phebe Faitoute. He was a farmer and lived on the James Higgins homestead in the northeast corner of present Cranford, N. J. Children; Phebe Ogden Faitoute b. March 7, 1822, d. Dec. 3, 1907, married Nov. 2, 1844, William Henry Woodruff and had seven children; Elizabeth Rebecca Faitoute, b. May 14, 1826, d. young; Aaron Higgins Faitoute, b. Oct. 12, 1829; d. April 24, 1881, married March 1, 1855, Sarah Maria Winans, b. Dec. 4, 1832, d. Oct. 20, 1899, and had five children; Moses Baker Faitoute, b. Nov. 11, 1833, d. Dec. 25, 1869, married May 26, 1863, Mary Robins Thompson, b. May 26, 1841, daughter of Jacob Thompson, was a farmer and had three children; James Wilford Faitoute, b. Sept. 6, 1835, d. June 9, 1859, unmarried; Thomas Benton Faitoute, b. Nov. 6, 1838, d. Nov. 24, 1912, married Feb. 2, 1876, Mary Elizabeth (Mooney) Sturtevant, b. Nov. 8, 1836, d. Oct. 10, 1913, daughter of Elias Mooney, had two children, both of whom d. in childhood; William Littell Faitoute, b. Dec. 13, 1840, d. Jan. 27, 1872, unmarried. The number of descendants of Moses and Elizabeth (Higgins) Faitoute is large, but it was impossible to include them all on account of limitations of space.



- vii. David Sayre, b. July 26, 1804; married Margaret Searing.
- viii. Martha J., b. Feb. 10, 1807; d. Oct. 18, 1857; married March 8, 1829, as his second wife, Samuel Williams, b. 1795, d. June 28, 1858, a farmer who lived in present borough of Kenilworth, on road to Springfield. Children: Moses Williams, b. June 24, 1834, d. July 30, 1834; Samuel Williams, b. Aug. 12, 1835, d. Nov. 4, 1906, at Wittman, Md., married (1) Ruth Winans; (2) April 15, 1866, Deborah Winans, and had four children, who lived at Dunellen, N. J.; Martha Lucretia Williams, b. Aug. 20, 1839, d. April 11, 1848; Robert Street Williams, b. 1842, married March 1, 1865, Olivia Meeker, daughter of Jacob W. Meeker, b. June 8, 1843, and had Clara Bell Williams, b. Nov. 4, 1869 (he was for many years in ice business at Elizabeth, N. J., now retired and residing at Newark); Margaret H. Williams, b. March, 1852, d. Oct. 6, 1858.
- ix. Elmer Williams, b. Aug. 2, 1811; married (1) Sarah Maria Faitoute; (2) Bethany Van Ruyper.

DANIEL<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*Daniel*<sup>6</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>5</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Zerah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>) (see p. 321), born January, 1799, in Union township; died June 6, 1849, in New York City; married Sarah Edwards, b. Feb. 15, 1803; died Jan. 27, 1874, at Orange, N. J.

Daniel Higgins was a farmer and owned and lived on the farm in Union originally purchased by his father in 1797. Later he went to New York City and engaged in business as a truckman. He died of the cholera.

#### *Children.*

- i. Sarah Jane, b. about 1824; d. Feb. 23, 1896; married Dec. 30, 1845, Albert Smith Jamison, b. May 29, 1824, in New York, d. Feb. 3, 1880, at East Orange, N. J. Had four children: Sarah Jamison, d. in infancy; Daniel Higgins Jamison, b. Feb. 15, 1848, in New York, d. Aug. 8, 1916, at East Orange, N. J., married March 11, 1871, Maria E. Leeman, b. May 13, 1850, in New York and had five children, all living at Orange or East Orange, N. J.; James Albert Jamison, b. May 4, 1850, at Orange, N. J., d. there November, 1895, married Feb. 14, 1873, Phoebe McCloud of Newark, was a hatter with business in Orange and had three children; the fourth child d. in infancy.
- ii. Phoebe Ann, b. Aug. 14, 1829; d. Nov. 21, 1896; married Feb. 25, 1847, John Ackerman, b. Nov. 20, 1824, d. July 16, 1905; a furniture merchant at Orange, N. J. Children: Daniel Higgins Ackerman, b. Jan. 4, 1848, d. at East Orange, April 5, 1874, unmarried; Sarah Ann Ackerman, b. Feb. 5, 1855; married Dec. 3, 1879, Samuel Howard Dodd, b. Aug. 12, 1855; residence East Orange, N. J. Had six children.
- iii. Daniel W., b. Feb. 13, 1839; d. May 13, 1840.

JAMES WARD<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*James*<sup>6</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>5</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Zerah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>) (see p. 321), born Jan. 30, 1796, in Union township, N. J.; died April 26, 1848; married Eleanor —.

He was a merchant and engaged in the grocery or provision business in the city of New York, with Thomas S. Doremus, under the firm name of Higgins & Doremus. Owned a store on the south side of Dey Street, where the Globe Building now stands, which he acquired in 1830. The title of this property passed to his brother, David S. Higgins, who retained it until his death.

*Child.*

- i. Eleanor R., b. in 1822; died Sept. 20, 1884, at Bath, N. Y.; married Dec. 30, 1847, Thomas Gustin, Jr., and had two children.

DAVID SAYRE<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*James*<sup>6</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>5</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Zerah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>) (see No. 611, p. 439), born July 24, 1804; died Oct. 31, 1871; married Feb. 24, 1827, Margaret Searing, born March 11, 1807; died April 19, 1886; daughter of Jacob Searing.

David Sayre Higgins was born at the old homestead of James Higgins, still standing in the northeast corner of Cranford township, adjoining Faitoute Avenue and Orange Avenue. He died in his own house on Orange Avenue, not far from his birthplace. He received his early education at the old district schoolhouse which stood near his home. He then went to New York City and spent seven years in mercantile business, associated with his brother-in-law, Moses Faitoute. He then returned to the vicinity of his birth and on April 1, 1832, purchased the "Stites" farm, located on the old road to Springfield, and the house stood north of Monroe Avenue, between 18th and 19th streets in the present Borough of Kenilworth. Here all his children were born. The house was torn down in 1899, and a brick from the house bore the date 1747. He sold this farm in 1857 and purchased the Kingsland farm on the road to Craneville (now Cranford), now Orange Avenue, where he lived until his death. He was one of the leading and successful farmers of the community.

He early joined the Baptist Church at Scotch Plains and later was one of the constituent members of the First Baptist Church of Elizabeth, N. J., on June 5, 1843. Of the fifteen original members of this church, eight were his relatives, including his mother and wife, and two sisters. He was its first deacon. He was trustee of the School Committee of the old Chestnut Grove School, which was but a short distance north of his first farm. He was politically a Whig and later a Republican. Though interested in public affairs, he never aspired to public office, nor engaged in political contests. In his later years he was an invalid. He was a man of the highest character, deeply loved and respected by all.

*Children.*

- i. Elizabeth, b. July 1, 1828; d. May 12, 1879; married May 26, 1852, Reuben S. Van Tassel of Dubois, Penn. Children: Alexander Reuben Van Tassel of Dubois, Penn.; Edward Denning Van Tassel of Boston, Mass.; Elizabeth Van Tassel, who married (1) Rodell Adelbert Wood of Dubois, Penn., (2) William Carlyle Arnold; Annie Van Tassel, who married Samuel Higenbotham; Willard Sherwood Van Tassel, b. Jan. 31, 1860, at Irvington, N. Y., residing at Woburn, Mass.; Ida Van Tassel, d. in infancy. The five eldest of these children all married and had children.
- ii. Hannah, b. Feb. 27, 1833; d. Oct. 19, 1863; married June 20, 1859, James Clark, son of Ephraim Clark of Plainfield, N. J., and had two children that d. in infancy.
- iii. Margaret Ann, b. Aug. 7, 1835; married Feb. 20, 1861, Rev. Hugh Collins Townley; resided at Peekskill, N. Y.; five children.
- iv. Rebecca, b. Oct. 22, 1836; married Henry H. Richards, son of John Richards of Springfield, N. J. Resided at Peekskill, N. Y., and d. 1911. No children.
- v. James Ward, b. Feb. 21, 1839; married Adelia J. Littlefield.
- vi. Mary Ellen, b. March 7, 1842; d. Jan. 16, 1848.
- vii. David Spencer Cone, b. June 30, 1844; d. Dec. 18, 1866, unmarried. Served three years in Co. K., Ninth Regt., N. J. Volunteer Infantry.
- viii. Sarah Maria, b. Nov. 4, 1846; d. Aug. 25, 1847.
- ix. Phebe Newning, b. Jan. 3, 1848; living at Raritan, N. J.; married (1) May 6, 1869, Jonathan Townley, b. Dec. 14, 1833, Princeton College 1858, Capt. Co. K., Ninth Regt., N. J. Volunteer Infantry in Civil War. Children: David Higgins Townley, b. November, 1871, married March 11, 1902, Belle B. Brown and resides at Elizabeth, N. J.; Janette Townley, b. Feb. 15, 1873, married Oct. 28, 1897, Abram Amerman and resides at Raritan, N. J. Mrs. Phebe N. Townley married (2) Morgan Long.

ELMER WILLIAMS<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*James*<sup>6</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>5</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>4</sup>, *Richard*<sup>3</sup>, *Zerah*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born Aug. 2, 1811, died May 31, 1852, at Newark, N. J.; married (1) Sept. 1, 1839, Sarah Maria Faitoute; (2) Bethany Van Ruyper.

He was educated by his father's estate, attended college and received the degree of M.D. In 1835 for a time he taught school near his father's homestead in Union township. He then removed to Jersey City or to Newark and practiced medicine there. He had at times an ungovernable temper. His only child, Elmer Faitoute Higgins, was in the insurance business in Newark. His body was found drowned in Newark Bay about July 30, 1894. He was married, but had no children.

**JAMES WARD<sup>8</sup> HIGGINS** (*David Sayre<sup>7</sup>, James<sup>6</sup>, Samuel<sup>5</sup>, Jonathan<sup>4</sup>, Richard<sup>3</sup>, Zerah<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*) (see No. 856, p. 539). Additional data. His wife, Adelia J. Littlefield, was born Aug. 21, 1841.

James Ward Higgins received his early education at the Chestnut Grove School, near his father's home, and later at Suffield, Conn., and at Claverack Academy, Claverack, N. Y. He then spent about a year farming in Ohio. Then owing to his father's illness, he returned home and took charge of the latter's farm. In 1871 he purchased the old Trembly Watkins farm, a short distance east of where the Kenilworth railroad station now stands, and lived there until 1897, when he purchased property at the corner of Chestnut Street and Webster Avenue, now in the Borough of Roselle Park, where he lived until his death in 1914. He was a prominent farmer, and for years a member of the Union County Board of Agriculture. From 1892 to 1900 he conducted a business in agricultural implements, feed and grain at Roselle Park. He was a trustee of the school district, an ardent Republican in politics, casting his first vote for Abraham Lincoln, and active in everything that advanced his community. He early joined the Baptist Church at Elizabeth and in 1878 the First Baptist Church of Roselle. For years he was one of its staunchest supporters, serving as trustee and deacon for almost the entire period until his death. He was a strong Christian, and of a sunny disposition, and had the love of all his wide circle of acquaintances and friends.

His son, James Wallace Higgins (see No. 973), was educated at the schools of Union township, graduated at Rutgers College in 1893 and received the degree of C.E. in 1902. He has been a member or secretary of the Board of Education of Roselle Park from 1901 to 1917 and Borough Engineer from 1901 to 1913 and from 1917 to the present. Is a civil and landscape engineer with office in New York City. Member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and of the First Baptist Church of Roselle Park, of which he is clerk.

His younger son, Spencer Littlefield Higgins, while stationed on U. S. S. Arkansas, participated in the occupation of Vera Cruz by the U. S. forces in 1914. In 1917 he was stationed at U. S. Naval Hospital, Las Animas, Col. Surgeon, U. S. N.

**GERSHOM<sup>3</sup> HIGGINS** (*Eliakim<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>*). Additional matter. The will of Gershom Higgins, blacksmith, dated Sept. 14, 1751, probated Feb. 18, 1758. To son Nathaniel he leaves a lot of land in Elizabethtown, adjoining Matthias Baldwin, Daniel Jewet, Robert Little and highway; also seven acres near Oyster Creek. To grandsons Michael and William, sons of his son William deceased, and to his three daughters, Mary, Hannah and Abigail, £30 apiece, to be paid from sale of the homestead. To wife Mary the residue of the personal estate, also other provisions.



Moses Chandler and Mary his wife conveyed to Nathaniel Higgins about five acres of woodland in 1762.

Mary Higgins, widow of Gershom Higgins, and Nathaniel Higgins and Mary, his wife, conveyed to Broughton Reynolds, innkeeper, land that was formerly of Samuel Marsh and conveyed to Gershom Higgins by Susannah Marsh, only child of Samuel Marsh, by deed dated Sept. 3, 1730, and devised by will of Gershom Higgins to Nathaniel Higgins. Bounded on southeast and southwest by land of Timothy Higgins. Dated 1767.

Nathaniel Higgins mortgages to Benjamin Spinning land and dwelling house in Elizabethtown, formerly of Gershom Higgins deceased. Six and one half acres. Bounded by Matthias Baldwin, Broughton Reynolds and Timothy Higgins. Dated Nov. 14, 1767. This appears to be Gershom Higgins' homestead, willed to Nathaniel in 1751.

Nathaniel Higgins, blacksmith, again mortgages the same property to Benjamin Spinning on May 24, 1769. This time it was but six and one tenth acres. Nathaniel probably had to lose a part to satisfy the prior mortgage.

Jan. 8, 1770, Nathaniel Higgins and others, now prisoners in the Co. of Middlesex, ask discharge under the act and that their estates be assigned to their creditors.

Nathaniel Higgins married (1) Mary —; (2) Elizabeth, daughter of Luke Haviland.

#### *Children.*

- i. William Brown, b. about 1761.
- ii. Luke Haviland, b. May 6, 1769.
- iii. John, b. 1771.
- iv. Isaac, b. —; married Hannah —. He died between Feb. 22 and March 11, 1808. Hannah died between March 9 and May 7, 1811. Both left wills. Residence, Borough of Elizabeth. Children: Elizabeth (married Mr. Canaday), Jane (married Mr. Davis), Sarah and Elias Tooker.
- v. Sarah, b. —.

Luke Haviland Higgins married Fanny Dawes. She died probably at Newark. Her will, dated Oct. 20, 1849, probated Nov. 5, 1849, mentions children given below.

#### *Children.*

- i. Abigail or Abby, b. —; married Luke Haviland.
- ii. Mary, b. —.
- iii. Julia Ann, b. —; married John Oliver Burnett, b. Jan. 1, 1802, and had Edwin Henry, b. Feb. 25, 1829 (married Kate S. McChesney); Anna Maria, b. Nov. 27, 1830 (unmarried); Samuel Oliver, b. Sept. 21, 1833; Timothy Miller, b. Sept. 15, 1835; David Barclay, b. June 7, 1838; John Higgins, b. June 1, 1841; Abby Haviland, b. Jan. 2, 1844; Theodore, b. Sept. 15, 1846.



- iv. James D., b. —; died between Jan. 20 and Jan. 31, 1844, leaving wife and daughter, Mary Emily Higgins.
- v. John M., b. —.
- vi. Samuel C., b. —.
- vii. Joseph T., b. —.
- viii. Isaac O., b. —; married Elizabeth —.

A record of a suit in the Court of Chancery, dated Jan. 19, 1852, shows that all the above children, except James D. Higgins, were then living.

SPARROW HIGGINS (See p. 251), born 1798 at Orleans, Mass.; died March, 1829; married Nov. 25, 1824, Harriet Kendrick, b. Jan. 16, 1805, at Harwich, Mass.; died Nov. 20, 1872, at Orleans.

He sailed in March, 1829, on the schooner *Lovely Hope*, which was lost with all on board. Mrs. Harriet Higgins married (2) Capt. Eldredge of Orleans.

#### *Children.*

- i. Hatsel, b. about 1826; was in the jewelry business at Providence, R. I., where his son Ernest Higgins resides.
- ii. Lucy Mitchell, b. Oct. 26, 1828; d. March 8, 1899; went to Salem, Mass., and there married Nov. 25, 1850, Charles Sylvester Clark, b. Aug. 23, 1828, at Wakefield, N. H., d. February, 1903, at Salem, Mass. Children: Charles Albion, b. Dec. 9, 1851, living at Salem; Lucyetta Frances, b. May 15, 1853, d. July, 1863, at Ossipee Center, N. H.; Clarence Sumner, b. Nov. 6, 1854; Emma Isadora, b. Aug. 16, 1858, d. Feb., 1909; married June 5, 1900, George Moody Harris; later changed her name to Dora Clark Harris.

Clarence Sumner Clark married Oct. 10, 1881, Annie French Treadwell, b. Oct. 10, 1856. Both living at Salem, Mass. Children: Emily Treadwell, b. Nov. 19, 1882; Ruth, b. March 12, 1887; Rogers Day, b. Nov. 21, 1891.

Emily Treadwell Clark married Nov. 28, 1911, James Warren Adams. They reside in New York City.

Rogers D. Clark married Dec. 2, 1916, Dorothy Dale Fuller.

## APPENDIX A.

### IDENTITY AND ANCESTRY OF GEORGE HAGANS OF BRANDONVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA

BY PAUL HAGANS LUDINGTON OF OMAHA

It seems particularly appropriate to introduce a genealogic discussion that is based upon data largely hitherto unpublished, with a brief statement of the scope of the discussion, the work done by those interested, the field covered in the collection of data, and a general statement of the method of presentation of the subject.

The discussion has to deal with but one single topic, which will be stated as a distinct proposition at the close of these introductory remarks.

This subject has been made into an Appendix to this book because it is concerned with but one single branch of the Higgins family, and because to include it in the body of the book would trespass too much upon the subject matter of the book, on account of the necessary length required to present the subject.

The data here presented was collected by three descendants of George Hagans—Josiah Higgins, although various members of the family have given of their knowledge to these three collectors.

As early as July 13, 1865, Horace Ludington, M.D., a grandson of George Hagans, through Lovila (Hagans) Ludington, wrote to his uncle Harrison Hagans, the only surviving child of George Hagans, asking for information regarding the Hagans family. Harrison Hagans' reply is now in Dr. Ludington's possession and it gives invaluable information that will presently be quoted.

About 1894, Mr. Wilbur Eggleston Hagans of Chicago, great-grandson of George Hagans, through both Harrison Hagans and Elisha Merrill Hagans, began his researches into his ancestry. Through a large correspondence throughout several years Mr. Wilbur E. Hagans collected a large amount of data, and was particularly fortunate in securing from his uncle, the late Judge John Marshall Hagans, a grandson of George Hagans, through Harrison Hagans, a great deal of the family tradition, some of which has proven of the greatest value. To Mr. Wilbur E. Hagans belongs the credit of first reaching the conviction that his ancestor, George Hagans, was none other than Josiah Higgins.

In 1911, Paul Hagans Ludington, M.D., a son of Dr. Horace Ludington, became interested in the subject, and visited in person those localities in Massachusetts, New York, and Illinois with

which the George Hagans family is associated. Because of the work done previously by Dr. Horace Ludington and Mr. Wilbur E. Hagans, the labor of this investigation was rendered easier and more successful and some additional data was secured.

What is here presented is, therefore, a composite of the data thus secured by the collectors, and their indebtedness to various members of the family, custodians of public records, and others who have assisted in the collection of data is gratefully acknowledged.

Although done chiefly for the benefit of any one who may care to investigate this subject further, it has seemed well to add, at the conclusion of the discussion, a fairly complete list of the sources that have come under investigation. This list will comprise only sources that are outside the family, because these public records are available to any one.

In presenting this discussion the chief consideration is, of course, to prove the claim that is made, and the chief factors to this end are considered to be fullness and accuracy of data and a logical and orderly progression from one point to another.

As to the data. It is considered better to err on the side of including too much data rather than not enough, so in some instances data apparently foreign to the George Hagans—Josiah Higgins family is included. The amount of this data is not sufficiently great, however, to cause confusion to the careful reader, and its advantages seem to outweigh the possible disadvantages.

Every possible care has been taken to secure absolute accuracy in the data presented. Quotations from letters are made from the originals in every case, and the originals are now either in the possession of Mr. Wilbur E. Hagans or the writer. In the case of public records, the quotations are made from certified copies of these instruments as obtained from the official custodians of these records.

While it is not possible to give these letters and deeds in full, nor is it at all necessary, it may be stated that all this evidence was submitted to the Editor of this book.

What follows is given in as condensed a form as possible, but with due regard to stating the essential facts in the case with sufficient fullness, it is hoped, to make them easily followed and understood.

The only logical thing to do seems to be to begin with George Hagans—Josiah Higgins where positive knowledge is had of him and to work backward from this point, so this will be done.

The method has been adopted of constructing at first the story of the Hagans family as it has been handed down by the family tradition, and then comparing this with whatever matters of public record or outside data may be found. This method is obviously fair and it also has the advantage of preserving the chronology.

With these introductory remarks, the proposition to be here discussed may be formally stated.

The man who lived and died in Brandonville, Preston County, Virginia (now West Virginia), under the name of George Hagans, changed his name from Josiah Higgins to George Hagans; the change of name was made between March 20, 1817, and the fall of 1817. Josiah Higgins was a son of Elisha<sup>5</sup> Higgins and therefore a descendant of the settler Richard Higgins; George Hagans being identical with Josiah Higgins is also descended from Richard Higgins.

For the benefit of the reader it may be well to state, in brief, the main circumstances leading up to this conviction. They are:—

(1) No such person as George Hagans can be discovered anywhere who fulfills the requirements of the Hagans family tradition.

(2) A positive statement, from an authentic source, exists in the Hagans family that "the name was originally Higgins."

(3) According to data collected by Rev. Ambrose Eggleston for the Eggleston family, Persis Eggleston married Josiah Higgins, whereas, according to the Hagans record, Persis Eggleston was the wife of George Hagans.

(4) The family tradition regarding George Hagans, of whom no record can be found, is exactly paralleled by all the records that have been discovered for Josiah Higgins.

It may as well be stated at the beginning of this discussion that no official record exists to show that Josiah Higgins made record of the fact that he saw fit to change his name to George Hagans. Hagans is obviously a variant of Higgins, but the change from Josiah to George makes it certain that a complete change of name was made.

That a person has a perfect right to completely change his name for any reason that may seem good to him, must be freely admitted; and that a person living on the frontiers might not go into a convenient court and make record of the fact is quite possible.

The fact that the name was changed is a thing quite apart from the reasons that impelled the change, and this furnishes a very convenient division of this entire subject into two heads: The Identity of George Hagans and The Reason for the Change of Name.

## THE IDENTITY OF GEORGE HAGANS.

Harrison Hagans' letter to Dr. Horace Ludington is the earliest and most complete statement regarding the Hagans family that exists whose source is absolutely known, therefore it will serve as a means to construct the story of the Hagans family as given by one of that family. This letter is of sufficient interest to quote in full.

Before quoting this letter, however, the reader's attention is invited to one outstanding fact that will become evident: Harrison Hagans states his maternal, or Eggleston, ancestry with sufficient fullness to make it easy to identify that family; with regard to his



paternal, or Hagans—Higgins, family, however, he only says that his grandfather was born on Cape Cod. In other words, the Eggleston line is very clearly indicated, whereas the Hagans—Higgins line is left very indefinite, although Harrison Hagans certainly knew enough about it to state the birthplace of his paternal grandfather. It is thought that this circumstance is of sufficient importance to bring it to the reader's attention before quoting Harrison Hagans' letter.

BRANDONVILLE, W. VA., July 17th, 1865.

*Dear Horace:—*

Yours of the 13th inst. reached us on last evening and found us in usual health; for which, as well as that of our dear Penn. [sylvania] friends, we are very thankful.

In relation to our genealogy, I have no knowledge that reaches farther back than my grandfather, and even so far it is but dim.

My paternal grandfather I saw once when I was quite small, and was impressed with his towering frame and snow-white hair; I believe he was born on Cape Cod and was a farmer.

My *maternal* grandparents, I often saw; I think he was a cooper; his name was Eggleston and her maiden name was Merrill.

Our ancestry, so far as I know, were in moderate circumstances and held a respectable position in society, although their careers were not marked by any remarkable incidents to make them famous. In fact, I have but little hope that the acutest ethnologist of this generation would succeed in allying himself with royal blood.

I cannot boast a *noble* ancestry, according to modern parlance, and I hold that no sensible man ever did. I believe, however, that measured by a better standard—"an honest man is the noblest work of God"—our lineage stands fair; and that a faint sprinkling of royal blood would not "add one cubit to our stature." I would rather magnify the grace of God that gave us Godly progenitors—humble as they were—whose pious prayers are still crowned with blessings now resting upon us their descendants.

The memorial I enclose I believe to be complete, except the blanks in your dear mother's line, which you will please fill; also please correct the date of your uncle Zer's death if it be wrong.

I am the only survivor of my father's household, and am aware that the only connecting link must ere long be broken. *May God prepare us all to meet finally in His Kingdom.*

I am sorry to hear of Lin's poor health; hope she will soon recover. Poor Hagan! his fitful career is over! His days have verily been "few and full of trouble," we *will hope* he is happy.

We pray that our *entire* tribe may reach the blest shore.

Do come and see us; you neglect us. With kind remembrances for you all,

I am your affectionate uncle,

H. Hagans.



The envelope is addressed:—

H. LUDINGTON, M. D.,  
159 Center Avenue,  
Pittsburg, Pa.

The "memorial" enclosed consists of data regarding George Hagans, Persis (Eggleston) Hagans, and their children. It is arranged in tabulated form that cannot be here reproduced. The complete data will, however, be given.

George Hagans: born June 2, 1762, in Massachusetts; died June 21, 1834, in Virginia; married December 23, 1783, Persis Eggleston; was a farmer; had ten children; "local preacher M. E. Church, strong in faith and hope."

Persis Eggleston: born December 23, 1764, in Connecticut; died October 19, 1846, in Virginia; "a model woman, died in triumph."

*Children.*

Thankful: born November 19, 1784, in Vermont; died December 19, 1784; "saved in infancy."

Joseph: born January 1, 1786, in New York; died December 6, 1816, in Illinois; was a farmer; had four children; "his wife Mary had died just two months before, and their infant son soon followed."

Thankful: born June 28, 1788, in Vermont; died "in New York at about sixteen years of age; triumphant."

Josiah: born February 25, 1791, in New York; died in Illinois March 19, 1817; was a mechanic; had one child; "his wife and child died soon after, hopeful."

Zer: born July 23, 1793, in New York; died August 12, 1831, in Pennsylvania; "strictly moral and hopeful."

Harrison: born June 17, 1796, in Vermont; was a merchant; had ten children; "M. E. Church."

Elisha Merrill: born November 28, 1798, in New York; died April 8, 1864, in Ohio; a merchant; five children; "M. E. Church, in triumph."

Harriet: born March 18, 1801, in New York; died in Illinois.

Lovila: born September 10, 1803, in New York; died in Pennsylvania; "M. E. Church, in holy triumph."

David: born July 18, 1807, in New York; died June 30, 1809, in Virginia; "though young, in hope."

The "memorial" is concluded:—

"The above statistics I believe to be correct."

Brandonville, Preston County, W. Va., July 20, 1865.

H. Hagans.

As Harrison Hagans was the author of the above "memorial," it is evident that his death record is lacking. The data regarding Lovila Hagans is that referred to in his letter wherein he says: "except the blanks in your dear mother's line, which you will please fill." The "memorial" states that its author "had no account" of the death of Harriet Hagans. Thus the data is complete.

It will be noted that a double certification of this data appears; in the letter Harrison Hagans says: "the memorial I enclose, I believe to be complete," while he attests his "memorial" by saying: "the above statistics I believe to be correct."

It may be urged that if a change of names was made the force of these attestations would be weakened; but it must be conceded that any one has a perfect right to change his name at any time he pleases, and that, having once made a change, he is perfectly justified in recording it under the change as made. For this reason it is apparent that the above statistics must be accepted as correct at the time when they were written, and there is no reason at all to suppose that the dates are incorrect.

Such material has all the appearances of having been taken from a Bible record, although this is not specifically so stated. It remains, therefore, to introduce evidence that such a Bible record existed, since the record itself cannot be produced.

Judge John Marshall Hagans apparently discovered a copy of the above "memorial" among his father's papers thirty years afterward, for writing to Mr. Wilbur E. Hagans he says: "I enclose you a copy of a record which bears date in 1865, and is in father's handwriting. Of its accuracy I have no doubt. Why he came to prepare it I don't know. Of its existence I had no knowledge until a few days since. Father doubtless took this record from the family Bible, which we have no reason to believe other than correct."

This specific reference to "the family Bible" is corroborated by an even more definite reference by a daughter of Harrison Hagans, Mrs. Virginia (Hagans) Frey. Writing to Dr. Horace Ludington, nearly twenty years later, Mrs. Frey says:—

"As long as I was an inmate of the old home, grandfather's Bible was kept in the top drawer of what was once grandmother's bureau. . . . I fear if it was left there in the house it met with the same fate as the letters; everything was disposed of during the last administration."

This very specific reference to "grandfather's" Bible, and the exact place it was kept, indicates clearly that a family Bible was in existence and also that it was George Hagans' Bible. It is believed, therefore, that it is fair to assume that Harrison Hagans made up his "memorial" from such a record.

In the possession of Mr. Wilbur E. Hagans there is another record that is, according to Mr. Wilbur E. Hagans, in the handwriting of his father, the late Lucian Adams Hagans, a son of Harrison Hagans. This record will not be copied here in full, as

it agrees perfectly with Harrison Hagens' data, but one or two entries will be given to show that it must surely have been taken from a Bible record.

"George Hagens, born June 2, 1762, Tuesday morning.

"Thankful Hagens (1st), born November 19, 1784, Friday, at 1 o'clock A.M. Died December 19, same year, at noon.

"Josiah Hagens, born February 25, 1791, Friday noon. Died March 19, 1817.

"Harrison Hagens, born June 17, 1796, Friday, 3 o'clock A.M. Died May 7, 1867, at Brandonville, W. Va.

"Lovila Hagens, born September 10, 1803, Saturday, 10 P.M. Died June 19, 1852, at Uniontown, Pa."

The above examples are sufficient to show the detailed account, and it may be said that comparison of these days and dates with a perpetual calendar will show that they are correct. This same detail occurs with all the ten children, and every date is correct for the day stated, except in the case of George Hagens himself, and here it is only one day wrong.

Such a record surely must be from a Bible record, and the correctness of the dates and days given would seem to make it worthy of all credence that might attach to any similar record.

This record of Mr. Wilbur E. Hagens states that "Polly, wife of Joseph, died October 6, 1816." Harrison Hagens says: "his (Joseph's) wife Mary had died just two months before" December 6, 1816. As Polly seems to have been a favorite name for Mary, it is probable that Mary was the correct name and Polly the commonly used name. At any rate the records agree perfectly.

In an affidavit, Mr. Wilbur E. Hagens states that he had in his possession a family Bible belonging to his maternal grandfather, Elisha M. Hagens, containing records of the Hagens family and that this Bible was destroyed in a fire that destroyed Mr. Hagens' home at Elmhurst, Illinois, in 1907.

So it is clear that all the evidence points to the fact that Bible records were kept in the family and that both the records that have been quoted were taken from such records.

One very interesting and valuable record appears in this list of Mr. Wilbur E. Hagens: "Urban Harrison, son of Joseph and Polly, died September 10, 1816." Please keep in mind the name Urban in view of what will appear later on.

From the data furnished by Harrison Hagens quite a fair outline may be constructed for George Hagens and his family, probably more complete than would appear at first reading. Before summarizing an analysis of this, however, it will be well to consider one question.

Harrison Hagans says that the first child was born in Vermont in 1784, the next one in New York in 1786, the next one in Vermont in 1788, the next two in New York in 1791 and 1793, the next one in Vermont in 1796, and the others in New York.

As the records of Josiah Higgins indicate that he lived continuously in New York between the years 1784 and 1810, it is believed that the border difficulties between Vermont and New York explain why these children appear to have been born in these two states rather than that the family was actually jumping from place to place.

From Harrison Hagans' data, and working backward chronologically, it is believed the following conclusions may be fairly drawn:—

(1) George Hagans and his family were in Virginia as early as June 30, 1819, as David, a twelve-year-old boy, died there on that date.

(2) The family was in Illinois as late as March 19, 1817, as Josiah Hagans died in Illinois on that date.

(3) The family were probably in Illinois immediately prior to settling in Virginia.

(4) The family was in Illinois as early as October 6, 1816, as Mary, wife of Joseph Hagans, died in Illinois on that date.

(5) The family was in New York state as late as July 18, 1807, as David Hagans was born in New York on that date.

(6) The family was in New York as early as November 19, 1784, as the children were born in Vermont or New York between 1784 and 1807. It has been explained why it is believed they were all born in New York and not in Vermont.

(7) As Harrison Hagans "often saw" his maternal grandparents, and as "his name was Eggleston," it follows that George Hagans must have lived near his wife's parents and that they, too, must have lived in New York.

(8) As Harrison Hagans says his maternal grandfather was an Eggleston, and his grandmother's "maiden name was Merrill," the ancestry of Persis Eggleston, Harrison Hagans' mother, becomes clear, and as Persis Eggleston was born in Connecticut, it becomes necessary to find a Connecticut family where an Eggleston married a Merrill, who had a daughter, Persis, born in Connecticut, and which family later moved to New York state, and in New York lived near George Hagans.

(9) As Harrison Hagans also saw his paternal grandfather once, it is probable that this grandfather also lived in New York state, and in the same locality as did George Hagans.

(10) The paternal grandfather of Harrison Hagans was born on Cape Cod.

(11) George Hagans was born in Massachusetts, therefore the Hagans family were probably a Massachusetts family that are identified with Cape Cod.



From all this it would appear that George Hagans had lived in Illinois prior to settling in Virginia, had lived for a number of years in New York before going to Illinois, that he was born somewhere in Massachusetts, and that his father was born on Cape Cod.

A very convenient subdivision of this subject is thus afforded and it will be considered under the headings:—

- (1) In Virginia.
- (2) In Illinois.
- (3) In New York.
- (4) In Massachusetts.

### *In Virginia.*

After reaching Brandonville, Va., the wanderings of the family ceased. George Hagans and his wife both lived there until the end of their lives. Of the surviving children who settled at Brandonville, David died not long after reaching there, but all the others continued to reside there, or near there, until they married and gradually dispersed. The following comprise those who settled at Brandonville: George Hagans, his wife, Zer, Harrison, Elisha Merrill, Harriet, Lovila, David, and three orphan children of Joseph Hagans,—Joseph Squire, Ammi Fuller, and Fernandez. Of the original ten children, the two Thankfuls had died in New York, while Joseph and Josiah died in Illinois.

The most essential thing for present purposes is, however, to determine the date at which the family reached Virginia. Harrison Hagans gives June 30, 1819, as the date of David's death, but earlier dates are easily approximated. Harrison Hagans was married, on the authority of his daughter, Mrs. Virginia (Hagans) Frey, to Jane McCollum, May 28, 1818, "at her father's house, two and one half miles from Brandonville."

It is necessary to state that Jane McCollum belonged to a family that had lived for years in that part of Virginia. The 1790 Census records a McCollum living in Monongalia County (from which county Preston County was set off) as early as 1784. The importance of this lies in the fact that Harrison Hagans did not meet Jane McCollum until he arrived in Virginia, and it is reasonable to think that the young people knew each other for a short time, at least, before they married. As they were married May 28, 1818, it is probable that the Hagans family reached Virginia at some time previous to this date.

Writing to Wilbur E. Hagans, Judge John Marshall Hagans says: "I think I have told you the story of how our folks got to Virginia. If not, and you choose to hear it, I will write it for you sometime. Part of it I got from father and part from other sources." Continuing, Judge Hagans writes: "Father and Uncle Zer piloted the way to Virginia. The last death occurred, as did all the rest of the four, at Mt. Carmel, in Illinois, a place on the Wabash opposite the mouth of the White River. From here they took up again their weary way in the spring of 1817, after the



last death in March of that year. The pilots probably reached Virginia sometime in April, as I learn that father, about a week before he died, remarked one morning that it was just fifty years that day since they came to that country. He died, you remember, May 7, 1867. . . . The residue of the family did not come on until fall, when they rented a farm on Cheat River Hill."

This would seem to fix "the fall of 1817" as the date of the arrival of the family in Virginia, and this agrees quite well with Harrison Hagans' marriage there in May of 1818. It is believed, for these reasons, that "the fall of 1817" closely approximates their arrival in Virginia.

### *In Illinois.*

If the family reached Virginia in the fall of 1817, it seems that they must have gone directly from Illinois to Virginia, because Harrison Hagans states that Josiah Hagans died in Illinois, March 19, 1817. Under such circumstances it is probable that they were not in any one place long enough to have become recorded and hence records of them are hardly to be expected during this short period.

Harrison Hagans does not state the locality in Illinois where the family were, but Judge John Marshall Hagans, in a letter to Mr. Wilbur E. Hagans, says: "The last death occurred, as did all the rest of the four, at Mt. Carmel, a place on the Wabash opposite the mouth of the White River." In another letter, Judge Hagans wrote: "I think I have told you the story of how our folks got to Virginia? If not, and you choose to hear it, I will write it for you sometime. Part of it I got from father, and part from other sources."

As Judge Hagans was a son of Harrison Hagans, it follows that he received some, at least, of this information directly from Harrison Hagans. As Harrison Hagans was born in 1796, he was twenty years old at the time he was with his family in Illinois, and so knew all about whatever events occurred at that time. Judge John Marshall Hagans' statement, therefore, would seem quite authentic as to the place of the family residence in Illinois.

Rev. Dr. George Harrison McGrew, a grandson of Harrison Hagans, told me that his father, the late Hon. James C. McGrew, who married a daughter of Harrison Hagans in 1841, had said that whatever record might exist of the family in Illinois would be found at Mt. Carmel; thus independently corroborating Judge Hagans' statement.

Judge John Marshall Hagans' account of "how our folks got to Virginia" is as follows:—

"Grandfather George was born about 1760. He had one sister and no brothers. The sister—he had only one—married a man by the name of Adams, who died about 1830 at Wooster, Ohio, having come with the family of grandfather first to western New York, then to Upper Sandusky, Ohio, and on their passage

through Ohio to the river at Marietta he stopped at Wooster. He was a merchant. The family reached the Ohio at Marietta, as I learn, sometime in 1812 or 1813. They built a boat and floated to Vincennes in Indiana where they settled. Misfortunes seemed to follow them. The two oldest sons, Joseph and Josiah, who were married, died, as did also their wives, with the fever incident to a new country. One of them left three children, Ammi, Fernandez (married Sam Byrne of Kingwood) and Joseph Squire, who died in Uniontown, Pa., a few years ago. One son, William, was drowned in the Wabash one night when they were trying to save some logs during a freshet. Uncle Zer and father then started out on a prospecting tour, both quite young, and after traveling east and south struck the rugged mountains of Virginia in the county of Monongalia, on the waters of Sandy Creek near the town of Brandonville which then had no existence. It was the land of Alabama to them, and resembled in some respects the green hills of Vermont from which they had emigrated."

It will be observed that Vincennes is mentioned in the above account as the place of settlement, whereas Mt. Carmel was stated previously to have been the place. In 1816 Mt. Carmel had no existence although Vincennes was the chief settlement in that locality. Mt. Carmel and Vincennes are about twenty miles distant from each other, so there is no real discrepancy in the account.

The family tradition, therefore, states that George Hagans and his family emigrated westward through New York to about central Ohio, then to Marietta, and thence by boat down the Ohio and up the Wabash to a point now approximated by Mt. Carmel, Ill. The date of this migration was sometime about 1812 or 1813. March 19, 1817, is the latest date of their being in Illinois, and October 6, 1816, the date of death of Mary, wife of Joseph Hagans, is the earliest date available from the family record of their being in Illinois. During this period of five months, no less than six of the family perished from "the fever incident to a new country." The two oldest surviving sons, Zer and Harrison, then went on a "prospecting tour" to find a new place of settlement and "struck the rugged mountains of Virginia" which "resembled in some respects the green hills of Vermont from which they had emigrated."

One other point in Judge John Marshall Hagans' account deserves attention; he says "one son, William, was drowned in the Wabash one night while they were trying to save some logs during a freshet." This statement will become of more interest presently and will need some consideration then.

Before turning from the family tradition to such records as were found at Mt. Carmel, it will be necessary to introduce some evidence derived from the manuscript genealogy of the Eggleston family as collected by Rev. Ambrose Eggleston.

As a matter of possible interest a brief account of Rev. Ambrose Eggleston and his genealogy will be here given, as it is quite



63 ~~664~~ Joseph } Miss  
 64 ~~665~~ Mary } July 9. 1752.

65 Elisha Eggleston

Elizabeth Merrill } m.d. in Windsor Ct. lived there,  
 Children b. there. Removed into Essex Co. N.Y. some of their  
 descendants say they removed into Williamstown Mass, and  
 d. there. He d. 1804, age 84. She d. age 96. Their children  
 settled in various places in the state of New York.

655 ~~667~~ Jesse

656 ~~668~~ Jennie.. Feb'y 29. 1750. m.d. Sarah Deman

657 ~~669~~ Abraham

658 ~~670~~ Judah .. Elizabeth Calkins,

659 ~~671~~ Richard .. Rebecca Calkins,

660 ~~672~~ Ebenezer Ebenezer Higgins & P.W.

661 ~~673~~ Elisha Abigail Holcomb.

662 ~~674~~ Mantha (called Patta) Joseph Waldo.

663 ~~675~~ Persis .. Josiah Higgins

664 ~~676~~ Abigail .. Richard Huddleston

665 ~~677~~ Rachel 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Daniels 2<sup>d</sup> Mr. Stoddard.

Eggleston Manuscript  
 Showing marriage of Elisha Eggleston and Elizabeth Merrill, and that their daughter  
 Persis married Josiah Higgins

No 672. Persis (called Passa) Eggleston, F. }  
Josiah Higgins }  
F }

He was a Methodist Preacher, brother of Hannah No. 668,  
and cousin of Sarah No. 1. Removed to the Little Scioto River.  
Afterwards he went to Iowa a Missionary to the Indians.

8. William md.  
9 Joseph Miss Fuller.

2090 Thankful

- 1 Inlin
- 2 Ebenezer
- 3 Josiah
- 4 Phila
- 5 Harriet
- 6 Davis
- 7 Lelisha

No 673. Abigail Eggleston

Richard Haddock } md. in Stepleton Rensselaer  
Co. N. Y. - Removed to Fairfield Harkiner Co. They lived there  
about 50 years, till about 1810. Their first children b. in





possible that his work may be as chimerical to others as it was to me before it was my good fortune to see it.

According to a statement in a letter of Ambrose Eggleston that came under my notice, he was born in 1793, was a minister in the Presbyterian Church, and lived for a time at Great Bend, N. Y., and later at Coldwater, Mich. He issued a printed prospectus of his work in 1864 and in it made an appeal for funds to enable its publication. From this prospectus the following is taken. He says that from Bigot Eggleston "has sprung a progeny of which the names of upward of seventeen thousand have been collected," thus giving some idea of the magnitude of research done by Ambrose Eggleston. Describing the work, he says: "The undersigned, Rev. A. Eggleston . . . commenced many years ago an inquiry into the present membership of the family. At first his purpose in this inquiry did not extend beyond that of personal gratification, but, as his researches were continued and extended, his interest in the subject deepened and he gradually formed the purpose of a complete genealogical history. For the last six years he has devoted himself exclusively to this work and now has it completed, with the exception of the final transcribing, upon which he is at present engaged."

The appeal for funds to secure publication was a failure, so the manuscript was never printed. Through the courtesy of the owner of the manuscript, the entire manuscript was sent to me in order that needed extracts might be made from it, and the photographs here shown will give a very good idea of the entire work as well as present the records that are of present interest in connection with the problem under discussion.

It will be remembered that Harrison Hagans said: "My maternal grandparents I often saw; his name was Eggleston and her maiden name was Merrill," and the conclusion has been reached that these people must have lived in New York.

From the Eggleston manuscript, as is shown by the photograph, a family is found that seems to fulfill these requirements. Here is Elisha Eggleston marrying Elizabeth Merrill, their children being born in Connecticut, having a daughter Persis, and later "removing into Essex County, New York." The statement is also made that "some of their descendants say they removed into Williamstown, Mass.," but the Vital Statistics of Williamstown indicate that they did not "remove into Williamstown," while the 1790 Census shows that they did "remove into Essex County, New York."

It must be understood that the present county of Essex was set off from Clinton County about 1800, and that the present counties of Essex and Clinton were originally included in Washington County. This fact is of more importance later on, but is mentioned now.

In passing, it may be said that Elisha Eggleston was a son of Elisha and Martha (Clark) Eggleston and that Elizabeth Merrill

was a daughter of Abraham and Abigail (Nash) Merrill. Surely these are all Connecticut families.

Particular attention is requested to the statement that Persis Eggleston married Josiah Higgins.

According to Harrison Hagans, Persis Eggleston was his mother and was the wife of George Hagans; surely a son should be good authority for the identity of his mother.

Here is the positive statement made by Ambrose Eggleston that Persis Eggleston married Josiah Higgins, and this statement will be repeated presently when the subsequent history of Persis Eggleston is detailed in the Eggleston record. This evidence is of prime importance to the discussion of the identity of George Hagans, hence it is of no small importance to learn from what source Rev. Eggleston received this data.

Among the children of Elisha and Elizabeth (Merrill) Eggleston all of whom are detailed by Rev. Eggleston, was a son, Richard Eggleston, who married as his first wife Hannah Higgins. Rev. Eggleston records that she was a "sister to Josiah" Higgins. Richard and Hannah (Higgins) Eggleston had two daughters, Naomi, born in 1794, and Hannah, born in 1797. In Book 19, page 888, Ambrose Eggleston specifically states that Hannah and Naomi Eggleston gave him data concerning their families. While it is not specifically stated whence the data regarding the Josiah Higgins family was secured, it is stated that Naomi gave information regarding the family of her uncle, Ebenezer Eggleston. One thing seems certain: Ambrose Eggleston could hardly have gotten his data from any one of the George Hagans family, because they had changed their name to Hagans at a date when Ambrose Eggleston was but twenty-four years old and had probably not begun his genealogic work. As he was interested only in Eggleston families, he probably did not get his data from Higgins sources. Richard Eggleston certainly lived in Essex, N. Y., and his daughters Naomi and Hannah grew up there. As will appear later, Josiah Higgins also lived in Essex, N. Y.

So, although it cannot be positively stated that Naomi and Hannah Eggleston gave this particular data, still it is certain that they were among Ambrose Eggleston's informants, and therefore are probable sources of his information.

It must be here stated that Josiah Higgins appears to have lived at or near Essex, N. Y., between the years 1784 and 1810. In 1810 Naomi Eggleston was sixteen years old and Hannah was thirteen. It would seem, therefore, that Ambrose Eggleston received his data that Josiah Higgins was the husband of Persis Eggleston from good and authentic sources, and hence is correspondingly more valuable.

A photographic reproduction of this Eggleston record, which relates to the family of Persis Eggleston and Josiah Higgins, is here shown. It repeats the assertion that Persis Eggleston married Josiah Higgins, repeats that Josiah Higgins was a brother of Hannah Higgins, describes him as a "Methodist preacher," and

says that he "removed to Little Scioto river" and "afterward went to Iowa a missionary to the Indians." The children of Josiah and Persis (Eggleston) Higgins are also listed. It will be observed that no dates, even approximate dates, are assigned to any of these children. The bare statement that Joseph married a Miss Fuller is the only data given except the names of the children.

This fact seems to indicate that this data was given simply from personal knowledge or recollection, and that it was not based upon any record of the family statistics.

In listing these children a parallel list will be given of the Hagans children as given by Harrison Hagans. The Eggleston list is not arranged in order of seniority, according to the Hagans data, but it will be here given as it appears in the Eggleston record and the Hagans list will be arranged according as the names may be identical in both lists.

*Eggleston List*

William  
Joseph, married Miss Fuller  
Thankful  
Irbin  
Ebenezer  
Josiah  
Phila  
Harriet  
Davis  
Elisha

*Hagans List*

Thankful, 1st  
Joseph  
Thankful, 2d  
Harrison  
Zer  
Josiah  
Lovila  
Harriet  
David  
Elisha Merrill

Analysis of the two lists shows that just one half of the ten children appearing in both lists agree exactly: Joseph, Thankful, Josiah, Harriet, and Elisha.

The correspondence between Zer and Ebenezer and between Davis and David is so close as to require no comment. Dr. Horace Ludington is authority for the statement that in his boyhood the girls named Lovila, and there were several so named, were commonly called by a name approximated by the spelling "vile" or file." With this understanding the correspondence between Lovila and Phila becomes clear, and the apparent discrepancies between the two records disappear in the cases of three additional names.

In other words, eight of the ten names listed agree; there are but two real discrepancies, William and Irbin in the Eggleston list as against an additional Thankful and a Harrison in the Hagans list.

Surely no one can analyse these two lists without being convinced that Ambrose Eggleston and Harrison Hagans were listing the same family, even though Ambrose Eggleston lists them as the children of Josiah and Persis (Eggleston) Higgins, whereas Harrison Hagans lists them as belonging to George and Persis (Eggleston) Hagans.



Please note that Persis Eggleston appears as the mother in both records; the variation occurs in the case of the father's name.

An additional point in support of the notion that Ambrose Eggleston received his data from some well informed source is found in his statement that Joseph Higgins married Miss Fuller. The Hagans family story is that a Mary Fuller was the wife of Joseph Hagans. Miss Margaret J. Hagans of Uniontown, Penn., is authority that from her father, the late Joseph Squire Hagans, she learned that Mary Fuller and Joseph Hagans were the parents of Joseph Squire Hagans. Judge John Marshall Hagans, in a letter to Wilbur E. Hagans, wrote: "The death of Joseph and his wife left four orphans, Ammi F., Joseph Squire, Fernandez, and one whose name I have not been able to learn. Ammi bore his mother's maiden name, Fuller."

The family record in possession of Wilbur E. Hagans gives the name of the fourth child when it says: "Urban Harrison, son of Joseph and Polly, died September 10, 1816."

In view of the appearance of an Irbin Higgins in Ambrose Eggleston's list, it is of great interest to learn that there was also an Urban Harrison Hagans. This will require further reference presently.

It may also be stated that another point of agreement between the Eggleston data and the Hagans record is to be found in the case of the occupation of Josiah Higgins—George Hagans. Ambrose Eggleston says that Josiah Higgins was a Methodist preacher and Harrison Hagans says that George Hagans was a local preacher in the Methodist Church.

This digression to introduce the Eggleston record was made necessary at this point on account of the names of the sons as listed by Ambrose Eggleston. According to Eggleston's list the sons were William, Joseph, Josiah, Ebenezer, Irbin, Davis, and Elisha, while according to Harrison Hagans they were Joseph, Josiah, Zer, Harrison, David, and Elisha.

Before quoting Illinois records, it may be well to state the positive statement of one of the Hagans family regarding the change of name from Higgins to Hagans. Writing to Mr. Wilbur E. Hagans, Judge John Marshall Hagans wrote: "Some years ago, Joseph Squire Hagans of Uniontown, who was a son of Joseph, the oldest son of grandfather George and Persis, told me that the name was originally Higgins. He remembered it, and the time of the change," and in a later letter Judge Hagans said: "Whether the change of name occurred in New York or not I am not able to say. The intimation I got from Squire was that it occurred at Mt. Carmel. He was not definite, however, in his information, though quite certain as to the fact of the change of name."

Joseph Squire Hagans was born in 1812, was a son of Joseph Hagans, and was with the family in Illinois. After the death there of his parents, he was taken to Virginia by his grandparents, as were also his brother Ammi Fuller Hagans and his sister Fernandez Hagans. So his testimony, given direct to Judge John Marshall



Hagans, becomes the positive evidence of one who was on the scene and was at least old enough to know his name perfectly well.

In view of this Hagans testimony that the "name was originally Higgins" and the Eggleston records, already quoted, that Persis Eggleston married Josiah Higgins, the Illinois records may be given.

Early in September of 1912, Paul Hagans Ludington, M.D., made a personal visit to Mt. Carmel, Ill., in search of data. This was the first time any of the family had investigated these records.

Mt. Carmel is the county seat of Wabash County. Prior to 1825 Wabash County was embraced within Edwards County, lying immediately to the west of Wabash County, of which the county seat is Albion. An earlier settlement was made about two miles up the Wabash from Mt. Carmel, but owing to the unhealthfulness of this site,—known as Palmyra,—the original site was abandoned and the settlement made at Mt. Carmel, whose name was given to indicate the higher ground and more healthful location of the new settlement. From J. C. Utter, M.D., of Mt. Carmel, whose ancestors were among the early settlers at Palmyra,—it was learned that the early settlers suffered greatly from malaria and that many of them died. Daniel Drake, M.D., in his scarcely appreciated, but monumental, work,—*Principal Diseases of the Interior Valley of North America*, Cincinnati, 1850,—bears testimony to the prevalence of malaria in this region (page 314) and says "in latter years malignant cases, late in autumn, have not been uncommon."

This agrees very well with the Hagans story that four of the family died between October and April "of the fever incident to a new country."

Years ago the old courthouse at Mt. Carmel was burned and all the records thus destroyed. An attempt to restore these records was very unsuccessful, so it is almost impossible to trace the land transfers.

It may be said that absolutely no record in the name Hagans could be discovered in Wabash County, and the Recorder of Edwards County is authority, in a personal communication, that none are to be found in Edwards County, which originally embraced Wabash County.

One book apparently escaped the fire, a book containing the names of those who purchased government land in Wabash County in the early days. This book contained the names of several persons named Higgins, and it was possible to secure from the Commissioner of the General Land Office, in Washington, photographic copies of the records of the Vincennes Land Office covering these transactions. From these photographic copies of the Washington records the following abstracts will be made. The accompanying map of Wabash County will indicate the localities very well. This map was given me by B. A. Harvey, Esq., of Mt. Carmel, and not to particularly refer to the many kindnesses shown me by Mr. Harvey would be unpardonable. (See p. 652.)

Ransom Higgins: previous residence Knox County, Indiana, filed on June 22, 1814, made subsequent payment in 1816, and made final payment June 19, 1819.

Josiah Higgins: previous residence Perry County, Indiana, filed on April 9, 1816, and made final payment March 20, 1817.

Ebenezer & Urban Higgins: previous residence Perry County, Indiana, filed April 9, 1816, and made final payment March 20, 1817.

John Higgins: previous residence Allegany County, New York, filed January 15, 1817, and made final payment March 17, 1817.

William Higgins: previous residence Edwards County, Illinois, filed August 14, 1819, made subsequent payments in 1821, 1822, 1823, and made final payment December 24, 1824.

It will be observed that three of the six Higginses above recorded, Josiah, Ebenezer, and Urban, all give Perry County, Indiana, as their place of previous residence, and also that the dates of filing and final payments are identical in their case. There is no such agreement found in the cases of Ransom, John, and William Higgins.

Recalling that in the early days Edwards County embraced the present county of Wabash, a request was made for the names of Hagans or Higgins appearing on the records of Edwards County. From the Recorder it was learned, through correspondence, that "George W. Higgins, Ransom Higgins, and John Higgins . . . Israel Higgins, Barney Higgins, and William Higgins" appears between the years 1814 and 1860.

Adding these names to those previously listed from the Wabash County records, it follows that George W. Higgins, John Higgins, Barney Higgins, Israel Higgins, Ransom Higgins, William Higgins, Josiah Higgins, Ebenezer Higgins, and Urban Higgins appear among the early records. It remains to identify them.

Who Israel Higgins may have been is not known, but as he appears neither in the Eggleston nor Hagans lists, he may be fairly disregarded here.

George W. Higgins, Ransom Higgins, John Higgins, and possibly William Higgins seem to be easily accounted for.

The great kindness shown me by B. A. Harvey, Esq., of Mt. Carmel must be here acknowledged. Mr. Harvey is an old resident of Mt. Carmel, and, through the fact that his father was one of the early physicians in that region, has not only a wide acquaintance but also some valuable old records made by his father. Mr. Harvey's assistance was first sought in the attempt to discover the transfer of the Higgins lands from the Higgins, but he gave valuable assistance in other ways as well.

Quoting a "History of Wabash County, Ill.," L. L. McDonagh & Co., Philadelphia, 1885, Mr. Harvey wrote: "On page 77: 'In 1816, quite a little colony left Allegany County, New York, to make their homes upon the wild frontiers. Among these with their families were George W. Higgins, John Higgins, Willis Higgins . . . They secured boats at the Allegany River and floated down

to the Ohio, and thence to Evansville. Here they procured keel boats and came up the Wabash, landing at old Palmyra."

Through Mr. Harvey's kindness, it was learned that Mr. Bryant Higgins, the only surviving son of Ransom Higgins, was living at Olney, Ill., and a letter to him brought the following information: "My grandfather, whose name was George, was born in Connecticut, in the city of Hartford; he was a tanner by trade. All his children were born in Hartford, Willis, William Ransom, and John. . . . Barney Higgins, of whom you speak, was my brother—dead long ago."

This certainly indicates that George W. Higgins, Ransom Higgins, John Higgins, and Barney Higgins all belonged to the same family and, according to this authority, William Higgins also belonged to that family. As William Higgins is also listed by the Eggleston record as belonging to the Josiah Higgins family, he will require a more detailed consideration, which will be given presently.

The Land records plainly indicate that Josiah Higgins, Ebenezer Higgins, and Urban Higgins belong to the same family, particularly Ebenezer and Urban, who bought land jointly.

It follows, therefore, that there were two distinct families named Higgins living in the same locality in Illinois at the same period.

The relationship of the George W. Higgins family has not been attempted and is not known to me; Bryant Higgins, however, says that Barney Higgins was named from George Barney, so this might furnish a clue as to their origin.

Dismissing these Higginses, there remain Josiah Higgins, Ebenezer Higgins, Urban Higgins, and William Higgins for consideration.

The Eggleston record lists them all as sons of Josiah and Persis (Eggleston) Higgins. The Harrison Hagans record lists Josiah and Zer as sons of George and Persis (Eggleston) Hagans. The Land records certainly show Josiah, William, Urban, and Ebenezer Higgins as purchasing public land in Wabash County in 1816-19.

Josiah and Ebenezer require no discussion, they agree substantially in both the Eggleston and Hagans records. Urban and William remain for consideration.

The Eggleston record states that there was an Irbin Higgins and the Land Office records substantiate this. The fact that Urban Higgins joined with Ebenezer Higgins in the purchase of a quarter section of land indicates a close relationship. The Eggleston record is, therefore, perfectly substantiated by the Land record.

The Hagans record does not record an Urban Hagans among the sons of George Hagans, but the Hagans family record in the possession of Mr. Wilbur E. Hagans does specifically state that "Urban Harrison Hagans" was a grandson of George Hagans and establishes fully that there was an Urban in the Hagans family. This Urban Harrison Hagans died in infancy in 1816, so cannot be confused with the Urban Higgins who bought land.



There is another Urban associated with the Hagans family. Judge John Marshall Hagans, writing to Mr. Wilbur E. Hagans, wrote, regarding a sister of George Hagans: "The sister, he had only one, married a man by the name of Adams," and says that Adams and his wife located somewhere in Ohio. In another letter Judge Hagans wrote: "Along about 1830, a long awkward youth named Urban Adams spent the summer in Brandonville" and believes that this Urban Adams was a son of these people.

Thus there are two perfectly distinct instances of the name Urban occurring within the Hagans family.

Weighing the evidence, it is seen that the Eggleston record is substantiated by the Land record, and it is also certain that there was the name Urban among the Hagans family at that time.

Against this is only the single evidence that Harrison Hagans did not list an Urban Hagans among the sons of George Hagans.

It is believed that the weight of evidence is in favor of the notion that if the George Hagans family is identical with the Josiah Higgins family there must have been an Urban Higgins who subsequently changed his name when other members of his family made changes in theirs.

It is of interest to see whom this Urban Higgins became among the sons of George Hagans. As listed by Harrison Hagans, the sons were: Joseph, Josiah, Zer, Harrison, Elisha Merrill, and David. Of these sons, Joseph and Josiah died in Illinois and David died in 1819. Joseph, Josiah, and Davis appear as such in the Eggleston record so they cannot be the ones. This leaves Zer, Harrison, and Elisha Merrill Hagans in the Hagans list and Ebenezer, Urban and Elisha in the Eggleston list. Elisha is constant in both lists and Zer and Ebenezer correspond so closely that they may be fairly excluded. This leaves Urban in the Eggleston list and Harrison in the Hagans list. That Urban Higgins became Harrison Hagans is the only possible solution.

It seems more than a coincidence that the name Urban Harrison should be found in the Hagans records. The name Harrison does not occur in the earlier Higgins generations. It must be borne in mind that in 1816 and 1817 General William Henry Harrison was a very popular figure in that western country, and it is by no means a far cry to think that this is where the name Harrison came from. Urban Harrison Hagans died in 1816; Urban Higgins certainly did not change his name until after March 20, 1817,—the date shown on his land papers,—so no duplication of names occurred.

It is believed, therefore, that Harrison Hagans represents the Urban Higgins of the Eggleston list.

With William Higgins the case is not so easy. He is listed by Ambrose Eggleston as a son of Josiah Higgins, and the Land record clearly proves that he bought land in Wabash County in 1819. William Higgins appears to have resided in this locality all his life.

Harrison Hagans excludes a William from his list of the George Hagans children. There is, however, some slight reference to a William among the Hagans tradition. Judge John Marshall Hagans in a letter to Mr. Wilbur E. Hagans says: "One son, William, was drowned in the Wabash one night when they were trying to save some logs during a freshet." Dr. Horace Ludington has a memorandum, the authority for which he cannot recall, that says "William Hagans, son of George and Persis, lived and died near Mt. Carmel, Illinois."

William Higgins certainly was not "drowned in the Wabash" as John Marshall Hagans says William Hagans was, but did "live and die near Mt. Carmel, Illinois," as Dr. Horace Ludington's note says William Hagans did.

Through Mr. Harvey's kind interest an interview was secured with Mr. Rozander Smith who was, in 1914, the oldest inhabitant of that region. Mr. Smith was born in 1817 and was taken to near Mt. Carmel at the age of three. According to Mr. Smith, William Higgins did not claim relationship to the "Palmyra Higgins," who were of the George W. Higgins family.

It appears from the Land Office records that William Higgins bought land in 1819, and it has been shown that George Hagans left Wabash County in 1817; in other words, William Higgins did not buy land until two years after George Hagans had left. The record of his previous residence being Edwards County, Ill., does not help solve the problem.

It must not be forgotten that Mr. Bryant Higgins claims William Higgins as an uncle, and it might be supposed Mr. Bryant Higgins would know who his uncles were.

In the face of this conflicting evidence the census record from the 1850 Census will be quoted. This census is the first census that gives the detailed information needed, according to a letter from a former director of the census.

According to the 1850 Census, William Higgins was 65 years old and was born in Massachusetts.

It may fairly be presumed that this census record is the statement given to the enumerator by William Higgins himself.

Being 65 years old in 1850 would fix his birth in 1785, and he is recorded as being born in Massachusetts.

Anticipating what will be shown in detail later, Josiah Higgins was a resident of Willsborough, N. Y., in September of 1784, and there is abundant reason to believe he continued to reside there. Under this circumstance William Higgins could not possibly have been a son of Josiah Higgins and have been born in 1785, as he says he was, and be born in Massachusetts.

Analyzing the Hagans data, it is seen that the first child was born in November of 1784, and the second was born January 1, 1786. Clearly there is no possible place for a William born in 1785 in this family.

It is thought fair to let this census record decide the question, because it quite probably represents William Higgins' own statement.



The weight of evidence, it is believed, indicates that William Higgins was not a son of Josiah and Persis (Eggleston) Higgins, and therefore not a son of George and Persis (Eggleston) Hagans.

Amid such confusion it may be pardonable to suggest a theory that seems to cover all the points in dispute. Ambrose Eggleston's informants certainly associated a William with the family of Josiah Higgins, and from some source that cannot be traced it appears that there was a William associated with the family of George Hagans. It seems incredible that Harrison Hagans would have doubly certified a list of his brothers and neglected to list William. Ambrose Eggleston's informants very probably knew nothing of the first Thankful who died when one month old, and who was the first child, but the Hagans Bible record would certainly have listed her. A William Hagans born in Massachusetts in 1785 is clearly an impossibility.

The supposition—purely a supposition—that William Higgins was a member of the family of Josiah Higgins—George Hagans although not one of their children, covers every point. He would thus have been listed, even as a son, by Ambrose Eggleston's informants; he would have very probably accompanied the family to Illinois, but he would have been omitted in Harrison Hagans' list of the children, and very properly so.

This suggestion is simply offered here as a possible explanation of the difficulty encountered.

Returning to the Josiah Higgins family in Illinois, it is seen that they bought land in April of 1816 and made their final payments in March of 1817. No further record of them is to be found in Wabash or Edwards counties. The 1820 Census does not record them, so it must be concluded that they left that locality between March of 1817 and 1820.

While in Indianapolis, Dr. Horace Ludington searched the files of the Vincennes "Western Sun" for that period. The only record found for any one identified with the Josiah Higgins family was an unclaimed letter advertised for Josiah Higgins for the quarter ending July 1, 1817.

The Hagans story, according to John Marshall Hagans, is that "they took up again their weary way in the Spring of 1817" which agrees perfectly with the letter advertised for Josiah Higgins on July 1, 1817.

It is believed entirely proper to conclude that the Josiah Higgins family left Wabash County sometime between March 20 and July 1, 1817.

The Land records show conclusively that the name was Higgins as late as March 20, 1817, and it is also known that when George Hagans reached Brandonville, sometime in the fall of 1817, the name was Hagans. The change was made, therefore, between the time they left Illinois and the time they settled in Virginia. To change it before they left the place where they had lived for over a year would have been ridiculous; it was necessary to make the change before they settled elsewhere.

Mr. Harvey's assistance was sought primarily in an effort to find the transfer of property from the Josiah Higgins family to the next owner, for this would have given most valuable information. Mr. Harvey's best efforts have failed to discover this transaction.

In this connection it is of more than passing interest to know that Dr. Horace Ludington is authority for the statement that his recollection is that Harrison Hagans and Zalmon Ludington made a trip to Illinois to rescue whatever they could of the Hagans' possessions there. Mr. Wilbur E. Hagans says that he, too, has heard of this.

Zalmon Ludington was living in New York as late as 1819 and married Lovila Hagans in 1822. It is hardly likely that he would have been taken into the Hagans family councils before he became related to the family. The story, as given by Dr. Horace Ludington, is that they traded off whatever there remained for horses and drove these back to Pennsylvania and Virginia.

1822 is the earliest reasonable date for this trip, and this was five years after the Hagans family had left Illinois; it is difficult to imagine that anything but land remained of their possessions after five or more years. Land, alone, will satisfy the conditions.

This is why earnest efforts were made to find to whom the Higgins land was transferred, because Zalmon Ludington's name on such deeds would have absolutely settled the question, and it is most keenly regretted that no success has attended this search.

The Hagans story, that the family were in Ohio sometime about 1812 or 1813 and that they later went to near Mt. Carmel, Ill., where they lived until the "spring of 1817" and then left there and went to Virginia, may now be compared with what the records show.

According to the records, Josiah, Ebenezer, and Urban Higgins bought land about fifteen miles from Mt. Carmel, in April of 1816, were certainly living there until March of 1817, had a letter advertised for one of them on July 1, 1817, and certainly are not included in the 1820 Census.

There are, as has been stated, absolutely no records in the Hagans name in either Wabash or Edwards counties.

In the face of the paralleling of the records as above given, with the absence of any Hagans, and also in view of the Eggleston record that the Josiah Higgins family emigrated further west from Ohio, it is not thought necessary to further continue this part of the discussion.

It is but fair to say that the Eggleston record is that Josiah Higgins went to Iowa from Illinois. In 1817 it is hard to imagine people going to Iowa to settle. The abbreviation used for Indiana on the Land Office records is Ia. Although this meant Indiana in 1817, it means Iowa now, and may possibly explain how Iowa is mentioned. However this may be, the Eggleston record indicates that they left Ohio and emigrated further west.

The records that have been found in Indiana and Ohio are too few to warrant a separate heading; they will be given here where they chronologically belong.

The only reference to Indiana, aside from the mention of Vincennes in the Hagans accounts, is found in the records of the Vincennes Land Office. Here Josiah, Ebenezer and Urban Higgins give Perry County, Ind., as their previous place of residence.

Inquiry was made, by letter, of the County Clerk of Perry County, Ind., who very kindly replied that he had no records going back as far as 1816, and that he had no records of Hagans or Higgins at that period.

It is quite possible that the family may have wintered in Indiana on their way to Illinois. Perry County is on the Ohio River, so if they went by boat, as John Marshall Hagans says they did, it is possible that they wintered in Perry County, Ind. So far as is known, however, no great importance attaches to the sojourn in Indiana.

From Ohio only one record has been secured. John Marshall Hagans wrote: "Having come with the family of grandfather first to Upper Sandusky, Ohio, and on their passage through Ohio to the river at Marietta . . .," and further on he writes: "the family reached the Ohio at Marietta, as I learn, sometime in 1812 or 1813."

This indicates that the family journeyed westward through New York and went as far as central Ohio and that they then went obliquely backward through Ohio toward the river at Marietta. The date of their being in Ohio is fixed as in 1812 or 1813.

From gentlemen connected with schools in Wooster and Marietta, and also at Adams Mills, in Ohio, Dr. Horace Ludington failed to find any record of the family at any of these places.

From the Adjutant General of Ohio, under seal of his office, was received the information that the militia records of Ohio show that Josiah and Ebenezer Higgins were enrolled in a company from Delaware County "to repel threatened invasion" and that they served from August 23 to September 24, 1812. The same authority lists a William Higgins who served in an entirely separate command from June 1 to August 12, 1813.

Here in the Ohio records is found Josiah and Ebenezer Higgins, both of whom are identified with the Josiah Higgins family and who were enrolled from Delaware County, which is in central Ohio, in 1812, agreeing very well with the Hagans account that they went to central Ohio and were there in 1812 or 1813.

The parallel between this record and the Eggleston account of the Josiah Higgins family is very striking. According to the Eggleston record, Josiah Higgins "removed to the Little Scioto river." The Little Scioto River is certainly in Ohio and there is also a Scioto River in that state. A map will show that Delaware County is not far from the upper part of the Scioto River, and will also show that Upper Sandusky is in this same general region.



It will be shown positively later on that Josiah Higgins disappears from the New York records in 1810, so to find the family in Ohio in 1812, and in a locality that agrees quite closely, and to find these two records agreeing almost exactly with the Hagans story, is surely more than a coincidence.

*In New York.*

Although Harrison Hagans states that several of the Hagans children were born in New York, he does not specify the place of residence of his family. It is, however, possible to approximate this place from the family tradition. Writing to Mr. Wilbur E. Hagans, Judge John Marshall Hagans wrote: "As far back as I can go is my great grandfather, of whom my father [your grandfather] once told me he had but a faint remembrance as follows: He was about four years old [which would be in 1800] when he was playing along the shores of Lake Champlain, and making some noise in the bushes he frightened a moose that was swimming toward the shore, when his grandfather [who you have discovered to be named Elisha] raised up and said, 'Ah, you little rogue, you have spoiled my shot.' On another occasion he said his grandfather lived on Cape Cod and was a fisherman."

It is interesting to note this detailed account of the circumstances under which Harrison Hagans saw his grandfather for the only time, and to note that it agrees perfectly with Harrison Hagans' statement to Dr. Horace Ludington: "My paternal grandfather I saw once when I was quite small," and also the corroboration that this grandfather is associated with Cape Cod.

For present purposes, however, the chief interest lies in the episode being located "along the shore of Lake Champlain," for this is a very definite locality.

Ambrose Eggleston's record is that Joseph Hagans married a Miss Fuller. Harrison Hagans refers to her as "Mary," so she was probably Mary Fuller. It is true that Mr. Wilbur E. Hagans' list refers to her as "Polly," but that seems more likely a nickname for Mary than her actual name.

John Marshall Hagans says that "Ammi bore his mother's maiden name, Fuller" in referring to Ammi Fuller Hagans, a son of Joseph and Mary (Fuller) Hagans.

Joseph Squire Hagans, also a son of Joseph and Mary (Fuller) Hagans, is quoted by his daughter, Miss Margaret J. Hagans, as saying that he "was born on Otter Creek" in Vermont.

From a daughter of Fernandez (Hagans) Byrne and also from one of her sons, it is learned that Fernandez (Hagans) Byrne, a daughter of Joseph and Mary (Fuller) Hagans, was born in Vermont "near a lake."

Reference to a map will show that Otter Creek is a stream in Vermont that puts into Lake Champlain not far from Essex, N. Y.

Reference to the Census of 1790 will show there was an Ammi Fuller who lived in Charlotte, Vermont, and Charlotte is almost opposite Essex, N. Y.

Judge John Marshall Hagans said that Harrison Hagans, his father, was "born at Vergennes," and Vergennes is on Otter Creek, and is not far from Charlotte.

From family sources, then, it seems fixed that the Hagans family lived somewhere on the New York shore of Lake Champlain, and probably toward the southern half of that lake.

Since George Hagans was married in 1783 and had children born in Vermont or New York between the years 1784 and 1807, it follows that the 1790 Census should show him as the head of a family somewhere "along the shores of Lake Champlain," either in New York or in Vermont.

It will be recalled that Harrison Hagans also said that his "maternal grandparents" he "often saw," so it was postulated that some locality must be found where could be discovered the George Hagans family as well as an Eggleston family that could be identified as the parents of Persis (Eggleston) Hagans.

It has been shown that Elisha and Elizabeth (Merrill) Eggleston, the parents of Persis (Eggleston) Hagans, "removed into Essex County, New York," thus fixing a definite locality for them.

The modern county of Essex was originally embraced within the present county of Clinton, and both were originally a part of Washington County. In 1790, Clinton County embraced the present county of Essex, so there is no discrepancy at all in Am-brose Eggleston's statement.

Without going into detail that any one can prove by the 1790 Census, it may be stated that only Clinton County, N. Y., lay "along the shore of Lake Champlain" in 1790.

There is one Hagans family listed in New York in 1790, but they lived in Ulster County, and there were no Egglestons in that county in 1790. The only county that satisfies the requirements is Clinton County, and here there are no Hagans at all listed in 1790.

The Egglestons listed, however, are Elisha, Abraham, and Judah Eggleston, and reference to the photograph of the children of Elisha and Elizabeth (Merrill) Eggleston will show that they may all be identified as brothers of Persis (Eggleston) Hagans. The 1800 Census adds Richard Eggleston as the head of a family, thus strengthening the proof. The Elisha Eggleston here listed must have been the father of Persis (Eggleston) Hagans, and not her brother Elisha, because the son, Elisha, Jr., did not go to Essex County, but lived and died in Stephentown, Rensselaer County.

As Essex County—or as it was in 1790, Clinton County—locates the Eggleston grandparents of Harrison Hagans beyond any doubt, it should be that George Hagans would be found there, too, but he is not. There are, however, three Higginsses listed there in 1790, as follows: Elisha Higgins, Elisha, Jr., and Josiah. The 1800 Census gives Elisha, Josiah, and Isaac Higgins. All



these Higginses and Egglestons are listed as living in Wellsburgh town, Clinton County, New York.

Four Higgins men thus come under discussion: Elisha, Elisha, Jr., Josiah, and Isaac, and it remains to determine the relationship between them. In the case of Elisha and Elisha, Jr., there is no doubt.

Ambrose Eggleston's data says that Hannah Higgins, who married Richard Eggleston, was a sister to Josiah and repeats this fact in speaking of Josiah Higgins. It may be said, therefore, that Josiah and Hannah Higgins were brother and sister. The 1790 Census shows that Elisha Higgins' family consisted of two adult males and two females. Elisha Higgins, Jr.'s family consisted of one adult male and two females. Isaac Higgins does not appear as the head of a family in 1790, although he does so appear in 1800, thus fixing his marriage as after 1790. Josiah Higgins' family is given as one adult male, three males, and one female. From this it would appear that Josiah Higgins was older than Elisha, Jr., in 1790 and that Isaac, being unmarried, was younger than Elisha, Jr.

From Elisha Higgins, Jr.'s, Bible record it is learned that his first child was born in April of 1790, so he probably married about 1789. Hannah Higgins would seem to have married Richard Eggleston sometime about 1790, as he does not appear as the head of a family in 1790. It is true that Ambrose Eggleston lists a son born to them in 1780, but as their other two children were born in 1794 and 1797, it is believed this date 1780 probably is an error for 1790.

As both Elisha Higgins, Jr., and Hannah Higgins seem to have married at about the same time, and as Isaac Higgins must have married not long after 1790, it is a reasonable inference that they were brother and sister, and therefore children of Elisha Higgins, Sr. If now, Josiah Higgins were a brother of Hannah, he, too, was a son of Elisha Higgins, Sr.

Harrison Hagans says he saw his Hagans grandfather once, about the year 1800, and was impressed with his snow-white hair. George Hagans, father of Harrison Hagans, was born in 1762 and was therefore but thirty-eight years old in 1800. As will appear later, Elisha Higgins, Sr., was born in 1727, and thus seventy-three years old in 1800, when Harrison Hagans might very well have been impressed with his snow-white hair.

According to the Town Book of Essex, First Book, Elisha Higgins, Josiah Higgins, and Isaac Higgins are all found on the road list as late as 1810 for Josiah, 1818 for Elisha, and 1820 for Isaac. Elisha Higgins, Jr., died in 1818, according to his Bible record, and he must have been Elisha Higgins, Jr., because he had a child born in 1816, at which date Elisha Higgins, Sr., would have been ninety-one years old.

Josiah Higgins—if he is George Hagans—did not die until 1834, so could not have been a brother to Elisha Higgins, Sr.

The Hagans tradition is absolutely silent, save for one slip, regarding the family of George Hagans. Harrison Hagans gave his maternal ancestry clearly, but not his paternal. Judge John Marshall Hagans relates one incident that throws a good deal of light on the question in the light of present knowledge, although Judge Hagans misinterpreted it because of his lack of knowledge of the Hagans ancestry.

In attempting to approximate the date of birth and ancestry of Persis (Eggleston) Hagans—this was before Judge Hagans was aware of Harrison Hagans' "memorial"—Judge John Marshall Hagans wrote to Mr. Wilbur E. Hagans: "Another incident may help you some. Father once told me, probably forty-four or five years ago, when I was exercising my juvenile talents as a drummer, that I was doing the music act in a very imperfect manner—that his uncle Isaac, who was the best drummer he ever saw, did it this way—illustrating by what he [father] called the 'double drag', 'single drag,' etc. So that one Isaac was a brother of grandmother Persis, doubtless."

Recalling that John Marshall Hagans stated that George Hagans had one sister and no brothers, it is clear why he should have concluded that this "uncle Isaac" must have been an Eggleston. The Eggleston records show that there was no Isaac Eggleston among the brothers of Persis Eggleston.

It is obvious that Harrison Hagans' uncles must have been Egglestons or Hagans—or Higgins. As there was no Isaac Eggleston to be his uncle, the only conclusion is that reference was made to an Isaac Hagans—or Higgins, and it is settled beyond question that there was an Isaac Higgins, who was in all probability a brother of Josiah Higgins—George Hagans, and who lived in the same locality in New York.

Mr. Wilbur E. Hagans had some correspondence with a Mrs. Almira Stickney, who was a granddaughter of Hannah (Higgins) Eggleston through her daughter Hannah Eggleston. Mrs. Stickney wrote: "One of the Higgins cousins lives in Marshall, Michigan. . . . She said she had once had her mother, Betsey Higgins', Bible record. . . . I think this Higgins had two wives, or rather first and second wife. Betsey and Sallie, the first wife's children. The second children's mother's name was Polly Higgins. The children's names were Julius, Estus, Woolsey, and Jerusha."

Through the kindness of a daughter of the Jerusha Higgins just mentioned, Mrs. Letitia D. Maxham of Burlington, Vt., this Bible record was secured and this proves that these children named by Mrs. Stickney were those of Elisha Higgins, obviously, Elisha Higgins, Jr. Mrs. Stickney was a daughter of Hannah Eggleston, who was a daughter of Hannah (Higgins) Eggleston. The "Higgins cousin" referred to by Mrs. Stickney was a daughter of Betsey Higgins, who was a daughter of Elisha Higgins, Jr. It therefore follows that Hannah Higgins and Elisha Higgins, Jr., were brother and sister. Ambrose Eggleston specifically states that

Josiah and Hannah Higgins were brother and sister. If now, Hannah and Elisha, Jr., were brother and sister, then Josiah and Elisha, Jr., were brothers and the relationship of Josiah Higgins to Elisha Higgins, Sr., is proved.

In another letter Mrs. Stickney wrote: "My mother was left an infant only two months old at the time of her mother's death. An uncle and aunt on her mother's side took her and kept her. . . . I have forgotten which was the Higgins, the uncle or aunt; she always spoke of them as uncle and aunt without calling them by their first names, used to speak of uncle Isaac and uncle Elisha and Judah E."

Mrs. Stickney's mother was Hannah Eggleston, whose father was Richard Eggleston and whose mother was Hannah Higgins. Her uncles and aunts were, therefore, either Egglestons or Higgins. There was no Isaac Eggleston to be her uncle, and the only Elisha Eggleston uncle lived in Stephentown, Rensselaer County. Judah Eggleston certainly was among her uncles, and he did live in Essex, N. Y., where Hannah Eggleston was born and raised.

It is believed, therefore, that no possible doubt can exist that Josiah, Elisha, Isaac, and Hannah Higgins were brothers and sister, and that they were children of Elisha Higgins.

Harrison Hagans' reference to an "uncle Isaac" undoubtedly referred to Isaac Higgins, and thus agrees perfectly with the facts discovered through the 1790 and 1800 censuses and Mrs. Stickney's statements.

It remains to produce the evidence disclosed by such public records as exist. Inquiry of the clerk of Washington County, which originally embraced the present counties of Clinton and Essex, shows that no records in the name of Higgins or Hagans appear in that county at that period. The Clinton County records contain one deed (Liber A, page 109) from which the following abstract is made:—

"This indenture made the 23d day of September in the year of our Lord 1784, between William Gilliland of Willsborough, in the county of Washington, and state of New York, on the one part, and Elisha Higgins, of Willsborough aforesaid, yeoman, on the other part. . . . Beginning at the northeast corner of a lot of land formerly rented to Jotham Gardner, and now in the possession of Josiah Higgins, . . . thence east to Lake Champlain, and thence southerly along the same to the place of beginning, containing one hundred and forty-five acres of land."

The acknowledgment is, in part, as follows: "Be it remembered that on the 27th day of October in the year of our Lord 1789, personally appeared Josiah Higgins, one of the subscribing witnesses to the within indenture."

This deed proves that in September, 1784, Elisha Higgins was a resident of Willsborough, and that he bought land from William Gilliland, who owned most of that country, and that Josiah Higgins was also a resident of Willsborough and was "in possession"



of land adjoining on the south that land purchased by Elisha Higgins.

In Smith's "History of Essex County" may be found a map, attributed to Roger A. Heirn, and supposed to have been drawn in 1786, that gives the exact location of this Higgins tract. It may be here said, however, that it is included within the present town of Essex. This same map is also of interest in that it shows a tract belonging to E. Eggleston.

Among the Essex County records three deeds are recorded that require notice. In Liber A, page 29, is recorded the deed from which the following is abstracted:—

"This indenture made the 16th day of April in the year of our Lord 1799, between Elisha Higgins of Willsborough, County of Essex, and State of New York, of the first part, and Isaac Higgins, of the town, County and State aforesaid, of the second part, . . . beginning at the northeast corner of a lot of land on which Daniel Ross now lives, and runs thence west to a certain fence, now a division fence between Elisha Higgins and Elisha Higgins, junior, . . . supposed to contain sixty-two acres of land, be the same more or less, and the said party of the first part doth save and reserve to himself the use or profits arising from one equal half of said land during his life."

This deed is extremely interesting in several ways. The deed to be next quoted will prove that this land was a part of the land purchased by Elisha Higgins from Gilliland. The original purchase was one hundred and forty-five acres. This deed shows that at some previous date Elisha Higgins had conveyed roughly the west half of his purchase from Gilliland to Elisha Higgins, Junior. Unfortunately, the deed of this transfer cannot be found. The above deed does specifically name Elisha Higgins, Junior, whose relationship to Elisha Higgins cannot be doubted. The most interesting feature, however, is the life interest reserved by Elisha Higgins "during his life." In the light of the fact that Elisha Higgins was born in 1727, it becomes clear that he was seventy-two years old in 1799, and it was quite reasonable that he should have made this provision for the rest of his life. It also is evident that no person outside of Elisha Higgins' immediate family would have accepted any such deed.

Another deed, Essex County, Liber A, page 36, is of interest. "This indenture made the 23rd day of March in the year of our Lord 1801, between Isaac Higgins of the town of Willsborough, County of Essex and State of New York, of the first part and Daniel Ross, of the town, County and state aforesaid, Esqr., of the second part . . . beginning at the northeast corner of the farm whereon the said Daniel Ross now lives, thence west 260 rods to Elisha Higgins, Junior's land . . . And it is understood that the above courses are to stand agreeable to the courses mentioned in and by a certain deed of said premises executed by William Gilliland to Elisha Higgins. . . . with the appurtenances of

a good, secure, perfect, absolute, and indefeasible estate of inheritance in the law, in fee simple, without any manner of condition to alter, change, determine, or defeat the same."

By this deed Isaac Higgins conveys to Daniel Ross, who was one of the early judges in that locality, the land that Elisha Higgins had deeded to him about two years before, and in which deed a life interest was reserved to Elisha Higgins. It is obvious that some means must have been taken to abrogate this life reservation. Elisha Higgins, Sr., was not dead, as the next deed shows, and all efforts to find such an abrogation have been unsuccessful. The next deed to be quoted may be the explanation.

Essex County records, Liber B, page 231: "This indenture made the 23rd day of March in the year of our Lord 1801, between Josiah Higgins of the town of Willsborough, County of Essex and State of New York, of the first part, and Isaac Higgins of the town, county, and state aforesaid of the second part, . . . containing fifty acres of land, being the south half of said Lot No. 10 in Judd's Patent, so called, the one half of which is to be to the use and benefit of Elisha Higgins during his natural life."

It will be observed that on the same day that Isaac Higgins conveyed his property to Daniel Ross, and thus deprived Elisha Higgins of the life interest in that property, Josiah Higgins conveys approximately the same amount of land to Isaac Higgins and also includes in his deed a reservation for the benefit of Elisha Higgins similar to the one abrogated. That any such combination of circumstances could possibly represent anything but a family arrangement cannot be well doubted.

Judd's Patent is one of the numerous patents granted in northern New York at the close of the French and Indian War. It is shown on a map that accompanies one of the volumes of the Documentary History of New York. It lies approximately five miles south of the land that Elisha Higgins purchased from William Gilliland.

These deeds exhaust the records of land transfers, and nothing was to be found in the probate records. These deeds, however, prove conclusively that Elisha, Elisha, Jr., Josiah, and Isaac Higgins were inhabitants of Willsborough, N. Y., between the years 1784 and 1801, and it may be said that no other records were found for the years subsequent.

From the last deed quoted, it is certain that Elisha Higgins, Sr., was living as late as March 23, 1801. As the 1800 Census does not list him as the head of a family, he was living with some of his children, other than Josiah or Elisha, Jr.

The 1790 Census gives Elisha Higgins, Sr., a family of two male adults and two females. As Isaac Higgins does not appear at this date as the head of a family, it must be concluded that the two males thus recorded were Elisha Higgins, Sr., and Isaac Higgins.



The Hagans record has it that George Hagans dictated and signed a statement, which appeared in the Bible belonging to Mr. Wilbur E. Hagans, "this is the anniversary of my mother's death; she has been dead fifty years." This statement was dated May 7, 1828, so from this it would appear that the wife of Elisha Higgins, Sr., died May 7, 1778. As there is no Hagans tradition regarding a mother of George Hagans, except the above, it is believed that Elisha Higgins did not marry again; he was fifty-one years old in 1778.

This supposition is borne out by the Census of 1790. Here two females are listed in the family of Elisha Higgins, Sr. One of these was certainly Hannah, who married Richard Eggleston. The other was probably the one referred to by John Marshall Hagans when he wrote: "The sister, he had only one, married a man by the name of Adams." This daughter apparently emigrated to Ohio and died there. She surely cannot be confused with Hannah, who married Richard Eggleston, and who died at Essex in 1797.

The present town of Essex was originally a part of the town of Willsborough—named for William Gilliland, as Elizabethtown was named for his daughter—and was set off in 1806. It was my good fortune to see the first Town Book of Essex through the kindness of C. C. Stafford, Esq., of Essex. In the Road List, beginning in 1806, are found the names of Josiah, Elisha, and Isaac Higgins, as well as data indicating their respective assessments. Josiah and Elisha are rated at fifteen hundred dollars, and Isaac at two thousand dollars. Josiah Higgins appears as late as 1809, Elisha until 1818, the year of his death, and Isaac continues through the first book, which ends with 1820.

It thus appears that Josiah Higgins left Essex about 1810, while Elisha and Isaac remained there. Thus the record agrees perfectly well with Ambrose Eggleston's statement that Josiah Higgins "removed to the Little Scioto river," and approximates the date of this removal. This record also substantiates the Hagans tradition that George Hagans, who had lived in New York "along the shores of Lake Champlain," "reached the Ohio at Marietta, as I learn, sometime in the year 1812 or 1813."

Ambrose Eggleston states that Joseph Higgins married Miss Fuller. John Marshall Hagans says, speaking of the children of Joseph Hagans: "Ammi bore his mother's maiden name of Fuller." A daughter of Joseph Squire Hagans, who was a son of Joseph Hagans, states that Joseph Squire Hagans said he was "born on Otter Creek, Vermont." Otter Creek is, as a map will show, a stream in northern Vermont that flows into Lake Champlain just above Vergennes, and just above opposite Essex, N. Y.

This locality would indicate the probable residence of the Fuller family. Reference to the 1790 Census will show that Ammi Fuller was a resident of Charlotte, Vt., a town almost directly across Lake Champlain from Essex, N. Y. The facts seem to be that Joseph Hagans married Mary Fuller—this from the Hagans

and Eggleston data. On the authority of Joseph Squire Byrne, in a letter to me, Fernandez Hagans, daughter of Joseph and Mary (Fuller) Hagans, died in 1881, aged seventy-four years. This would fix her birth in 1807 and as she married in 1824 this date seems probable. Joseph Hagans was surely living in Vermont, and probably near Charlotte, in 1812, if his son Joseph Squire Hagans was born on Otter Creek in that year, but it is equally certain that Joseph Hagans later joined his father and was with the family in Illinois, where both Joseph Hagans and his wife, Mary (Fuller) Hagans, died in 1816.

Here again the Hagans tradition respecting Joseph Hagans' wife is substantiated by Ambrose Eggleston's data, and it further corroborates the fact that George Hagans lived in Essex, N. Y.

Another correspondence between the Hagans and Eggleston records must be indicated. Harrison Hagans says that George Hagans was "a local preacher, M. E. Church," and that Persis Eggleston was his wife. Ambrose Eggleston states that Persis Eggleston married Josiah Higgins who "was a Methodist preacher."

Can anything be stronger than these parallels constantly found between the Hagans tradition of George Hagans and the Eggleston data and the public records of Josiah Higgins? They begin in New York and continue into Ohio and later are found in Illinois. Presently it will be shown that Harrison Hagans' statement to Dr. Horace Ludington, independently corroborated by John Marshall Hagans, that his Hagans—or Higgins—grandfather was born on Cape Cod, and that George Hagans was born in Massachusetts, will be fully substantiated.

### *In Massachusetts.*

The chief thing to be done with respect to the family in Massachusetts is to show the identity of Elisha Higgins of Willsborough, N. Y., with the Higgins family of Massachusetts. This is easily done.

In the Registry at Adams, Mass., Book 1, page 60, is a deed in which "Elisha Higgins, of Willsborough, County of Washington, and State of New York," conveys to "William Hambleton, of Williamstown, County of Berkshire, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts," land described as "lying and being in Williamstown aforesaid, containing thirty-five acres, it being the east end of the first division fifty acre lot No. twenty-five drawn in favour of House Lot Number Eleven."

This deed is dated January 2, 1787, and it shows that Elisha Higgins, of Willsborough, N. Y., sold property in Williamstown, Mass. In the Pittsfield Registry—Book 2, page 620—is a deed whereby "Benjamin Simons of Williams Town in the County of Berkshire & Province of Massachusetts Bay" conveys to "Elisha Higgins of the Town and County aforesaid" property described

as "lying and being in Williams town aforesaid, containing Thirty-five acres, and being the east end of the first Division fifty acre lot No. Twenty-five drawn in favor of House Lot No. Eleven."

This deed is dated August 10, 1765, and proves beyond question that the Elisha Higgins of Willsborough, N. Y., is identical with the Elisha Higgins of Williamstown, Mass., and also that in 1765 Elisha Higgins was a resident of Williamstown.

The Pittsfield Registry contains deeds to or from Elisha Higgins, of West Hoosack or Williamstown, in the years 1754, 1762, 1763, 1765, 1767, 1768, 1769 and 1773. As George Hagans—Josiah Higgins was born in 1762, and was probably the oldest child, it follows that George Hagans—Josiah Higgins was probably born at or near Williamstown, although no record of it has been found, and that the other children of Elisha Higgins were probably also born there.

The volumes of Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolution (as they are arranged alphabetically it is not necessary to give the page) list four revolutionary services in the name of Josiah Higgins, of Berkshire County. These services occurred in 1778, 1779, 1780, and 1781. Other Josiah Higginses are listed, but they were not from Berkshire County. If Josiah Higgins—George Hagans were born in 1762, as the Hagans record is, it would agree quite well with him doing emergency military duty in 1778.

Elisha Higgins also saw revolutionary service, and according to the Massachusetts records was a resident of Williamstown in 1777, and was, incidentally, a member of the expedition against Ticonderoga in 1775.

It is very interesting in this connection to read John Marshall Hagans' letter which says: "Grandfather (that is George Hagans), I have been informed, was a friend and compatriot of Ethan Allen in the struggle between New York and its claim to Vermont and the Land Grant Settlers which eventuated in the recognition of Vermont as a state."

However, it is believed that all possible existing evidence abundantly bears out Harrison Hagans' statement that George Hagans was born in Massachusetts, although it has been impossible to find any record of the birth of Elisha Higgins' children.

One other point remains: Was Josiah Higgins' father "born on Cape Cod," as Harrison Hagans says George Hagans' father was?

Quoting from a personal communication from the Secretary of the Commonwealth: "An examination of the record index to the Muster Rolls series, 1710-1774 shows that . . . an Elisha Higgins, birthplace Eastham, residence Hoosack, age 27 years, enlisted into the Colonel's co., Col. Dwight's regt., from the town of Pelham, according to a descriptive list dated Camp at Fort Edward, July 26, 1756."



If Elisha Higgins were 27 years old in 1756, he would have been born in 1729. This agrees very well with the Eastham record that Elisha Higgins, son of Elisha and Sarah (Lewis) Higgins, was born at Eastham, November 21, 1727.

The fact that this Elisha Higgins is specifically stated to have resided in Hoosack—which is Williamstown, Mass.—and to have been born at Eastham—which is certainly on Cape Cod—would seem to settle positively that the Elisha Higgins of Willsborough, N. Y., had resided for a number of years prior to settling in New York in Williamstown, Mass., and also that he was born at Eastham, Mass.

Once again a statement made by Harrison Hagans regarding his ancestry has been tested by public records and found correct, save that the name is Higgins and not Hagans.

It is believed that it is not necessary to further prolong this discussion. While it is true that it has been condensed as much as possible, still the essential points have been considered. It will be seen that practically every bit of circumstantial evidence from the Hagans family tradition may be compared with matters of public record relating to Josiah Higgins and found in substantial agreement. Is it not strange that George Hagans should have had a son Josiah, but none named George, under such circumstances? The name Josiah absolutely disappears from the grandchildren of George Hagans.

It was only natural that the George Hagans' children did not repeat the Hagans story. John Marshall Hagans very well expressed this when he said: "The fact of there being so little knowledge of the family history in the possession of the present generation is because those who preceded us cared but little, apparently, about a record of their trials and vicissitudes, of which I am led to believe they experienced many."

## THE REASON FOR THE CHANGE OF NAME.

As was stated in the introduction to this discussion, the reason that impelled Josiah Higgins to change his name to George Hagans is a thing entirely separate from the identity of the man, and the identity of George Hagans is the point of genealogic interest here under discussion.

Recognizing, however, that the question why the change was made is a very natural one, the very imperfect knowledge that exists upon this point will be here given for the sake of completeness.

The only existing evidence from family sources is as follows: Judge John Marshall Hagans, it may be recalled, quoted Joseph Squire Hagans to the effect that the "name was originally Higgins"

and in this connection Judge Hagans continued: "Whether the change of name occurred in New York or not, I am not able to say. The intimation I got from Squire was that it occurred at Mt. Carmel. He was not very definite, however, in his information though quite certain as to the fact of the change of name. He would not say why, although I pressed him. He would repeat the remark that 'some of the older boys got into trouble out west.'"

Following the plan of comparing the family tradition with whatever outside evidence might be available, the records at Mt. Carmel were searched in the effort to find such evidence, and, in addition, the legendary history of that locality was given careful consideration, in short, every effort has been made to discover the reason why the name was changed.

Without going into detail that can serve no purpose, it may be stated that nothing has ever been discovered that can, even with remote probability, be assigned as the cause.

The worst that was discovered, and this is the single story that bears any evidence of authenticity, was an attempt to pass counterfeit money. This circumstance can be positively dated as not earlier than 1838, or at least twenty years after George Hagans had settled in Virginia. Consequently it need not be detailed.

The only evidence, and this from Hagans sources, is "that some of the older boys got into trouble out west" and here the subject must rest until additional data is discovered. It must be confessed that it is difficult to imagine whence such data could come after the search that has been made and just a century after the change was made.

Pope says that "half our knowledge we must snatch, not take," and this seems true in matters genealogic in general and very appropriate to the present case in particular.

It is far easier to follow the traveled road than to blaze the first trail, and it is hoped that this discussion may be of value to those whose ancestry is otherwise lost to them. The search for the material here presented has been long and, at times, difficult, but the result has amply repaid the effort. Chiefly for the benefit of others a list of sources investigated has been appended. This list contains only public records because they are available to any one and because the data from family sources has been indicated in the text.

It is believed that this discussion places George Hagans where he properly belongs, and it is most gratifying to know that he did have an ancestry and was not, like Melchizedek, "without father and without mother." It also adds its mite to the sum total of genealogic data hitherto unpublished.

If, in addition, it may give encouragement to others unfortunate enough to have Topsy-like ancestors, the writer and his associates will indeed be glad.



## LIST OF SOURCES INVESTIGATED.

### U. S. Records.

[Censuses of 1790, 1800, 1810, 1820, 1830, and 1850.  
U. S. Land Records. Vincennes Land Office.  
U. S. Post Office Department. Dead Letter Office.

### Massachusetts Records.

Secretary of State. Colonial and Revolutionary Records.  
Land and Probate Records at Pittsfield.  
Land Registry at Adams.  
Registry of Probate at Northampton.  
Worcester County Land and Probate Records.  
Springfield Registry.  
Proprietor's Record of Williamstown.  
Town Records of Hardwick, Charlemont, Williamstown, Cheshire,  
Hancock, Lanesboro and Palmer.

### New York Records.

Secretary of State's Records.  
Adjutant General's Office.  
New York State Library.  
Minutes, Council of Appointment.  
New York in the Revolution.  
Washington County Records.  
Clinton County Records.  
Essex County Records.  
Town Records of Willsborough.  
Town Records of Essex, 1st Book.  
Church Records at Essex and Willsborough.  
Various cemeteries in Essex County.

### Vermont Records.

Vermont State Library.  
Bennington County Records.  
Bennington Congregational Church.  
Addison County Records.  
Chittenden County Records.  
Town Records of Charlotte, Addison, and Ferrisburg.  
Vermont Conference, M. E. Church.

Ohio Records.

Adjutant General's Office.  
 Delaware County Records.  
 Wyandot County Records.  
 Crawford County Records.  
 Darke County Records.  
 Ohio Wesleyan University.  
 Wooster, Ohio.  
 Marietta, Ohio.  
 Adams Mills, Ohio.

Indiana Records.

Adjutant General's Office.  
 Perry County Records.  
 Vincennes "Western Sun."

Illinois Records.

Wabash County Records.  
 Edwards County Records.  
 Perry County Records.  
 Southern Illinois Conference, M. E. Church.



## APPENDIX B.

### HIGGINS FAMILIES NOT DESCENDED FROM RICHARD HIGGINS OF EASTHAM.

#### I. THOMAS AND ALEXANDER HIGGINS OF PLYMOUTH.

Two men named Higgins, Thomas and Alexander, were early residents of Plymouth Colony. Their relationship to each other and to Richard Higgins is unknown. Those who accept the view that Richard Higgins was a son of Rev. John and Elizabeth (Clynton) Higgins have no difficulty in assuming that Thomas Higgins was a brother of Richard Higgins, but that view is not accepted in this volume. What is known of Thomas Higgins of Plymouth, New England, is brief.

“Thomas Higgins having lived an extravagant (i. e., wandering or erring from the straight path) life, was placed with John Jenny for eight years to serve him as an apperntice, during wch time the said John (agrees) competently to provide for him and at th’ end thereof to give him double app’ell, 12 bushels of corne and 20 acres of land. Dated Plymouth Jan. 1, 1633.”—*Plymouth Colony Records*, vol. 1.

John Jenney was the well known miller of Plymouth. He died in 1644 and was succeeded by his son Samuel. Thomas Higgins must have been thirteen or fourteen years old in 1633, if his apprenticeship expired at his majority and at the end of eight years from Jan. 1, 1633. His subsequent history is unknown and Plymouth records contain no further mention of him. He either died or removed from Plymouth. A Thomas Higgins was an early resident of New Netherlands (*New York Biographical and Genealogical Record*, vol. xiv, p. 198). It is possible that he was identical with Thomas of Plymouth, but nothing is known to prove this to have been the fact. There were Higgins families in New York City in 1790, as shown by the census of that year. Possibly they were descendants of Thomas Higgins of New Netherlands, and it is remotely possible that they were also descendants of Thomas Higgins of Plymouth, who was not the same man as Thomas Huckins, a respected resident of Barnstable, Mass., whose family continued there.

“Jan. 3, 1636-7. Alexander Higgins took the oath of fidelity and was admitted to dwell and reside with John Weeks and John Alden or thereabout.” (*Plymouth Colony Records*, vol. 1.) He

acquired land in Plymouth, but soon sold it and removed, as is shown by the following record: "Nov. 17, 1637. Richard Wright of New Plymouth, tailor, for £ 4, 15 shillings sold to George Russell of the same town, yeoman, all his lands with improvements upon the same upon Oulbery playne, four or five acres which he bought of Mr. Alexander Higgins." (*Plymouth Colony Records*, vol. xii, p. 24.) From the fact that he was to live with or near John Alden, it has been inferred that he was a resident of Duxbury, but the aforesaid record shows that he lived in Plymouth for a short time. The title "Mr." may indicate that he was of superior social position. Felt in his "History of Salem, Mass.," says that Alexander Higgins had a grant of land in that town in 1637. If so, all three references may refer to the same man. He probably was dissatisfied and returned to England. No mention of his death in New England or of any descendants has been discovered.

## II. THE HIGGINS FAMILY OF FAIRFIELD, CONN., AND BEDFORD, N. Y.

ABRAHAM HIGGINS, born about 1666; died at Greens Farms, now Westport, Conn., March 21, 1757, in 92d year; married before Feb. 28, 1694-5, Sarah Middlebrook, born Nov. 12, 1675, at Fairfield, Conn.; died March 24, 1756, at Greens Farms; daughter of Joseph Middlebrook, Jr.

"Dec. 11, 1696. Joseph Middlebrook hath Given unto his Son-in-law Abraham Higgins as may appear by a deed bearing date 28 Febry 1694-5 his second devident at Compoe. The land is in quantity seven acres and a quarter and five rods, be it more or less, and is bounded on ye southwest with land belonging to ye heirs of Mr. Jones deceased; on ye northeast with ye loy laid out to the widow Wheeler, on ye northwest and southeast with highways."

Mrs. Sarah Higgins owned the covenant at Fairfield First Church, March 24, 1694-5. Later Abraham and Sarah were members of the church at Greens Farms. On April 30, 1716, Abraham Higgins gave land to Rev. Daniel Chapman to induce him to settle in the work of the ministry at Greens Farms, which he did. Jan. 22, 1716-7 Abraham Higgins buys land in Petticote Lane of John Lockwood. Feb. 6, 1716-7 Joseph Applegate and Abraham Higgins were bondsmen for Joseph Applegate, administrator on the estate of John Applegate. July 25, 1725, Abraham Higgins of Fairfield bought land of Patrick and Mary Bulmow.

The will of Abraham Higgins of Fairfield, dated Jan. 14, 1744-5, recorded Aug. 2, 1757, gives 30 shillings to the church of Christ in Fairfield West Society; to beloved wife Sarah the west end of his dwelling house; to daughter Sarah one acre of salt meadow (after her decease to be my son Abraham's); to son Samuel all my lands lying in ye wood where he now dwells in Fairfield;



to daughter Martha; to son Abraham, etc. Sons Samuel and Abraham to be executors. Signed with his mark.

*Children.*

- i. Abigail, bapt. March 24, 1694-5; d. —.
- ii. Sarah, bapt. Nov. 26, 1699.
- iii. Mary, b. —; d. unmarried; was a member of the church at Greens Farms before 1741.
- iv. Abraham, bapt. Sept. 23, 1705; died young.
- v. Samuel, bapt. Sept. 20, 1708; married Miriam Belden.
- vi. Martha, bapt. April 9, 1710.
- vii. Abraham, bapt. July 24, 1715; married Mary Allen.

Authorities: Gravestone at Greens Farms, Conn.; Fairfield Records, vol. A, p. 376; vol. 3, p. 237; vol. 3, p. 545; vol. 3, p. 725; Fairfield Probate Records; Schenks' *Fairfield*.

SAMUEL<sup>2</sup> HIGGINS (*Abraham*<sup>1</sup>), bapt. Sept. 20, 1708, at Fairfield; died about 1791; married (date unknown) Miriam Belden, born Nov. 11, 1714; died —; daughter of William and Margaret Belden of Norwalk (*Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *William*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>).

Samuel Higgins settled in the West Society of Fairfield, and was dwelling there when his father made his will in January, 1745. In later time he may have lived in Norwalk. The distribution of the estate of Samuel Higgins of Norwalk(?) is dated April 6, 1795. "To widow of deceased one undivided third part of Dwelling house and Barn of deceased in common with Sarah Gilbert, Abigail Hurlburt and Martha Osburn, daughters of said deceased. To heirs of Samuel Higgins of Weston. To grandsons John, Michael and Abner Higgins. To Sarah Gilbert, wife of Benjamin Gilbert, land near the old homestead of Abraham Higgins. To Abigail Hurlburt, wife of John Hurlburt, daughter of deceased, land near the old homestead of Abraham Higgins. To Martha Osburn, wife of Isaac Osburn, daughter of the deceased. To grandchildren, William Rockwell, Mary Bedient, Anne Rowe (wife of Lyman Rowe), Uriah Rockwell, Dorothy Bowren, Jonah Rockwell, Noah Rockwell and Ebenezer Gilbert."

Land was sold to John Belden near Samuel Higgins' dwelling house in 1739.

John Belden of Norwalk sells to Samuel Higgins of Fairfield land in Norwalk bounded north, south, and east by said Higgins' land, Sept. 16, 1745. "Lying east of Pimpewauge near said Higgins' dwelling house."

*Children probably born at Norwalk.*

- i. Sarah, b. 1735; married March, 1751, Benjamin Gilbert. One son, Ebenezer.
- ii. Miriam, b. 1738; married Feb. 15, 1758, John Rockwell. Children, Justus, William, Mary, married — Bedient.
- iii. Abigail, bapt. March 6, 1742-3, at Greens Farms; married John Hurlburt.

- iv. Martha, b. Oct. 11, 1745; d. Dec. 25, 1825; married Sept. 22 or 26, 1762, Isaac Osburn of Redding, b. Sept. 6, 1740; d. Sept. 10, 1816; son of William and Elizabeth (Turney) Osburn of Fairfield. Children: Mabel, b. Feb. 4, 1764; Hannah, b. Sept. 1, 1769; Jasper, b. July 13, 1771; Mary, b. May 11, 1774; Isaac, b. March 11, 1776; Sarah, b. April 22, 1779; Aaron, b. Feb. 27, 1781; Turney, b. May 19, 1782; Samuel, b. —; d. Dec. 29, 1787.
- v. Samuel, b. April 14, 1747; married (1) Nov. 8, 1768, Fanny Dunning; (2) Tammsin Bulkeley.
- vi. Mary, b. 1748; married Aug. 5, 1766, Jonah Rockwell. Children: Uriah, Jonah, Noah, probably Dorothy, who married — Bowren.
- vii. William, bapt. May 17, 1752, at Greens Farms.

Authorities; Probate Records, Fairfield, vol. E, p. 645; Bailey's *Marriages, Norwalk*, vol. 9, p. 436 (Wilton parish).

ABRAHAM<sup>2</sup> HIGGINS (*Abraham*<sup>1</sup>), bapt. July 24, 1715, in Fairfield; died —; married May, 1739, Mary Allen (Fairfield Family Book), born —; died Aug. 11, 1757, at Greens Farms (Westport), Conn.

They were admitted to full communion, Greens Farms, 1742. Abraham Higgins, Junior, administrator on estate of Gershom Lockwood. (Colonial Records of Conn., 1751-57, p. 82.) Dec. 15, 1755, elected tithing man. (Fairfield Book B.) Removed to Bedford, N. Y. "Abraham Higgins of the town of Bedford in Westchester Co. in the Colony of New York quits claim unto Thos. Belden and Daniel Belden of Norwalk certain land in Norwalk in the parish of Wilton bounded by land of Ichabod Cole, Charles Sloan, and Lewis McDonald, and Silas Hecocke, Hezekiah DeForest, John Burchard, Michael Middlebrook, Samuel Bells, and Silas Olmsted. Jan. 24, 1767." (Vol. 13, p. —, Norwalk records.) "Daniel Belding of Norwalk sells to Abraham Higgins of Bedford, Westchester Co., Colony of New York, certain land in Norwalk, Feb. 25, 1762." (Norwalk records, vol. 11.) Will of Henry Laight of Bedford Aug. 5, 1760. Witnesses: Abraham Higgins, John Higgins, Gabriel Higgins. (Pelletrieu, Westchester Co. Wills, p. 174.) Moses Higgins witnesses will of Marcus Moseman of Bedford. (Pelletrieu, Westchester Co. Wills, p. 286.) March 7, 1768, Abraham Higgins of Bedford compelled Daniel Belden of Norwalk to settle claim he had against him. Probably a foreclosure of mortgage.

*Children* (Fairfield Family Book).

- i. John, b. March 5, 1740.
- ii. Gabriel, b. March 16, 1741; married Sarah Gray.
- iii. Phœbe, b. Sept. 23, 1743.
- iv. Ebenezer, b. Dec. 12, 1745.
- v. Moses, b. March 1, 1747; married Elizabeth Holmes.

- vi. Joseph, b. April 4, 1751.
- vii. Perhaps Abraham. "April 6, 1756, Samuel Odell appointed Guardian to Abraham Higgins a minor who lately belonged to East Chester in ye Province of New York." (Paper on file at Fairfield.)
- viii. Elisha, bapt. Nov. 27, 1748.
- ix. Elijah, bapt. Jan. 27, 1753.

SAMUEL<sup>3</sup> HIGGINS (*Samuel<sup>2</sup>, Abraham<sup>1</sup>*), born April 14, 1747; died Jan. 9, 1788; married (1) Nov. 8, 1768, Fanny Dunning; married (2) Tammsin Bulkeley, born Nov. 13, 1746; died April, 1807. She married (2) Dec. 18, 1792, Deacon Joseph Hyde.

Samuel Higgins lived at Weston, Conn.

Tammsin Higgins and John Higgins, both of Weston, on guardian bond to Michael and Samuel Higgins, minors under 14 years of age. (No date.) (Fairfield probate.)

John Higgins of Weston appointed guardian to Michael Higgins, a minor. Michael appeared and made choice of his brother John as guardian March 24, 1795. John Higgins appointed guardian of his brother William, 15 years old, Aug. 1, 1795, also to Samuel, 14½ years old, 1797. William appeared Nov. 16, 1795, then 16 years old.

Dec. 17, 1798, Tammsin Hyde, widow of Samuel Higgins of Weston, sells land to her son John Higgins.—Norwalk Deeds, vol. 19, p. 42.

Will of Samuel, Junior, dated Nov. 26, 1787. Samuel Higgins of Weston, to beloved wife Tammsin. Personal estate to John, Abner, William, Michael Dunning and Samuel. Proved and approved Feb. 25, 1788. (Fairfield Probate Records, vol. E, p. 353.) Witnesses: John Noyes, Azor Belden, Jr., Molly Marvin. (Paper on file.) Benjamin Gilbert executor.

Court at Fairfield, Jan. 18, 1790, orders real estate of Samuel Higgins, late of Norwalk, deceased, to be divided according to his will. Appoints John Silliman Andrews of Fairfield, David Lambert and Daniel Duncan of Weston, to make distribution. Tammsin Higgins and William Sterling appointed executors on estate of Samuel Higgins, Junior, Feb. 25, 1788. Accounts against estate shown Nov. 28 and Dec. 16, 1789, Daniel Duncan and John S. Andrews appraisers. Inventory taken by them. They add to the inventory of Samuel Higgins, late of Norwalk, deceased, Jan., 1791. The distribution dated Oct. 18, 1792, exhibited for probate April 21, 1794, gives to widow Tammsin Higgins the dwelling house where she last lived in Weston, and ten acres in Wilton parish in Norwalk. To John, eldest son, lands. To Abner and William, certain land. To Michael Dunning, certain land. To Samuel, land in Wilton, etc.

*Children.*

- i. John, b. Sept. 25, 1769; married Sarah —.
- ii. Abner, b. about 1771; married —.
- iii. William, b. about 1775; married Judith Spencer.
- iv. Michael Dunning, b. about 1777; married —.
- v. Samuel, b. Feb. 17, 1783; married Elizabeth Bulkeley.

GABRIEL<sup>3</sup> HIGGINS (*Abraham*<sup>2</sup>, *Abraham*<sup>1</sup>), born March 16, 1741, at Fairfield, Conn.; died "Aug. 1, 1809, aged 57"; married (1) March 2, 1763, at Westport, Conn., Sarah Gray, born March 27, 1742; died at Bedford, April 4, 1814, aged 70 years, 12 days.

Gabriel Higgins went from Fairfield, Conn. (Greens Farms, now Westport), to Bedford, Westchester County, N. Y., and lived there all his life. He was ensign of militia in 1775 and lieutenant in 1778. Probably saw service in the Revolution. He was a farmer. His will, dated Feb. 16, 1809, was proved April 24, 1812, at White Plains (Liber E, p. 229) and mentions four sons and four daughters.

*Children.*

- i. William, b. —.
- ii. Elijah, b. —.
- iii. James, b. —.
- iv. Stephen, b. July 1, 1787; d. May 7, 1812, at Bedford, unmarried.
- v. Molly, b. —; married John Campbell.
- vi. Sarah, b. —; married Henry Weeks.
- vii. Nancy, b. —; married Stephen Travis; d. before Feb. 16, 1809, leaving one son.

Authority: Bolton's *History of Westchester County*, p. xx; Bailey's *Early Connecticut Marriages* (Westport); Erdeley's MS. copy of Bedford Cemetery inscriptions, Lenox Library, N. Y.

MOSES<sup>3</sup> HIGGINS (*Abraham*<sup>2</sup>, *Abraham*<sup>1</sup>), born March 1, 1747, at Fairfield (Greens Farms), Conn.; died Oct. 7, 1832, at Bedford, N. Y., aged 87 years, 7 months, 7 days; married Oct. 5, 1769, Elizabeth Holmes, born Sept. 9, 1749; died at Bedford, N. Y. Nov. 26, 1848, aged 99 years, 2 months, 17 days; daughter of David Holmes.

Moses Higgins went from Greens Farms to Bedford, N. Y., with his parents and spent his life there. He was a farmer. His age, inscribed upon his gravestone, does not agree with his birth date on Fairfield records.

*Child born at Bedford, N. Y.*

- i. David, b. Jan. 16, 1771; married Elizabeth Lyon.

Authority: *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*, vol. xxxi, p. 88; Bedford Cemetery inscriptions, mentioned under Gabriel Higgins.



JOHN<sup>4</sup> HIGGINS (*Samuel<sup>3</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>, Abraham<sup>1</sup>*), born Sept. 25, 1769, in Norwalk, Conn.; died March 24, 1854; married June, 1790 (?), Sarah —, born Oct. 20, 1768; died May 17, 1841.

He removed from Norwalk (Weston) to Hillsdale, N. Y. Was a farmer.

Abner Higgins quitclaims to certain property which was his grandfather's Samuel Higgins to the satisfaction of my brother John Higgins Nov. 27, 1793.—Norwalk Land Records, vol. 17, p. 356.

John Higgins buys land in northerly part of Weston, June 8, 1795. April 28, 1795, Abner Higgins sells land to John Higgins. Thomas and John Belden sell to John Higgins land near a place called Cole's Fallow, near land sold to Jesse Bedient. Bela North bound to John Higgins, June 21, 1797.—Norwalk Decds, vol. 18, pp. 9, 29, 42, 124.

*Children born in Norwalk, Conn.*

- i. Anna, b. April 29, 1791; d. Aug. 8, 1825; married July 4, 1811, — Olmsted.
- ii. Bradley, b. Nov. 26, 1793; married Maria de la Montayne.
- iii. Tammsin, b. Nov. 16, 1796; married Feb. 13, 1814.
- iv. Dunning, b. March 30, 1799; d. Oct. 14, 1854;
- v. Andrews, b. Aug. 23, 1801; married (1) Julia Ann —; (2) Eliza Snyder.
- vi. Sally, b. May 10, 1804; d. Feb. 27, 1833; married — Roe Sept. 25, 1824.
- vii. John O., b. July 4, 1806; married July 4, 1827.
- viii. Eliza, b. May 10, 1809.

ABNER<sup>4</sup> HIGGINS (*Samuel<sup>3</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>, Abraham<sup>1</sup>*), born about 1771; died —; married —.

Said to have gone from Connecticut to New York City and to have been a merchant.

*Children.*

- i. Elisha.
- ii. Tammsin.
- iii. Mary.
- iv. Wilson.

Authority: Miss Helen C. C. Higgins, Mt. Kisco, N. Y.

WILLIAM<sup>4</sup> HIGGINS (*Samuel<sup>3</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>, Abraham<sup>1</sup>*), born 1775; died 1851; married, 1802, Judith Spencer.

Said to have come from Wilton, Conn., and settled in Hillsdale, N. Y., and was a farmer.

“William Higgins of Franklin, N. Y., sells to John Higgins land which came to him through heirship from his grandfather, Samuel Higgins, late of Norwalk and his father, Samuel Higgins, late of

Weston deceased, lying in parish of Wilton, bounded by Michael Higgins's land."—Norwalk Land Records, vol. 19, p. 43; date not given 1798(?).

*Children.*

- i. Bradley, b. —.
- ii. Louisa, b. —.
- iii. John W., b. 1821; married Eliza Knapp; lived at Hillsdale, N. Y.
- iv. William, b. —.

Authority: Miss Helen C. C. Higgins, Mt. Kisco, N. Y.

MICHAEL DUNNING<sup>4</sup> HIGGINS (*Samuel<sup>3</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>, Abraham<sup>1</sup>*), resided at Norwalk, Conn., in 1802; removed to New York and was a merchant.

*Children*

- i. Aaron.
- ii. Esther.
- iii. Mary.
- iv. Hester.
- v. Eliza Jane.
- vi. Michael.
- vii. Harriet.
- viii. Tammsin.

Authority: Miss Helen C. C. Higgins, Mt. Kisco, N. Y.

SAMUEL<sup>4</sup> HIGGINS (*Samuel<sup>3</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>, Abraham<sup>1</sup>*), born Feb. 17, 1783; in Connecticut; died Sept. 3, 1832; married Sept. 24, 1804, Elizabeth Bulkeley, born March 28, 1785; died Oct. 23, 1866; daughter of William Bulkeley of Southport, Conn.

He lived in Greenfield, Conn., but removed to Spencertown, Columbia Co., N. Y. Farmer. Grandfather of Miss Helen C. C. Higgins of Mt. Kisco, N. Y.

*Children.*

- i. Samuel, b. March 12, 1805; married —.
- ii. William, b. Oct. 7, 1806; married Mehitable M. Young.
- iii. Michael D., b. March 26, 1809; married —.
- iv. Sally, b. June 16, 1811; d. Feb. 6, 1892; married Louis Mather.
- v. Lorenzo, b. Jan. 18, 1814; married —.
- vi. Abner, b. July 28, 1816; married Elizabeth H. Mayhew.
- vii. Lucinda, b. April 25, 1819; d. May 14, 1888; married Lucius Bennet.
- viii. Tammsin, b. Nov. 5, 1821; d. May 23, 1884; married George Parsons. No children.

- ix. John, b. April 1, 1824; d. Aug. 29, 1862.
- x. Eliza J., b. June 6, 1827; d. Jan. 18, 1897; married George Miller. One son, two daughters.
- xi. Maryette, b. Feb. 1, 1830; married L. Douglas. She was living in 1905 or 6 at Newark, N. J. Two sons, three daughters.

DAVID<sup>4</sup> HIGGINS (*Moses<sup>3</sup>, Abraham<sup>2</sup>, Abraham<sup>1</sup>*), born Jan. 16, 1771, at Bedford, N. Y.; died there June 21, 1857, aged 86 years, 6 months, 5 days; married (date not found) Elizabeth Lyon, born Nov. 26, 1775; died Nov. 8, 1843; daughter of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Mead) Lyon.

David Higgins resided at Bedford, N. Y., all his life; was probably a farmer.

*Children.*

- i. Amasa, b. about 1796; married (1) Catherine Blish; (2) Elizabeth —.
- ii. David, b. April 3, 1798; d. Jan. 11, 1834, unmarried (?).
- iii. Harvey, b. April 25, 1800; married Elizabeth Blish.
- iv. Charles, b. June 2, 1801; married Ellen Reed.
- v. Joel H., b. March 29, 1803; d. Dec. 29, 1844.
- vi. Sandy (Alexander?), b. Aug. 15, 1810; married (1) Lodiska MacDonald; (2) Isabelle Swaney.
- vii. Samuel, b. July 3, 1813; married Jane Riker.
- viii. Hosea, b. Feb. 11, 1816; d. Sept. 14, 1849, probably unmarried.

Authority: Inscriptions in Buxton cemetery, Bedford, N. Y.

BRADLEY<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*John<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>, Abraham<sup>1</sup>*), born Nov. 28, 1793, probably at Norwalk, Conn. (but descendants say in New York City); died April 30, 1885, in Mexico, Oswego Co., N. Y.; married in New York City, Dec. 31, 1819, Maria de la Montayne, born 1797; died 1883.

*Children.*

- i. John Bradley, b. July 17, 1822, in New York City.
- ii. Sarah, b. 1824; lived in Charlotte, Monroe Co., N. Y.; married — Van Dresser.
- iii. Ann Eliza, b. 1828; d. 1881; married Henry Dennis of Kankakee, Ill.
- iv. Dunning, b. 1837-8; d. 1863 in Mexico, N. Y.

ANDREWS<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*John<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>, Abraham<sup>1</sup>*), born Aug. 23, 1801; died —; married (1), Julia Ann —, born —; died March 1, 1835; married (2), Dec. 31, 1836, Eliza Snyder.

SAMUEL<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Samuel<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>, Abraham<sup>1</sup>*),  
born March 12, 1805; died Feb. 14, 1887; married ——.   
Had no sons. (Daughters?).

WILLIAM<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Samuel<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>, Abraham<sup>1</sup>*)  
born Oct. 7, 1806; died June 14, 1897; married, 1829, Mehitable  
M. Young, born Aug. 31, 1810; died Jan. 13, 1900.  
Lived at Spencertown—Austerlitz, N. Y.

*Children.*

- i. William S., b. Sept. 26, 1833; married Julia A. Olds.
- ii. Michael Dunning, b. May 19, 1836; married Kate R. Wager.
- iii. Almira E., b. July 18, 1840; died Dec. 6, 1841.
- iv. George W., b. May 18, 1844; married Louisa G. Stevens.

MICHAEL DUNNING<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Samuel<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>, Abraham<sup>1</sup>*),  
born March 26, 1809; died April or May 7, 1878;  
married ——.

One son; two daughters.

LORENZO<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Samuel<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>, Abraham<sup>1</sup>*),  
born Jan. 18, 1814; died Oct. 24, 1878; married ——.   
Residence, Mt. Kisco, N. Y.

*Child.*

- i. Helen C. C., b. ——.; residence, Moore Ave., Mt. Kisco, N. Y.

ABNER<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Samuel<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>, Abraham<sup>1</sup>*),  
born July 28, 1816; died ——; married, 1839, Elizabeth H.  
Mayhew.

Lived at Spencertown (?).

*Children.*

- i. Jonathan Edwards, b. 1845.
- ii. Porter S., b. 1854.

AMASA<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*David<sup>4</sup>, Moses<sup>3</sup>, Abraham<sup>2</sup>, Abraham<sup>1</sup>*),  
born about 1796; died at Bedford, N. Y., April 15, 1874, aged 78  
years; married (1) Catherine Blish, born 1795; died Sept. 24,  
1851, aged 55 years, 11 months, 18 days; married (2) Elizabeth  
—, born Jan. 21, 1822; died April 24, 1899, at Bedford, N. Y.  
Amasa Higgins resided at Bedford, N. Y.

*Children of Amasa and Catherine Higgins.*

- i. Jane C., b. 1824; d. Nov. 1, 1845, aged 24-9-22.
- ii. John B., b. 1833; d. Nov. 6, 1849, aged 16-7-8.
- iii. Ann Eliza Guinin, b. —; d. April 18, 1841, aged 32-4-0 (?).



*Children of Amasa and Elizabeth Higgins.*

- iv. John A., b. February, 1854; d. April 11, 1856, aged 2 yrs., 15 days.
- v. Clara E., b. July 1, 1858; d. Sept. 6, 1861.
- vi. Catherine, b. March, 1860; d. July 31, 1861, aged 1 yr., 4 months.

HARVEY<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*David*<sup>4</sup>, *Moses*<sup>3</sup>, *Abraham*<sup>2</sup>, *Abraham*<sup>1</sup>), born April 25, 1800, at Bedford, N. Y.; died there Nov. 15, 1873; married (date not found) Elizabeth Blish, born 1799; died Feb. 15, 1849, aged 50 years.

Harvey Higgins resided at Bedford, N. Y., all his life.

*Child.*

- i. Della Amanda, b. 1840; d. May 19, 1842, aged 1 yr., 7 mos. Probably others.

CHARLES<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*David*<sup>4</sup>, *Moses*<sup>3</sup>, *Abraham*<sup>2</sup>, *Abraham*<sup>1</sup>), born June 2, 1801, at Bedford, N. Y.; died there June 17, 1851; married (date not found) Ellen Reed, born 1808; died Dec. 28, 1894, aged 86 years.

Charles Higgins resided at Bedford, N. Y.

*Child.*

- i. Charles, b. 1824; d. Nov. 17, 1883, aged 59 yrs., 1 mo., 6 days; married Rebecca —, who d. Dec. 18, 1875, aged 62. Their son, Charles Higgins, Jr., d. Jan. 25, 1885, aged 27 yrs., 4 mos., 24 days. Probably other children.

SANDY<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*David*<sup>4</sup>, *Moses*<sup>3</sup>, *Abraham*<sup>2</sup>, *Abraham*<sup>1</sup>), born Aug. 15, 1810, probably at Bedford, N. Y.; died at Yorktown, N. Y., March 20, 1901, aged 90 years; married (1) (date not found) Lodiska MacDonald, born 1806; died April 19, 1873, aged 67; married (2) (date not found) Isabelle Swaney, born 1824; died Nov. 1, 1895, aged 71 years.

*Child.*

- i. Hester Ann, b. 1828(?); d. Sept. 3, 1833(?), aged 4 yrs., 3 mos. 22 days. Probably others.

SAMUEL<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*David*<sup>4</sup>, *Moses*<sup>3</sup>, *Abraham*<sup>2</sup>, *Abraham*<sup>1</sup>), born July 3, 1813, at Bedford, N. Y.; died at Yorktown, N. Y., April 4, 1891; married (date unknown) Jane Riker, born June 8, 1813, at Rhinebeck, N. Y.; d. March 30, 1891, at Yorktown, Westchester County, N. Y. Names of children, if any, not found.

SAMUEL HIGGINS (*Ancestry unknown*), born Jan. 8, 1772; died March 29, 1834, and buried at Bedford, N. Y.; married (date unknown) Zilpha —, born Jan. 2, 1779; died April 18, 1850.

Samuel Higgins and wife were buried at Buxton Cemetery, Bedford, N. Y., and were probably residents of Bedford.

*Child.*

- i. Alvah (only son), b. 1806; d. May 19, 1824, aged 17 years, 7 mos., 22 days.  
Probably daughters.

Authority: Inscriptions in Buxton Cemetery, Bedford, N. Y.

JOHN BRADLEY<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Bradley<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>, Abraham<sup>1</sup>*), born July 17, 1822, in New York City; living July 21, 1906, aged 84, at Oswego, N. Y.; married Jan. 4, 1851, at Mexico, N. Y., Mary Ann D'Auby, born Jan. 11, 1834; died —; daughter of Alexander J. and Elizabeth (Englis) D'Auby.

He resided in New York City with parents until 4 years old, when the family removed to Otsego Co., N. Y., and thence to Richland. Educated at Mexico Academy and attended Union College. Studied law in Mexico and was admitted to the bar. He practiced there for several years and then settled at Oswego, N. Y. Mr. Higgins was a Democrat of the old school; elected district attorney in 1851, collector of port of Oswego under President Buchanan, and was recorder of Oswego. At his 84th birthday he was dean of the Oswego Bar Association, and still hale and hearty, faculties as good as twenty-five years before. He was then in active practice of the law and justice of the peace.

*Children.*

- i. Frederick M., b. Jan. 18, 1852, at Mexico, N. Y. Physician and surgeon. Residence, Boseman, Montana, and Brooklyn, N. Y. (about 1900); unmarried.
- ii. John D'Auby, b. June 9, 1858, at Oswego, N. Y.; married Virginia M. Kingsford.

WILLIAM S.<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*William<sup>5</sup>, Samuel<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>, Abraham<sup>1</sup>*), born Sept. 26, 1833; died —; married Jan. 12, 1859, Julia A. Olds.

Residence Spencertown-Austerlitz, N. Y.

*Children.*

- i. Lewis R., b. March 31, 1860; married —; no sons.
- ii. Charles D., b. Aug. 1, 1862; unmarried.

MICHAEL D.<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*William<sup>5</sup>, Samuel<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>, Abraham<sup>1</sup>*), born May 19, 1836; died —; married Sept. 6, 1859, at Spencertown, N. Y., Kate R. Wager.

Lived at Mt. Kisco, N. Y.

*Children.*

- i. Charlton M., b. July 10, 1860; d. Feb. 3, 1861.
- ii. William W., b. Nov. 14, 1864; unmarried.

GEORGE W.<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*William<sup>5</sup>, Samuel<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>, Abraham<sup>1</sup>*), born May 18, 1844; died —; married July 1, 1863, Louisa G. Stevens.

Residence, Austerlitz, N. Y.

*Children.*

- i. Henry L., b. May 27, 1864; unmarried.
- ii. Grace L., b. Nov. 9, 1873; married Aug. 8, 1893, William H. Barrett.
- iii. Mae S., b. Sept. 19, 1879; unmarried.
- iv. Nellie M., b. Nov. 2, 1882; unmarried.
- v. Fannie B., b. Jan. 20, 1885; unmarried.

JOHN D'AUBY<sup>7</sup> HIGGINS (*John Bradley<sup>6</sup>, Bradley<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>, Abraham<sup>1</sup>*), born June 9, 1858, at Oswego, N. Y.; married June 6, 1889, Virginia M. Kingsford, born Nov. 2, 1862, at Oswego, N. Y.: daughter of Thomson Kingsford.

John D. Higgins was mayor of Oswego about 1896. Summer residence, Oswego, N. Y.; winter residence, New York City. Capitalist.

*Only Child.*

- i. Rachel, b. June 25, 1896, at Oswego, N. Y.

III. HIGGINS FAMILIES OF WESTCHESTER, N. Y., EAST HAVEN, MILFORD, WOLCOTT AND SOUTHLINGTON, CONN.

JOHN<sup>1</sup> HIGGINS, born about 1675 to 1680; died before 1725 in Westchester County, N. Y.; married —.

This John Higgins may have been a brother or nephew of Abraham Higgins of Fairfield, Conn. The records of Bedford, Westchester County, N. Y., show that a John Higgins owned a home lot there in 1688 and was inhabitant there in 1690. It is possible that this earlier John was father of both Abraham Higgins of Fairfield, and the younger John Higgins of Westchester County, but no evidence therefor has been obtained. The younger John Higgins had at least one son, also named John.

JOHN<sup>2</sup> HIGGINS (*John<sup>1</sup>*), born about 1706; died shortly before Sept. 1, 1750, in East Haven, Conn.; married about 1733 Mary Auger, born Aug. 28, 1711, in East Haven, Conn.; died there Oct. 24, 1787, aged 76 years; daughter of John and Elizabeth (Bradley) Auger of East Haven and sister of Daniel Auger of the same town.

“John Higgins, a minor, son of John Higgins late of Westchester in the Province of New York deceased, before this Court made choice of Daniel Bradley of East Haven to be his Guardian, who was allowed on bond of £100, Monday May 3, 1725.”

“Aug. 7, 1727. Daniel Bradley, allowed Guardian of John Higgings, minor son of John Higgings, formerly of Westchester in the Province of New York, deceased, discharged from his bond.” (New Haven Probate records, vol. v., pp. 228 and 386.) These decisions show that in 1725 John Higgins was fourteen or more years old, and that in 1727 he had attained his majority. He died about 1750, for “Sept. 1, 1750 Daniel Auger of New Haven was allowed to be guardian to Timothy Higgins, minor, son of John Higgins late of New Haven, deceased,” and in 1755, “Mrs. Mary Higgins was allowed to be guardian to Isaac, John and Abraham Higgins, minor children of John Higgins, late of New Haven, deceased.”—New Haven Probate records, vols. vii, p. 653; viii, p. 476; ix, p. 100; x, p. 119.

It would appear that John Higgins came to that part of New Haven known as East Haven when in his minority, and lived with or served Daniel Bradley of that town until his majority, and then settled and married there. His children were scattered after his death, and all settled in different towns.

#### *Children.*

- i. Timothy, b. Jan. 30, 1734; married —.
- ii. Isaac, b. Oct. 5, 1740; married —.
- iii. John, b. March 10, 1743; married Esther —.
- iv. Elizabeth, b. March 13, 1746; married Dec. 5, 1765, David Eggleston of East Haven.
- v. Abraham, b. Feb. 26, 1748.

Authorities: Dodd's *East Haven Register*, 1824; Bailey's *Early Connecticut Marriages*.

TIMOTHY<sup>3</sup> HIGGINS (*John*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), born Jan. 30, 1734, in East Haven, Conn.; married, 1754, —.

Probably resided in Milford, Conn., and had a son Timothy and possibly other children born there. He probably served in the Revolution as did his son Timothy and it is not easy to separate their records. The first of the following belongs to Timothy, Senior, and probably the second also:—

“Timothy Higgins, private Oct. 5, to Oct. 15, 1777, in Capt. Jehiel Bryant's Co., Col. Joseph Thomson's regt. of Militia (Connecticut); marched to Peekskill or Fishkill.”

“Timothy Higgins, private, from March 30, to May 19, 1777, in Capt. Jared Shephard's Co., Col. Thomas Belden's regt. in Brig. Gen. Erastus Wolcott's brigade.”

Timothy Higgins was a pensioner under the Act of 1818. Whether this was Timothy, Senior, or Timothy, Junior, has not been determined.



*Child.*

- i. Timothy, b. about 1755; married Hannah Alling.

ISAAC<sup>3</sup> HIGGINS (*John*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), born Oct. 5, 1740, in East Haven, Conn.; died before 1790(?); married——.

Little is known of this Isaac Higgins. It is believed that he lived in Stratford or Weston, Conn., joining his relatives in the latter place. The census of 1790 shows an Isaac Higgins at Weston, with a family of three, presumably himself, wife and daughter. This is probably Isaac Higgins, Junior.

Isaac Higgins, Senior, is probably the Isaac Higgins who was a private in Capt. Jonathan Hale's Co., Col. Erastus Wolcott's State regt., serving at Boston, January—March, 1776.

*Child.*

- i. Isaac, b. about 1764; married ——.

JOHN<sup>3</sup> HIGGINS (*John*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), born March 10, 1743; died before 1790(?); married Esther ——, born ——; died before July 26, 1798.

Little is known of this John Higgins. He is believed to be the John Higgins of the following records at Killingworth, Conn.:—

“John and Esther Higgins deed to Israel Stevens 2¾ acres of land at Parker's Hill, Jan. 23, 1771.”—Vol. x, p. 627.

“John Higgins of New Haven, administrator on estate of Esther Higgins, Authorized to sell all the real estate of said Esther, deeded land to Ebenezer Higgins, July 26, 1798.”—Vol. xv, p. 498.

“John Higgins deeds to Daniel Hand a certain piece of land in Killingworth, six acres more or less, land that formerly was my honored mother's, Esther Higgins, deceased. Feb. 5, 1799.”—Killingworth records.

*Children.*

- i. John, b. ——; living in 1799.  
ii. Ebenezer, b. ——; living in 1798.

TIMOTHY<sup>4</sup> HIGGINS (*Timothy*<sup>3</sup>, *John*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), born 1755 in Milford, Conn.; died 1829 at Wolcott, Conn.; married Hannah Alling, born 1759; died 1833.

Timothy's father was a resident of Milford at his birth and Timothy continued to reside there until 1803, when he removed to Middlebury, Conn. In 1819 he removed to Wolcott, Conn., whither his son Fitch Higgins and his son-in-law Jonathan Bement had preceded him. In Milford he was engaged as a shipping merchant.

Timothy Higgins, junior, was a Revolutionary soldier. Possibly the services given to Timothy Higgins, senior, belong to him.—Col. S. B. Webb's Ninth Regt., Capt. Charles Whitings Co.

Enlisted May 23, 1777, for 3 years. Omitted in Sept., 1777. Pensioners of 1818. Timothy Higgins.—Record Conn. Men in Rev., pp. 249, 496, 523, 635, D. A. R. Lineage Book, vol. xiv.

Mrs. Hannah (Alling) Higgins was of the New Haven Allings. In the crypt under Center Church, New Haven, are monuments of Hannah Alling and Fitch Alling, with whom Timothy Higgins' descendants claim connection.

Harriet Higgins, born Nov. 15, 1785, used to spend much time with her Alling grandparents in New Haven. Mrs. Elizabeth Evans of Seymour, daughter of Harriet Higgins and Beers Radford, wrote in 1906 to Mrs. Benham:—

“My knowledge of the Alling family is what mother used to tell of them. She used to stay in New Haven with them. There was a Laura, who married Prof. Stebbins of Yale and went with him to Maine when it was a province [i. e. before 1820], and Fitch I mentioned. One says he was Mrs. Higgins' father, another her brother.”

“Mr. Fitch Alling died Nov. 18, 1771, in 23rd year.” Inscription in the crypt of Center Church, New Haven, Conn.—*New Haven Historical Society's Collections*, vol. iii, p. 471.

Hannah, wife of Timothy Higgins, joined the church at Middlebury, Conn., in 1817, Luther Higgins in 1817, and Sarah Higgins in 1822.

#### *Children.*

- i. Alling, b. —; d. —.
- ii. Lyman, b. 1783; married Betsey Upson.
- iii. Harriet, b. Nov. 15, 1785; married Beers Radford; lived in Middlebury, Conn.; her daughter married Julius H. Bronson.
- iv. Laura, b. 1787; d. 1875; married Elias Tibbles of Milford, Conn.
- v. Hannah, b. 1789; d. 1880; married Jonathan Bement; lived at Wolcott, Conn.; had five daughters.
- vi. Sarah, b. 1791; d. unmarried.
- vii. Fitch, b. 1793; married Amanda Royce.
- viii. Lucy, b. —; married Adolphus Baldwin of Milford, Conn.
- ix. Luther, b. 1797; married Mrs. Susan (Judd) Lambert.
- x. Lucius, b. 1797; d. young.
- xi. Timothy, b. Dec. 8, 1800; married Jeanette Carter.

ISAAC<sup>4</sup> HIGGINS (*Isaac*<sup>3</sup>, *John*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), born about 1764; died —; married —.

An Isaac Higgins, probably this one, was in 1790 (according to the U. S. Census of that year) a resident of Weston, Conn., having a family of three, probably himself, a wife, and a daughter.

Isaac Higgins served in Capt. Najah Bennett's co., Gen. Waterbury's State Brigade, 1781. In service at Greens Farms March 15, 1781; was fifer. Also, probably the same Isaac.

Isaac Higgins, private, in Capt. Rogers' co., Col. Samuel B. Webb's regt. (Third Regt. Conn. Line); enlisted July 5, 1781, for three years for the town of Fairfield. By reorganization became private in Fourth Regt. Connecticut Line, from July 5, 1781, to Dec. 31, 1781. In 1783 it was reported that he had served 16 months, 6 days, up to Jan. 26, 1783. Fifer. At enlistment described as a weaver, aged 17, 5 ft., 7 in. tall, residence Stratford. Pension lists of 1818 report him as number 93 on the pension roll, reported dead, unless the report refers to his father, Isaac<sup>3</sup> Higgins.

LYMAN<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Timothy*<sup>4</sup>, *Timothy*<sup>3</sup>, *John*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), born in 1783 in Milford, Conn.; died July 31, 1866, aged 83, probably at Wolcott, Conn.; married Jan. 25, 1808, Betsey Upson, born in 1799(?); died Nov. 15, 1853; daughter of Samuel Upson of Wolcott, Conn.

He withdrew from the First Congregational Church of Wolcott, and became an Episcopalian. Warden of the Episcopal Church at Wolcott, 1829-1844. He was a peddler of tinware and Yankee notions in the southern states, chiefly in Virginia and the Carolinas, from 1810 to 1840.

#### *Children.*

- i. Emily, b. July 26, 1809; d. May 12, 1830; married Jan. 31, 1828, Lucius Frisbie.
- ii. Upson, b. Jan. 27, 1815; married Hannah M. Norton.
- iii. Sally, b. Sept. 28, 1818; married May 3, 1840, Harvey Plumb of Wolcott, Conn.

FITCH<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Timothy*<sup>4</sup>, *Timothy*<sup>3</sup>, *John*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), born 1793 in Milford, Conn.; died in Kenosha(?), Wis.; married (1) Amanda Royce, born —; died about 1840; married (2) —.

He removed to Wisconsin as a pioneer, and was engaged in the real estate business. A citizen of honor and good report. Subscribed for church bell in Wolcott. Bound himself with others to pay the minister's salary in 1835. Member of prudential committee of church, 1832.

#### *Children.*

- i. Emeline, b. —; married, 1832, Rollin M. Tuttle of Wolcott, b. May 28, 1810; removed to Kenosha, Wis.; three children.
- ii. William, b. —; married and had several children.
- iii. Charles, b. —.
- iv. Frederick, b. —.

Authorities: *Tuttle Genealogy*, p. 504; *History of Wolcott*, p. 498; Anderson's *Waterbury, Appendix*, p. 65.

LUTHER<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Timothy*<sup>4</sup>, *Timothy*<sup>3</sup>, *John*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), born 1797; died —; married March 29, 1829, Mrs. Susan (Judd) Lambert, widow of Jesse Lambert, and daughter of Thomas Judd. They lived for a time in Wolcott and then removed to Cheshire.

*Children.*

- i. Mary, b. Jan. 4, 1830.
- ii. Martha Augusta, b. Jan. 4, 1832; d. 1838.
- iii. Margaret Louisa, b. Oct. 15, 1835; d. 1844.
- iv. Timothy, b. Dec. 20, 1837.
- v. Henry Clark, b. Aug. 6, 1840.
- vi. Stephen Judd, b. Oct. 15, 1843.
- vii. Hannah Amanda, b. Nov. 24, 1846.

TIMOTHY<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Timothy*<sup>4</sup>, *Timothy*<sup>3</sup>, *John*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), born Dec. 8, 1800, in Milford, Conn.; died in Plantsville, town of Southington, Conn.; married Nov. 4, 1824, Jeanette Carter, born Sept. 5, 1803; died —; daughter of Elihu Carter.

When a young man he went down Wolcott Mountain to Southington with his worldly effects tied up in a cotton handkerchief to work for Asa Barnes. He stipulated to have steady work, as he wanted no "nick days," and to have fifty cents a day when not on job work. Of quick perception, great executive ability and systematic economy, working in his tan yard fifteen hours a day. By these forces with the Divine favor he was greatly successful, as to this world's goods, until 1833, when his life was turned from Mammon unto God. Since that time, in the language of Oakes Ames, but not in its spirit, "he has put his money where it could do the most good." Since which period also he has filled a large place in the religious labors of church and society. His right hand knows what his left hand does not, for he is a man who gives \$1,500 a year in charities out of an income of \$2,500. He joined the Congregational Church in Southington, April 6, 1834. Was elected deacon Dec. 2, 1838, and served until 1874, when he was dismissed to Plantsville. He was in the tanning business with Dea. Edward Twichell, father of Rev. Joseph H. Twichell of Hartford, Conn.

*Children.*

- i. Laura A., b. Aug. 31, 1828; married April 2, 1852, Joseph B. Beadle; living in 1916 at New Haven, Conn.
- ii. Jeanette Carter, b. Jan. 31, 1830; married April 24, 1850, H. D. Smith of Plantsville, Conn.
- iii. Lucius H., b. July 4, 1832; married Louise Y. Blakesley.
- iv. Mary, b. April 8, 1834; married Dec. 5, 1855, Edwin P. Hotchkiss.
- v. Harriet, b. March 21, 1836; living at New Haven, Conn., in 1916.
- vi. Infant, b. April 8, 1838; d. April 16, 1838.



- vii. Edwin, b. June 19, 1841; d. Sept. 30, 1861.
- viii. Augusta, b. May 31, 1843; d. Oct. 16, 1852.
- ix. Julia, b. Dec. 15, 1845; d. Feb. 19, 1847.
- x. Julia W., b. Jan. 31, 1848; d. July 25, 1852.

UPSON<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Lyman*<sup>4</sup>, *Timothy*<sup>3</sup>, *John*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), born Jan. 27, 1815; died —; married (1) June 7, 1840, Hannah M. Norton, born —; died Jan. 16, 1842; married (2) Sept. 18, 1842, Mary Upson, b. —; died Jan. 25, 1862; daughter of Martin and Phœbe (Todd) Upson.—*Tuttle Genealogy*, p. 324.

*Children.*

- i. Amelia M., b. Jan. 15, 1842; d. Aug. 15, 1843.
- ii. Hannah A., b. Jan. 15, 1842.
- iii. Amelia J., b. Feb. 22, 1844; married Feb. 25, 1874, Sidney B. Ruggles of Plantsville, Conn.
- iv. Anne C., b. Oct. 29, 1848; d. Jan. 4, 1864.
- v. Frederick Upson, b. Aug. 7, 1853.

LUCIUS H.<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Timothy*<sup>5</sup>, *Timothy*<sup>4</sup>, *Timothy*<sup>3</sup>, *John*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), born July 4, 1832, in Plantsville, Conn., died Jan. 24, 1916, at West Hartford, Conn.; married Sept. 3, 1863, Louise Young Blakesley of New Haven, Conn., living at West Hartford in 1916.

Lucius H. Higgins received his early education in the local schools of Plantsville and prepared for college at Monson Academy, Monson, Mass. He entered Yale College and was graduated in 1860. He then took a year's course in the Yale Divinity School and then attended the Andover Theological Seminary, from which he was graduated in June, 1863. He was one of a group of seven young men who within a few years entered the ministry from the Plantsville Congregational Church. Rev. Joseph H. Twichell of Hartford, Conn., a lifelong friend of Mr. Higgins, was one of this group and assisted at his funeral service.

Mr. Higgins' first pastorate was at Lanark, Ill. He was there ordained and installed as pastor in 1866, where he remained nine years. He resigned on account of poor health and returned to New Haven, Conn., where he rested a year. From 1875 to 1900 he held pastorates at Huntington, Mt. Carmel, and Hanover, Conn. In 1900 he retired from the active pastorate and took up his residence at West Hartford, where he built a house on School Street. This house in 1906 with several others was burned, and Mr. Higgins was the first to rebuild. The troubles incident to this fire contributed to his long illness. Mr. and Mrs. Higgins celebrated their golden wedding in 1913. Mr. Higgins was a member of the West Hartford Congregational Church and was a Mason. His pastorates were fruitful. His keen interest in the community life, his choice spirit, and his undoubted sincerity and fidelity in his high calling made him a workman that needeth not to be ashamed. He was a friendly man and made many friends.

*Children.*

- i. Edward A., b. —; married —; residence, Hartford, Conn.
- ii. —; married Frederick M. Preston; residence, Pinecastle, Fla.
- iii. Henry D., b. —; residence, West Hartford, Conn.
- iv. —; married John T. Russell; residence, Los Angeles, Cal.
- v. Gould S., b. —; married —; residence North Haven, Conn. A physician. Child: Harriet Bacon Higgins of North Haven.
- vi. David W., b. —; residence, West Hartford, Conn.
- vii. Homer, b. —; died in infancy.

Children of Edward A. Higgins are Mrs. A. B. Trimble of Hartford and Misses Grace and Anna Higgins.

Children of Henry D. Higgins are Marjorie, Claire and Alice Higgins of West Hartford, Conn.

IV. ABRAHAM HIGGINS OF WESTON, CONN.

Abraham Higgins of Weston, Conn., is possibly the Abraham Higgins born Feb. 26, 1748, at East Haven, Conn., son of John and Mary (Auger) Higgins, but more probably a son of one of the Higginses of Westchester County, perhaps son of Abraham<sup>2</sup> Higgins (*Abraham*<sup>1</sup>) of Bedford, N. Y.

"April 6, 1756 Samuel Odell was appointed guardian to Abraham Higgins, a minor who lately belonged to East Chester in the Province of New York."—Paper on file at the Probate Office, Fairfield, Conn.

An Abraham Higgins, probably this Abraham, was a private in Capt. Jabez Wheeler's co., Col. Whiting's Fourth Militia Regiment, commanded by Lieut. Col. Jonathan Dimon; at Peekskill Oct., 1777. In service from Oct. 5 to Oct. 30, 1777.—*Record of Connecticut Men in the Revolution*, p. 520.

In 1790 Abraham Higgins was living at Weston, Conn., and having a family of eight, probably consisting of himself, wife, four sons and two daughters. The names of the oldest of these children are not known, but the three following were his children. His descendant, Dr. Royal Lacey Higgins, says: "The old stone house built by Abraham (or John) Higgins was in the north part of the town of Easton, Conn., near Hattertown," and near the southwestern corner of the town of Newtown, Conn.

*Children.*

- i. John, b. April 19, 1781; married Hannah Lacey.
- ii. Sally, b. —.
- iii. Ruth, b. —; married (1) March 28, 1817, at Newtown, Conn., Eli Lyon; (2) Jan. 8, 1826, Samuel Staples of Newtown, Conn.

JOHN<sup>2</sup> HIGGINS (*Abraham*<sup>1</sup>), born April 19, 1781, probably in Weston, now Easton; died Jan. 31, 1821; married April 19, 1801, Hannah Lacey, b. Feb. 11, 1782; died Sept. 30, 1863, at Monroe, Conn.; daughter of Zachariah and Betty (Rowland) Lacey of Fairfield or Bridgeport.

John Higgins probably lived in that part of Weston which became Easton.

*Children.*

- i. Eli, b. Dec. 26, 1801; married — Judd; had a son Gordon Adolphus Judd Higgins, who died perhaps near Derby, Conn., and married perhaps a New Jersey lady.
- ii. Ellen, b. March 31, 1806; d. May 27, 1814.
- iii. Mary, b. June 11, 1811; d. Feb. 28, 1839; married Darius Hoyt, son of Epaphroditus Hoyt.
- iv. Lacey, b. July 19, 1814; married Priscilla Silliman.
- v. Harriet, b. Dec. 26, 1817; married Seth Hoyt of Bethel, Conn.

LACEY<sup>3</sup> HIGGINS (*John*<sup>2</sup>, *Abraham*<sup>1</sup>), born July 19, 1814; died Jan. 29, 1892; married Nov. 2, 1840, Priscilla Silliman, born Feb. 14, 1818; died May 19, 1891; daughter of Joseph and Eunice (Wakeley) Silliman.

Lacey Higgins was born in Weston and lived at Upper Stepney in the town of Monroe.

*Children.*

- i. Royal Lacey, b. Aug. 10, 1841; married Mary E. Watkins.
- ii. Jerome Silliman, b. July 9, 1843; d. April 1, 1905, unmarried.
- iii. Riverius Thornton, b. July 21, 1845; d. —; married twice.
- iv. Harriet Priscilla, b. July 20, 1847; d. Dec. 11, 1907, unmarried.
- v. Jane Eliza, b. Jan. 31, 1850; d. unmarried.
- vi. John Selleck, b. June 21, 1853; d. unmarried.

ROYAL LACEY<sup>4</sup> HIGGINS (*Lacey*<sup>3</sup>, *John*<sup>2</sup>, *Abraham*<sup>1</sup>), born Aug. 10, 1841, at Roxbury, Conn.; married Feb. 3, 1870, Mary Elizabeth Watkins, born Feb. 14, 1840; daughter of James Y. and Catherine (Wamsley) Watkins.

Royal Lacey Higgins was a graduate of the Bellevue Hospital Medical College in 1867 and has since been a physician, engaged in the active practice of medicine. Residence, Norwalk, Conn.

*Child.*

- i. May Jerome, b. Oct. 26, 1873; residence Norwalk, Conn.

## V. THE HIGGINS FAMILY OF CHESTERFIELD, MASS.

“William Higgins emigrated from old Bridgewater and settled in Chesterfield about 1765. He was a North of Ireland man who married a Welsh wife.” So wrote Mortimer L. Higgins in 1910,

then aged ninety-four years and a lineal descendant of the said William Higgins. An attempt to discover this William Higgins in the records of the town of Bridgewater, Mass., ended in failure, as the records of that town show no William Higgins and in fact no Higgins whatsoever prior to 1765. However, in the town of Medfield, some twelve miles northwest of Bridgewater, is found a William Higgins and wife Deborah, and three children born to them there.

This William Higgins of Medfield attempted to gain a residence in Boston, as the records of the Boston selectmen show: "June 9, 1742. Ordered that Mr. Savell warn William Higgins who lately came into this town from Medfield with his family to depart the Town as the law directs." It seems probable that he left Boston and returned to Medfield, and that the son William, born Sept. 1, 1739, in Medfield was the William Higgins who about 1765 settled in Chesterfield. We have no direct evidence either way. Another William Higgins arrived at Boston, April 22, 1766, in the schooner *John & Jaz*, from Ireland, a shoemaker. (*Records of Boston Selectmen. Miscellaneous Papers, 1760.*) Whether this Irish William Higgins, shoemaker, was permitted to remain in Boston is unknown.

In 1790 there were two William Higginses and a Joseph Higgins residing in Boston. Whether one of these was the Irish William of 1766 or the Medfield William of 1742 is unknown, but the probabilities seem to favor the hypothesis that the Irish William remained at Boston, and that the Medfield William or his son William settled at Chesterfield. In this we may be mistaken, but for want of definite evidence we shall so place him.

WILLIAM HIGGINS, born —; died —; married Deborah —.

Lived in Medfield and Boston and is probably the William Higgins who settled at Chesterfield, Mass., or the father of the William Higgins who did so.

#### *Children.*

- i. Deborah, b. May 27, 1738, in Medfield.
- ii. William, b. Sept. 1, 1739, in Medfield.
- iii. Lucretia, b. March 20, 1741-2, in Medfield.
- iv. Timothy, b. —; in 1790 he was living at Worthington, Mass., having wife but no children.
- v. Simeon, b. —. He was one of the first settlers of Chesterfield. See Holland's *History of Western Massachusetts*, vol. ii, pp. 183, 185; Barrie's *History of Goshen, Mass.* (at that time a part of Chesterfield). No trace of Simeon's family has been found. He served in the Revolutionary War as follows:—



“Higgins, Simeon, Chesterfield. Private, Capt. Robert Webster’s co. of minute men, Gen. Pomeroy’s regt., which marched April 21, 1775, in response to the alarm of April 19, 1775; Ebenezer Webber’s co., Col. Samuel Williams’ regt., enlisted Dec. 17, 1776; discharged March 20, 1777; service, 3 mos. 11 days; at the northward, including 8 days (180 miles travel home); roll endorsed ‘Majr. Clap’s Regt.’; also, Capt. Daniel Pomeroy’s detachment from Gen. Davidson’s (Hampshire Co.) brigade; enlisted July 1, 1778; service to Oct. 31, 1778; under Gen. Stark in northern department.

“Higens, Simeon, Chesterfield. Private, Capt. Robert Webster’s co., Col. John Fellows’ (8th) regt.; company return dated Dorchester, Oct. 8, 1775.

“Hegens, Simcon, Chesterfield. Private, Capt. Robert Webster’s co., Col. Fellow’s regt.; muster roll dated Aug. 1, 1775; enlisted April 27, 1775; service, 3 mos. 12 days; also, Capt. Benjamin Bonney’s Co., Col. John Dickerson’s (Dickinson’s) regt.; enlisted Aug. 17, 1777; discharged Aug. 22, 1777; service 8 days; company marched to Bennington Aug. 17, 1777, on an alarm to reinforce army near that place.”

WILLIAM<sup>1</sup> HIGGINS, perhaps the William born in Medfield, Mass., Sept. 1, 1739; died —; married —.

He settled in Chesterfield, Mass., about 1765. He was a farmer and died of cancer. The census of 1790 gives him a family of four sons under sixteen, and two daughters. All but the two eldest children were baptized at Chesterfield, Sept. 20, 1790.

His services as a Revolutionary soldier were as follows:—

“Higgins, William. Private, Capt. Ebenezer Webber’s co., Lieut. Col. Samuel Williams’s regt., enlisted Dec. 17, 1776; discharged March 20, 1777; service 3 mos. 11 days at the northward; including 8 days (160 miles) travel home. Roll sworn to at Chesterfield and endorsed ‘Major Claps Regt.’

“Higgins, William. Private, Capt. Benjamin Bonney’s co., Col. Ezra May’s regt.; enlisted Sept. 20, 1777; discharged Oct. 14, 1777; service, 29 days, including travel (100 miles) home; company marched on expedition to Stillwater. Roll dated Chesterfield.”

#### *Children.*

i. Lewis, b. about 1764; served in the Revolutionary War as follows:—

“Higgins, Lewis. Pay roll for 6 mos. men raised by the town of Chesterfield for service in the Continental Army during 1780; marched July 7, 1780; discharged Dec. 5, 1780; service 5 mos. 8 days, including 9 days (180 miles) travel home.

“Higgins, Lewis. Descriptive list of men raised to reinforce the Continental Army for the term of 6 mos., agreeable to resolve of June 5, 1780, age 16 yrs.; stature, 5 ft. 6 ins.; complexion, light,

engaged for town of Chesterfield; arrived at Springfield July 4, 1780; marched to camp July 5, 1780, under command of Capt. Frothingham, of the artillery; also, Private, Capt. Ebenezer Strong's Co., Col. Sears' (Hampshire Co.) regt.; enlisted Aug. 10, 1781; marched to Albany Aug. 17, 1781; discharged Nov. 20, 1781." There is no trace of his marriage or family.

- ii. Elijah, b. about 1766; married Deliverance Hefford.
- iii. Archibald, bapt. Sept. 20, 1790.
- iv. Ebenezer, bapt. Sept. 20, 1790.
- v. Jacob, bapt. Sept. 20, 1790.
- vi. Mercy, bapt. Sept. 20, 1790.
- vii. Mary, bapt. Sept. 20, 1790; married Eliham Metcalf; d. 1863.
- viii. Rebecca, b. —; married Thomas Moore.
- ix. Barney, b. —; married Mary Prentice.
- x. Gershom, b. —.
- xi. Webster, b. —.
- xii. Dilly, b. —.

ELIJAH<sup>2</sup> HIGGINS (*William*<sup>1</sup>), born about 1766; died Feb. 5, 1854, aged 88 years; married (int. Nov. 22, 1784) Deliverance Hefford of Chesterfield, who died Dec. 17, 1817, aged 50 years.

Lorenzo H. Higgins now of Burlingame, Kansas, wrote: "Elijah Higgins was my great-grandfather. I was in my 16th year when he died Feb. 5, 1854, and remember him well, having been at his home often during his lifetime; and I am sure I have heard him say that his father's name was William, and that he served in the American Revolutionary War; also that his son William was named for his (Elijah's) father. I also visited at Elijah's son William's many times and remember his talking of his grandfather William Higgins to the same effect as had his father (Elijah).

"My cousin, Mrs. Lucy (Langdon) Totman, Easthampton, Mass., daughter of Elzina Higgins, says that she is quite sure she has heard her mother say that her (Elzina's) great-grandfather was William Higgins and that he served in the American Revolutionary War."

*Children born at Chesterfield, Mass.*

- i. Jonathan, b. Dec. 21, 1786; went to Ogdensburg, N. Y.
- ii. Lewis, b. July 30, 1788; married Mary Todd.
- iii. Elijah, b. April 1, 1790; married (1) Rhoda Pomeroy; (2) Mary Kinne.
- iv. Luther, b. Feb. 15, 1794; married Lydia Ring.
- v. Rebecca, b. Feb. 7, 1796; married Mr. Hart.
- vi. Deliverance, b. Jan. 22, 1800; married Mr. Billings; went to Canada.
- vii. William, b. July 3, 1806; married Hannah —.
- viii. Arad, b. Feb. 24, 1810; d. 1865; married Maria —.
- ix. Sophronia, b. Nov. 1, 1811; married Isaiah Leach.

BARNEY<sup>2</sup> HIGGINS (*William*<sup>1</sup>), born —; died —; married Sept. 8, 1792, Mary Prentice, born —; died Jan. 16, 1833, at Worthington, Mass.; daughter of Joseph and Abigail (Leonard) Prentice of Preston, Conn., and Worthington, Mass.

Barney Higgins lived at Chester, Mass. He was a farmer. His children were baptized by the Worthington minister. Their births are recorded at Chester.

*Children.*

- i. Abigail, b. Aug. 27, 1793; married Nov. 19, 1812, John Wilber.
- ii. Barney, b. March 20, 1798; married Phœbe Miller.
- iii. Daniel, b. Nov. 11, 1802; married (1) (int. Dec. 5, 1824) Thankful P. Cushman; she d. May 6, 1825, aged 18; married (2) (int. May 24, 1828) Betsey Shaw of Chesterfield.
- iv. Asahel Prentice, b. Nov. 24, 1805.
- v. Phœbe, b. June 7, 1808.
- vi. Ira, b. March 21, 1811.
- vii. Eunice, b. Oct. 24, 1812; d. Oct. 18, 1859; married March 5, 1834, Charles Franklin Leonard of Middlefield, b. Oct. 25, 1807, at Worthington, Mass.; son of Simeon Leonard. Children: Edward W., b. Feb. 23, 1839, d. July 10, 1843; Edward W., b. Aug. 21, 1844, who married Feb. 7, 1867, Ellen Snow, daughter of Christopher and Orpah (Sampson) Snow, and had no children; Lucinda Eunice Leonard, b. May 9, 1850; d. Dec. 27, 1879, married April 4, 1867, Stillman Ira Olds of Middlefield, Mass., and had two children.

Authorities: *Chester Vital Records*; *Leonard Genealogy*, pp. 93, 151.

LEWIS<sup>3</sup> HIGGINS (*Elijah*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>), born July 30, 1788, in Chesterfield, Mass.; died April 10, 1853; married at Whately, Mass., Mary Todd, born Oct. 15, 1789; died May 13, 1874, at Westfield, Mass.; daughter of Rev. Asa and Abigail Bishop Todd.

Lewis Higgins resided at Chesterfield, Mass., and was a farmer.

*Children.*

- i. Jacob Gershom, b. Dec. 1, 1811; married (1) Eliza Ann Moore; (2) Julia Prentice.
- ii. Almon Webster, b. June 1, 1813; married Lucy A. Clapp.
- iii. Mary Elzina, b. March 6, 1815; married June 5, 1844, Chauncey W. Langdon.
- iv. Lucy Ermina, b. Jan. 30, 1817; married April 23, 1835, Madison Cudworth and d. April 13, 1854.
- v. Deliverance, b. Aug. 6, 1819; d. April 14, 1878, at Sacramento, Cal.; married in 1851 John Cady.
- vi. Elijah Hafford, b. Aug. 6, 1819; married (1) Zilpha Callies; (2) Sarah Almira Prentice.
- vii. Catherine A., b. Sept. 10, 1824; d. Sept. 3, 1899; married July 21, 1849, James Edward Westcott; resided at Westfield, Mass.

ELIJAH<sup>3</sup> HIGGINS (*Elijah<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>*), born April 1, 1790; died —; married (1) Jan. 1, 1812, Rhoda Pomeroy, born at Northampton; died Feb. 10, 1847, aged 62 years, 4 months, 12 days; daughter of Luther and Rhoda Pomeroy. Family given in *Pomeroy Gen.*, p. 429; married (2) Nov. 23, 1820, Mary Kinne of Chesterfield.

He lived at Chesterfield, Mass.

LUTHER<sup>3</sup> HIGGINS (*Elijah<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>*), born Feb. 15, 1794, in Worthington, Mass.; died March 25, 1846, in Worthington; married Lydia Ring of Chesterfield, born 1792 at Worthington; died Nov. 27, 1866(?), at Rochester, Minn.; daughter of Eleazer and Damaris (Johnson) Ring of Worthington, Mass.

He died of paralysis. Was a farmer.

Mrs. Higgins' father was a direct descendant from Andrew Ring, son of William Ring of Leyden, Holland, and the widow, Mary Ring, who afterward came to Plymouth, N. E., with son Andrew and two daughters. Andrew Ring married Deborah Hopkins, daughter of Giles Hopkins, who came in the *Mayflower* with his father, Stephen Hopkins.

#### *Children.*

- i. Amanda M., b. August, 1815; married May, 1838, Calvin B. Tower; residence, Worthington, Mass.
- ii. Mortimer L., b. Jan. 22, 1817; married Louisa Brown.
- iii. Angeline D., b. August, 1820; married (int. Nov. 21, 1838) Franklin Church of Middlefield, Mass.; residence Springfield, Mass.; son, Henry F., living at Boston in 1911.
- iv. Corydon Webster, b. Jan. 17, 1823; married Harriet Chapin.
- v. Corinthia D., b. August, 1826; d. at Pacific Grove, Cal.; married Feb. 16, 1847, Francis Dresser of Goshen, Mass.

WILLIAM<sup>3</sup> HIGGINS (*Elijah<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>*), born July 3, 1806; died Jan. 13, 1877; married Hannah A.—.

William Higgins resided at Worthington, Mass., but was buried at Ringville. His children's births are recorded at Chesterfield.

#### *Children.*

- i. Fannie A., b. July 2, 1829.
- ii. Sally A., b. Feb. 27, 1831.
- iii. Jonathan, b. Dec. 24, 1832.
- iv. Elizabeth A., b. Feb. 15, 1835.
- v. Walter B., b. Nov. 3, 1837.

BARNEY<sup>3</sup> HIGGINS (*Barney<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>*), born March 20, 1798, at Chester, Mass.; died —; married Dec. 5, 1827, at Chester, Mass., Phœbe Miller.

Barney Higgins, Jr., lived at Chester, Mass., and his children are recorded there.



*Children.*

- i. Martha Maria, b. Feb. 11, 1829; d. Jan. 2, 1848, unmarried.
- ii. Moses Gamwell, b. Feb. 18, 1831. He was a private in Co. C., 57th Regiment, Illinois Volunteers, in the Civil War.
- iii. Barney Prentice, b. April 29, 1833.
- iv. A son, b. April 28, 1835.
- v. Abigail, b. May 18, 1837.
- vi. Phœbe, b. Feb. 17, 1839.
- vii. Hannah ("Nancy"), b. Aug. 10, 1841; d. Jan. 26, 1842.
- viii. Edward Lewis, b. June 3, 1843.
- ix. Nathan Miller, b. Oct. 29, 1845.

JACOB GERSHOM<sup>4</sup> HIGGINS (*Lewis*<sup>3</sup>, *Elijah*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>), born Dec. 1, 1811; died May 8, 1893; married (1) April 28, 1835, Eliza Ann Moore, born Aug. 15, 1809; died Nov. 17, 1851; married (2) Dec. 21, 1853, Julia E. Prentice, born Nov. 10, 1831; died Nov. 16, 1909.

Jacob G. Higgins resided at Chesterfield and at Cummington, Mass.

*Children.*

- i. Orland H., b. Sept. 27, 1836; living at Chesterfield in 1912.
- ii. Lorenzo H., b. July 19, 1839; living at Burlingame, Kans., in 1912.
- iii. Nelson A., b. April 12, 1841; d. Feb. 28, 1886.
- iv. Judson A., b. May 6, 1843; d. July 31, 1881.
- v. Martin Luther, b. June 15, 1845; married Elizabeth Susan Hayden.
- vi. Eugene L., b. Sept. 13, 1847; d. May 13, 1875.
- vii. Charles C., b. July 25, 1850; d. Feb. 24, 1851.
- viii. Rosella E., b. March 23, 1855; living.
- ix. Lucy E., b. April 26, 1857; living.
- x. William Warner, b. Oct. 20, 1859; living.
- xi. Annie P., b. Aug. 26, 1861; d. Dec. 21, 1863.
- xii. Mary T., b. Dec. 7, 1863; d. Aug. 17, 1887.
- xiii. Herbert N., b. June 14, 1867; living.
- xiv. Arthur S., b. July 30, 1873; living.

ALMON WEBSTER<sup>4</sup> HIGGINS (*Lewis*<sup>3</sup>, *Elijah*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>), born June 1, 1813; died July 14, 1902; married Sept. 21, 1842, Lucy A. Clapp, born Feb. 4, 1821. Residence, Chesterfield and Westfield, Mass.

*Children born in Chesterfield and Westfield.*

- i. Norman Harrison, b. March 29, 1846; married, Catherine Clapp.
- ii. Forester Hasseltine, b. April 3, 1848; married Marie Colvin.
- iii. Dolonymus Malcolm, b. Jan. 22, 1850.

- iv. Lewis Elion, b. Aug. 29, 1852; residence, Taunton, Mass.
- v. Lucius C., b. Feb. 16, 1855; d. at Waycross, Ga.
- vi. David Quesnell, b. July 6, 1862.

MARY E.<sup>4</sup> HIGGINS (*Lewis*<sup>3</sup>, *Elijah*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>), born March 6, 1815; died July 25, 1875; married June 5, 1844, Chauncey W. Langdon, born July 21, 1815, in Westhampton, Mass.; son of Lester and Anne (Thompson) Langdon of Westhampton.

Residence, Westhampton. Mr. Langdon was storekeeper and mill owner.

*Children.*

- i. Henry Allen, b. April 27, 1845; married March 24, 1880, Mary Kaplinger; residence, Williamsburg, Mass. Two children.
- ii. Clarence, b. Nov. 29, 1849; d. Sept. 26, 1852, at Westhampton.
- iii. Lucy Ermina, b. Sept. 22, 1853; married Jan. 27, 1904, Albert F. Totman; residence Easthampton, Mass. No children.

ELIJAH HAFFORD<sup>4</sup> HIGGINS (*Lewis*<sup>3</sup>, *Elijah*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>), born Aug. 6, 1819, at Chesterfield(?); died —; married (1) Zilpha Callies; married (2) Sarah Almira Prentice, born Jan. 30, 1830, at Worthington; daughter of Alpheus and Sarah (Ward) Prentice of Worthington, Mass.

He was a farmer and died of apoplexy.

*Children.*

- i. Ida, b. Feb. 9, 1855; d. Oct. 20, 1879; married Fred W. Cleveland; residence, Chesterfield.
- ii. Charles F., b. June 20, 1856; married Elsie Gurney; living at West Chesterfield, Mass.
- iii. Lizzie May, b. Feb. 7, 1860, at Chesterfield; married (1) Feb. 25, 1881, George Spencer; (2) Feb. 1, 1904, Franklin H. Bryant; residence Chesterfield. Children: George Walter Spencer, b. Jan. 15, 1882; living at Waltham, Mass.; unmarried; Ethel May Spencer, b. Oct. 29, 1884; married June 14, 1905, Robert Parker Parrington; residence, Florence, Mass.

MORTIMER L.<sup>4</sup> HIGGINS (*Luther*<sup>3</sup>, *Elijah*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>), born Jan. 22, 1817, in Worthington, Mass.; living November, 1910, in Minneapolis, Minn.; married Oct. 18, 1840, Louisa Brown, born July 18, 1821, at Worthington, Mass.; died —; daughter of John W. and Marcia (Leonard) Brown of Worthington, Mass.

He went West in 1850 from Worthington to Newton Falls, Ohio, and then to Minneapolis, Minn.

*Children.*

- i. Elizabeth, b. July 23, 1841; d. Jan. 6, 1895; residence, Minneapolis, Minn.
- ii. James L., b. April 9, 1843; married Sarah Girardin; residence, Detroit, Mich.
- iii. George E., b. May 13, 1850; married Kate Hayman; residence, Minneapolis, Minn.
- iv. Jennie H., b. May 31, 1852; married Finley M. Reid; residence, Minneapolis, Minn.
- v. Arthur, b. July 16, 1854; d. May 20, 1856, at Newton Falls, Ohio.

CORYDON WEBSTER<sup>4</sup> HIGGINS (*Luther*<sup>3</sup>, *Elijah*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>), born Jan. 17, 1823, in Worthington, Mass.; died at Salt Lake City, Utah; married June 21, 1853, Harriet Ward Chapin, born March 1, 1832; died July 14, 1872, at Osborne, Mo.; daughter of Judge Moses and Lucy T. (Barton) Kibbe Chapin.

Judge Moses Chapin was a lawyer at Rochester, N. Y., for fifty years. Lucy Barton was daughter of William Barton of Enfield, Conn.

Corydon W. Higgins was a Presbyterian clergyman; graduate of Williams College, 1849; studied for ministry; preached at Avon, Spencer, and Newfield, N. Y., Cottage Grove, Wis., and Osborne, DeKalb Co., Mo.

*Children.*

- i. Caroline Wiswell, b. April 22, 1854; married June 21, 1873, William A. McKinley.
- ii. William Corydon, b. June 21, 1856; married Belle McAfee.
- iii. Edward Vanderburgh, b. Nov. 14, 1858.
- iv. Mary Barton, b. Jan. 25, 1861.
- v. Charles Chapin, b. July 1863.
- vi. Lucy Terry Barton, b. Aug. 16, 1869.
- vii. James Mortimer, b. April 10, 1872; d. September, 1872.

NORMAN HARRISON<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Almon Webster*<sup>4</sup>, *Lewis*<sup>3</sup>, *Elijah*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>), born March 29, 1846, at Chesterfield, Mass.; living; married (1) Oct. 4, 1872, at Chicopee, Catherine Clapp, born —; died Aug. 5, 1875; daughter of Zebediah and Aurelia Clapp of Westfield; married (2) Sept. 27, 1876, Sarah L. Bodurtha, daughter of Jere Almon and Sarah B. (Ewing) Bodurtha of Agawam, Mass.

No children by first marriage.

*Children.*

- i. Alma Mary, b. Nov. 23, 1877; married March 29, 1900, Lewis M. Pomeroy. Children: Russell Birge, b. April 19, 1901; Leon Ralph, b. Feb. 2, 1903; Norman Lewis, b. Oct. 19, 1906; Marian Alma, b. Jan. 7, 1910; Irma Eliza, b. Oct. 9, 1916.

- ii. Edward Herbert, b. April 4, 1883; married in Albany, N. Y. January, 1910, Caroline Maud Lewis of Westfield, Mass. One child: James Arthur Higgins, b. July 17, 1911, at West Springfield, Mass.
- iii. Arthur William, b. July 2, 1885.

FORESTER H.<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Almon Webster*<sup>4</sup>, *Lewis*<sup>3</sup>, *Elijah*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>), born April 3, 1848; died at Kansas City, Mo.; married Marie Colvin of Schellsburg, Penn., born —; died at Fort Collins, Col.

*Children.*

- i. Anna, b. 1884.
- ii. Katherine, b. 1886; married — Roach. Residence, Fort Collins, Col. One daughter.
- iii. A son, b. —; living in Chicago.

MARTIN LUTHER<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Jacob Gershom*<sup>4</sup>, *Lewis*<sup>3</sup>, *Elijah*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>), born June 15, 1845; died April 2, 1909; married Elizabeth Susan Hayden.

Residence, Chesterfield, Mass.

*Children.*

- i. William Lincoln, b. March 8, 1867; married Anna Juliette Clapp.
- ii. Minnie Louise, b. July 6, 1868.
- iii. Helen Jane, b. Nov. 21, 1869.
- iv. Harry Eugene, b. Aug. 12, 1871; a physician.

WILLIAM CORYDON<sup>5</sup> HIGGINS (*Corydon Webster*<sup>4</sup>, *Luther*<sup>3</sup>, *Elijah*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>), born June 21, 1856; died —; married May 3, 1880, Belle McAfee; daughter of John and Marjorie (Stevenson) McAfee.

Residence, Salt Lake City, Utah.

*Children.*

- i. Marjorie Chapin, b. July 1, 1882.
- ii. Corydon Webster, b. April 5, 1886.

WILLIAM LINCOLN<sup>6</sup> HIGGINS (*Martin Luther*<sup>5</sup>, *Jacob Gershom*<sup>4</sup>, *Lewis*<sup>3</sup>, *Elijah*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>), born March 8, 1867; married Oct. 8, 1890, Anna Juliette Clapp, born Dec. 21, 1868, at Northampton, Mass.; daughter of James and Juliette (Miller) Clapp.

William Lincoln Higgins attended the public schools of Chesterfield and then took an elective course at Deerfield Academy. He took up the study of medicine and graduated from the University Medical College in New York in March, 1890. In September of the following year he began the practice of medicine at South Coventry, Conn., and has since resided there.



He is a fellow of the Connecticut Medical Society, a member and ex-president of the Tolland County Medical Association, a member and trustee of the First Congregational Church, president of the South Coventry Library Association, a member of the Grange, a member of the Connecticut Pomological Society, a director and vice-president of the Horseshoe Park Agricultural Association of Willimantic, of which he was one of the incorporators. He is also secretary and trustee of the Connecticut Colony for Epileptics at South Coventry. In 1916 he was nominated and elected to a seat in the Connecticut General Assembly.

*Children.*

- i. Ruth Amelia, b. Nov. 20, 1890.
- ii. Ruby Elizabeth, b. March 6, 1894.

VI. HIGGINSES OF ESSEX COUNTY, MASS.

The records of Essex County and of the town of Gloucester show a number of Higginsees. Nothing has been discovered as to their origin. Possibly they came southward from some settlement on the Maine coast. If this was the fact, it is possible that they were descendants of Richard Higgins through his grandson, Berial Higgins of Kittery. Since there is no positive evidence that Berial had a family, it has been thought best not to attempt in any way to connect these Essex County men with known descendants of Richard Higgins. It seems also impossible to connect them with any other Higgins stock in New England. That they were direct emigrants from England or Ireland is also possible.

TIMOTHY<sup>1</sup> HIGGINS, born about 1700; died in 1740; married (date unknown) Elizabeth —.

Administration on the estate of Timothy Higgins of Gloucester was granted to widow Elizabeth on Oct. 27, 1740. Inventory £17.17.00. No mention of children or heirs. His widow married (2) a Hardy, perhaps William Hardy.

*Child.*

- i. Timothy, bapt. Oct. 8, 1732, at Gloucester; married Mary —. Perhaps others.

TIMOTHY<sup>2</sup> HIGGINS (*Timothy*<sup>1</sup>), bapt. Oct. 8, 1732, at Gloucester; died before March 19, 1787; married Mary —.

This Timothy Higgins is probably the man referred to in the following:—

“Timothy Higgins, Gloucester. List of men raised to serve in the Continental Army (year not given), residence Gloucester; engaged for the town of Gloucester.” Gloucester records give him three children, but Essex County deeds show a fourth, Samuel.

*Children of Timothy and Mary.*

- i. Timothy, b. March 3, 1759; married Susannah Knowlton.
- ii. Elizabeth, b. April 28, 1761; living, unmarried, March 19, 1787.
- iii. John, b. Aug. 29, 1763; not living March 19, 1787.
- iv. Samuel, b. —; living March 19, 1787.

TIMOTHY<sup>3</sup> HIGGINS (*Timothy*<sup>2</sup>, *Timothy*<sup>1</sup>), born March 3, 1759, in Gloucester, Mass.; died April, 1839; married (int. Aug. 11, 1781) Susannah Knowlton.

Timothy Higgins, Jr., is called a mariner and served as a soldier or sailor in the Revolution. He resided at Ipswich and Wenham.

“Timothy Higgins, Ipswich. Private, Capt. John Burnham’s co., Col. Michael Jackson’s regt.; Continental pay accounts for service from March 1, 1777, to Dec. 31, 1779; residence Ipswich; credited to the town of Ipswich.”

Susannah Higgins of Wenham, widow of Timothy Higgins, late a pensioner of the United States under the act of March 18, 1818, petitioned to obtain the balance of pension due and represents that her husband died April, 1839, and she is still his widow.

March 19, 1787, Timothy Higgins of Wenham, mariner, for £7 conveyed to William Hardy of Gloucester, trader, all the right “I have in the estate of my late grandmother, Elizabeth Hardy deceased, the west end of a dwelling house of which she died possessed, for myself, my brother and sister, heirs of the late Timothy Higgins, our father, deceased.” The deed is signed Timothy Higgins, Elizabeth X Higgins, Samuel X Higgins. On Aug. 14, 1787, the same three conveyed other property to William Hardy.

Timothy Higgins and Susannah had at least three children, but no record of them has been found. A child of Timothy and Susannah died Oct. 1, 1789, at Wenham. The census of 1790 shows that Timothy Higgins of Wenham had two sons in his family under sixteen years of age.

EDWARD HIGGINS, born —; died after 1805; married Elizabeth —. Edward Higgins is called in the records a mariner. He probably gave up going to sea and settled at Annisquam parish where he was living from 1777 to 1797. He may have been a son of the first Timothy Higgins of Gloucester, but there is no proof for it that has been discovered. He bought land in the town of Gloucester and the earliest deed on record may possibly give a clue to his origin. “Lemuel Tucker, Job Tucker and Eunice Tucker, singlewoman of Cumberland County, Mass., John Tucker of the County of York, Martha Brock and Thomasin Smith of Gloucester, County of Essex, all heirs of John Tucker, late of New Gloucester, County of Cumberland, convey land to Edward Higgins of Gloucester for £176.6.8. Dated March 15, 1777. (Essex County

Deeds, vol. cxlvii, p. 133.) The same parties sold him another lot of land in 1778, and Edward Higgins sold these lands to Winthrop Sargent in 1788, but seems to have had some property remaining. The census of 1790 shows that he had a large family, probably five sons and seven daughters. He probably lived until 1805 or later.

*Children recorded at Gloucester.*

- i. Edward, bapt. Dec. 4, 1768; a mariner; estate settled 1805.
- ii. Sarah, bapt. Jan. 27, 1771.
- iii. Elizabeth, b. May 23, 1777.
- iv. Mary, b. May 23, 1777.
- v. Rachel, b. March 5, 1780.
- vi. Catherine, b. July 5, 1781.
- vii. John, b. Oct. 1, 1784.
- viii. Martha, b. June 25, 1787.
- ix. William, b. June 21, 1789.

Probably others.

Other Higginses recorded at Gloucester:—

Lucius Manlius, son of Rachel Higgins, b. Sept. 26, 1797.  
Sally, daughter of John and Sally Higgins, bapt. July 10, 1809.  
Joshua, son of Joshua and Tamma Higgins, bapt. July 23, 1809.  
—, son of John and Sally Higgins, bapt. June, 1806.

The following are from the records of the town of Marblehead:—

John Higgins of Marblehead and Mrs. Sarah Freeman marriage intention dated Dec. 19, 1772.

Mary Higgins of Marblehead married March 18, 1779, Abraham Wyert of Wenham.

Mary Higgins and John Brown marriage intention dated June 12, 1784, at Marblehead.

Sally Higgins and Nathaniel Plummer of Newbury married Jan. 29, 1800.

Solomon Higgins and Rebecca S. Phillips married Oct. 26, 1824. Their child died March 6, 1832, aged 24 hours.

## VII. BOSTON AND SUFFOLK COUNTY HIGGINSES.

*Boston Births, Marriages and Deaths.*

Robert Higgins and Sarah Westoe married 2nd 9th mo. 1654 by Richard Bellingham, Govr.

John, son of John and Susannah Higgins, b. Feb. 15, 1655.

John Park and Catherine Higgins mar. Dec. 30, 1804.

David Higgins, Esq., and Elizabeth Prince mar. June 3, 1773.

Michael Doyle and Elenor Higgins married Nov. 18, 1765.

Oliver Luckis and Elizabeth Haggins married July 22, 1770.

James Ford and Elizabeth Higgins Nov. 21, 1781.

Richard McClure and Frances (Fanny) Higgins June 1, 1779.  
Isaiah Higgins and Eliza Blashland Oct. 23, 1808.  
James Higgins and Elin Barrett July 21, 1757.  
Christopher Linch and Mary Higgins int. Dec. 12, 1754.  
John Presman and Mary Higgins Dec. 1, 1756.  
William Spooner and Mary Higgins July 27, 1786.  
Edward Fitzgerald and Rachel Higgins July 18, 1803.  
William Higgins and Hannah Beaverstock married by Rev.  
John Murray Sept. 1, 1800.

*Dorchester Births.*

Charles Forrest, son of Edward and Mary Higgins, b. Oct. 14,  
1847.  
—, son of Cornelius and Mary Higgins, b. May 26, 1849.  
Esther Ann Higgins and Isaac F. Wilson married Nov. 14, 1848.  
No deaths.

*Boston Census, 1790.*

Joseph Higgins 1—2; William Higgins 1, 1, 2; William Hig-  
gins 1, 3, 2.  
Thomas Higgins a transient person in Boston 1700–1702, tax  
abated.—Boston Records, vol. x, p. 90.  
1765 Eleanor Higgins and her son John in Boston.  
Later date. Naomi Higgins and child in suffering circum-  
stances.

*Boston Vital Records.*

Charles Thomas and Bathsheba Higgins mar. int. April 28,  
1741.  
John Bartram and Bathsheba Higgins int. Aug. 20, 1743.  
Jathrick (Patrick?) Higgins and Ann Cross mar. int. Oct. 19,  
1736.  
John Higgins and Patience Copp mar. by Rev. John Webb,  
Nov. 22, 1733.  
Samuel Partridge and Mary or Margaret Higgins mar. by Rev.  
Addington Davenport Sept. 5, 1740.  
William Burdin and Mary Higgins mar. int. Feb. 9, 1743.  
John Gray and Mary Higgins mar. Dec. 25, 1744.  
Nathaniel Higgins and Margaret Carran mar. Sept. 30, 1733,  
by Samuel Checkley Esq. Justice.  
Thomas Higgins and Mary Whitman mar. Feb. 16, 1724, by  
Mr. Saml. Myles, Presn.

*Suffolk Probate Index.*

1774 Elizabeth Higgins guardianship.  
1733 Jediah Higgins adm.  
1754 Peter Higgins adm.  
1758 William Higgins will.  
1760 Patience Higgins adm.  
1810 Martha Higgins will.  
1836 Josiah Higgins adm.



*Weymouth Vital Records.*

Deborah Higgins and Josiah Porter married Sept. 23, 1761.

Lucretia Higgins and Obed Hunt married Oct. 12, 1761.

Lydia Ann Higgins and William Cushing of Hingham married Oct. 16, 1761.

Margaret Higgins and Jacob Nash of Braintree married March 5, 1765.

VIII. BENJAMIN HIGGINS OF SPENCER AND PERU, MASS.

Benjamin Higgins, born perhaps about 1756; living July 21, 1823, at Peru, Mass.; married (1) at Spencer, Mass., about 1777, Mary Drury; married (2) (int. July 21, 1823) at Peru, Mass., Mrs. Mary Stowell.

The date of his birth is doubtful, because his age as stated at time of enlistment and as stated at the time of receiving pension do not agree. At one time it seemed as if he might have been a descendant of Richard Higgins of Eastham, but further study of records showed that he could not be identified with any known Benjamin Higgins of the records of the Cape Cod towns. The census of 1790 shows him living at Spencer with one female in his family, doubtless his wife Mary. He probably had no children. Revolutionary service records appear to show that he is the same Benjamin Higgins who lived later at Partridgefield, now the town of Peru, Mass. This identity may be an assumption on the part of the compilers of "Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolution," from which these records of service are taken. Certainly there was a Benjamin Higgins living at Peru in 1823.

IX. HIGGINSES OF YORK, MAINE.

JOHN HIGGINS (or Haggins) of York married Mary Bowden of York.

*Children.*

- i. Lucy, b. Nov. 18, 1726; pub. Nov. 1, 1746, to John Home of York.
- ii. Mary, b. May 10, 1728; married Sept. 15, 1754, Joseph Parsons, Junior, of York.
- iii. Elizabeth, b. May 6, 1730; married (pub. May 3, 1746) Jonathan Hutchins of York.
- iv. Martha, b. Aug. 6, 1732.

Authority: York Records.

X. HIGGINSES OF SOUTH BERWICK, MAINE.

TILLEY HIGGINS (Hegans, Hagans, etc.), born —; died September, 1777; married Mary Woodsum, daughter of John and Mary Woodsum.

Tilley Higgins is said to have come from Ireland. He was in Berwick, Maine, in 1744, or earlier, and is called a trader and importer. He served as a juryman May 14, 1754. He planted some of the beautiful elms in South Berwick, particularly those in front of the house which he built, next to the Congregational Church, and which is still owned by his descendants. His will, dated July 16, 1777, proved Sept. 16, 1777, named all the children mentioned below, also Tilley, Michael and Joana Wentworth, children of his daughter Mary Wentworth, deceased.

*Children.*

- i. John, b. about 1742; married Lydia Chadbourn.
- ii. Mary or Molly, b. March 23, 1750; d. Jan. 15, 1777; married June 21, 1769 Paul Wentworth, b. Oct. 3, 1743; d. Feb. 9, 1781, son of Col. John and Joanna (Gilman) Wentworth. Paul Wentworth was selectman of Somersworth, N. H., in 1774, second Major in 1775; represented Somersworth in the legislative conventions of 1776-8. He lived a little out from the site of the present town of Great Falls, on the road to Dover, six miles from Dover Landing. Children: Joanna Wentworth, b. Nov. 10, 1770, married Capt. Hiram Rollins; Molly, b. March 28, 1772, d. aged 6 months; Tilley Wentworth, b. July 26, 1773, d. at South Berwick, Maine, Nov. 12, 1801, married Elizabeth Rollins, was a sea captain, and had no children; Michael Wentworth, b. May 31, 1775, d. Aug. 30, 1777.
- iii. Daniel, b. —.
- iv. Edmund, b. —; married Sukey Hamilton(?).
- v. Sarah, b. —; married — Holland.
- vi. Elizabeth, b. —; married March 25, 1784, Capt. Nathan Lord(?).

Authority: *Wentworth Genealogy*, vol. ii, p. 40.

JOHN<sup>2</sup> HIGGINS (*Tilley*<sup>1</sup>), born about 1742; died Dec. 17, 1821, at South Berwick, Maine; married May 1, 1765, Lydia Chadbourn, born about 1744; died May 3, 1815, at South Berwick, Maine.

John Higgins was surveyor at Berwick, March 13, 1769, and held a town office in 1788.

*Children.*

- i. Lydia, b. July 17, 1766; d. Aug. 25, 1787.
- ii. Anna, b. April 16, 1768.
- iii. Mary, b. March 15, 1770; d. Sept. 11, 1791.
- iv. John, b. Feb. 8, 1772; d. Sept. 7, 1778.
- v. Benjamin, b. June 6, 1774; d. April 20, 1814, at South Berwick.
- vi. James, b. June 16, 1776.
- vii. Sally, b. June 24, 1778.

- viii. Edmund, b. Oct. 7, 1780.
- ix. Patty, b. Feb. 8, 1783.
- x. Tilley, b. March 23, 1785; d. in South Berwick, Maine, February, 1824, aged 39.
- xi. Betsey, b. Feb. 25, 1787.
- xii. Daniel, b. Aug. 25, 1789; d. Sept. 23, 1801.

Authority: Records of Berwick, Maine.

EDMUND<sup>2</sup> HIGGINS (*Tilley*<sup>1</sup>), born —; died at South Berwick, Maine, Nov. 29, 1827; married May 7, 1788, Sukey Hamilton(?).

He is called Major Edmund Higgins, and lived at South Berwick, Maine.

*Children.*

- i. Edmund, b. 1777; d. Nov. 16, 1816, aged 39; married Mary Ann —.
- ii. John, b. —; d. Dec. 6, 1821.
- iii. Daniel, b. —, 1798–9; d. December, 1824, aged 25.
- iv. Nancy Gilman, b. —; d. April 15, 1846.

## XI. HAGANS OR HIGGINS FAMILIES AT SCARBOROUGH, MAINE.

In Limington, Maine, there were early settlers named Hagens. Many of the Limington settlers came from Scarborough, and probably the Hagenses did also. Walter Hagan or Hegan was a resident in the town in 1792 and Walter and Aaron Hegan were selectmen there 1804–1837.

The census of 1790 shows living at Scarborough–Gorham, Edmund Higgins with family of three, Joseph with eleven, and Edmund with nine.

The old Higgins estate was part of the Commack patent and the title came down from Ambrose Boaden, the first possessor in 1640.

Fergus<sup>1</sup> Higgins died at Scarborough in 1777. He was selectman in 1752.

*Children.*

- i. Dr. Edmund, b. —; married Anna Swanton.
- ii. Joseph, of the census of 1790 (perhaps).  
Probably others.

EDMUND<sup>2</sup> HIGGINS (*Fergus*<sup>1</sup>), born —; died —, 1784; married Anna Swanton of Cape Elizabeth. Lived at Scarborough; left six children; was a physician.

*Children.*

- i. Matthew, b. July 17, 1757.
- ii. Edmund, b. Dec. 21, 1758; married Phœbe —.

- iii. Sarah, b. Jan. 17, 1761.
- iv. Walter Sysmonton, b. Nov. 26, 1765; married May 12, 1797, Dorcas Plummer.
- v. Susanna Patten, b. July 8, 1767; married (int. Nov. 15, 1787) Elias Foss.
- vi. Anna, b. —; married April, 1791–2, Simeon Wiskett.

EDMUND<sup>3</sup> HIGGINS (*Edmund*<sup>2</sup>, *Fergus*<sup>1</sup>), born Dec. 21, 1758, of Black Point, Scarborough, Maine; died Oct. 6, 1841, aged 91 yrs.; married Phœbe —, born 1760; died March 18, 1846, aged 86 yrs.

He was a man of ardent temperament, energetic, honest, and devout. He was constable in 1788, surveyor of highways in 1796, inspector of shell fish in 1799, on the school committee in 1800 and 1809, tithingman in 1805, and hog reeve. Deacon of Congregational Church.

His Revolutionary services were as follows:—

Higgins, Edmund, Scarborough. Descriptive list of men raised in Cumberland Co. for the term of 9 mos. from the time of their arrival at Fishkill, agreeable to resolve of April 20, 1778; Capt. Larrabee's co., Col. Fogg's regt.; age 19 years; stature 5 ft. 10 ins.; complexion, light; residence, Scarborough; arrived at Fishkill June 17, 1778; also, list of men returned as received of Maj. James Johnson, Superintendent of Cumberland co., by Jonathan Warner, Commissioner, at Fishkill, June 25, 1778; engaged for town of Scarborough.

Higgins, Edmund. List of men raised in Cumberland Co. for the term of 9 mos. from the time of their arrival at Fishkill, agreeable to resolve of April 20, 1778, returned as received of Jonathan Warner, Commissioner, by Col. R. Putnam, July 20, 1778; engaged for town of Scarborough; arrived at Fishkill June 17, 1778.

Higgins, Edmund. Descriptive list of men raised in Cumberland Co., to serve in the Continental Army for the term of 9 mos. from the time of their arrival at Fishkill, agreeable to resolve of April 13 (20), 1778; mustered in from Gen. Thompson's brigade May 26, 1778, by Daniel Ilsley, Muster Master, and delivered to Major James Johnstone, Supt. for said county; age, 19 yrs; stature, 5 ft. 10 ins.; complexion, light, also, list of men raised in Cumberland Co. as returned by Brig. Lemuel Thompson, dated Brunswick June —, 1778; engaged for town of Scarborough. He drew a private's pension.

#### *Children.*

- i. Polly, b. Nov. 27, 1782.
- ii. Hiram, b. Nov. 18, 1784.
- iii. Anna, b. Dec. 13, 1786; married Sept. 7, 1807, Joshua Dyer.
- iv. Edmund, b. April 13, 1789; d. March 21, 1793.
- v. Samuel, b. Feb. 16, 1792; married Hannah Skilling.



- vi. Phœbe, b. Aug. 22, 1794; (marriage int. Sept. 9, 1820) Joel Libby.
- vii. Apollos, b. April 26, 1797.
- viii. Milton, b. Nov. 9, 1803; married Nov. 20, 1830, Phœbe Johnson of Cape Elizabeth.

SAMUEL<sup>3</sup> HIGGINS (*Edmund*<sup>2</sup>, *Edmund*<sup>1</sup>), born Feb. 16, 1792; died about 1860; married Sept. 23, 1815, Hannah Skilling. He was a captain, and lived at Black Point.

*Children born at Scarborough.*

- i. Edward, b. Dec. 21, 1816; died Aug. 4, 1854, aged 37 yrs.
- ii. Hiram, b. Sept. 10, 1818.
- iii. Polly, b. Sept. 29, 1822.
- iv. Milton, b. Oct. 18, 1823; (marriage int. Dec. 4, 1855) Esther E. Libby of Scarborough.
- v. John, b. May 12, 1826; married May 14, 1852, Mary F. Small.
- vi. Susan F., b. Sept. 26, 1830.

## XII. DYER HIGGINS AND DESCENDANTS.

DYER<sup>1</sup> HIGGINS, born about 1772 in New York City, or in Montgomery Co., N. Y., lived at Homer, N. Y., and removed to Birmingham, Ohio, where he died about 1852. His ancestry is unknown. Possibly his name was Obadiah, Noadiah, or Jediah. He married three times. By first wife he had

*Children.*

- i. Moses, b. April 29, 1799; married Betsey Mitchell.
- ii. Calvin, b. —.
- iii. Schuyler, b. —.
- iv. Oren, b. —.
- v. Van Rensselaer, b. —.
- vi. Caroline, b. —.

MOSES<sup>2</sup> HIGGINS (*Dyer*<sup>1</sup>), born April 29, 1799, probably at Homer, Cortland Co., N. Y.; died at Henrietta, Lorain Co., Ohio, in 1865; married in 1822 Betsey Mitchell, born in New York State, Feb. 11, 1801; died at Springfield, Vt., in 1885, daughter of James and Loraine (Sutton) Mitchell. She was of Scotch ancestry.

He attended public schools in New York State. At the age of 18, he emigrated to the West with others of the family, driving a four ox team, conveying the family goods and supplies. He located at Henrietta, Ohio, where he cleared a farm and lived the rest of his days. He was active in politics and a staunch Whig.

*Children born in Henrietta, Ohio.*

- i. Julia Ann, b. Sept. 18, 1823.
- ii. James Monroe, b. Feb. 22, 1825.
- iii. Maria, b. Jan. 13, 1827.
- iv. Jerome, b. Jan. 19, 1829.
- v. Electa, b. Dec. 25, 1830.
- vi. Jeanette, b. July 24, 1832.
- vii. Ann, b. June 8, 1834.
- viii. Harriet, b. Oct. 3, 1837; married Frederick Lockwood.
- ix. William Henry Harrison, b. Nov. 22, 1840.
- x. George W., b. —.

WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON<sup>3</sup> HIGGINS (*Moses<sup>2</sup>, Dyer<sup>1</sup>*), married March 26, 1866, Adelia W. Hatch, b. July, 1840, in Bridgewater, Vt.; died October, 1897; daughter of William and Caroline Hatch.

He attended public schools and assisted his father on the homestead during his boyhood. He left home at 21 years, and shipped as a mariner on the Great Lakes for one season. He then entered the employ of the Atlantic & Great Western R. R. Co. During the Civil War he was engaged in constructing bridges in Pennsylvania and various southern states for two years. In 1864 he came to Springfield, Vt., but afterwards returned to Ohio and thence removed to Meadville, Penn., where he engaged in preparing material for the construction of stations and railroad bridges. In 1865 he returned to Springfield, Vt., where he has since (1913) made his home, following his trade as carpenter. He has been one of the leading contractors and builders, and has erected the finest residences and public buildings of the town. In 1870 he erected his own residence, and afterwards other houses for investment. For 15 years he was a millwright and installed much machinery in the mills of this section. Since retiring, he has been employed in care of his real estate. In politics he is a Republican, and has served as trustee of the village. He is a mason, Congregationalist, member of the Springfield Church.

*Children.*

- i. Clarence, b. July 8, 1867, at Kent, Ohio; married Alice Slade of Springfield, Vt. Residence, Springfield. He is a machinist. He has one son, Edward, b. 1889.
- ii. Helen, b. Oct. 6, 1869, in Springfield, Vt.; married Wilbur Herrick.
- iii. William, b. —; d. —.
- iv. Leslie, b. —; d. —.
- v. Claude, b. —; d. —.
- vi. Fred W., b. Dec. 30, 1886; married Beatrice Shelton of Rocky Ford, Col., and has one daughter, Mazy Eveline, b. March 18, 1908.

### XIII. HIGGINSES OF CHESHIRE COUNTY, N. H.

The census of 1790 shows four families of Higgineses living in this county. They were Charles Higgins of Chesterfield, having a family of six persons; Joseph Higgins of Chesterfield, having a family of six persons; a second Joseph Higgins of Chesterfield (the statistics of his family show that he was not the same as first Joseph), also having a family of six persons, and John Higgins of Winchester, N. H., also having a family of six persons. Their relationship to each other, if any, is unknown. They may possibly be descended from Richard Higgins of Eastham, through the branch which settled at Hardwick, Mass., about 1740, but that is very uncertain.

Cheshire County deeds, on record at Keene, N. H., show the following conveyances:—

Jonathan Higgins to David Higgins, Aug. 17, 1772, land in Cornish.

Jonathan Higgins of Cornish to David Huggins, Sept. 13, 1773.

Daniel Huggins to Jonathan Huggins, Aug. 6, 1779.

Joseph Higgins of Chesterfield, March 9, 1784.

Samuel Huggins and John Huggins, 1780–1800.

Oliver B. Higgins, mortgage 1840. Chesterfield. (Book 141, p. 574).

G. W. Higgins, Bedford, Mass., 1895.

It is possible that the name of these Cheshire County men was originally Huggins or Huckins, and that they descend from the Huggins family early at Dover, N. H.—See Pope's *Pioneers of New Hampshire*.

JOHN HIGGINS was at Halifax, Vt., in 1749. From family documents it appears that he came from Winchester, N. H., and lived later in Cheshire, N. H., and St. Johnsbury, Vt. Madison Higgins, who lived at Littleton, Vt., thinks that three brothers came over from Ireland; one located in Boston, one in Maine, and one in Danville, Vt. This may be a confused tradition of the removal of the Huggins family from eastern New Hampshire to Cheshire County and vicinity. The places named are near together. It may be that John of Halifax, 1749, born 1720–5, was the migrant from the eastward, and that he had sons, John of Winchester, N. H., who married Sarah Burt, and Charles of Chesterfield, 1790, and Joseph of Chesterfield. The second Joseph Higgins of Chesterfield may have been son of the first Joseph.

JOHN<sup>2</sup> HIGGINS (probably son of John<sup>1</sup> Higgins of Halifax, Vt., in 1749), date of birth unknown; married Nov. 22, 1775, Sarah Burt. He was a farmer and resided at Winchester, N. H.

*Children.*

- i. John, b. Sept. 12, 1776; married Polly Hoyt.
- ii. Jacob Allen, b. Oct. 11, 1778; went to Texas; had a son Horace.
- iii. Seth, b. July 31, 1782.
- iv. Samuel, b. Oct. 5, 1785.
- v. Betsey, b. June 5, 1788.

Authority: N. E. Hist. Gen. Register, vols. xxxviii and xxxix.

JOHN<sup>3</sup> HIGGINS (*John*<sup>2</sup>), born Sept. 12, 1776, at Winchester, N. H.; died Sept. 8, 1847; married April 13, 1799, Polly Hoyt or Hoit, b. Jan. 26, 1781; d. Dec. 10, 1845; daughter of William Hoit or Hoyt, and Susanna (—) Hoyt.

William Hoyt, b. July 24, 1755; d. Nov. 7, 1827; married May 30, 1780, Susanna —, who died March 11, 1832.

John Higgins lived at St. Johnsbury, Vt.

*Children born at St. Johnsbury, Vt.*

- i. Ira C., b. Sept. 9, 1800.
- ii. Malinda, b. Sept. 20, 1801.
- iii. Allen, b. Nov. 16, 1803.
- iv. John, b. July 22, 1805.
- v. William, b. Aug. 19, 1807; married; had children.
- vi. Leonard, b. Sept. 21, 1809.
- vii. Amanda, b. March 25, 1812.
- viii. Sally, b. April 14, 1814.
- ix. George W., b. Jan. 28, 1818; married Caroline N. Denison.
- x. Samuel, b. June 22, 1820.
- xi. Mary, b. March 2, 1822.

Authority: Miss Lucy A. Higgins, Tarrytown, N. Y.

GEORGE WASHINGTON<sup>4</sup> HIGGINS (*John*<sup>3</sup> *John*<sup>2</sup> *John*<sup>1</sup>), born Jan. 28, 1818, at St. Johnsbury, Vt.; died Nov. 3, 1877, at Chelsea, Mass.; married Jan. 27, 1853, at Burke, Vt., Caroline Nancy Denison, b. Sept. 5, 1828, at Burke, Vt. (living in 1911), daughter of Lucius and Katherine (Bennis) Denison of Burke, Vt., and Norway, Maine.

George W. Higgins was a merchant; died of locomotor ataxia. He resided in Chelsea, Mass.

*Children.*

- i. William Denison, b. June 15, 1854; married June 26, 1889, Mary E. Copeland; no children.
- ii. Helen Amsden, b. Aug. 8, 1856; married April 18, 1888, Charles Henry Higgins, son of William<sup>3</sup> Higgins (*John*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), of Pine Ridge farm, St. Johnsbury, Vt. Children: Caroline Denison, b. Aug. 15, 1889; Edward William, b. May 21, 1891; Robert Harrington, b. Dec. 24, 1892.



- iii. George, b. Jan. 12, 1858; d. Nov. 1, 1858.
- iv. Lucy Adaline, b. Aug. 9, 1860; living 1911 at Tarrytown, N. Y., unmarried.
- v. Edward Everett, b. April 4, 1864.

EDWARD EVERETT<sup>4</sup> HIGGINS (*George Washington*<sup>3</sup>, *John*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), born April 4, 1864, in Chelsea, Mass., living 1911 at Tarrytown, N. Y.; married June 10, 1896, Mary Austin White, b. Sept. 21, 1864, at Chelsea, Mass., daughter of Capt. Austin Jonas and Sarah Louisa Augusta (Chambers) White of Chelsea, Mass.

Edward E. Higgins was president of The Success Co., publishers of "Success," a magazine. Resigning from this he resides at Rosebrae, Tarrytown, N. Y., and is a farmer.

*Children.*

- i. Austin Denison, b. June 12, 1897.
- ii. Philip White, b. July 17, 1898.



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## ERRATA AND OMISSIONS.

Pages 41, 54-55. When Thomas Higgins and Samuel Oliver were appointed guardians of Richard Higgins, No. 26, they were called in the record his *uncles*. This record does not prove the marriage of Mary Higgins to Samuel Oliver, because Richard's mother was Elizabeth Oliver, sister of Samuel. It is therefore very doubtful that Mary Higgins married Samuel Oliver, as stated in the text. If she was not Mary Looker nor Mary Oliver, she may have remained "spinster." It has been said that she married Joseph Snow, son of Nicholas of Eastham. Joseph Snow appears to have been in Piscataway, 1672-79, and then to have returned to Eastham, temporarily if not permanently. No indication of his marriage to Mary Higgins has been found.

Page 68, eighth line from the bottom. Omit "in."

Page 88. Henry and Elizabeth (Higgins) Young removed to Liverpool, N. S.

Page 136. Jonathan Higgins, No. 72, married (2) Phoebe Frazee, and Jonathan, No. 167A, did not do so, as stated in the text.

Page 215. Matter given under No. 167A belongs to No. 72. No information concerning No. 167A was obtainable.

Page 256. "Faith Higgins," occurring under No. 226, is probably an error. Possibly "Seth" should be read.

Page 481. Footnote, third line from the bottom of the page. For Rebecca (Robbins) Worthington read: Lydia (Isham) Worthington.

Page 508. Edward Metcalf Higgins died at or near Chicago in the early part of the year 1918, after this volume was entirely in type.









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