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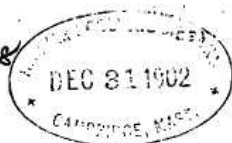
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THE TOWN OF PERU, Berkshire County,
was formerly Partridgefield.

July 4, 1771, the new plantation called Number
Two was established as Partridgefield.

March 12, 1783, a part of Partridgefield was in-
cluded in the new town of Middlefield.

June 21, 1804, a part of Partridgefield was estab-
lished as Hinsdale.

June 19, 1806, the name of Partridgefield changed
to Peru.

Population by Census: 1776 (Prov.), 376; 1790
(U.S.), 1041; 1800 (U. S.), 1361; 1810 (U. S.), 912;
1820 (U. S.), 748; 1830 (U. S.) 729; 1840 (U. S.),
576; 1850 (U. S.), 519; 1855 (State), 487; 1860
(U. S.), 499; 1865 (State), 494; 1870 (U. S.), 455;
1875 (State), 443; 1880 (U. S.), 403; 1885 (State),
368; 1890 (U. S.), 305; 1895 (State), 305; 1900
(U. S.), 253.

EXPLANATIONS.

1. **WHEN** places other than Peru and Massachusetts are named in the original records, they are given in the printed copy.

2. In all records the original spelling is followed.

3. The various spellings of a name should be examined, as items about the same family or individual might be found under different spellings.

4. Marriages and intentions of marriages are printed under the names of both parties, but the full information concerning each party is given only in the entry under his or her name. When both the marriage and intention of marriage are recorded, only the marriage record is printed; and where a marriage appears without the intention recorded, it is designated with an asterisk.

5. Additional information which does not appear in the original text of an item, i.e., any explanation, query, inference, or difference shown in other entries of the record, is bracketed. Parentheses are used only when they occur in the original text, or to separate clauses found there—such as the birth-place of parents, in late marriage records.

ABBREVIATIONS.

a. — age
b. — born
ch. — child
chn. — children
Co. — county
d. — daughter; died; day
Dea. — deacon
dup. — duplicate entry
f. — female
h. — husband
inf. — infant
int. — publication of intention of marriage
Jr. — junior
m. — married; male; month
prob. — probably
rec. — recorded
s. — son
Sr. — senior
w. — wife; week
wid. — widow
widr. — widower
y. — year
1st. — first
2d. — second.
3d. — third

PERU BIRTHS.

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TO THE YEAR 1850.

ABBE (see Abbee, Abbey, Abby), Amzy, ch. Roger and Hannah, July 15, 1806.

Anna, ch. Roger and Hannah, Aug. 13, 1799.

Anna Frances, d. John and Thirza, Oct. 20, 1830.

Cordelia, d. John and Thirza, Jan. 17, 1827.

Hannah, ch. Roger and Hannah, July 30, 1796.

Leity, ch. Roger and Hannah, June 11, 1804.

Loiza Ann, d. John and Thirza, Jan. 9, 1824.

Lyman Roger, s. John and Thirza, Apr. 1, 1817.

Phebe, d. John and Thirza, Jan. 21, 1815.

Philander, s. Roger and Hannah, Sept. 27, 1809.

Philander [dup. Abbey], s. Obediah and Margarate [dup. ch. Obediah and Margrate], Sept. 10, 1810.

Polly Gilbert, d. John and Thirza, Dec. 7, 1819.

Russell, ch. Roger and Hannah, Mar. 7, 1794.

Samantha, d. John and Thirza, Oct. 31, 1813.

Sardis, ch. Roger and Hannah, Sept. 4, 1801.

William Willshire, s. John and Thirza, July 5, 1812.

ABBEE (see Abbe, Abbey, Abby), Almond Washington, ch. Obediah and Margaret, Feb. 8, 1814.

Emaline, ch. Obediah and Margaret, Feb. 12, 1816.

Marinda, ch. Obediah and Margaret, Mar. 20, 1819.

ABBEY (see Abbe, Abbee, Abby), Anson Marsh (Abbe), ch. Obediah and Margrate, Nov. 4, 1808.

Hiram, ch. Obediah and Margrate, Mar. 22, 1804.

Rubina, ch. Obediah and Margrate, June 17, 1805.

Sophrona, ch. Obediah and Margrate, Nov. 9, 1806.

ABBOT (see Abbott), John, s. John and Cynthia, Jan. 12, 1827.

Mariana [dup. Mary Ann Abbott], d. John and Scynthia, Apr. 1, 1817.

Scynthia (Abbott), d. John and Scynthia, Jan. 10, 1825.