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### To the Posterity of John Upham.

THIS little book has been prepared for private circulation only. No apology is considered necessary for the printing of a work of this character; it is not for the public, and a record of honest respectability is all that is intended. By those whose family history, or any portion of it, is here shown, it is hoped it may be considered of sufficient value to insure its preservation, and possibly awaken further interest in the subject.

Of course it is not expected it will be read by many who are not themselves of the posterity; but it may be observed that the earlier pages, and to include the second generation in this country, are of common interest, and refer to ancestors which are equally those of all the American Uphams.

It has also be made to contain a reference to the known sources of further information, which might be useful to one engaged in preparing a like record of his own particular branch. A similar record to this is practicable in all the branches, and with the available material, is much less of an undertaking than will at first appear. This is the third one on the same plan which I have prepared for

publication: that of Isaac Upham, of San Francisco, which was printed in 1884; and one which has not yet been printed, for Col. Chas. Leslie Upham, of Meriden, Conn. The publication of others is urgently recommended.

About ten years ago I began the collection of data, and had hoped to publish a complete genealogical record of all who bear this name, but have not met with sufficient encouragement to carry out the original purpose. This, if not abandoned, has been indefinitely postponed. To those who have furnished records, I wish to say that their labor was not a useless one; for all this material will be carefully preserved, and as opportunity offers, added to. With the steadily increasing interest in genealogical matters, no doubt it will eventually be utilized by some one representing the Uphams. The Rev. James Upham of Chelsea, Mass., has also an extensive genealogical collection, probably larger than any other.

F. K. U.

FORT CUSTER, MONTANA. February, 1887.

### GENEALOGY AND FAMILY HISTORY

OF A BRANCH OF

### THE UPHAM FAMILY.

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FRANK KIDDER UPHAM, U. S. A.

JOHN UPHAM was the progenitor of all the American Uphams, so far as has been ascertained, either in the United States or British Provinces. He was born in England, somewhere between 1597 and 1600, probably in Somersetshire. His pedigree remains to be traced, though it is believed that it could be with the assistance of the data which is available.

The earliest authentic mention of the name Upham in England has been found in the Charter Rolls, in Turr, London, Vol. 1, Part 1, Folio 170, An. John, 1208. It is found in a deed of lands to the church of Saint Maria de Bradenstock, and is in substance that one Hugo de Upham conveyed, as a gift, certain lands from his estate to the church mentioned. Forty or fifty years later, in

the Hundred Rolls, Temp. Henry III. and Edward I., Vol. 2, page 240, and still later in the Fine Rolls (during the reign of Henry III.), Vol. 2, page 376 (1246–1272), mention is found of several bearing this name, all of these of apparent local consideration. The name is also found in Doomsday Book, Vol. 2, page 36.

The church of Saint Maria de Bradenstock was a small monastery in Wilts, in the Hundred of Kinwarston, latitude 51° 23', and longitude 1° 39', west. All the individuals found on record were located so near this region that it is reasonable to believe they were of the same original descent. Indications also point to the probability that John Upham's pedigree could be traced to the same stock. What the origin of the family was it is difficult to base a theory upon; it may have been Saxon or Norman. At all events, it is shown to have been English for at least one generation, in the year 1208.

In the year 1845, Dr. Albert G. Upham, of Concord, N. H., published a little volume for private circulation, entitled, "Notices of John Upham and his Descendants," from which most of the above, as well as nearly all that follows of the life of John Upham and his son Phineas, has been taken. This book is of great interest in this connection, and should be read by all the Upham posterity. Besides this, an Upham genealogy, and matters pertaining thereto, have been published in the New

England Genealogical and Historic Register, Vol. 25, pages 13-15; Vol. 11, pages 45, 127, 211, 348; Vol. 12, pages 84, 239; Vol. 13, page 70; and in the January, 1879, number of the same was published an article entitled, "The name of Upham in England," the last mentioned having been prepared by the compiler of this genealogy, with the hope that it might sometime aid in eventually tracing the English origin of the American Uphams.

According to Camden Hotten's book on the early emigrants to New England, John Upham sailed from Weymouth, England, with his wife Elizabeth and three children, on the 20th of March, 1635, as one of a party of colonists which appears to have been organized in Somersetshire, and headed by a clergyman by the name of Joseph Hull; the said Hull having formerly been a rector in the established Church of England. The age of John Upham is given in this list as 35, at that time. After reaching America, he was prominent in the settlement of Weymouth, Mass., where the original colony located, and later in the settlement at Malden. At both these places he was a deacon in the church; and he was for several terms a member of the general court of the colony. He died at Malden, on the 25th of February, 1681; and according to the gravestone, which was last year still standing in the "Old Burying