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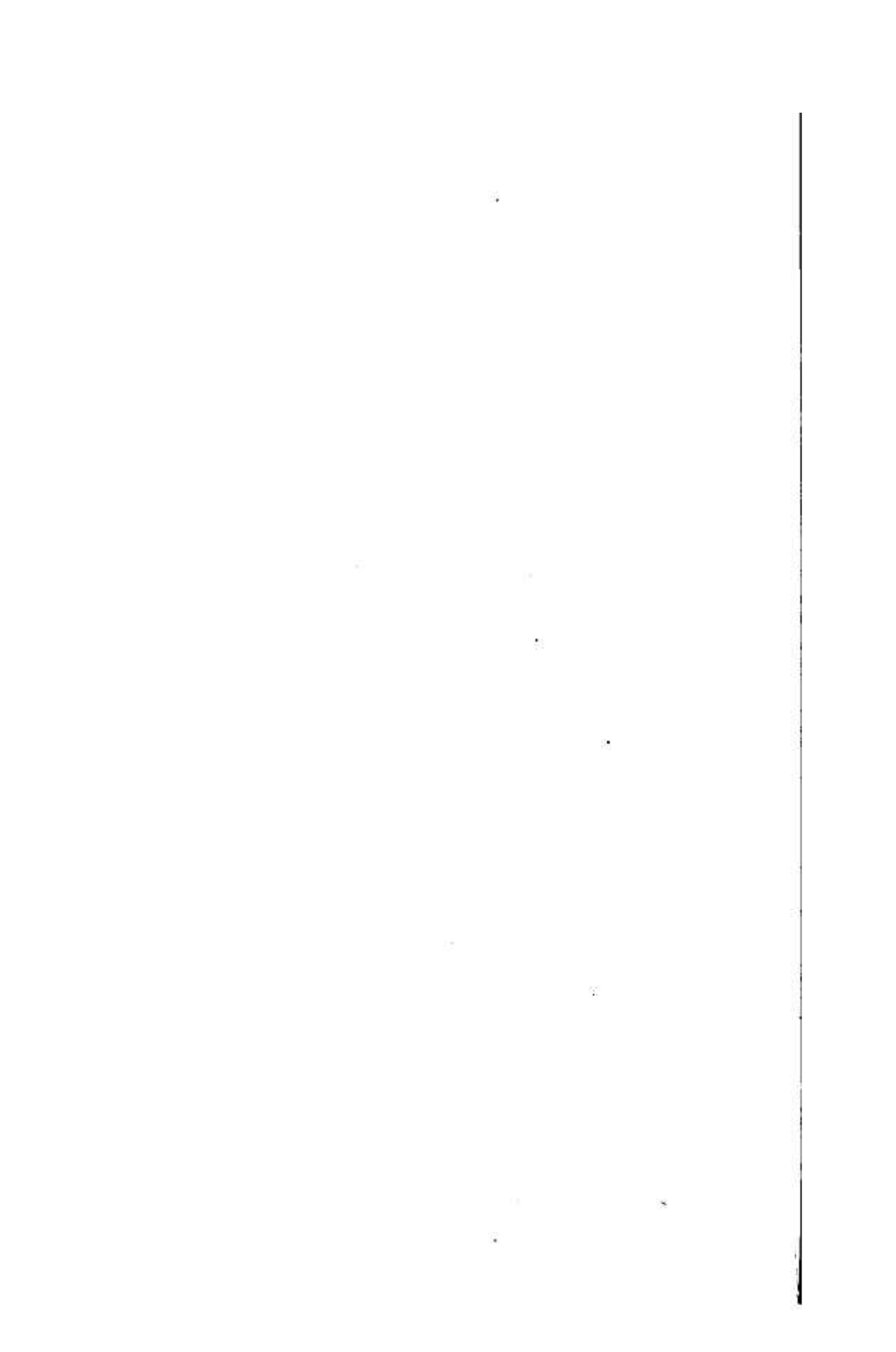
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OF THE PAST GENERATIONS OF OUR FAMILY HAS BEEN
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MRS. OSGOOD, AND HER GRANDDAUGHTER,
MISS NINA HOWLAND, WITH THE HOPE
THAT IT MAY, IN A SLIGHT DEGREE,
INFLUENCE FUTURE GENERA-
TIONS TO TAKE AN INTEREST
IN THEIR FAMILY
HISTORIES.



INTRODUCTION.

THE following extracts from Mrs. Howland's Journal, together with some of the poetry, letters, and other papers preserved by her mother and herself, are published in this form for the purpose of distributing them among her descendants, so as to give them an idea of the early life of their ancestors. They are not of sufficient interest to warrant a general circulation, but are well worthy of being preserved in this form. The old manner of spelling has been retained as far as practicable. It may be as well to give a brief account of her family, in order that the many references made to her various relatives, both in her Journal and in her letters and papers which follow, can be readily understood.

Sarah Hazard was born at Cranstons, R. I., Sept. 18, 1781, married John H. Howland, at New Bedford, Nov. 3, 1803, and died at her residence, No. 99 St. Mark's place, New York City, April 29, 1847.

THOMAS HAZARD, JR.*

Her father, Thomas Hazard, Jr., was born at South Kingston, R. I., Nov. 15, 1758, and was the

*An extended record of the Hazard family is given in "Recollections of Olden Times," by Thomas R. Hazard, Newport, R. I., 1879.

son of Thomas Hazard and Elizabeth, daughter of Governor William Robinson and Martha Potter, his wife. Thomas Hazard, Sr., was a great grandson of Thomas Hassard or Hazard, who came from England and settled on the island of Rhode Island about 1639, and was one of a commission appointed to lay out the town of Newport. The family became very well known in Rhode Island, and owned large estates near Newport and Narragansett Pier. Thomas Hazard, Sr., died at the Tower Hill farm in the latter place, in 1795, aged seventy-six years, and was buried in the Friends' burial ground near where the Tower Hill House now stands. Thomas Hazard, Jr., married Anna Rodman at Leicester, Mass., September 6, 1780, and went to live at Cranstons, near Providence, R. I., where several of their children were born. In 1789 he moved to New Bedford, Mass., where his house, a fine old colonial mansion on the corner of Elm and North Water streets, is still standing. He made a large fortune in the whaling business, and took an active part in politics, being postmaster of New Bedford and a State Senator in 1812. He was the first president of the Bedford Bank, which commenced business in 1803.

He moved to New York City shortly after the war of 1812, and resided at No. 80 Beekman street, a large brick house near St. George's Church.

He was not actively engaged in business in New York, but owned interests in several vessels engaged in the whaling trade, in connection with which, the following anecdote, sent to the *Providence Journal* by his nephew, Joseph Peace Hazard, in 1875, may be of interest :

STRANGE STORY OF A HARPOON.

Fifty years or so ago my uncle, Thomas Hazard, of the city of New York, had a whaling ship, Diana, that was famous for her sailing qualities as well as her "good luck," her early filling with oil, etc. She fished in the Pacific Ocean. During one of these voyages a whale was struck, but, the harpoon breaking, the struggling monster escaped. The upper end of the harpoon came aboard with the line to which it was attached, and was saved for return home, as was then usual in such cases, and there preserved for sale as old iron. During a subsequent voyage of this same ship to the same sea a large whale was harpooned, and on taking the blubber on board the piercing end of a harpoon was found therein and preserved as usual. On the Diana's return from this voyage to the city of New York this portion of the shaft was also placed in the old iron department. Quite accidentally one of my uncle's employees happened to discover that these two portions of iron were of the same harpoon. In those days (as I well remember) it was said there were more whales in the sea than cattle on the land. So numerous were they that schools of them were seen in the Pacific Ocean that moved with great rapidity and were several days in passing the ship, and during which period none were taken, as a rule.

In 1824 he was one of the committee of thirty prominent gentlemen appointed at the mass meeting held April 20, in the City Hall Park, to secure the re-appointment of DeWitt Clinton, as commissioner of the Erie Canal, one of the most exciting incidents of the political history of that period.

Mr. Hazard died at his residence in New York City, of apoplexy, July 24, 1828, aged seventy years, and was buried in the Friends' Cemetery, near First street. He had two brothers, both leaving children: Robert Hazard, who married Sarah Fish, and Rowland Hazard, who married Mary Peace.