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COVERING A PERIOD OF 144 YEARS, FROM 1734 TO 1878, TO-
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DENTS AND IMPORTANT EVENTS. ENUMERAT-
ING 280 MARRIAGES AND 870 BIRTHS.

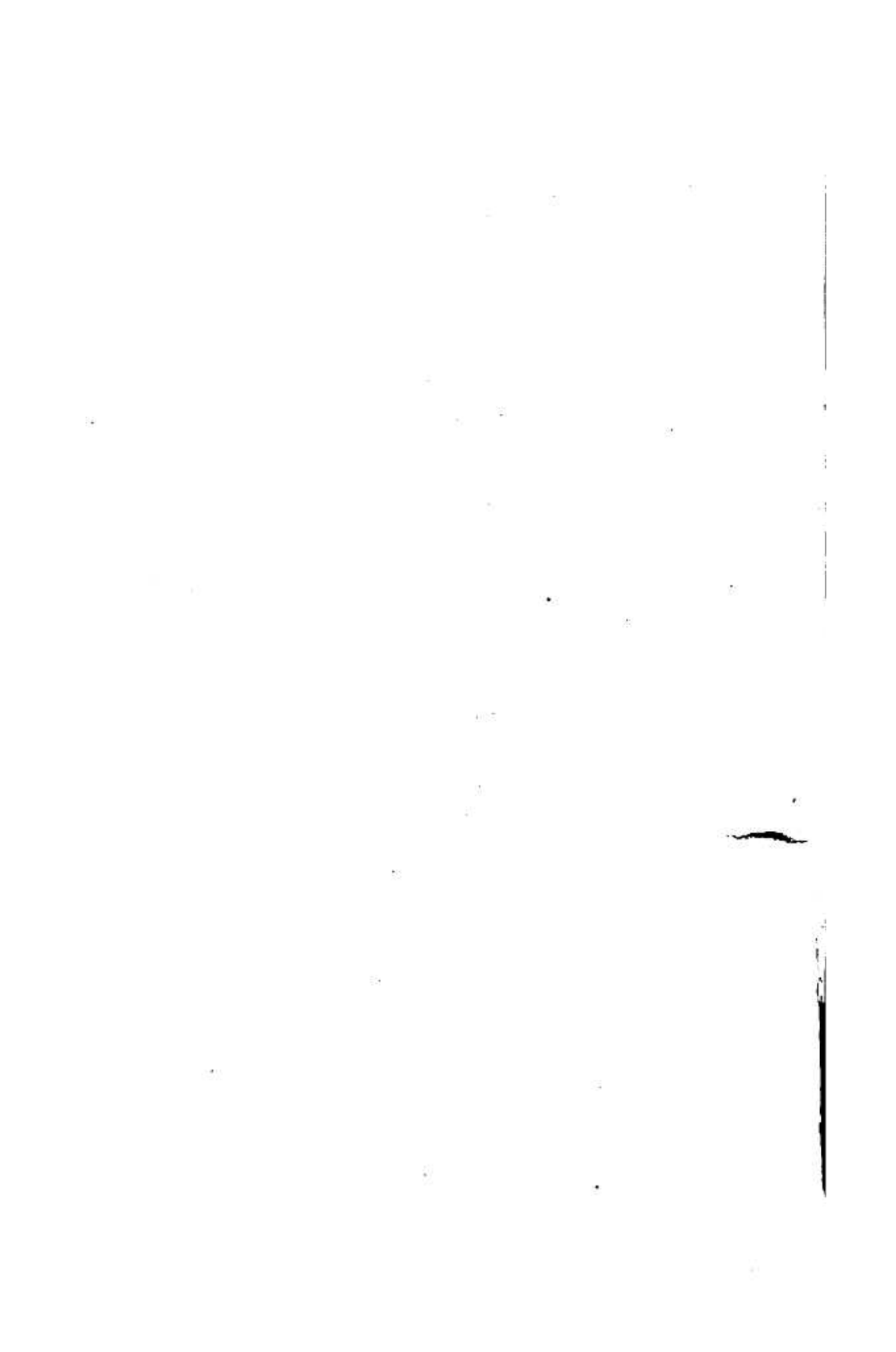
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E. H. EWELL,

One of his Great Grandsons.

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PREFATORY.

A history or any record of events in relation to our ancestors or kindred, is, to the inquisitive mind, a matter of no ordinary interest to leave for the use of future generations.

When the writer commenced this investigation he had no other motive than merely to make a record of his grandfather's family, with some of the historical incidents of their early life for the information of posterity. As progress was made in the work, and the extent of the field to be examined more fully appreciated, and believing that many might have a laudable desire to obtain such a record, as well as the many assurances of aid and encouragement from friends, to have a more extensive history of the family prepared, the writer has concluded to place these pages before the public. It is not expected that the work will be of special interest to any except the family circle, consequently only a limited number of copies will be printed, and the expense of publication will chiefly be borne by the author, assisted by the generosity of friends in the family circle, who have so liberally proffered substantial aid in the enterprise.

In extending the researches over nearly half the states of the Union, and in the compilation from hundreds of letters received in aid of this work, it is possible, and quite probable, that errors have been made, some names misspelled, and others omitted. Efforts have been made to reach every branch of the family, to note items of special interest, and to make a full and correct record of the family.

If these few pages are perused with the same pleasure and interest by the family friends in general that the writer has enjoyed in collecting and compiling the same, he will be satisfied that he has rendered them some service.

With many thanks and kind regards to the numerous friends and correspondents who have so liberally aided in this work, it is most respectfully submitted.

E. H. E.

Alden, Erie Co., N. Y., June, 1878.

GENEALOGY.

PART I.

BIRTH, EARLY LIFE AND FAMILY OF JOHN EWELL.

JOHN EWELL was born in Scotland, on the 4th day of March, in the year 1734, but no record is found of his ancestry. John lived with his father as was the custom in those days, and shared the privileges as usual with boys of his time, and received a fair common school education. Having been encouraged by his elder brother, with the approbation of his father, to start out in the world and see the rough sides as well as the quiet fire-side of the parental home, in the year 1751, at the early age of seventeen years, in company with his brother Malachi, he bid a long and last farewell to his native land and parental home, and they sailed for the American continent, with a view of becoming sea-faring men, and they finally made their first stopping place at Scituate, Plymouth County, Mass. The young men, full of ambition and energy, were thrown entirely upon their own resources, far from home and friends and in a strange land, amid the varied evils and snares of life. John followed the rough and boisterous life of a sea-faring man for many years with tolerable success.

On the 21st day of May, 1756, at the age of 22 years, John Ewell was married to Deborah Bates, of whose birth or pa-

rentage no record is found. They lived in Scituate many years, and endured the toils and hardships of life incident to those days, both on land and at sea. John Ewell was twice married and raised a family of nine children, of which only four had any issue, dividing the family into four branches, as will be seen in subsequent pages of this work. About the year 1779, John Ewell lost his right arm, and about that time moved to Chesterfield, Hampshire County, Mass., and left his favorite occupation, and for many years occupied official positions to the satisfaction of his fellow-citizens.

The names of his children were

JAMES EWELL,
SARAH EWELL,
MALACHI EWELL,
MELZER EWELL,
SOLOMON EWELL,
CONSIDER EWELL,
JOHN EWELL,
RACHAEL EWELL,
DEBORAH EWELL.

JOHN EWELL'S first wife died on the 3d day of February, 1801, at Chesterfield, and in due time he was again married.

The life of John Ewell was ever marked with firmness and perseverance in all of his varied business transactions. Prosperity and adversity were his to encounter. As old age and infirmity crept upon him, after many misfortunes in life's journey with which he had battled manfully, in 1825, with his second wife, and then being past ninety years of age, he came to Middlebury, N. Y., to spend the remainder of his days with his son James, where he was welcomed with a hearty greeting by the large circle of relatives. But his stay with his son was short. John Ewell, the parent stock, died in Middlebury, N. Y., in October, 1826, at the advanced age of ninety-two years and seven months, like a shock of corn, fully ripe and ready for the harvest. He was a worthy and consistent member of the Metho-

dist Episcopal church for a long period, the date of which has been obliterated by time. Well does the writer remember with pleasure of listening to his sound and interesting religious instructions, and prayers after he had passed his *fourscore* and *ten* years. At his burial, his remains were lowered down into his grave to their last resting place by four of his great grandsons, two of whom now survive, and one of the number now records the unusual occurrence. After the death of John Ewell, his second wife returned to Chesterfield, Mass., to visit her friends, and died there in 1833.

There are now the remains, of the representatives, of six successive generations buried in Middlebury, Wyoming County, N. Y., mouldering back to their mother earth.

The Town of Warsaw was organized in 1808, and taken from Batavia. The Town of Middlebury, whose hills at one time literally swarmed with the Ewell family, was organized in 1812, and taken from Warsaw.

FAMILY OF JAMES EWELL.

JAMES, the eldest son of John Ewell, was born in Scituate, Plymouth County, Mass., in December, 1757. He lived at the parental home during his minority, and assisted his mother in the care of the family, and took charge of a small farm during the absence of his father at sea, of which he has been heard to boast of making fifty voyages.

The school opportunities for young men in those days were somewhat limited, and James shared with others of his class in life, the advantages that were to be had. In the year 1778 he was married to Sarah Holbrook, of Chesterfield, Mass., and then started out on life's voyage in the world, on a rough hillside farm in Norwich, Mass., with no capital except his own labor, perseverance, and determination to succeed.

John Ewell and his son James, having a feeling in common with their oppressed neighbors, their hearts fired with patriotic