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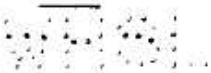

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INTRODUCTORY

A complete genealogy of the family of Ezra Davison, his children, grand children, great grand children, great great grand children, and great great great grand children. Also his father and all his brothers and sisters. And a complete line of ancestors back to 1611.

Also notes from the Biography of William Davison, Secretary of State to Queen Elizabeth, with "reasons why," etc. Also records from the Secretary of War, of Ezra, and his father, Asa, when, where, and in what Company and Regiment they served in the Revolutionary War, and when they were discharged, making us all sons and daughters of the Revolution. This alone is worth more than the cost of the book. The author of this book personally knew Ezra and all of his children, except Sarah and Reuben, who died before he was born and all the grand children except probably three. The rest was obtained through correspondence and reliable sources, making record of eleven generations. Hoping this work will please and interest the "Davison Family."

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NICHOLAS DAVISON.

1st Generation. NICHOLAS DAVISON was born in London, or Lynn, England, 1611. Married Joanna Hodges. He was at Charleston, Mass., 1639, as agent for Matthew Cradock, a merchant of London, the first nominal governor of Massachusetts, but who never came to America. He went to Barbadoes and thence to England in 1655, returning to America in 1656, in the Spedwell, and died at Charleston in 1664, aged 53 years. His will was proved July 11th, 1664, in which his wife and two children were named, also his brother John. He left an estate inventoried at £1869, 11s, 11d, including lands in Boston, Charleston, Pennequid, and 21,000 acres near Windsor on both sides of the Connecticut river.

NICHOLAS DAVISON'S CHILDREN.

II. DANIEL DAVISON was born April 8th, 1639. Married Margaret Low, April 8th, 1657, and settled at Ipswick, Mass. No record of his death as the early records of Ipswick were lost.

II. Sarah Davison. Married to Joseph Lynch.

II. Daniel Davison, son of Nicholas, had seven children.

III. John, Margaret, Sarah, Daniel, William, Peter, and *Thomas.*

III. Thomas Davison, son of Daniel. Married Hannah Tracy of Norwich, Conn., Nov. 18th, 1695, at Norwich, Conn. They settled at Preston, Conn., where he owned extensive tracts of land. He held nearly every office in the gift of his townsmen. He was received into full communion in the first Presbyterian Church March 5th, 1699. Died Dec. 2d, 1724. Had seven children.

IV. Jonathan, Margaret, *Thomas* 2d, Christopher, John, Hannah, and Samuel.

IV. Thomas Davison 2d, son of Thomas, son of Daniel, son of Nicholas, was born 1702. Married Lydia Herrick, daughter of Stephen Herrick of Beverly, Mass., Aug. 31st, 1726. Settled at Preston, Conn. Died 1750. Had ten children.

V. Andrew, Zephaniah, Christopher (died in infancy), Christopher, Daniel, *Asa*, Lydia, Elizabeth, and two children who died in infancy.

Before recording the 10th generation I will give the Revolutionary War records of Asa Davison, also of his son Ezra. It will particularly interest our young people. Whoever is recorded in this book has sufficient evidence to admit them into the orders of Sons and Daughters of the Revolution, also of the Colonial Dames. The records they sent me from the Secretary of War was evidently for the last years of the war. Will note

they are enlisted for short campaigns of a few months or a year. Were discharged and enlisted again. We find in other accounts that Asa Davison was at the Battle of Lexington. Was also with Gen. Benedict Arnold on his famous campaign to Canada. Also we find him at the Battle of Monmouth. We also find that Ezra enlisted the day he was seventeen years old and served the last year of the war. Family tradition says he enlisted when he was sixteen, but the first year is not given in this record from the Pension Office. I will give copy of those records exactly as they were sent to me.

RECORD AND PENSION OFFICE, WAR DEPARTMENT.

Respectfully returned to A. A. Davison, Manito, Ill.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 28, 1896.

The records of this office show that Asa Davison served as a private in Captain Nathaniel Webb's Company, 4th Battalion. Connecticut forces commanded by Col. John Durkee, Revolutionary War. He enlisted March 1st, 1778, to serve 5 months, and was discharged Jan. 1st, 1779.

The records also show that Asa Davison served as a private in the 1st Company, Fifth Connecticut Regiment, commanded by Lieut. Col. Sherman, Revolutionary War. His name first appears on the roll for March, 1782, and he was discharged June 22d, 1782.

The records further show that Asa Davison served as a private in Capt. Nehemiah Rise's company, 8th Connecticut Regiment, Revolutionary War. He enlisted Aug. 16th, 1779, to serve six months, and was discharged Jan. 15th, 1780.