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OF THE

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Nathaniel with Elizabeth, his wife, settled in Concord, Mass., about 1665.

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Introduction.

No extended introduction to Volume III. would seem to be necessary. Having already compiled and recently published Volume I., containing the Genealogy of my own Line of New England Harwoods, and Volume II., of the Salem Harwoods, we come now to the third great Branch of Harwoods in New England, the Concord Family.

As long ago as 1837, Mrs. Sarah (Harwood) Robinson, of Bennington, Vt., compiled and published a "Genealogical History of Robinsons, Saffords, Harwoods and Clarks"—all families from whom she descended or was in some way related. Her records of Harwoods were mostly confined to the Bennington branch of the Concord Family. Her work was an excellent one—and seems to us the more so when we consider the difficulties which attended genealogical research in that early day.

Myron W. Harwood, of Enfield and Boston, Mass., spent half of his lifetime compiling the records of the New England Harwoods, and intended for a long time to publish the result of his researches. But old age came on, and finally his death was hastened by an accident. His records were not given to others for publication, and it would seem that the result of nearly all of his hard work in this line has been lost to the world.

Fred H. Harwood, of Chicago, spent several years in compiling the records of the Concord Harwoods, and had a well arranged Genealogy of this Branch nearly ready for the printer. But being engaged in large business undertakings, and perhaps not meeting with the encouragement his work deserved, he let it rest till finally he abandoned his plan of publication. He has most generously placed all of his records at the disposal of the writer, and the entire Family will benefit from his work.

Another who gave much intelligent study to the genealogy of the Concord Harwoods was the late Herbert Joseph Harwood, Esq., of Littleton, Mass.

It remains only for me, then, to arrange and edit this volume, rather than to make it, as was Vol. 1., the work of my lifetime, the materials for which I obtained almost altogether from original sources.

It will of course be unnecessary for me to reproduce in each volume the chapters in Vol. I., on the "Origin of our Family and Name," "Crests and Coats of Arms," and the short chapter on "The Harwood Families of Virginia and Maryland." Most of the Harwoods will wish to possess all three volumes.

With this Introduction, I place before my many friends of our name, Vol. III., trusting it may greatly interest and please them, and preserve for all time to come the history of the Concord Harwoods.

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First Generation.

JOHN HARWOOD was a citizen of London, England, and belonged to a family that it would appear had long been settled in London. It is thought that he never came to America, or if he came, returned later to England and died in London. There was a John Harwood who with Dorothy, his. wife, was a resident of London at that time. His will was dated Feb. 16, 1653, and proved Feb. 8, 1654, showing that he died between the two dates. In the will he mentions only two sons, Nathaniel and John, and a daughter Anne. His wife Dorothy, proved the will and had under it a tenement in Cranley, Surrey. We have not, of course, positive proof that John Harwood, who was father to the brothers and sister who settled in New England, was the same as the one who died in 1654, but it seems very probable that he was the same, as the time and place and names all favor such a conclusion.

Second Generation.

Children of John Harwood, No. 1. All born probably in London.

- 2. John, came from England to Boston, Mass., in 1645. He was made freeman in 1649. He was admitted to the Church in Boston, Dec. 25, 1647. He married Elizabeth Usher, daughter of Hezekiah and Mary Usher, of Boston, and they made their residence in Boston, where he was a merchant. He sold his property in Boston in 1657, and returned to England, where he continued the merchantile business in London. He was living in Bethnal Green, a suburb of London, in 1665. He still owned land in Dunstable, New England, which was sold by his heirs long after his decease. He died about 1685, as is shown by his will made Nov. 13, 1684, and proved June 22, 1685. His wife did not long survive him, as her will was proved in 1687.
- 3. THOMAS, born in 1623. He came to New England. Married, RACHEL WOODWARD, widow of Robert Woodward, and daughter of John Smith, July 7, 1654. They resided in Boston, where he died Jan. 5, 1706.
- 4. Hannah, came to New England. She married, Oct. 10, 1657, Thomas Wheeler, and they resided in Concord, Mass. They had one son, also named Thomas. She was living in Concord, a widow, in 1697.
- NATHANIEL, born in 1626. He came to New England and married ELIZABETH —. They resided in Bos-

ton until after 1665, when they removed to Concord, Mass. He was by occupation a cordwainer. He was made freeman, March 21, 1690. He died in Concord, Feb. 7, 1716, his wife April 25, 1715.

6. ROBERT, came to New England and resided in Boston. He was by occupation a "biscake baker." He married about 1671, Joanna —. He died about 1678, his wife in 1696.

Third Generation.

Children of John Harwood, No. 2.

7. ELIZABETH, born in Boston, Mass., March 13, 1650. She married Mr. Sedwick. She was living in New England, Nov. 13, 1684, when her father's will was made. The will also mentions her son Samuel Sedgwick.

8. HEZEKIAH, born in Boston, April 27, 1653, died

young.

- 9. Hannah, born in Boston, March 6, 1655. She married Ralph Manwaring, of London. She is mentioned in her father's will in 1684, also in her brother Jacob's will in 1701.
 - 10. Anna, born in Boston, Aug. 26, 1657.
- 11. John, born in London. He was in New England, (Boston), in 1684, but back in London, in Oct., 1685, and a merchant in that city in 1688, residing in Montague St., Parish of St. Dunstan, Stepney. He was mentioned in his father's will, also in the will of his brother Jacob. He died before 1724, at which time his widow, ELIZABETH, was living in the parish of St. Buttolph, without Bishops Gate Street.
- 12. Jacob, born in London. He was an apprentice to his mother in 1684, and the executor of her will in 1687. He was a merchant in London. He died about 1701, as his will was proved that year.
- 13. Joseph, born in London, in 1667. He came to America, and was a merchant in New York city, in 1693.