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PREFACE.

THE BELDING GENEALOGY in this pamphlet is that of the direct line of descent from Richard Belding, the first settler of the family in America, to Noah Belding, of the fifth generation, and of some of his descendants. Esther Belding, granddaughter of Noah Belding, married Col. Joel Whitney, a descendant of the Puritan emigrant, John Whitney, and this genealogy has been compiled only to accompany "Whitney Genealogy—Some of the Tribe of Benjamin," and not for publication.

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ABBREVIATIONS.

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abt.	<u>ية</u>	5 3	about.
aet.	35	52	aged.
b	ί¢β	85	born.
bap.	22	25	haptized.
bef.		¥0.	before.
Ch.	12	25	child or children.
d.		52	died.
dau,	(¥)	ŝ	daughter.
m.		30	married.
nr.	35	1983	пеат.
prob.	35	20	probably.
res.		80	residence or resided.
s. p.	12	21	without issue.
Tp.	20	<i>t</i> /5	township.
unm.		23	unmarried.

SOME BELDING GENEALOGY.

1. Richard Belding, from Staffordshire, England, was among the early settlers of Wetherstield, Conn., which is situated on a plain on the west bank of the Connecticut River, 31/2 miles south of Hartford, Conn., and was founded by colonists from Watertown, Dorchester, and Newtown, Mass., in 1634. The date of his settlement is not known. In Temple's "History of Whately" it is stated that "Belding, Richard, was in Wetherstield, Ct., in 1640; had land grant in New London;" but his name first appears in the Wetherstield town records in an entry on the 2d month and 7th day, 1641, of "the lands of Ric: Bayldon", which include " one piece whereon a house is builded con, three acres one rood, more or less, the ends abut against Broad Street North," subsequently sold by him to Richard Parke. This house was his residence, and in Trumbull's " Memorial History of Hartford County" there is a map on which its location is shown. His ancestry has not been traced, nor is it known what family he brought with him, if any, besides two sons, nor has the date of his death been found,

CHILDREN.

 I.—William, b. abt. 1623, in Staffordshire, England, an. abt. 1644, in Wethersfield, Conn., Tomisin ——. Ch.—.

- (1) JOHN, b. 9 Jan., 1645.
- (2) DANIEL, b. 20 Nov., 1646.
- (3) SAMUEL, b. 20 July, 1647.
- (4) SUSANNAH, b. 5 Nov., 1651.
- (5) MARIE, b. 2 Feb., 1652.
- (6) NATHANIEL, b. 13 Nov., 1654.
- (4) II.—Samuel, b. abt. 1633, m. Mary —, Mrs. Mary Wells, Mrs. Mary (Meeker) Allis, and Mrs Sarah Wells.

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4. (3.) Samuel Belding (Richard), b. abt. 1633, in Staffordshire, England, remained with his father in Wethersfield until 1661, when he removed to Hattield, Hampshire Co., Mass., on the west bank of the Connecticut River, 21 miles n. of Springfield, Mass. He m. 1st, abt. 1654, Mary -----, who was killed by the Indians when they attacked Hatfield on 19 September, 1677. In this attack the Indians burned 7 houses; killed 12, wounded 4, and carried 17 inhabitants into captivity. He m. 2d, 25 June, 1678, Mary, widow of Thomas Wells. She d. 29 September, 1691, and he m. 3d, Mary, dau, of Thomas Meeker and widow of John Allis. After her death, the date of which is not known, he m. 4th, 10 April, 1705, Sarah, widow of John Wells. The precise date of the formation of the first church in Hattield is unknown, but there is pretty clear evidence that it took place abt. 1 April, 1671. There were then only six male inhabitants who were church members, and Samuel Belding was one of the six. He d. 3 Jan., 1713.

CHILDREN.

- 5. 1.—Mary, b. 10 July, 1655.
- II.- Samuel, b. 6 April, 1637, no. Mrs. Sarab (Fellowes) Billings and Mrs. Mary (Burt) Hastings. The died abt. 1737.
- 7. (12.) III.-Stephen, b. 28 Dec., 1658, m. Mary Wells.
- 8. IV. Sarab, b. 30 Sept., 4661.
- 9. V.--Ann, b. 27 Jan., 1665.
- 10. VL-Ebenezer, b. 16 Nov., 1667, m. Martha ------.
- VII.—John, b. 13 Nov., 1669, m. Sarah Wait. He was killed at a raising, 18 Oct., 1725.

12. (7.) Stephen Belding (Samuel, Richard), b. 28 Dec., 1658, in Wethersfield, Conn., m. 16 Aug., 1682, in Hatfield, Mass., Mary, dau. of Thomas Wells. She was b. 8 Sept., 1664. He died 6 Oct., 1720, and she m. 2d, 2 Jan., 1723, Capt. Joseph Field, of Northfield, Mass. She d. 1751.

CHILDREN.

- 13. I.—Elizabeth, b. 2 Feb., 1683, m. Richard Scott.
- 14. II.-Mary, b. 20 May, 1685, in. John Wait.

13.	111	-Sarah,	b. 25	Oct.,	1687.

 IV.—Stephen, b. 22 Feb., 4689, prob. m. Mindweil, dau. of Capt Benjamin Wright, and d. in Northnield, 1735 or 1736.

17, (22.) V.-Samuel, b. 23 Oct., 1693, m. Elizabeth Dickinson.

- VI.—Jonathan, b. in 1694, received a grant of 12 acres of land on condition of building a saw-mill at Northfield, in 1747. He d, 6 July, 1778.
- VIL—Joshua, b. abt. 1695, m. 1 Dec., 1725, Sarah Field. He d. in Whately, 1738.
- 20. VIII.—Esther, b. ——, m. 1724, Nathaniel Guna.
- 21. IX.-Lydia, b. ----, d. 24 July, 1714.

22. (17.) Samuel Belding (Stephen, Samuel, Richard), b. 23 Oct., 1692, in Hattield, Mass., m. 1717, Elizabeth, dau. of Hezekiah Dickinson, of Springfield, Mass. He d. 5 Oct., 1732.

CHILDREN.

- 23. I.-David, b. 4 Feb., 1748, removed to Swanzey, N. H.
- 24. II.-Samuel, b. 15 Aug., 1719, removed to Swanzey, N. H.
- 25. III.-Abigail, b. 4 May, 1721, m. Noah Nash, and d. 7 Feb., 1797.
- 26. IV.-Elizabeth, b. 2 Dec., 1723, m. William Arms, of Deerfield.
- 27. V.-Mary, b. 23 Oct., 1725, d. bet. 1741.
- VI.—Hezckish, b. 2 July, 1728, m. Mary West, Martha Field, and Martha Smith. He was a deacon in 2d Church, Amherst. He d. 22 June, 1813, aet. 85.
- 29. (31.) VIL-Noah, b. S May, 1731, m. Rebekah Wells.
- 30. VIII.—Jonathan, b. 9 May, 1733.

31. (29.) Noah Belding (Samuel, Siephen, Samuel, Richard), b. 8 May, 1731, in Hatfield, Hampshire Co., Mass., m. there 26 May, 1757, Rebekah Wells, b. 9 Jan., 1738. He removed from Hatfield to Conway, Franklin Co., Mass., in 1772. The records of the Congregational Church in Hatfield show that on 24 July, 1772, letters were granted to Noah Belding and his wife to the church in Conway, and the records of that church show that they were admitted to church membership on 6 Sept., 1772. The Conway town records show that he was once a Selectman, and served in other minor offices. He removed from Conway to Ontario Co., N. Y., in 1793, and settled in Seneca Tp., nr. Geneva, N. Y., where he d. 26 Jan.,

1807. His wife survived him and d. 9 Aug., 1810. He was a farmer. Res. Hatfield and Conway, Mass., and Seneca Tp., Ontario Co., N. Y.

The record of his "Colonial War Service" in the Archives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, is certified by the Secretary of the Commonwealth to be as follows:

"Masstts Archives, Vol. 92–131—A Muster Roll of the Company in His Majesty's Service Under the Command of Israel Williams Captain. * * * Noah Belding Centl entered service July 30. Discharged August 19; service, 3 weeks. Endorsed Maj. Williams roll of soldrs Posted at Hatfd 1748." He was then 17 years old.

In Temple & Sheldon's "History of Northfield, Mass.," he is said (p. 292) to have belonged to Capl. Joseph Dwight's Company in 1755, Crown Point Expedition, but no roll has thus far been found that contains his name.

In Mr. Rice's address, at the Centennial Anniversary of Conway, he says: "In 1777, when Burgoyne was marching from the north, every able-bodied man went out to meet him," but "the names are not all preserved," and no record has been found of the service which he doubtless then rendered.

CHILDREN.

- 1.—Selah, b. 11 May, 1758, m. Esther Gates and Mrs. Lydia (Mack) Peck
 II.—Jonathan, b. 6 April, 1760, m. 23 Mar., 1781, Keziah Mighells.
- 34. III. Martha, b. 10 May, 1762.
- 35. IV.—Rehekah, b. 8 May, 1764, d. 6 June, 1788, unm,
- V.—Noab, Jr., b. 15 May, 1766, m. 16 Feb., 1786, Betty Gilbert, of Brooktield.
- VI.—Elizabeth, b. 21 June, 1768.
- 38. (53.) VII.-Lydia, b. 20 Oct., 1770, m. Thomas Dinsmore.
- 39. VIII.-Infant, b. 12 Aug., 1772, d. 13 Aug., 1772.
- IX.—Lucina, b. 5 Feb., 1774, in Conway, Mass., m. Oct., 1799, in Seneca Tp., N. Y., Elibu Church, of Churchville, N. Y. She d. in Riga, Monroe Co., N. Y., 22 Dec., 1822. A son, DENNIS, and grandson, W. S. Church, reside in Riga, a granddaughter, Mrs. H. M. Pierce, and great grandson, J. Harry Pierce, in Rochester, N. Y., 176 Lake Ave.
- 41. X.-Samuel, b. 10 May, 1777.
- 42. X1.—Submit, b. 30 Mar., 1780, d. 31 Mar., 1780.