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## PREFACE

Genealogies are profitable, inasmuch as they are of great interest to all descendants, and become more and more so to future generations in tracing back their lineage.

There is a growing interest in many families in this respect, and family pride is increasing with a desire to know more of one's ancestors.

In this my first attempt to prepare a family genealogy, it has been my aim and purpose to make it as correct, accurate and complete as possible.

However, in some respects the work is incomplete, owing to the failure of a very few of the connections to respond to inquiries for information and data.

The design of this genealogy is to perpetuate the memory of our worthy ancestors, Edward, Samuel, John, William and Captain Thaddeus Bennett, and to gather in one volume the names of their many descendants.

I acknowledge myself indebted to many of the friends in furnishing information for this genealogy.

E. B. BENNETT.

East Berlin, Conn., April, 1910.



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## INTRODUCTION

Not until the year 1907, when E. B. Bennett of East Berlin, Conn. went West to visit his brothers, whom he had not seen for fifty years, had a Family History ever been thought of. When he found how little the Bennetts in the West knew of their ancestors, he, being from Connecticut, the original home of the Bennetts, decided to put into printed form the knowledge he could gain of the Bennett family. Since that time no time or money has been spared in his untiring efforts to make this History as complete as possible.

The main records of the Smith Bennett family were found in the old family Bible, which had been handed down and had fallen into the possession of the widow of Charles H. Bennett—Mrs. Martha Conant of Garwin, Iowa.

Town Records and many Histories and Genealogies have been searched in order to learn more of our ancestors until I have found an unbroken line back to the landing of the first Bennetts from Weymouth, England, and their settling in Weymouth, Massachusetts, in 1628-1635.

Records of the Bennetts in England before these years have been found, but I have thought best not to follow them at this time.

Records of the Pension Department show the Bennetts to have taken part in their Country's cause in all Wars since their landing.



## HISTORY

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### Bennetts of Pythouse

Fane Bennett of Stamford, Vere Esq. of Pythouse. The family of Bennetts was founded by John Bennett, who was Sheriff of Wilt in the fifth year of Henry III. His great grandson, Thomas Bennett of Boston, married the daughter and co-heiress of the Page of Devizes Wilt.

### Records and Genealogies of New England

The early settlers made Freeman, after a residence of seven years according to the laws of the country at that time, Edward Bennett at Weymouth, Mass., May 25, 1636. Records say he was Purser of the ship *Mary Ross*, which was accidentally blown up in Boston Harbor in 1648.

Edmond at Weymouth, Mass., May 25, 1636.

James at Concord, Mass., March 13, 1638.

Samuel at Lynn, Mass., 1637.

Richard at Boston, Mass., 1637.

William at Salem, Mass., 1637.

John at Salem, Mass., 1637.

This shows they were all here at least seven years, prior to their being made Freeman.

Matthew came in the "*Paul*" on July 6, 1635, by way of London, England.

Thomas came in the "*American*" in 1635.

Jane came in the "*Elizabeth*."

Ann Cooper Master came in 1635 at the age of 16 years and became the wife of William of Salem, Mass., and was admitted to the church there in 1642. Their children were Moses, Ann and Deliverance. William died on June 27, 1683.

It would be impossible for the writer to tell just how all of this family were related, but it is claimed by historians that Samuel was son of Edward. But Edward's children being born in England, it is a hard matter to get their records. The records show, however, that Mr. Edward Bennett had a muster of his servants on February 7, 1619, prior to sailing in 1621.

Rev. George S. Bennett of Boston, who has made a thorough search of the old records, states that Samuel was the son of Ed-

ward, who came from Weymouth, England, and settled in Weymouth, Mass., and was there made a Freeman in 1636, after seven years' residence.

He also states that the children of Edward were Samuel, John, Priscilla, Edmund and Richard.

I find in the earlier records of 1618 that there were Thomas, Mary, Robert, Samuel, James and Katherine, the latter a widow with a three weeks' old child named William, who sailed for Jamestown, Va., in 1622. It is doubtful if they remained. This is sailing record from London.

Samuel Bennett, who was a house carpenter, came to this country by way of London, England, in the "James," and William Bennett of Salem, Mass., testified before a justice court that Samuel and himself both came together in the "James" in 1639. Samuel settled in Lynn, Mass., when he was nineteen years old and in 1639 he settled in Chelsea, Mass., where he owned a large farm, shop, windmill, etc. His wife's name was Mary.

Children :

Samuel, Richard, Elisha and Lydia.

John of Boston, son of Samuel, and a seaman in 1675, but where he was born or resided is not known. John and Anthony are credited to him on the records.

John of Stonington, son of John the seaman of Samuel, married Eliza Park.

Children :

Eliza Patty.

John, born February 24, 1650 and died in 1664.

William, 1660.

John again, 1666.

Joseph, 1671.

Samuel.

Anthony, born November 12, 1679 : died September 22, 1691.

William, son of John of Stonington, of John of Boston, of Samuel, married Susannah Bright.

Children :

William, Henry, Samuel and Daniel.

William, son of William, of John, of John, of Samuel, married Abigail ———.

Children :

Deliverance, Joseph, Stephen, Thaddeus, Sarah and Abigail.

Captain Thaddeus Bennett was the son of William and Abigail Bennett, having three brothers, Deliverance, Joseph and Stephen, and two sisters, Sarah and Abigail. William, the father, had two brothers, Samuel and Daniel, as he named them as executors of his will, which is on the probate records at Fairfield, Conn., where it can be found of August 5, 1772.

Probate Record of Fairfield, Conn., A. D. 1772.

Will of William Bennett.

I give to my wife, Abigail, so much, to my son, Deliverance, to my son, Joseph, to my son, Stephen, to my son, Thaddeus, and daughter, Sarah, to my daughter, Abigail, to my four sons and my two daughters to share and share alike.

I appoint my brothers, Samuel and Daniel, as executors of my Will.



STATE CAPITOL, HARTFORD, CONN.

#### Historical Records of Stratford, Conn.

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Captain Thaddeus Bennett, a shoemaker and farmer, was Captain of the trained band at the commencement of the Revolutionary War and went to New York with his Company in August, 1776, to defend the city against the British troops. His Company suffered considerable loss by death and the Captain died soon after returning home from the campaign. He died on January 21, 1777, aged 52 years.