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PREFACE.

At a meeting of a number of the descendants of George Abbot, held in Andover, August 16, 1842, after discussing the subject, it was unanimously resolved, that a monument be erected in grateful and pious remembrance of George and Hannah Abbot, in the burial-place in the South Parish, Andover.

A committee, consisting of Abiel Abbot of Peterboro', Ephraim Abbot of Westford, Samuel Abbot of Charlestown, Asa A. Abbot of Andover, and Josiah G. Abbot of Lowell, was appointed to carry the resolve into effect.

The committee was requested to prepare a Genealogical Register of the descendants of George Abbot, as complete as may be, and print the same, if the subscription for the monument should be sufficient to defray the expense.

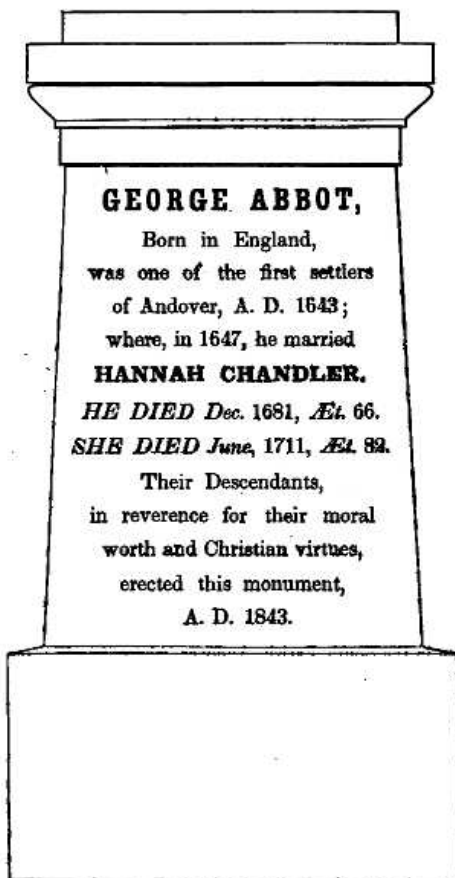
A plain granite monument has, accordingly, been procured, and was erected, September 26, 1843, in the burial-place opposite to his estate in the South Parish, Andover, where nearly three hundred of his descendants have been interred.

On the following page is a correct representation of the monument, with the inscription.

As this Register is designed for a family book, it is not expected that it will excite much public interest or notice; but it is hoped that it will receive some regard, and afford some information, or, at least, gratify the curiosity of some of the descendants of George and Hannah Abbot, and of the other worthy ancestors, whose genealogy we have attempted to collect and compile.

In a work of this kind, it would not be strange, if there should be many inaccuracies with regard to names, dates, places, &c.

The compilers have, however, endeavored to obtain all the information in their power, and have spent much time, and incurred



much expense, to render the work as complete as possible. We hope that the facts, we have compiled, will enable those, whose

genealogy we could not complete, to trace back their lineage to their patriarchal ancestors.

We wish it had been in our power to give more extended notices of our worthy ancestors, and of the other venerable patriarchs, who, having determined to obey God rather than man, preferred to enjoy the liberty, with which Christ had made them free, in a wilderness, to the many pleasant things of their native land, connected as they were with persecution and oppression for their religious opinions. With them, "Religion was all." With the exception of a few brief observations, our limits do not permit us to attempt a description of their hardships, sufferings, privations, dangers, and sacrifices in the cause of civil and religious liberty, nor of the influence of their opinions, actions, and example on succeeding generations. Many facts and events, which would be gratifying to us to know, our ancestors were too much occupied to record; or the memorials of them have been lost. The toil, deprivations and inconvenience of the first settlers, their exposures, dangers, and sufferings are unknown, and can hardly be conceived by their descendants.

The compilers tender their grateful acknowledgments to those friends, who have aided them in this patient and perplexing concern, and especially to George Abbot and Nathan K. Abbot, Esqrs., of Concord, N. H., and to Joseph Abbot, Esq., Willington, Ct., whose assistance has contributed much to the completion of this work.

Our first intention was to make a register of the descendants of George Abbot, Sen. only; but in our endeavors to collect documents for this purpose, we frequently obtained facts relating to the descendants of George Abbot, Jr., and intermarriages of the two families. In compliance with the requests of a considerable number, we have made a register of the descendants of George Abbot of Rowley, whose son George, Jr. settled in Andover, about 1655. His posterity is numerous and widely dispersed, and we have not been able to make the register as complete as we wish.

We have added, as far as we have been able to obtain information, an account of the descendants of Thomas Abbot, who settled in Andover about 1664. A number of his descendants, about fifty years since, moved from Andover, and were among the early settlers in Andover, Me., whose genealogy we have obtained by the kind aid of Dr. E. C. Rolfe, Farmington, Me.

We have also added such account, as we could collect, of the families of Arthur Abbot of Ipswich, Robert Abbot of Branford, Ct., George Abbot of Norwalk, Ct., and Walter Abbot of N. H. Though the account we give of them is limited, it has been obtained by patient, persevering labor, and considerable expense.

For the account we have compiled of the genealogy of the family of Arthur Abbot, we are much indebted to his descendants, to Dr. Thaddeus W. Harris, and to Rev. Wm. J. Buddington; and we present to them our cordial thanks. We wish also to express our grateful acknowledgments to Ebben Abbot, Esq., of Middlebury, Ct., to his son, George Abbot, Esq., of New Haven, to Charles M. Hall, Esq. of Chatham, N. Y., and to Thaddeus M. Abbot, Esq. of Reading, Ct., for the valuable assistance we have received from them in obtaining the genealogy of the families of their respective ancestors.

Farmer, in his Genealogical Register, mentions, besides those we have noticed, several persons of the name, who were in New England, and were freemen, before the last century. Daniel of Cambridge, 1631, died as early as 1650; Daniel of Providence, before Philip's war; Joseph of New Haven, 1683; (who may have been the Joseph, that came with Maria Abbot, 6 April, 1635, from England in the Hopewell. They were then sixteen years old, and may have been elder children of Robert of Branford, whom he left in England, and this Maria may have been the same that married John Robins, of Branford, 1659.) Robert of Watertown, 1634; (who was, very probably, afterwards Robert of Branford); John, Concord, 1637, killed by mischance; Edward, Taunton; Richard, keeper of the prison, New Hampshire, 1684.

Samuel Abbot of Leominster was not, probably, descended from any one we have named. He has sons, merchants in Boston. His father died on his passage from England to this country, some time in the last century. There is a family of the name in Detroit, Mich., which came into the United States from Canada, whose genealogy we have not obtained. Joel Abbot, representative in Congress from Georgia several years, as is believed, descended from Robert of Branford, or from George of Norwalk. Samuel Abbot, who with his wife resided at the Isle of Shoals, 1753, probably descended from Walter.

There is some evidence, that the three Abbots, that settled in

Andover, were related. Their settlement in the same town and about the same time is noticeable. Perhaps ¹George was a son of an older, and Thomas of a younger brother of George of Rowley. Coincidence of names in their families indicates relationship. All three name sons John, and daughters Sarah. ¹George, soon after the death of Thomas of Rowley and the marriage of Thomas of Andover, named a son Thomas. The same ¹George, after naming his first daughter for his wife, called his second Sarah for the wife of ²George, who at that early date had no daughter; but in reasonable time returned the compliment by naming his third daughter Hannah. Thomas, as ¹George had done before, gives the name Joseph twice, and Thomas, and Nathaniel, and Mary, whose name was taken twenty-two years before by ²George. Thomas had four daughters; for one he takes a name used by ²George before, for another by both Georges, and two named Dorothy, probably for the wife of Thomas of Rowley; and of his six sons, five are named after five of those of ¹George.

The tradition, that three brothers came from England, and settled in Andover or vicinity, from whom originated all the Abbots in the country, may have arisen from the fact, that three of the name did settle in Andover, who were probably sons of three brothers, one of whom with three sons came to Rowley.

As a similar tradition is believed to exist among all the descendants of the early settlers, who bore our name, it is not improbable that all descended from a common ancestor, though the three brothers may have never come to America.

NAME.

Some of our correspondents have expressed a wish, that we should endeavor to ascertain, which is the more correct mode of writing our name, with a single or double *t*. So far as we have examined, we find, that English and American writers and authors, with very few exceptions, have written the name with one *t*. Names of more than one syllable, ending with *bot*, have but one *t*, as Cabot, Talbot, &c.

It may be satisfactory to name some of the authors and writers, who use but one *t* in our name. Neal, Burnet, Mosheim, Priestley, Hume, Lingard, Keightley, Lempriere, Walker, Winthrop, Hubbard, Hutchinson, Belknap, Calef, Eliot, Allen, Farmer, Barnard,

Phillips, Pearson, Fiske, Harris, Eaton, Woods, Flint, Everett, Bartlett, Bouton, Channing, Gage, Ware, Cummings, &c., Panoplist, Anthology, Christian Disciple, Christian Examiner, North American Review, &c., Harvard University Catalogue, Brown College Catalogue, Dartmouth College Catalogue.

We are not aware, that any writer or author of our name in this country has used more than one *t*, except that, within a few years, Mr. Jacob Abbot and brothers have added another *t* to their name, as some others have in this century.

We have, therefore, on the monument and in this publication, used one *t* in writing our name, **ABBOT**.

Several abbreviations have been used; as *a*, for aged, or year of age, and for about; *ab.* for about; *b.* for born; *e. & ch.* for child and children; *chh.* for church; *d.* for decease and deceased; *da.* for daughter and daughters; *m.* for married; *n.* for no and not; *s.* for son and sons. Small figures before names denote generation; large figures, number of children.

CORRECTIONS AND ADDITIONS.

Page 11, line 23, for 1828, read 1833. P. 14, l. 31, for 1838, read 1738. P. 19, l. 38, for large 6 *s.*, read small *s. s.* P. 20, l. 28, for 1802, read 1843. P. 21, l. 34, for large 7 *c.*, read small *c.* P. 23, l. 44, for 1802, probably 1806. P. 28, l. 16, for 21, read 24. P. 30, l. 48, for large 8, read small ². P. 35, l. 6, after 89 add, d. 19 March, 1847. P. 36, l. 29, for 1792, read 1789; l. 41, for 1781, read 1791. P. 37, l. 17, for 1816, read 1819; l. 22, add, d. 29 March, 1847. P. 39, l. 44, for large 8, read small ². P. 40, l. 9, for large 8, read small ². P. 43, l. 35, for large 7, read small ⁷. P. 49, l. 12, add 3 *Philip*, before *Hannah*; l. 28, for 1781, read 1785. P. 51, l. 44, for *Sybil*, read *Sibyl*. P. 69, l. 4, add, d. 30 July, 1847. P. 79, l. 27, add ⁶ before *Priscilla*. P. 89, l. 45, for *Philips*, read *Phillips*. P. 95, l. 35, after ⁷ Samuel H., add ⁷ John H. P. 100, l. 30, for *b.* read *d.* before 24. P. 101, l. 31, for 1756, read 1766. P. 105, l. 47, for ⁷ MARY S., read ⁷ Mary A.; l. 43, read ⁷ DANIEL before Barton, &c. P. 109, l. 33, for 23, read 1823. P. 110, l. 9, after Hoyt, for comma, read period, and add ⁷ Orlando. P. 113, l. 5, after 1767, add d. 2 May, 1847. P. 118, l. 27, for 1799, read 1779. P. 121, l. 17, for Ackby, read Ackley. P. 122, lowest line, for ⁹ Betsy, read ⁶ Betsy.