

through the country to Fredonia, giving the alarm, and then returning home, melted some of her pewter dishes to make bullets, which, however, were not required, as the demonstrations served to frighten off the boatmen, who proved to be a small British detail, looking for supplies. The bodies of Erastus and Sally lie buried at Fredonia. He d. May 26, 1870, and she on Feb. 18, 1874. Their children born near Dunkirk, N. Y.

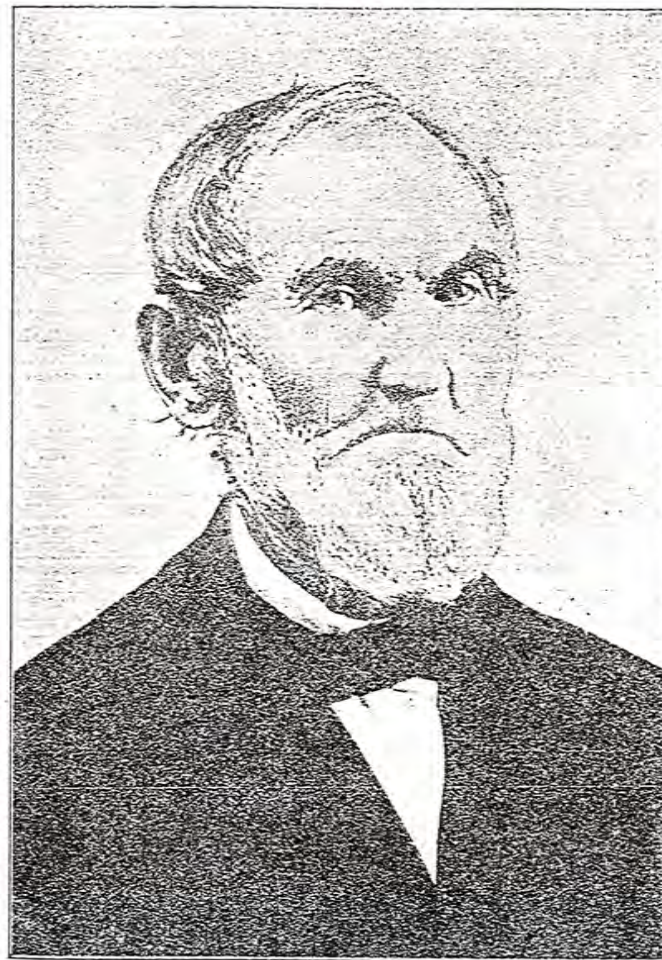
- 68. Samantha, b. Dec. 1, 1821.
- 69. Olive, date of birth unknown.
- 70. Florinda, b. Apr. 29, 1827.
- 71. Sally M., b. Nov. 11, 1828.
- 72. Jeannette, b. Oct. 19, 1837.
- 73. Jackson, the youngest died while quite a small child.

13. OLIVER WHEELER BURCH, b. Warren, N. Y., June 16, 1801, m. Mar. 8, 1827, near Utica, N. Y., Mary Sprague Tower, b. near Utica, Sep. 29, 1808, the daughter of John Tower and Lucy Munson. Mary was granddaughter of Isaac Tower, a Revolutionary Soldier, whose record will appear as Paragraph No. 6 of the Appendix. She was also a Mayflower descendant, and her line back to Richard Warren of the Mayflower will appear as Paragraph No. 10 of the Appendix. Thus every descendant of Oliver Wheeler and Mary Sprague Tower Burch are eligible not only to membership in the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution, but also for the Society of Mayflower Descendants. Their children were all born in Portland Twp., near Westfield, N. Y.

- 74. Horace, b. Nov. 29, 1827.
- 75. Ransom, b. Oct. 15, 1829.
- 76. Hiram, b. Dec. 15, 1831.
- 77. Lucy, b. Dec. 21, 1833.
- 78. Rollin, b. Apr. 10, 1836.
- 79. Walter, b. Apr. 20, 1838.
- 80. Olive, b. Oct. 11, 1840.
- 81. Newell, b. Jan. 16, 1842.
- 82. Harriet, b. Dec. 25, 1846.

The first general reunion of this family was held at their childhood home on Aug. 22, 1889, a second was held with Newell at Menomonie, Wis., during August, 1906. An account of the second reunion as published by a Menomonie newspaper states that none of the six sons had ever used liquor or tobacco, and also states that one of the remarkable incidents of the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, held in the city of Minneapolis, Minn., in August, 1906, was that in the grand parade which always featured such encampments, four of these brothers, Hiram, Rollin, Walter and Newell,

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were permitted to march abreast, that being 41 years after the close of the Civil War. A third reunion occurred at the old homestead near Westfield, N. Y., on Sep. 5, 1903.

*"The heart has many passages through which the feelings roam,  
But the middle aisle is sacred to the old, old home."*

In a historical sketch there presented, a loving tribute was paid to the memory of their mother, Mary Sprague Tower Burch. Someone has written that, "From death the soul shrinks back, as from a stream in winter, though the chill be but for a moment," but it was not so with her. She was prepared to go. She passed away on March 2nd, 1851.

Notwithstanding the death of the mother in the forty-third year of her age, the constitution bestowed upon these nine children was such that they lived to the ages of 66, 90, 84, 90, 79, 83, 79, 66, and 69 respectively, so that the nine children lived a total of 706 years. A remarkable record.

Oliver Wheeler Burch married 2nd., Miss Arminda Sunderlin, at Westfield, N. Y., Nov. 30, 1854. No children were born to this union but it was the testimony of all his children that she was an ideal step-mother. She d. Sep. 20, 1900. He was a very fine Christian man, whose religious affiliation was with the Baptists. He passed away at North East, Pa., on Christmas Eve, 1883. His cut appears in this volume.

14. CHAUNCEY BURCH, b. Warren, N. Y., Apr. 27, 1803, m. in 1824 at Dunkirk, N. Y., Nancy Cole, b. Mar. 11, 1805, at Chesterfield, Mass. She was sister of Erastus Cole, (See No. 12.) and daughter of Seth Cole, a soldier of the Revolution whose military record appears at Paragraph No. 5 of the Appendix. Chauncey was a clergyman of the Free Baptist denomination for about 35 years, a faithful minister of the Word, whose pastorates were mostly in the vicinity of Greenfield and North East, Pa. It was near the latter place that their eleven children were born. Both Chauncey and Nancy died at North East, he on Mar. 20, 1878, and she on Aug. 20, 1881.

- 83. Lovana, b. Dec. 29, 1824.
- 84. Jonathan, b. July 26, 1826.
- 85. Seth, b. May 15, 1828, d. Jan. 18, 1829.
- 86. Arville C., b. Feb. 20, 1830, d. Jan. 19, 1832.
- 87. Washington, b. July 4, 1832, d. Aug. 9, 1834.
- 88. Emeline Louise, b. Sep. 1, 1834.
- 89. Mary Pamela, b. Sep. 20, 1836.
- 90. Chauncey Randall, b. Oct. 20, 1838.



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not until the "colony" reached St. Louis, Mo., some weeks afterward, that Garret and his mother were reunited, a particularly happy meeting because neither knew until then, that the other had been saved. To few people is it given to celebrate a golden wedding anniversary with a second mate, but on April 12, 1916, Olive and Garret observed with appropriate ceremonies, the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding, at Menomonie, Wis., where they had lived the greater part of that long period. The author has newspaper notices of the event and regrets that lack of space forbids the reproduction here of this, and many similar events in other lives. Olive and Henry were Congregationalists. She d. Feb. 19, 1920, and he on Oct. 3, 1922, both at Menomonie.

265. Nellie May Hesselink, b. Mar. 8, 1873.

81. NEWELL BURCH, b. Jan. 16, 1842, m. 1st. in April, 1869, at Cincinnati, Ohio, Susan M. Parris, b. July 21, 1844, in Cincinnati. Married by Rev. C. L. Taylor, pastor of the Third Presbyterian church. Newell was a farmer and later, for many years a merchant in Menomonie, Wis. He served in the Civil War in Co. E., 154th. New York Volunteer Infantry. Was a prisoner of war 21 months in all, 14 of which were in Andersonville. Active in all patriotic events in his chosen city of Menomonie, and held many places of trust. Mrs. Burch d. Feb. 8, 1894. On Aug. 21, 1897, he m. 2nd. Mrs. Lois Bunker, at Menomonie. He passed away on May 17, 1908.

266. Edward Parris, b. Aug. 28, 1870.

267. Mary Evelyn, b. Nov. 20, 1872.

268. Grace Arminda, b. Apr. 21, 1874.

269. Frank E., b. Mar. 27, 1876.

270. Thomas Smith, b. Feb. 20, 1882, d. June 6, 1893.

271. Effie Tower, b. Oct. 28, 1884.

82. HARRIET BURCH, b. Dec. 25, 1846, m. Dec. 24, 1868, at Westfield, N. Y., Gilbert La Fayette Parkhurst, b. Mar. 5, 1843, at Hartfield, N. Y. Contractor and Builder. Republican. They lived many years at North East, Pa., later removing to Cambridge Springs, Pa., where she d. Dec. 27, 1915. Baptist.

272. Velma Delill, b. Feb. 28, 1870.

273. Edna Lucy, b. Aug. 11, 1878.

For place of birth of Nos. 83 to 93 inclusive, please refer to family record of their parents at No. 14.

83. LOVANA BURCH, b. Dec. 29, 1824, m. at North East, Pa., Benjamin Burch, who was born probably near North East. His parents were Benjamin and Sarah (Newman) Burch, who had resided

Left to Right:—Horace, Elmer, Ezra, Hanson, Newell, Walter, Harriet, Rollin and Olive. Photo taken during Civil War when Newell was in Andersonville Prison, but since reserved for him, and his picture afterward inserted. See additional interesting record of them on pages 35 and 38.

SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF OLIVER WHEELER BURCH.

