

THE CHRISTOPHER BENSON GENEALOGY

CHRISTOPHER BENSON

Christopher Benson was born on Sept. 29, 1720 (old style) in Saint Sidwell Parish, City of Exeter, in Devonshire, England. With the hopes of being able to locate a record of his baptism if in case he was baptised, as this record would give me the name of his parents, I wrote to Rev. M. Lanyon Owen, M.A. St. Sidwell Rectory, Exeter, Devonshire, England, during the year 1930 and asked him to examine his records of baptisms for a record of the baptism. He turned my letter over to Mrs. Agnes Incedon, the assistant verger. I will quote, as follows, her letter in part to me: "I will start the searching of our records without delay and as soon as I find anything, I will forward it to you. There is no record of any baptism between 1720 and 1723, but I may find other records that may help you." I did not hear anything further from her. About the only hopes we now have left to trace his English ancestry is to locate a copy of his coat-of-arms. ___ have a vast quantity of most vital English Benson ancestral ___ and feel certain if I only knew the names of his parents, I could then connect him up with my English Benson ancestral data. Nu ___ Bensons were granted coats-of-arms, and if I could only locate a copy of this Christopher Benson's coat-of-arms, it would give me something definite to work upon. I feel almost certain that Christopher Benson must of had a Benson coat-of-arms as he was of wealth and culture. A process of elimination could be used to connect him up with the right branch of the Benson family, _____ even if in case we were never able to ascertain the names of his parents.

Christopher Benson was sent to America, by the Crown, to aid Colonists in trying to surpress the Indians. Prior to his departure for America, he placed all of his silver-ware in a large velvet lined chest, and buried this chest on his property, in England. After the Revolutionary War, this silver-ware was claimed by the Crown, to help defray the expense of the Revolutionary Ware, a ___ the empty chest was turned over to Christopher Benson. I do not know what-ever happened to this chest, but suppose it must be in the possession of one of his descendants. I know this chest was brought to America, and it was still in existence about sixty years ago. Christopher Benson arrived in America prior to May 12, 1759. Upon his arrival, he was made an officer in a command of militia. To be given this position, he must have been a man of importance.

On May 12, 1759, Christopher Benson married the widow Mary Simmons, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, New York City. A lot has been said about Christopher Benson having been married more than once, but according to old New York deeds and his old family, he was only married once. Their marriage license clearly stated that Mary Simmons was a widow of New York City.

All published records state that Christopher Benson married a Mary Simmons, and the name is spelled various ways, such as Simmons, Simons, Simmonds and Simonds. Their marriage license or bond was on file in the State Library, at

Albany, N.Y. at this time this library was almost completed destroyed by fire, many years ago, but fortunately this license or bond was saved. It is now on file in the new State Library, at Albany, New York, but the edges are very badly charred, by the fire. This license of bond clearly states that Christopher Benson married Mary Simmons, a widow of New York City, and a John Smith signed or witnessed this license or bond.

One of my mother's paternal aunts had, in her possession, a tea caddy, which originally belonged to Christopher Benson. On the lid of this tea caddy, "C. M. B." is inscribed upon same, meaning "Christopher and Mary Benson".

In regards to Christopher Benson's old family Bible, this Bible record gives the date of the birth and also the date of the death of a Mary Benson, his wife, All of the other entries of birth, marriage and death, cover his issue.

On March 1, 1938, the Register's Office, Hall of Records, County of New York, New York City, N.Y., advised me that an examination of their records disclosed two deeds made by Christopher Benson and Mary, his wife, dated March 26, 1768, and April 2, 1772. Also one deed made to Christopher Benson, individually, dated November 26, 1767.

Due to the way Christopher Benson named his children, it is my supposition that he married a Mary Brewerton, the daughter of an Elizabeth Brewerton.

A George Brewerton and a James Brewerton were Ensigns in the second battalion of DeLacy's Corps. They went to Saint John, New Brunswick, in 1783, and were grantees of city lots. Both received half pay.

A George Brewerton, a hatter, born in London, England, in 1665, was confidential clerk, in 1689, for Francis Nicholson, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of New York. New York Marriages state that a George Brewerton married an Antie Blancke on November 24, 1684, and this must have been the same George Brewerton. The will of Catherine Blanck, of New York City, dated September 1 1698, mentions the children of her daughter, Antie, the widow of George Brewerton, but she does not mention the names of these children in said will. One of the executors of this will was an Abraham Brewerton, and he was either a brother, father or else some kin of the George Brewerton who had married Antie Blanck.

It has been stated that George Brewerton, the hatter as born during the year 1665, had a son, George Brewerton. This George Brewerton took the oath of freeman in the City of New York, on November 24, 1741, and entered the service as a second lieutenant on June 11, 1745. In 1756, he was a captain in Colonel Eleazer Fish's Regiment, and was on the staff of Governor Morris as a clerk. A Muster Roll of the company in 1758 numbers 97 men, and in May, of that year, a warrant was drawn in his favor for 1,006 pounds bounty for enlisting 93 men. At

the close of the war, he was elected alderman in the city of New York, and served in that capacity of as Justice of the Peace from 1765 to 1785. He had a son, George Brewerton, 3, who was born in the City of New York, during the year 1737. The following letter, written in his behalf, exerted an influence over his future life:

“New York, Aug. 27, 1756.

Mr. Richard Morris asked me the other day if there was any room for a Lieutenant, and told me his clerk, Capt. Brewerton's son, about nineteen years of age, of whom he gives exceeding good character, is desirous of engaging in the service, having a view to get among the Regular hereafter if he can. I you think it proper to give him a commission, perhaps you may have an opportunity of doing it in Johnson's company. I am told that he is a young man of good spirit, and does not know how to provide for himself otherwise at present, so it would be serving him, and it may be the public at the same time.

G. W. Banyer

To Oliver Delancy, Esq.

As a result of this letter, Mr. Brewerton was commissioned a Lieutenant undervis his father, Capt. George Brewerton, Senior, August, 1757, was commissioned Captain on May 3, 1759, Major on May 14, 1759, Lieutenant-Colonel of the 1 Regiment on May 15, 1760, and Colonel in 1761.

During the Revolution, Brewerton was charged with treasonable and dangerous conspiracies against the Whig cause, and at the instance of Livingston, Morris and Jay, a warrant was issued in June 1776, by General Green for his apprehension and the seizure of his papers.

Brewerton surrendered himself to the General, who sent him to his accusers. IN his examination, he stated that instead of aiding the ministerial armies, he had persuaded men to enlist in the Continental service. He was held to good behaviour to the Whigs in a bond of five hundred pounds, with Jacob Brewerton as security.

Subsequently, he entered the service of the crown, and commanded the Second Battalion of DeLancey's Brigade. He died at Jamaica on September 15, 1779, universally beloved and his death greatly lamented. Fort Brewerton, New York State, was named in his honor.

It is my supposition that Mary, the wife of Christopher Benson, and George Brewerton, as born in 1737, were brother and sister. A William Simmons, of New York, hatter, appointed his friend, George Brewerton, of New York, hatter, attorney and executor of his estate - dated September 17, 1744. I have been unable to locate of the will of this William Simmons, and understand the will has been lost. Perhaps this William Simmons had a son, and the son married a

Mary, the daughter of this George Brewerton, due to the said George Brewerton and the said William Simmons have been friends.

On the following page, I will give a list of Brewerton marriages, as per New York Marriages, which seem to show strong tie-up.

Catherine Brewerton married Isaac Teller on November 8, 1762. Elizabeth Brewerton married George Evans, on October 12, 1758. George Brewerton married Anite Blancke, on November 24, 1684. George Brewerton, Jr. married Jacobe Dehart, on July 19, 1764. Hannah Brewerton married Isaac Stoutenburgh, on July 29, 1766. Jacob Brewerton married Helena Fresneau, on June 17, 1760. Sarah Brewerton married Richard Albouy, on December 21, 1760.

In regards to John Smith, he was a cartman of New York City, and he sealed his will on October 12, 1764. In said will, he mentioned his wife Catharine; daughter, Elizabeth, under age; and his children, John Deborah and Catherine. He appointed, as his executors, his wife, Catherine, and his brothers-in-law, John Lee and Christopher Benson. This John Smith might have married a Catherine Brewerton. Christopher Benson could not have married a Mary Smith, the sister of this John Smith as said John Smith did not have any sister by that name. John Smith, the father of this John Smith, sealed his will on March 22, 1715/6, and same was proved on October 27, 1716. In said will, he mentioned his wife, Deborah, and his children, Michael, John and Frances Smith.

While residing in the United States, Christopher Benson seems to have made his home in Eastampton, Long Island, New York.

When the Revolutionary War broke out, Christopher Benson espoused the Loyalist side, and he was an efficient officer in a Loyalist corp. He was a captain the Rangers, in the British Army, during the Revolutionary War. One record states that Christopher Benson was in camp, near Brooklyn, N. Y., in 1778, and that he lost a colt. In 1782, he was an addresser of Commissary Scott.

After the Revolutionary War, all of Christopher's Benson's property on Long Island, N. Y. was confiscated, and Christopher Benson and his family had to flee for their lives. Christopher Benson, realizing that the Colonies were going to win the conflict, sent his son, Christopher Benson Jr. to Nova Scotia, a short time before the close of the Revolutionary War, on a sailing vessel, with the frame for building a house, and all of the furniture and silver.

Christopher Benson and his family evacuated New York during the summer of the year 1783, being passengers on a fleet of thirteen British sailing vessels. When Christopher Benson arrived in Nova Scotia, he found his son, Christopher Benson, Jr., married to Lucy Dunn.

Christopher Benson, Sr. settled at Granville, in the Annapolis Valley, Nova Scotia. He owned six slaves. The Muster Roll of the discharged officers and disbanded soldiers and Loyalist, taken in the County of Annapolis, Nova Scotia, between the 18 day and the 29 day of June of the year 1784, contained the names of Christopher Benson, Sr. who with family - eleven in all (including six servants) settled at Granville; Christopher Benson, Jr. who settled at Wilmot, and Benjamin Seaman, Esquire (three in family), and Richard Seaman (seven in the family) also settled at Granville, which is just across the Annapolis River from the town of Annapolis Royal in the Annapolis Valley.

The names of Christopher Benson - father and son, appear among the original grantees of the township in 1784. The Annapolis records show that Christopher Benson, Sr. was appointed a Justice of the Peace in 1786 or 1794, and Christopher Benson, Jr. Was appointed to the same office in 1815.

A tract of land, west of West Branch, Bear River, Nova Scotia, was granted to Captain Christopher Benson, Sr., Christopher Benson, Jr., William Benson and James Ettridge on January 4, 1787.

In 1793, Christopher Benson, Sr., was a major in the Annapolis Regiment of Militia. Some of his descendants claim for him the rank of colonel.

Christopher Benson, Sr. was a man of considerable culture and intelligence, for nearly forty years gave active and efficient gratuitous service in militia affairs. He was buried on June 21, 1817, in Annapolis County, Nova Scotia.

Mary, the wife of Christopher Benson, Sr., was born on December 11, 1731, and she died on September 3, 1805. She had, be her first husband ----- Simmons, Hannah Simmons, born January 11, 1753; died September 10, 1784, and, perhaps, never married, and Mary Simmons, born April 20 or 28, 1756, married William Dement or Demont, on March 8, 1777, in New York City.

The story goes that Christopher Benson, on his way to Nova Scotia, happened to notice several bales on board the vessel with his name written on same. Upon making inquiries as to their contents, and ascertaining that they only contained cotton, he immediately, ordered them thrown over-board, and this request or demand was granted.

He was never used to hard work, and in order to be able to get along during his remaining years of life, in Nova Scotia, he was forced to sell portions of his land grant, in Nova Scotia, from time to time, and at the time of his death, very little of this original grant was remaining.

It has been said that when Christopher Benson's son, Christopher Benson, Jr., was married, he had a "Gentleman's Wedding". The bride and her attendants

had thirty white horses for the bridal procession, and the bride and her attendants rode them to Church, according to gentry custom.

When the Lord Mayor, of London, England, visited Annapolis, Nova Scotia, Christopher Benson, Sr. was the only one of sufficient education to be able to deliver the oration.

Christopher and Mary Benson had the following children:

1. Christopher Benson, born June 6, 1760 or 1761; married Lucy Dunn.
2. William Simmons Benson, born October 15, 1768; married Mary Ann Anderson.
3. Elizabeth Brewerton Benson, born January 11, 1771; married William Seaman.
4. Rebecca Benson, born October 15, 1774.
5. Mary Demont Benson, born February 12, 1778.

SECOND GENERATION

Christopher Benson, Jr., the son of Christopher and Mary (Benson), was born on June 6, 1760, or 1761, in New York City, U.S.A. and he was buried on September 20, 1840, at Granville, Nova Scotia. He married Lucy Dunn, around the year 1783, in Nova Scotia. Lucy Dunn was born on Thursday, December 17, 1860, at Annapolis, Nova Scotia, and she was buried during the year 1841, at Granville, Nova Scotia.

Christopher and Lucy (Dunn) Benson had the following children:

1. Elizabeth Benson, born March 23, 1785, married Jacob Merry.
2. Helen Benson, born May 28, 1786, at half past eight o'clock Sunday evening, married Archibald Hicks.
3. Mary or Maria Benson, born October 4 or 24, 1788, on Sunday evening, married Isiah or Josiah Sanders.
4. Lucy Benson, born March 25, 1791, at six o'clock in the morning, married William Merry.
5. Grace Benson, born January 13, 1793, at half past three o'clock, on Sunday--; married Chipman Beckwith.
6. Rebecca Benson, born June 1, 1795, on Monday, married George Gray.
7. Christopher Benson, Jr., born June 5, 1797; died December 3, 1877 - aged 80 years. Mrs. Addie E. Benson Reed advised me that this Christopher Benson was married twice. One of his wives was a Jemima Letteney.
8. William Benson, born, November --, 1799, between 11 and 12 o'clock on Saturday, married Tamar Messenger.
9. Lucy Ann Benson, born 1811, married Michael Miller.

THIRD GENERATION

Elizabeth Benson, the daughter of Christopher and Lucy (Dunn) Benson, was born on March 23, 1785. She married Jacob Merry, at Granville, Nova Scotia, on March 20, 1818.

Jacob and Elizabeth (Benson) Merry had the following children:

1. Susan Merry, born October 5, 1819.
2. Eleanora Merry, born April 30, 1821.
3. Letitia Maria Merry, born January 15, 1823.
4. Elizabeth Lucy Merry, born March 2, 1826.

THIRD GENERATION

Helen Benson, the daughter of Christopher and Lucy (Dunn) Benson, was born on May 28, 1786, and she died during the year 1851. She married Archibald Hicks, during the year 1803.

Archibald and Helen (Benson) Hicks had the following children:

1. Elizabeth Hicks, born 1804; married William Smith.
2. Russell Hicks, born 1805; died 1887, never married.
3. Rebecca Ann Hicks, born 1807; married Joshua Querean Croscup.

4. Margaret Hicks, born 1810; died 1875; never married.
5. Ellen Ora Hicks, born 1812; died 1906; never married.
6. Teresa Hicks, born 1814; married Robert Bent.
7. William Henry Hicks, born 1816; married Eliza Messenger.
8. Lucy Hicks, born 1819, married John Rice.
9. Phinly Hicks, born 1821; died 1822.
10. John Hicks, born 1823; died 1899; never married.
11. Caroline Hicks, born 1825; married Abner Morse.
12. Arabelle Hicks, born 1829; married James Manning.
13. Charles Hicks, born 1832; married Margaret Drake.

FOURTH GENERATION

Elizabeth Hicks, the daughter of Archibald and Helen (Benson) Hicks, was born during the year 1804, and she died during the year 1881.

She married William Smith

William and Elizabeth (Hicks) Smith had the following children:

1. Edmund Smith
2. Frank Smith
3. Maria Smith, married _____ Newcomb.
 - i. Eugene Newcomb, married _____.
 - ii. Dana Newcomb, married _____ Gullison. She was a missionary in India.
 - iii. Bertha Newcomb, married Joseph Elliot. They lived in Upper Clarence, Annapolis County, Nova Scotia.
4. Jane Smith, married _____ Daniels.
 - i. Clara Daniels, married Chipman Archibald, and Lived in Halifax, Nova Scotia.
 - ii. Edward Daniels, lived in Western Canada.
5. Helen Smith, married _____ Minard. They had one son and one daughter.

Note: Either Edmund or Frank Smith had one daughter, Grace, and two sons. The daughter married, and lived in Metheun, and the two sons lived in Metheun, Mass., and had a large automobile business there.

FOURTH GENERATION

Rebecca Ann Hicks, daughter of Archibald and Helen (Benson) Hicks, was born during the year 1807, and she died during the year 1889. She married Joshua Querean Croscup, during the year 1829. He was born during the year 1811, and he died during the year 1897.

1. Joshua Querean and Rebecca Ann (Hicks) Croscup had the following children:
2. John Henry Croscup, born 18___, married Eliphah Nicholl.
3. William Croscup, died 1865.
4. Helen Teressa Croscup, born May 23, 1839; married Phineas Lovett Chesley.
5. Sarah Anne Croscup, died 1868, married James Croscup.
6. Lucy Croscup, born 1845, married Calvin Corbett. She dies in 1935.
7. Caroline Croscup, born 1852; married Wallace Covert.

FIFTH GENERATION

John Henry Croscup, the son of Josua Querean and Rebecca Anne (Hicks) Croscup, died during the year 1891. He married Eliphah Nicholl. She died during the year 1884.

John Henry and Eliphah (Nicholl) Croscup had the following children:

1. Mary Croscup, married Arthur Faye, in 1896.
2. Henry Croscup, married Margaret
3. Louis Croscup, married Lilliam Campbell, in 1895.
4. Oscar Croscup.
5. Annie Croscup, married LeBaron S. Stockford, in 1899.
6. Josie Croscup.

FIFTH GENERATION

Helen Teressa Croscup, the daughter of Joshua Querean and Rebecca Ann (Hicks) Croscup, was born on May 23, 1839, and she died on March 20, 1825. She married Phineas Lovett Chesley, the son of Samuel Moore and Louisa (Loretta) Chesley, on January 2, 1865. He was born on March 22, 1827, and he died on February 24, 1901.

Phineas Lovett and Helen Teressa (Croscup) Chesley had the following children:

1. Lucy E. Chesley, born 1878, single on January 1 1939, and residing at "Willowville, Upper Granville, Annapolis County, Nova Scotia.
2. Sarah Beatrice Chesley, born October 11, 1868; never married.
3. Annie Louisa Chesley, born 1866, married John McCormick.
4. Ida Florence Chesley, married Albert N. Murray.
5. Charles Samuel Chesley, married Edna Nan Chartres.

SIXTH GENERATION

Ida Florence Chesley, the daughter of Phineas Lovett and Helen Teressa (Croscup) Chesley, married Albert N. Murray.

Albert N. and Ida Florence (Chesley) Murray had the following child:

1. Albert Chesley Murraray, married Sophie Standish, in 1931.
 - a) Albert Chesley Murray, born 1932.
 - b) John Murray, born 1934.
 - c) Phillip Murray, born 1936.

SIXTH GENERATION

Charles Samuel Chesly, the son of Phineas Lovett and Helen Teressa (Croscup) Chesley, married Edna Nan Chartris.

Charles Sameul and Edna Nan (Chartris) Chesley had the following child:

1. Eleanor Moore Lovett Chesley, born 1908.

FIFTH GENERATION

Caroline Crosup, the daughter of Joshua Querean and Rebecca Ann (Hicks) Croscup, was born during the year 1852, and she died during the year 1930. She married Wallace Covert.

Wallace and Caroline (Croscup) Covert had the following children:

1. Lucy Teressa Covert, twin born 1881; married John Peck, in 1900
 - i. Albert Judson Peck born 1901; died 1901.
 - ii. Pearl Peck, born 1902.
2. Archibald Covert, twin, born 1881; married Ruth Winchester, in 1911.
 - i. Elizabeth Pritchard Covert, born 1912; married Earl C. Chute, on November 15, 1938.
 - ii. Arthur Covert, born 1914.
3. George Peabody Covert, born 1884; married Geraldine Mac Keane, in 1908.
 - i. Edward Covert
 - ii. Dorothy Covert
4. Hazel Beatrice Covert, born 1898; married A.B. Thorne, in 1913.
 - i. Richard Thorne, married _____
 - ii. Marion Thorne, married _____ Morrison, in 1938.

FIFTH GENERATION

Lucy Croscup, the daughter of Joshua Querean and Rebecca Ann (Hicks) Croscup, was born during the year 1845, and she died on March the 15, 1935. She married Calvin Corbett, and they did not have any issue.

"Bridgetown, Nova Scotia, March 16, 1935. The death occurred last night at her home in Centrealea, of one of the oldest and most highly esteemed residents of the community, when Mrs. Calvin Corbett passed away from heart failure. Mrs. Corbett, who recently celebrated her 87 birthday, was apparently in her usual health until just a few hours before her death. She was, before her marriage,

Miss Lucy Crosscup of Karsdale, and was a daughter of the late Capt. Joshua Crosscup and Rebecca (Hicks) Crosscup of that place. She was a direct descendant of John Hicks, the first representative chosen for Granville in the Provincial Assembly, and also of Captain Christopher Benson, who took an important part in the British revolution, and who later came as a Loyalist to Nova Scotia. Mrs. Corbett was the last of a family of six, and is survived by two step grandchildren, Mrs. Tupper, wife of the Rev. Borden Tupper of Loch Katrine, and by Calvin Piggott of Centrelea. A step daughter, Mrs. Selina Piggott, predeceased her a few days ago. Mrs. Corbett is also survived by a number of nieces and nephews, among whom are the Misses Chesley and Mrs. John MacCormack of Upper Granville and C.S. Chesley of Hantsport.

FOURTH GENERATION

Teressa Hicks, the daughter of Archibald and Helen (Benson) Hicks, was born during the year 1814, and she died on January 19, 1895. She married Robert Bent, on November 6, 1839. He was born on October 12, 1810, and he died on December 30, 1895.

1. Robert and Teressa (Hicks) Bent had the following children:
2. Lucy A. Bent, born September 7, 1840; died July 6, 1845.
3. Emily Bent, born June 11, 1842; died February 11, 1865.
4. Margaret Bent, born January 13, 1844, married Stephen Young.
5. Caroline Bent, born October 4th, 1845, married Henry Merch.
6. Ellen Bent, born September 19, 1847, died September 6, 1933, married Hiram Lorgmire or Longmire.
7. Anna Bent, born November 5, 1849, married Daniel Yung.
8. John Bent, born May 29, 1852, died June 4 1937; married Elizabeth Millbury - not sure about this last name as it was not very clear in the records.
9. William Bent, born December 7, 1855, married Mary Avert, or Overt.

FOURTH GENERATION

William Henry Hicks, the son of Archibald and Helen (Benson) Hicks, was born on July 5, 1816, and he died on November 8, 1881. He married Eliza Ann, the widow of _____ Messenger, on January 8, 1852. She was born on June 9, 1816, and she died on April 6, 1910.

William Henry and Eliza Ann (_____) Hicks had the following children:

1. William Russel Hicks, born August 29, 1854; died August 9, 1873.
2. Hurbett Speirgian Hicks, born April 13, 1857, died September 26, 1886.
3. Wilbert Budd Hicks, born May 17, 1862; married _____ Everson.

FIFTH GENERATION

Wilbert Budd Hicks, son of William Henry and Eliza Ann (_____) Hicks, was born May 17, 1862, and he died on April 9, 1934. He married _____ Everson, during the year 1899.

Wilbert Budd and _____ (Everson) Hicks had the following children:

1. Arnold Troop Hicks, born May 10, 1900.
2. Etta Maude Hicks, born September 26, 1902.
3. Willoughby Spurgeon Hicks, born June 28, 1905.
4. Florence Alice Hicks, born August 22, 1906; married Harry Lantz during the year 1930.
 - i. Constance Floretta Lantz, born August 29, 1931.
 - ii. Elsie Louise Lantz, born August 23, 1932.

FOURTH GENERATION

Lucy Hicks, the daughter of Archibald and Helen (Benson) Hicks, was born during the year 1819, and she died during the year 1911. She married John Rice.

John and Lucy (Hicks) Rice had the following child:

Edward Rice, married _____ Woodruff.

FIFTH GENERATION

Edward Rice, the son of John and Lucy (Hicks) Rice married _____ Woodruff.

Edward and _____ (Woodruff) Rice had the following children:

1. Minnie Rice.
2. Lenard Rice.
3. Mary Rice, married _____ Middlemas.
4. William Rice, married _____.
5. Annie Rice

SIXTH GENERATION

Edward Woodruff Rice, the son of Edward and _____ (Woodruff) Rice, was born during the year 1869, and he died during the year 1916. He married Minnie Chesley, during the year 1904.

Edward Woodruff and Minnie (Chesley) Rice had the following children:

1. John Chesley Rice, born 1905. He was a minister.
2. Lenard Rice, married _____ .

SEVENTH GENERATION

Lenard Rice, the son of Edward Woodruff and Minnie (Chesley) Rice, married _____ . They lived in Worcester, Mass.

Lenard and _____ (_____)Rice had the following children.

1. George Rice.
2. William Rice.
3. Stanley Rice.
4. Vincent Rice.

FOURTH GENERATION

Caroline Hicks, the daughter of Archibald and Helen (Benson) Hicks, was born during the year 1825, and she died during the year 1904. She married Abner Morse, during the year 1856. She was his third wife. After the death of Abner Morse, Caroline Hicks married (2) Watson Chipman.

Abner and Caroline (Hicks) Morse had the following child:

1. Abner Morse, born 1857; married Isabelle Huntington.

FIFTH GENERATION

Abner Morse, the son of Abner and Caroline (Hicks) Morse, was born during the year 1856. He married Isabelle Huntington. She was the widow of _____ Spinney.

Abner and Isabelle (Huntington) Morse had the following child:

1. Beulah Morse.

FOURTH GENERATION

Arabelle Hicks, the daughter of Archibald and Helen (Benson) Hicks, was born during the year 1829, and she died during the year 1916. She married James Manning. She owned Christopher Benson's waffle irons, and she took them with her when she went to live with her son Archibald Manning.

James and Arabelle (Hicks) Manning had the following children:

1. Archibald Manning. He never married.
2. Charles Manning, married Beatrice _____. His wife out-lived him. They had several children.

FOURTH GENERATION

Charles Hicks, the son of Archibald and Helen (Benson)Hicks, was born during the year 1832, and he dies during the year 1922. He married Margaret Drake, during the year 1867. She was born during the year 1829, and she died during the year 1905.

Charles and Margaret (Drake) Hicks had the following children:

1. Charles Hicks, born 1871, died 1895.
2. Archibald Hicks, born 1868; married Cora Etta Williams.
3. Margaret Arabell Hicks, born 1875; married William Edlard Gesner.

FIFTH GENERATION

Archibald Hicks, the son of Charles and Margaret (Drake) Hicks, was born during the year 1868, and he dies during the year 1937. He married (1) Cora Etta Williams, during the year 1892. She died during the year 1903. He married (2) Abbie Warren, but had no issue by her. She was living at 36 Vine Street, Lynn, Mass., during the year 1938.

Archibald and Cora Etta (Williams) Hicks had the following children:

1. Clarissa Hicks, born 1895; married _____Attwood.
2. J. Wilbur Hicks, born 1897; married May Balwin.
3. Dora Hicks, born 1898; married _____Crane.
4. Ina Hicks, born 1900; married _____Doughtey.
5. Lawrence Hicks, born 1902.

FIFTH GENERATION

Margaret Arabell Hicks, the daughter of Charles and Margaret (Drake) Hicks, was born during the year 1875. She married William Edlard Gesner, during the year 1909.

William Edlard and Margaret (Hicks) Gesner had the following children:

1. Frances Evelyn Gesner, born 1910.
2. Edlard Arthur Gesner, born 1914.

THIRD GENERATION

Lucy Ann Benson, the daughter of Christopher and Lucy (Dunn) Benson, was born during the year 1811, and she died during the year 1865. She married Michael Miller, during the year 1834. He was born during the year 1808, and he died during the year 1871.

Michael and Lucy Ann (Benson) Miller had the following children:

1. Annie Miller.
2. Silas Piper Miller, born 1841; died 1865.
3. Stephen Miller, born 1843, died 1868.
4. Mary H. Hicks Miller, born 1853; married Almon William Dudley Parker.

FOURTH GENERATION

Mary H. Hicks Miller, the daughter of Michael and Lucy Ann (Benson), was born during the year 1853, and she died during the year 1931. She married Almon William Dudley Parker, on December 23, 1875.

Almon William Dudley and Mary H. Hicks (Miller) Parker had the following children:

1. Cora J. M. Parker, born August 26, 1877; single on January 12 1939, and residing at Granville Ferry, Annapolis County, Nova Scotia. Rural Route #1. She had, in her possession, Christopher Benson's old sword, and also his napkin ring.
2. Eva Maude Miller Parker, born September 8, 1878; died November 15, 1905. She married Fred Chipman, and they had the following only child
 - i. Annie Fredericka Chipman, born 1908.
3. Lottie Mabel H. Parker, born August 23, 1880; married Wallace E. Couert, on September 5, 1906. They had the following children:
 - i. John P. Couert, born June 22, 1907.
 - ii. Fred Wallace Couert, born February 27, 1910.
4. Lucy Marilla T. Parker, born September 23, 1884; single.
5. Oscar William Dudley Parker, born August 27, 1886; died in infancy.
6. Frederick Courtney Parker, born February 28, 1889.

FIFTH GENERATION

Ester Douglas Benson, the daughter of William and Augusta (Lockwood) Benson, was born on January 18, 1896. She married Harold Coombs. Harold and Ester Douglas (Benson) Coombs had the following child:

Harold Arthur Coombs, born May 6, 1925.

THIRD GENERATION

Rebecca Benson, the daughter of Christopher and Lucy (Dunn) Benson, was born on June 1, 1795. She married George Gray. George and Rebecca (Benson) Gray had the following children:

1. Jane Gray, married _____ Foshay. She had an only child, a daughter, and she died when a small child. Jane (Gray) Foshay had, in her possession, Colonel Christopher Benson's seal ring. It was her intention to present this ring to Edward White Benson, Archbishop of Canterbury, England, but whether she ever did so or not, I have never been able to ascertain. She was in the habit of wearing this ring on her finger all of the time. Two of her homes were destroyed by fire. At the time of her death, she was boarding, in Nova Scotia, with a family by the name of "Green." I have been in touch with the daughter of this Mr. and Mrs. Green, and she advised me that both of her parents were deceased that she was the only child, and that she did not know anything about this ring. Her relatives did not get any of her possessions, at her death.

SECOND GENERATION

William Simmons Benson, the son of Christopher and Mary (_____) Benson, was born on October 15, 1768. He married Mary Ann Anderson, the daughter of Jonathan and Mary Anderson, during the year 1803. Mary Ann Anderson was born on April 3, 1765. This data, and also the data relative to their issued was all gleaned from an old Benson family Bible in the possession (1935) of Mrs. Zubulon Benson, of Bear River, Nova Scotia.

William Simmons and Mary Ann (Anderson) Benson had the following children:

1. Mary Elizabeth Benson, born December 26, 1804, at Granville, Nova Scotia.
2. Rebecca Ann Benson, born August 7, 1806; died December 1, 1828, at Granville, Nova Scotia. She never married.
3. Christopher Anderson Benson, born March 9, 1809; married Elizabeth Merritt.
4. Sabrina Ann Benson, born August 18, 1810; married John Gilliat.
5. Sarah Ann Benson, born July 9, 1812; died during the year 1829, at Granville, Nova Scotia. She never married.
6. Amanda Benson, born June 24, 1814; married Emilie Winchester.
7. William Benson, born March 9, 1817; married Elenora Merry.
8. John Benson, born May 9, 1819, buried on May 15, 1833, at Granville, Nova Scotia.
9. Emmeline Benson, born July 18, 1823; married Capt. John Graham. He was lost at sea.
10. Edmund Seaman Benson, born June 13, 1825; married Susanne Lowe.
11. Isaac Henry Benson, born September 22, 1827; married (1) Elizabeth Winchester; married (2) Margaret Glassy.

Note: Christopher Anderson Benson, William Benson, Edmund Seaman Benson and Isaac Henry Benson broke away from the Episcopal religion and became Baptists.

THIRD GENERATION

Christopher Anderson Benson, the son of William Simmons and Mary Ann (Anderson) Benson, was born on March 9, 1809, at Granville, Annapolis County, Nova Scotia, and he died on August 27, 1892, at Bear River, Nova Scotia. He was a ship builder, and he lived at Bear River, Nova Scotia. Christopher Anderson Benson married (1) Elizabeth R. Merritt, on February 12, 1834, at Granville, Nova Scotia. They were married by Francis Whalley, Missionary at Granville, Nova Scotia. Elizabeth R. Merritt was born on December 26, 1816, at Granville, Annapolis County, Nova Scotia, and she died on November 3, 1870 or 1878, at Bear River, Nova Scotia. Christopher Anderson Benson married (2) Miss _____ Sanders, on December 8, 1879. They did not have any issue. Issue, by first wife, Elizabeth R. Merritt, as follows:

1. Rebecca Ann Benson, born November 25, 1834; died December 6, 1855. She married James H. Parker, on July 28, 1853. They were married by Rev.

W.M. Godfrey, Rector of Clements, Nova Scotia. They did not have any issue.

2. Mary Elizs Benson, born March 14, 1836; died November 26, 1857. She married her brother-in-law, James H. Parker, on January 12, 1856. They were married by Rev. W. Cunningham. They did not have any issue.
3. John Henry Benson, born March 24, 1839; married Harriet Wilson.
4. Amanda Benson, born April 10, 1842; died March 22, 1862. She never married.
5. Elizabeth Benson, born June 1, 1845; died August 27, 1856.
6. Adeline Benson, born June 29, 1849; married William B., Findal.
7. Edgar Benson, born October 28, 1850; married Cassie Wentzel or Wentzell. They had issue.
 - i. Isabelle Francis Benson, born May 24, 1852; died September 24 1879 or 1880. She never married.
 - ii. James Benson, born November 25, 1854.
 - iii. George Benson, born July 30, 1856; married Ida May Nicholl.
 - iv. Christopher Benson, born July 24, 1862; died January 13 186_

FOURTH GENERATION

John Henry Benson, the son of Christopher Anderson and Elizabeth R. (Merritt) Benson, was born on March 24, 1839, and he died at Bear River, during the month of August, of the year 1921. He was known as "Captain" John Henry Benson. He was an outstanding figure of business life at Bear River, Nova Scotia. His father, Christopher Anderson Benson, was also a striking figure in the early business life of Bear River, Nova Scotia, being, for years, master shipbuilder for the late Alpheus Marshal Sr. When Christopher Anderson Benson retired from active work, his son John Henry Benson, took up the burden, and he had to his credit many of the finest vessels which ever sailed through Digby Cut, Nova Scotia. After the decline of wooden shipbuilding, John Henry Benson bought the Marine Ship at Meteghan, Nova Scotia, where he did much of the repairing and ship work in the western part of the Province. When he disposed of the business, he became the representative of the American Bureau of Shipping, for the inspectorial district of Kings, Annapolis and Digby - a position which required constant attention during the war time. This strenuous work was a severe strain and possibly hastened his end. Captain John Henry Benson was a prominent Mason - from 1869, and he was one of the original members of Keith Lodge, of Bear River, Nova Scotia, and he was its oldest Past Master.

Captain John Henry Benson married Harriet Wilson on July 5, 1866. They were married by the Rev. S. Martell or Martett, of Hillsburgh, now Bear River, Nova Scotia.

John Henry and Harriet (Wilson) Benson had the following children

1. Addie Eugenia Benson, born October 13, 1870, married Percy Reed.
2. Reginald Carlisle Benson, born December 13, 1878, married Viola Harris.

3. Laurie John Christopher Benson, born November 13, 1880, living at 57 Davis Street, Wollaston, Mass. In 1938.
4. James Harold Benson, born November 4, 1883, married Minnie Alcorn.

FIFTH GENERATION

Addie Eugenia Benson, the daughter of John Henry and Harriet (Wilson) Benson, was born on October 13, 1870, and she was living at Bear River, Nova Scotia, her home, during the year 1938. She married Percy Reed. They separated, after a few years of married life.

Percy and Addie Eugenia (Benson) Reed had the following children:

1. Harriett Benson Reed, born June 20, 1892; married Moses Burper Alexander
2. Mary Eugenia Reed, born December 8, 1895; married Atwood L. Bent.

SIXTH GENERATION

Harriett Benson Reed, the daughter of Percy and Addie Eugenia (Benson) Reed, was born on June 20, 1892. She married Moses Burper Alexander, on June 17, 1914. On January 15, 1934, they were living in Tuckahoe, N.Y.

Moses Burper and Harriett Benson (Reed) Alexander had the following children:

1. Harriet Jennie Alexander, born March 15, 1915.
2. Mary Eugenia Alexander, born March 15, 1920.
3. John Edwin Alexander, born May 29, 1921.
4. Donald Alexander, born May 15, 1924.

SIXTH GENERATION

Mary Eugenia Reed, the daughter of Percy and Addie Eugenia (Benson) Reed, was born on December 8, 1895. She married Atwood Leon Bent on April 10, 1917, at Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia. They were living at _____, Saskatchewan, Canada, on January 15, 1934. ON said date, Atwood Leon Bent was the station agent and telegrapher at _____, Saskatchewan, Canada.

1. Atwood Leon and Mary Eugenia (Reed) Bent had the following children:
2. William Creighton Bent, born June 4, 1918, at Melville, Sask. Canada
3. Joseph Douglas Bent, born May 14, 1921, at Melville, Sask. Canada
4. Robert Alexander Bent, born June 19, 1925, at Bear River, Nova Scotia
5. Richard Bruce Bent, born April 2, 1925, at Hubbard, Sask, Canada died March 7, 1927.
6. Ralph Leon Bent, born June 17, 1927, at Punnichy, Sask, Canada
7. John Keith Bent, born April 13, 1931, at Punnichy, Sask. Canada
8. Mary Elizabeth Bent, born September 15, 1932, at Punnichy, Sask. Canada

FIFTH GENERATION

Reginald Carlisle Benson, the son of John Henry and Harriet (Wilson) Benson, was born on December 20, 1878. He was living at Somerville, Mass., on January 15, 1934. He married Viola Harris, of Bear River, Nova Scotia.

Reginald Carlisle and Viola (Harris) Benson had the following children:

John Carlisle Benson, married Harriet Rice.

Elizabeth Benson, born Mary 24, 1913, died May 25, 1916.

SIXTH GENERATION

John Carlisle Benson, the son of Reginald Carlisle and Viola (Harris) Benson, married Harriet Rice, of Bear River, Nova Scotia.

John Carlisle and Harriet (Rice) Benson had the following child:

Barbara Ann Benson, born May __, 1932.

FIFTH GENERATION

James Harold Benson, the son of John Henry and Harriet (Wilson) Benson, was born on November 4, 1883. He married Minnie Alcorn, the daughter of Rheuben Alcorn of Bear River, Nova Scotia. They were separated. She was living in Montreal, Canada during the year 1933.

James Harold and Minnie (Alcorn) Benson had the following child:

Florence M. Benson, born around the year 1912. She was living with her mother during the year 1933.

FOURTH GENERATION

Adeline Benson, the daughter of Christopher Anderson and Elizabeth R. (Merritt) Benson, was born on June 29, 1849, and she died on November 21, 1870. She married William H. Findal, on September 13, 1867. They were married by the Rev. S. Martell or Martett, of Hillsburgh, now Bear River, Nova Scotia.

William H. and Adeline (Benson) Findal had the following child:

Ada or Adeline Elizabeth Findal, born May 30, 1868; married (1) Elwin Morine; he died and she married (2) Harry Wight,

Issue by Elwin Morine:

Delah Morine,

George Morine,

Reta Morine,

_____Morine.

FOURTH GENERATION

Edgar Benson, the son of Christopher Anderson and Elizabeth (Merritt) Benson, was born on October 28, 1850. He married Cassie Wentzell.

Edgar and Cassie (Wentzell) Benson had the following children, and possibly one or two others:

1. Hattiet or Harriet Benson.

2. Ella May Benson.
3. George Benson.
4. Lottie Benson

FOURTH GENERATION

George Benson, the son of Christopher Anderson and Elizabeth R. (Merritt) Benson, was born on July 30, 1856. He married (1) Ida May Nicholl, the daughter of George Nicholl of Bear River, Nova Scotia, on December 22, 1880. They were married by the Rev. M. Godfrey, of Clements, Nova Scotia. They were divorced, and George Benson married (2) _____, _____, at New Haven, Conn. George Benson died in New Haven, Conn., on June__1914.

George and Ida May (Nicholl) Benson had the following child:

Gordon Benson, married (1) Clara Haddon or Hadley. They were divorced. He married (2) Irene Fielding.

George and _____, (_____), Benson had the following child:
Wayland Benson

FIFTH GENERATION

Gordon Benson, the son of George and Ida May (Nicholl) Benson, married (1) Clara Haddon or Hadley. They were divorced - no issue. He married (2) Irene Fielding.

Gordon and Irene (Fielding) Benson had the following children:

1. Joyce Benson.
2. Joan Benson.
3. Keith Benson.

THIRD GENERATION

Sabrina Ann Benson, the daughter of William Simmons and Mary Anne (Anderson) Benson, was born on August 18, 1810. She married John Gilliat.

John and Sabrina Ann(Benson) Gillat had the following children:

1. Westland Gilliat, died in youth.
2. Mary Seaman Gilliat, born February 6, 1848; married William Parkes Waterman. Georgina Gilliat, married William Thompson.

FOURTH GENERATION

Mary Seaman Gilliat, the daughter of John and Sabrina Ann (Benson) Gilliat, was born on February 6, 1848, and she died on March 2, 1924. She married William Parkes Waterman, the son of Simeon and Rebecca (Parkes) Waterman, on December 31, 1863. He was born on September 28, 1837, and he died on October 8, 1894.

William Parkes and Mary Seaman (Gilliat) Waterman had the following children:

1. Hattie Waterman, married Edwin S. Belcher, She was living at #3952 Iowa Street, San Diego, Califo., during the year 1938.
2. Frank Waterman, died October 21, 1934; married Florence E. Piper, on June 28, 1897.
3. Jennie May Waterman, single on January 1, 1939, and living at #134 Poplar Street, Roslindale, Mass.
4. Tressa Waterman, married Andrew J. Harris.
5. William Waterman, married (1) May Gardener; married (2) Emma Nevetral.
6. Charles Waterman, married Gertrude May Cooper, on June 28, 1911.
7. Roland Waterman, married Edith Harding Schultz, on April 19, 1924.

THIRD GENERATION

William Benson, the son of William Simmons and Mary Ann (Anderson) Benson, was born on March 9, 1817, and he died on December 2, 1902. He married Eleanora Merry. She was born during the year 1829, and she died on April 18, 1908.

William and Elenora (Merry) Benson had the following children:

1. Arabella Benson, born 1851; married Joseph Harry Hayes.
2. Henry Benson, died March 25, 1919; single.
3. Zebulon Benson, born January 1, 1855; married Emma Amelia Thompson.
4. Elizabeth Ann Benson, died single.

FOURTH GENERATION

Arabella Benson, the daughter of William and Elenora (Merry) Benson, was born during the year 1851, and she died on April __, 1934. She married Joseph Harry Hayes. She lived in Weymouth, Nova Scotia, during her latter years of life.

Joseph Harry and Arabella (Benson) Hayes had the following children:

1. Gordon Hayes.
2. Charles Hayes.
3. Howard Hayes.
4. _____ Hayes, married Charles Wood.

SECOND GENERATION

Elizabeth Brewerton Benson, the daughter of Christopher and Mary Benson, was born on January 11, 1771, in New York, as per a Bible entry in Christopher Benson's Bible. This Bible is now (1-1-1939) in the possession of Mr. Laurie John Christopher Benson, of 57 Davi__ Street, Wollaston, Massachusetts.

Elizabeth Brewerton Benson married William Seaman, the son of Judge Benjamin and Mrs. Elizabeth (Mott) Seaman. They were married in Digby, Nova

Scotia, around the year 1788, according to my grand-aunt Pauline (Goddard) Moore.

William Seaman was born on August 7, 1764, on Staten Island, N.Y. as per the above mentioned Bible. He died on December 14, 1835, in New York City, and he was buried in the Seaman-Keeler vault, in the old Saint Luke's Churchyard on Hudson Street, New York City, on December 16, 1835. His wife out-lived him, and she was around eighty years of age at the time of her death. She was also buried in the Seaman-Keeler Vault. Among the old records of Saint Luke's Church, New York City, I found the following entry - "William Seaman, ages 80 year, about, was buried on February __, 1840, in Saint Luke's Churchyard.". I think this entry covers Elizabeth Brewerton Benson, the wife of William Seaman. William Seaman went to Nova Scotia in 1783, with his father-in-law Christopher Benson, but he later returned to the States, and settled in New York City. William and Elizabeth Brewerton (Benson) Seaman had the following children: Elizabeth Seaman, born March 18, 1789; married Walenoldus Cooper. She was born at Granville, Nova Scotia.

1. Helena Seaman, born November 11, 1790, at Granville, Nova Scotia.
2. William Christopher Seaman, born November 25, 1792; died August 1, 1793.
3. Rebecca Seaman, born August 19, 1794; married Charles Keeler.
4. William Christopher Seaman, born June 16, 1796.
5. Benson Seaman, born May 16, 1798, in New York; married Elizabeth Dissoesay.
6. Harriet Catherine Seaman, born July 11, 1800; married Farnham Hall.
7. Julia Jan Ritter Seaman, born August 25, 1802, in New York; married William Beare.
8. Fanny Robertson Seaman, born _____; married Rev. William Henry Thurston.
9. Maria Seaman, married William Beare.
10. Henry John Seaman, married Katherine Seaman.
11. Matilda Susan Seaman, born July 16, 1813, in New York; married Rev. Kingston Goddard. They were the great grandparents of Kingston Goddard Hadley, the compiler of this genealogy.

THIRD GENERATION

Mary Or Maria Benson, the daughter of Christopher and Lucy (Dunn) Benson, was born on October 4, 1788. She married Isaiah or Joshah Sanders, the son of Pardon Sanders, at Granville, Nova Scotia.

Isaiah of Joshah and Mary or Maria (Benson) Sanders had the following children:

1. Louisa Jane Sanders, born February 2, 1810.
2. Mary Ann Sanders, born November 2, 1811.
3. Almiretta Sanders, born April 21, 1828.

THIRD GENERATION

William Benson, the son of Christopher and Lucy (Dunn) Benson, was born on November __, 1799. He married Tamar Messenger.

William and Tamar (Messenger) Benson had the following children:

1. Sophia Benson, born 1827; married George Bishop.
2. Manley Benson, born April 5, 1833; married Ruth Kendall.
3. Mary Eliza Benson; married Edward Clark.
4. Adelia Benson, married John Winsmore.
5. Lucy Benson, married John Gormley.
6. Major Benson, born September 3, 1844; married Harriett Wallace.
7. William Benson, born June 20, 1852; married Augusta Lockwood.

FOURTH GENERATION

Sophia Benson, the daughter of William and Tamar (Messenger) Benson, married George E. Bishop.

George E. and Sophia (Benson) Bishop had the following children:

1. Norman Bishop, married Sarah Morse; no issue.
2. Sanford Bishop, married Hattie Grant.
3. Ida Bishop, married Lemuel Shaw.
4. Alvenia Bishop, deceased, never married.
5. May Bishop, married Fred Ellis.
6. Edward Bishop, deceased; never married.
7. Jessie A. Bishop, living on January 1, 1934; single.

FIFTH GENERATION

Sanford Bishop, the son of George E. and Sophia (Benson) Bishop, married Hattie Grant.

Sanford and Hattie (Grant) Bishop had the following children:

1. May Bishop, married Bert Leary.
 - a) Kathleen Leary.
 - b) Charles Leary.
2. George Bishop, married Mary Halloran, Three children.
3. Charles Bishop, married _____ _____. Two children. They lived in British Columbia.
4. Harold Bishop, married Alice Grant. Three children.
5. Cecil Bishop, married Pauline Langell.
 - a) Dorothy Bishop.
6. Lulu Bishop, married Marshall Armstrong, Two children.

FIFTH GENERATION

Ida Bishop, the daughter of George E. and Sophia (Benson) Bishop, married Lemuel Shaw.

Lemeul and Ida (Bishop) Shaw had the following children:

1. Nellie Shaw, married John Pierce.

- i. Leona Pierce.
 - ii. Audrey Pierce.
 - iii. Nellie Pierce.
- 2. Herbert Shaw, married Lulu Dorothy _____.
- i. Herbert Shaw
 - ii. William Shaw, married Ethel Heeke. No issue. Adopted a child.
 - iii. Roscoe Shaw, married (1) Marjorie Abbot; married (2) Alyse Hatch.
 - Issue, by first wife:
 - Richard Shaw.
 - Issue, by second wife:
 - William Shaw
 - Allison Shaw.

FIFTH GENERATION

May Bishop, the daughter of George E. and Sophia (Benson) Bishop, married Fred Ellis.

Fred and May (Bishop) Ellis had the following child:

- 1. _____ Ellis, married Bervin Pool.
 - i. Wesley Pool

FIFTH GENERATION

Manley Benson, the son of William and Tamar (Messenger) Benson, was born on April 5, 1833, and he died on January 19, 1921. He married Ruth Kendall, on August 24, 1854. She was born on November 16, 1832, and she died on March 18, 1919.

Manley and Ruth (Kendall) Benson had the following children:

- 1. Albert Manley Benson, born February 19, 1856; married Alva Storey.
- 2. Judson Benson, born December 23, 1858; married (1) Damey Langille; married (2) Janet Langille.
- 3. Avarad Longley Benson, born July 23, 1860; married Abbie Jones.
- 4. John Edward Benson, born December 23, 1862; married Rose Hooper.
- 5. Ada Sophia Benson, born November 5, 1867; married Frederick Augustus Rice.
- 6. Wesley Benson, born October, 1869; dies November 16, 1880.
- 7. Henry Worden Benson, born December 1, 1876, married Alice Weare.

FIFTH GENERATION

Albert Manley Benson, the son of Manley and Ruth (Kendall) Benson, was born on February 19, 1856, and he died on January __, 1928. He married Alva Storey.

Albert Manley and Alva (Storey) Benson had the following child:

- Carrie May Benson, married Ray Colby Hoyt.

FIFTH GENERATION

Judson Benson, the son of Manley and Ruth (Kendall) Benson, was born on December 23, 1858, and he died on December __, 1930. He married (1)n Damey Langille, and he married (2) Janet Langille.

1. Judson and Damey (Langille) Benson had the following children"
 - a) Leslie Langille Benson, married Florence Speare.
 - b) Annie Lucretia Benson, married Timothy Lamprey.
2. Judson and Janet (Langille) Benson had the following child:
 - a) Caroline Ruth Benson, married George W. Hirst, Jr.

FIFTH GENERATION

Avard Longley Benson, the son of Manley and Ruth (Kendall) Benson, was born on July 23, 1860. He married Abbie Jones.

Avard Longley and Abbie (Jones) Benson had the following children:

1. Inez Marion Benson, died February 2, 1920; married Joseph Brown.
2. Raymond Edwin Benson, died February __, 1914. He never married.
3. Zelma Augusta Benson, married Walter W. Hammond.

FIFTH GENERATION

John Edward Benson, the son of Manley and Ruth (Kendall) Benson, was born on December 23, 1862. He married Rose Hooper.

John Edward and Rose (Hooper) Benson had the following children:

1. Dr. Elmer Manley Benson, married Clara Corrigan.
2. Sydney Benson, married Ruth Cranston.

FIFTH GENERATION

Ada Sophia Benson, the daughter of Manley and Ruth (Kendall) Benson, was born on November 5, 1867, and she was living in Bridgetown, Annapolis County, Nova Scotia, on January 31, 1934. She married Frederick Augustus Rice, the son of Joseph and Melvenia (Messenger) Rice, on June 16, 1896. He was born on December 24, 1863, and he died on December 23, 1921.

Frederick Augustus and Ada Sophia (Benson) Rice had the following children:

1. Loleta Augusta Rice, born June 11, 1887; died November 24, 1901.
2. Mary Melvenia Rice, born March 12, 1889; married Charles Ernest Ewing.
3. Nellie Ruth Rice, born May 24, 1890; married James McDormand Spurr.
4. Hazel Emma Rice born on January 24, 1892 James McDorman Spurr
5. Zelda Annabell Rice, born September 6, 1896; died December __1896.
6. Hettie G. Rice, born March 8, 1900; single on January 31, 1934, and living at Bridgetown, Annapolis County, Nova Scotia.
7. Frederick Walden Rice, born August 4, 1902; married Rosamond Lillian Ruggles.

8. Manley Benson Rice, born November 18, 1903; died June 17, 1925. He never married.

SIXTH GENERATION

Nellie Ruth Rice, the daughter of Frederick Augustus and Ada Sophia (Benson) Rice, was born on May 24, 1890, and on January 31, 1934, she was living at Bridgetown, Annapolis County, Nova Scotia. She married Albert James Burns. Albert James and Nellie Ruth (Rice) Burns had the following children:

1. Edward Allen Burns, born October 29, 1918.
2. Louis Vivian Burns, born March 28, 1921.
3. Marjorie Vivian Burns, born May 26, 1922.
4. Audrey Jean Burns, born December 2 1924.

SIXTH GENERATION

Hazel Emma Rice, the daughter of Frederick Augustus and Ada Sophia (Benson) Rice, was born on January 24, 1892, and she was living in Bridgetown, Annapolis County, Nova Scotia, on January 31, 1934. She married James McDorman Spurr.

James McDormand and Hazel Emma (Rice) Spurr had the following children”

1. James Bernard Spurr, born March 24, 1921.

SIXTH GENERATION

Frederick Walden Rice, the son of Frederick Augustus and Ada Sophia (Benson) Rice, was born on August 4, 1902, and he was living about fifteen miles from Bridgetown, Nova Scotia, on January 15, 1934. He married Rosamond Lillian Ruggles.

Frederick Walden and Rosamond Lillian (Ruggles) Rice had the following children:

1. Frederick Manley Rice, born July 1, 1930.
2. Alice Mildred Rice, born June 14, 1932.

FIFTH GENERATION

Henry Worden Benson, the son of Manley and Ruth (Kendall) Benson, was born on December 1, 1876. He married Alice Weare. Henry Worden and Alice (Weare) Benson had the following children”

1. Cyrie Reed Benson.
2. Hilda Benson.

FOURTH GENERATION

Mary Eliza Benson, the daughter of William and Tamar (Messenger) Benson, married Edward Clark. They lived in New York State.

Edward and Mary Eliza (Benson) Clark had the following children”

1. Ida Clark, married Joseph Tunnison.
2. Lulu Clark.
3. Edward Clark.

FOURTH GENERATION

Adelia Benson, the daughter of William and Tamar (Messenger) Benson, married John Winsmore. They lived in New York State.

John and Adelia (Benson) Winsmore had the following children:

1. _____ Winsmore (son).
2. _____ Winsmore (son).

FOURTH GENERATION

Lucy Benson, the daughter of William and Tamar (Messenger) Benson, married John Gormley.

John and Lucy (Benson) Gormley had the following children:

1. Agnes Gormley, married Richard Jefferson.
2. William Gormley, married _____.
3. Sanford Gormley, died in 1933. He never married.
4. John Whitfield Gormley, single on January 1, 1934.
5. Delia Gormley, deceased. She never married.
6. Joseph Gormley, married Mrs. Nellie Harnish Prime.

FOURTH GENERATION

Major Benson, the son of William and Tamar (Messenger) Benson, was born on September 3, 1844, and he died on June 25, 1927. He married Harriet Wallace.

Major and Harriet (Wallace) Benson had the following children:

1. Hatie Mabel Benson, married William Wallis.
2. Eva May Benson, never married.
3. William Major Benson, married Annie Keonig.
4. Luly Betsey Benson, never married.

FOURTH GENERATION

William Benson, the son of William and Tamar (Messenger) Benson, was born on June 20, 1852, and he was living in the United States on January 1, 1934. He married Augusta Lockwood, the daughter of Henry and Mercy Lockwood, on September 5, 1876. She was born on January 29, 1855.

William and Augusta (Lockwood) Benson had the following children:

1. Ernest Starr Benson, born July 10, 1878; married Agnes Richards.
2. Percy William Benson, born November 27, 1883; married Lillian Currier.
3. Olive Mildren Benson, born April 29, 1891, single on January 1, 1934.

4. Ester Douglas Benson, born January 18, 1896, married Harold Coombs.

FIFTH GENERATION

Ernest Starr Benson, the son of William and Augusta (Lockwood) Benson, was born on July 10, 1878., and he died on January 24, 1931. He married Agnes Richards.

Ernest Starr and Agnes (Richards) Benson had the following child:

Mildred Louise Benson, born October 5, 1906.

Mrs. Arabella (Benson) Hayes.

Death has again entered our village and claimed one of our oldest residents, in the person of Mrs. Arabella Hayes. Deceased, who was born in Bear River in the year 1851, was the daughter of the late William Benson, shipbuilder, and was the widow of the late Joseph H. Hayes, of Halifax, who predeceased her about sixteen years ago. She leave to mourn their loss four children, Gordon, of Alberta, Charles, at home, Howard of Forks, Washington, and Mrs. Charles Wood, of Tusket, Yarmouth Co. The funeral service was held from her late home on Monday afternoon, with interment in St. Peter's cemetery. April __ 1934.

FOURTH GENERATION

Zebulun Benson, the son of William and Elenora (Merry) Benson, born on January 1, 1855, and he died on April 1, 1926. He married Emma Amelia Thompson, on October 22 1879. She was living at Bear River, Nova Scotia, on January 1, 1934. She was born on July 3, 1857.

Zebulun and Emma Amelia (Thompson) Benson had the following children:

1. Garnet LeRoy Benson, born June 8, 1882; married Dora Mary Ditmars.
2. Maurice Elihu Benson, born December 13, 1883; married Annie Withycomb Kaulback.
3. Lewis Zebulun Benson, born October 20, 1885; married Clytie Alda Alcorn.

FIFTH GENERATION

Garnet LeRoy Benson, the son of Zebulun and Emma Amelia (Thompson) Benson, was born on June 8, 1882. He married Dora Mary Ditmars, on September 22, 1913. She was born on December 3, 1892.

Garnet LeRoy and Dora Mary (Ditmars) Benson had the following children:

1. Elsie Mary Pauline Benson, born August 31, 1914.
2. Jean Ditmare Benson, born March 22, 1916.
3. Eric Harold Alexander Benson, born July 21, 1922.

FIFTH GENERATION

Maurice Elihu Benson, the son of Zebulun and Emma Amelia (Thompson) Benson, was born on December 13, 1883. He married Annie Withycomb Kaulback, on October 22 1913. She was born on February 11, 1891.

Maurice Elihu and Annie Withycomb (Kaulback) Benson had the following children:

1. Winston Maurice Benson, born September 25, 1915.
2. William Churchill Benson, born October 31, 1917.
3. Emma Alice Benson, born November 7, 1921.

FIFTH GENERATION

Lewis Zebulun Benson, the son of Zebulun and Emma Amelia (Thompson) Benson, was born on October 20, 1885. He married Clytie Alda Alcorn, on September 8, 1910. She was born on January 29, 1889.

Lewis Zebulun and Cytie Alda (Alcorn) Benson had the following children:

1. Alda Gertrude Benson, born May 31, 1911, married Albert Le Baron.
2. Margaret Eloise Benson, born September 13, 1912.

THIRD GENERATION

Edmund Seaman Benson, the son of William Simmons and Mary Ann (Anderson) Benson, was born on June 13, 1825, and he died on May 22, 1902. He married Susanne Lowe. She was born during the year 1830, and she died during the year 1911.

Edmund Seaman and Susanne (Lowe) Benson had the following children:

1. Freeman Wallace Benson, born January 24, 1851; married Ulahiah Anne Jefferson.
2. John William Benson, born June 4, 1858; married Carrie Isabel Spurr.
3. Robert Lee Benson, born September 4, 1860; married Margaret Anne Young.
4. Edward Seaman Benson, born during the year 1865; married Gertrude Speare.
5. Bertha Florence Benson, born during the year 1875; married Henry Shaw.

FOURTH GENERATION

Freeman Wallace Benson, the son of Edmund Seaman and Susanne (Lowe) Benson, was born on January 24, 1851, and he died on October 17, 1922. He married Ulahiah Anne Jefferson. She was born on November 13, 1855, and she died on October 17, 1922.

Freeman Wallace and Ulahiah Anne (Jefferson) Benson had the following children:

1. Lottie May Benson, born August 22, 1878; married George W. Gibson, on November 6, 1908.
2. Ehubert Evans Benson, born July 18, 1881; died October 7, 1881.
3. Beulah Pearl Benson, born May 22, 1885; married Ernest G. Dave on May 22 1924. They had the following children, in 1933:
 - i. Ernest G. Davis.

- ii. Florence M. Davis.
- 4. Frederick Smallwood Benson, born January 14, 1887; married Susanna M. Rowe.

FIFTH GENERATION

Frederick Small Benson, the son of Freeman Wallace and Ulahiah Anne (Jefferson) Benson, was born on January 14, 1887. He came to the United States, during the year 1906, and he became naturalized during the year 1917. He married Susanna M. Rowe, on August 28, 1912. ON January 30, 1939, they were residing at #33 Pearson Avenue, Somerville, Mass.

Frederick Smallwood and Susanna M. (Rowe) Benson had the following only child:

- 1. Elizabeth Rowe Benson. She was a graduate of the Massachusetts General Hospital and Simmons College, 1937. In December 1938, her parents announced her engagement to Harry Leonard Walen, son of Mrs. Harry Leonard and the late Mr. Walen of Newton and Gloucester, Mass. He was graduate of Harvard Colledge, Class of 1937.

FOURTH GENERATION

John William Benson, the son of Edmund Seaman and Susanne (Lowe) Benson, was born on June 4, 1858. He married Carrie Isabel Spurr. She was born on March 19, 1872, and she died on October 3, 1895.

John William and Carrie Isabel (Spurr) Benson had the following children:

- 1. Flora Augusta Benson, born May 21, 1892; married David A. Yuill, on May 15, 1915, at Somerville, Mass. The had the following children:
 - i. Paul Yuill.
 - ii. Robert Yuill.
 - iii. Russell Weston Yuill, born May 12, 1926.
- 2. Stewart Jardar Benson, born September __ , 1894; died in 1896.

FOURTH GENERATION

Robert Lee Benson, the son of Edmund Seaman and Susanne (Lowe) Benson, was born on September 4, 1860, and he was married at Bear River, Nova Scotia, on January 15, 1934. He married Margaret Ann Young, the daughter of George M. and Margaret (Pye) Young, on September 1, 1891. She was born on February 16, 1864, and she died on August 20, 1929.

Robert Lee and Margaret Ann (Young) Benson had the following children:

- 1. Harry Lovett Benson, born August 9, 1892; married (1) Muriel W. Purdy; married (2) Olive Dimmel
- 2. Alice Mildren Benson, born April 23, 1894; died December 25, 1921. She married Arthur L. King, on April 15, 1917. They had one child but died at the age of one day.

3. George Robert Benson, born March 20, 1896; married (1) Jaunita Campbell; married (2) Ethel Dimmel.
4. Esther Margaret Benson, born December 6, 1898; married Adolph Conrad Bergman.
5. Russell Olif Benson, born May 30, 1902, died August 22n, 1912.

FIFTH GENERATION

Harry Lovett Benson, the son of Robert Lee and Margaret Ann (Young) Benson, was born on August 9, 1892. He married (1) Muriel W. Purdy, on August 18, 1924. She died on October __1926. They only had one child, and this child died at the age of four days. He married (2) Olive Dimmel, sister of Ethel Dimmel, on November 15, 1934.

Harry Lovett and Olive (Dimmell) Benson had the following child:

1. Robert Alton Benson, born August 12, 1936.

FIFTH GENERATION

George Robert Benson, the son of Robert Lee and Margaret Ann (Young) Benson, was born on March 20, 1896. He was a World Ware veteran. He married (1) Jaunita Campbell, on October __1923. They were divorced - no issue. He married (2) Ethel Dimmel, on September 30, 1930.

George Robert and Ethel (Dimmel) Benson had the following child:

1. Joyce Georgina Benson, born January 24, 1934.

FIFTH GENERATION

Ester Margaret Benson, the daughter of Robert Lee and Margaret Ann (Young) Benson, was born on December 6, 1898, and she lived at Bear Bier, Nova Scotia. She married Adolph Conrad Bergman, on September 5, 1934, at Bear River, Nova Scotia. He was born on June 26, 1898.

Adolph Conrad and Esther Margaret (Benson) Bergman had the following children:

1. Ellen Claire Bergman, born June 14, 1935, died July 4, 1935.
2. Richard Lee Bergman, born September 16, 1936.

BERGMAN - BENSON

Bear River, Nova Scotia, September 7, 1934. A quite but pretty wedding of much interest to a large circle of friends in ear River, took place on Wednesday afternoon, September fifth at the United Church parsonage, when Rev. C.L. Blanchard united in marriage Miss Esther Margaret Benson, daughter of Robert and the late Mrs. Benson of Bear River, and Adolph Conrad Bergman, formerly of Saskatchewan, but now residing in this town. The bride was gowned in a pretty costume of new blue flat crepe, with a large picture hat of grey felt wit other accessories to correspond and carried a large shower bouquet of snapdragons, sweet peas and maiden hair ferns. She was attended by Mrs. John Larramore,

sister of the groom, Mrs. George Benson and little Joyce Benson, as flower girl. Immediately after the ceremony, the bridal pair left by motor, for a tour of Nova Scotia. On their return, they will make their home at Bear River.

FOURTH GENERATION

Edward Seaman Benson, the son of Edmund Seaman and Susanne (Lowe) Benson, was born during the year 1865. He married Gertrude Spears.

Edward Seaman and Gertrude (Spears) Benson had the following child:

1. Arnold Joseph or Joseph Arnold Benson, born October __, 1897; married Evelyn Dorothy Truedale, on September 11, 1922.
 - i. Bruce Benson
 - ii. Arnold Benson

FOURTH GENERATION

Bertha Florence Benson, the daughter of Edmund Seaman and Susanne (Lowe) Benson, was born around the year 1875 and she was living on January 1, 1934. She married Henry Shaw.

Henry and Bertha Florence (Benson) Shaw had the following child:

THIRD GENERATION

Isaac Henry Benson, the son of William Simmons and Mary Ann (Anderson) Benson, was born on September 22, 1827, and he died on July __, 1891. He married (1) Elizabeth Winchester, on August 8, 1852, at Granville, Nova Scotia. Isaac Henry Benson was of St. Clements, Nova Scotia, at the time of his marriage and Elizabeth Winchester was of Granville, Nova Scotia, at the time of her marriage. This was the first marriage of each. Elizabeth Winchester was born on October 23, 1831, and she died during the year 1866, at the age of 31 years. Isaac Henry Benson married (2) in 1867, Margaret Glassy, of Halifax, Nova Scotia. He did not have any issue by his second wife. Upon his death, she married (2) _____ Thompson, and they had one child - Annie, who married Wilton Thomas of Bear River, Nova Scotia.

Isaac Henry and Elizabeth (Winchester) Benson had the following children:

1. Albert Benson, born 1855; married Ruby Spinney.
2. Lydia Benson, died young in life, and she never married.
3. Sarah Benson, married Charles Specht, Jr.
 - i. _____ Specht, married Gordon Harris
4. Mary E. Benson, born 1863, married Charles E. Harris.

FOURTH GENERATION

Albert Benson, the son of Isaac Henry and Elizabeth (Winchester) Benson, was born during the year 1855, and he died on March 2, 1933, at Bear River, Nova Scotia - his home. He married Ruby Spinney on November 20, 1879.

Albert and Ruby (Spinney) Benson had the following children:

Harding Benson, born September 25, 1880; married Edith Ray. She was deceased by the year 1936. They lived at Bear River, Nova Scotia.

Issue: Edith Benson, born around the year 1906, married Vernon Harris.

Edith Benson, born October 27, 1886; died at the age of 13 years.

Bear River, Nova Scotia, January 4, 1938. There passed away at her home here Saturday evening, Mrs. Ruby (Spinney) Benson 80, widow of Albert Benson, after a short illness. Mrs. Benson was born at Greenwood, Annapolis County, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Harding Spinney. She married, when young, and came as a bride to this town where she has since resided. She was a member of the United Baptist Church, and is survived by one son, Harding Benson, and one grand-daughter, Mrs. Vernon Harris, both living at Bear River. The funeral was held from her late home Monday afternoon, conducted by Rev. G.D. Brydon, assisted by Rev. C.P. Henderson. Interment was in Mount Hope.

FOURTH GENERATION

Mary E. Benson, the daughter of Isaac Henry and Elizabeth (Winchester) Benson, was born during the year 1863, and he was living at #19 Standish Road, Revere, Mass., on December 25, 1938. She married Charles E. Harris, on November 20, 1879. He died at the age of 49 years.

Charles E. and Mary E. (Benson) Harris had the following child

Walter G.P. Harris, born September 23, 1880; married Inez King, of Somerville, Mass. He was a commercial artist. They were living, in 19__ at 806 Belmont Street, Worcester, Mass. They did not have any issue.

Clarence S. Harris, born April 18, 1844; married Francis ___ of New York. They were living in New York city, in 1933. They had the following only child:

Richard Harris, born during the year 19__ Gladys Manchester Benson Harris, born January 18, 1892; married Ray L. Battis, in ____.