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HISTORY OF BARRINGTON, STRAFFORD COUNTY, NEW HAMPSHIRE **with SOME BIOGRAPHIES and FAMILY GENEALOGIES**

BARRINGTON, Strafford county. Bounded north by Rochester, east by Madbury and Lee, south by Nottingham, and west by Strafford. Distance from Concord, 30 miles east. Surface broken and rocky; soil generally a gravelly loam. There are, however, several elevations, termed oak ridges, which contain a rich, sandy loam and hazel mould, and are easily tilled, as well as productive. There are within the limits of this town 13 ponds, each of considerable magnitude, from which flow streams affording many very good water privileges. In Isinglass River is a perpendicular fall of 30 feet, which furnishes a constant supply of water for an extensive manufactory. The rock in this town is principally granite, in which quartz predominates. In some of the rocks beautiful and perfect specimens of quartz crystals, and in others tourmaline, are found. Bog Iron ore may be obtained in considerable quantities.

There is about two miles from the centre of the town, a cavern of some note. The entrance, upon the side of a hill, is large enough to admit a person in a stooping posture. You pass along about 5 or 6 feet in a horizontal direction; after which you descend about the same distance at an angle of 45 degrees, through space barely large enough to admit a common-sized man. Having forced yourself through this narrow passage, you find yourself in a capacious hall 60 feet in length, from 12 to 15 in height, and from 4 to 10 in width. Leading from this are several other fissures, of too small compass to admit of exploration.

There are in this town three meeting houses--one Congregational, one Freewill Baptist, and one Methodist. First settled minister, Rev. Joseph Prince in 1755. The town was incorporated May 10, 1722. Settlement commenced 10 years after. It originally included the town of Strafford in its limits, comprising an area of 54, 380 acres. In 1820 about 29, 120 acres, somewhat more than half the town, was taken to form the town of Strafford.

Population 1754. Number of voters 475. Amount of inventory \$517,075. Number of sheep, 1041. Do. neat stock, 1633. Do. horses and mules, 254. Value of improved and unimproved lands, \$318,142.

SOURCE: New Hampshire as it is, by Charlton, Edwin A. ; Claremont, N.H. :: A. Kenney & Co., 1857.

The town of Barrington lies in the southern part of the country, and is bounded as follows: on the north by Strafford and Rochester; on the east by Rochester, Dover, Madbury and Lee; on the south by Dover, Madbury, Lee and Rockingham County; and on the west by Rockingham County and Strafford.

The Isinglass River flows through the northerly part, while the southerly part of the town is drained by the Bellamy River. There are eighteen ponds in this town...

The town of Barrington was chartered by proclamation in a document dated May 10, 1722 and signed by Samuel Shute, Governor of the Province of New Hampshire.

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A list of the original proprietors of the town of Barrington can be found however many of these individuals never lived there. The town of Barrington was chartered by proclamation in a document dated May 10, 1722 and signed by Samuel Shute, Governor of the Province of New Hampshire.

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In 1742 a list of Rates on the Poles and Estates of the Township of Barrington in the Province" was made [which would more accurately show the names of the early settlers] and included figures who indicate shillings and pence paid.

Joseph Ellis, 11.

John Mackmatle, 11.

Robert Macdaniel, 11.
James Gray 10.
Sampson Babb, 10 6.
Charles Felker, 10.
Samuel Frost Jr., 10 6.
Paul hayes, 10.
Jonathan Church, 10.
William Howard, 10.
Richard Swain, 10.
William Cate, 12.
John Ellis, 6 6.
Thomas Ellis, 6.
John Shepard, 6 6.
Samuel Dillay, 9.
Robert Bamford, 5.
George Grear 6.
Charles Bamford, 6.
Robert MacDaniel, 6.
John Macdaniel 6.
Nehemiah Macdaniel 6.
John Rand, 6.
Arthur Caverler, 6.
Thomas Dock, 5.
John Leighton, 6 6.
Peter Morse, 6 6.
Solomon Snell, 6 6.
Joshua Frost, 6.
George Gray, 5.
Joshua Fop, 6 6.
James Shute, 6.
Richard Babb, 6.
Michael Felker. 6.
Samuel Fost, 6 6.
Richard Knight, 4.
Timothy Tibbetts, 4.
Joseph Johnson, 4.
Thomas Johnson, 4.
Richard Elliot, 2.
John Waterhouse, 4.
Thomas Sheppard, 10.

There appears to have been living on the Two-mile Streak in the year 1747 sixteen families and upwards of ninety inhabitants, who petitioned the Provincial Governor and General Assembly for protection against the Indians.

The first town-meeting of the settlers was called by Capt. William Cate, and held at his house, known later as the "Old Garrison," and which was taken down some twelve years ago.

It was called by authority of the General Assembly of the province, authorizing the settlers to organize a town, and was held Aug. 30, 1753. Chose Arthur Daniellson moderator; Hugh Montgomery clerk; William Cate, Sampson Babb, Phederece Macutchen selectmen.

The population of the town of Barrington, according to the census of 1790 was two thousand four hundred and seventy. In 1800 it was 2773. In 1810 the population increased to 3564.

Of those prominent in the original settlement of the town were William Cate, Hugh Montgomery, Sampson Babb, Arthur Danielson, Paul Hayes, Eleazer Young, Mark Hunking, Francis Winkley, Samuel Brewster, Timothy Waterhouse.

At the beginning of the 19th century the following were active and leading citizens: Samuel Hale, justice of the Court of Common Pleas, Dr. Robert Woodbury, Thomas W. Hale, Levi Buzel, Ephraim Foss, John Pearl, Eliphalet Cloudman, John Kingman, John McDaniel, William Winkley.

The original meeting house was built in 1743 and located at the foot of Waldron's Hill. Being inconvenient in 1752 it was voted to take down and move the meeting house to the land of Samuel and Nathan Foss, where it stood as late as 1854, after which it was removed and converted into a dwelling.

The first settled minister was Rev. Mr. Joseph Prince in 1755 who organized the Congregational Church of Barrington. He was a blind man, and served as pastor thirteen years.

EMINENT MEN

ISAAC WALDRON, son of Col. Isaac Waldron of Barrington was a prominent and successful merchant and influential citizen of Portsmouth. He was United States pension agent for some time, and although an active politician he did not seek nor accept other offices of trust. He died in 1842, aged seventy years.

JOHN BUZZELL was born in Barrington in 1780. When he was quite young his parents moved to Middleton. When he became a man he entered the ministry, and was during the remainder of his life a leading clergyman of the Free-Will Baptist Church. He traveled and preached extensively in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont. He was one of the founders of the Morning star, now published in Dover.

SAMUEL HALE, son of Judge Hale, of Barrington, was born in 1793; graduated at Bowdoin College; represented his native town in the Legislature, after which he removed to Portsmouth, and became a merchant. In 1842 he commenced the manufacture of cloth at South Berwick, Maine, which business he followed quite extensively to his death, which occurred in 1873.

HENRY WINKLEY, of Philadelphia, Son of William Winkley of Barrington, was born in 1803. Soon after he became of age he went into business in Boston as a dealer of crockery-ware. He afterwards followed the same business in New York and Philadelphia as an importer and wholesale dealer. Mr. Winkley retired from active business nearly thirty years ago, since when he has traveled extensively in this country and Europe. He is much interested in the higher institutions of learning in New England and has added largely to their endowment.

COL. JOHN W. KINGMAN was born in Barrington some sixty years ago. He graduated at Harvard, studied law with Daniel Webster, and was law partner of Hon. D.M. Christie of Dover, for several years. He was also colonel of the Fifteenth Regiment New Hampshire Volunteers in the late war. Some twelve years ago he removed to Wyoming Territory, and was appointed justice of the United States Court, which position he now holds.

PROF. SYLVESTER WATERHOUSE graduated from Harvard in 1852. About twenty five years since he became connected with Washington University, St. Louis, where he now is. He has written much in the interest of his adopted State, and is widely known throughout the entire Northwest.

HON. FRANK JONES, of Portsmouth, left his native town when a boy and entered into business, in which he has been eminently successful. He is also an active politician, and among other offices of trust he has been mayor of Portsmouth and member of Congress two terms from the First New Hampshire District.

COL. DANIEL HALL of Dover, was born in Barrington some fifty years ago. He is a graduate from Dartmouth College, and a lawyer by profession. During the early part of the late war he served on Gen. Hooker's staff; later he was provost-marshal of First New Hampshire district. Col. Hall is naval officer for the port of Boston, to which he has lately been appointed.

HON. JACOB D. YOUNG, of Madbury, judge of probate for the county, Col. A.H. Young of Dover, late collector of internal revenue for New Hampshire, and Aaron Young of Portsmouth, are natives and former citizens of Barrington.

****TOWN CLERKS AND SELECTMEN FROM 1753 to 1882****

[[only partial early listing shown here]]

1753--Hugh Montgomery, William Cate, Samson Babb, Phederece Macutchen
1754--Hugh Montgomery, Samuel Brewster, Benjamin Hayes, Joseph Cox.
1755--Hugh Montgomery, Benjamin Hayes, Phederece Macutchen, Paul Hayes
1756--Athur danielson, Benjamin Hayes, Jethro Sherburne, Paul Hayes.
1757--Arthur Danielson, John Waterhouse, John Rennals, Benjamin Young
1758--Arthur Danielson, John Garland, Phederece Macutchen, Paul Hayes
1759--Arthur Danielson, Benjamin Hayes, John Rennals, Ephraim Holmes
1760--Arthur Danielson, Elezer Young, John Shephard, John Garland
1761--Arthur Danielson, Elezer Young, John Shephard, John Garland
1762--Arthur Danielson, Benjamin Hayes, Mark Hunking, Elezer Young
1763--Arthur Danielson, Benjamin Hayes, Mark Hunking, Elezer Young
1764--Arthur Danielson, Arthur Danielson, Mark Hunking, Elezer Young
1765--Arthur Danielson, Samuel Brewster, Benjamin Hall, Joseph Young
1766--James Marden, Samuel Brewster, Joseph Young, Benjamin Hayes
1767--James Marden, Samuel Brewster, Richard Swaim, Benjamin Hayes
1768--James Marden, Samuel Brewster, Richard Swaim, Benjamin Hayes
1769--James marden, Samuel Brewster, Richard Swaim, Benjamin hayes
1770--James Marden, Samuel Brewster, Richard Swaim, Benjamin Hayes
1771--James Marden, John Cate, Abijah Pinkham, Joshua Foss, Jeremiah Tibbetts, Samuel Hayes
1772--James Marden, John Cate, Abijah Pinkham, Joshua Foss
1773--James Marden, Samuel Brewster, Abijah Pinkham, Thomas Tuttle
1774--James Marden, Benjamin Hayes, Richard Swaim, John Cate
1775--John Cate, James Hayes, Richard Swaim, William Cate Jr.
1776--John Cate, William Cate Jr., Silas Drew, James Hayes
1777--John Cate, William Cate Jr., Silas Drew, John Kingman
1778--John Cate, William Cate Jr. Philip Caverly, Ephraim Holmes Jr.
1779--John Cate, Isaac Waldron, Philip Caverly, Joshua Foss
1780--John Cate, Benjamin Hayes, Jacob Shepard, John Kingman
1781--John Cate, Thomas Fisher, Joseph Jackson, Paul Hayes
1782--John Cate, Benjamin Hayes, Samuel Brewster, William Cate Jr.
1783--John Cate, Peter Young, Eliphalet Cloutman, George Waterhouse
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SOLDIERS IN THE WAR OF THE REBELLION (Civil War) from Barrington NH or Living There.

Allen, Daniel W.
Ayers, Joseph F.
Allen, Isaac
Arlin, Charles E.
Arlin, George W.
Brown, Albert
Brown, Charles H.
Burnham, John I.
Brown, James.
Brown, Leonard.
Buzzell, Andrew E.
Brown, Matthew
Berry, Albert H.

Berry, Alonzo F.
Brown, John Jr.
Braydon, Ira
Buzzell, Lewis H.
Buzzell, James W.
Buzzell, Charles O.
Berry, Daniel R.
Brown, Daniel
Buzzell, John A.
Cook, Alden B.
Coverly, Darins E.
Corson, Oscar F.
Cater, Isaac W.
Caverly, Mason.
Caverly, George W.
Corson, Albert W.
Curran, Thomas.
Callahan, Richard
Caverly, Nathaniel.
Caswell, Samuel E.
Clark, James.
Claey, Joseph G.
Capen, Harrison.
Colton, Thomas
Dearborn, William
Davis, James M.
Dame, Asa C.
Dustin, Jonathan
Demeritt, George F.
Drew, Lorenzo, D.
Dame, George W.
Ellison, Wright T.
Emerson, John W.
Ellison, William
Earl, William.
Prescott, James P.
Perkins, Duane T.
Palmer, Benjamin E.
Perry, Richard
Rowe, George W.
Rowe, Washington
Rowe, Alfred.
Roberts, Auguste
Ryan, James
Stimpson, Curtis
Sullivan, Dennis
Smart, John
Spinner, James B.
Smith, Daniel
Smith, Joseph W.
Seavey, Nathaniel W.
Seavey, Albert F.
Seavey, Austin F.
Seely, Joseph
Sherebate, Galen

Scales, George.
Seavey, George W.
Foss, Samuel A.
Fremont, Oliver
Faemanch, William
Foss, William A.
Fox, Benjamin
Garmon, Henry
Gray, William H.
Hall, Jacob
Hall, Jeremiah
Hall, Charles H.
Hoyt, George
Hanson, Charles W.
Hayes, John O.
Hall, George W.
Howard, Franklin M.
Hall, Levi F.
Haynes, Joseph Jr.
Hall, Charles F.
Hall, Gilman Jr.
Hall, Benjamin
Jackson, Richard
Jackson, George W.
Jackson, Charles H.
Johnson, Henry
Kenney, Peter
Kilroy, Thomas E.
Kelley, John
Leathers, Stephen
Locke, Lyman
Locke, John W.
Lord, Henry
Locke, Elisha E.
Locke, John W.
Lee / Lea, Daniel A.
Locke, Irving C.
Locke, Wainwright M.
Locke, George F.
Morse, Hiram
Mix, Joseph F.
Martin, John J.
Morrison, Samuel S.
Morrison, Joel H.
McGrath, Patrick
Mulligan, John P.
McKay, James
Nach, George A.
Neal, John P.
Ottis, Riester
Sullivan, John
Shepard, Nelson
Stevenson, Alfred
State, Wilhelm
Smith, Charles E.

Thompson, George
Thompson, George W.
Tuttle, Elijah
Twombly, John H.
Tibbets, Miles B.
Thompson, Jonathan D.
Voncamp, Nathan
Willey, Moses Jr.
Wade, Joseph W.
Woods, Charles J.
Witham, James H.
Willey, Samuel S.
Whitfield, George
Wood, Samuel
Whitehouse, Jeremiah
Young, William H.H.
Young, George W.

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--BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES--

CHARLES A. FOSS.

Charles A. Foss is the sixth in direct line of descent from John Foss who settled in Rye NH about 1668. The link in the chain is here broken, as the next in descent is not known. The date of settlement of John Foss is beyond question, as we find land deeded to him in 1668 at Rye. The third was Joshua Foss, who went to Strafford Corners, NH and soon after moved to the Garrison House in Barrington called the "Cate Garrison," from a family of Cate's who lived there. After the close of the French war of 1745, Joshua Foss moved on to the place now occupied by Charles A. He had a family of seven children, five boys and two girls. The boys were named Thomas, Joshua, John, Moses and Ephraim. The girls were Abigail, who married Micajah Otis of Strafford, and Lydia who married Simon Locke of Hollis, Maine.

In the fourth generation Ephraim was the grandfather of the subject of this sketch. He had six children, two boys and four girls--Jacob D., Ephraim, Sallie, Mollie, Lydia and Abigail.

Ephraim followed the wool- and cloth-dressing business a number of years. He subsequently moved to Charlestown, MA and afterwards worked for the government in Norfolk VA on the dry-docks, where he contracted yellow fever, from the effects of which he died after being taken home. Sallie married Ephraim Locke of Boston; Mollie married James Bodge, of Barrington; Lydia married Isaac Daniels of Barrington; Abigail married twice, to Clement Daniels and Jacob Hale, both of Barrington.

Jacob D. Foss, the father of Charles A., was born August 2, 1784; he married Sally Garland, of Northwood NH about 1809 and five children were born to them: Eliza G., born October 6, 1811; Charles A., born Dec 18 1814; Nathaniel G., died young; Lydia S., born Jan 8, 1823; Sally L., Nov. 25, 1826. Of the family but two survive, viz Charles A. and Lydia S.

Charles A. Foss was born Dec. 18, 1814 in the old family homestead which he still occupies. He attended the district schools of this town, and afterwards went to Gilmanton Academy, a prominent institution in its day. Prof. Edwin Sanborn, now of Hanover College, was one of the teachers there.

Jan 28, 1841 Mr. Foss married Abiah W. Foss, a very distant relative. Five children were born to them, only one of whom survives--Ada Sarah, who was born July 16, 1852, and is living at home. The other children died young, except one, who attained the age of 18.

The Foss family took part in the Revolution. The father of Mr. Foss also figured prominently in local politics, was selectman and representative a number of years and was a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1850. He died March 9, 1871.

The subject of this sketch has always taken a prominent part in the politics of the county and town of Barrington. He was one of the delegates that brought the Republican party into existence. The convention met in Concord. He returned home, and immediately set about organizing the party in his town. He has been an ardent exponent of the principles of that party since its birth, and devoted his energies during the war to keep it in existence in his district. Mr. Foss was elected to the legislature in 1855-56 and in 1875-76 was elected a member

of Governor Cheeny's Council. [some portions omitted]. He possesses a remarkably vigorous constitution, being a man of large and powerful build, has always taken good care of himself, and never used tobacco or intoxicating liquors.

He represents the fourth generation of Fosses that have occupied the same homestead, which embraced at the present time two hundred and seventy five acres. Mr. Foss is also the possessor of two hundred and ten acres in different parts of the town.

EPHRAIM CATER

When the land in the towns of Barrington and Strafford was put up to be drawn by lottery, John Cater drew lot No. 9, containing one hundred and fifty acres, the same now owned by David Y. Cater. Ephraim Cater is the third (on the paternal side) in descent from the John Cater mentioned above.

John Cater had five children, as follows: Sally, Betsey, Mollie, Susan, and John. John, his youngest child and only son, married Susan Holmes for his first wife and their family consisted of the following: Joseph, Joel, Ephraim, Susan, John, Betsey, Joshua, Cyrus and Isaac. His second wife was the widow of Mr. Grover, by whom he had one child, Hiram H. He took a third wife, Mary Leighton, of Dover. He died Oct. 2, 1863. John (his father) died Jan. 26, 1801.

Of his family, but four are living viz: Cyrus, Isaac, Betsey and Sally.

The subject of this sketch was born Jan 9, 1800. He attended the district schools of his neighborhood, living with his father a portion of his time until he married. His father's family was so large and his stock of the world's goods so small that he found it difficult to maintain them. When Mr. Cater was twenty-one he married Charlotte Otis, daughter of Joshua Otis of Strafford. She was the granddaughter of Micajah Otis, one of the founders of the Free-Will Baptist Church. To them were born eight children, six boys and two girls as follows: Joshua O., Martha J., Joseph L., Andrew J., Martin Van Buren, Abigail S., David Y. and George F. Of the family, Joshua O., Joseph L., Andrew and Martin Van Buren are married, and with their families live in Minnesota; Martha J. married Israel P. Ham of Dover; Abigail died in infancy; David Y. married Flora E. Huntoon, of Farmington; George married Almira Meader of Rochester NH.

Mr. Cater is drawing a pension for service in the War of 1812. In 1830 Daniel Ham and he ran for selectmen; the first vote was a tie and the same result followed three distinct elections on different days. It was finally settled by choosing an outsider, the adherents of each claiming that they would stay by their man until death.

The tract of land now owned by Mr. Cater and his son contains three hundred and fifty acres, including the one hundred and fifty acres mentioned above as having been drawn in lottery. In politics Mr. Cater is a Democrat and with pride he says he cast his first vote for Gen. Jackson. He carries his great age easily, reading the finest print without the aid of glasses.

ALBERT H. DANIELS.

The oldest record we find of this family is of Peletiah Daniels, grandfather of the subject of his sketch who settled on the present Daniels homestead. He was born in 1734 and died in 1818. He had a family of eight children, named Ruth, Bridget, Peletiah, Sarah, Mehitabel, Lydia, Andrew, and Isaac. Isaac was the father of Albert H., and was born May 9, 1782. He married Rebecca Chapman, Feb. 23, 1809. They had three children--Enoch, Albert H. and Rebecca. He died Oct. 26, 1851.

The subject of this memoir was born Feb 9, 1816, and on Feb 16, 1842 he married Elizabeth T., daughter of John Sherman of Smithfield R.I., When a young man Mr. Daniels taught school, working a farm in the meantime. He enjoyed the confidence and respect of his fellow-townsmen to a great degree, they having elected him to the office of selectman several terms; was also elected a member of the Legislature two terms. He was a captain of militia under Gen. Hoitt of Dover, when a young man. The immediate cause of his death was paralysis, he having suffered from several slight strokes. he was attacked with a very severe one Dec 23, 1880 from which he never rallied. He lost his speech at that time, and never regained it. He died May 5, 1882.

Five children were born to him, three of whom are now living--John S., Rebecca B. and Elizabeth D.

A particularly sad bereavement visited them on the night of the 18th of June 1867, when Isaac, their son, then eighteen years old, was drowned in Mendum's Pond while boating with two companions. The boat capsized and he went to the bottom, the others being saved by swimming to shore.

Rebecca married Horace F. Caverno of Strafford. They have three children--John L., Albert D. and Bernice E. Elizabeth D. married Charles F. Berry of New Durham, now a resident of Rochester NH.

Dr. John L. was born October 12, 1851 and his career deserves more than a passing mention. He attended the district school until he was fourteen. He, however, commenced the study of Latin when only eleven years old

with the Rev. Mr. Mason of Lee, walking three miles to recite. At fourteen he entered Northwood Academy where he studied three years. He then entered the office of Dr. George W. Jencks of Woonsocket RI, previous to entering Harvard Medical College in 1870. He remained at Harvard more than two years and attended one course of lectures at Long Island College Hospital of Brooklyn NY where he graduated June 24, 1875.

His father's illness necessitated his return home as he was the only one of the family left to manage the farm. After returning home he commenced the practice of medicine and has a large business. We will mention here that he was elected superintendent of school committee when only twenty-one. He served in that capacity one term. The next year he was elected a member of the Legislature, which position he filled for two terms, 1874 and 1876. In politics he is a Republican; his father was also. The historic Cate Garrison was located on their farm. The cellar and foundation may be seen from their parlor windows, the roof of the old garrison at the present time doing the undignified duty of covering a wagon shed. The Daniels homestead possesses more than common interest as being the scene of many bloody encounters during the Indian and French wars.

SOURCE: *History of Rockingham and Strafford Counties, New Hampshire : with biographical sketches of many of its pioneers and prominent men, by John Cutt; Richard Cutt; Joshua Moodey; Philadelphia: J.W. Lewis & Co., 1882. Excerpts ONLY*

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