

LIEUT. THOMAS BOFFEE was born April 10, 1750. His wife, Sarah, died Sept. 9, 1772. The town records contain the following: "Thomas Spaulding, son of Thomas and Sarah Boffee, born Sept. 1, 1772."

JOHN BOFFEE, son of Melchizedeck and Margaret Boffee, born July 4, 1754; married Anna Howard. He died Oct. 6, 1820. Children:—

1. JOHN, b. May 22, 1783, d. Oct. 21, 1802.
2. SALLY, d. April 26, 1779.
3. ANNA, d. April 29, 1787.
4. POLLY, b. Sept. 19, 1790.
5. BETSEY, b. July 28, 1792, m. Ephraim Kidder. (See Kidder gen.)

### BOSWORTH.

CAPT. GEORGE W. BOSWORTH was born at Plympton, Mass., in 1823. He died at Amherst, 1902; married, March 2, 1847, Amy, daughter of Gideon and Amy (Putnam) Cram of Lyndeborough. She was born Oct. 9, 1823. He lived at Lyndeborough for a few years, but the latter years of his life were passed in Amherst. He was a man of sterling quality and had the respect of his associates. For his military record see another chapter. Children:—

1. GEORGE W., b. in Milford, Sept. 13, 1848, d. March 27, 1853.
2. AMY F., b. in Lyndeborough, Nov. 23, 1850, d. July 17, 1854.
3. MARY E., b. in Lyndeborough, Dec. 29, 1852.
4. ABBY F., b. in Milford, Jan. 31, 1856.
5. EMMA H., b. in Milford, Dec. 14, 1861, d. Jan. 18, 1862.
6. GEORGE N., b. in Milford, Nov. 4, 1866.
7. GRACE A., b. in Milford, May 28, 1871.

### BOUTWELL.

The name Boutwell is of Huguenot origin, and this family can trace its descent to those who left the south of France to escape persecution and made England their home. Some of the family emigrated to the Massachusetts Colony during the last half of the sixteenth century.

James Boutwell and Alice, his wife, are common ancestors of all the Boutwells of this country. He was made a freeman in 1638, and his will is on file among the old Norfolk County records of Salem, Mass. In this will he mentions his son, John. John, born 1645, married Hannah —, and settled in Reading, Mass. He had a son John. This John was born Feb. 26, 1669; married Sarah —, and lived in Reading. He had a son John, also. This John was born August 1, 1695; married Rebecca Knight and lived in Wilmington, Mass. He had a son James, who came to Lyndeborough. James was of the fifth generation from James, the immigrant ancestor.

The Boutwell homestead farm is situated on gently rising ground at the south end of what is termed the "middle of the town." It was here that James Boutwell settled when he came to Salem-Canada or Lyndeborough, April 8, 1767. This farm has been in the possession of the Boutwell family ever since. There was probably a clearing and perhaps a log house there when he bought, but the farm has been theirs practically since the settlement of the town.

The farm buildings were formerly somewhat rambling and disconnected, but when Charles R. Boutwell came into possession, he enlarged and remodeled them, and the result is one of the most commodious and attractive country residences in this section of the state. Surrounded by fertile fields and beautiful shade trees it commands one of the finest views of country scenery to be found anywhere. Pinnacle, Winn, Peterborough, Pack Monadnock, and the range of mountains to the south, with the intervening valleys, form a fair picture, as seen from this outlook.

But little is known of James Boutwell. Like that of many of the early settlers of the town, his history is shrouded in the mist of years. He was evidently well received by the settlers of Lyndeborough, for he was elected selectman the year after he came to town, and again in 1771. He came from Wilmington, Mass., to Amherst, and thence removed to Lyndeborough. Probably the three older children were born at Amherst, but they are recorded as born at Lyndeborough, which must be a mistake, for these three were born before 1767, the date on which he came to Lyndeborough. James Boutwell was born in 1736, and married Mary Johnson, presumably of Wilmington, Mass. He died Feb. 6, 1804. His descendants have left a large impress on the history of Lyndeborough, and have carried New England ideas to many remote sections of the country. Children:—

1. ASA, b. Feb. 11, 1761, m. May 25, 1779, Bridget Pearsons of Duxbury School Farm.
2. MARY, b. Oct. 5, 1763, m. Nov. 16, 1786, Noah Lawrence of Lyndeborough.
3. ABIGAIL, b. Dec. 22, 1766, m. June 4, 1785, Jesse Woodbury of Weare.
4. JUDITH, b. March 9, 1769, m. April 26, 1787, Moulton Bachelder.



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5. JAMES, b. Sept. 29, 1772, m. March 16, 1790, Deborah Haggett.
6. NEHEMIAH, +
7. ALICE, b. June 25, 1776, m. Jan. 28, 1796, Joseph Bachelor of St. Andrews Grove.

NEHEMIAH BOUTWELL, son of James and Mary (Johnson) Boutwell, born Nov. 20, 1774; married Elizabeth, daughter of Dr. Benjamin and Elizabeth (Cleaves) Jones of Lyndeborough, June 28, 1796. She was born Dec. 18, 1776; died July 3, 1856. He died Oct. 3, 1855. He was an energetic, stirring, business man, and in addition to carrying on his large farm had a potash factory, which stood west of the house, which he operated for many years. He must have been something of a mechanic, withal, for he made the nails with which to build a new house. He owned and operated a tannery, and by strict integrity and attention to business acquired a competence. He was moderator of the town meetings for many years, representative to the general court in 1821 and again in 1828 and town treasurer for 19 years. He was drum major in the state militia. In the later years of his life he resigned the care of the farm to his son, Rodney C. His wife had the misfortune to be nearly or quite blind the last years of her life. Children:—

1. NEHEMIAH, b. May 19, 1797, m. Mary Johnson of Hollis.
2. BETSEY, b. Feb. 8, 1799, m. Jesse Pearsons of Frankestown, d. Aug. 4, 1873.
3. BENJAMIN J., b. Feb. 9, 1801, d. May 19, 1807.
4. WILLIAM THURSTON, +
5. CLARK CROMBIE, +
9. NEWTON, +
7. BENJAMIN JONES, b. Jan. 12; 1809, m. Mary Fisher, d. Aug. 14, 1836.
8. RODNEY CLEAVES, +
9. JAMES, +
10. MARY ANN, b. April 7, 1816, m. James H. Hall of Brookline, N. H., d. May 8, 1852.
11. SARAH JONES, b. July 15, 1818, m. Eben Palmer, d. Jan. 30, 1841. (See Palmer gen.)

REV. WILLIAM THURSTON BOUTWELL. (See p. 566.) Son of Nehemiah and Elizabeth (Jones) Boutwell; born Feb. 4, 1803; married Oct. 11, 1834, Hester Crooks of Fond du Lac, Wis. She died at Stillwater, Minn., Oct. 15, 1853. He died Oct. 11, 1890, at Stillwater, Minn. He prepared for college at Hancock and Exeter Academies. Graduated at Dartmouth in 1828, and from the Andover Theological Seminary in 1831. He was ordained at Woburn in 1831, and was sent by the American Board as a missionary to the Chippewa Indians at Mackinaw and vicinity. He remained with them until 1845, teaching and preaching, and enduring the discomforts and privations of a life among such surroundings. He



removed to Stillwater, Minn., where he was the pioneer home missionary of the state, preaching the first sermon ever preached in the state of Minnesota. Most of his children were born in Minnesota, but one, Mary Louise, was born at Lyndeborough. Children:—

1. ELIZABETH A., b. August 4, 1835, d. Jan. 17, 1900, m. Rollins Parkhurst, 1860. He died May 25, 1879. Children: Leforest, Marie Antoinette.
2. RAMSEY C., b. May 16, 1837, m. Nov. 20, 1872, Lucy A. Clark of Lyndeborough, d. April 24, 1898.
3. MARY LOUISE, b. Jan. 10, 1840.
4. WILLIAM T., b. Feb. 6, 1842.
5. RODNEY C., b. Feb. 26, 1844.
6. KATHARINE A., b. Oct. 23, 1846.
7. HESTER C., b. Jan. 2, 1848.
8. BASIL E., b. Nov. 16, 1850.
9. CORNELIUS L., b. Nov. 2, 1852.

CLARK CROMBIE BOUTWELL, son of Nehemiah and Elizabeth (Jones) Boutwell, born April 22, 1805; married Asenath Bradford of Hancock. He early removed to Nashua and soon became prominent in the business circles of that city. He was president and director of the Wilton railroad corporation, and largely interested in the railroads of the state. He was prominent in financial circles and influential in the city of his adoption. Children:—

1. HENRY THATCHER, b. Aug. 20, 1844, m. 1872, Helen G. Willis of St. Louis. He is a graduate of Harvard, 1866, M. D., 1870, and is a physician in Manchester. His children are: John Mason, b. 1874, who is a graduate of Harvard, 1897, and is in the government service, U. S., Geological Survey, Washington, D. C.; Alice Bradford, b. 1882.
2. ELLENA FRANCES, b. March 14, 1847, m. June, 1870, Rev. Minot Gage of Cambridge, Mass. Children: Walter Boutwell, b. 1872; Harold Minot, b. 1874.
3. LIZZIE MARCIA, b. Oct. 5, 1851, d. at High Point, N. C., April 26, 1880.
4. IDA BRADFORD, b. Jan. 8, 1854, d. April 7, 1882.

NEWTON BOUTWELL, son of Nehemiah and Elizabeth (Jones) Boutwell, born July 19, 1807; married first, Jan. 12, 1830, Mary Ann Merrill of Lyndeborough. She was born Aug. 24, 1807; died May 5, 1852; married second, Feb. 6, 1853, Deborah A. Davis of East Montpelier, Vt. She was born Dec. 23, 1813; died Oct. 15, 1882. Children born in N. Craftsbury, Vt., except the first two:—

1. ELIZABETH A., b. at Lyndeborough, May 1, 1831.



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2. WILLIAM C., b. at Lyndeborough, July 28, 1832.
3. HARRIET, b. Nov. 15, 1833.
4. FRANCIS N., b. July 30, 1835.
5. ROBERT T., b. Feb. 6, 1837.
6. MARY J., b. Nov. 27, 1838.
7. THOMAS N., b. Dec. 30, 1839.
8. RODNEY M., b. Dec. 17, 1841.
9. JAMES B., b. Nov. 19, 1843.
10. MARY Ella; b. July 9, 1856, m. Carl Benedict of Barre, Vt. Children: Nathan B., Emily M.

REV. JAMES BOUTWELL, son of Nehemiah and Elizabeth (Jones) Boutwell, born May 14, 1814; married April 10, 1837, Mary P. Abbott of Andover, Mass. She died Sept. 9, 1868. He died April 21, 1865. He graduated from Dartmouth College in 1836 and from Andover Theological Seminary in 1840. About the time of his marriage he removed to Dunkirk, N. Y., and later to Saubornton, N. H., where he died. They had a family of ten children, none of them born in Lyndeborough. Children:—

1. MARY L., b. March 8, 1838, m. Nathaniel B. Plummer.
2. JAMES P., b. Feb. 6, 1840, d. Oct. 31, 1844.
3. GEORGE C., b. Feb. 8, 1842, d. 1892.
4. CHARLES H., b. Oct. 29, m. Helen M. Abbott.
5. HANNAH E., b. March 11, 1846, m. C. L. Davis, d. April, 1892.
6. JAMES P., b. Jan. 4, 1848, m. Hannah Huntington. Child: Mary Abbott, b. March 29, 1875.
7. EMMA C., b. Dec. 22, 1849, m. Virgil K. Curd.
8. EDWARD PARSONS, b. Feb. 19, 1852, graduate of Dartmouth, 1876, d. March 4, 1878.
9. ARTHUR A., b. March 22, 1854, d. June 17, 1878.
10. WILLIS M., b. April 8, 1857, m. Ella Watson.

RODNEY CLEAVES BOUTWELL, son of Nehemiah and Elizabeth (Jones) Boutwell, born July 14, 1811; married Jan. 31, 1833, Nancy J., daughter of Nathan and Ann (Remick) Barnes of Bedford. She was born Oct. 23, 1811; died Apr. 19, 1892, at Medford, Mass. He died at Medford, Aug. 1, 1891. When Nehemiah, his father, retired from the active duties of farm life he took the farm and cultivated it until the infirmities of age compelled him in turn to transfer it to one of his children. He was a man who shunned public office and his whole time and attention was given to the tilling of his land and the management of his farm work. His wife was a woman of stately presence, of great refinement and of much intellectual power. She came of a family noted for its ability and influence. Her teachings and impress remain with their children and they revere her memory. Twelve children were born to them, and in many respects they were a remarkable family. Remarkable from the fact that they all grew

to manhood and womanhood, Sarah's death, aged twenty years, being the first break in the family; remarkable that they were, all twelve, men and women of fine physique, rugged specimens of New England stock. Their father and mother were consistent members of the Congregational Church and constant church attendance was a part of their creed, so these boys and girls were marshalled into the sanctuary every Sunday, sometimes filling more than one pew. They all received a good education in the schools of the town supplemented in most cases by terms at some academy. Abby J. was a teacher in Boston for some years. Clarissa married and removed to the West. Her husband was a sheriff and jailor at one time and once when a break was attempted she held the mob of desperate prisoners at bay with a revolver until help arrived. Of these twelve children Ann E. (Whittemore) is the only one remaining a resident of Lyndeborough. Children:—

1. CLARISSA BARNES, b. Nov. 20, 1833, m. Samuel G. Colley and rem. to Beloit, Wis. He d. Oct. 21, 1890.
2. NATHAN BARNES, +
3. ANN ELIZABETH, b. May 4, 1837, m. Daniel B. Whittemore. (See Whittemore gen.)
4. ABIGAIL JANE, b. Dec. 13, 1838, m. Jan. 1, 1878, Robert Hawthorne, of Newton Centre, Mass. He d. April 1, 1892.
5. BENJAMIN JONES, +
6. WILLIAM THURSTON, +
7. SARAH JONES, b. Sept. 9, 1844, d. Jan. 12, 1864.
8. CHARLES RODNEY, +
9. HENRY WINSLOW, +
10. GEORGE SUMNER, +
11. ROLAND HILL, +
12. ROSWELL MURRAY, +

NATHAN BARNES BOUTWELL, son of Rodney C. and Nancy J. (Barnes) Boutwell; born July 31, 1835; married Nov. 25, 1858, Lizzie, daughter of Oliver and Susan (Foster) Hawkins of Troy, N. H. She was born June 13, 1836; died Nov. 3, 1865; second, Emily, daughter of Luke and Hannah W. (Perkins) Beard of Wilton. She was born July 20, 1846. At the close of the war he became connected with the wholesale house of E. C. Hazard & Co. of New York. In 1876 he removed to Cambridge, Mass., and in 1880 accepted a position in the Boston custom house where he has been ever since and where he is now in charge of the Appraisers' Stores. He was a soldier during the Civil War. For his military record see chapter X. Resides at Winchester, Mass. Child by first wife:—

1. LESLIE BARNES, b. July 28, 1860, m. Sept. 9, 1903, Madelaine Endicott Giddings of Beverly, Mass. He is a graduate of Harvard Dental School. Child: Madelaine Giddings, b. Sept. 15, 1905.

Child by second wife:—





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1. HORACE KEITH, b. Dec. 4, 1876. He is a graduate of Harvard Medical School.

BENJAMIN JONES BOUTWELL, son of Rodney C. and Nancy J. (Barnes) Boutwell; born Dec. 25, 1840; married April, 1882, Louisa Elizabeth, daughter of Ebenezer and Mary (Keeley) Knight of Milford. She was born June 16, 1854, and died at Amherst, Feb. 2, 1890. He died at Medford, Mass., Jan. 1, 1896. He was engaged in the grocery business in Boston for a number of years and afterwards at Worcester, Mass. In 1882 he returned to the homestead farm which he had owned for a number of years. He was the postmaster at the "Centre" for a while, a member of the board of selectmen and of the board of education. He was a leader in the work of the Congregational Church, conducting the services for the better part of a year, while the church edifice was being remodeled. He was a soldier in the Civil war. See chapter X.

Children:—

1. MARY ELIZABETH, b. March 14, 1883, d. June 30, 1898.
2. ROSWELL KNIGHT, b. March 16, 1885.
3. PAUL W., b. Feb. 6, 1888.

WILLIAM THURSTON BOUTWELL, son of Rodney C. and Nancy J. (Barnes) Boutwell; born Sept. 13, 1842; married first, Eliza J. Comings of West Lebanon, N. H. She died March 24, 1883. He married second, Mary E. Haskell of Afton, Minn., April 12, 1884. She was born May 3, 1851, and died May 28, 1895. Mr. Boutwell lived on the home farm some years and was active in church work and in town affairs. In 1880 he removed to Minn. He was a soldier in the Civil War. See Chap. X. He died at Guffy, Col., Aug. 2, 1904. Children:—

1. SARAH KIMBALL, b. in Boston, Mass., June 3, 1867. She is a graduate of Mt. Holyoke College, 1890.
2. WILLIAM R., b. in W. Lebanon, N. H., Nov. 25, 1868, d. June 14, 1871.
3. GEORGE B., b. in Medford, Mass., Nov. 8, 1870, m. first, Florence Rogers, second, Clara Corbett. Children by first wife: Roland C., b. Sept. 12, 1892, Edna, b. Sept. 18, 1893, Florence M., b. Dec. 5, 1894.
4. HOWARD P., b. in Wilton, N. H., Sept. 30, 1872, m. Grace R. Dow. Children: William D., b. Feb. 6, 1900, Helen I. b. Oct. 5, 1902.
5. EDWARD B., b. in Lyndeborough, Dec. 14, 1878, m. Nov. 26, 1901, Martha Ashworth of Chelsea, Mass.

Children by second wife:—

6. JOSEPH H., b. Oct. 4, 1885, at Cottage Grove, Minn.
7. MARY J., b. Sept. 5, 1887, at Afton, Minn.
8. PHILLIP K., b. Nov. 29, 1890, at Afton, Minn.

CHARLES RODNEY BOUTWELL, son of Rodney C. and Nancy J.

(Barnes) Boutwell; born Aug. 1, 1846; married Oct. 23, 1867, Lucy S., daughter of Leonard M. and Abigail (Kendall) Kimball of Hillsboro. She was born June 4, 1839. He was one of the staff of inspectors in the Boston custom house for fifteen years. For some years previous he had been in the produce business in Charlestown, Mass. In 1888 he bought the homestead farm of his brother Benjamin and came back to his native town where he died Jan. 18, 1904.

DR. HENRY WINSLOW BOUTWELL, son of Rodney C. and Nancy J. (Barnes) Boutwell; born Aug. 2, 1848; married first, Clara Gerrish of Franklin, N. H.; second, Mary Stanton of Sandwich. Clara (Gerrish) Boutwell died in 1894. He is a graduate of the Harvard Medical School and is a prominent physician in Manchester, N. H., being surgeon for the Amoskeag Manufacturing Company and the Manchester Mills; also president of the staff of the Sacred Heart Hospital. He is a trustee of the New Hampshire State Industrial School and of the Manchester Public Library; and was surgeon-general on the staff of Governor N. J. Bachel-der. Child:—

1. EDITH GERRISH, b. July 16, 1875, m. Selwyn B. Clark of Worcester, Mass., July 2, 1901.

GEORGE SUMNER BOUTWELL, son of Rodney C. and Nancy J. (Barnes) Boutwell; born Aug. 22, 1850; married, May 21, 1872, Sophia McIver of Worcester, Mass. She was a daughter of Charles Chamberlain. He is with Boutwell Bros. Resides in Worcester, Mass.

ROLAND HILL BOUTWELL, son of Rodney C. and Nancy J. (Barnes) Boutwell; born May 2, 1853; married Oct. 29, 1879, Minnie E., daughter of Albert H. and Ann (Ager) Butters of Medford, Mass.; born Nov. 1, 1853. She died Oct. 1, 1883. Married second, Oct. 28, 1885, Sarah, daughter of George S. and Jane (Skinner) Blake of Belmont, Mass. She died Feb. 27, 1891. Married, third, Nov. 16, 1904, Jennie (Crosbie) Gilman of Exeter. He established with his brother, Roswell M., Sept. 15, 1876, the firm of Boutwell Bros., incorporated, Lowell, Mass., dealers in iron and steel. He is president of the Portland Iron and Steel Company, Portland, Me., manufacturers of iron and steel, and president of the Standard Horse Shoe Co., So. Wareham, Mass., manufacturers of horse shoes. Residence, The Westminster, Boston. Child:—

1. ROLAND A., b. Oct. 1, 1883, d. Oct. 1, 1883.

ROSWELL MURRAY BOUTWELL, son of Rodney C. and Nancy J. (Barnes) Boutwell; born May 22, 1855; married May 22, 1883, Jeannie C. Russell of Louisville, Ky. She was born Feb. 28, 1859. He is a member of the firm of Boutwell Bros., incorporated, Lowell, Mass., dealers in iron and steel, and is treasurer of the Portland Iron and Steel Co., Portland, Me., manufacturers of iron and steel. He is also treasurer of the Standard Horse Shoe Co., of So. Wareham, Mass., manufacturers of horse shoes. While a resident of Lowell he was a member of the city council from 1886 to 1889 and was chairman of the board of aldermen during the year 1889. Residence, 300 Newbury Street, Boston. Children:—

1. ELSIE RUSSELL, b. July 24, 1884.



*Roswell M. Gortnell.*



2. ROSWELL MURRAY, JR., b. Jan. 19, 1888.
3. ROLAND HILL, second, b. Oct. 10, 1889.

## BOUTWELL.

ABRAM E. BOUTWELL was born at Amherst; married Nancy Brown of Amherst, Dec. 31, 1816; died June 25, 1835. His widow and children removed to Lyndeborough. Children:—

1. NAOMI ANN, m. William B. Raymond.
2. JAMES, †
3. ABRAM, †
4. NANCY, m. Benjamin B. Miller.
5. SARAH, m. Warren Ames.
6. MARY J., first, d. in infancy.
7. MARY J., second, m. Calvin A. Abbott. (See respective gen.)

JAMES BOUTWELL, son of Abram E. and Nancy (Brown) Boutwell; born April 16, 1820; married Ellen O'Donnell; born in Ireland. James Boutwell was a soldier in the Civil War and died Aug. 15, 1863, the day after he returned from the army. (See chap. X.) Their two oldest children were born at Lyndeborough. Children:—

1. MARY A., b. Dec. 5, 1852.
2. JAMES C., b. March 31, 1854.
3. ELLEN M., b. at Wilton.
4. ANGELINE, b. at Temple.
5. GEORGE, b. at Temple.

ABRAM BOUTWELL was born Feb. 28, 1822; married Mary Badger, a daughter of Stephen Badger. She was born Oct. 21, 1821, and died March 30, 1900. He was a soldier in the Civil War and died Dec. 27, 1893. (See chap. X.) Children all born in Lyndeborough:—

1. CHARLES F., b. July 19, 1853.
2. SARAH, b. June 8, 1855, d. June 18, 1859.
3. IDA M., b. May 1, 1858, m. Peter King.
4. HARVEY, b. Feb. 19, 1860.
5. STILLMAN, b. Feb. 17, 1862.

## BOWEN

WILLIAM H. BOWEN, son of Guy and Mary (Richardson) Bowen; born in Corinth, Vt., Nov. 6, 1847; married April 19, 1869, Estella E., daughter of George B. and Mary J. (Clark) Woodward of Frankestown. She was born Nov. 11, 1848. Mr. Bowen resides in "Johnson Corner" and is a prosperous and enterprising farmer. He has enlarged and remodeled the farm buildings. The production of milk for Boston is the leading branch of his farming. Child:—

1. WILLIAM T., †