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urement" in 1908. Of these, "Jesus' Way" has been translated into French, and several others have passed through repeated editions. As a preacher and public speaker he is widely sought and has given generously of his time and strength to the furtherance of many good causes. He was the organizer and for many years the president of the Maine inter-denominational commission, and a leader of religious thought in his denomination. He received the degree of D. D. from Bowdoin and from Harvard in 1886, and of LL. D. from Syracuse University in 1897. President Hyde married, in 1883, at Washingtonville, New York, Prudence M., daughter of Alpha and Prudence Morris (Hibbard) Phillips. Beside two children that died in infancy, they have one son, George Palmer Hyde, born April 9, 1887, who graduated at Bowdoin in 1908, and is a student at Harvard Law School.

COTTON

Associated with Gorges and Mason in the Laconia Company, under whose auspices the first permanent settlements at Strawberry Bank and vicinity were made, were two London merchants, William and John Cotton, sons of Sir Allen Cotton, lord mayor of London in 1625 and 1626. These men did not join the company who emigrated to New England, and William died before 1634 when the partnership interests of the two brothers were sold to Mason. The similarity of name would suggest that William Cotton, the immigrant, who appeared on Strawberry Bank, and on the last day of March, 1650, bought of Anthony Brockett his dwelling house and farm, was of this family. Another reasonable supposition is that William, the immigrant, was connected with the family of Sampson Cotton, of London, whose daughter Elizabeth was the wife of Edmund Sheafe, whose descendants are numerous in Portsmouth. Leaving the English ancestors to be hereafter determined, we take up William, the immigrant, as we find him a property holder in Strawberry Bank, which was the early name of Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

(I) **William Cotton**, the immigrant, after purchasing a dwelling house and farm situated at Strawberry Bank next to the house of Walter Abbott, by the water side, March 31, 1650, married **Elizabeth**, daughter of **William and Honor Ham**. The Hams came probably from Devonshire, England, to the coast of Maine and thence in 1636 to the Isle of Shoals and soon after to Strawberry Bank. William Cotton died in 1678, leaving six children to

share his property, his third son, Solomon, having died before his property was divided by probate order December 29, 1678. His widow survived him, but the date of her death is unknown. Children, born in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, as follows: 1. **John** (q. v.). 2. **William**, a tanner in Portsmouth, a member of the provincial assembly and a man of wealth and influence. By his wife, Abigail, he had eight children: William, John, Elizabeth, Joseph, Abigail, Thomas, Mary and Sarah. 3. **Solomon**, a grantee with his brother William in a deed by William Ham, May 16, 1671. He probably died before his father. 4. **Sarah**, married Edward Beale, mariner of New Castle, and had four children: John, Sarah, Elizabeth and Martha Beale. 5. **Thomas**. 6. **Joseph**, a minor in 1678. 7. **Benjamin**, a minor in 1678, a house carpenter in Portsmouth, who by his wife Elizabeth had four children: Sarah, Mary, Elizabeth and Deborah. He died in 1724 and his estate was administered by his four sons-in-law.

(II) John, eldest child of William and Elizabeth (Ham) Cotton, was born probably in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, about 1650. He was a farmer and his wife was Sarah, only child of William Hearle, or Earle, of Portsmouth. William Hearle, or Earle, in his will, dated May 17, 1689, left his property to his son-in-law, John Cotton, and "his wiff my daughter Sarah," to go after their death to their oldest son, William Cotton. John Cotton, as the eldest son, received a double share in the distribution by probate order of his father's estate. He died in 1712, and his will, dated September 14, was proved December 9 of that year. His widow's death is not recorded. The children of John and Sarah (Hearle or Earle) Cotton were twelve in number and all born in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, as follows: 1. William, a gunsmith, married, in Boston, November 6, 1699, Anne, daughter of Ralph and Susanna Carter and had one child, Sarah. 2. Solomon, a shipwright, lived in Kittery, Maine, and then in Portsmouth; married (first) Margaret Fernald, of Kittery, and (second) Judith Cutt, of Portsmouth; had seven children: Jane, Elizabeth, John, Sarah, Joseph, Benjamin and Solomon. 3. John, a butcher in Portsmouth, married, May 6, 1714, Elizabeth Davis and had five children: John, about 1715; William, Elizabeth, Timothy and Mary; he died in 1723, and his widow, Elizabeth, probably married, August 16, 1725, John Gilder, of Kittery. 4. Thomas (q. v.). 5. Elizabeth, married George Thompson before August 8, 1707. 6. Mary,

married Moses Paul. 7. Joanna, married John Jones and removed to Scarborough, Maine. 8. Sarah, may have married Henry Nicholson, of Williamsburg, Virginia, in 1716; if not, he married her widowed mother. 9. Hannah, married, December 21, 1708, John Mead, of Stratham. 10. Abigail, died unmarried in Stratham in 1722. 11. Margaret, married, January 30, 1714-15, Moses Caverly, of Portsmouth and had five children. 12. Susanna, married, May 27, 1722, William Young.

(III) Thomas, fourth son and child of John and Sarah (Hearle or Earle) Cotton, was born in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, where he was a joiner and carpenter and carried on the same business after he removed to Gloucester, Massachusetts, upon his marriage, July 28, 1718, to Comfort, daughter of John and Ruth (Wheeler) Riggs, of Gloucester. His wife was born May 3, 1698. After 1722 he made his home in Greenland, New Hampshire, and he made his will there January 2, 1768, and it was proved September 17, 1770, but the date of his death has not been preserved. Of their thirteen children the first three were born in Gloucester, Massachusetts, the next eight at Greenland, New Hampshire, and the last two at Rye, New Hampshire. These children named in the order of their births were: 1. Comfort, 1719, married, August 25, 1738, William, son of Samuel Wallis, of Rye, and had three children: Samuel, William and Spencer Wallis; she died before 1768, and it was proved September 17, 1770, but the date of his death has not been preserved. Of their thirteen children the first three were born in Gloucester, Massachusetts, the next eight at Greenland, New Hampshire, and the last two at Rye, New Hampshire. These children named in the order of their births were: 1. Comfort, 1719, married, August 25, 1738, William, son of Samuel Wallis, of Rye, and had three children: Samuel, William and Spencer Wallis; she died before 1768. 2. Sarah, 1721, married, June 25, 1741, Thomas, son of Thomas and Mary Seavy, of Portsmouth. 3. Ruth, 1722, married a Mr. Ayres. 4. Elizabeth, 1724, married John Sherburne. 5. Thomas (q. v.). 6. Mary, 1728, married Richard Terleton. 7. Abigail, 1730, died before 1768. 8. John, 1732, died in infancy. 9. John, 1733, died before 1768. 10. Martha, 1735, died before 1768. 11. William, 1736, was a farmer in Brunswick, Maine; married (first) November 5, 1761, Lucy Pennell, (second) June 6, 1786, Joanna Ferrin, (third) Mary Sweetser; by first wife he had ten children, by second six and by third three. 12. Adam, 1738, was a mariner in early life; married Judith Haskill, of Gloucester, Massachusetts; settled in New Gloucester, Maine, about 1763; he died in Hebron, Maine, about 1830; he had nine children born in New Gloucester, Maine, the first, Jacob, being the only son. 13. Nathaniel, 1740, was a farmer in Portsmouth; married (first) September 1, 1762, Elizabeth Berry, and (second) October 27, 1770, Hannah (Elkins) Beck, who survived him and married as her third husband

Daniel Moulton, of Scarborough, Maine; he had seven children, all by first wife.

(IV) Thomas (2), first son and fifth child of Thomas (1) and Comfort (Riggs) Cotton, was born in Greenland, New Hampshire, and died in North Hampton, New Hampshire, September 24, 1803. He was known as "Thomas 3rd," was a farmer in Rye, then in Portsmouth, and after 1767 at North Hampton, where he purchased the farm subsequently owned by George D. Cotton. He married, October 27, 1747, Sarah, daughter of Noah and Abigail (Partridge) Broughton, of Portsmouth, who was baptized November 18, 1722, died at North Hampton and was buried September 2, 1810. The eight children of Thomas and Sarah (Broughton) Cotton were all born in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, except Abigail, born in Rye. Their names and the order of their births were as follows: 1. Abigail, August 26, 1748, married, December 6, 1770, Josiah Batchelder, of North Hampton, and had nine children. 2. John (q. v.). 3. Comfort, October 15, 1752. 4. Thomas, May 6, 1754, was a farmer in North Hampton, was a revolutionary soldier in Captain Parson's company, Colonel Gilman's regiment; married Abigail Lamprey and had four children; he died in North Hampton, New Hampshire, December 31, 1801. 5. Noah (or Mark), December 15, 1755, died young. 6. Nathaniel, January 10, 1757. 7. Sarah, May 1, 1759, married Stephen Batchelder, of Deerfield, and had nine children. 2. John (q. v.). 3. Comfort, October 15, 1752. 4. Thomas, May 6, 1754, was a farmer in North Hampton, was a revolutionary soldier in Captain Parson's company, Colonel Gilman's regiment; married Abigail Lamprey and had four children; he died in North Hampton, New Hampshire, December 31, 1801. 5. Noah (or Mark), December 15, 1755, died young. 6. Nathaniel, January 10, 1757. 7. Sarah, May 1, 1759, married Stephen Batchelder, of Deerfield, had five children, and died in Wellington, Maine. 8. Mary, known as "Molly," April 16, 1762, married John Batchelder, November 30, 1780, and had twelve children. She died April 3, 1807.

(V) John, eldest son and second child of Thomas (2) and Sarah (Broughton) Cotton, was born in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, October 28, 1750, died at Gilford, New Hampshire, August 14, 1820. He was brought up on his father's farm in Portsmouth and removed with him to the new farm in North Hampton in 1767. He was a soldier in the American revolution in 1778. He married, in 1773, Abigail, daughter of John and Abigail (Drake) Taylor, of Hampton. She was born April 15, 1775, became the mother of eight children, and died May 1, 1790. He married (second) August 9, 1790, Hannah, daughter of Simon and Sarah (Robie) Lane, of Hampton, born March 1, 1768; had by this marriage ten children. Children of John and Abigail (Taylor) Cotton were: 1. Edward Chapman (q. v.). 2. Thomas, born and died 1776. 3. John, June 10, 1778, married, July 23, 1805,

Sarah Philbrick, of Sanbornton, New Hampshire; was a farmer in Meredith, New Hampshire; had eleven children: John, David Philbrick, Abigail, Sally, Mary, Nathan, Hannah, Isaac, Ruth, Mary Fernald and Nancy. 4. Abigail, August 7, 1780, died May 8, 1802. 5. Sally, April 12, 1783, died October 30, 1803. 6. Polly, August 10, 1785, married, February 9, 1812, Jonathan James, of Gilmanton, and had three children. 7. Elizabeth (known as Betsey), February 21, 1788, married, November 17, 1811, Henry Hoit, of Gilford; lived in Plymouth, New Hampshire, where eight children were born to them. 8. Hannah, April 9, 1790, died February 8, 1814. Children of John and Hannah (Lane) Cotton were born in Gilford, New Hampshire, as follows: 9. Ruth, May 1, 1791, died the same day. 10. Simon, June 1, 1792, was brought up on his father's farm in Gilford, which he inherited; married, December 13, 1813, his cousin, Susanna Lane, of Hampton, and had ten children. 11. Comfort, February 8, 1794, married Daniel Avery and died childless. 12. Samuel, November 28, 1795, was an apothecary's clerk in Dover, New Hampshire; was twice married and had three children by first and two by second marriage. 13. Nathaniel, November 28, 1795, was a carpenter and lived in Gilford, Ellsworth, Rumney and Nashua, New Hampshire, and New Bedford, Massachusetts; married twice and had seven children. 14. Jeremiah, November 21, 1797, lived in Meredith and Rumney, New Hampshire; married Lavinia Peace and had six children. 15. Nancy, December 2, 1800, married and died October 10, 1852. 16. Cynthia, August 17, 1802. 17. Morris, August 22, 1805, a farmer in Gilford, New Hampshire, married Hannah Libby Bartlett, of Centre Harbor, and had two children. 18. Oliver, October 11, 1811, master mechanic in Berlin and Portsmouth navy yards; postmaster of Northend, New Hampshire; married, April 7, 1836, Sarah Furber, of Northend, and had six children.

(VI) Edward Chapman, eldest child of John and Abigail (Taylor) Cotton, was born in Northampton, New Hampshire, December 19, 1773. He was brought up on his father's farm and was by occupation a miller. He was married in 1805 to Jane (Jellison) Robinson, a widow, and he lived in Saco, Maine, where he carried on an extensive flouring mill and where he remained during his lifetime. Children, born in Saco, Maine, were: John, Mary Batchelder, Abigail Taylor, Edward, Benjamin Robinson (q. v.), Thomas Cutts, Sarah Hannah.

(VII) Benjamin Robinson, third son and fifth child of Edward Chapman and Jane (Jellison) (Robinson) Cotton, was born in Saco, Maine, about 1812-13. He was a master-mechanic and iron worker in mill machinery, and was living in Woodstock, Connecticut, at the time of his marriage to Abby Jane Pike, of Saco, Maine. He subsequently removed to Clinton, Massachusetts, and thence to Lewistown, Maine, where he died March, 1867, and his wife died March, 1873. Their son, John Bradbury (q. v.), was born in Woodstock, Connecticut.

(VIII) John Bradbury, son of Benjamin Robinson and Abby J. (Pike) Cotton, was born in Woodstock, Connecticut, August 3, 1841, died January 5, 1909. He received his name as a compliment to his father's friend, John Cotton Bradbury, who was cashier of the York Bank in Saco for many years. He attended school in Clinton, Massachusetts, and Lewiston, Maine, preparing for college at the Lewiston Falls Academy, Auburn, Maine, and was enabled to take his college course through the kindness and liberality of his father's friend, John Cotton Bradbury, who always manifested a special interest in his namesake, prophesying for him a brilliant career and whose own life was a succession of good deeds. While at college he studied law in the office of Fessenden & Frye, of Lewiston, both Thomas A. D. Fessenden and William P. Frye being his instructors. He was graduated at Bowdoin, A. B., 1865, A. M., 1868, and on leaving college went into the law office of Fessenden & Frye as clerk, and the next June was admitted to the Maine bar in 1867 and to the bar of the United States supreme court in 1899. On the death of Mr. Fessenden in 1868, he was made junior partner in the newly formed firm of Frye & Cotton, and later, when Mr. White was admitted as junior partner, the firm became Frye, Cotton & White. In June, 1889, the firm was dissolved, and Mr. Cotton accepted the position of assistant attorney-general of the United States by appointment of President Harrison, made in May, 1889, and his position gave him charge of the interests of the United States government in the court of claims at Washington. While practicing law in Lewiston, he was attorney for most of the manufacturing corporations of that city and vicinity and of the Maine Central Railroad Company. He retired from the attorney-general's office in June, 1893, to engage in the general practice of law in Washington, District of Columbia. His long residence in the National capital made

him a familiar personage in government circles and at the Cosmos Club, of which he was early made a member, and at the University Club, where he met many of his fellows of the Kappa Chapter of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity of Bowdoin College, and he was also a member of the Maine Society of Washington. In the Masonic fraternity he became a Knight Templar and a Scottish Rite Mason. While a citizen of Lewiston, he served one term on the board of the common council of the city and as a member of the Lewiston school board. He was a member and attendant, with his family, of the Congregational church. Mr. Cotton married, December 5, 1866, Amanda Gorham, born March 10, 1842, daughter of Mark Lowell, of Lewiston, Maine, and their only child, Ethel Bradbury, was born at Lewiston, Maine, March 24, 1877, and married, October, 1899, F. Willard Carlisle, a banker of New York City. Their daughter, Marjorie Cotton Carlisle, was born in Washington, March 5, 1904, being of the tenth generation from William Cotton, the immigrant, Portsmouth, New Hampshire, 1650. Mr. and Mrs. John Bradbury Cotton have their home at 1355 Euclid street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

Mr. Winchester joined the Free Baptist Church, and was settled over the Baptist church in Corinna, remaining in that connection for thirty-seven years, a remarkably long pastorate. In addition to his ministerial duties, he taught school, and followed that fundamental industry, farming. Elder Winchester was an ardent patriot, and sent two of his sons to the South in the troublesome times of the sixties. He was an active temperance worker, and engaged in all good causes tending to the reformation and betterment of mankind. He was a Whig, and because of the cloth was not averse to participating in public affairs, and considered it the duty of every citizen to bear his part of the burdens of local government. He served as selectman for eight years, town clerk fourteen years, also as town treasurer, and was a faithful public servant. He married Eliza Knowles, born in Fayette, Maine, in 1794. Children: Harriet, Mary Ann, Martha, John, Benjamin, Sarah, Oren and Betsy. This good man, kind neighbor, true patriot, and capable official, servant of the Lord, who wrought in various ways and succeeded in them all, was called to his reward above, November 26, 1865, just as the war in which he had taken so much interest had terminated. Mrs. Winchester lived to mourn his loss four years, succumbing to mortal illness in 1869.

WINCHESTER The head of all the Winchesters in America is claimed by good genealogists to have been John, who came to Hingham, Massachusetts, in 1635, then nineteen

(VII) John, eldest son of Rev. Benjamin P. and Eliza (Knowles) Winchester, was born in Corinna, Maine, January 25, 1822, and died