

THE DESCENDANTS OF CAPTAIN SAMUEL CHURCH OF CHURCHVILLE, NEW YORK

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SAMUEL CHURCH (*Richard 5, Richard 4, Samuel 3, Edward 2, Richard 1, a first settler of Hartford, Connecticut*), born in Hatfield, Hampshire County, Massachusetts, December 10, 1767; married, Sept. 10, 1792, Abigail Munson, daughter of Moses and Abigail Munson (b. March 9, 1771; d. May 5, 1845); died Sept. 20, 1850.

Captain Samuel Church, farmer as well as a millwright, was a man of ceaseless activity, resourceful, skillful in the use of tools; a man's man on the frontier. He was a careful, painstaking, thrifty pioneer. His various industries in Riga and Churchville—farming, grain mill, saw mill, woolen mill, the maintenance of his dam and water power, the care of considerable timber land as well as that cleared and cultivated which he owned and worked—gave him a life of almost ceaseless activity, so that he was an old man at the age of sixty-six years: about the time the portraits of himself and Mrs. Church were painted from which the half-tones in this book are produced, the originals being in the custody of the Rochester Historical Society.

The settlement of West Pultney, now Riga, commenced under the auspices of Mr. Wadsworth in 1805. In that year his handbills had reached Berkshire, Mass., offering to exchange wild lands for farms, which induced Samuel to come and see the country. His brother Elihu, who had emigrated to Phelps, Ontario County, in 1796, accompanied him to West Pultney, which they found a

densely and heavily timbered wilderness, the only occupants other than wild beasts being John Smith and his surveying party. Together they explored the township, were well pleased with it, and in the spring of 1806 they removed their families to sites they had selected for their new homes.

Turner's Pioneer History of the Phelps and Gorham Purchase says: "Samuel Church was the founder of the settlement at Churchville, where he built the first saw-mill in town in 1808 and a grist mill in 1811. He was Captain of the first Militia Company organized in Riga, was upon the frontier in the war of 1812, and participated with his command in the sortie of Fort Erie." This commission, issued by Governor Daniel D. Tompkins of the State of New York, on the 22nd of March, 1809, now belongs to the Rochester Historical Society.

In the same History, under the Reminiscences of Henry Brewster, we read:

"At a meeting held to organize a religious society we appointed a meeting three Sabbaths in succession at the log house of Amasa Frost. On the day appointed for the organization of the society Nehemiah Frost was chosen Moderator and myself Secretary. Nehemiah Frost, Samuel Church, Amasa Frost, Samuel Baldwin, Elihu Church and myself were chosen Trustees. The society was called The First Congregational Society of West Pultney in the County of Genesee."

About the year 1831, after a religious revival in the neighborhood, he became a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church—the same religious denomination which licensed his sons to preach, each having conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Divinity, the Rev. Dr. Samuel Clemon Church in the North, and the Rev. Dr. Jared O. Church in the South.

At the age of eighty-two, he died at the home of a daughter in Union Valley, Cortland County, N. Y., Sept. 20, 1850, five years after the death of his beloved wife.

Of the eight children who survived him, his sons were Doctors of Divinity in the Methodist Episcopal Church, three of his six daughters were wives of clergymen—two of whom had gone to foreign mission fields, one to Siam and the other to Sandwich now Hawaiian Islands—and the others were honored and respected in the communities in which they lived. His funeral was held at Churchville on Sunday, Sept. 22, 1850; sermon by the Rev. H. May of the Genesee Conference, from the text, Luke 2:29-31:

“Now lettest thou thy servant depart, Lord,
According to thy word, in peace;
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
Which thou hast prepared before the face of all peoples.”

CHILDREN:

- 7. ANNA MUNSON, b. June 14, 1793.
- 7-A. RALPH, b. March 7, 1795; d. Feb. 17, 1796.
- 7-B. ABIGAIL, b. Dec. 27, 1796.
- 7-C. SAMUEL CLEMON, b. April 2, 1799.
- 7-D. ALMIRA, b. Aug. 7, 1801.
- 7-E. AMANDA, b. Sept. 27, 1803.
- 7-F. MARIA, b. Feb. 1, 1807.
- 7-G. FIDELIA, b. Feb. 17, 1810.
- 7-H. JARED ORAMOND, b. June 12, 1813.

SEVENTH GENERATION

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ANNA MUNSON CHURCH, oldest child of Captain Samuel and Abigail (Munson) Church, born June 14, 1793, Washington, Berkshire County, Massachusetts; married, first, April 1, 1815, Riga, Monroe County, N. Y., RUFUS HILL (born June 16, 1793, Windsor, Berkshire Co., Mass., died January 6, 1831, Riga, N. Y.); married, second, ———, 1835, LYMAN CASEY. She died March 14, 1868, in Toledo, Ohio.

CHILDREN:

8. RUFUS MUNSON HILL, b. —————; d. August, 6, 1821, "Aged 5 years, 8 months"—inscription on gravestone, Riga, N. Y.
- 8-A. FREDERICK LYMAN HILL, b. —————; (*Died sometime before July 9, 1853, date of death of Maria Elinor Church, as per letter of condolence written by his mother to Dr. Samuel C. Church.
- 8-B. MUNSON RUFUS HILL, b. May 2, 1821; d. June —, 1868; Memphis, Tenn.
- 8-C. CLEMON CHURCH HILL, b. Sept. 26, 1825, Riga, N. Y.
- 8-D. EGBERT GRANDIN HILL, b. —————, 1828, Riga, N. Y. d. May 28, 1868, Dyersburgh, Tenn.
- 8-E. LYMAN RUFUS CASEY, b. May 6, 1837, York, Livingston County, N. Y.; d. Jan. 25, 1914, Washington, D. C.

*Note: Mrs. Casey, in a letter of condolence to her brother Dr. Samuel Clemon Church, after the death of his daughter Maria Elinor, wrote: "I have not received such a shock since the death of my own beloved Frederick."

7-B

ABIGAIL CHURCH (*Capt. Samuel 6, Richard 5, Richard 4, Samuel 3, Edward 2, Richard 1*) born December 27,

EIGHTH GENERATION

8-B

MUNSON RUFUS HILL, son of Rufus and Anna Munson Church Hill, born May 2, 1821, died June —, 1868, at Memphis, Tenn.; married, December 13, 1843, Elizabeth Hale.

CHILDREN:

- 9. SPARREL HILL, b. Oct. 19, 1844; d. July 10, 1910; m. Oct. 20, 1864, Annie Elder (she died June —, 1911).
- 9-A. ANNIE HILL, b. —————; died in infancy.
- 9-B. THOMAS HILL, b. —————; d. —————; married and had one child but all died prior to 1917.
- 9-C. MINNIE HILL, b. —————; died in infancy.
- 9-D. WALTER HALE HILL, b. —————; d. —————, 1878; m. Emma Hatchett, —————. No children.
- 9-E. BETTIE HILL, b. May 2, 1852; m. —————, 1868, E. B. Dye; d. July —, 1909.
- 9-F. CHURCH HILL, b. —————; d. —————, 1875.

8-C

CLEMON CHURCH HILL (*Anna 7, Capt. Samuel 6, Richard 5, Richard 4, Samuel 3, Edward 2, Richard 1*), born September 26, 1825, Riga, Monroe Co., N. Y.; married, —————, 1860, at Sugar Island, Chippewa County, Mich., Eliza Elletta Leavens (born April 21, 1840, at Collingwood, Canada, died Oct. 1, 1873). He died March 4, 1886, at Bay City, Michigan.

CHILDREN:

- 9-G. RUFUS CROMWELL, b. July 20, 1861.
- 9-H. ABIGAIL ANNA, b. March 30, 1863; m. —————, ————— Evans.

- 9-I. FREDERICK CLEMON, b. August 30, 1864.
 9-J. WALLACE EGBERT, b. Sept. 10, 1867; d. _____, 1871.
 9-K. LOIS ELIZA, b. August 3, 1869; d. _____, 1871.
 9-L. MARGARETTA NAOMI, b. Nov. 5, 1871; m. _____,
 _____ Grandy at some time prior to August,
 1896, as per complaint in re estate of Amanda Church
 Carver. Abigail Anna is also therein referred to as
 Abigail A. Evans. (Letters sent to Bay City in
 1917, returned unclaimed, "Not in Directory.")

8-D

EGBERT GRANDIN HILL, son of Rufus and Anna M. Church Hill, born _____, 1828, Riga, Monroe County, N. Y., married, May 2, 1853, at Dyersburgh, Tennessee, Sarah M. Esque (b. July 4, 1833, Shelbyville, Bedford Co., Tenn.; died April 19, 1900); died at Dyersburgh, Tenn., May 28, 1868.

CHILDREN:

- 9-M. SAMUEL ESQUE RUFUS, b. Feb. 10, 1854, Dyersburgh, Tenn.;
 d. April 25, 1878, Dyersburgh.
 9-N. ANNIE EGBERT HILL, b. Feb. 23, 1856, Dyersburgh; m.
 April 19, 1877, at Dyersburgh, J. D. McClerkin (b.
 Jan. 10, 1853, Lexington, Tenn.) d. May 2, 1883.

8-E

LYMAN RUFUS CASEY, only child of Lyman and Anna M. (Church) Hill Casey, born May 6, 1837, York, Livingston County, N. Y., married, August 8, 1860, Buffalo, N. Y., Harriet Mary Platt, daughter of Landra Beach and Harriet (Hemingway) Platt, (b. Feb. 18, 1841, Oberlin, Ohio); died January 25, 1914, at Washington, D. C.

Mr. Casey went to North Dakota in 1882, in the interests of the Carrington & Casey Land Company, and at once began to take a very prominent part in the political affairs of Foster County. He served as Chairman of the North Dakota State Committee on Irrigation, and was elected Commissioner of the county. In 1889 he was

elected by the North Dakota Legislature, for a term in the United States Senate, at the expiration of which he settled in Washington, and died there January 25, 1914.

CHILDREN:

- 9-O. HARRY CASEY, b. May 14, 1861, Buffalo, N. Y.; d. May 21, 1863, Buffalo, N. Y.
- 9-P. FRANK CASEY, b. Aug. 5, 1864, Philadelphia, Pa.; m. Nov. 1, 1918, at St. Louis, Mo., Bunetta Clydevista Engle; (January, 1919, lives at "The Kenesaw," Washington, D. C.).
- 9-Q. CARL CASEY, b. Jan. 14, 1868, Detroit, Mich.; m. July 27, 1898, at Baltimore, Md., Annie Laura Clark (Jan. 1919, resides at the Westmoreland, Washington, D. C.).
- 9-R. THEODORA CASEY, b. Jan. 16, 1877, at Teverdon, Switzerland; m. March 2, 1912, at New York City, William Atwood Topliffe. (January, 1919, address, Eastcliff, Rye, N. Y.).

8-F

EMMA SMITH, daughter of Spencer and Abigail (Church) Smith, was born March 28, 1814, Churchville, N. Y.; married November 28, 1833, Rochester, N. Y., John Brown (born Nov. 21, 1806, Malone, Franklin Co., N. Y., d. _____), and died in Detroit, Michigan, January 26, 1881.

CHILDREN:

- 9-S. FIDELIA E. BROWN, b. April 16, 1835, Rochester, N. Y.
- 9-T. RALPH ROBINSON BROWN, b. Sept. 6, 1837, Novi, Mich.; d. _____ (unmarried).
- 9-U. JAMES JOHN BROWN, b. Nov. 13, 1839, Pontiac, Mich.

8-G

RALPH CHURCH SMITH (*Abigail 7-B, Capt. Samuel Church 6*), born August 14, 1816, at Churchville, N. Y.; died June 6, 1874, at Detroit, Mich.; married Sept. 22.

NINTH GENERATION

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SPARREL HILL, son of MUNSON RUFUS and Elizabeth (Hale) Hill, born October 19, 1844; died July 10, 1910; married, October 20, 1864, Annie Elder; she died June, 1911.

CHILDREN:

10. ANNIE MUNSON HILL, b. _____; d. May 16, 1917, Trenton, Tenn.
- 10-A. LUCY HALE HILL, b. _____; (P. O. Address, Trenton, Tenn.)

(From "The Trenton Weekly Gazette," Thursday, May 24, 1917)

IN MEMORIAM.

"Miss Munson Hill, eldest daughter of the late Hon. Sparrel Hill, and Mrs. Hill, born and reared in Trenton, is dead. She passed peacefully away on Tuesday night May 15. Miss Munson has been for many long years a very great sufferer but her sufferings were borne always with Christian fortitude. Her creed in life was to be bright, cheerful and helpful. Her faith in God, and the Christian religion was but a part of her being. She was a consistent working member of the Methodist church, and a teacher of great influence in the Sabbath School. Her strong abiding faith strengthened the weak, her ministry to the needy was beautiful and untiring. In the years away back Miss Munson Hill founded the order of the 'King's Daughters' of which order until a few years before her death she was the capable, active managing President. Trenton honored Miss Munson Hill in life and mourns her loss in death. Funeral was held at her suburban ancestral home on Thursday morning at 10:30 o'clock, conducted by her pastor, Rev. R. M. Walker. Interment took place

at beautiful Oakland Cemetery. Floral offerings many, and handsome. The sympathy of Trenton is tendered the sister, Miss Lucy Hill, in her lonely estate.

ONE WHO LOVED HER.

"She stretched out her hand to the poor; yea she reached forth her hand to the needy."

9-E

BETTIE HILL, daughter of Munson Rufus and Elizabeth (Hale) Hill, born May 2, 1852; died July, 1909; married, 1868, E. B. Dye.

CHILDREN:

- 10-B. ANNA HALE DYE, b. _____ (P. O. address in 1917, 917 Roland Ave., Memphis, Tenn.)
 10-C. MUNSON THOMAS DYE, b. _____, 1871; m. _____, _____; (in 1917, "Somewhere in Idaho.")
 10-D. ELIZABETH WALTER DYE, b. _____. (P. O. Memphis, Tenn.)

9-N

ANNIE EGBERT HILL, born February 23, 1856, Dyersburgh, Tennessee, only daughter of Egbert Grandin and Sarah M. (Esque) Hill, married, April 19, 1877, at Dyersburgh, Tenn., J. D. McClerkin (b. Jan. 10, 1853, Lexington, Tenn.), and died May 2, 1883.

CHILDREN:

- 10-E. ANNIE HILL McCLERKIN, b. April 17, 1878, Dyersburgh; m. April 19, 1898, Eugene Scott.
 10-F. FLOY ESQUE McCLERKIN, b. Nov. 6, 1879, Dyersburgh; m. Feb. 18, 1903, Guy Weston Moore (b. Oct. 24, 1877).

9-S

FIDELIA E. BROWN (*Emma Smith 8-F, Abigail Church 7-B*), oldest child of John and Emma (Smith) Brown,

TENTH GENERATION

10-C

MUNSON THOMAS DYE (*Bettie Hill 9-E, Munson Rufus Hill 8-B, Anna Munson Church 7, Capt. Samuel Church 6*), born _____, 1871, married _____, _____, and in 1917 was living "somewhere in Idaho."

CHILDREN:

- 11. SPARREL DYE, b. _____.
- 11A. GERTRUDE DYE, b. _____.
- 11-B. ELIZABETH DYE, b. _____.

10-E

ANNIE HILL McCLERKIN (*Annie Egbert Hill 9-N, Egbert Grandin Hill 8-D, Anna Munson Church 7, Capt. Samuel Church 6*), born April 17, 1878, Dyersburgh, Tennessee, married, April 19, 1898, Eugene Scott.

CHILDREN:

- 11-C. JAMES EUGENE SCOTT, b. Aug. 25, 1899.
- 11-D. RAYMOND HILL SCOTT, b. Feb. 6, 1902.
- 11-E. ROY ANDERSON SCOTT, b. Sept. 18, 1904.

10-F

FLOY ESQUE McCLERKIN (*Annie Egbert Hill 9-N, Egbert Grandin Hill 8-D, Anna Munson Church 7, Capt. Samuel Church 6*), born November 6, 1879, at Dyersburgh, Tenn.; married, February 18, 1903, Guy Weston Moore (b. Oct. 24, 1877); in 1917, Post Office address 1997 Central Street, Memphis, Tenn.

CHILDREN:

- 11-F. SARAH ESQUE MOORE, b. June 7, 1907.
 11-G. MARJORIE McCLERKIN MOORE, b. July 29, 1912. .
 11-H. FLOYE ANNA MOORE, b. March 13, 1915.
 11-I. LAIDA HILL MOORE, b. June 16, 1917.

10-I

CARRIE ELIZABETH DRURY (*Fidelia E. Brown 9-S, Emma Smith 8-F, Abigail Church 7-B, Capt. Samuel Church 6*), born Oct. 25, 1863; married, first, C. Bailey Gates, _____; married, second, Hugh Janeway, paper manufacturer at _____; died April —, 1893.

CHILDREN:

- 11-J. MARIETTA GATES, b. _____.
 11-K. JACK GATES, b. _____; died in infancy.

10-J

PRENTISS M. BROWN (*James John Brown 9-U, Emma Smith 8-F, Abigail Church 7-B, Capt. Samuel Church 6*), born June 18, 1889, at St. Ignace, Michigan, married, June 16, 1916, at St. Ignace, Michigan, Marion Elizabeth Walker (b. Sept. 20, 1894).

Prentiss M. Brown in March, 1918, was Prosecuting Attorney for Mackinack County, St. Ignace, Michigan.

CHILDREN:

- 11-L. MARIANA FRANCES BROWN, b. July 28, 1917, St. Ignace.

10-K

CARLTON WARD MOORE (*Emma Elizabeth Smith 9-V, Ralph Church Smith 8-G, Abigail Church 7-B, Capt. Samuel Church 6*), born June 29, 1872, Detroit, Michigan, married, April 21, 1898, Katherine Richards.