

GENEALOGY

WILLIAM MORRISON¹, was the son of ROBERT MORRISON, who came to North Bridgewater in 1740.* When or where he was b. has not been ascertained; m. SARAH MONTGOMERY, Nov. 10, 1748. It is said that he was a navigator, probably res. in North Bridgewater. He d. in prison during the French war. "William Morrison taken prisoner aboard, Capt. Mayor, Bay of Fundy, June 12, 1758, Sarah a pl.t." (*New Eng. Hist. Gen. Reg.*) The parentage and birthplace of Sarah Montgomery are unknown, but the inscription on her gravestone in the Thompson Hill cemetery, Lakeville, Mass., shows that she was b. in 1728; she was a sister of Elder John Montgomery of Middleborough, Mass., and the writer considers that it may be reasonably claimed that they belonged to the *Brigend Family of Montgomeries* of Ayrshire, a branch of which is traced to Ireland. (See Montgomery pedigree on pages 7-9 of this work). Mrs. Sarah (Montgomery) Morrison m. (2) as 2d wife, WILLIAM STROBRIDGE, JR., of Middleborough (West Parish, now Lakeville), and d. in Middleborough, Oct. 3, 1817, in her 90th year. By her 2d m. she had 5 ch. whose descendants are traced in Part One of this work.

* Kingman, in his "History of North Bridgewater," says "Robert Morrison came to the North Parish of Bridgewater in 1740; had children:

- i. "WILLIAM, m. a STROWBRIDGE and settled in Middleborough." [In this statement things are mixed, it being the widow of William Morrison, who m. a Strobridge of Middleborough.]
- ii. "ALEXANDER, m. — ERSKINE; rem. to Boston." [In the first national census, A. D., 1790, Alexander Morrison of Boston had in his family two free white males of 16 years and upwards, including heads of families, and five free white females, including heads of families. There was also a John Morrison, who had one free white male of 16 and upwards, including heads, and three free white females, including, etc. In the "Direct Tax" of 1798, John was of Boston, but Alexander is not mentioned. These two are the only Morrisons named in the census of Boston in 1790, therefore it is fair to suppose that they were father and son.]
- iii. "JOHN, m. a GIFFEN, rem. to Connecticut. Rev. Giffen Morrison of the Isle of Sable, W. I., was their son." [John Morrison and Elizabeth Giffen were m. Oct. 27, 1766 (record of marriages in North Bridgewater, Mass.). Died in Windsor, Conn., June 18, 1803, in her 26th year, Jenette (wife of Henry) Wolcott, and dau. of John and Elizabeth Morrison.]

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM AND SARAH (MONTGOMERY) MORRISON.

ALL BORN IN NORTH BRIDGEWATER, MASS., PROBABLY.

- 2* i. WILLIAM², b. Aug. 16, 1749; bapt. Aug. 17, 1749, by Rev. John Morehead of Boston, who also bapt., at the same time, Jerusha, "an adopted Girl" of William Morrison. (See Rev. John Morehead's Records of Baptism in the office of the City Registrar, Boston, Mass.) Jerusha d. young it is said. William Morrison m. HANNAH BENSON.
- 3* ii. ROBERT, b. Jan. 26, 1751; m. DORCAS STAPLES.
- 4* iii. ALEXANDER, bapt. Aug. 25, 1752; m. ANN THOMPSON and MRS. HENRY.
- 5 iv. JOHN, bapt. Dec. 22, 1754. There is no account of this son except his birth, but there was a John Morrison of "Cape Cod" taken prisoner, June 16, in ship *Essex*, at St. Eustatia and committed to Old Mill prison, July 21, 1781, who may have been this son of William and Sarah.
- 6* v. JAMES, b. Feb. 28, 1757; m. HANNAH GUNN.

SECOND GENERATION.

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WILLIAM MORRISON², son of WILLIAM (1), was b. Aug. 16, 1749, at North Bridgewater, Mass., probably; bapt. Aug. 17, 1749, by Rev. John Morehead, pastor of the Scotch Presbyterian church of Boston; m. HANNAH BENSON, who was b. Jan. 7, 1752; d. Mch. 13, 1825, æ. 73. They res. in Middleborough, Mass., until 1805, when they removed to Farmington, Me. He d. there Aug. 29, 1826, æ. 77. In his youth he served an apprenticeship of seven years to learn the blacksmith's trade. A portion of his old homestead at North Chesterville, Me. (which was formerly included in Farmington), is now (1891) owned and occupied by a grandson and namesake.

CHILDREN.

BORN AT MIDDLEBOROUGH, MASS.

- 7 i. WILLIAM³, b. May 26, 1774; d. Jan., 1788.
- 8* ii. SALLY, b. Feb. 11, 1776; m. ADAM KEITH and ROBERT CONFORTH.
- 9* iii. ROBERT, b. Feb. 19, 1778; m. POLLY KEITH.
- 10* iv. HANNAH, b. Dec. 11, 1779; m. EBENEZER TINKHAM.
- 11 v. BETSEY, b. Apr. 28, 1782; d. Dec. 3, 1802, unm.
- 12* vi. JOHN, b. Mch. 3, 1784; m. SARAH TUFTS.
- 13* vii. JANE, b. Jan. 31, 1786; m. ABRAM JOHNSON.

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ROBERT MORISON², son of WILLIAM (1) was b. Jan 26, 1751, in North Bridgewater, Mass., probably; m. DORCAS STAPLES Nov. 3, 1774, who d. Jan. 26, 1805; removed to Falmouth, Me. He spelled his surname with one r, and most of his descend-

CHILDREN.

FIRST FIVE BORN IN BLANDFORD, MASS.; THE REST AT HARPERSFIELD, N. Y.

- 32* i. JAMES, JR.³, b. Feb. 11, 1784; m. SUSANNA MCNUTT, SARAH MCNUTT,
MRS. RUTH (TURNER) ELLIS, MRS. ABIGAIL PALMER.
- 33 ii. HANNAH³, b. Apr. 3, 1786; d. at the age of 7 yrs.
- 34* iii. LUCRETIA, b. June 1, 1788; m. ELI GREGORY.
- 35* iv. WILLIAM, b. Apr. 4, 1790; m. CHLOE GOFF.
- 36* v. STROBRIDGE, b. July 31, 1792; m. LORINDA STEVENS.
- 37* vi. SARAH, b. Dec. 30, 1794; m. ABISHAI LAWTON.
- 38* vii. ANNA, b. July 24, 1797; m. LYMAN ALLEN.
- 39* viii. RILEY, b. Mch. 25, 1800; m. SARAH RANDALL.
- 40* ix. JULIUS, { b. Apr. 18, 1803, { m. MARTHA COX.
- 41 x. JULIA, { b. Apr. 18, 1803, { Julia was a cripple from infancy; never m.
lived at the old homestead, Geneva, until it was sold; afterwards
made her home with her niece, Mrs. Harriet Thompson; she d. Oct.
1, 1887.

THIRD GENERATION.

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SALLY MORRISON³, dau. of WILLIAM (2), was b. Feb. 11, 1776, in Middleborough, Mass.; m. (1) at Middleborough, ADAM KEITH, Sept. 6, 1795; m. (2), 1813, ROBERT CONFORTH; d. Nov. 7, 1818.

CHILDREN BY FIRST MARRIAGE.

- 42* i. JOSEPH⁴, b. Oct. 10, 1796; m. BETSEY CONFORTH.
- 43 ii. HARRIET, b. May 5, 1798; m. JOHN CONFORTH; had ch.

BY SECOND MARRIAGE.

- 44* iii. MARY ANN, b. 1814; m. COLLINS LOVEJOY.
- 45 iv. SALLY, b. 1817; m. GEORGE WOOD of Pawtucket, R. I.; 7 ch.

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ROBERT MORRISON³, son of WILLIAM (2), was b. Feb. 19, 1778, in Middleborough, Mass.; m. POLLY KEITH, at Middleborough, Oct. 11, 1798. (Mid. Rec.); she was b. June 22, 1780; d. July 3, 1857. Her descendants have known her as "Mary" only. About 1805 Mr. Morrison rem. to Farmington, Me., where he res. until 1823, then went to East Madison, Me., where he res. until his death, Feb. 15, 1857. Until recently his homestead has been occupied, as well as owned, by his descendants, but is now (1890) occupied by strangers.

CHILDREN.

- 46 i. WILLIAM⁴, b. Apr. 20, 1799; d. Apr., 1800.
- 47* ii. LUCIUS, b. Oct. 2, 1802; m. HANNAH LOWELL and SALLY S. HAMBLET.

- 48* iii. CHLOE, b. Feb. 13, 1805 (one record says 1804); m. JOSHUA LOWELL.
 49* iv. ROBERT, JR., b. March 31, 1807; m. MARY C. WALKER.
 50* v. JOHN K., b. Jan. 11, 1809; m. CHARLOTTE REED.
 51* vi. HIRAM, b. Mch. 13, 1811; m. JULIA LINCOLN.
 52 vii. HANNAH, b. Apr. 3, 1813; d. June 12, 1813.
 53* viii. JULIA A., b. Dec. 1, 1815; m. GEORGE WHIBLEY.
 54 ix. JOSEPH, b. Dec. 11, 1817; d. Jan. 27, 1846; killed by a horse; unm.
 55* x. MARY JANE, b. Apr. 26, 1819; m. REUBEN HARVILL.
 56 xi. ELMIRA, b. Oct. 16, 1821; m. WILLIAM FLANDERS, JR.

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HANNAH MORRISON³, dau. of WILLIAM (2), was b. Dec. 11, 1779, in Middleborough, Mass.; m. June 3, 1800, EBENEZER, son of Isaac and Lucretia TINKHAM of Middleborough, who was b. Dec. 13, 1777, and d. Mch. 11, 1856.

CHILDREN.

BORN IN MIDDLEBOROUGH, MASS.

- 57* i. CALVIN⁴, b. Mch. 16, 1801; m. HARRIET HARLOW.
 58* ii. BETSEY M., b. June 8, 1803; m. JACOB THOMAS.
 59* iii. SALLY, b. Mch. 13, 1805; m. LEVI MORSE.
 60* iv. HANNAH, b. Aug. 30, 1808; m. JACOB BENNETT.
 61* v. EBENEZER, b. Feb. 11, 1813; m. ADELINÉ ARNOLD and ALICE GRUN-
 INGER.
 62 vi. ELIAS, b. Apr. 9, 1816; d. Apr. 30, 1817.
 63 vii. WILLIAM, b. Apr. 13, 1818; d. Nov. 10, 1887.
 64* viii. ABISHAI, b. Apr. 23, 1821; m. HANNAH HARVEY.

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JOHN MORRISON³, son of WILLIAM (2), was b. Mch. 3, 1784, in Middleborough, Mass. In 1805 his parents rem. to Farmington, Me. His son relates the following :

“It being found that in moving it would be necessary to stay over the Sabbath at some point of the journey, it was decided that Boston should be the place, in order that the family might have a chance to listen to some of the able preachers there. When Sunday morning arrived the mother was unable to go to meeting, and John went by himself to hear the noted Universalist, Balfour. What he heard set him to thinking, and after that he plied his mother so persistently with questions regarding her theology that it would seem they resulted in opening her eyes, for she became as strong a Universalist as her son, many years before her death. His doctrine was, ‘Prove all things, hold fast that which is good.’” He m. June 24, 1813, SARAH TUFTS, who was b. Aug. 29, 1797; d. Jan. 13, 1852, æ. 55. He d. Mch. 30, 1857, æ. 73.

CHILDREN.

- 65 i. SARAH⁴, b. June 24, 1815; m. JAMES GREEN of Wilton, Me., no ch.
 66 ii. JOHN BENSON, b. July 20, 1820; m. 1842, LEONORA ALLEN. He was

CHILDREN.

- 233 i. WILLIAM K.⁵, } b. July 10, 1838, } d. Oct. 7, 1838.
 234 ii. ELIZA J., } m. (1) WILLIAM H. CURRIER Jan.
 13, 1863, who d. Apr. 6, 1883; m. (2) July 2, 1889, JAMES LEADBET-
 TER, a farmer; res. East Madison, Me.; no ch.
 235* iii. FLORA A., b. Mch. 15, 1848; m. JEFFERSON SAVAGE.

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JOHN K. MORRISON⁴, son of ROBERT (9), was b. Jan. 11, 1809, at Farmington, Me.; m. CHARLOTTE REED, Aug., 1832; who d. ———. Mr. Morrison went to Australia many years ago, leaving his family behind; after a few years was not heard from; is supposed to be dead.

CHILDREN.

- 236 i. INFANT⁵, b. Nov. 5, 1832; d. Jan. 23, 1833.
 237 ii. ELIZABETH, b. May 17, 1834; d. Oct. 5, 1852.
 238* iii. J. HENRY, b. Aug. 17, 1835; m. ———.
 239* iv. ANSON R. b. July 19, 1839; m. ———.
 240* v. MARIA B., b. Sept. 1, 1840; m. ARTHUR BROWN.
 241 vi. INFANT, b. Dec. 12; d. Dec. 20, 1845.
 242 vii. CHARLOTTE K., b. Jan. 19, 1848; d. June 29, 1851.
 243 viii. LEWEY E., b. Sept. 5, 1850; d. July 18, 1851.
 244 ix. ALBERT W., b. Sept. 1, 1851; d. Nov. 5, 1853.

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HIRAM MORRISON⁴, son of ROBERT (9), was b. Mch. 13, 1811, at Farmington, Me.; m. JULIA LINCOLN, May 7, 1837; she was b. in East Madison, Me., Dec. 22, 1820; res. with her dau. at North Cambridge, Mass. Mr. Morrison d. at East Madison, May 18, 1851.

CHILD.

- 245* i. MARGARET A. H.⁵, b. Nov. 27, 1839; m. JAMES SHATTUCK.

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JULIA A. MORRISON⁴, dau. of ROBERT (9), was b. Dec. 1, 1815, in Farmington, Me.; m. 1846, GEORGE WHIBLEY, who was b. in London, Aug. 2, 1819.

CHILDREN.

- 246 i. MARY ELIZABETH⁵, b. Nov. 18, 1846; d. Sept. 13, 1866.
 247* ii. GEORGE WATSON, b. Dec. 28, 1848; m. SUSAN ELZODA MACOMBER.
 248 iii. CHARLES A., b. Nov. 3, 1852; m. ROSA BROWN, Sept 3, 1878; res. Wil-
 ton, Me.
 249 iv. AURILL, b. May 8, 1857; d. Sept. 30, 1857.

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J. HENRY MORRISON⁵, son of JOHN K. (50), was b. Aug. 17, 1835; m. — — —; res. at the far West.

CHILDREN.

- 516 i. SON⁶.
 517 ii. SON.
 518 iii. SON.
 519 iv. SON.

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ANSON R. MORRISON⁵, son of JOHN K. (50), was b. July 19, 1839, in Maine, m. — — —, who is d. He was a member of the 3d regt. Maine vols.; was long confined a prisoner in the dreadful Libby prison; d. Dec. 28, 1880.

CHILDREN.

- 520 i. SON⁶, } These children are living somewhere in the vicinity of Boston,
 521 ii. DAU. } Mass.

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MARIA B. MORRISON⁵, dau. of JOHN K. (50), was b. Sept. 1, 1840, in Maine; m. ARTHUR BROWN.

CHILD.

- 522 i. FOREST⁶.

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MARGARET A. H. MORRISON⁵, dau. of HIRAM (51), was b. Nov. 27, 1839, at East Madison, Me.; m. July 6, 1855, JAMES SHATTUCK, b. at Solon, Me., Feb. 3, 1833; res. (1890) at North Cambridge, Mass.; he is a blacksmith.

CHILDREN.

- 523* i. BURT ELDON⁶, b. June 25, 1856; m. EVA H. RUSSELL.
 524 ii. NELLIE MAY, b. in Athens, Me., Apr. 6, 1862; paints in oil and water color.
 525 iii. HALLIE MORRISON, b. in Skowhegan, Me., Feb. 25, 1876.

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GEORGE WATSON WHIBLEY⁵, son of JULIA MORRISON (53), was b. Dec. 28, 1848; m. Jan. 1, 1875, SUSAN ELZODA MA COMBER; res. Wilton, Me.

CHILDREN.

- 526 i. CLARENCE WATSON⁶, b. Mch. 1, 1876; d. July 22, 1881.
 527 ii. GEORGE MORRISON, b. Oct. 13, 1881.