EARLY RECORDS
OF THE
BLUNT FAMILY
OF ANDOVER

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Wm. (1) Blunt of Andover, born about 1642, married on Nov. 11, 1668, in Chelmsford, Elizabeth Ballard, daughter of William Ballard and his wife, Grace, (who, I think, was a second wife, and not the mother of all the children of William Ballard). Elizabeth died July 11, 1689. She was possibly born in Newbury—at any rate, she was born outside Andover.

Wm. (1) Blunt took for a second wife, Sarah---, whom he married after his first wife died, and poor Sarah died on Sept. 11, 1791.

The children of Wm. (1) and his 1st wife, Elizabeth Ballard, were:

William (2), b. Oct. 6, 1671; m. Sarah---, 1699. She was b. about 1676; d. Dec. 6, 1760; he d. July 7, 1738. He held land at Chester, N.H. and also in Maine, but I am hazy now. He and Sarah came to Andover, possibly as refugees.


Mary (2), b. Sept. 28, 1679; m. Henry Gray, May 4, 1699. He was son of Robert Gray and Hannah Holt.

Hambury (2) (called AMBROSE and HAMBURY) b. 1672; d. 1741; m. Mehitable Johnson, Jan. 11, 1705. She was dau. of Wm. Johnson and Sarah b. July 12, 1686; Lovejoy; he m. 2nd, Dorcas Burnap, before 1726; he may have lived on the Nehemiah Abbott place before he left for Norwich Conn. He was injured by the fall of a bridge, 1726. She m. in 1742, Capt. Sam Gale.

Bathsheba (2), b. Nov. 13, 1684; m. John (3) Lovejoy, May 12, 1703. He was son of Jn. Lovejoy and w. Naomi Hoyt; went to Plainfield, Conn.

Anne (2), b. April 25, 1687; d. Oct. 1707.

Samuel (2), b. April 24, 1689; m. Elizabeth Deane of Concord, Mass., April 10, 1712; they went to Plainfield, Conn. I think he d. in Oxford, Mass., 1733. He had the farm his father bought of James Rindle of Charlestown, 126 Acres, West side Shawshin.
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William (2) Blunt(Wm.(1) and wife, Sarah- ---- , had:-

David (3), b. Nov. 18, 1699; m. Lydia Foster, Feb.14, 1728; she d.
May 5, 1731; he m. 2nd., Mary Pearce of Portsmouth-pub.Apr.
7,1739; she joined Church 1756; d. June 1773; he d. April
21, 1752. He bought the Peter Russell place- 5 acres, near
Oliver Holt, and some land near Foster's Pond. He got 16

Sarah (3), b. 1702; m. Tom Oakes, Nov. 26, 1730; he was of Medford. She
m. 2nd., a Mr. Leavitt. She was bapt.March 18,1716.

John (3), b. 1706; m. 1732 Sarah Frost of Billerica; he was a clergyman
of Newcastle, Me.; d. 1748.

Jonathan (3), b.1709; went to Chester, N.H.; m. Mary----; he lived for
awhile in Ballardvale on the place where the Grants lived. 1863.

Isaac (3), b. Nov. 5, 1712; m. Mary Abbott, dau. of Ebenezer Abbott and
Hannah (Turner)Dabe, April 8, 1746. She was widow of Jos.
Chandler, whom she m. in 1742 when she was 17. She d. 1760.
Isaac m. 2nd., Mary Kimball, widow of Edward Herrick, Nov. 27,
1760. She d. Nov. 27, 1801 at 92. Their two colored servants,
who served in the Revolution -George and Silas,- were called
BLUNT.

Elizabeth (3), b. 1714; m. Jonathan Eames of Boxford,April 20,1738.
The family left Boxford for Londonderry, N.H. after 1760. (See
ANTIQUARIAN of Jan.1898 for story of famous murder trial.)
Some sd. that she m. 2nd., David Webster of Haverhill.

Ebenezer (3), b. March 8, 1717; m. Lydia Francis, 1739; lived in Chester,
N.H.

Ephraim (3), b. Feb.5, 1721; m. Zerviah Abbott, Sept. 17, 1745; lived in
Pembroke; she was dau. of Jona Abbott and wife Zerviah Holt.
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Hambury (2) Blunt (Wm. (1) and wife, Mehitabel Johnson, had:—

Anne (3), b. 1708; m. a Downing

Mehitabel (3) b. ; m. S. Gallup.

Ambrose (3), b. 1717; m. Joan Clark, 1739 in Norwich; d. 1800.

Hannah (3), b. July 1710; m. Crane,

Joseph (3), b. 1721; m. Lydia—.

(See Ambrose Blunt mentioned in Sam(2)Blanchard’s will, 1704.)

Samuel (2) Blunt (Wm. (1) and wife, Elizabeth Deane, had:—

John (3) b. about 1713; d. 1755 at Lake George; m. Naomi Lovejoy, May 1, 1734; she was dau. of John Lovejoy and w. Bathsheba Blunt, of Plainfield, Conn., b. Oct. 19, 1717.

Samuel (3), b. 1716; (asked Sam Lyons of Roxbury to be guardian, 1733.)

Sarah (3), b. 1718.

Mary (3), b. 1721.

Lydia (3), b. 1724.

Ezekiel (3), b. 1727.

David (3) Blunt (Wm. (2-1) and wife, Lydia Foster, had:—

David (4), b. March 9, 1729; d. April 11.

Lydia (4), b. April 6, 1731; m. Thomas (4) Abbott, pub. 1756; m. Feb. 12, 1756; he was son of Tom Abbott and w. Elizabeth Ballard, b. April 4, 1729; d. March 29, 1775. She d. Nov. 16, 1798. They lived near the Bridge. (Dr. Baker bought the Abbott estate and Lydia lived with them until she died. Baker’s wife was a Gray relative. Old Lydia kept 1/3 of the estate until her death and Baker held 2/3.)
David (3) Blunt (Wm. (2-1)) and his 2nd wife, Mary Pearce, had:

David (4), b. Jan. 11, 1741; Lieut.; m. Ruth Tay of Wilmington or Woburn, Dec. 20, 1769; she d. Dec. 8, 1802 at 54; buried Dec. 31—very likely there was a snowstorm in the interval. He m. 2nd., a Polly Delap or Dunlap, published Aug. 1804—he 63 and she 34; By one account, she was b. 1770—but a Mary Dunlap, daughter of Jn. Dunlap or Delap, and wife Anne, was b. March 29, 1739—(nearer David's age). Old John Delap was a hermit and lived in a cave near Rattlesnake Hill until late in life. He was a Scot and came of good family. (There is no death before 1849 on the records, of a Mary Dunlap. She may have lived to 100, but I doubt it. Poor sd. that Molly Dunlap, dau. of hermit father, married Lieut. David Blunt as his 2nd wife. I had Mary Delap, b. 1739 m. Ebenezer Hathorne of Wilmington, Jan. 8, 1760, and the Molly Delap, dau. of John Delap and w. Elizabeth of Exeter, N.H., b. 1770, was the one who married our David. She had a son to Jonathan Boynton, May 5, 1797, so Lieut. David was not very select in his choice of a 2nd—but she may have been a good cook.)

William (4), b. Oct. 6, 1743; was in Revolution in Capt. Joshua Holt's Co.

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John (3) Rev. Barnard (Wm. (2-1)) and wife, Sarah Frost, had:

William (4), b. ; m. 1st E. Slade; m. 2nd., M.E. March; had Edward March Barnard (5), m. Sarah Ross; she d. 1858 Sing /Sing, N.Y.

Charles (4) b. ; d. without ch.

John (4) b. ; m. Hannah Sherburne.

Sarah Frost (4), b.-

Abigail F. (4) ; m. W. Parsons.

Dorothy (4) --- --- ---
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Jonathan (3) Blunt (Wm.(2-1) and wife, Mary, had:

Joshua (4)
Sam (4)
Sarah (4)
Mary (4)
Joshua (4)

Isaac (3) Blunt (Wm.(2-1) and 1st wife, Mary Abbott, had:

Mary (4), b. Feb. 14, 1747; pub. to Jeremiah Leavitt, March 1771; m. May 2, of Lynn, (very likely the Eliz.B. Leavitt who m. Jacob Gray, 1822 was kin.)

Hannah (4), b. Sept. 25, 1748; pub. to Ezra Carter of Wilmington, July 1773; m. Aug. 10; he was b. Feb. 26, 1746, son of Ezra Carter and Lydia Jenkins; he d. Feb. 11, 1827.

Sarah (4), b. Dec. 12, 1750; pub. to David Webster of Haverhill, July 1774; m. Oct. 13,


John (4), b. Jan. 31, 1756; was in Capt. Joshua Holt's Co. in Revolution with his cousin, Wm. (4), son of David (3). He m. Sarah Eames of Wilmington, Oct. 26, 1780; she was dau. of Caleb and Mary (Harvey) 1765.

b./. John left for Milford and Nashua; was in Amherst, 1789. A grandson, Harvey (6) Blunt, is (1898) a caterer on Tremont St., Boston, and in Waterford, Me.

Isaac (4), b. Sept. 12, 1757; d. next day.

By 2nd wife, Mary Kimball Herrick:-

Abigail (4), b. Oct. 6, 1762; m. Asa Allen of Rhode Island, Nov. 5, 1781; she was a widow here Aug. 2, 1825.

Anna (4), b. May 9, 1763; d. June 3, 1840; m. Henry Holt, Jan. 27, 1803; he was son of Jos. Holt, Jr. and wife Ruth Johnson b. Aug. 29, 1763; he d. Feb. 24, 1821. (He was husband 1st of Anna's sister, Mehitable Tabitha (4), b. Feb. 7, 1765; m. Isaac Holt, Jr., Dec. 6, 1789; d. June 24, 1840 he was son of Sam Holt and Abigail Blanchard, b. Jan. 21, 1764; d. July 25, 1843; had 11 ch.
Children of Isaac (3) Blunt and 2nd wife, Mary Kimball, (cont.):

Isaac (4) b. Sept. 26, 1766; was a Capt. m. Lois Phelps, Dec. 3, 1791; she was dau. of Joshua Phelps and Lois Ballard, b. May 26, 1767; she d. Mar. 17, 1849; he d. Oct. 17, 1833.

Mehitabel (4), b. Jan. 4, 1769; 1st wife of Henry Holt, whom she m. June 22, 1790; he was b. 1763; d. 1824 (see Anna (4)-page 5); had 4 ch. d. Sept. 1, 1802.

( The 1st wife of Isaac had a son, Joseph Chandler, I believe, and the 2nd wife had 2 Herrick sons, John and Edward, and 3 daughters: Lydia Richardson, Sarah Abbott and Ann Dodge. I think all m. in Andover; Chandler.

A Joseph, possibly the son of the 1st wife - age 32, was killed at the Battle of Bunker Hill, June 17, 1775. He was probably single.

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Ebenezer (3) Blunt (Wm. (2-1) and wife, Lydia Francis, had: in Medford-

Ebenezer (4), b. 1746; m. Kathrine Cald ; went to Maine.

Mary (4), b. 1748; m. A. Parker.

Sarah (4), b. 1750; m. a Tufts.

Lydia (4), b. 1753.

Lucretia (4), b. 1755.

Anna (4), b. 1762;

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Ephraim (3) Blunt (Wm. (2-1) and wife, Zerviah Abbott, had: of Pembroke (unknown as yet,)
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John (3) Blunt (Sam(2)Wm.(1) and Naomi Lovejoy had: of Shubridge-
John (4), b. Sept. 26, 1735; was in the Revolution; a Capt.; m. Rebecca Streeter of Charlestown, Dec. 18, 1760; went to Winthrop, Me.,
he d. May 18, 1804; he m. 2nd., Margaret McCarthy.

Andrew (4)

Ruth (4)

Martha (4)

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John (4) Blunt (Jn.(3)Sam(2)Wm.(1) and wife, Rebecca Streeter, had:-

Henry (5) b. Nov. 11, 1760; d. May 11, 1761.

Anna (5) b. April 8, 1762.

Jesse (5) b. Dec. 9, 1763.


Andrew (5) b. Oct. 6, 1769; m. Meredith Monk; lived at Mt. Vernon, 1798.

Mary (5) b. Feb. 19, 1772; in Winthrop, Me.

Rebecca (5) b. Dec. 17, 1773.

by 2nd wife, Margaret McCarthy:-

Naomi (5), b. in Winthrop, Dec. 10, 1791.


Martha (5), b. Mar. 28, 1795.

Ruth (5) (added by Moulton.)

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David (4) Blunt and 1st wife Ruth Tay, had no children.

David (4) Blunt (David (3) Wm. (2)) and 2nd w. Molly Belap, had:

- Mary Pearce (5), b. Feb. 22, 1807; m. Peter Shedd, Oct. 23, 1823; they had:
  - Peter Shedd (6), b. Aug. 23, 1824; d. Oct. 23, 1825.
  - Peter (6), 2nd., b. July 8, 1826.
  - David Blunt (6), b. June 27, 1828.

Joseph (6), b. March 7, 1831.

(Blunt place stood near Spring Grove Cemetery. It burned down and was rebuilt by Joseph Pearson, in 1812. Three fires were set on the same site. Later the site was occupied by Henry Flint and there have been no fires since.)

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John (4) Barnard (Isaac (3) Wm. (2)) and wife, Sally Eames, had:

- Sally (5), bapt. Nov. 2, 1783, in So. Ch.
- Mary Harvey (5), b. March 28, 1784.
- John (5), b. June 11, 1786; m. Mary Estey in Boston, 1814; had:

(11 children of their 15 were b. in New Hampshire.)

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Capt. Isaac (4) Blunt and wife, Lois Phelps, lived on Highland Road—
a new site for Blunt. Blunt's old place said to be the Berry house.

Isaac held the training field on the Hill also. He gave the land to
the Town and it gave it to Phillips Academy for a park site. He was
the only son of Isaac, so his was the only line left in Andover, after
David's line died out. They had:

- Isaac (5), b. Nov. 28, 1795; d. Aug. 13, 1859; m. Dolly Burnham, Sept. 5, 1822;

Filled by fall from load of hay; lived at W. H. Foster's house.
Children of Capt. Isaac(4) Blunt and wife, Lois Phelps, (cont.):

Samuel(5) Phelps, b. May 17, 1796; m. Persis Bodwell, Nov. 23, 1820; she was dau. of Dan Bodwell and w. Alice Messer, b. Jan. 24, 1795. Both he and his father, Isaac, kept the tavern.

Hannah (5), b. Nov. 11, 1798; m. John C. Allen, May 18, 1822; he was son of Asa Allen and Abigail(4) Blunt; they were dismissed to Ch. of Shepherd, Cambridge, Feb. 7, 1858; he was a publisher with Merrill Allen and Wardwell; lived in New York.

Anna (5), b. March 1, 1801; m. Sylvester Stanley of Wilmington, June 12, 1828; he was son of Abraham Stanley and Ruth Jaques, b. Jan. 19, 1798. She d. Sept. 9, 1869. Sylvester d. July 3, 1877.

Mary Ann (6), b. May 13, 1830; m. Thos. Richard.
Louis Augustus (6), b. June 19, 1832; d.
Charles Sylvester (5), b. 1840; d. Oct. 6, 1845.
Isaac (6), b. April 19, 1833; was an electrotyper of Boston.

Eliza (5), b. July 17, 1803; m. Henry Jaquith, March 13, 1828; son of Jacob Jaquith and a Miss Dix, b. May 4, 1802; d. May 3, 1873; she d. March 29, 1857; he was a shoemaker.

Had:
Eliza Ann (6), b. April 14, 1829; m. June 2, 1850, E.W. Richardson, tailor of Middleton.

Elizabeth (6), b. March 5, 1843.


John X. (5), bpt. Nov. 20, 1808; m. Abigail Boardman, Nov. 27, 1832.

Lois (6), b. in Andover; lived in No. A. (I think is one ch.)

The line remaining was through Samuel Phelps (5) Blunt and wife, Persis Bodwell. They had:

Samuel W. (6), b. April 5, 1822; m. 1st. Sarah Hinsdale; she d. 1849, age 27 years; her infant Francisca (6), d. Sept 22, 1849, age 4 days. He m. 2nd., Lucy Jane Burdick; an only child Caroline (7), m. John Kimball; had 2 ch; he d. Aug. 22, 1889.

Henry Augustus (6), b. July 4, 1824; d. May 8, 1860; small pox.
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Children of Sam Phelps(5) Blunt and Persis Bodwell(cont.):-

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Isaac/(6), b. Mar. 1, 1826; m. Ann Eliza Dinsmore, 1852; she was the dau. of Stephen Dinsmore and a Miss Lovejoy, b. July 22, 1828; Isaac was the founder of Free Church, which was organized in his home where the Ames Building stands; he d. 1890; she d. July 24, 1908; lived in Lowell after husband died, with son Fred; stricken with paralysis while in Lyndonville, Vt., visiting Annie Hutchinson.

Isaac Octavius(6) Blunt(SamP.(5) Isaac3(3)Wm.(2-1) a&m Ann E.Dinsmore:

Annie (7) ; m. Clark Hutchinson of Lyndonville, Vt., 1908.

Frederick O. (7), b. ; lived in Lowell, 1908.

Persis Maria (6), b. Sept. 26, 1828; m. a Gage of Haverhill.


Charles C. (6) 2nd., b. Dec. 29, 1833; m. Lucy Josephine Holt, Nov. 26, 1857; she was b. Feb. 21, 1836; dau. of Joseph Holt and Lucy Abbott; lived on Joseph Holt estate on Salem St., 1911.

Joshua Milton (6), b. Sept. 27, 1837; m. a Miss Lefferts, sister of Belia Lefferts who m. Ballard Holt; lived awhile in the Vale; then 1863 went to Major Sam's place on Highland Road.
Old Annis Chandler really was the first of the tavern-keepers of this line, for she started after her husband died in Roxbury, leaving her with young children and debts to pay.

John Dane, whose wife had just died, married Annis, paid the debts and started the older boys in business, and after getting his son Francis Dane married to a daughter of Edmund Ingalls of Lynn, up to Andover they came, after 1646. Hannah Ingalls, according to tradition, crossed the sea with bachelor George Abbott, but she fell in love with Dane, and was married in Parson Elliot's church in good style.

Andover took all these allied families. They included: Andrew Allen, who had married Faith Ingalls; Tom Chandler, down in the present Marland Village, our first blacksmith and foundry-man, whose estate, in bits, lay all over Andover; George Abbott and his sister, Hannah, whose estate is still unalienated in two lines here. These were from old Roxbury and with them as settlers were belligerent Job Tyler and that staunch old Saxon, Nicholas Holt, who from love of the rocky "holts" of his foreign home, chose the highest points of vantage for his homestead—and his name is up and down the river, from Holt's Rocks at Newbury to Holt's Hill, Andover.

Old grand-mother Annis lost her John Dane early, and being a most desirable match, John Parmenter—of all people—came from Sudbury to help keep the tavern on the Chandler-Dane estate in Roxbury—and married Annis. She died 1683—a blessed saint, according to Elliot, known far and wide as the keeper of a tavern where a homesick wanderer had help in his last extremity.
In the first great divisions, William Chandler's share of land, in one place, spread down from the present Brothers' Field, (held by the Abbotts) to Roger's Brook, down Bartlett Street. About 1660 he exchanged with Wm. Ballard, who had been keeping a tavern on the Billerica Road, near the old Pillsbury place. Chandler had a desire to keep a tavern in his old age. Ballard took his first site, at Homer Foster's and perhaps land near Henry Haywood's. The son who inherited the Ballard homestead was on the Foster place when the heirs sold.

During the following years, the Holt grants became so mixed with those of the Chandler boys, who held land their father did not exchange with Ballard, it is difficult to settle on some of the titles. It is said that in the old days, if a stranger came to this parish and asked a man his name, it was sure to be either Abbott, Holt or Chandler. This monopoly of good holdings in these families, lasted until the 4th generation. The Phillips-Academy site was all Abbott's, until the trustees took it over.

The French War opened the eyes of the young men to the room on the frontiers, and let new people come here. Tom(3) Chandler and wife Mary Stevens, sent their son James (4), as minister to Rowley, and son John, minister to Billerica. Joseph (4) learned the blacksmith trade and had a house and shop on the site of the Johnson house. He died at 25, in 1746. He had needed money, so mortgaged the home to Isaac Blunt, the young hatter and felt maker.

Blunt came of an aristocratic line, dating back to the 14th King of Denmark, whose grandson, a Danish count, married the daughter of Count Arnold of Flanders. (Blunt was the first Belgian in Andover.)

Four generations from this pair, the Blunts went with Wm. the Conqueror to England, had a good pull and held large estates. Shakespeare mentions one—Sir Walter Blunt, slain at Shrewsbury, 1402, in "Henry IV."
It's a long way from Belgium and the field of Shrewsbury, but the Blunt line made it. Down in the younger generations came Wm. Blunt of Bristol and his son, William, of Barbadoes; then two grandsons, William of Andover and Sam, of Charlestown. Wm. married Ballard's daughter Elizabeth, and had the farm near Ripley's farm-house extending to the Wilmington line and over to the west side of the Shawshin.

These Blunts were big, handsome giants with Mighty voices. One brother, John, lived over by Nathan Clark's, and would call to brother David on the Ripley place and they would "holler" back and forth. One of these boys got an Indian "down on" him, and the heathen waited behind a big boulder on the road from Hayward's to Ripley's farm, to shoot him. But Blunt was so good looking and so fearless as he went about his work, the savage's heart was drawn to him, and he gave up his plan and the two became friends. That type of a man would win a widow's heart easily.

This Isaac (3) Blunt was son of Wm. (2) and wife Sarah, whose surname we never got. She died here with her son in the old Chandler house, 1760. Father William had six sons to start in life. He gave some the lands at Chester, N.H.; some went to Sheepscot Bay, me., son John, he made a clergyman; Isaac learned the felt-making trade and was given £100.

He began to buy land in a modest way; loaned money to Jos. Chandler on his house. Uncle James paid up the mortgage at Joseph's death, and sold the house to young Blunt. Blunt bought outlying lots with the proceeds of his felt-hat-making. Henry Gray sold him some of the Gray property before he went up country. The Lovejoys and Wardwells, whose estates lay along Highland Road to North Parish and down in the fields over the brook, to Wilson's Corner, also sold to him.

Isaac's wife, Mary Abbott, died in April 1760, at 35, soon after the birth of her baby, leaving Isaac with one son and several daughters.
Over in Methuen, Edward Herrick had kept a tavern on Gage's ferry road. His widow, Mary Kimball of Boxford, was probably a fine house-keeper. Late in 1760 she came over to be a step-mother to Blunt's children. I think from the deeds of this period and the later deed to his Isaac, his son by Mary Herrick—our Isaac (3) had the tavern scheme in mind at that date, and that a new house, suitable for the purpose was then built.

The route to Cambridge from North Parish and beyond, was the Boston Road. The way from Haverhill, Ward Hill, past Great Pond and down past the cemetery to the Wilmington line was older and popular in the time of the Revolution. The road was marked by milestones, one of which is still standing opposite the Peters' place on Chestnut St., North Andover, and in my youth one stood before the Henry Hayward house, Porter Road. The Cambridge route was used to avoid the ferry across the Charles.

Washington on his travels in 1789 rode from Haverhill Square, where he had passed the night at the Masons' Arms, across from Ward Hill, to Andover, and breakfasted at Isaac Abbott's tavern—the present Locke House on Elm Street. After visiting Phillips' Mansion house he received the Andover salutations on the old Blunt Training field.

I place Blunt's Tavern, near 1760. The elm was brought from Newbury by Capt. Isaac (4) when a young man, and planted 1790.

Son John, by the first wife, Mary Abbott, Isaac (3) sent to Milford, N.H. Some of the Herricks stayed on here after they married. Some of the grandchildren of one group lost their father early and were adopted by Isaac (3) Blunt and Ephraim Abbott, the miller in Abbott Village, who lived on the Peter Smith site.

Isaac (3) finally gave up his business of felt-making and inn keeping in 1795, when the elm was a sprig. Not much can be gleaned of the long years from 1760-1795.
In 1769 came the greatest tragedy of the Blunt family. Elizabeth(3), sister of Isaac, was accused of poisoning her daughter-in-law, Ruth Perley Ames. (Elizabeth had married an Ames of Boxford.) The whole tale was set forth in Essex ANTIQUARIAN of Jan. 1898, the gruesome incidents of the exhumation of the body and the test of the criminal by touch, etc— the son accusing the mother, and she her son.

John Adams, 2nd President of U.S. was her council. They had plenty of money and did all they could to save her. Mary(Herrick) Blunt was one of a host of witnesses from Andover. A sort of Scotch verdict was given— not proven— and mother and son were discharged. The family pulled up stakes and left a valuable estate, to end in obscurity in Londonderry, N.H.

In 1795, three years before his death, old Isaac gave to his son, Capt. Isaac(4), four parcels comprising the estate he had put together as his homestead. Young Isaac married Lois Phelps, of the family who lived up by Hagget's. The first parcel was that "on which my house now stands, reserving the east half for my life, with privileges; the sw cor. on the road at the end of the wall, bds. on a parcel that was once owned by Ebenezer Abbott(father of his 1st wife Mary). He reserved a way described across the whole plot. The 2nd parcel— NW of the house— in a deed from Isaac Abbott, Jr., (the other tavern-keeper), whose grants ran up along the site of the Town House-Press Building and in the fields to the Seminary, which he had bought in 1761. The 3rd—the ne cor. of the lot on bounds of land held by the Academy "and on the road from my house to the Meeting House." That was the end of Salem St., surely. The E. line ran on the road leading to Wm. Chandler's. That was David Hidden's or Moses Abbott's— then a Chandler estate. On the flat-iron shaped lot— cor. Salem St., he gave Mrs. Richard's mother a lot and house when she married Stanley. The Training Field came off the large end and Prof. Graves bought from Isaac (4).
The Training Field lot was transferred to the Academy, with a right reserved for the town's use whenever a Military Co. required it. The fourth parcel left to Isaac (4) was the Roger's Brook pasture, 26 acres on the road " from my house to Wm. Wardwell's on Highland Road. Along Wardwell's lots to Downing place and to Simonds farther down the road, which came in a deed from George Abbott, 1776.

Isaac (3) had made a will in 1791, before this. Taxes were high on his large landed estate. We were recovering from the Revolution and did not get a fair start in trade before the War of 1812 came on. Capt. Isaac took over a failing business in a strenuous time.

Tavern keepers came to grief, Isaac Abbott and others. A new road, from Londonderry, was projected, and a bridge over the Merrimac discussed. Salem turnpike took some travel; Essex Turnpike came on soon. Taverns and toll-houses sprang up along the route—but the railroad—in 1832, ended all tavern business. Ames' Tavern in the Square was getting the largest share of the business but it was so badly managed, Ames was twisted up with debt and owed everybody in town. He never paid a debt—nor asked for payment. There were many like him in business, in those days.

Old Isaac passed in 1798, with a fever, aged 86. The well was not placed right and drains from the house came from above it. Fever took a lot of our fellow townsmen until Farson Smith secured the Baggetts Pond water for us.

Until 1833, Capt. Isaac struggled with the new conditions, hampered with debts, mortgages and one thing or another. Neighboring estates—the Geo. Chandler's, Dr. Clark's, Jo Burns, Mark Holt's, all came under the hammer, so how could poor Isaac escape?

At Isaac (4)'s death in 1833, Samuel Merrill, then our promising young lawyer, was administrator. The inventory included his place, the Lovejoy swamp, Pine Hill, Falls Woods, lots in Johnson meadow, Mackarel Cove at Foster's Pond, a pew in Milton Badger's church. Also a great number of beasts; hay, English salt and meadow; a chaise carts, wagons, sleigh; provisions; cider, tackle; bonds and notes. Assets—$11,745; debts—$8000.
The place was advertised for sale in the Essex Gazette at Haverhill, then our County paper. The auction was adjourned three times and finally was held on Nov. 29, 1834. It passed to the highest bidder, Ezra Holt, who came down from Temple, N.H., where he had been seeing his father through the winter, on a farm. He got it for $3624. The sale comprised house and outbuildings on 2 acre lot on the road to No. Andover, and on the Salem Road, part of the parsonage lots, bounding on Daniel Ray, the Griffin estate (that was the Hammond house, now Somers), a plot on the road to North Andover had a house on it occupied by Abigail Anderson and she was given the chance to move it off the peat meadow over in Johnson's meadow, to his pasture. On one lot a right of way was reserved for Jewett Jones to get across to his pasture.

So the land went back to a descendant of old William Chandler and his neighbor, Nicholas Holt. Major Blunt retired to one of the houses they held on Highland Road. Lois died there from a fall and a fever in 1849. All Major Sam's children were born there save Milton, the youngest, b. 1837.

Capt. Isaac (4) Holt, sold to Asa Towne, who came to build the Lawrence bridge (old), the lot where Graves lives, and Towne built the house which was later occupied by Principal John Adams, in my father's boyhood. Mark Newman got some land from him—part of the Parsonage lot, near the Cheever house. Newman was a relative of the Merricks, Isaac's wife's first husband's people. He let Bartlett dig sand off his side of a lot he sold to the trustees, if he would build a sustaining wall, Panama Canal style. He had a dicker with Jeremiah Goldsmith over Mackeral Cove lot which may settle where the Butters' lot was.
Pedigree carried back to:

I - Siegfried, the Dane, 1st Count of Guisnes, 935 A.D.; d.965. He was grandson of Harold V, King of Denmark, from Gorman I, 699 A.D. The wife of Siegfried was Elstrude of Flanders, daughter of Arnold the Great, Count of Flanders. She was sister to Baldwin III, whose great, great, grand-daughter, Matilda, married Wm. the Conqueror.

II - Ardpolph, 2nd Count of Guisne; m. Matilda, dau. of Arnold, Count of Boulogne.

III - Rodolph, 3rd Count of Guisne; m. Rosells de St. Pol, daughter of Hugh II, Count of St. Pol. Had 4 sons:

IV - Eustace, 4th Count of Guisne, 1052.

Wm. le Blunt, who went with Wm. the Conqueror.

Robert le Blunt, 1st Baron of Exworth; with Wm. the Conqueror; m. Gundreda, daughter of Earl Ferrerg.

W. le Blunt, Dux Saxium, Militarium (??), with Wm. the Conqueror; wife not given.

V - Gilbert - (son of Robert) le Blunt; 2nd Baron of Exworth; wife, Alicia de Colekirke.

Sir - (son of Wm. IV) le Blunt of Saxlingham, Norfolk; time of Henry I.

VI - Wm. le Blunt (Robert 4) Gilbert 5 - 3rd Baron of Exworth; time of Henry II; m. Sarah de Mononensi.

Sir W. le Blunt (Wm. 5 - 4 Rodolph 3) of Saxlingham; time of Stephen of Exworth.

VII - the two lines unite:

Gilbert - or Hubert - le Blunt, 4th Baron; w. Agnes de l'isle.

of Wm.'s line -

Wm. le Blunt - (7); Sir Wm. le Blunt of Saxlingham, Norfolk, Co.

VIII - the two lines unite:

Sir Stephen - le Blunt, 2nd son, and brother of Wm. le Blunt, 5th Baron, b. 1153; m. Maria le Blunt sole dau of Wm. le Blunt of Saxlingham.
Sir Stephen by his marriage to the sole heiress, became Lord of Saxlingham.

IX.-- Sir Robert le Blunt; m. Isabel, daughter of Lord Odinsel, he d. 1285. He inherited Belton-Broke. Ch.: 

X. -- RALPH. le Blunt, Lord of Belton; had Saxlingham, 1285. Sir Wm. le Blunt; m. Isabel Beauchamp, dau. of Wm., Earl of Warwick and widow of Henry Lovet.

XI.-- Sir Walter le Blunt of Rock, 1290; m. before 1301, Johanna de Sodington; he d. about 1316; she was alive 1331.

XII. Only son who left heirs: 

Sir John Blunt, heir of eldest bro. Wm., who d. childless, 1327; m. 1st., Isolda Mountjoy, dau. of line of Thomas, son of Sir Ralph, head of No. Carolina line; he m. 2nd., Elinor, dau. of Jn. Beauchamp—same family as Earl of Warwick 1402.

XIII.-- Sir Walter Blunt, slain at Shrewsbury/while wearing \underline{\text{maroon}} coat of arms of the King; (see Shakespeare Henry III. He m. Sanche de Ayala, of an ancient family of Spanish grandees from Don Vela de Arragon.

XIV. 3rd son, James Blunt; m. Anne, daughter of Roger Parker of Sellinghall.

XV. Roger Blount of Grendon, Herefordshire; m. Elizabeth, dau. of Sir Robert Whitney of Whitney, Herefordshire.

XVI. Walter Blount of Eldersfield, Worcester Co.; m. Margaret, dau. of Thomas Alenton, who held lands in Stanton, Haffield, etc.

XVII. Roger Blount of Eldersfield; m. Famed, dau. of Pitston of Pitston; made will 1542.

XVIII.-- W, Blount of Eldersfield; m. Joan, dau. of John Horne; will 1546.

XIX. John of Eldersfield and St. Thomas' Parish of Bristol; m. Joan dau. of John Sheade of Stanton, Worcester Co.; will made 1598.
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Pedigree:

XX. John of St. Philips, Bristol; m. 1st Jane Lacy, dau. of W. Lacy of St. Philips and Belton; buried in St. Peter's.

XXI. Francis of Bristol; m. Margaret, dau. of Wm. Hanbury of St. Philips, b. 1580; d. 1630; he was buried at St. Peter's; will made 1628.

XXII. Wm. Blunt of Barbadoes, 1635; was in father's will; wife not yet known; sister Anne, married Tom Berwick of Bristol, before 1628.

XXIII. Grace (feel sure that one was related to Grace, wife of Wm. Anne Ballard, and the other to Anne, wife of Sam Fordick of Charlestown.)

William Blunt, of Andover, b. 1642; d. 1702; m. Elizabeth, daughter of Wm. Ballard; probably a dau. of Grace Berwick, and his 2nd cousin.

Samuel Blunt, of Charlestown, b. 1647; m. Anne Fordick, possibly g-daughter of Anne (23).

ARMS: "Barry, Nebuly of Six, Or and Sa."

CREST: "An Armed Foot in the Sun."

MOTTO:- "Lux Tua via Mea."

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(Octavius, Samuel, Charles and Milton Blunt are 28th in line from the Count of Flanders.)
Tabitha (4) Blunt (Isaac '3) Wm. (2-1) and husband, Isaac Holt, had:

Ann (5), b. Nov. 1, 1790; m. April 12, 1812, Sam Pond; d. June 16, 1813.
Persis (5), b. in Andover, Jan. 3, 1792; d. unm. May 27, 1848.
Isaac (5), b. July 2, 1793; d. y.
Isaac (5) 2nd., b. Oct. 22, 1794; m. Nov. 16, 1816, Hannah Lacey, who d.
July 21, 1838; he m. 2nd., Feb. 17, 1839, Mary Dale; he was a soldier in War of 1812, stationed at Fort Warren; d. Jan. 29, 1848; 16 ch.
Larkin (5), b. Jan. 29, 1797; m. Susan Gilson.
Mary (5), b. Aug. 18, 1798; d. Feb. 15, 1852; unm.
Jonas (5), b. Dec. 8, 1800; married Apr. 24, 1825, Pamela Porter Frye, dau. (Hawley), Ezek and Polly, b. 1806 in Brewer, Me.; Jonas inherited the farm occupied for 150 years by his line; 9 ch.
Sam (5), b. Nov. 1802; m. 1st, Sarah Gilson, who d. at 35, May 8, 1846; he m. 2nd., May 2, 1847, Ann Davis; she d. Aug. 13, 1854; his 3rd wife was Martha Ann Gardner, m. Dec. 6, 1854; she was dau. of John Gardner of Cambridge; had 1 ch. Isaac Warren (6)
Mehitabel (5), b. April 23, 1805; d. unm. Sept. 27, 1859.
Warren (5), b. Aug. 18, 1807; m. April 16, 1835, Lucinda Baldwin, dau. of Caleb of West Bloomfield, N.J.; she d. July 2, 1842; he m. 2nd., Elizabeth Parkhurst, dau. of Stephen of N.Y.; he was educated at Andover; grad. Teachers' Sem. 1833; taught in Bloomfield, where he started an institute, from 1835-1853. Then went to Cal. as surveyor on Pacific R.R.; Oakland Sem. 1860; returned to Bloomfield; 3 ch.
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Mehitabel(4) Blunt(Isaac(3)Wm.(2-1) and husband, Henry Holt, had:-

Henry (5), b. Feb. 28, 1791; m. Sept. 2, 1816, Polly or Pamela Merril; lived in Lowell and Merrimac, N.H.; had:-

Henry (6), b. 1817; m. Oct. 22, 1846, Ann R. Kimball.
Mary (6), b. ; m. May 10, 1832, Elija Deshom.
Wm. A. (6), b. 1828; m. July 2, 1855 Lucy A. Lincoln of Goffstown.
Eleanor M. (6), b. 1833; m. May 19, 1856, Albert A. Jenkins of N.H.

Herman (5), b. in Andover, Dec. 24, 1794; m. about 1817, Nancy Fielding; had:

Mary Ann (6), b. here Feb. 5, 1818; d. 1824.
Son (6), b. 1821; d. 1825.
Herman (6), b. 1825; m. Feb. 7, 1846, Maria M. dau. of Greenleaf and Mary Philbrick of Lancaster, N.H. She d. Oct. 24, 1846; he m. 2nd., July 4, 1847, Eunice M. Goss, dau. George and Sara.

Eliza (5), b. Sept. 5, 1797; m. July 18, 1836 Ebenezer Easton; lived in the Ray house for years; no ch.

Mary Kimball (5), b. April 9, 1802; m. March 1823 Ebenezer James; d. Oct. 14, 1845; had 5 daughters.

Mary (2) Blunt(William(1) and husband, Henry(3) Gray, had:-

Elizabeth (3), b. 1700; d. 1765; m. Paul (3) Abbott, 1720; went to Conn. descendant, Gardner Abbott, was here at Academy.

Mary (3), b. 1703; d. 1705.
Hanna (3), b. about 1706; prob. m. Sam Sessions, 1740.

Henry (3), b. 1706; maybe a twin; d. 1754; m. Alice Peabody of Boxford; Rebecca (3), b. 1707; m. Henry Holt, Jr., 1736; she d. 1754.

Sam (3), b. 1711; m. Sara Abbott, 1736; dau. of Eph. (3); went to Amherst.
Wm. (3) b. 1712; m. Margaret McCutchin; d. 1739.
Lydia (3) b. 1715; m. John Stevens, 1737.

Aaron (3) b. 1716; m. Bethia Peabody, 1744; had: Aaron; Wm.; Mary; Joseph.
Sara (3), b. 1723; perhaps m. Thomas Stevens, 1748.

The only survivor of Henry (3) Gray and wife, Alice Peabody, was Lydia, who m. Dr. Symonds Baker.
Lydia (4) Blunt (David(3) Wm. (2-1) and husband, Thomas Abbott, had:

Lydia (5), b. April 16, 1757; d. Nov. 12, 1826; m. 1779, Deacon Thos. Merrill, a farmer of Deering, N.H.; b. 1756; they had:

Tom (6), b. 1786; Dartmouth, 1801; D.D.; Cong. minister at Middlebury, Vt.; m. June 17, 1812, Eliza Allen, dau. Rev. Jona Allen of Bradford; m. 2nd., Nov. 13, 1837, Lydia Boardman, dau. of Col. Ames of So. Reading.

Nathaniel (6), b. Nov. 21, 1782; d. 1816; farmer of Deering, N.H.; m. 1805 Anna Wilkins.

Enos (6), b. Mar. 24, 1786; c. Jan. 3, 1836; farmer of Weare, N.H.; m. May 28, 1811, Anna Gregg, b. 1789; d. 1834.


Hanna (5), b. May 5, 1759; d. 1789; m. Abiel Faulkner of Andover, 1776; his 2nd wife was Lydia (5) Osgood. Hanna left:


Abiel/Faulkner, b. 1778; d. 1794.

Mary (6), b. 1781; m. John Sullivan Abbott; m. 2nd Nathan Kelly.

Joseph (6), b. 1783; c. 1831; a joiner of Andover; m. Lydia Russell, 1807; dau. of Uriah; he made fiddles.

John (6), b. 1785; c. 1823; m. Hanna Holt before 1814.

Hanna (7), b. 1814;

Louisa J. (7), b. 1817.

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Elstrude of Flanders (sister of Baldwin III) whose gr. gr. granddaughter, Matilda m. William the Conqueror, Elstrude. Elstrude m. Siegfred the Dane, 1st Count Guisnes, b, 935 d 965, grandson of Harold V, 14th King of Denmark from German I, AD 699, ISSUE:

Adolph, 2nd Count of Guisnes, m. Matilda, dau. of Arnold, Count of Boulogne, ISSUE:

Rudolph, 3rd Count of Guisnes, m. Rosella de St. Pol, dau. of Hugh III, Count of St. Pol. ISSUE:

Robert Le Blount, 1st Baron of Ixworth (time of Wm. the Conqueror) m. Gundreda, dau. of Earl Bettles. ISSUE:

Gilbert Le Blount, 2nd Baron of Ixworth, m. Alicia Colekirke. ISSUE:

William Le Blount, 3rd Baron of Ixworth (time of Henry II, m. Sarah de Mouchensi. ISSUE:

Gilbert or Hubert Le Blount, 4th Baron, m. Agnes de L'Isle. ISSUE:

Sir Stephen Le Blount, Lord of Baxlingham, living 1198, dead 1235, m. Maria Le Blount, sole heir and dau. of Sir Wm. Le Blount of Saxlingham, co. Norfolk. ISSUE.

Sir Robert Le Blount, died 1288, m. Isabel, dau. and co-heir of Lord Odinsels. Inherited Belton. ISSUE:

Sir William Le Blount, 2nd son of Timberlake, co. Worcestershire, m. Isabel Beauchamp, dau. of William, Earl of Warwick. ISSUE.

Sir Walter Le Blount, of Rook, m. before 1301, d about 1316, from whom all Blunts of England, m. Johanna de Sodington, living 1331. ISSUE:

Sir John Blount, heir to his brother Sir Wm. Blount, who died s.p. in 1327, m. Eleanor, dau. of John Beauchamp of Hache, of the same family as the Earl of Warwick. John d 1358. ISSUE.

Sir Walter Blount, slain 1402 at Shrewsbury while wearing the coat of armour of his king. See Shaepeare's King Henry IV. m. Sancha de Ayala of an ancient family of Spanish grandees, descendent of Don Vela de Arragon, 1074. ISSUE.
James Blount, 3rd son, m. Anne, dau. of Roger Parker of Lellinghall. ISSUE.

Roger Blount of Crendon of Herefordshire, m. Elizabeth, dau. of Sir Robert Whitney of Whitney, Herefordshire. ISSUE:

Walter Blount, of Eldersfield, co. Worcester, m. Margaret, dau. of Thomas Clinton, who had lands in Stanton, Hatfield, etc. ISSUE.

Roger Blount, of Eldersfield (will 1546) m. Joan, dau. of John Herne, ISSUE:

John Blount, of Eldersfield and St. Thomas, Bristol (will 1598) m. Joan, dau. of John Sneade of Stanton, co. Worcester. ISSUE:

John Blount, of St. Philips, Bristol, (buried in St. Peters) m. Jane, dau. of William Lacy of St. Philips and Bitton. ISSUE:

Francis Blount, of Bristol, buried at St. Peters, (will 1629) m. Margaret, dau. of William Hanbury of St. Philips. (b. 1580-d. 1630). ISSUE.

William Blount, "IN THE BARBADOES" 1635, settled at Andover, Mass. M?

William Blount, b. 1642, d. 1709, in Andover, Mass. m. Elizabeth, dau. of William Ballard from Co. Worcester. ISSUE:

Hanbury Blount, b. 1681, settled in Norwich, Conn. 1735. m. 1704 to Mehitable, dau. of William and Sarah Johnson, who moved to Conn. from Andover. ISSUE:

Ambrose Blount, b. 1717, d. 1800, tomb in Johnston lot at Jewett City, Conn. m. 1739 in Norwich, Conn. to Joanna Clarke, ISSUE:

Joanna Blount, b. 1748, d March 12, 1825, m. Capt. Ziba Hunt, b. Jan. 4, 1746, d Sept. 10, 1820. ISSUE:

Lemuel Hunt, b 13 July 1772, d. 1845, m. 5 Nov. 1795 to Rachael, dau. of Philemon and Anna Finney, b 12 April 1774, d 24 Dec. 1855. ISSUE:

Clarinda Hunt, b 24 March 1803, m. 22 August 1822 to Nathaniel Conklin b. 14 October 1798, d. November 1871. Clarinda, d. Dec. 1876. ISSUE:

James Skiff Conklin, b. 14 June 1823, d. 1898, m. 27 Jan. 1846 to Teressa Jane Martin, b. 15 July 1828, d. 4 July 1897. She was a dau. of David and Teressa (Denison) Martin. ISSUE:

Emma Jane Conklin, b 29 March 1849. d. 17 March 1924; m. 27 April 1868 to David Wilson Evans, sonof James and Ann (Campbell) Evans, b. 30 Nov. 1840 Grenville, Quebec, Canada; d. Rockford, Ill. 12 Oct. 1923. ISSUE: See Conklin Family in American Genealogy