The MANNING FAMILY
of ANDOVER

To sift the Manning family of Andover from the multitude of Mannings in Essex County has been a most difficult undertaking, but I have gathered material from John Manning's account to Alfred Poor in 1862 and from the family Bible records. The family herein recorded is that which for many years occupied the old Ballard House on Porter Road, which is known now as the Manning House. The house was built in 1758 and was held by Joseph Ballard, a cousin to Timothy Ballard of Ballardvale. It was built by Hezekiah Ballard, who m. Lydia Chandler, and was on part of the original Chandler grant.

A deed in Essex Ct.:140:282, 1783, shows what seems to be a mortgage on the old estate: Joseph (5) Ballard, for $ 128 from THOMAS MANNING, cordwainer, sells 2 tracts of land- 'part of my homestead also house and barn; 1st tract house stands on, 4 1/2 acres, SE cor. on Road- along rd. W. 9 p.- then N by Manning's land 41 p.- E 19 p.- So. on fence to corner of wall where trail is divided- then S to 1st bds.; 2nd tract is where barn stands- in two parcels: 3 acres begin on W cor on rd.- then E by rd. 26 p.- N by Wm. Chandler's, 24 p.- then W as fence runs, 23 p.- to S-3. S 10 p. to corner of wall enclosing barn. '"My honored mother's part of same, the said Manning not to have until she dies."'

John Blunt; Joseph Hall, witnesses.

The THOMAS MANNING, purchaser of the estate, lived in a house 40 rods West of the present one, and there his children were born. Another old house was on the farm, and a part of it was moved up to make the ell on the big house, but in 1842 it was moved off again, and the present ell was built on the same extension.

The Manning family lived continuously on the property except for two brief intervals, once when it was occupied from 1852 -4 by Horace Lewis, of New Boston, N.H., and in 1861, when Jn.W. Haley of the Theol. Seminary was tenant. Lewis went to Ezra Holt's, Haley to cor. Main&Green St.
Across the street from the house stood an old shop, where Ballard(Jos) and Manning made shoes. A blacksmith shop, probably Hezekiah Ballard's stood below the old house west of the present one. The shoe shop stood at the foot of an elm tree which Joseph Ballard set out in 1770, when he was 21 years old. When cut down it contained five cords of wood. The balm of Gilead tree on the place was set out, sd. John Manning, in 1833.

I find that this line descends from:

Wm.(2) Manning of Cambridge, and wife Dorothy. He was born 1621, son of Wm. and Susanna. (Wm. Manning, Sr., died 1650. He went first to Roxbury and then to Cambridge.) Wm.(2) was a freeman, 1643. He d. 1697 at 76. Dorothy d. 1692 at 80.

Wm. (2) Manning and wife, Dorothy, had:

Hannah (3), b. 1642; m. Samuel Stearns, 1662.
Samuel (3), b. 1644; m. 1664 Elizabeth Stearns, sister of John. She d. 1671; he m. 2nd., Abial Wright of Medfield, 1673. He was a freeman in Billerica, 1670; was an Ensign; town Clerk and Selectman; he d. 1711.
Sarah (3), b. 1646; m. Joseph Bull of Hartford, 1671.
Abigail (3), b. and d. 1648.
John (3), b. 1649; d. of small pox, 1678.
Mary (3), b. ; m. Rev. W. Adams of Dedham; got her share of the estate in 1671; she d. before 1692; had:
  Eliphalet(4).
Timothy (3), d. 1653.

---- Samuel(3) Manning (Wm.(2-)) and wife, Elizabeth Stearns, had:

Samuel (4)
John (4), b. 1666.
Children of Samuel (3) Manning and 2nd. wife, Abial Wright (cont.):

Timothy (4), b. 1674.
Hannah (4), b. 1675; m. Ebenezer King of Watertown.
William (4), b. June 27, 1677; m. Elizabeth French, daughter of Jacob; she Sept. 19, Apr. 19, d. at 57, 1736. He m. 2nd. Apr. 19, 1737, Mary Shed. He was called Ensign. He d. 1764, Mar. 5.
Mary (4), b. Sept. 2, 1679; m. Josiah Crosby 1703. (See Hazen.)
Sarah (4), b. 1681; m. Sam Robinson of Cambridge, 1704.
Dorothy (4), b. 1683.
Isaac (4), b. 1685.
Ephraim (4), b. 1686.
Elizabeth (4), b. 1691; m. Peter Fassett.
Timothy (4) 2nd., b. 1692.
Eliphalet (4), b. 1693.
Abial (4), b. 1695.

William (4) Manning (Sam (3) Wm. (2-1) and 1st wife, Elizabeth French, had:
Mary (5), b. Dec. 21, 1705.
William (5), b. Feb. 28, 1707-8; m. Elizabeth Danforth, Nov. 16, 1742.
Jacob (5), b. Mar. 27, 1710; m. Martha Beard, Jan. 20, 1736-7. She was b. Aug. 21, 1714; dau. of Andrew and Mary Beard of Billerica; she d. at 84, Feb. 10, 1798; he d. Sept. 5, 1762.
Sarah (5), b. Feb. 8, 1711-12.
Martha (5), b. July 26, 1718.
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Jacob (5) Manning (Wm. (4) Sam (3) Wm. (2-1) and wife, Martha Beard, had:

Mary (6), b. Nov. 15, 1741-2.
Jacob (6), b. Nov. 8, 1739.
Isaac (6), b. Nov. 8, 1743.

Jesse (6), b. Aug. 18, 1745; m. Anna Carleton, 1766; she was dau. of Jn. Carleton; she d. 1779; he m. 2nd., Elizabeth Abbott of Andover, Dec. 30, 1779; lived in Billerica.

Thomas (6), b. July 27, 1747; m. Mehitabel Kidder, June 6, 1769; he was then of Andover. She was b. Feb. 22, 1749, dau. of Ephraim and Elizabeth; she d. Aug. 16, 1824; he d. Feb. 22, 1832. Thomas (6) lived on the old Ballard place on Porter Road, now known as the "Manning House."

David (6), b. Dec. 2, 1749; d. y.
David (6), 2nd., b. May 20, 1753; d. Sept. 1762.


Esther (6), b. Apr. 3, 1756; d. Sept. 1762.

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Thomas (6) Manning (Jacob (5) Wm. (4) Sam (3) Wm. (2-1) and Mehitabel Kidder):-

Chloe (7), b. Jan. 19, 1772; in Andover; m. Wm. Hawley, Dec. 18, 1792.

Sarah (7), b. May 29, 1774; m. Jed Burt, Feb. 7, 1792; she d. Feb. 16, 1828; he was son of Jos. Burt; b. 1771; he d. 1831.

Thomas (7), b. April 30, 1780; d. May 24, 1780.

Thomas (7) 2nd., b. April 25, 1781; m. 1st., Sally Hart of Reading; int. Oct. 7, 1805; she d. at 55, Oct. 19, 1839; he m. 2nd., Jan. 2, 1844, Adeline A. Abbott, age 42; dau. of Asa and Judith. He d. Mar. 1, 1849. He was a farmer and shoemaker. Had a house farm of 80 acres and owned 20 acres at Pomp's Pond.
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Thomas (7) Manning (Thos. (6) Jacob (5) Wm. (4) Sam (3) Wm (2-1) and Sally Hart, had:

Sarah Ann (8), b. Dec. 2, 1809; d. unm. July 12, 1840.
Marie Antoinette (8), b. Jan. 23, 1821; m. Henry F. Barnard, 1843; she d. 1850; left two ch.: John (9); Elizabeth, (9).
John Hart (8), b. Feb. 8, 1824; was a Rev.; m. Lois Bachelder; they lived on the old place in 1862. He went to Florida for his health, but never got well.
Rebecca (8), b. 1827; m. Henry F. Barnard, her brother-in-law, as his 2nd wife. He had a furniture ware-house.
Edward Augustus (8), b. 1807; 1834 m. Hannah Merrill; lived in Manchester, 1856, Iowa. He lived on the Church place on Phillips St. Was here for B. & M.R.R. Hannah was of Derry, N.H. He took the family records.

Fred W. (9), b. 1862.
Caroline (9).
Martha (9).
John (9).
Mary (9); m.

(They held the old homestead last.) I heard Rev. John Hart Manning preach his last sermon at South Church, "a dying man to a dying people," someone said.
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Jesse (6) Manning (Jacob (5) Wm (4) Sam (3) Wm. (2-1) and 1st wife, Anna Carlton:

Mary (7), b. 1768; d. 1822.

David (7), b. 1771.

Elizabeth (7), b. 1773.

Jesse (7), b. 1776; in Billerica; m. 1st., Mary; m. 2nd., 1802, Abigail Baldwin, dau. of Thomas; she d. 1825.

Julia (7), b. 1778; m. Daniel L. Knapp.

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Jesse (7) Manning (Jesse (6) Jacob (5) Wm. (4) Sam (3) Wm. (2-1) and 1st wife, Mary:

Jesse (8), b. 1797.