

## WHEELER

From the Anglo Saxon Weal Har, meaning Lucky Warrior.

Emily F. Wheeler, writes the following, to Mrs. C. P. Wheeler:

"I will inclose the family tree as it relates to Charles' branch. The family tradition is of 3 Davids in line, of which my grandfather was the last. Mother said once that she named Charles father David much against her will; but was told the first born must bear the traditional name. So she tacked on the "Hilton" - a noble character from the Scottish Chiefs: the only romance the house afforded in the days when books were few. We had many big books of history, I remember, but novels were frowned on."

### WHEELER FAMILY RECORD.

N.B. These first are the probably ancestors of Solomon Wheeler, born 1806. The great-great grandfather of my grandfather David W. was probably Col. Philip W. of Rehoboth, Mass. born 1698 son of James W. & Grizel Squire was in his Majesty's service in 1747. Died Nov. 27, 1774. Twice married: Rather a distinguished personage in his time.

Of his children, Philip W. Born May 4, 1733, David W. Born Mar. 18, 1742 and Daniel born Jan. 12, 1750 who served in Rev. War. David W. married Deborah Ingalls Jan. 15, 1761 at Rehoboth and his eldest son David was born June 10, 1761. This David is my great-great grandfather; but have not as yet found marriage record. His son David born 1783 married Eunice Stewart was my grandfather. Born April 1783 died in July 25, 1824, probably in Yates Co. N. Y. His two brothers Philip & Daniel lived in or near Burlington Vt. He crossed Lake Champlain near Au Sable Chasm and may have settled there, as my grandmother was drowned in Lake while returning from a wedding in or near Burlington.

Eunice Stewart born Aug. 31, 1780 married David W. Sept. 20, 1803 at Guilford Vt. Seven children born to them - 2 girls (one died at 3 the other Eunice, not long after her marriage to John Phillips). Sons: Willard, 1804 - Solomon Feb. 28, 1806, William Anson May 3, 1809 Eunice April 20, 1811, Daniel, Aug. 18, 1813, Martin Aug. 18, 1816. David W. Died July 25, 1824, & as Willard had married & moved to Canada, my Father Solomon became the chief support of his mother and the younger children.

Solomon married Jan. 1, 1829 Alice Babcock dau. of Elisha Babcock & Phoebe Piper. Eldest child David Hilton, born Nov. 18, 1829. Alice Babcock, born June 16, 1806. Her father Elisha B. Jan. 3, 1779. His wife Phoebe Piper born June 11, 1778, married Nov. 6, 1797. Elisha died 1806; later, Phoebe married a Mr. Howe and had another set of children; 2. I dimly remember, Cornelia (married John Carpenter and lived in Penna Yann N. Y. and Phoebe from whom my eldest sister Louise (who married Ch. G. Brownell) was named. Grandmother Eunice died in Rockford Jan. 12, 1862. Alice W. died Dec. 11, 1871. Solomon died Sept. 1902 age. 96.

David Hilton married Sophie Seymour; died Meadville, June 18, 1902. From here you have had the record.

I am told that Rev. war records show that Pipers, Babcocks, and Wheelers served in Rev. war. Grandfather David was a Minute Man. in the war of 1812. There is quite a list of Babcocks in the Wheeler book, but I could not find Elisha. However, if any of these served in the Rev. it ought to be possible to get the record from the War Dept. where I am told very full ones are kept. As the Minute men were volunteers for



a short time only (Com. Perry settled the British in the naval fight on Lake Champlain) & as Grand father lived then in Yates Co. N. Y. I have never tried to look up his war record. I can trace Col. Philip's ancestry to about 1638 when his forbearers came from England. But as I did not feel sure we could claim decent from him though it is probable, I have not put that in. Everybody in the Big book seems to have ancestors who came over between 1620 and 1642. When the Civil wars began (1642 - 48 ) the Puritans stayed at home to fight with Cromwell: or most of them did. The Regicides came over two at least of them.