

WE HOUGHTONS  
AND OUR BELOVED SHED-MEMBERS

Arranged 1938

By

Luella Houghton Pringle

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Dear Donald:

To you belongs much of the credit for this book. Especially for the inspiration that worked out the map and charts and helped me plan the whole.

Mother.

### Houghton Coat of Arms

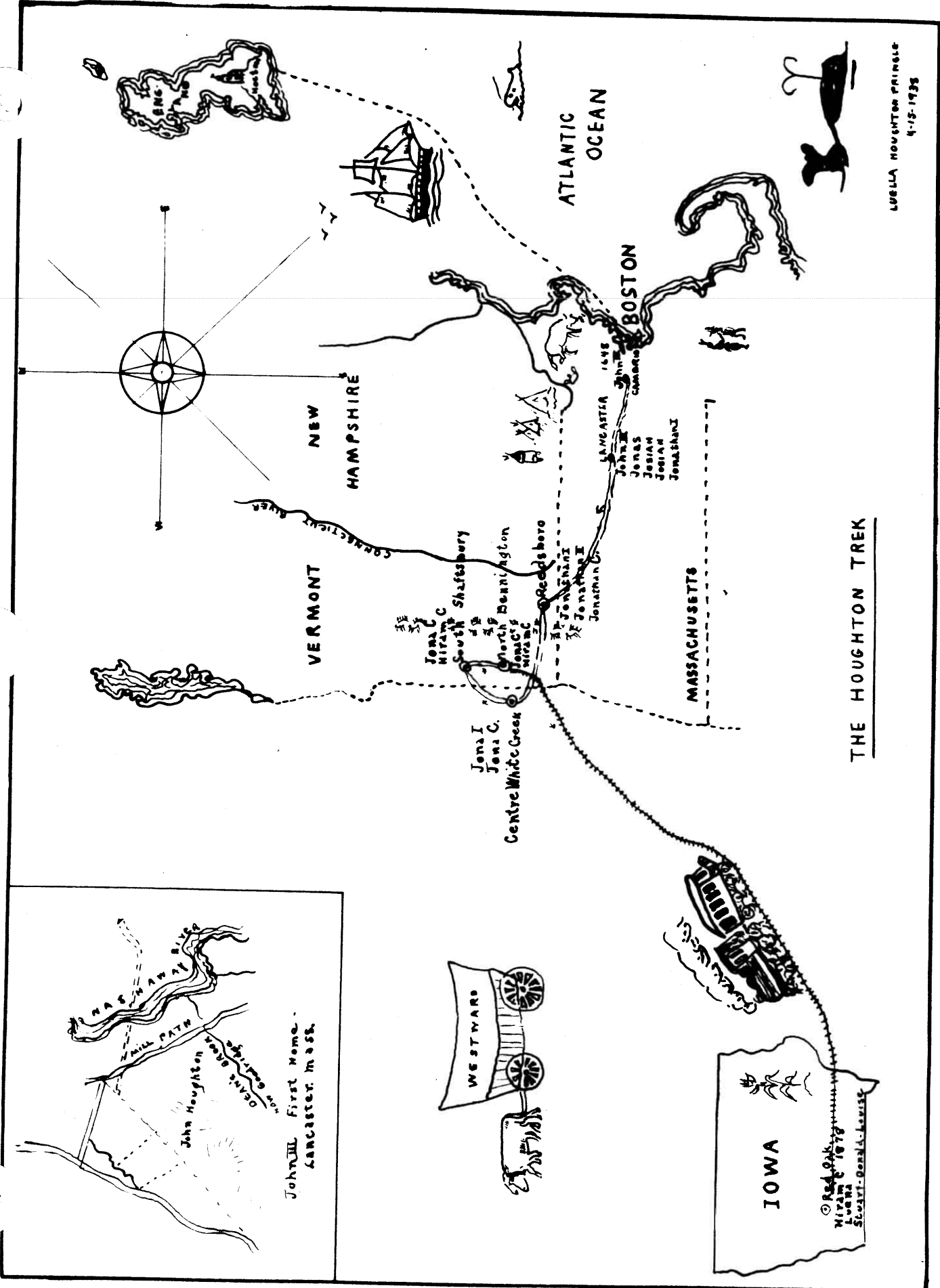
The Houghtons of Houghton Tower (near Preston, Lancashire, England) bear:

Arms --Sable, three bars argent (silver), on a canton or (gold), a rose of England and thistle of Scotland, impaled, stalks and leaves in vert (green)

Crest -A bull passant, argent, armed and hooped or, his tail reflecting over his back, the tip of his tail sable.  
the ancient crest was a bull's head argent collared with three bars sable supporting two bulls argent.

Motto--Malgre le tort, despite the wrong.

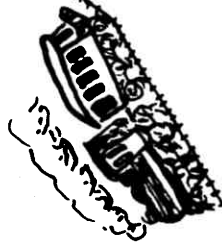
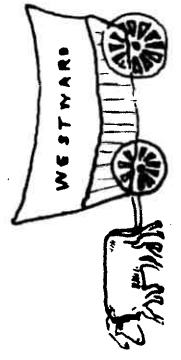
James I in 1612 by a writ under the privy seal granted to Sir Roger de Houghton, an augmentation of his coat armour out of the two national badges of England and Scotland, viz, the rose of England and the thistle of Scotland, impaled in a canton, in regard of Sir Roger's marriage with Mary, daughter of Andrew Stewart who died in the life time of his father, Andrew Stewart Lord Avingdale, descended from the blood royal.



THE HOUGHTON TREK

John Houghton  
MILL PATH  
MASHANAWAT RIVER  
OAK GROVE  
Lancaster, Mass.

John Houghton  
First Home -  
LANCASTER, MASS.



IOWA

Red Oak  
White Oak  
Lancaster, Mass.

## HOUGHTON

- Herverus Came to England with William the Conqueror from Normandy, in 1066
- Walter Herverus Married Maude, eldest daughter of Theobald of Valois.
- Hamo Pincerna Married Maude, daughter of Richard Bussell in Lancashire. On their marriage, her father gave Hamo the Manor of Hocton. Thus the township of Hocton came into the possession of the family.
- William de Hocton Married the widow of Geoffrey de Navarre, 1140.
- Adam de Hocton 1154-1189 or time of Henry II. Held one carucate of land which equalled as much as one team could plow in one year.
- Adam de Hocton Lived in the time of King John. Was the first to bear the surname.
- Sir Adam de Hocton Was mentioned in 1221
- Sir Adam de Hocton Has a wife named Agnes. Was a knight in 1266
- Sir Adam de Hocton Married Avilia Hoghwick. Died 1280
- Sir Richard Became a knight in Lancashire. Married Sybil daughter of William de Lea. Died 1341.
- Sir Adam Was a knight. Died 1386. Had a wife, Ellen.
- Sir Henry Second son of Adam and Ellen. Married Jeanette (Jane) daughter of Sybill Clitherow and Richard Radcliffe, Esquire of Ordsall.
- Sir Richard Born in Chepin, England 1420. Wife Agnes. Held Lagram Park, near Chepin, in 1420.
- Henry Was living 1453. Wife Catherine. Was second son.
- William Wife Grace Banks-Elizabeth
- John Wife Elizabeth Farquarson-Catharine Catterall.
- Henry Wife Jane.
- John I Mentioned in 1569. Wife Ashmole in 1584. Buried at St Mary's Church, Eaton Bray, Bedfordshire England, April 28, 1618.
- Catharine Married Thomas Houghton, brother of Sir Richard of Houghton Tower. Either John, the Emigrant, was the fifth child of these two, or two Johns came between, possibly with a connection farther back. Both of the accounts are credited.

John II

Christened at St Mary's Church May 19 1593.  
 Wife, Demaris Buckmaster.  
 Was warden of St Mary's Church, Eaton Bray, Bedfordshire, England in 1629-1630.  
 Was a passenger on the "Abigail" June 20 1635.  
 It is surmised that he was sent off from England in order that some relatives could inherit the estate. He did not remain in New England but returned to England and his family, a wife and ten children, when the English civil troubles were ended.

John III, The Immigrant.



Born December 24 1624, Lancashire, Eng.  
 Eaton Bray, Bedford County.  
 Died April 29 1684, Lancaster, Mass.  
 Wife, Beatrix. Died January 8 1711.  
 After John's death, she married Benjamin Bosworth.  
 John and Beatrix were married about 1648 They came to New England 1648 to 1650.  
 They fled to America, with a cousin (possibly brother) Ralph and his wife Jane, to enjoy their religion  
 After a brief residence at Charlestown, Watertown and Cambridge, they settled in Lancaster in 1659  
 After the Indian massacre, they stayed in Woburn, Mass., for a few years.  
 Both are buried in the Old Granary (also called Old Settlers and Indian Burying Ground) at Lancaster, Mass.

JOHN  
 HOUGHTON  
 DECEASED  
 1684



The oldest stone in the burying ground bears John's name.  
 In 1913, a large marker was erected on this plot by L T Houghton, in memory of John, one of the founders of Lancaster, and his son John, one of the three men who purchased the land from the Indians. A copy of the deed is on one side of the tablet  
 The deed, made in 1701, was signed by Shanlon, Sagamore of Nasuah, Quenniprist and Tahanto.  
 John's will was dated April 8 1684, only a few days before

John III (cont'd)

his death and proven June 7 1684. His wife, Beatrix and children John, Robert, JONAS, Benjamin, Mary and Sarah are mentioned therein. After the death of the widow, the heirs agreed on a division of the estate which was a large one.

His first home was between Clinton and South Lancaster.

"His house Lott. his house Lott where upon he hath built and planted Lyeth on the north side of Deans Brook bounded southerly by the said Brook and northerly by the Lott of Richard Wheeler and easterly it butts upon the millpath and westerly it butts upon sun Land of his own that is part of his second devision and it Lyeth for twenty acors be it more or less"

On the return of John, after the Indian massacre he lived on the South side of the Old Common. His home is supposed to have been used as a garrison at one time, was in the field perhaps 20 rods South of the road and half way between the two roads which run South ward from the old main street. It was nearly opposite the present Reform School (1936)

Lancaster Towne Grant 3:I2:I667

Jo:Houghton's grant. It was ordered by a voate of the towne that John Houghton should have Libertie to fall Timber in the Comons for his trade use, And if he take the barke of it, And set his marke upon it, Then it is not Lawfull for any to take or make use of any such Timber. From "Annals of Lancaster"

Deans Brook is now Goodridge Brook

The Old Common was also known as Bride Cake Plain

The beaver dams mentioned in John's deeds have been recognizable to a recent date.

He chose as names for his properties such titles as Houghton's Park, Rosemary Meadows Cranberry Meadows.

Jonas

Born 1663, Lancaster, Mass.

Died September 20 1723 at Lancaster, age 60 years 5 months. "Lancaster Records"

Wife, Mary Burbean, born July 2 1661, died December 31 1720. Was married February 15 1681 "Mary Berbeane of Wooburn, married" as in the Lancaster Records. They were married in Woburn while staying there on account of the troubles with the Indians.

Jonas (cont'd)



After his father's death he settled in Bolton on his father's land on Vaughn's Hill. He was an active and influential citizen. He served in Queen Anne's War. In 1719 Jonas "measured" showing he was a surveyor as well as a farmer. The Lancaster Record says "Paid Jonas Houghton five shillings a day for measuring the stated common; assistants three shillings. Pay in land at four shillings an acre." Both are buried in the Old Common Burial Ground near Lancaster.

"Mary, wife of Jonas, died December 31, 1720 in the 60th year of her age", -on stone in Old Common Burial Ground.

Josiah

Born October 1698, Lancaster, Mass. (Lan. Records)  
Died September 29 1723

Married Mehitabel Warren of Lancaster.

Buried in the Old Common Burial Ground, Lancaster

"Mr Josiah Houghton, age 24 yr II months"





Josiah

Posthumous child, born April 4 1724

Died May 30 1800

Wife Bethesda Brabrook, a cousin, of Bolton, February 2 1746 or 1747, who died April 20 1755 in the 37th year of her age. Buried at Woonksechocksett, or Chocksett Burial Ground New Sterling, Mass.

Grace Whitney, of Harvard, Mass. January 6, 1756 who died June 6 1763

Abigail Godfrey or Goodfree of Lancaster December 1 1763

April 4 1725 Josiah, son of Mehitabel Houghton vidua was baptized by John Prentice, -

"owned the covenant and were baptized" Records of First Church Lancaster by Prentice

Served in the Revolution

Buried at Chocksett Church, New Sterling, Mass

Jonathan I

Born August 14 1766 at Lancaster, Mass., son of Josiah and Abigail (Lancaster Records)

Died May 4 1842

Wife Elizabeth Peck, Born Lancaster December 10 1761 (Lancaster Records)

Died August 3 1844

Both are buried at Centre White Creek, New York



He was the first Town Clerk of Reedsboro, Vt. All their children were born in Reedsboro, according to the Reedsboro Records. He was the first Representative to the State Legislature from Reedsboro. 1821-1824 Town Clerk 1824-1828 and 1829-1831 Was the first Postmaster.

Jonathan I (cont'd) Was assessed for the following property he owned in Reedsboro in 1816

7 acres of land

1 house

2 oxen and a cow.

Many notes and mortgages belonging to Jonathan are recorded in the early records of Reedsboro.

Jonathan II

Born June 2 1790, Reedsboro, Vermont (Reedsboro Records)

Died November 19 1846

Wife Melinda Mc Cloud (Mc Cleod), married December 29 1812 at Rowe, Mass., Lydia Walker married January 7 1830 at Reedsboro.

Lived at Rowe when first married and kept a General Store there.

In the Book of Marriage Intentions at Rowe, Mass. is entered the intention of Jonathan Houghton and Miss Melinda Mc Cloud of Rowe on December 2 1812, by Solomon Reed, Town Clerk.

Jonathan Clark

Born August 4 1822 at Reedsboro, Vermont (Reedsboro Records)

Died July 30 1887 at North Bennington, Vermont

Wife, Mary Ann Cole, Born at South Shaftsbury, Vermont, January 23 1822, died January 29 1904 at Red Oak, Iowa.

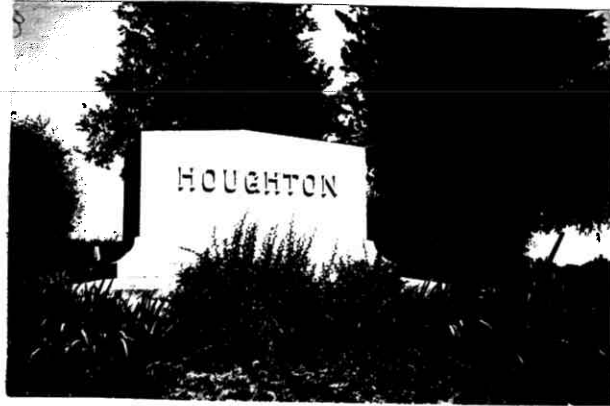
Both buried at North Bennington. Melinda McCloud was his mother.

Went in partnership with his uncle Elmer in 1841 in a general store at South Shaftsbury.



Hiram Cole

Born February 15 1850 at South Shaftsbury, Vt.  
Died August 3 1925 at Red Oak Iowa  
Buried in Evergreen Cemetery at Red Oak.  
Wife, Ella Louise Bacon, born at Boston, Mass.,  
August 16 1854, died at Red Oak, Iowa, Jan-  
uary 8 1914 and is buried at Red Oak.



Luella

Born January 29 1879 at Bridgeport, Connecticut  
at home of maternal grandparents.  
Married Ralph Pringle, born October 15 1872 at  
Pana, Illinois; died April 7 1924 at Red Oak  
Married at Red Oak, September 26 1905.

Stuart Houghton, Donald Ralph and Louise Pringle.



Elizabeth Peck

Born December 10 1761 at Lancaster Mass  
Died August 3 1844 at Center White Creek N.Y.  
Buried Center White Creek

Eliza  
Sept 3 1796  
Mar 8 1792

Eliza  
Jan 11 1798  
m. Caroline

Joseph  
Jan 4 1800  
m. Jan 19 1826  
Bath N.Y.

Edwards  
1794-1839

Edward  
10 children  
m. all  
Allen  
1839

Charles Wiley, signature dealer  
at Troy, N.Y. Center at Remonding N.Y.

Joseph, made 5 trips to England,  
was about to marry Anne when he died.  
Joseph and Edward owned the several  
inherited from John the immigrant  
he was a hanger around, being more  
now as a piece of a gentleman's dress  
than as a piece of a gentleman's dress  
the full height of it. He was of England  
and the middle of Scotland and was the  
last on either side so improved 1811  
He and wife were in a carriage accident  
at Springfield Mass Allen father's daughter  
had it after his father.

Joel  
Oct 3 1801  
m. Service

John Messer Esq New York

Lived at Ogdensburg,  
New as agricultural

Eliza Ann  
July 3 1803

James  
July 4 1805  
Feb 5 1881  
Stamford Vt

Nancy Child Esq New York

and many  
other  
at New York 1880

Lived at Stamford Vt.  
All his owned the farm  
mill at North Adams

Andrew J  
Feb 27 1807

Nancy Montgomery  
m. Andrew

Mary  
m. Andrew

Frederick Clark  
Dec 29 1822  
Nov 7 1830  
Red Deer, Alberta Canada  
m. Olive Mason

John Clark  
Oct 1 1822  
m. Drury Mass  
at Red Deer Oct 31 1833

Ellen Mason  
m. John Clark  
at Red Deer Oct 31 1833

William Clark  
Feb 10 1816

Harriet Mason  
Sept 23 1813

John  
Nov 21 1821

Henry Franklin  
Nov 4 1817

Thomas Clark  
July 27 1824  
m. David 1812  
Dorothy Denmark

Edith  
Feb 5 1828  
m. James 1814  
Henry Lincoln Newark

Charles Houghton  
Sept 8 1828  
m. David Mason

William  
Mary Ann

Elizabeth  
Sept 18 1806  
m. Paul Murphy  
at Red Deer Oct 31 1833

John  
Oct 1 1822  
m. Drury Mass  
at Red Deer Oct 31 1833

William  
Feb 10 1816

Harriet  
Sept 23 1813

John  
Nov 21 1821

Henry  
Nov 4 1817

Charles  
Sept 8 1828

William  
Mary Ann

Stamford Denmark  
Apr 20 1811  
m. James  
Jan 17 1800 at Remonding  
m. June 4 1805  
at New York  
Feb 23 1821

Jonathan Houghton and wife Elizabeth, both born and married in Lancaster, Massachusetts, left soon after their marriage and Located in Reedsboro, Vermont, all of their children being born there. Either he or his son built a home there, still standing in 1937, though an addition to the original structure has been built.



In 1937 the old Post Office with the General store was still standing as it was built.



He and at least two of his grand sons, Jonathan Clark and Andrew moved to Centre White Creek New York, where they lived across from the cemetery and next to the church. Andrew ran a general store at the end of the village street, just West of the present paved highway, and near the bold Inn.

Lafayette kept a general store at White Creek for some years and lived in the house directly across the street.

Jonathan and his wife are buried in the cemetery in Centre White Creek, the large stones still standing. We first deciphered them by scrubbing them with soap and water borrowed from a near by house, later finding that with the sun shining on them, they were easily read.



Jonathan II seems to have stayed in Reedsboro. In looking for his burial place, the directions of one old town clerk were: "to find the old cemetery, go up the hill to the first turn, go to the right a piece till you come to a hedge. Nose along this (it may be a little wet) past a mowin' and an orchard till you

come to a stone wall around the old graves". For a short time Jonathan ran a general store at Rowe, Mass., where he married his first wife and where his first child was born and is buried. Soon thereafter he must have moved to Reedsboro, Vermont. From Centre White Creek, Jonathan Clark Houghton (called Clark) went to South Shaftsbury, Vermont and in 1841, with a brother, Charles Elmer, ran a general store in a building still standing in 1937, located on the West side of the paved highway and still a general store.



He lived across the street south in a house that "always went with the store". Here his three children, Frederick, who died in infancy and is buried at North Bennington, Vermont; Hiram Cole and Florence Irene were born. Neither Clark nor Elmer served in the Civil War but paid substitutes to go.

Up the road East from the store is the old stone house where "Aunt Pernissy kept the cookie jar full and baked the rye and Injun in the old fireplace oven on Saturdays", a fond memory of Hiram Cole Houghton.



Hiram Cole attended school at Burr and Burton Seminary at Manchester Vermont and a business school at Troy, New York

Later the family moved to North Bennington, Vermont, where Hiram as a young man ran a general store and all lived in a house not far North of the store. Known as "Coley", the old Irish women were staunch customers and the fact that some of them pulled the butter crocks from under the bed when he was purchasing for the store "put him off" country butter for life.





all night with a needle in her back left there by a neighbor who had called to cheer her a little. Mud, wind and newness for a city girl.

The next year Hiram Houghton built a two story and basement kitchen house in the block between Joy and Valley, Eighth and Broad Streets. It was the only house on the block, a white picket fence around it, and then on the edge of the village. Here Mary Ann was born December 9 1880.

When this house was sold the family lived on the South side of Joy street in the middle of the block, between Sixth and Seventh Streets. This was the birthplace of Jonathan Clark October 29 1882.

In the spring of 1884, they moved to a house they had just built on the Southwest corner of Coolbaugh and Eighth, on lots purchased from Ben Packard. On July 27 1884, Hiram Cole, Junior, was born.

Here also on February 5 1888, Edith was born.

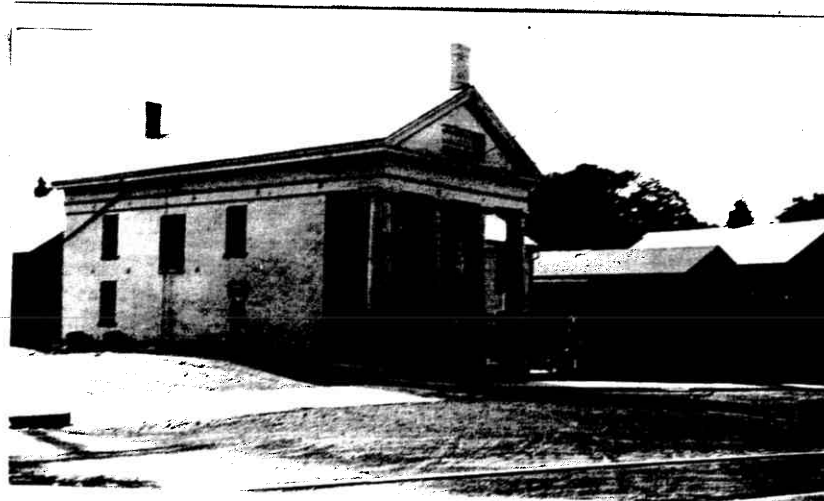
After the death of Ella Bacon Houghton, Hiram Cole married Lulu Watt of Omaha, Nebraska, at Omaha, on February 10 1910.

Hiram Houghton was a partner in the Houghton and Loomis Lumber Yard. In 1881, he and <sup>CLARK</sup> George Bishop built the first opera house in the town, on the East corner of the North side of the Square, with a furniture store and undertaking business on the street level. This burned in 1882, the fire starting in the dressing rooms one night after a performance by a theatrical troupe. He also loaned money and later operated the State Savings Bank, merging it in the H C Houghton Private Bank. In 1898, he built a three story building on the South East corner of the Square, with the bank occupying the corner on the first floor. This burned to the ground in the big fire of 1903, when immense damage was caused by lack of water resulting from a closed hydrant not discovered until one side of the square was in ashes. Another building was immediately erected, with the bank on the second floor, where it remained until some time after the death of Mr. Houghton. His son Hiram then remodeled the corner on the first floor and returned the bank to its old location, still a private bank. In May 1935 it was reorganized under the name of Houghton State Bank, after safely weathering the bank depression of 1932.

Luella Houghton, Mary Ann and Edith graduated from Lasell Seminary, a Junior College at Auburndale, Mass., in 1898, 1900 and 1909. Jonathan and Hiram graduated from the University of Wisconsin.

Stuart Houghton Pringle graduated from Monmouth College in 1926, from Yale in 1928 and Yale Law School in 1930. In 1931, January, he entered the office of Durey, Pearson and Comley, law, at Stamford, Conn.

Donald Ralph Pringle attended Monmouth College two years; Beloit College two years and graduated from the General Motors Institute of Technology in 1933. On graduation, he entered the offices of General Motors, at Detroit.



Hiram Cole married Julia James of White Creek, New York who died the next year, leaving a daughter, Julia James, who married Thomas J Eldredge of Greenwich, New York. To them three children were born Florence, Edward and Elizabeth.

On April 16 1878, at Bridgeport, Connecticut, he married Ella Louise Bacon. She studied a year at Lasell Seminary for Girls at Auburndale Mass., studying principally piano and Art. She painted a number of pictures and held an exhibit at a Gallery in Bridgeport. Later she attended Wesleyan Seminary at Wilbraham, Mass., where she met a number of young people from North Bennington. While on a visit to some of them, she was persuaded to stay and teach a vacant school. She first saw Hiram when he went to sleep in church one Sunday morning and his cane fell with a crash. Later, when his family left for a visit, Hiram boarded at the home of Mr. Walbridge where Ella Bacon was boarding.

In 1878, Hiram Houghton sold his store and "went West" to look for a new location. After going as far as Denver, Colorado, he decided to make arrangements to settle there. On his way East he stopped at Red Oak, Iowa to call on an old Vermonter, Samuel Loomis, who owned and ran a lumber yard. The town was booming and Mr. Loomis persuaded him to remain and go into business with him, loaning money at the same time. Early in 1879, his wife and daughter, Luella, joined him. They lived that year in a house located on the Southeast corner of the intersection of Third Street and Valley. There was a basement kitchen, into which the rain poured at the least provocation. Many tales are told of her efforts to learn to cook, of building the fire in the oven, of ordering "all the tenderloin you have" after futile efforts to buy some and finding herself with a large water bucket full; of having to harness two horses and getting each on the wrong side; being bitten on the arm by a vicious horse when feeding the animals; pitching headfirst into a well and saving herself, till help came by holding on to the bucket; of a baby crying

Louise Pringle attended Ferry Hall at Lake Forest, Ill.; Frances Shimer at Mount Carroll, Illinois and Lasell Seminary at Auburn-dale, Mass.

Luella Houghton married Ralph Pringle and they lived in a house built by Ralph on the South west corner of the intersection of Joy and Seventh Streets, across the street south of his fathers home. Here the three children were born.



HIRAM COLE HOUGHTON

Born February 15 1850, South Shaftsbury, Vermont.  
Died August 3 1925, Red Oak, Iowa  
April 16 1878, Bridgeport, Conn. married

Luella

Born Bridgeport, Jan 29 1879  
Married, Red Oak, Ia. Sept 26 1905  
Ralph Pringle, Pana, Ill. Oct 15 1872  
Died Red Oak, Ia. April 7 1924

Mary Ann

Born Red Oak, Dec 9 1880  
Married, Red Oak, Apr 16 1903  
Roy Templeton Will, D D S

Children:

1Stuart Houghton  
Born Red Oak July 1 1906  
Married Greenwich, Conn, Aug 20 1932  
Elizabeth Pearson Child, Mar. 3 1909

Children of Stuart & "Betty"  
Joan, Greenwich, Nov. 25 1935

Stuart Houghton, Gren. June 3 1937

Children:

1Charles Houghton,  
Born Red Oak, Feb. 4 1904  
Married Council Bluffs, May 17 1929  
Mae Peterson, Council Bluffs, Ia.

Children:

Charles Houghton, Co. Bluffs  
Feb 17 1931

2Donald Ralph

Born Red Oak, Dec. 30 1907

2Ruth

Born Red Oak, Sept. 3 1906  
Married Red Oak, April 4 1930  
Minor Anderson

Jane, Monroe, Wis. May 29 1933

Mary, Monroe, Nov. 5 1937

3Gordon

Born Red Oak, Nov 7 1911  
Married Des Moines, Dec. 30 1936  
Ruth Seabloom, Red Oak.

3Louise

Born Red Oak Oct 9 1909

4Roy Templeton

Born Red Oak, Sept 28 1916

ELLA LOUISE BACON  
Born August 16 1854, Boston, Mass.  
Died January 8 1914, Red Oak, Iowa

Jonathan Clark  
Born Red Oak, Oct. 29 1882  
Died Red Deer, Alberta, Can.  
January 7 1930  
Married Chicago, Dec. 5, 1905  
Olive Moir

Hiram Cole  
Born Red Oak, Jul 27 1884  
Married Red Oak, Dec. 18,  
1912  
Dorothy Deemer

Edith  
Born Red Oak  
Feb 5 1888  
Married Red Oak  
June 6 1914  
Henry Leander H  
Heckert

Children:  
1Marjory  
Born Red Oak, Apr 18 1906  
Married Pearl Gazely, who  
Died 1937  
Children:  
Donald, Calgary, Canada

1Horace Deemer  
Born Red Oak, Sept 22,  
1913

1Henry Franklin  
Born Red Oak  
Nov. 14 1917

Peter James, Cal., Ju 10 1935

2Jonathan Clark  
Born Lawton Okla, Oct 1907  
Married Red Deer, Oct 31 1933  
Doris Mary Beaumont

2Cole Hayward  
Born Red Oak  
Apr 10 1916

2Eloise  
Born Red Oak  
Sept 6 1924

3Ella Louise  
Born Ardmore, Okla. Apr 24 1909  
Married, Los Angeles Apr 24 1937  
Paul Axelson

3Joan  
Born Red Oak  
Nov 28 1921

4Hiram Cole  
Born Red Deer, Canada  
Feb 10 1915

4Hiram Clark  
Born Red Oak  
Mar 11 1923

## Legends.

The name of Houghton and its various modifications are pretty well known over the civilized world. About 800 years ago it was used as the surname. It was first used by the French in the eleventh century, a short time before the Conquest of England by William the Conqueror but did not come into general use by the common people until the fourteenth century. Most of the original surnames were written "dE". The name Houghton is also believed to be of Saxon origin and to have been composed of the words Hoch, meaning high, and Ton meaning town, and was first used with the prefix de, meaning of. Hence high town or place, taken from one of the manors of the family in Lancashire, England, remarkable for its lofty situation.

Houghton Tower is located at Lancaster England, between Blackburn and Preston.

The Houghton Association was formed in Worcester, Mass., March 3 1847 They sent John Rice to England in 1848. Jonathan Clark Houghton of South Shaftsbury did not join the Association. The result of this expedition was "The aggregate amount of all the Houghton property thus left is comparatively small, -too small, at least, to warrant a further expenditure of money in futile endeavors to find it or to found a claim."

Epitaph of Jonathan Houghton I at Centre White Creek, New York.

Jonathan Houghton  
died May 4  
1842  
in the 76 years  
of his age  
Angels have borne him to those realms  
Where pleasures ever reign  
Where he is free from every woe  
And free from every pain

Elizabeth Houghton  
wife of  
Jonathan Houghton  
in the 83 year  
of her age  
There's rest beneath this quiet sod  
When life and all its trials cease  
And in the presence of my God  
I may enjoy eternal peace

## COLE

The surname Cole is derived from an ancient personal name of unknown antiquity. It is likely that it is a contraction of Agricola, a tiller of the soil. It has been asserted that the family derives its name from Coel, the founder of Colchester, England, one of the early kings of Brittain.

As a family they have not been very prominent in political life. They have been largely a church people, liberal in their views; they have always stood for education and many of them have been teachers; but they have been principally a family of farmers. They have also had the reputation of being Bon Vivants and epicures.

Old King Cole, king of Kent in 200 A D is claimed as an ancestor. His wife was a daughter of the King of Wales.

Coat of Arms of the Earl of Euskillen  
Arms;

Pearl, a bull passant, diamond, armed and unguled topaz, within a bordure of the second bezantee; on a dexter canton per pale, of the third and sapphire, a harp gold, stringed of the first, and the quarterings brought in by Brodregan and Archdeacon.

Or

Party per pale or and argent, a bull passant within a bordure sable on a chief of the third bezants,

Crest;

A demi-dragon, emerald, langued ruby, holding in the dexter paw an arrow gold, headed and feathered pearl, and in the sinister a shield sapphire, charged as the canton.

Motto.

Deum Cole, Regum Serva. Honor God, Serve the King.

A pale denotes military strength and fortitude, and was given to those who had impaled or otherwise defended cities, or who had "stood up rightly for prince and country" The bull is a bearing emblematic of valor and magnanimity; the bordure is an augmentation of honor. Bezants, or besants, coins of gold, representing Byzantine coins of gold, were one of the badges of a pilgrim or crusader. The dragon, of all mythical beasts the most valiant, broods over treasure committed to his care, according to the poets; heraldically a dragon stands for a valiant defender or soldier.

James COLE was in the court of King James of England, was named after him. Every one was getting grants of land in America and one day the king jokingly said to James "dont you want some land" and made out and signed a grant to him of land next to the Pilgrims who had been given a site at Privincetown of Cape Cod and land around the Cape just below. James was a favorite of the Queen and put the grant away and forgot about it until after her death, when he decided to look it up. Crossing the ocean, he stopped with some friends in Maine until the next boat down the coast. On arriving at the grant, he found the Pilgrims settled at Plymouth on his land, they having gone there in search of fresh water and just stayed. In a friendly suit, an arrangement was made whereby James took as his portion a hill tract above the town down to the water, releasing the rest to the town. This story is told in William Bradford's diary.

COLE

William Cole                      Wife Ysabella  
 Named in the Assize Roll of the County of Cornwall,  
 in the third year of King John(1201)

Richard Cole                      Of the County of Devon  
 Lived in the time of Henry III

William Cole                      Of Hittisleigh in the County of Devon  
 Lived in the year 1243

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Roger Cole                        Son of William  
 Had his dwelling at Coleton in Chaualeigh and also  
 held in the 27th year of Henry III ,Wantesford  
 in that parish

Roger Cole                        Heir to Roger.  
 Lived in the reign of Edward II

John Cole                         Of Counties of Devon and Cornwall  
 In 1324 was described as "John Cole de Tamer,man at Arms  
 Owned numerous lands in Devon

Sir John                          Knight of Nytheway in the Parish of Brixhano  
 Married Anne,the daughter and heiress of Nicholas  
 Brodrugan,Knight

Sir William                        Knight of Tamar  
 Married Margaret,daughter of Henry Beaupell,Knight

Sir John                          "Who was in the Retynew of the Duke of Gloucester"  
 in the battle of Agincourt,Friday the 25th day  
 of October 1415,and probably won his spurs in  
 that battle  
 Married Agnes,the daughter of Sir Fitzwarine,Knight

John                                Married Jane,daughter of Robert Mergot of Devon,Knight

William                            Married Elizabeth,daughter of Sir William Weston of  
 Wiltshire.

John                                Married Mary,daughter of Thomas Archdeacon

Thomas                             Died April 1571  
 Married Elizabeth,daughter of Thomas Hargrave of London

Earl of Euskillen,Ireland

James Cole                        Seems probable he came from this line.

Above taken from the Cole Genealogy by Ernest Byron Cole,printed MCMVIII



COLE

James Cole

Born about 1600  
Was a younger son.  
Died 1698  
Was living in Highgate, a suburb of London, England 1610  
Married Mary Lobel, a daughter of the noted botanist,  
Matthew Lobel, who named the plant "lobelia".  
James and Mary were married in 1625  
Children, - James, Hugh, John and Mary  
In 1632, James, wife and two children, James and Hugh  
came to Saco, Maine. The following year they went  
to Plymouth where he was admitted as a freeman in  
1633.  
He followed the sea.  
Was a surveyor 1641-1652  
Was a constable 1641-1644  
was one of the volunteers against the Pequot Indians  
in 1637  
In 1634 his name appears in the tax list and he received  
a grant of land in Plymouth  
Jan 2 1636, had a grant of 10 acres of land  
Jan 2 1637, the court deeded him 7 acres of land to  
belong to his dwelling house.  
His first home stood on the lot next below the present  
site of the Baptist church  
Soon after his arrival he opened the first public  
house or Inn, one of the first, if not the first,  
Inn in New England. He and his son James kept this  
until 1698  
He was the first to live on Cole's Hill. Here was  
located the first Plymouth burying ground. The  
first graves were levelled and planted to deceive  
the Indians as to their losses from disease, and few  
if any of the later stones are standing.  
He owned all the land on Cole Hill and probably the  
ground upon which rests the Plymouth Rock  
References: New England Families, Cutter; Cole Genealogy,  
Ernest Byron Cole.

Hugh Cole

Born in London, England, in 1627  
Died January 22 1699 at Swansea  
Married Mary Foxwell January 8 1654  
She was born at Scituate, Mass January 8 August 17 ,  
1635  
She died Swansea, Mass  
Hugh is buried in the Southern extreme of Meadow Neck ,  
now Howland Meadow in Barrington, in what is known  
as Tyler Point Cemetery.  
Had 10 children. All are buried in Wickemuit Burying  
Ground, Warren, Rhode Island.  
Wife, Mary Foxwell, was a daughter of Richard and Anne  
(Shelley) Foxwell, of Barnstable, Mass. Her father,  
Richard came to America with Gov. Winthrop in 1631  
The following appears upon the Plymouth records:  
"Apl 8 1634. It was agreed with James Cole that his  
son Hugh shall keep the Cowes from Apl 15 to  
November, and shall have for his pay fifty bushels  
of corn. He shall bring them up every morning to  
be milked and then carry back to feed and bring them  
home at night."

## COLE

Hugh Cole  
(continued)

In 1667, with others, he purchased of King Phillip, 500 acres of land on the West bank of what was named for him, Cole's River.

"Beginning at a great rock close by the path in the middle of the brook named Wegantanquest north one mile west north west to brook to Willets land at the head of Metta poisett to a creek and by it to the brook"

Was a shipwright and civil engineer and many of the tracts of land of Swansea were surveyed by him.

Was a great friend of the Indian chief, King Phillip, but was a sergeant in the war against him.

He established an Inn, a days journey from Providence to accommodate travelers. He then gave King Phillip a gift to keep his good will and at the question as to what Phillip could give him in return, he said, "Any time your braves get out of control, warn me so that I may save my family and guests". One night, late, after summoning him by a tap on the window, he told Hugh "only two suns between you and death". Before morning broke, all were in boats going down Cole River. When they were out some distance, Mrs Hugh discovered she had left her silver spoons and either Hugh or his son Benjamin returned, swam back across the river with the spoons and hid in the brush while the Indians burned the home, the flames of which were seen from far down the river by the fleeing family. Later when all was quiet they returned, and to their surprise found the swimmer alive and unharmed.

After his home was burned, he located at Portsmouth, Rhode Island. The town records show that October 12 1675, Hugh Cole was granted liberty to use some of the windfalls that are down to build a small house and to make wheels for the use of the townsmen for their money.

After the close of King Phillip's War, he returned to Swansea and built a house. He lived on the banks of Cole's River, at the site of the railroad station for many years known as Cole's Station and now Touisset, Mass.

Part of the land he owned is now a part of Warren, R I. He was one of the founders of the first Baptist Church in Massachusetts, in Swansea.

In Warren there is a marker to Hugh

Benjamin

Born 1678 at Swansea, Mass. 10th child of Hugh.

Died September 29 1748

Married Hannah Eddy on June 27 1701, daughter of Caleb and Elizabeth (Bullock) Eddy

Died May 15 1768

Both are buried at Kickemuit burying ground

He was a deacon from 1718 until his death

Lived at Cole's Station, Touisset now.

The house built by him in 1701 at Swansea is still standing as it was built.

COLE

Ebenezer

Born March 29 1712 at Swansea, Mass  
Died March 22 1794 at Shaftsbury Vermont  
Married Mary Wilson, June 10 1740, at Rehobeth, Mass

Born October 17 1714

Died March 26 1794 at Shaftsbury, Vt

A daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth Wilson  
In 1737 or 1738 he removed from Swansea to Rehobeth  
and soon after his marriage (his second) to Mary  
Wilson moved to Portsmouth? R I

In 1745 he removed to Oblong, Duchesse County, New York,  
(Postoffice Oblong changed in 1824 to Amenia Union)

The grant for the town of Shaftsbury was given by the  
colony of New Hampshire, August 20 1761. In March  
of 1762 Ebenezer was granted 1800 acres for doing  
surveying.

In 1762 he removed to Bennington Vt, then in the  
province of New Connecticut and changed to Vermont  
in 1777

was one of the founders of Shaftsbury, being one of a  
committee of three to subdivide and lay out the town  
was a civil engineer and surveyor.

At the commencement of the revolution he held a commission  
as magistrate from the crown and under his oath of office  
was disposed to enforce the law and received a notice from  
the town committee to leave the township. One of his  
sons accepted the commission as captain in the British  
army. After the first of the war, he became a staunch  
supporter of the Revolutionary cause and three of his  
sons served in the Shaftsbury company.

On his gravestone at Shaftsbury Centre in:

You see the place where I am laid  
death is a debt that must be paid  
and as by me you find it true  
and time will prove it so by you

Let not your time then run to waste  
In vain delights to please your taste  
But for an endless world prepare  
For time is short, you must be there.

On Mary's stone:

In memory of

Mrs Mary Cole, the amiable con-  
sort of Ebenezer Cole, Esq who  
died March the 26th 1794, in  
80th year of her age

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By me Mortality you'r taught,  
Your days will pass like mine,  
Eternity, amazing thought;  
Hangs on this thread of Time.  
Children of Ebenezer and Mary:

Susannah, Mary, Freegift, PARKER, David, Benjamin, Priscilla  
Both are buried at Shaftsbury Centre, Vermont.

COLE

Parker

Born November 29 1746 at Dutchess County, New York  
Died South Shaftsbury, Vt.

"Died December 26 1817  
age 71 years

& 27 days " On stone

Buried at Shaftsbury Centre, Vt

Married Mary Marsh on December 14 1768

Born September 23 1748

died January 15 1833, age 85

Was the only son of Ebenezer to remain in Shaftsbury

Accumulated a large amount of property

Built the old stone house at South Shaftsbury

On his grave stone:

Behold the sad impending stroke which now arrest  
our eyes

The silken bands of union broke, a tender father d<sup>e</sup>  
dies

His pants and groans are now all o'er. He's gone  
to God on high

His wistful eyes shall roam no more, nor more his  
spirit sigh.

He served in Captain Galusha's Company, Colonel Merrick's  
Regiment in an alarm to the Northward.

Became a captain

Parker and his son Uriah were "waited on" by several  
committees to get them to go to church but records  
say "they would make no promises" The Coles were  
not religious

Uriah

Born May 13 1790 at Shaftsbury (South)

Died July 25 1855 at South Shaftsbury

Buried at Shaftsbury Center, near the monument of Hiram  
Cole, his son

Married Nancy Barton on September 16 1811

Born April 21 1789

Died April 7 1872

He gave the ground upon which the Universalist Church was  
built in South Shaftsbury, Conditionally, that in case  
it ceased to be used as a church, it should revert to  
his heirs. The Universalists disbanded and for years  
the Methodists sought to use the church, but Uriah's  
son Hiram, was rather cantankerous and refused to per-  
mit them to hold any services there. Sometimes the  
fires were all built in the church and services ready  
to begin and he would go there and send them all  
home. After his death, the heirs deeded it to the town  
to be used as a town hall, now known as Cole Hall.  
The land for the church was built on land given by  
Uriah Cole but built by Monroe money, out of sand-  
stone quarried on Uriah's farm. The walls are four  
feet thick, the stone put together with a cement made  
of well pounded sands, wet slightly and buried all  
winter. In the spring it was uncovered a little at a  
time and used immediately, as it set instantly and is  
almost impossible to break.

COLE

Mary Ann

Born January 23 1822 at South Shaftsbury at the old Stone House

Died January 29 1904 at Red Oak Iowa, where she had made her home since 1900 when her daughter, Florence Irene Hall was killed at Bennington, Vermont, by a drunken man driving a horse into the crowd as they were boarding the electric car to return to North Bennington, five miles away, after attending a lecture. She was thrown back against the curb and died shortly after.

Buried at North Bennington, Vt

Married Jonathan Clark Houghton in November 1845

Hiram Cole Houghton Married Ella Louise Bacon

Luella Houghton Married Ralph Pringle

Stuart Houghton, Donald Ralph and Louise Pringle.

## COLE

### Plymouth Rock history.

The Plymouth rock is an extremely hard variety of granite of a dark gray color and wholly unlike any other stone found in the vicinity of Plymouth. In 1741 Elder Faunce, the last ruling elder in the first church of Plymouth, learning that a wharf was to be built over or near the rock, which up to that time had kept its position near the water's edge, pointed out and identified the rock as the one on which the Pilgrims landed in 1620. In 1775, some ardent Whigs undertook its removal to the town square, with the intention of placing over it a liberty pole, to quicken the zeal of such persons as hesitated to join the standard of independence in the approaching Revolution. The rock was raised some feet above its original bed on the shore, and blocks placed under it. But in its removal it split asunder and finally the lower part was lowered to its original bed from which it had been elevated and the other part was drawn by 20 yoke of oxen to the town square where the famous liberty pole was speedily erected over it. To save it from curiosity seekers, who constantly chipped off pieces, it was moved again. On July 4 1834, the piece which had been placed in the town square was removed and placed in front of Pilgrim Hall, where it was enclosed with an iron railing. In 1869 a canopy of granite was erected over the piece left upon the shore. In 1880 the severed portion of the rock was brought from Pilgrim Hall and restored to its original position and cemented there. The only inscription on the Rock is 1620. The land where this rock stands for many years belonged to James Cole.

A stone house across from Hiram Cole's stone house was built in 1760 and the family is supposed to have lived there while building the big house across the road.

The big stone house just east of the village of South Shaftsbury, Vermont was built by Parker Cole. The cellar was started in 1773, the house built in 1783, which dates are on the house. It cost 20 000 Continental dollars. The barn was built by Hiram Cole as the corner stone records. Hiram was a son of Uriah Cole and a brother of Mary Ann Cole Houghton. The house has an underground passage from an old barn, some distance away, to the cellar, for convenience in rolling barrels of cider, made from apple orchards which were located on the hill. Later some of his sons took to imbibing too freely of the apple jack and became tipplers and he cut down the orchards and burned the cider mill and presses. A large fireplace is in the kitchen, where the "rye and Injun" was baked. At Parker's death, Uriah and after him Hiram, lived in the house. Hiram sold it when he moved to North Bennington to live and it went out of the family, though it is still standing (1838)

The church at Shaftsbury Centre adjoining the grave yard, Baptist, was built in 1883 from parts of the first Baptist church there and one at North Bennington (1833) Some of these parts are in the steeple and are marked with an ax as to the place from which they came. The church at North Bennington was located north of the present cemetery there, near the North gate, across the road, where some foundation stone can still be seen. The two small churches were being eaten by ants and becoming unsafe and a controversy as to the site of the new union church ended in a division of the congregations and one was built at each place.

## Attorney Passes



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