

DENNETT The Dennett family is of Norman origin, and Hugh D'Anet is said to have come to England with William the Conqueror. The Dennett family is numerous in England, and there are many who can trace their lineage back six centuries or more. One branch of the family lived in the Isle of Wight, and were farmers. Another family was the owner of Woodmancote, county Sussex, holding an estate of six hundred acres for several centuries. John Leighton Wade Dennet, born May 24, 1802, was a late owner, and had a son of the same name. This family had a coat-of-arms. John and Alexander Dennet, brothers, came from England to Portsmouth, New Hampshire, between 1660 and 1670. John Dennet resided at Portsmouth, and was a carpenter. He was admitted a freeman May 15, 1670, and died May 5, 1709. His will was dated March 17, and proved August 1, 1709. He married Amy ———. Children: 1. John, born December 15, 1675. 2. Amy, April 9, 1679; married John Adams. 3. Joseph, July 10, 1681. 4. Ephraim, August 2, 1689.

(I) Alexander Dennett, immigrant ancestor mentioned above, born about 1639, died in Newcastle, New Hampshire, 1698. He came to New England with his brother John, and settled in Portsmouth. Children: 1. Alexander, mentioned below. 2. Mehitable, died March 12, 1733. 3. Samuel, died March 12, 1733. 4. Joseph, married Sarah Low, November 6, 1734. 5. Annie, married Samuel Jackson, December 28, 1738.

(II) Alexander Dennett, son of Alexander Dennett, was born about 1670. He settled in 1681 in what is now Eliot, Maine, where he lived for a time, and had a grant of land in 1694. He married first, Mehitable, daughter of Gabriel Tetherly; second, Esther Cross, who married second, Anthony Rowe. He died June 7, 1773, in Portsmouth. He was a blacksmith by trade, and carried on business in Portsmouth many years, accumulating considerable property for those days. At one time it was said that he was the richest man in Portsmouth, and the inventory of his estate was but about fifty pounds. He died in Portsmouth, in 1733. Children: 1. Moses, mentioned below. 2. Samuel, died July 15, 1759. 3. Ebenezer, born about 1692; married Abigail Hill. 4. Susanna, married November 18, 1724, Joshua Downing. 5. Mehitable, married ——— Stewart. 6. Elizabeth, married Enoch Sanborn. 7. Sarah, married Joshua Weymouth, October 13, 1720.

(III) Moses Dennett, son of Alexander Dennett, was born about 1690, in Portsmouth, and died July 15, 1749. He married, February 11, 1723, Lydia Furnel, of Kittery, Maine. Children: 1. David, born March 15, 1727, in Newington, New Hampshire; married, 1772, Dolly Downing; died January 18, 1788. 2. Charles, born April 21, 1729, mentioned below. 3. Lydia, born April 16, 1731; died November 13, 1736. 4. Anna, born August 2, 1733; died May 5, 1736. 5. Elizabeth, born December 20, 1735; died December 11, 1736. 6. Moses, born January 17, 1737; died December 27, 1739. 7. Lydia, born February 25, 1738; died December 27, 1738. 8. Mary, born July 31, 1740; died January 5, 1746. 9. Ruth, born 1742; died January 5, 1748.

(IV) Charles Dennett, son of Moses Dennett, was born April 21, 1729, and died April 6, 1763. He married, September 13, 1753, Harriet Nutter. Children: 1. Mary, born 1756; died January 1, 1775. 2. Moses, born 1758; mentioned below. 3. Hannah, born in Barnstead, New Hampshire, 1760; married Jonathan Perkins, of Loudon, New Hampshire.

(V) Moses Dennett, son of Charles Dennett, was born in 1758, and died December 28, 1810, in Barnstead, New Hampshire. His homestead at Barnstead was on high ground looking towards Gilmanton. He removed there from Portsmouth about 1769, and was a tailor by trade. His house of logs stood on the spot now occupied by his descendants. For a considerable time after moving there he brought all his provisions on horseback from Dover, following a blazed trail through the forest. The house stood deep in the woods and in his absence he usually left a small boy with his wife. At one time the boy, becoming tired of the lonely life, ran away to his home in Dover, leaving Mrs. Dennett alone in her cabin for several days and nights to be entertained by the howling wolves and the bleak storms of winter. Moses Dennett had an excellent farm, which has descended for four generations to the present occupants. He was in the revolution, in Colonel Dike's regiment, enlisting September 8, 1777, discharged December 15, 1777. He married Betsey Nutter. Children, born in Barnstead: 1. Polly, 1782 (?), married Francis Blake; died 1862, in Dorchester. 2. Hannah, born 1784; married John Nutter, of Stratham; died 1859. 3. Annie, born 1786; died March 27, 1807. 4. Charles, born November 8, 1788; married November 1813, "Mappy" Ham, of Rochester;

died March 4, 1867. 5. Oliver, born November 6, 1790; mentioned below. 6. Olive, born February 6, 1793; married 1812, William H. Newell; died August 25, 1878. 7. Mark, born November 5, 1795; died May 10, 1843. 8. Elizabeth, born November 28, 1799; married first, Abijah Ross; second, ——— North; died in Lowell, Massachusetts, January 7, 1873.

(VI) Oliver Dennett, son of Moses Dennett, was born in Barnstead, November 6, 1790, and died there July 11, 1865. He was brought up on his father's farm, and also assisted him in his work as a tailor. He received his education in the district school, and at the age of twenty-two went to fight for his country in the war of 1812. After the war he returned home and took charge of the farm, assisting his father at his trade as before. He was very popular among his townsmen, and was for many years justice of the peace. He served as selectman, and was a Republican in politics. He married April 11, 1810, Eunice Seward, of Barnstead. Children, born in Barnstead: 1. Moses, March 23, 1817; married October 7, 1839, Elizabeth Frank, of Illinois. 2. George Seward, December 7, 1818. 3. Mark Alexander, October 9, 1820; married October 31, 1842, Hannah Foss, of Pittsfield; died April 4, 1900, at Gilmanton. 4. Elizabeth Ann, born October 3, 1822; married December 10, 1842, John Lyford Pickering. 5. Lucia A., born November 15, 1824, married August 23, 1849, Hiram Lee; died March 5, 1875. 6. Charles, born October 15, 1826; married December 29, 1863, Kate G. Watson; died 1904. 7. Maria J., born July 27, 1828; married September 10, 1851, Lafayette Moore. 8. Miranda E., born October 31, 1830; married April 19, 1854, Philemon C. Parsons. 9. Mary W., born October 1, 1832; married December 25, 1850, Freeman Higgins, of Gorham, Maine. 10. Oliver Augustus, born March 7, 1837; married June 8, 1870, Fannie Hopkins of West Lebanon, New Hampshire. 11. Laura, born June 27, 1839, married June 22, 1862, James Emerson, M. D., of Gardner, Massachusetts. 12. John Plumer, born May 27, 1841. 13. Herbert Enos, born March 7, 1844; mentioned below.

(VII) Herbert Enos Dennett, son of Oliver Dennett, was born in Barnstead, March 7, 1844. He married November 17, 1869, in Gloucester, Massachusetts, Alice Howard Battles, born at Graniteville, South Carolina, August 12, 1858, daughter of Benjamin Porters and Lucretia (Olds) Battles. Her father

was born in Boston, and her mother in Norwich, Vermont. Benjamin P. Battles was a cotton manufacturer. Children of Herbert Enos Dennett: 1. Lyford Guy, born December 6, 1871; mentioned below. 2. Oliver Max, born March 27, 1874; married June 1, 1893, Mabel Hart, of Belmont; children: i. Kenneth, born November 22, 1898; ii. Helen, May 26, 1900; iii. Dorothy, November 2, 1901; iv. Donald, December 23, 1903; v. Frances, February 10, 1905. 3. Roger Herbert, born July 21, 1876; graduated from Harvard Medical School; is in practice in New York City; April 12, 1905, he married Agena Villette Wheeler, of Brooklyn, New York; two children: Alice, born June 10, 1906; Nancy W., January 18, 1908. 4. Howard Scott, born in Boston, October 1, 1878; is a broker in New York City; he married Mabel Hammond Brett, August 27, 1902; children: Margaret, born June 13, 1903; Mary Hammond, March 22, 1905; Cynthia, September 8, 1906. 5. Eunice, born in Boston, January 16, 1880; married Clarence Walton Eaton, October 16, 1907; resides in New Bedford, Massachusetts. 6. Keith, born in Boston, April 22, 1884, died December 29, 1887. 7. Minot Savage, born in Belmont, Massachusetts, June 4, 1888.

(VIII) Lyford Guy Dennett, son of Herbert E. and Alice Howard (Battles) Dennett, was born in Rockport, Massachusetts, December 6, 1871. He attended the public schools of Belmont, Massachusetts, graduating from the high school. He studied his profession in the Law School of Boston University, and was admitted to the bar at the age of twenty-two years. He entered partnership with William P. Foster, under the firm name of Foster & Dennett, and continued until the firm was dissolved on account of the ill health of the senior partner, in 1904. Since then Mr. Dennett has practiced alone. He has taken high standing in the legal profession and is well known in Suffolk and Middlesex county. He resides in Waverly, Massachusetts, and has offices in Boston. He is a Republican in politics, and a Unitarian in his religion. He is a member of the Blue Lodge of Free Masons. He married, December 6, 1894, Mabel Ellis, who was born September 8, 1871, daughter of Lucius and Grace Gurnsey Ellis, of Belmont, Massachusetts. Children: 1. Jessie, born in Belmont, September 14, 1897. 2. Ellis Howard, born September 3, 1900. 3. Theodore Norris, born in Belmont, May 24, 1904.