



AMERICAN ANCESTORS OF THE CHILDREN OF  
 JOSEPH <sup>Wheeler</sup> AND DANIELLA WHEELER OF  
 WHOM WE HAVE RECORDS.

ABBREVIATIONS, &c.

- b. for born.  
 m. for married.  
 m. 1, for 1st marriage.  
 m. 2, for 2d marriage.  
 d. for died.  
 dau. for daughter.  
 gen. for generation.  
 gens. for genealogies.  
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WHEELER GENEALOGY.

**Moses Wheeler**, born Kent county, England, 1598. Settled in New Haven, 1638. Married Miriam, sister of Joseph Hawley. Settled in Stratford, 1648. Was an extensive land-holder and influential man. Established ferry over the Housatonic by charter from General Court. Died

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January 15, 1698. Age 100 years. Rev. Adam Blakeman, the first pastor of Stratford, married Moses Wheeler's sister.

[In early days spelled Wheler and sometimes still so spelled in England.]

2nd generation of Wheelers in America. Moses Wheeler's children were :

Elizabeth, b. Aug. 1, 1642. **Moses**, b. July 5, 1651.

Miriam, b. Mar. 28, 1647. Mary, b. Sept. 13, 1655.

Samuel, b. April 28, 1649. Joanna, b. Mar. 5, 1658.

Elizabeth m. 1, Samuel Blakeman, who died. m. 2, Jacob Walker. General David Wooster was her grandson.

Mary m. 1, Samuel Fairchild ; 2, Benjamin Beach.

**Moses** m. Sarah Nichols, Oct. 20, 1674. d. Jan. 30, 1724.

He was a wealthy man.

3 gen. Their 8 children were :

Moses, b. July 8, 1675. **Samuel**, b. Feb. 27, 1681.

Caleb, b. Jan. 29, 1676. James, b. Oct. 23, 1683.

Sarah, b. June 26, 1678. Robert, b. May 18, 1686.

Nathan, b. Jan. 31, 1680. Elizabeth, b. Aug. 8, 1687.

**Samuel** m. 1, Mary Brinsmade, May, 1708. She d. Feb. 1713. m. 2, Lois, widow of Ebenezer Riggs, of Derby. He died 1721. She d. Sept. 11, 1767.

4 gen. Their 4 children were :

Sarah, b. Nov. 6, 1710. Mary, b. May 30, 1714.

Samuel, b. July 25, 1712. **James**, b. July, 1716.

**James** m. Sarah Johnson, May 19, 1736. Was commissioned Captain in 1756. Was a large land-holder at Derby Narrows. d. July 9, 1768; his widow d. Sept., 1812.

5 gen. Their 14 children were :

Sarah, b. Dec. 27, 1737. **Moses**, b. July 28, 1750.

Samuel, b. Sept. 24, 1739. Anna, b. Aug. 10, 1752.

Simeon, b. Apl. 15, 1741. David, b. Mar. 14, 1754.

Ruth, b. May 26, 1743. John, b. June 2, 1756.

James, b. Apl. 6, 1745. **Elijah**, b. Dec. 22, 1758.

Dan, b. Mar. 1, 1747. Hannah, b. Mar. 25, 1761.

**Joseph**, b. May 2, 1748. Sarah, b. Apl. 5, 1764.

HERE LAYES  
THE BODY OF  
MR MOSES WHEELER  
WHO DEPARTED THIS  
LIFE JANUARY THE 30  
1724 IN THE 74<sup>th</sup>  
YEAR OF HIS AGE.

Sarah m. Stephen Whitney, grandfather of noted Stephen Whitney of New York.

[Extracts from the Whitney genealogy, pages 42, 43, and 121.

"Stephen Whitney married Sarah Wheeler, born at Derby December 27, 1737, daughter of Captain James and Sarah (Johnson) Wheeler.

"His brother, Henry Whitney, married Eunise Clark, born at Derby April 15, 1746. Her sister, Eliza Clark, married Joseph Hull of Derby 1749, and became the mother of General William Hull and the grandmother of Commodore Isaac Hull. Henry's seventh son was Stephen Whitney, born at Derby 1776; became a millionaire. He died in 1860. His estate was appraised at \$4,419,422.00."]

Samuel m. Lois Fairchild; Simeon m. Sarah Baldwin; James m. Mary Clark of Milford; John m. 1st Sibyl Todd, 2d Sarah Johnson; Ruth m. Nathan Fairchild.

**Joseph**, No. 1, m., Sarah Wheeler Apl. 11, 1771; she d. Apl. 10, 1772; m. 2, Lucy Smith 1773. They resided in Derby Narrows.

6 gen. Their 6 children were:

Sally, b. Oct. 2, 1774. Whittlesey, b. Sept. 19, 1784.

William, b. Apl. 3, 1779. **Joseph**, 2, b. Aug. 9, 1787.

Nancy, b. Mar. 1, 1782. Mary, b. May 19, 1791.

Sally m. Jesse Beach, of Litchfield, 1792. Nancy m. Louis Allen, a descendant of Ethan Allen; moved to New Haven. Mary m. Levi Hull, 1811, brother of Commodore Isaac Hull, U. S. Navy, who captured the British frigate *Guerriere*.

Levi and Mary Hull's children were:

Mary Augusta, m. F. A. Platt, 1851. Sarah L., m. P. S. Galpin, 1851; William, d. Aug. 1, 1833.

**Joseph**, No. 2, moved when young to Augusta, Ga. He m. 1, Sally Bradley, 8 Sept., 1811; she d. 23 Nov., 1821; m. 2, Julia Knox Hull, 12 Sept., 1825; she b. 10 March, 1799; d. 26 June, 1842.

7 gen. Their 5 children were:

Sarah M., b. 7 Mar., 1815. Sarah Louise, b. 25 Oct., 1832.

Lucy Josephine, b. 5 Jan., William Hull, b. 15 Oct., 1834.

1830.

**Joseph**, 3, b. 10 Sept., 1836.

Sarah m. Samuel Jenks Smith, 1835 ; d. Dec., 1889. Lucy m. Sterling Smith, 4 Sept., 1849. William was an officer of Army of Northern Virginia ; d. 26 Dec., 1861.

**Joseph**, No. 3, graduated at West Point, 1859 ; was senior Cavalry General Confederate Army ; Member of Congress since 1880. He married Daniella Jones, 8 Feb'y, 1866.

8 gen. Their children were :

<b>Joseph</b> , Jr.	Ella, died young.
Lucy Louise.	Julia K. H.
Annie Early.	Thomas H.
	Carrie Peyton.

**Joseph**, Jr., No. 4, graduated at West Point, 1895. Is Lieut. of Artillery, U. S. Army.

#### WHEELER—HULL.

**Richard** Hull, b. in England about 1599 ; made freeman in Boston Apr., 1634 ; removed to New Haven, Conn., 1639 ; Representative to General Assembly ; d. Sept., 1662.

2 gen. His 4 children were :

<b>John</b> , b. 1640.	Jeremiah, b. 1644.
Hannah, b. 1642.	Mary, b. 1646.

Hannah m. Edward Dorman. Mary m. John Jackson.

**John** Hull, b. 1640 ; removed to Derby, which town he represented in the General Assembly ; afterwards went to Wallingford, where he was a large holder of lands, granted for services rendered as surgeon in King Phillip's war ; m. Mary Jones, d. Dec. 6, 1711.

3 gen. Their 8 children were :

John, b. Mar. 14, 1662.	Richard, b.	1678.
Samuel, b. Feb. 4, 1664.	Ebenezer, b. Sept. 28,	1679.
Mary, b. Oct. 31, 1666.	Jeremiah, b.	1679.
<b>Joseph</b> , b. Feb. 16, 1668.	Andrew, b.	1685.
Benjamin, b. April 10,		1672.

John m. Hannah Prindle. Mary m. Joseph Prindle.

**Joseph** Hull, of Derby, b. 1668 ; m. Mary Nichols, 1691 ; d. 1744.

4 gen. Their 8 children were :

Samuel, b. 1692.	Mary, b. 1699.
<b>Joseph</b> , 2, b. 1694.	Sarah, b. 1701.
Caleb, b. 1696.	Abijah, b. 1703.
Andrew, b. 1698.	Nathan, b. 1709.

**Joseph** Hull, 2, b. 1694, was a farmer and member of General Assembly ; m. Sarah Bennett, 1725 ; she was dau. of Deacon Daniel Bennett, who entertained Lafayette and his officers when marching to join Washington at the Highlands.

5 gen. Their 3 children were :

Sarah, b. Sept. 7, 1726 ; m. Rev. Dr. Mansfield, of Derby.

**Joseph**, 3. b. Feb. 18, 1728.

Elizabeth, b. Nov. 18, 1731 ; died April 16, 1738.

**Joseph Hull**, 3, b. 1728 ; m. Elizabeth Clark, of Lyme Centre, 1749 ; d. 1775.

6 gen. Their 8 children were :

Joseph, 4, b. 1750.	Levi, b. 1754.
Samuel, b. 1751.	Eliza, b. 1756.
Isaac, b. 1752.	David, b. 1764.
<b>William</b> , b. 1753.	Sarah, b. 1766.

Joseph, 4, was Lieutenant of Artillery during Revolutionary war ; also commanded flotilla and captured, by boarding, two British armed vessels. He d. 1825. He was the father of Commodore Isaac Hull of the United States Navy, b. 9 March, 1775, d. Feb. 1843.

Samuel was Lieutenant in the war of the Revolution.

David Hull, b. 1764, m. Miss Eliot, of Boston. Their dau. Susan m. John C. Sanford, of New York ; their dau. Susan Elizabeth m., June 16, 1853, Theodore Salter, of New York.

(See Hull Genealogy by Clark, p. 6 ; and History of Stratford, p. 388 ; and History of Derby, p. 788.)

**William Hull**, b. June 24, 1753 ; educated at Yale College ; studied law ; was admitted to the bar in 1775. In the same year was chosen Capt. of the first company raised in Derby, and went with Col. Webb's Regiment to Cambridge and took part in the siege of Boston. Was Major of 8th Mass. in 1777, Lieut.-Col. in 1779, and Assistant Inspector under Baron Steuben. He was in the battles of Long Island, White Plains, Trenton, Princeton, Ticonderoga, Stillwater, Saratoga, Monmouth, and was thanked by the Government for gallantly leading his regiment in storming Stony Point. Lossing, vol. 1, p. 55, in his account of the battle of Stillwater, thus speaks of him :

"More than one-half of an American detachment under Major Hull, consisting of 200 men, was killed or wounded."

Hull's portrait is in Trumbull's famous life size painting of the "Surrender of Burgoyne," now in the rotunda of the U. S. Capitol.

He led a successful expedition against Morrisania, for which he received the thanks of Washington and Congress. He commanded Washington's escort when he entered New York, the day the British left it. At the close of the war he was retained as Lieut.-Colonel of the one regiment continued in service, and was stationed at West Point 1783-'84. In 1786 he resigned from the service and settled in Newton. In Jan., 1787, he acted as Aide to General Lincoln in suppressing Shay's rebellion. In 1793, he was appointed Commissioner to make a treaty with Indians ; was afterwards Judge of Court of Common Pleas of Middlesex County, and Major-General of the 3d Division of Mass. Militia. Was State Senator from 1798 to 1805, when he was appointed Governor of Michigan Territory. In the spring of 1812 he was asked to accept command of the troops ordered to Detroit. This he declined, but the officer in command being taken sick he consented to lead the troops to Detroit. He opened a road for two hundred miles through the wilderness to Detroit, and when he arrived was ordered

to invade Canada with a badly armed and wholly inadequate force, and without naval support, though he had insisted on its necessity and had the pledge of the Government that he should be thus supported. The campaign was a failure. Detroit was lost, and General Hull was very unjustly held accountable for disasters caused by others.

(See Jared Sparks' letters and correspondence of Washington.

Benson J. Lossing, LL. D., Pictorial History of the War of 1812, pages 251 to 297.

Appleton's Cyclopaedia of American Biography, vol. 3, p. 308.

Harper's Cyclopaedia of United States History, pages 657-658.

Benson J. Lossing, LL. D., in Potter's American Monthly Magazine, August, 1875, pp. 561 to 568.

Memoir of General William Hull, by Samuel C. Clark. Congressional Record, 47th Congress, 2d Sess., Appendix, pages 271 to 278.

Memoirs of the Campaign of 1812.

Military and Civil Life of General Hull, by Mrs. Campbell and his Grandson, Rev. James Freeman Clarke, of Boston.)

These works fully vindicate his memory from the false and unjust charges under which he suffered. He m. Sarah, only daughter of Hon. Abraham Fuller of Newton, in 1781.

7 gen. Their 8 children were :

Sarah, b. 20 Jan., 1783.

Maria, b. 7 June, 1788.

Eliza, b. 22 Jan., 1784.

Rebecca Parker, b. 7 Feb.,

Abraham Fuller, b. 8 Mar.,

1790.

1786.

Caroline, b. 30 April, 1793.

Ann Binney, b. 19 June,

Julia Knox, b. 10 Mar.,

1787.

1799.

Sarah m. Judge John McKesson, of New York, 26 Aug., 1802.

Eliza m. Isaac McLellan, of Portland, 13 Mar., 1805.

Ann Binney m. Capt. H. H. Hickman, U. S. Army, 1808.

Abraham graduated at Harvard, 1805; was Capt. 9 Inf., U. S. Army; killed at Lundy's Lane, July 25, 1814. Lossing's history of the war of 1812, p. 828, has a picture of his tombstone, on which is inscribed:

"This was erected by his brother officers to mark the spot where Capt. Hull, U. S. Army, fell in the memorable action at Lundy's Lane, 25 July, 1814, gallantly leading his men to the charge."

Lossing also says:

He was an excellent officer, and his loss was much lamented."

Maria m. Edward Fenwick Campbell, of Augusta, Georgia. His Fenwick ancestry were a very ancient and distinguished family, including Roger Fenwick, who was killed in an assault while mounting the breeches at the siege of Dunkirk, 14 June, 1658, and Sir John Fenwick, Baronet, who was tried by Parliament November 6, 1696, to January 11, 1697, for adhering to King James. The vote in the House of Lords was 66 for, to 60 against, the bill of attainder, and in the Commons 189 to 156. (State Trials, vol. 13, pp. 538 to 759.)

The family have lived for fourteen centuries near Newcastle on Tyne.

In this country they were connected with the Draytons and Tattnalls of South Carolina and Georgia, and Col. John Roger Fenwick, U. S. Army.

Rebecca Parker m. Samuel Clarke, of Newton, Mass., 18 May, 1805. Rev. James Freeman Clarke, D. D., was her son.

Caroline m. Rufus K. Page, of Hallowell, Me., 25 Mar., 1819.

**Julia Knox m. Joseph Wheeler**, No. 2, of Augusta, Ga., 12 Sept., 1825. d. 26 June, 1842.

Their son **Joseph Wheeler**, No. 3, born Sept. 10, 1836. His son **Joseph Wheeler, Jr.**, born March 23, 1872, now Lieut of Artillery, U. S. Army. (See Wheeler Genealogy.)

## WHEELER—FULLER.

**John Fuller**, b. 1620; came with J. Winthrop, Jr., in the Abigail, Hackwell, master, in 1635; settled in Newton, 1644.\* Was a wealthy man and one of the largest land-owners in the town, and the family owned what is now Newton for 200 years; m. Elizabeth. d. Feb. 7th, 1698. She d. 13 April, 1700.

2 gen. in America. Their 8 children were :

<b>John</b> , b. 1645.	<b>Joshua</b> , b. 1654.
<b>Jonathan</b> , b. 1648.	<b>Jeremiah</b> , b. 1658.
<b>Elizabeth</b> , b. 1650.	<b>Bertha</b> , b. 1661.
<b>Joseph</b> , b. 1652.	<b>Isaac</b> , b. 1665.

**John** m. 1, Abigail Boyleston, 1682; 2, Margaret Hicks, 1714. **Elizabeth** m. Job Hyde, 1667, **Joshua** m. Elizabeth, dau. of John Ward, Jr., of Newton, 1679.

**Joseph** Fuller, b. 1652; m. Dec., 1680, Lydia Jackson, dau. of Edward Jackson of Newton; was Captain of the Newton Horse Company and was Selectman for 5 years; d. 5 Jan., 1740. His wife, Lydia, d. in 1726.

3 gen. Their 7 children were :

<b>John</b> , b. 1681.	<b>Edward</b> , b. 7 Mar., 1694.
<b>Joseph</b> , 2, b. 4 July, 1685.	<b>Isaac</b> , b. 16 Mar., 1698.
<b>Jonathan</b> , b. 7 Jan., 1686.	<b>Elizabeth</b> , b. 1 July, 1701.
<b>Lydia</b> , b. 15 Feb. 1692.	

**Lydia** m. Stratton; **Elizabeth** m. Josiah Bond, 1720. Some of the nieces of Joseph Fuller, No. 1, married as follows :

**Elizabeth**, dau. of Joshua, m. Isaac Shepard, 1702.

**Hannah** m. Stephen Cook, of Watertown.

**Experience** m. 1, Mason; 2, John Child.

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\* Clarke's Fullers of New England, page 3, speaks of Edward Fuller and Doctor Samuel Fuller and John Fuller as of the same family, but does not state what relation, if any, existed. Chief Justice Melville W. Fuller is a direct descendant of Edward Fuller.

Mercy m. Cady. Abigail m. Joseph Garfield. Sarah m. Richard Park. Ruth m. Cheny.

**Joseph Fuller**, 2, b. July 4, 1685. m. May 11, 1719, Sarah, dau. of Abraham Jackson. Was chosen representative to General Court in 1749; was Selectman six years; d. 23 April, 1766; wife d. 21 Nov. 1764.

4 gen. Their 2 children were:

**Abraham**, b. 23 March, 1720. Elizabeth, b. Oct., 1722. Elizabeth m. Rev. Isaac Jones, of Weston, 1749.

**Abraham Fuller**, b. 23 Mar., 1720; m. Sarah Dyer, of Weymouth, in 1758. He was Selectman 4 years. Representative in General Court 18 years. Delegate to Provincial Congress, Senator, Councillor and Judge of Court of Common Pleas, Middlesex County; was a Member of the Convention assembled in 1788 to ratify the Constitution of the United States. d. 20 April, 1794. His wife d. 7 April, 1803.

5 gen. Their dau. **Sarah Fuller**, b. 27 April, 1759; m. Col. Wm. Hull in 1781, a distinguished officer of the Revolution. He d. in 1825; she d. 1 Aug., 1826.

6 gen. Their dau. **Julia Knox** m. **Joseph Wheeler**, No. 2, of Augusta, Ga. 7 gen. Their son **Joseph Wheeler**, No. 3, b. 1836. 8 gen. His son **Joseph Wheeler, Jr.**, No. 4, b. 1872.

(See Wheeler and Hull gens.)

#### WHEELER—SMITH.

**Andrew Smith**, m. Sarah Tomlinson, 21 May, 1696.

2 gen. Their 8 children were:

Nathan, b. 9 Feb., 1697. Andrew, b. 3 Oct., 1711.

**Jonah**, b. 29 Sept., 1699. Joseph, b. 29 July, 1715.

Mary, b. 12 Feb., 1705. Hannah, b. 12 May, 1718.

Rachael, b. 9 May, 1708. Josiah, b.

**Jonah Smith** m. Grace Riggs, 22 Mar., 1726.

3 gen. Their 5 children were:

**Isaac**, b. 18 Mar., 1734.      **Hannah**, b. 15 July, 1742.  
**Sarah**, b. 1 July, 1738.      **Edward**, b. 25 Sept., 1748.  
**Esther**, b. 18 Dec., 1739.

**Isaac** Smith m. **Lucy** Clarke, dau. **Wm.** and **Hannah** Clarke, and sister to **Elizabeth** Clarke, wife of **Joseph** Hull, 3rd, of **Derby**.

4 gen. Their 3 children were :

**Lucy**, b. 22 Dec., 1754.      **Charity**, b. 22 Dec., 1757.  
**Esther**, b. 4 Feb., 1756.

**Lucy** Smith m. **Joseph** Wheeler, No. 1, 1773. 5 gen.  
 Their son **Joseph** Wheeler, No. 2, b. 9 Aug., 1787. 6 gen.  
 His son **Joseph** Wheeler, No. 3, b. 1836. 7 gen. His  
 son **Joseph** Wheeler, Jr., No. 4, b. 1872.

(See Wheeler and Riggs gens.)

#### WHEELER—DYER.

**Thomas** Dyer, freeman, 1640 ; Representative to General Court, 1646 to 1650 ; d. 1676. Wife **Agnes**.

2 gen. Their children were :

<b>Mary</b> , b. 1641.	<b>Sarah</b> , b. 1649.
<b>John</b> , b. 1643.	<b>Thomas</b> , 2, b. 1651.
<b>Thomas</b> , b. 1645.	<b>Joseph</b> } b. 1653.
<b>Abigail</b> , b. 1647.	<b>Benjamin</b> }

**Joseph** Dyer, freeman, 1681 ; m. **Hannah**, 1682.

3 gen. Their children were :

<b>Hannah</b> , b. 10 Oct., 1682.	<b>John</b> , b. 9 April, 1692.
<b>Hannah</b> , b. 13 Feb., 1684.	<b>Thomas</b> , b. 15 April, 1684.
<b>Joseph</b> , 2, b. 19 Jan., 1686.	<b>Mehitabel</b> , b. 9 June, 1700.
<b>Benjamin</b> , b. 13 Apl., 1688.	<b>Sarah</b> , b. 29 Aug., 1702.
<b>Mary</b> , b. 12 April, 1690.	

**Joseph** Dyer, 2, m. **Jane** Stephens, 1726.

4 gen. Their 6 children were :

<b>Sarah</b> , b. 20 Mar., 1727.	<b>Asa</b> , b. 26 July, 1739.
<b>Jane</b> , b. 2 May, 1729.	<b>Mary</b> , b. 13 Mar., 1744.
<b>Joseph</b> , b. 7 Sept., 1733.	<b>James</b> , b. 14 June, 1746.

**Sarah** m. Judge **Abraham** Fuller, 1758.

5 gen. Their daughter **Sarah**, b. 1759; m. Col. Wm. Hull, 1781. 6 gen. Their daughter **Julia Knox Hull**, b. 1799; m. **Joseph Wheeler**, No. 2, of Augusta, Ga., 1825. 7 gen. Their son **Joseph**, No. 3, b. 1836. 8 gen. His son **Joseph, Jr.**, No. 4, b. 1872.

(See Wheeler, Hull, and Fuller gens.)

#### WHEELER—JOHNSON—WOOSTER.

**Peter Johnson**, b. in England about 1608; in Boston, 1638; removed to Fairfield 1649.

2 gen. His son

**Ebenezer Johnson**, b. 1649; settled in Stratford and removed to Derby about 1668; m. Elizabeth, dau. of Edward Wooster, in 1671 (Edward Wooster, of Milford, b. in England 1622; was one of the first settlers of Derby. He was grandfather of Gen. David Wooster, who served with great honor in the Revolution and d. 1777).

3 gen. Their children were:

Elizabeth, b. 1672.	<b>Ebenezer</b> , 2, b. 22 Feb., 1687.
Eunice, b. 1678.	Timothy, b. 1693.
Hannah, b. 1680.	Charles, b. 1696.
Peter, b. 1684.	

**Ebenezer**, 2, b. 1687; m. Elizabeth Hine, 19 Feb., 1719; was Lieutenant, 1722; was Selectman of Derby for many years; d. 10 Sept., 1751.

4 gen. Their children were:

Hannah, b. 1719.	David, b. 1725.
<b>Sarah</b> , b. 1721.	Ann, b. 26 June, 1727.
Ebenezer, b. 1723.	Alexander, b. Sept., 1729.

**Sarah Johnson** m. Capt. **James Wheeler**, 19 May, 1736.

(See Wheeler genealogy.)

5 gen. Their son **Joseph**, No. 1, b. 1748. 6 gen. His son **Joseph**, No. 2, b. 1787. 7 gen. His son **Joseph**, No. 3, b. 1836. 8 gen. His son **Joseph, Jr.**, No. 4, b. 1872.

(See Wheeler genealogy.)

## WHEELER—RIGGS.

**Edward Riggs**, b. about 1585 ; m. Elizabeth ; came from England and settled in Roxbury, Mass., 1633 ; d. 1672.

2 gen. Their children were :

Lydia, Elizabeth, **Edward**, Mary.

**Edward**, b. in England about 1605 ; was Sergeant in Pequot war, 1637 ; Wallace's "Riggs Genealogy" says :

"In 1637 he was a sergeant in the Pequot War and greatly distinguished himself in rescuing his commander and twelve of his companions from an ambuscade. The bravery of this act is a prominent feature in the history of the campaign."

"Hubbard's Indian Wars," pp. 33-34, speaks of a fight in which Sergeant Edward Riggs was engaged with the Pequots in a swamp near the present site of Stratford, July 13, 1637, and says :

"Some were in danger of the enemies' arrows, that flew thick about them, others were in as much hazard of being swallowed by the miery bogs of the swamp, wherein they stuck so fast, that if Sergeant *Riggs* of *Roxbury* had not rescued two or three of them, they had fallen into the hands of the enemy ; but such was the strength and courage of those that came to the rescue, that some of the Indians were slain with their swords."

He settled in Milford, Conn., 1646, and in 1654 he and Edward Wooster moved to Derby and were its first settlers.

Sergeant **Riggs** m. Elizabeth Roosa, 1635.

3 gen. Their children were :

Edward, **Samuel**, Joseph, Mary.

**Samuel** m. Sarah Baldwin, 14 June, 1667 ; 2, Sarah Washburn, 6 May, 1713 ; Representative several years ; Selectman of Derby for many years ; Ensign 1690 ; Justice of the Peace, 1703. A man of ability and means.

4 gen. Their children were :

Samuel, b. 1671.	Elizabeth, b. 7 Oct., 1680.
Sarah, b. 1672.	<b>Edward</b> , b. 7 Oct., 1680.
Sarah, b. 1674.	Sarah, b. 1683.
John, b. 1676.	Joseph, b. 1686.
Ebenezer, b. 15 Oct., 1678.	

**Edward**, b. 7 Oct., 1680 ; m. Abigail Nichols, 5 Jan., 1708 ;  
d. 25 Nov., 1712.

5 gen. Their children were :

**Grace**, b. 9 Oct., 1708.                      **Esther**, b. 1713.  
Abigail, b. 1711.

**Grace Riggs**, b. 1708 ; m. Jonah Smith, 22 Mar., 1726.

6 gen. Their son

**Isaac Smith**, b. 18 Mar., 1734 ; m. Lucy Clarke. 7 gen.  
Their daughter **Lucy Smith**, b. 22 Dec., 1754 ; m. **Joseph  
Wheeler**, No. 1, 1773 ; d. 13 Feb., 1817. 8 gen. Their son,  
**Joseph Wheeler**, No. 2, b. 9 Aug., 1787 ; m. Julia Knox  
Hull. 9 gen. Their son **Joseph Wheeler**, No. 3, b. 10  
Sept., 1836. 10 gen. Their son **Joseph Wheeler, Jr.**, No.  
4, b. 21 Mar., 1872.

(See Wheeler, Hull, Smith gens.)

#### WHEELER—JACKSON—FULLER.

**Christopher Jackson**, b. England about 1560.

2 gen. His sons were :

Deacon John Jackson, b. London about 1602.

**Edward Jackson**, b. London about 1602.

**Edward Jackson**, freeman 1645, settled in Newton 1646.  
m. 1, in England about 1630 ; 2, **Elizabeth Oliver**, 1649.

3 gen. His children were :

Frances.	Jonathan.
Israel.	Sebas.
Margaret, b. 1633.	Sarah, b. 1649.
Hannah, b. 1634.	Edward, b. 1652.
Rebecca, b. 1636.	<b>Lydia</b> , b. 1656.
Caleb, b. 1638.	Elizabeth, b. 1658.
Joseph, b. 1639.	Ruth, b. 1664.

Sebas (Seaborn) is supposed to have been born on the  
passage to America ; he was the youngest son of the English  
wife.

**Lydia** m. Joseph Fuller, 1679.

4 gen. Their son **Joseph**, b. July, 1685; m. Sarah, dau. Abraham Jackson. 5 gen. Their son **Abraham** Fuller, b. 23 Mar., 1720; m. Sarah Dyer. 6 gen. Their dau. **Sarah**, b. 1759; m. Col. Wm. Hull. 7 gen. Their daughter **Julia Knox**, b. 1799; m. **Joseph Wheeler**, No. 2. 8 gen. His son **Joseph Wheeler**, No. 3, b. 1836. 9 gen. His son **Joseph Wheeler**, No. 4, b. 1872.

(See Wheeler, Fuller, Hull gens.)

#### WHEELER—JACKSON.

**Christopher** Jackson, b. England about 1560.

2 gen. His sons were:

Deacon **John** Jackson, b. London, christened 6 June, 1602.

Edward Jackson, b. London, christened 6 June, 1602.

Deacon **John**, settled Newton, 1639; freeman 1641.

3 gen. His children were:

John, b. 1639.

Deliverance, b. 1657.

Caleb, b. 1645.

Joshua, b. 1659.

Hannah, b. 1646.

Isabel, b. 1661.

Abigail, b. 1647.

Mary, b. 1662.

Margaret, b. 1649.

Grace.

Edward, b. 1650.

Theodosia, b.

Ann.

Sarah.

**Abraham**, b. 1655.

**Abraham** m. Elizabeth Bisco.

4 gen. Their children were:

Elizabeth, b. 1680.

Mary, b. 1689.

John, b. 1682.

Abigail, b. 1690.

**Sarah**, b. 1683.

Abigail, b. 1692.

Margaret, b. 1685.

Abraham, b. 1693.

Mary, b. 1686.

Thomas, b. 1694.

Hannah, b. 1687.

Elizabeth m. Ephriam Williams. Her first son was the founder of Williams College.

Hannah m. 1, James Trowbridge, Jr., 1712; 2, John Fuller, son of Joseph Fuller, Sr., Feb., 1716.

**Sarah** m. Joseph Fuller, 2, 11 May, 1719.

5 gen. Their son was **Abraham** Fuller, b. 3 Mar., 1720.

6 gen. His dau. **Sarah**, b. 1759; m. Col. Wm. Hull. 7

gen. Their dau. **Julia Knox**, b. 1799; m. **Joseph Wheeler**,

No. 2. 8 gen. Their son was **Joseph Wheeler**, No. 3,

b. 1836. 9th gen. His son **Joseph Wheeler, Jr.**, No. 4, b. 1872.

(See Wheeler, Fuller, and Hull gens.)

### WHEELER—NICHOLS.

Sergeant **Francis Nichols**, b. England about 1595, one of the original proprietors in Stratford, Conn., and Southold, L. I., 1639; was nearly related, probably brother of Col. Richard Nicolls, first English Governor of New York and Commander, under the Duke of York, of the fleet which took the New Netherlands from the Dutch in 1664.

(See MS. of C. W. de Lyon Nichols, and History of Stratford, p. 1251.)

2 gen. His 5 children were:

Isaac, b. England.	Daughter, b. England.
<b>Caleb</b> , b. " "	Anne, b. after 1639.
John, b. " "	

**Caleb Nichols** m. Anne, dau. of Andrew Ward, of Fairfield. d. 1690.

3 gen. Their 13 children were:

<b>Sarah</b> , b. 1 Dec., 1651.	Abigail, b. 6 Feb., 1664.
Anne, b. 5 Mar., 1653.	Hannah, b. Aug., 1667.
Esther, b. 17 Feb., 1655.	Caleb, b. Feb., 1669.
Joseph, b. 22 Dec., 1656.	Phebe, b. 12 Nov., 1671.
Samuel, b. 29 Mar., 1658.	<b>Mary</b> , b. 1674.
Andrew, b. 28 Nov., 1659.	John, b. 12 Nov., 1676.
Abraham, b. 19 Jan., 1662.	

**Sarah** m. Moses Wheeler, Jr., 20 Oct., 1674. Esther m.

John Prentice. Abigail m. Wm. Martin. Hannah m. Wm. Nichols. Phebe m. Isaac Knell, Jr. **Mary** m. Joseph Hull.

**Joseph** Wheeler, No. 3, b. 1836, was 7 in descent from **Sarah** Nichols (Wheeler), and also 7 in descent from her sister **Mary** Nichols (Hull), and 9 in descent from Sergeant Francis Nichols.

(See Wheeler and Hull genealogies.)

#### WHEELER—JONES.

**Harrison Jones**, b. Cumberland Co., Virginia, 14 Oct., 1757; a soldier of the Revolution. Had leg shot off at battle of Guilford Court House, 15 Mar., 1781. Received a pension for services; d. 12th Jan., 1841, near Oxford, Miss.

The first certificate for pension was from the State of Virginia, and was in the following words:

"I do, with the advice of the Council, hereby certify that Harrison Jones, aged 30 years, late a private in the militia of the county of Cumberland, appears to have been disabled in such a manner while in the service of the United States as to entitle him to the sum of fifteen pounds yearly, which allowance is accordingly made him, to commence from the first day of January, 1786.

"Given under my hand as Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, at Richmond, this 25th day of January, 1787.

"T. MEREWITHE.

EDMOND RANDOLPH."

**Harrison Jones** m. Ann Ligon, b. 24 June, 1765; d. 30 June, 1842.

2 gen. Their 8 children were:

Thomas L., b. 1 May, 1783. Weldon, b. 25 Dec., 1790.

Elizabeth, b. 16 Nov., 1785. **Richard**, b. 29 June, 1793.

John Peyton, b. 1 May, 1787. Harrison, b. 15 July, 1795.

Daniel, b. 27 Mar., 1789. William S., b. 27 June, 1803.

John Peyton's son volunteered for the Mexican war, and d. in the service. His daughter Catherine m. Jacob Thompson, many years in Congress and Secretary of the Interior 1857 to 1861.

**Richard** graduated with first honors Athens College, 1812; was Sergeant-Major, Colonel Floyd's regiment, 1812

to 1814; m. 5 May, 1818, **Lucy W.**, dau. Governor Peter Early, of Georgia, b. 18 Oct., 1799; d. 31 Oct., 1869. He d. 3 Feb., 1883.

3 gen. Their children were:

Peter Early, b. 15 Feb., 1819.	Richard Theodore, b. 15 Aug., 1825.
Thos. Harrison, b. 17 Sept., 1820.	Lucy Early, b. 31 Jan., 1827.
Ann Early, b. 26 July, 1822.	
Edwin Peyton, b. 4 Mar., 1824.	<b>Daniella</b> , b. 20 Aug., 1841.

Peter, Ann, Edwin, Richard, and Lucy died young. Thos. Harrison died Mar. 25, 1889; he was a prince of courage, chivalry, generosity, and love. **Daniella** m. Joseph Wheeler, No. 3.

(See Wheeler genealogy.)

#### WHEELER—EARLY.

Carbri Lifichar, an ancient king of Ireland, was b. about A. D. 225.

His son, Eochaidh Dubhlein, b. 260.

His sons were:

Colla Uais, meaning "the noble."

Colla Meann, meaning "the famous."

Colla da Crioch, meaning "of the two territories," referring to his possessions in both Scotland and Ireland.

The three Collas won the battle of Dublcomar, and thus restored their family to power, and Colla Uais ascended the throne of Ireland in 322. In 326 he was deposed, but the three Collas, with an army of 21,000 men, after many battles, conquered the king of Ulster (see Keating's History of Ireland) and erected a new principality.

Colla da Crioch became prince of Criomthain, and his posterity maintained their authority over it as titular kings of Ulster until their submission to England about the year 1300.

His descendants were:

Fiachra-casan, Feidlimidh, Tuathal, Colcan, Aongus, Di-

ceilidh, Ultan, Cuanach, Inrachta, Donoch, Maolmocheirgh, founder of the O'Maolmocheirghes.

The family of O'Maolmocheirghe was conspicuous in ecclesiastical capacities. Among them were Muircheartach O'Maolmocheirghe, a holy bishop of Brefney, who died A. D. 1149; Braen O'Maolmocheirghe, a noted abbot of the monastery of Kells, died 1277, and Aodh O'M. Coarb, of the Abbey of Drumlane, who was drowned A. D. 1512.

Matthew O'M——, a leading chief in the county of Donegal, died in 1226, and Cathal, "a constantly spending and lastingly affluent gentleman," died in 1536.

This information is largely derived from the "Annals of the Four Masters," an authentic work printed in 1631, and compiled from the ancient Gaelic MS.

During the reigns of the Henrys and Edwards this name was anglicised as Early. In direct descent was **Jeremiah Early**, b. about 1702; emigrated from county Donegal, Ireland, to Virginia about 1720; settled in Madison county; m. Miss Buford and became a man of great wealth; d. in 1795, aged over 90 years. The distinguished General Jubal A. Early, and the eminent Methodist Bishop, John Early, were among his direct descendants.

**Jeremiah's** sons were :

Jeremiah, James, Jonathan, Jacobus, Jubal, Jacob, Joab, John, Joseph, **Joel**.

His youngest son,

**Joel Early**, born in Madison county, Virginia; was deputy of the Virginia convention in 1788, which ratified the Constitution; moved to Wilkes county (now Green county), Georgia, in 1795. He was prominent both socially and politically, and a leader in all undertakings of political importance.

His son

**Peter Early**, born in Madison county, Virginia, June 20th, 1773, graduated at Princeton College, 1792; married a sister of General Thomas A. Smith, a distinguished officer of

the U. S. Army, in whose honor Fort Smith, Arkansas, was named; she was also a sister of John T. Smith, known in history as the famous "John Smith T." Peter Early commenced practising law in Georgia in 1795; represented Georgia in the 7th, 8th, and 9th Congresses; was member of the Judiciary Committee which reported articles of impeachment against Judge Chase, the articles being prepared by Mr. Early; was afterwards Judge of the Supreme Court, and was also a very distinguished Governor of Georgia. Died August 15th, 1817.

Their daughter,

**Lucy** Early, married **Richard** Jones, who was born in Virginia, graduated at Athens college in 1812, and served in the war of 1812. The father of Richard Jones was a soldier in the Virginia forces in the Revolutionary War, and had his leg shot off at Guilford Court House. Richard Jones' eldest brother, Peyton Jones, of Mississippi, was the father of Mrs. Jacob Thompson. Her husband, Jacob Thompson, represented Mississippi in Congress for many years, and was Secretary of the Interior under Buchanan.

**Daniella** Jones, the daughter of Richard Jones and Lucy Early, was born August 20th, 1841; married **Joseph Wheeler**, No. 3.

Their son

**Joseph Wheeler, Jr.**, and their other children are about 54 generations removed from Carbri Lifichar.

*To Our Dear Children :*

We have gathered the foregoing hoping it may be not only of interest but profitable to you. It will at least be a constant reminder that every act of yours will, in a measure, attach to all of your name and race.

When a little boy, your father went through old graveyards in New England with his Aunt Mary and scraped away the moss from very old tombstones while she wrote down the inscriptions. A few years ago he procured copies of these

inscriptions and other data in the family archives, and of late found much of the same character in the recently published histories of New England towns and New England families.

We have no positive information regarding your father's ancestors prior to their coming to this country. Some of our name have gathered information which they insist connects our family with the Wheelers who were distinguished in the English navy, about 1640 to '90, but with the records we have, we are not able to state positively about this.

The Hon. John H. Wheeler, of North Carolina, conducted a correspondence with your grandfather, Joseph Wheeler, of Augusta, Georgia, in which he contended that our family were the same as that of Sir Francis Wheeler.

His work, "Wheeler's Reminiscences of North Carolina," contains a sketch written by Hon. Joseph Fowler, once a United States Senator, which says (page 1):

"Among the early citizens of the village of Murfreesboro was John Wheeler. He was of an ancient family, long seated around New York. Under a grant of land from Charles II, Joseph Wheeler emigrated from England, and settled in Newark, New Jersey. Like William Penn, he was the son of a gallant naval officer. Sir Francis Wheeler, an English Admiral, was his father, and the grant of land from the crown was in reward for faithful services."

Similarity in given names and, in some instances, remarkable personal resemblance tend to sustain Mr. John H. Wheeler's contention; but investigation leads us to believe that if he is correct, our connection with this family must have antedated Moses Wheeler's arrival in this country.

"Wheeler and Warren Families," by Henry Warren Wheeler, 1892, says, page 9:

"The Wheeler family is of English origin, but no attempt is herein made to give any account of the English family beyond the simple statement that at least some of its members belonged to the aristocracy, it being a matter of record that during the reign of Charles II (1649-1685) Sir Charles Wheeler was appointed 'Captain-General of the Caribee Islands,' and that in 1693 the English fleet, under command of Sir Francis Wheeler, put into Boston to recruit. Mr. Orentt, the historian of Stratford, Conn., says that Wheelers were in and around London four hundred years."

It is quite true, as stated by Mr. Orcutt, that the Wheelers were in and about London from a very early date. All our information shows that they were honest, industrious people, and all of their descendants of this country certainly have sustained that character. You will observe that these incomplete records give authentic information of over thirty of your ancestors who served their country with credit and gallantry in battle, or with distinction in civil positions, and frequently in both capacities.

We regret not to be able at this time to give you more information regarding your mother's paternal ancestry. The high character and remarkable mental and physical attributes of the seven sons of Harrison Jones lead us to believe that their ancestors were of the same high order.

The histories of Ireland give very clear evidence regarding the direct maternal ancestors of your mother, the ancestors of her great-great-grandfather, Jeremiah Early. Some of this data has been briefly collated by Mr. Samuel Stockwell Early and published by Mr. Robert Stockwell Hatcher, who, together with others of the Early family, are arranging to get full information regarding this long line of ancestry.

With all our love,

Your devoted parents,

JOSEPH WHEELER.

DANIELLA WHEELER.

*"Then came death; but beyond is eternal life."*

After the foregoing pages had been printed and had been sent to us for correction, God came with his angels and took away the loving and devoted mother and wife. The following is copied from the "Washington Post" of Friday, May 22, 1896 :

## MRS. WHEELER'S FUNERAL.

## THE REMAINS TEMPORARILY PLACED IN OAK HILL CEMETERY.

Simple, but impressive, were the funeral services at the residence yesterday over the remains of Mrs. Wheeler, the wife of Congressman Wheeler, of Alabama, who died last Tuesday evening. The casket was covered with a profusion of exquisite flowers. Rev. Dr. Mackay-Smith, of St. John's Episcopal Church, was the officiating clergyman. The music was rendered by a quartet of male voices from St. John's choir. Among those present were many persons prominent in resident and official circles.

The active pall-bearers were Lieut. A. S. Fleming, U. S. A.; Dr. F. R. Kiefer, U. S. A.; Mr. Harry Jackson, U. S. N.; Mr. Jules Guthridge, Mr. Robert Beale, Mr. Charles Thomas, Mr. J. M. Henry, and Mr. J. W. Henry.

The honorary pall-bearers were the Vice-President, the Postmaster-General, the Secretary of the Navy, Senators Pugh, Morgan, Mills, Bata, and Vest; Col. John M. Wilson, U. S. A., and Mr. William D. Cabell.

Mrs. Wheeler's remains were temporarily laid at rest at Oak Hill Cemetery, where they will remain until the family return to Alabama.

This loving mother of the children for whom the Genealogical data was arranged, possessed most remarkable mental endowments, character, and moral force of the very highest type, charming beauty, and touching tenderness of heart. She was brought up amidst the luxury and wealth befitting a queen, her slightest wish being as the laws of the Medes and Persians to her parents, a brother and an uncle, who loved her with an idolatry as rare as beautiful.

But this luxurious rearing did not weaken her perfect instincts of duty, and with a heart filled with christian love she unfalteringly took up the burdens which became the lot of Southern mothers under the changed condition which followed the war.

Some writers have said, "Memory is the record of the soul." Hers was beautiful, and all that touched the tablets of her memory was there most lastingly impressed, and often she repeated to her children pages and even chapters of prose, and almost books of poetry, much of which she had not seen since her early youth.

Her brilliant attainments would have won for her the admiration of the world, and she would have reigned queen in

any society ; but her tender heart cared only for the love and admiration of the little kingdom of her home circle, and to her children she was mother, sister, companion and friend. Her intense unwavering devotion to her husband and children made their home one of continuing happiness and love. The words, alluding to their ancestry, in this last letter to her children,

It will at least be a constant reminder that every act of yours will, in a measure, attach to all of your name and race,

are emblematical of her teaching and example. The last time she wrote her name was to endorse a check to her youngest daughter ; and just as she was falling into her eternal sleep, she asked for her youngest son. These, her last acts, like her every thought, were characteristic of her loving and perfect life.