

1762-1848 All agree that Betsy Alexander was of the sweetest disposition, and that her influence within the home, as well as without, was most refining and helpful. To grandchildren and great-grandchildren her rich blood gave imagination, enthusiasm, a love for books, and a kindliness of disposition which has always marked the family as good neighbors and warm friends. Her memory is held in high esteem, her mother's maiden name being given to several descendants, notably to James Price, son of James and Eleanor Alexander, and to Ellen Price, daughter of William and Sarah Melcher.

The Scotch-Irish, for the most part, were Presbyterians, but, upon coming to this country, naturally or from necessity allied themselves with the Independents, or Congregationalists. Thus the Alexanders, the Wilsons, and the Ewings of Harpswell had, with others, in 1753, united in the formation of a Congregational church, over which the Reverend Elisha Eaton was settled.

But on the 23d of October, 1783, the Reverend Isaac Case, a Baptist clergyman, appeared in Harpswell, and although Mr. Eaton "treated him rather coolly," his work resulted in the formation of a Calvinist Baptist church, which, in January, 1785, numbered thirty-one members. With this