

Mr. SIMEON LESTER, the father of Mr. LESTER, is now 77 years of age. Through him he was a descendant, in about the fifteenth generation, from Sir NICHOLAS LEICESTER, of the County of Cheshire, England, a knight in the thirteenth century.

The family emigrated to New England early in the eighteenth century, and from that time the name was written Lester. They settled in New London County, Connecticut, where some of the descendants still live. The grandfather of Mr. LESTER (WILLIAM LESTER) served in the Revolution, under Col. LEDYARD, at Groton Fort. Fifteen to twenty relatives of the family were killed in the capture of this fort.

Mr. LESTER's father was born in Norwich, Connecticut, in 1796, and in 1825 (Joseph then being a child two years old) moved to New Rochelle, Westchester County, N. Y., where he still resides, an honored elder in the Church, and a bright example of an upright Christian life to all about him. He has been a successful farmer. There were born to him eight children, six boys and two girls, of whom the subject of the present narrative was the oldest. The youngest, DAVID BRAINERD LESTER, is the only child now living. He was associated with his brother in business.