

Mass., Nov. 29, 1813; m. Oct. 24, 1838, Abigail Clark,\* born in Ashfield, Mass., Jan. 13, 1812. He received an academic education at Franklin Academy, Shelburne Falls, Mass., at which place he lived a short time after his marriage, but in 1842, with his family he removed to Wisconsin, settled in Greenfield, Milwaukee Co., in which town at various times he held the office of School Commissioner, Town Clerk and Town Treasurer. In 1859, at Whitewater, Wis., was ordained by Bishop Ames, a minister of the M. E. Church. In 1876, published a book entitled "Records of the Descendants of David Johnson, of Leominster, Mass." with original poems; and in 1879, was a member of the Wisconsin Legislature. In 1884, compiled and published, "Records of the Descendants of Thomas Clarke, Plymouth 1623-1697," and is the author of this volume. A mason by trade, a practical farmer, and has spent ten years of his life in teaching.

Resides at North Greenfield, Wis., where all his children, except the oldest one, were born, and where his beloved wife departed this life Sept. 24, 1889.

CHILDREN, EIGHTH GENERATION.

I. Mary Clark,	b. June 6, 1841; d. Oct. 28, 1850.	462
II. Alvan O.,	b. Mar. 17, 1843; d. Mar. 9, 1874.	463
III. William Wallace,	b. Sept. 28, 1844.	464
IV. Abner Morse,	b. Jan. 30, 1846.	465
V. Wesley,	b. Nov. 9, 1847.	466
VI. Edward Payson,	b. Sept. 11, 1849.	467

\*ABIGAIL CLARK was the youngest daughter of Alvan and Mary (Bassett) Clark, and sister of Alvan Clark, the distinguished telescope-maker of Cambridgeport, Mass., and the family line of her Clark and Bassett ancestry is given below.

CLARK LINE:—(Abigail,<sup>7</sup> Alvan,<sup>6</sup> Barnabas,<sup>5</sup> Scotto,<sup>4</sup> Scotto,<sup>3</sup> Andrew,<sup>2</sup> Thomas,<sup>1</sup> Thomas Clarke settled in Plymouth, Mass., 1623, and died there, and his body was interred on "Burying Hill" and a small memorial stone marked the grave with the following inscription: "Here lies buried ye body of Mr. Thomas Clark, aged 98 years. Departed this life Mar. 24, 1697."

The influences of time on this stone had nearly obliterated this inscription, and in 1891, his descendants placed a new memorial at his grave, a granite boulder weighing about three tons with a bronze tablet containing the following inscription: "Here lies buried ye body of Mr. Thomas Clarke, aged 98, departed this life March 24, 1697." Thomas Clarke came to Plymouth from England in the ship Anne 1623. He married Susan Ring of Plymouth, 1634. Their children were Andrew, James, William, Susanna, Nathaniel, John, from whom descended a numerous posterity. He married his second wife, Mrs. Alice Hallett Nichols, of Boston in 1664. He lived for some years in Boston, and also in Harwich of which town he was one of the original proprietors. He died in Plymouth having lived in the reigns of six British Sovereigns, and the Commonwealth. This stone is erected to his memory by his descendants A. D. 1891.

BASSETT LINE. (Abigail Clark,<sup>6</sup> Mary,<sup>7</sup> (Bassett) Elisha,<sup>6</sup> Elisha,<sup>5</sup> William,<sup>4</sup> Col. William,<sup>3</sup> William,<sup>2</sup> William,<sup>1</sup>) William<sup>1</sup> Bassett came from England in the ship Fortune in 1621, and settled in West Bridgewater, Mass. William,<sup>2</sup> William,<sup>3</sup> and William,<sup>4</sup> all lived in Sandwich, on Cape Cod. Elisha<sup>5</sup> in Yarmouth and Elisha,<sup>6</sup> first in Dennis, afterwards in Ashfield, Mass., where he died. His daughter Mary, born in Dennis on the Cape married Alvan Clark, and became the mother of Alvan Clark the distinguished telescope maker. Their children were all born in Ashfield.

Children of Alvan and Mary (Bassett) Clark.

I. George,	b. Jun. 27, 1708; d. May 10, 1816.
II. Barnabas,	b. Sept. 11, 1799; d. Sept. 27, 1890.
III. A son,	b. April 15, 1801; d. Same month.
IV. Thankful,	b. April 7, 1802; d. Oct. 6, 1831.
V. Alvan,	b. Mar. 8, 1804; d. Aug. 19, 1887.
VI. Samuel,	b. Nov. 5, 1805; d. June 11, 1865.
VII. Daniel,	b. Nov. 7, 1807; d. June 18, 1884.
VIII. Mary,	b. Nov. 20, 1808; d. Aug. 2, 1886.
IX. Abigail,	b. Jan. 13, 1812; d. Sept. 24, 1889.
X. William,	b. Feb. 15, 1814; d. Oct. 24, 1854.