

second wife, Mary Downton (daughter of William), whom he m. September 15, 1674, was the mother of Ebenezer. He was a son of Thomas<sup>1</sup> Flint, said to have been a native of Wales, who came to America and located in Salem, Mass., about 1650, and bought two hundred acres of land at Salem Village. His farm (now West Peabody) has always been in possession of descendants. She died November 9, 1884.

Mrs. Prescott's mother d. December 31, 1898. She reared two of her three children — Ella Evora and Mrs. Prescott. The only son, Everett L., d. at the age of five years.

**W**ILLIAM CROWNINSHIELD ENDICOTT was born in Salem, Mass., November 19, 1826, and died in Boston, May 6, 1900. He was the son of William Putnam and Mary Crowninshield Endicott, and a lineal descendant in the eighth generation from John Endecott, who arrived at Salem in September, 1628, and was Governor of the plantation till after the coming of Winthrop with the charter, in 1630.

On his father's side his ancestors for five generations lived upon the "Orchard Farm" in Salem Village, now Danversport, which was granted to Governor John Endecott by the Court of Assistants on July 3, 1632. This estate, somewhat diminished in size from those early days, still remains in the family. His grandfather, Samuel Endecott, moved to Salem at the end of the eighteenth century, and led a seafaring life. At one period Samuel Endicott and his five brothers were in command of vessels bound from Salem to distant ports. It may be here said that the earlier spelling of the name was Endecott.

From John<sup>1</sup> Endecott, who was Colonial Governor of Massachusetts for a number of years, and died in 1665, the line continued through Dr. Zerubbabel<sup>2</sup> Endecott, b. in 1634, and his first wife Mary; his second wife was Elizabeth Winthrop, daughter of Governor Winthrop, of Connecticut; he d. in 1684; Samuel<sup>3</sup> Endicott, b. 1659, d. 1693, m. Hannah Felton, b. 1677, daughter of John and Mary (Tompkins) Felton, and grand-

daughter of Nathaniel Felton; Samuel<sup>4</sup> Endicott, b. 1687, d. May, 1766; and his first wife, Anna, daughter of his uncle, Dr. John Endicott; John<sup>5</sup> Endicott, b. 1713, d. May, 1783, m. Elizabeth Jacobs, daughter of John<sup>3</sup> Jacobs, and great-grand-daughter of George<sup>1</sup> Jacobs, Sr.; John<sup>6</sup> Endicott, b. 1739, d. 1816, m. Martha, daughter of Samuel<sup>4</sup> Putnam (John,<sup>3</sup> Nathaniel,<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>); Samuel<sup>7</sup> Endicott, b. 1763, d. May, 1828, m. in 1794 Elizabeth, daughter of William<sup>5</sup> and Elizabeth (Putnam) Putnam, of Sterling, Mass.; to William Putnam<sup>8</sup> Endicott, b. March 5, 1803, d. March 11, 1888 (Harvard College, 1822), father of the subject of this sketch.

The wife of Samuel<sup>4</sup> Putnam, and mother of Martha, was Elizabeth, daughter of Tarrant<sup>4</sup> Putnam (Captain Benjamin,<sup>3</sup> Nathaniel,<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>). William<sup>5</sup> Putnam, of Sterling, was a son of Colonel David<sup>4</sup> Putnam, of Salem Village, b. 1707, and his wife Rebecca, daughter of Thomas Perley, of Boxford. Colonel David<sup>4</sup> was an elder brother of General Israel Putnam, they being sons of Joseph<sup>3</sup> and Elizabeth (Porter) Putnam, and grandsons of Thomas<sup>2</sup> Putnam (John<sup>1</sup>), of Salem Village. Elizabeth Porter was a daughter of Israel and Elizabeth (Hathorne) Porter, and niece of John Hathorne, the witchcraft judge. William<sup>5</sup> Putnam m. Elizabeth, daughter of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Putnam) Putnam.

Mary Crowninshield, wife of William Putnam Endicott, was a daughter of Jacob<sup>4</sup> and Sarah (Gardner) Crowninshield. Her father was b. in 1770, son of Captain George<sup>3</sup> and Mary (Derby) Crowninshield. His grandfather, John,<sup>2</sup> was son of Dr. Johannes Caspar Richter von Crowninsheldt, who arrived in Boston in 1688 from Leipsic. Mary Derby was a daughter of Richard<sup>3</sup> Derby (Richard,<sup>2</sup> Roger<sup>1</sup>) and his wife Mary, daughter of Gama-liel Hodges, of Salem. The Hon. Jacob Crowninshield was a prominent member of Congress from 1802-08, was appointed Secretary of the Navy by Jefferson at the beginning of his second term in 1805, was confirmed by the United States Senate; but, though his commission as Secretary of the Navy is on file in the Department of State in Washington, he declined the honor, and remained a member of

Congress until his death in Washington in 1808.

William Crowninshield Endicott was educated in the public and private schools of Salem. He entered Harvard College in 1843 from the Salem Latin School, and was graduated in 1847. Among his classmates were: Charles Allen, John Brooks Felton, Henry Larned Hallet, Richard Manning Hodges, and Edward Tuckerman.

Immediately after leaving college Mr. Endicott began to study law in the office of Nathaniel J. Lord, at that time a prominent lawyer in Salem. In 1849-50 he was at the Harvard Law School, and in 1851 was admitted to the Essex County Bar. In 1853 he formed a co-partnership — Perry & Endicott — with Jairus Ware Perry, well known as the author of "A Treatise on the Law of Trusts and Trustees." For twenty or more years he was a leader of the bar until his appointment to the Supreme Court.

On February 23, 1873, the General Court of Massachusetts passed an act increasing the number of the Associate Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court to six. At that time there was no Democrat upon the Supreme Court. Governor Washburn, a Republican Governor, appointed Mr. Endicott to fill the Judgeship recently created. The appointment was a surprise to Mr. Endicott — there was no solicitation of any kind for the office as far as he knew — and his first knowledge of the fact was when the offer was actually made. The Court at that time consisted of Chief Justice Chapman, and Justices Horace Gray, Jr., John Wells, James D. Colt, Seth Ames, and Marcus Morton. During the next nine years Mr. Endicott devoted his time and strength to the work of the Court, and his opinions (three hundred and seventy-eight in number) are to be found in the Massachusetts Reports, vols. CXII.-CXXXIII. The methods of work in those days were far more laborious than at present, owing to the lack of employment of stenographers and typewriters. In the spring of 1882 Mr. Endicott went to Europe, and on October 31, 1882, he resigned his seat upon the bench, remaining abroad for some eighteen months. At the time of his resignation, Chief

Justice Morton alone remained of his original colleagues.

In politics at first a Whig, Mr. Endicott became a Democrat upon the dissolution of the Whig party. Though he never took a very active part in politics, he always interested himself more or less in city and State affairs.

In 1852 and 1853 he was elected a member of the Common Council of the city of Salem, and again in 1857, when he became its president. From 1858 to 1863 he was City Solicitor of Salem. In 1870 he ran for Congress as a Democratic candidate, for Attorney-general of the Commonwealth, but failed to be elected in both cases.

Mr. Endicott always took a deep interest in the welfare of Harvard College. He was a member of the Board of Overseers from 1875 to 1882, and from 1882 to 1884, and a member of the corporation from 1884 to 1895, when he resigned. In 1882 he received from his alma mater the degree of Doctor of Laws.

Mr. Endicott was president of the Salem Bank from 1858 to 1875, president of the Peabody Academy of Science in Salem from 1868 to 1897, president of the Essex County Bar Association from 1869 to 1873, trustee of the Peabody Educational Fund from 1869 to 1894, and trustee of Groton School from 1884 to 1896.

In the autumn of 1884 Mr. Endicott was Democratic candidate for Governor of Massachusetts. He accepted this nomination much against his will, and was defeated in the election. In February, 1885, Mr. Cleveland sent for Mr. Endicott, and offered him a place in his cabinet as Secretary of War. After considering the matter for a few days, Mr. Endicott decided to accept the position, and was Secretary of War during the four years of Mr. Cleveland's first administration, 1885-89. After this Mr. Endicott led a retired life, and his public career was practically closed.

Mr. Endicott married in 1859 his cousin, Ellen Peabody, daughter of George<sup>6</sup> Peabody (Harvard College, 1823) and his wife, Clara Endicott, daughter of Samuel<sup>7</sup> Endicott, and sister of William Putnam Endicott. Her father was for many years president of the Salem Bank, and was the first president of

the Eastern Railroad Company. He d. on January 2, 1892. Born in Salem in 1804, he was a son of Captain Joseph<sup>5</sup> Peabody, who commanded privateers during the Revolutionary War, and was afterward a wealthy Salem merchant and ship-owner, and a descendant in the sixth generation of Lieutenant Francis<sup>1</sup> Peabody, of Topsfield, the immigrant progenitor of the family. The line was: Lieutenant Francis<sup>1</sup>; Isaac,<sup>2</sup> b. 1648; Cornet Francis,<sup>3</sup> b. 1694, lived in Middleton; Deacon Francis,<sup>4</sup> b. 1715; Joseph,<sup>5</sup> b. 1757, m., second, Elizabeth, daughter of the Rev. Elias Smith, of Middleton.

Mr. Endicott is survived by his wife and two children: a son, William C., Jr., born in 1861; and a daughter, Mary Crowninshield, born in 1864. William C. Endicott, Jr. (Harvard College, 1883), is a lawyer in Boston, and was married in 1889 to Marie Louise Thoron. Mary Crowninshield Endicott was married in 1888 to the Rt. Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, P.C., F.R.S., M.P., Birmingham, England, Secretary of State for colonies since 1895.

**A**BRAM BURBANK COFFIN, member of the Suffolk Bar, is a native of Maine. Born in Gilead, Oxford County, March 31, 1831, son of Warren and Hannah (Burbank) Coffin, he is a descendant in the eighth generation of Tristram<sup>1</sup> Coffin, the early settler of Nantucket. The line is: Tristram,<sup>1</sup> Tristram, Jr.,<sup>2</sup> Stephen,<sup>3</sup> Daniel,<sup>4</sup> Daniel,<sup>5</sup> Naphthali,<sup>6</sup> Warren,<sup>7</sup> Abraham Burbank<sup>8</sup>. Tristram<sup>1</sup> Coffin was b. in Devonshire, England, about 1605, his family belonging to the class of landed gentry, and came to America in 1642. After living successively in Salisbury, Haverhill, Newbury, and Salisbury again, he went in 1659 to Nantucket, then a part of the State of New York, and with others purchased the entire island. There he resided until his death in 1681. He was the first magistrate of Nantucket under a commission granted by the State of New York. He m. in England Dionis Stevens, a daughter of Robert Stevens. Besides his wife there accompanied him to America five children,

his widowed mother, and his sisters, Eunice and Mary.

Tristram<sup>2</sup> Coffin, Jr., b. in England, m. Judith, daughter of Edmund Greenleaf and widow of Henry Somerby. Stephen<sup>3</sup> Coffin, b. 1665, m. Sarah, daughter of John Atkinson, of Newbury. Daniel<sup>4</sup> Coffin, b. at Newbury, September 19, 1700, m. Lydia Moulton, of Hampton, N.H. Daniel<sup>5</sup> Coffin, b. August 17, 1737, m. Mehitable Harmon, of Sanford, Me., and settled in Alfred, Me. Naphthali<sup>6</sup> Coffin, b. in Bethel, Me., May 8, 1769, d. at Londonderry, N.H., May 5, 1837. He m. Abigail Scrivener (or Scribner). Warren<sup>7</sup> Coffin, b. at Bethel, Me., March 23, 1802, was, like his father, a farmer. He removed in 1834 to Londonderry, N.H., and was a prominent man in the church, toward the support of which he contributed liberally. In addition to carrying on his farm, he was engaged in business, in company with his brothers, as a cattle dealer, buying the cattle in Maine and driving them to Brighton, Mass. He had the reputation of driving the largest drove ever brought to that market. His death took place at Winchester, Mass., October 7, 1889. He m. in 1826 Hannah Burbank, b. July 31, 1809, daughter of Abraham and Priscilla (Savory) Burbank. She d. March 26, 1899. They had six children, Abraham Burbank Coffin, named for his maternal grandfather, being the second b. Of the other five the following is a brief record: Priscilla Hannah, b. September 12, 1829, m. Dr. D. H. Batchelder (both now deceased). Almira Amanda, b. August 2, 1835, m. Alonzo E. Row, and resides at Winchester. David Brainard, b. June 27, 1842, resides with his wife, Catherine S., at Winchester. He served three years in the army of the Potomac, enlisting as a private, was in nearly all the battles participated in by that army, and shortly after the war served three years in the Fourth United States Cavalry. Subsequently he became receiving clerk for a line of steamers running between New York and Fall River, and later went to California as wharfinger of the United States Pacific Mail Line. Augustus Warren, b. March 22, 1844, d. February 28, 1870.

Abraham Burbank, father of Mrs. Hannah