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BORN, APRIL 18TH, 1839
MARRIED, AUGUST 23TH, 1865
DIED, JANUARY 27TH, 1882

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"We live in deeds, not years; in thoughts, not breaths;
In feelings, not in figures on a dial.
We should count time by heart-throbs. He most lives
Who thinks most, feels the noblest, acts the best."

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Oral tradition is proverbial for its uncertainty. Unless seized at the very sources, gathered from the living witnesses, or verified by written records, it is in danger of additions and modifications that may speedily make it almost worthless. No time should be lost in giving fixedness to such traditions as are capable of verification, if they are of sufficient importance to be preserved as part of the family inheritance. And however partial such ancestral knowledge may be, it is plain that its value is increased year by year, generation by generation.

If we have no cause to blush for our ancestors, we cannot know too much of them, nor can we be too careful in preserving what we may know. The following pages are not meant for the public eye. They are a husband's loving tribute to the memory of a faithful wife, fittingly described in a letter from a friend of many years, as "brave, sunny,

and gentle-hearted," whose devoted Christian motherhood he would have preserved, in perpetual freshness, in the hearts of her children. They have been prepared as a labor of love, and with the desire of preserving, in permanent form, some more complete knowledge, than is practicable by oral tradition or a notice in the Family Bible, of the ancestry and life of one, whose motherly presence was withdrawn from her children when the youngest was only eight years of age. The sterling and unobtrusive traits of character she exhibited will be seen to have been rooted in the soil of a pure and godly ancestry, reaching back through many generations. The blessing of the fathers had descended upon her, and from her own soul it flowed, a deep and generous stream, filling the broad and blessed sea in the home she graced and ruled for nearly seventeen years. May her children succeed to her inheritance!

HARRIET E. HATCH was the fourth child, and the oldest daughter of JESSE W. HATCH and of HARRIET E. (*Allen*) HATCH, his wife. She was born in Rochester, New York, April 18th, 1839. Her mother died, after a very brief illness, October 6th, 1867. The family consisted of eight children, five sons and three daughters, of whom three sons and two daughters survive, all of them married and residing in Rochester.

The subject of this sketch was of New England descent, and of Puritan blood, through both the paternal and the maternal lines of ancestry. THOMAS HATCH, her paternal ancestor, was born at Biddenden, in the county of Kent, England, about thirty-five miles southwest of London, in the year 1603. He came to Boston as early as 1633, perhaps in 1630, and was made a freeman in 1634. No man could be a freeman in the Colony unless he was twenty-five years of age, had a family, was a freeholder, and a member of the Puritan or Congregational Church. He remained in Boston about five years, removed to Yarmouth, and finally located at Barnstable, where he was a member of the church whose pastor was the Rev. John Lathrop, and where he died in 1661. His wife was the daughter of a Welsh farmer in Kent or Cornwall county, between Barnstable and Falmouth, England.

His only son, JONATHAN HATCH, was born in England in the year 1625. He, with thirteen others, one of whom was Isaac Robinson, son of the Rev. John Robinson, of Leyden fame, was one of the purchasers of the plantation of Sucknesset, now Falmouth, in 1660, and one of its four original settlers, as well as chairman of the committee to lay out, apportion, and make sales of the lands in the grant. His house was located near the present Congregational Church.

He was a man of considerable influence, acquired a large amount of real estate, and he and his sons were large landholders in Falmouth. He lived to a very great age. His youngest son was the first white child born in Falmouth; and was named MOSES, because "he was born on a bed of bulrushes, in a temporary cabin, the roof of which was a whaleboat, turned keel up."

From JONATHAN HATCH, the present family are descended, according to the evidence supplied, partly by written records, and partly by well authenticated oral tradition; though the branches are so numerous and the descendants so scattered as to make exactness of statement practically impossible. Many of them have been pioneers in the settlement of new States, in Vermont, New Hampshire, and the West, and they have been uniformly outspoken and active as the friends and supporters of the Christian Church. Not less than thirty of them shared in the privations of the war for the preservation of the Union, and some of them sealed their devotion in their blood.

The father of the deceased, JESSE W. HATCH, was born at Granville, Washington County, New York, on the 20th of May, 1812, united with the Brick Presbyterian Church of Rochester, New York, in 1842, of which he has been a ruling elder for twenty-three years. He has been a resi-

dent of Rochester fifty-one years, and has been widely and favorably known as a shoe-manufacturer, the trade being largely indebted to him for many of its mechanical improvements of the last forty years. He was the son of LEMUEL HATCH, who was born at Lee, Massachusetts, on the 6th of April, 1788; living for many years in Rochester with his son, where he died on the 16th of January, 1871. Lemuel Hatch was the son of OLIVER HATCH, who was born at Falmouth, Mass., on the 6th of February (Old Style), 1755; a soldier of the Revolution, leaving Falmouth soon after the close of the war, settling in Lee, Mass., afterwards removing to Granville, Washington County, New York, and finally settling in Groton, New York, where he died at the age of eighty-five. Oliver Hatch was the son of LEMUEL HATCH, known as *Lemuel Hatch, of Lee*, who was born at Falmouth between the years 1730 and 1734, was married in the year 1754, lived for many years at Lee, Mass., and removed to Grand Isle, Vermont, in 1796, with his son Ebenezer, brother of Oliver. He lived to be ninety-two years old, and is buried in Grand Isle. He and his son Ebenezer were pioneer settlers, and men of wealth.

Beyond this date (1730-1734) there is a break in the documentary evidence. The Falmouth descent is however clearly established, whose first representative was JONATHAN