

The Gage family is descended
GAGE from the Norman race. In 1066, de Gaga, de Guaga or De Gage, as the name is variously spelled, accompanied William Duke of Normandy in his Conquest of England, and was rewarded, according to the records of the Domesday Book, by large grants of land in the forest of Dean, county Gloucester. He resided near that forest and built a mansion there in Cirencester, called Clerenwell or Clarewell, and his descendants lived in that vicinity for centuries, including many persons of wealth and some of title. The pedigree of the American family is traced as far back as John Gage, who was living in 1408.

(II) John (2), son of John (1) Gage, married Eleanor St. Clere.

(III) John (3), son of John (2) Gage, was knighted in 1454 and died September 30, 1486.

(IV) William Esq., heir and son of John (3) Gage, was born 1456, married Agnes Bolney.

(V) Sir John (4), son of William Gage, was born 1480, married Phillippa Guildeford, and was knighted May 22, 1541. He died April 28, 1557.

(VI) Sir Edward, eldest son of Sir John (4) Gage, was knighted by Queen Mary; was a man of great wealth; father of fifteen children.

(VII) Thomas, son of Sir Edward Gage, had a son John.

(VIII) John (5), who inherited the estate of his grandfather through his uncle, John Gage, was made a baronet March 26, 1622; married Penelope, widow of Sir George Trenchard, and died October 3, 1633, leaving nine children.

(IX) John (6), son of John (5) Gage, was the immigrant ancestor. It is generally believed that he came from Stoneham, county Suffolk, England, though one authority claims that he was from Groton in the same county. He came to America in one of Winthrop's companies. According to his deposition made in 1659, he was born in 1609, but according to another made three years later, he was born in 1604. He settled first in Boston, and was a member of the church there as early as 1630, among the first. He was admitted a freeman, March 4, 1633-34. He was one of

the first settlers of Ipswich, April 1, 1633, and was dismissed from the Boston church to that of Ipswich, September 10, 1643. He was a town officer and on the committee on allotments of lands at Ipswich. He is called corporal on the records of Ipswich in 1639, and sergeant on those of Bradford in 1670. In 1664 he removed to that part of Rowley which became Bradford, and died there March 24, 1672-73. His will was proved March 25, 1673, the day after his death. He married (first) Anna or Ameer ———, who died in June, 1658, at Ipswich. He married (second) November, 1658, Sarah Keyes, widow of Robert Keyes. She died in Newbury, July 7, 1681, and her estate was divided among her three daughters, wives of William Smith, John French and Samuel Buswell, by order of the court. John Gage deeded a lot of land to his grandson John, son of his son, Benjamin Gage, December 12, 1672, having promised his son Benjamin on his marriage to Prudence Leaver, a certain gift of land. Children by first wife, born in Ipswich: 1. Samuel, 1638, married, June 16, 1674, Sarah Stickney. 2. Daniel, 1639, mentioned below. 3. Benjamin, married, October 11, 1671, Prudence Leaver. 4. Nathaniel, born 1645. 5. Jonathan, married, November 12, 1667, Hester Chandler. 6. Josiah, born 1648, married, May 15, 1669, Lydia Ladd.

(X) Daniel, son of John (6) Gage, was born in 1639, according to his deposition made March 29, 1669, that he was aged thirty years. He died at Bradford, November 8, 1705. He married, May 4, 1675, Sarah Kimball, born about 1654, died September 15, 1692, daughter of Henry and Mary (Wyatt) Kimball, of Wenham. Children, born at Bradford: 1. Daniel, March 12, 1676, mentioned below. 2. John, January 1, 1677. 3. Sarah, April 29, died August 24, 1679. 4. Samuel, May 9, 1680. 5. Mary, February 1, 1681-82, married Samuel Griffin. 6. Mehitable, September 16, died November 6, 1683. 7. Lydia, January 30, 1684-85, married Ebenezer Burbank. 8. Sarah, January 4, 1686-87. 9. Abigail, October 4, 1687, died October 2, 1723. 10. Hannah, February 17, 1690.

(XI) Daniel (2), son of Daniel (1) Gage, was born in Bradford, March 12, 1676, died March 14, 1747-48 (gravestone at Bradford). He was a member of the North Regiment in Essex, under Captain Heseltine, of Bradford, in 1710, the company which were appointed to keep snowshoes and moccasins. He lived in the northwest part of Bradford on

the banks of the Merrimac river, on what was then the main road to Methuen. He owned a ferry which was known as Gage's or the Upper Ferry. On the place where he lived stood, at last accounts, the oldest house in the town, known as the Gage house. He married (first) March 9, 1697-98, Martha Burbank, born February 22, 1679-80, died September 8, 1741, daughter of Caleb and Martha (Smith) Burbank. He married (second) May 12, 1742, Margaret, daughter of Jonathan Harriman, and widow of Jonathan Boynton. She married (third) John Stewart. Children of first wife, born in Bradford: 1. Mehitable, December 20, 1698. 2. Josiah, December 3, 1701. 3. Martha, April 7, 1703-04, married James Wilson. 4. Lydia, May 24, 1705. 5. Moses, May 1, 1706. 6. Daniel, April 22, 1708. 7. Sarah, February 19, 1709-10, married, May 16, 1731, Edmund Hardy. 8. Jemima, December 2, 1711, married (first) November 8, 1733, Richard Kimball Jr.; (second) John Webster. 9. Naomi, February 25, 1714-15, married, September 22, 1737, David Hall. 10. Esther, May 15, 1716, married August 1, 1739, Jonathan Currier. 11. Amos, July 28, 1718, mentioned below. 12. Abigail, December 22, 1720, died young. 13. Mary, August 31, 1722, married, November 17, 1744, Ebenezer Goodhue. 14. Abigail, March 13, 1724-25.

(XII) Captain Amos, son of Daniel (2) Gage, was born in Bradford, July 28, 1718, died September 8, 1792. He was captain of one of the five companies raised by New Hampshire for reinforcing Fort Edward during the French and Indian war, and was stationed at No. 4, now Charlestown, New Hampshire, by order of General Webb. He was also captain of a company of volunteers which marched from Pelham, New Hampshire, September 29, 1777, and joined the Northern army at Saratoga, during the revolution. He married, December 18, 1740, Mehitable Kimball, born November 27, 1721, died February 16, 1794, daughter of John and Margaret (Hutchins) Kimball. Children, born in Pelham, New Hampshire: 1. Daniel, October 5, 1741, died in the French and Indian war. 2. Elizabeth, December 22, 1743, married (first) March 2, 1765, Benjamin Cole; (second) September 10, 1778, Samuel Kimball. 3. Asa, April 5, 1746. 4. Sarah, August 20, 1748, married, April 29, 1791, Daniel Barker. 5. Betsey, 1751, died December 28, 1754. 6. Deborah, May 8, 1753, married, March 27, 1790, Peter Austin. 7. Abel, November 18,

1755, mentioned below. 8. Amos, August 9, 1758, in the revolution. 9. Daniel, September 28, 1761, in the revolution.

(XIII) Abel, son of Captain Amos Gage, was born in Pelham, New Hampshire, November 18, 1755, the day of the great earthquake, and died September 3, 1846. He served as a soldier in the revolution in 1776, and received a pension for the last twenty-eight years of his life. He kept school several seasons in different parts of the town, in private houses. He was prominent in town affairs, an esteemed citizen. He was elected selectman for more than half the years between thirty and sixty of his own age. He held the office of deacon of the church for about forty-five years, until the infirmities of age forced him to resign. It is claimed that he was the first to attempt stone quarrying in the country, and was remarkably successful, considering his primitive methods. The centre meeting house in Dracut, built about 1782, the present town house in Pelham, as it was originally, afford specimens of his work. He married, January 13, 1780, Abigail Runnels (see Runnels family). She died August 2, 1825, aged seventy. Children, born in Pelham: 1. Sarah, January 20, 1781, married, May 11, 1819, Henry March; died September 8, 1827. 2. Billy Runnels, February 20, 1783, mentioned below. 3. Mehitable, January 30, 1785, died February 5, 1789. 4. Hannah, April 26, 1787. 5. Mehitable, February 5, 1789, died July 31, 1861. 6. Amos, March 22, 1791, married Celinda Hovey. 7. Stephen, August 4, 1792, married, December 22, 1818, Olive Bradford; died May 9, 1834. 8. Deborah, November 21, 1795; married (first) April 8, 1823, Joel Butler; (second) Seth Cutter Jr., October 23, 1832; died September 14, 1864. 9. Abel, November 23, 1798, married, December 6, 1826, Anna Moody Johnson.

(XIV) Billy Runnels, son of Abel Gage, was born in Pelham, New Hampshire, February 20, 1783, died March 7, 1837. He resided in Londonderry, New Hampshire. He married (first) July 23, 1805, Abigail Hall, of Pelham, who died April 19, 1808, aged twenty-three years, ten months. He married (second) November 11, 1813, Rebecca Wilson, of Pelham, who died November 30, 1816, aged thirty-four. He married (third) Nancy Anderson, of Londonderry, who died August 19, 1865, aged eighty-one years, ten months. He and his three wives are buried in Londonderry and gravestones mark their resting place. Child of first wife: Caleb, born October 2,

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1806, blacksmith of Manchester, New Hampshire; married Susan Claggett, of Londonderry, June 25, 1830. By second wife: Charles, born March 5, 1815, carpenter of Bedford, New Hampshire; married Mary Newton, of Henniker. By third wife: 1. William Washington, born December 30, 1818, dry goods merchant of Boston; married, September 27, 1846, Sarah W. Griffin. 2. Leander, October 2, 1820, mentioned below. 3. Abigail, June 20, 1822, married, May, 1850, Charles Henry Hall. 4. Aaron Hardy, November 13, 1824, lived in Londonderry; married, May, 1850, Hannah Humphrey; served in the civil war and removed to California. 5. John Anderson, June 25, 1827, boot and shoe maker of Derry, New Hampshire; married, May 6, 1851, Martha Tenney.

(XV) Leander, son of Billy Runnels Gage, was born October 2, 1820, in Londonderry, New Hampshire. He was a boot and shoe worker of Braintree, Massachusetts. He married there, June 18, 1844, Mary Denton Allen, of Braintree, born January 8, 1824, at East Braintree, died April 19, 1903. Leander Gage left Braintree about 1872 and was not afterward heard from. Children: 1. William Leander, born December 20, 1845, mentioned below. 2. Richard Allen, April 2, 1848, died January 30, 1851. 3. Charles Henry Hall, June 28, 1850, died June 9, 1863. 4. Richard Allen, July 16, 1852. 5. Elizabeth Denton, July 16, 1854, died October 7, 1854. 6. Frederick Allen, August 15, 1855, died October 11, 1855.

(XVI) William Leander, son of Leander Gage, was born in Braintree, Massachusetts, December 20, 1845. He received his education in the public schools of his native town. He began his career as a shoe manufacturer associated with his father. Later he was clerk and superintendent for several large concerns in Braintree. At present he is in the office of the Fore River Ship-building Company, Quincy. He enlisted for three months in the civil war, serving in the Forty-second Massachusetts Regiment in 1864. In politics he is a Republican. In religion he is a Christian Scientist. He is a member of Grand Army of the Republic, Post No. 87, General Sylvanus Thayer. He married, June 20, 1876, Mary Ella Burr, born April 15, 1852, daughter of Henry Dorchester and Martha (Packard) Burr, of Quincy (see Burr family). Children, born at Braintree: 1. Bessie May, May 14, 1877, married Harry Warren Bond, engaged in the First National Bank of Boston as discount

clerk; child, Marian Bond, born March 14, 1902. 2. Charles H., July 21, 1878, assistant manager of the Fisk rubber works of Chicopee Falls, Massachusetts. 3. Nina Belle, January 18, 1880, married, June 30, 1908, H. Clifton Woodsum, manager of the stock-room of the Boston Gear Works of Norfolk Downs. 4. Henry Chester, February 8, 1883, an electrician in Hartford, Connecticut.