

from England and settled in Haddonfield, New Jersey. He too is the ancestor of a numerous progeny. The third branch is descended from a German Jew, and the fourth and last is of Dutch origin.

(I) John Hillman of this sketch came from England about 1670 and settled at Chilmark in Martha's Vineyard. Tradition states that when a lad of sixteen he was stolen from a fishing boat on the river Thames in England. He followed the trade of worsted comber, and after his marriage settled in Chilmark. He married Hannah Cottle, of Tisbury. There were three sons of this couple: Richard, Samuel and Benjamin.

(II) Benjamin, third and youngest son of John and Hannah (Cottle) Hillman, was born in 1696. His will is dated Edgartown, Massachusetts, 1745. He married Susannah Sampson, and had five sons: Benjamin, Seth, James, Henry and Silas.

(III) Benjamin (2), eldest son of Benjamin and Susannah (Sampson) Hillman, was born in Martha's Vineyard, but no date of birth or death have been found. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, serving as a private in Captain John Russell's company which marched July 28, 1776, and did duty at Martha's Vineyard for the defense of the seacoast to September 30, 1776—two months and two days. He married (first), Love Cathcart; and (second), Abigail Mentor. His fourteen children were: Robert, Benjamin, Zachariah, Whitten, Owen, Walter, Alexander, Ichabod, Matthew, Love, Hannah, Elizabeth, Susanna and Mariah.

(IV) Whitten Hillman, was the fourth son of Benjamin (2) Hillman. But little more than his name is known of him.

(V) Whitten (2), son of Whitten (1) Hillman, was born in Farmington, Maine, May 5, 1806, and died June 27, 1869. He was a sailor by occupation, and resided at Rockland, Maine. He married Mrs. Harriett Ulmer, of Rockland, born in 1793, and died September 9, 1874. Her father, Isaac Barnard, was a famous physician. Two children of this union: Mary F. and Richard B., whose sketch follows.

(VI) Richard Blaisdell, only son of Whitten (2) and Harriett (Barnard-Ulmer) Hillman, was born June 10 1815 in Rockland, Maine. When a young man he followed sea-faring for five years, making voyages on the north Atlantic coast. Quitting the sea he settled in Pelham, New Hampshire, where he has now (1907) lived forty-eight years, and has been wheelwright and operator of a mill. For years he was a wheelwright. About 1890 he and his son, Frank H. began to manufacture carriages, both light and heavy, at which Mr. Hillman, though seventy-two years old, is a hale and hearty laborer. In town affairs he has been a conspicuous figure, and has been selectman, and in 1885 represented his town in the legislature. He is a member of Ancient York Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Mount Horeb Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, Nashua Council, and Pilgrim Commandery, all of Lowell; Merrimack Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Lowell; General Stark Colony of the Pilgrim Fathers. He married Julia A. Spear, who was born in Rockland, Maine, October 6, 1831, daughter of Harvey A. and Jane J. (Spofford) Spear, of Rockland, Maine. Two children have been born of this union: Frank H., and Gertrude H., who married Henry M. Currier, of Pelham.

(VII) Frank Harvey, only son of Richard B. and Julia A. (Spear) Hillman, was born in Pelham, August 4, 1859. He worked at the carpenter's trade in Pelham for years, and then engaged in the business of carpenter contractor in Lowell, Massachu-

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Four distinct families of this name HILLMAN are traceable in the records of this country. In the latter part of the seventeenth century John Hillman settled in Martha's Vineyard. From him have sprung a large number of persons bearing the name in this country. About the same time another John Hillman came

setts, six years. At the end of that time he returned to Pelham, and is now a partner in business with his father under the firm name of R. B. Hillman & Son, blacksmiths and carriage manufacturers. The firm has a fine reputation for good work and has an established and paying business. Frank H. Hillman is a Republican in politics, was town treasurer in 1903-04, and in 1907-08 representative to the state legislature. He is prominent in Masonic circles, and is a member of the following Masonic bodies: Ancient York Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of Lowell, Massachusetts, and Meridian Sun Chapter, No. 9, Isreal Hunt Council, St. George Commandery of Nashua, and Bektash Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Concord, also a member of General Stark Colony of the Pilgrim Fathers. He is also an Odd Fellow, being a member of Centerville Lodge, Lowell, Massachusetts, also a member of Lowell Encampment, and of Pelham Grange. He married, June 18, 1885, Alice M. Greeley, who was born May 23, 1864, in Pelham, daughter of Alonzo D. and Mary (Wilson) Greeley, of Pelham. They have five children: Blanch H., Carl Richard, May S., Fred H., Ralph G. The older children have high school or academic educations.

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