

TENNEY Thomas Tenney, immigrant ancestor, came from Rowley, county Yorkshire, England, in the company of the Rev. Ezekiel Rogers, and arrived in Salem, Massachusetts, in December, 1638. He settled at Rowley, Massachusetts, in April, 1639. This settlement was first called Rogers Plantation, in honor of the spiritual leader. In a deposition taken at Ipswich, Massachusetts, May 4, 1680, Mr. Tenney gave his age as about sixty-six years, which would make him about twenty-four when he emigrated. His first wife was Ann ———, who came over with him, and was buried September 26, 1657. He married (second), February 24, 1658, Elizabeth, widow of Francis Parrat, of Rowley. In 1643 he received a house lot, and in 1667-70-74, had other grants of land. He held numerous town offices; warner of town meetings, 1650-53-60-61-66; overseer of plains, 1656-64-71; selectman, 1660-61-70; viewer of fences, highways, and chimneys, 1669; constable, 1665-66; tithingman, 1680. He is called ensign and marshall in 1653-66. The early church records were lost, but his name appears as a member in 1669. He spent the last years of his life at Bradford, Massachusetts, as appears from a deed to his son John, dated June 15, 1694. He died there February 20, 1699-1700, and was buried in the old cemetery, where his grave is marked by a slate stone. Children, born in Rowley: John, mentioned below; Hannah, March 15, 1642; Mercy, June 17, 1644; Thomas, July 16, 1648; James, August 15, 1650; Daniel, July 16, 1653.

(II) Deacon John Tenney, son of Thomas Tenney, was born in Rowley, December 14, 1640, died April 13, 1722. He bought one hundred acres of land in Merrimack, May 20,

1664, also four acres of meadow. Before his death he had deeded most of this land to his sons. March 2, 1684-85, he was one of a syndicate of ten men who purchased seventy or eighty acres of salt marsh at Plum Island in Rowley. At the first town meeting held at Bradford, February 20, 1668, he served as moderator, in 1668 as clerk of writs, in 1669 as selectman, in 1677 he served on the school committee, and December 2, 1702, was chosen as deacon. He was prominent in church affairs, and served on various church committees. His name is found in "ye garrison at Blackport, Maine," under date October 12, 1676, and under Captain Scottow, October 12, 1677-78. He married (first), in Rowley, February 26, 1663, Mercy, daughter of Francis and Elizabeth Parrat, of Rowley, born July 23, 1646, died November 27, 1667. He married (second), in Merrimack village (now Bradford), Massachusetts, December 2, 1668, Susanna, daughter of Humphrey and Elizabeth Woodbury, of Beverly, Massachusetts. She was born February 4, 1648, died April 9, 1716. She was dismissed from the church at Beverly to that of Bradford, in 1682-83. Children: Sarah, born in Rowley, October 17, 1665; Samuel, mentioned below.

(III) Elder Samuel Tenney, son of Deacon John Tenney, was born in Bradford, November 20, 1667, died February 3, 1747-48. He repeatedly held the highest offices in his native town; lieutenant in the continental army; member of the colonial assembly, 1725, and one of the thirty who voted against receiving the King's charter. He received land in Rowley and Bradford from his father by deed. On March 17, 1696-97, he bought land in Kingston, New Hampshire; March 9, 1702-03, salt marsh at Plum Island, and other parcels of land in Bradford. He married (first) Abigail, daughter of Deacon Joseph Bailey. She died in Bradford, November 28, 1689. He married (second), also in Bradford, December 18, 1690, Sarah, daughter of Captain Joseph and Sarah (Swan) Boynton, of Bradford, born January 11, 1671-72, died April 3, 1709. He married (third), January 26, 1710-11, Hannah Moody, who died October 29, 1745, aged seventy-six years. She was dismissed from the church at Newbury, and admitted to full communion of the First Church in Bradford, July 1, 1716. He became a member of the church, January 23, 1687. He was made deacon 1712, and March 28, 1718, was chosen elder, receiving every vote but one, probably his own. He wrote shorthand, and was accustomed to take down the sermons, and during the intermission read them to the people who remained at the meeting house. He was a fine singer, and for twenty-

five years led the song service. Children, born in Bradford: Abigail, November 22, 1689; Mercy, October 23, 1691; John, December 8, 1692; Susanna, February 5, 1694-95; Sarah, March 29, 1696; Samuel, December 17, 1697; Joseph, March 16, 1698-99; Ann, September 24, 1700; Daniel, February 14, 1702; Jonathan, mentioned below; Dorothy, December 20, 1704; Philip, December 16, 1706.

(IV) Deacon Jonathan Tenney, son of Elder Samuel Tenney, was born in Bradford, now Groveland, Massachusetts, December 8, 1703, died February 24, 1764. He married (first) Rebecca, born in Bradford, December 12, 1706, joined the church, December 10, 1727, died April, 1738-39, daughter of Daniel and Martha Hardy. He married (second) (by David Wood, Esquire) Mrs. Lydia (Hale) Perley, born at Boxford, Massachusetts, March 23, 1710-11, daughter of Joseph and Joanna (Dodge) Hale. She married (first) Nathan Perley, of Boxford, March 20, 1732-33, and he died in February, 1739. Nathan Perley, her only child of the first marriage to survive, settled on Scotland Hill, in Haverhill. Mrs. Lydia Tenney united with the church, January 18, 1740. She died June 6, 1803, aged ninety-two, and her gravestone is to be seen at Groveland. Jonathan Tenney joined the church, May 1, 1720, and was chosen deacon in 1747. During the next half century four of the eight deacons of the Bradford church were Tenneys. Children, born at Bradford: Merabah, March 4, 1727; Rebecca, June 13, 1731; Daniel, February 23, 1732-33; Jonathan, July 25, 1736; Rebecca, September 14, 1741; Benjamin, January 17, 1742-43; Lydia, October 31, 1744; Joanna, April 19, 1746; Samuel, November 28, 1748; Joseph, 1750; Margaret, December 15, 1754.

(V) Daniel, son of Deacon Jonathan Tenney, was born at Bradford, February 23, 1732-33, and was baptized February 25, two days later. In 1780 he was on the town committee to hire soldiers for the continental army. He was a private, enlisting July 12, 1778, and discharged December 16, 1778, in Captain John Dodge's company, Colonel Jacob Gerrish's regiment; also in Captain John Bodwell's company, same regiment, in 1778, at Cambridge. He resided at Bradford, Massachusetts, and Pelham, New Hampshire, just over the line. He died November 4, 1815. He married at Rowley (intention dated October 2, 1755), December 4, 1755, Elizabeth Dole, who died March 21, 1825, in her eighty-eighth year. Children: Edmund, mentioned below; Molly, born June 6, 1758; Jonathan, September 30, 1760; Paul, April 11, 1763; Jesse, December 7, 1766; Betty, November 13, 1767; Daniel, February 1, 1773, died young; Mehitable, 1775, died in infancy; Me-

hitable, February 28, 1779; Daniel, December 22, 1782.

(VI) Edmund, son of Daniel Tenney, was born in Bradford, Massachusetts, September 10, 1756, died in 1844. He was a soldier in the revolution, a private from Pelham, in Captain Amos Gage's company, enlisting September 29, 1777, to reinforce the northern army at Saratoga, New York, discharged October 28, 1777. He had other service and was pensioned April 4, 1833, for his revolutionary service. He was a farmer and shoemaker. He married, August 14, 1783, Sarah Ferguson, born January 27, 1764. They lived at Hudson and Pelham, New Hampshire. Children: Mary, born December 13, 1784; Betsey, November 8, 1786; Daniel, June 19, 1789; Sarah, June 25, 1791, married Frye Gage; twin daughters, April 21, 1793, died young; Lucinda, September 25, 1797; Edmund Dole, September 16, 1802; John Ferguson, mentioned below.

(VII) John Ferguson, son of Edmund Tenney, was born August 1, 1804, at Pelham, New Hampshire, died April 25, 1879. He resided at Salem, New Hampshire, was a well-to-do farmer and held various offices of trust. He married, April 8, 1831, Hannah (Woodbury) Tenney, daughter of Israel and Mehitable Woodbury, and widow of Daniel Tenney, his brother. Her father was a captain in the revolution. She was born November 5, 1796, died May 30, 1884. Children, born at Salem: Daniel Woodbury, October 3, 1832; George Washington, January 15, 1835; John Milton, March 27, 1839; Charles Henry, mentioned below.

(VIII) Charles Henry, son of John Ferguson Tenney, was born at Salem, New Hampshire, July 9, 1842. His early education was received in the New Hampshire Conference Seminary, at Tilton, New Hampshire, after the usual district school training. He worked for his father during his boyhood and led the typical life of a New Hampshire farmer's son. For five years he was clerk in a general store, where he acquired business experience of inestimable value to him. He then determined to learn the business of manufacturing hats of wool and in this industry he was employed for five years. In 1868 he established himself as a commission merchant in wool hats with his place of business in New York City. His success was unparalleled. Thoroughly versed in the methods of manufacture, a close observer of the markets, enterprising, sagacious and upright in all his methods, his attractive personality and fine personal qualities attracted business from the outset. While he owns an interest in a hat manufacturing concern, he has devoted himself chiefly to the commission business and represents at the present time upwards

of forty different hat manufacturing concerns, among which are the largest and best in the country. His New York store is at 8 Washington place and 15-17-19 West Fourth street. The Tenney Genealogy calls him the "Vanderbilt of the family." He is an earnest and patriotic citizen, withal, and lends his support to every movement designed for the public welfare, regardless of religion or party. He is an active member of the Union League Club, the Metropolitan Club, New York Yacht Club, Sleepy Hollow Club, Reform Club, New York Athletic Club, Society of Colonial Wars, New York Chamber of Commerce, New England Society of New York, and many other scientific and benevolent organizations. He is a sustaining member of the Metropolitan Museum of Art and Museum of Natural History. Mr. Tenney is also a life trustee of the Bowery Savings Bank.

The town of Methuen, Massachusetts, where he makes his home in summer, has been largely benefited by his generosity. This picturesque little town has been greatly beautified by Mr. Tenney. His magnificent estate, laid out by modern landscape artists, is a beautiful park in itself and is always open to the public. The mansion, modeled after the Chateau Yquem, the ancestral seat of the great Montaigne, crowns a sightly hill, and is approached by a winding driveway, a mile long. Southwest of the mansion is an unenclosed quadrangle in the Italian style, two sides of which form an open corridor, its roof supported upon pillars of richly colored marble. The view from the hill overlooking the city of Lawrence and the Andovers is superb. The soldiers' monument in Methuen was the gift of Mr. Tenney. This town sent a company to the front with the famous Sixth Massachusetts, the regiment that was attacked in Baltimore on its way to Washington at the call of President Lincoln just after the fall of Fort Sumter. In politics Mr. Tenney is a Republican.

He married, November 23, 1865, Fannie Haseltine, born at Methuen, February 24, 1844, daughter of Daniel Gleason (see Gleason VI). Children: 1. Daniel Gleason, born December 19, 1867; is a member of the firm of C. H. Tenney & Company, dealers and manufacturers of hats; married Marguerite Ledgwick, daughter of Samuel J. and Frances (Ledgwick) Smith, and had Frances Gleason and Charles Henry Tenney II. 2. Adelaide, born October 8, 1869, died January 8, 1870.