

APPENDIX G.

(See p. 334.)

THE POST-OFFICES AND POSTMASTERS OF SANBORNTON.

AFTER several efforts — repeated during six months — to obtain from the Post-Office Department in Washington, D. C., a complete list of the postmasters appointed in Sanbornton, and the dates of their appointment, we have at last (February, 1882) received such a list, through the persevering kindness of Ebenezer Morrison, Esq., a resident of Washington, just in season for this appendix.

The mystery is now solved in reference to John A. Harper, Esq. (Vol. II. p. 327 [10]), — how he could have been the first postmaster, if, as at first supposed, the office was established near the time of the petition which the town directed the selectmen to draw up to the Postmaster-General in 1798. (See p. 334 of this volume.) It now appears that the petition was not really granted till eight years afterwards, when the said Harper was twenty-five years of age. He kept the office, in all probability, at the building then occupied as a store, below his father's, near the present residence of Henry P. Wilson, and nearly opposite the old Centre Cemetery.

In the lists which follow, the names and dates under each office are precisely those received from the Post-Office Department, the whole being interspersed with explanatory remarks, in reference chiefly to the places where the several offices were kept, their changes, etc.

I. — SANBORNTON.

Office established Jan. 1, 1805.

1. JOHN A. HARPER. Appointed Jan. 1, 1805. (See above.)
2. THOMAS KIMBALL. Appointed April 1, 1808. The office was now removed to the foot of the old Meeting-House Hill, and kept in the original Kimball store, opposite the Rev. A. Bodwell's; now occupied as the dwelling-house of Herbert J. L. Bodwell (1882).
3. ABEL KIMBALL. Appointed Aug. 4, 1812. Same location as the last.
4. DANIEL C. ATKINSON. Appointed April 6, 1816.
5. ARCHIBALD S. CLARK. Appointed Aug. 12, 1819. As the two last incum-

bents were then living at Sanbornton Bridge, the office was doubtless transferred to that locality for about five years.

6. ABEL KIMBALL. Appointed Feb. 15, 1821. This was his second appointment (same as [3]); and the office was changed back to its former location, at the Square.

7. CHARLES GILMAN. Appointed May 10, 1827. Office kept at his dwelling, the three-story Lovejoy house, on site now occupied by Amos M. Baker.

8. JOHN CARR. Appointed July 24, 1829. Moved back to the Dr. Carr dwelling-house, above the location of [2], [3], and [6].

9. THOMAS M. SANBORN. Appointed Aug. 12, 1841. Office kept at the residence of Dr. Hill, with whom the incumbent had previously been studying medicine. Location, again under the hill.

10. THOMAS P. HILL. Appointed Jan. 3, 1843. Succeeded to the preceding, and retained the office in the same location.

11. JAMES B. ABBOTT. Appointed Jan. 20, 1844. Similar remark as applied to the last.

12. BARTLETT HILL. Appointed June 2, 1845. Moved down the street to the store building on the site of the present dwelling-house of Rev. M. T. Rannels.

13. THOMAS J. SANBORN. Appointed Nov. 5, 1845; keeping the office at the same place with the last named.

14. HORACE BROWN. Appointed Dec. 18, 1846. Office removed to Clark's Corner, under considerable excitement.

15. JONATHAN M. TAYLOR. Appointed Aug. 4, 1848. Office returned to the Square, and kept at Mr. Taylor's dwelling-house, the same as at present.

16. B. H. CARLTON. Appointed Oct. 30, 1851. Kept in the small dwelling-house and tailor's shop opposite the present post-office.

17. MRS. FANNY LANE. Appointed Aug. 4, 1853. Office at her house, — that of the late John M. Blaisdell.

18. MISS ELIZABETH M. LANE. Appointed March 12, 1867; succeeding to the office at the death of her mother, and keeping it for fifteen years (till her own death, March 26, 1882), at the house of Mrs. S. G. Abbott, the former location of [9], [10], and [11].

19. MRS. SARAH G. ABBOTT. Appointed April 7, 1882; widow of [11]; same location.

II. — SANBORNTON BRIDGE.

Office established March 5, 1821, though the Sanbornton post-office had previously been kept there, as see under I. [5].

1. ARCHIBALD S. CLARK. Appointed March 5, 1821. He seems to have kept the office for nearly twenty years consecutively, — the longest period of any one postmaster in the town, — and chiefly at the old "corner store," the identical site of the present Town Hall building, to which the post-office has at last permanently returned. This corner store was repeatedly burned out (see Vol. II. p. 149 [278]); and after one of these fires, — probably the second, 1838, — the office is remembered to have been kept in a shop in rear of the present Methodist parsonage.

2. THOMAS CURRY. Appointed Jan. 20, 1841. Office kept in a shop near his dwelling, north of the present Town Hall, on School Street.

3. JOHN TAYLOR. Appointed April 20, 1843. Office, under this and the

APPENDIX H.

We here append a document, recently brought to light, in confirmation of what is elsewhere stated (as on p. 330) respecting the sterling moral and religious character of many of the earlier inhabitants of Sanbornton; yet all were not of the same stamp, else the evils here specified would not have been found to combat. Besides being of some general historical value, this document may show the deep interest upon the subject of good morals which pervaded the minds of the leading men in town, and the moulding influence they sought to exert upon the people generally, and especially on the rising generation. It may stand in our history as a protest from the fathers against all the leading forms of immorality, some of which, both named and unnamed, we have reason to apprehend are quite as prevalent now as at the time the protest was made. We are informed that the society here referred to maintained a flourishing existence for several years; and without further introduction we will now let the document speak for itself. The long s (f) is used, as in the original, except when that letter is a capital or the final letter of a word.

CONSTITUTION

OF

The Sandbornton Society

FOR THE REFORMATION OF MORALS,

Instituted December 29, 1814.

Art. 1. This Society shall be called the *Sandbornton Society for the Reformation of Morals*.

Art. 2. The object of the Society shall be the suppression of immorality of every description, particularly Sabbath-breaking, Intemperance, Profanity, and Falshood.

Art. 3. The officers shall be a President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Executive Committee consisting of five members; all of whom shall be chosen by ballot. The President, Secretary, and Treasurer, shall ex officio be members of the Executive Committee.

Art. 4. The Society shall meet annually on the last Thursday of December, at which a public Discourse shall be delivered, if it be convenient; and public notice of the annual meeting shall be given two weeks previous.

Art. 5. The Executive Committee shall meet at least once in two months, and oftener if it be thought expedient, to consult on the best measures to correct existing immoralities, or any customs and practices which have an immoral tendency; and they shall make report of their doings to the Society at each annual meeting.

Art. 6. The President shall preside at the annual meeting, and also at all meetings of the Executive Committee. The annual meetings shall be opened with prayer by some person, whom the Committee shall appoint. The Secretary shall keep a record of all votes and resolves of the Society, and of the Executive Committee; and the Treasurer shall keep any property belonging to the Society, and be accountable for the same. If it be necessary to raise money for the use of the Society, it shall not be raised by a tax on the members, but by voluntary contribution.

Art. 7. Any person, who wishes to promote the objects of the Society, may, by a vote of the Executive Committee, become a member. He shall sign the Constitution, and the Secretary shall record his name with the members of the Society.

Art. 8. Should any member be guilty of gross immorality, or manifest a spirit that is hostile to the objects of the Society, he may, by a vote of two thirds of the members, be dismissed at any annual meeting.

Art. 9. It shall be the duty of all the members to exert their influence to suppress immorality of every description, particularly Sabbath-breaking, Intemperance, Profaneness, and Falsehood; to endeavor to reclaim the immoral by friendly admonition; to aid and support Tithingmen, and all civil officers, in the faithful execution of the laws; and finally to encourage the rising generation in a constant attendance on public worship, in habits of sobriety, morality, and industry.

Art. 10. Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by the Executive Committee at any annual meeting, and if approved by two thirds of the members present, shall be adopted.

NATHAN TAYLOR, President.

JOSHUA LANE, Secretary.

APPENDIX J.

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO VOL. I.

PAGE 1, third paragraph. The area of Sanbornton, "about one hundred square miles," is here given from the former annalist of 1841. It is evidently a rough computation, and it would have proved impossible to give the dimensions of a town thus bounded with entire accuracy, except after the most prolonged and expensive surveys. The author of the remonstrance against the division of the town in 1869, given in Appendix E, p. 450, states the area of Sanbornton, without the corner of Franklin, — *i. e.*, before the formation of Tilton, — as only fifty-four square miles. If that estimate is correct, being formed upon the same basis as the former, and including in like manner the waste or unoccupied lands at the north end of the town, it must be concluded that this earlier computation of one hundred square miles was considerably too large, and that seventy-five square miles would have been a nearer estimate.

Page 2, last paragraph. The statement respecting the salmon of Salmon Brook should be slightly modified to correspond with the facts as afterwards ascertained. (See p. 280, last paragraph.)

Page 3, first paragraph. To the list of brooks may be added Taylor Brook, which flows from the Square southwest into Gulf Brook (referred to on p. 298), and Danforth Brook, flowing into the Winnipiseogee, near the Plains, and named after the first settlers in that part of the town. This brook, in former years, has proved one of the best for trout. Though short in its course, David T. W. Clark has sometimes taken eighty, at one fishing, from this alone.

Page 15, last paragraph. To the notice of Sanbornton minerals should be added the following from Person C. Shaw: About the year 1852, Wm. Huse, then living on the mountain road, discovered mica on that peak of the Salmon Brook Mountains sometimes called Shaw's Mountain. Mr. Shaw has since been intending to open a mine; and in the fall of 1881, having associated his son, Frank B. Shaw, and his son-in-law, G. H. Adams, with himself, the company proceeded to employ an expert, Mr. H. Drew, and make investigations. One hundred dollars were expended before winter set in. Specimens of mica were procured eight inches square that were pronounced "perfect," and Mr. Drew concludes that the "show is as good as that of the famous North Groton mine."

Page 21. "Yamoyden." Most of the poetical or other headings of the chapters give the names of the authors quoted; in this and one or two other cases, the name of the poem instead. "Yamoyden" celebrates in verse an Indian chieftain, the poem being planned by Rev. James W. Eastburn, and

written by himself and Robert C. Sands, humorist, essayist, and poet. Mr. Eastburn had been pursuing his theological studies at Bristol, R. I., near the scene of the poem, but died on a voyage to Santa Cruz for his health, December, 1819, in his twenty-second year. The basis of the work and part of its composition are his. Mr. Sands made additions, and published it in 1820.

Page 53. Heading of Chap. VIII. For this quotation from the "Forefathers' Song," the author is indebted to Prof. Edwin D. Sanborn's "History of New Hampshire," pp. 237, 238.

Page 199 (note). And still they come, — those historic bridges of Sanbornton across the Winnipiseogee! The accurate memory of the now venerable Joseph Warren Sanborn gives us assurance of bridge No. 12 spanning the river at Tilton village direct from the point now occupied by west end of the middle railroad bridge, above the island, to the Northfield side, in front of the present Granite Mill. It was not a very substantial structure, and Mr. Sanborn vividly recalls the "teetering" sensation he experienced on driving across it, in 1822 or 1823, when a lad of fourteen!

Page 199 (note). The two iron bridges alluded to are now (April, 1882) successfully completed. Their cost to both towns was \$5,500; that of the upper, \$3,250 (of which Mr. Charles E. Tilton paid \$500, equally divided between the two towns, Tilton and Northfield); that of the lower bridge, \$2,250. Tilton's expense for the stone work of both bridges was \$660. The upper bridge is the more elaborate and ornamental, with high, arching truss, and bearing two plates upon the elevated cross-pieces, with these inscriptions: —

"Erected 1881. Patented April 16, 1878. Corrugated Metal Co., Builders, East Berlin, Conn.

[Adding, to those who approach the bridge from the north,]

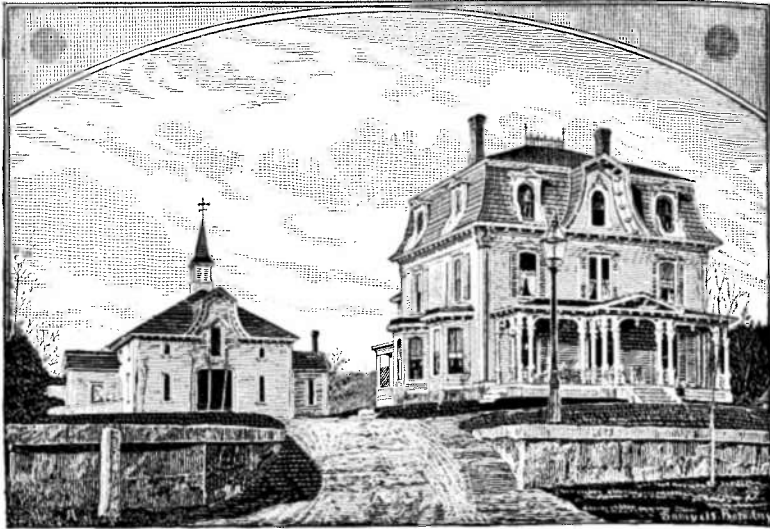
"HORACE SANBORN,	} <i>Selectmen of Tilton.</i>
RICHARD FIRTH,	
W. H. H. ROLLINS,	

[And, to those approaching from the south,]

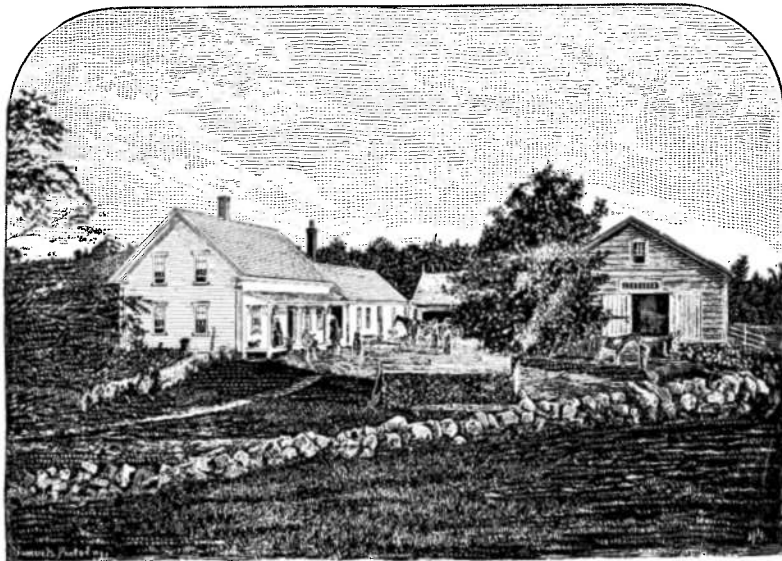
JAS. N. FORREST,	} <i>Selectmen of Northfield."</i>
JASON FOSS,	
GAWN E. GORRELL,	

Page 223, fifth line from bottom. For "whose," substitute "where," — letting the whole sentence read: "The distillery was Lovejoy's, at the Square, where also were most of the stores."

Page 231. The list of business places in Tilton, as here given, within the short space of six months preceding April, 1882, has been subjected to several changes, thus proving the mutability of all human affairs. The most important of these changes are here announced. The sudden and lamented deaths of T. W. Long, December (?), 1881, at Hopkinton, and of George Nelson, *alias* George N. Gigar, "our popular barber," in Northfield, April 8, 1882, caused the entire and final suspension of their business operations. The firm of C. P. Herrick & Co. has been succeeded by that of Philbrick & Hill (formerly of Hill's Block), general merchandise. The business of Wm. A. Colby has changed hands, and the Lord Brothers have established a new and popular drug store in their building. A neat and commodious passenger railroad



RESIDENCE OF A. W. SULLOWAY. (Franklin.)



RESIDENCE OF J. W. JOHNSON. (See p. 372; and Vol. II. p. 565.)

station has also been erected, a little east of the old one, at a cost of about \$6,000 (though not yet occupied or fully completed), including \$2,800 for the site. "It will be ready for use early in June" (1882).

Page 233, last line. There should be added to the conspicuous residences of Franklin Falls village (Sanbornton side) that of Hon. A. W. Sulloway, — an elegant and thoroughly constructed dwelling-house, with delightful surroundings, near the river, a little above the present Federal Bridge.

Page 234 [V.]. The business sites of the village of Union Bridge, or East Tilton, should also receive the following accessions: —

9. The blacksmith's shop of Nathan P. Moulton, near the head of the street.

10. The store of John Philbrick, half-way down, nearly opposite the Free-will Baptist Meeting-House.

11. The tannery of Stephen D. Shirley, a little back from the river, between the two bridges.

Page 243. 14. J. WARE BUTTERFIELD, Esq., may be added to the lawyers practising within the limits of Sanbornton. He was a native of Andover, — the son of Samuel Butterfield; commenced the practice of law at the Bridge, in copartnership with Charles C. Rogers, Esq., July 25, 1861, and thus continued till Oct. 31, 1864. This included his time of service in the army of the late war. (See p. 184 [52].) He is now (1882) established as a lawyer and land agent in Florence, Kansas.

We also, while reading proof, insert the latest possible intelligence respecting the lawyers of Tilton (adding still another to the list), from the Tilton correspondents of the *Laconia Democrat*, May 5, 1882, and of the *Belknap Tocsin*, May 4: "James O. Lyford, Esq., of Tilton, was married May 2, at Concord, N. H., to Miss Susan A. Hill. The ceremony was performed by Bishop Niles. The newly wedded pair received their invited friends at the home of the bride, and started on the bridal tour at 7.20 p. m. Miss Hill is a granddaughter of the late Governor Hill, and daughter of W. Pickering Hill, Esq., of Concord, and niece of Mrs. Senator Rollins. It is understood that Mr. Lyford will, while making his home in Tilton, be engaged in one of the departments at Washington, which will not only be remunerative, but afford excellent advantages for study in certain specialties of law."

15. "WALTER D. HARDY, Esq., of Franklin, has associated himself with J. O. Lyford, Esq., in the practice of law, and will become the active man in the office. Mr. Hardy brings strong recommendations as to capacity in law, for a young man. He has had excellent advantages from office practice with E. B. S. Sanborn, Esq., of Franklin."

Page 312 [81]. The attention of the author has been lately called by Mr. Jacob D. Sanborn, of Franklin, to three epitaphs in this cemetery (previously overlooked) which have an interesting history, and are probably among the very earliest inscribed in town. They were engraved by Jeremiah⁶ Sanborn during his leisure hours while attending his grist mill, within a few years after the severe afflictions which visited his family in 1798 (see Vol. II. p. 634 [161]). The stones were massive, and the lettering was evidently done with great care and painstaking, though by hands unused to that kind of work. Each epitaph was a tribute of pure affection; but unfortunately those upon the stones of his sister (Mrs. Anna Cawley) and his daughter cannot now be deciphered. That upon his wife's stone proves, after diligent inspection, to be the immortal lines of Watts: —

“Unveil thy bosom, faithful tomb,
Take this new treasure to thy trust;
And give these sacred relics room
To seek a slumber in the dust.”

Well worthy was that noble ancestor of the enduring granite monument which his grandchildren and descendants have erected to his memory, in the same cemetery.

Pages 321, 322. The west boundary line of Sanbornton, needing no perambulation, was strictly the line of low-water mark on the west bank of Pemigewasset River, thus giving the islands to our town. We have it on the authority of the late Mr. Jeremiah Weeks, that a man, Emerson (?) by name, was once living on the west side of the river, his home being divided by the east and west boundary line between Andover on the south and New Chester or Hill on the north, these two towns being respectively in the counties of Merrimack (formerly Hillsborough) and Grafton. He baffled the efforts of each county on two different occasions, when the officers of each were trying to arrest him, by passing from one part of his house to the other. A third time, when both sheriffs were after him, he stepped into the river, and there defied them both, being then in another town and county, — Sanbornton and Strafford. Finally, by the coming to his house of the three sheriffs at the same time, his arrest was effected.

Page 328, last paragraph. The latest Sanbornton organization to be noticed is that pertaining to the “Town Fair.” A movement was first made, after the adjournment of the annual town meeting in March, 1882, for the forming of a new agricultural society, and providing for a town fair, to be held the following September. At an adjourned meeting in the Town Hall, March 22, it was voted to organize the agricultural society. A constitution and by-laws were adopted, and the first board of officers elected: viz., Herman T. Hale, Esq., president; Albert M. Osgood, secretary; Joseph N. Sanborn, treasurer; a corps of fifteen vice-presidents, and a board of sixteen directors, one of each from each of the several school districts in town.

In this connection may be mentioned one of the last benefactions of Mr. Charles E. Tilton for the good of the public in his native village and town; viz., the purchasing of seven and one half acres of land on the north side of the Franklin road, opposite the Park Cemetery, for the general purposes of a park or pleasure ground for popular resort. The cost of this land was \$850, and some \$400 or \$500 have already been expended in improvements. A small brook with its wooded glen runs through the centre from north to south, and good driveways have been built around the outskirts and through the pine groves in various directions.

Here, too, as an appendage to the “Salmagundi” chapter (Chap. XXXI.), may the encouraging fact be noted that the town of Sanbornton, at its annual meeting, March, 1882, very liberally voted \$500 “to aid in the finishing” of this History; and the town of Tilton, likewise, \$300 for the same purpose: it being understood that the money is to be expended for the map of the old town, and for other illustrations in the present volume.

Page 366. Lot No. 13. Add at the end (house sites): 4. JENNINGS HOUSE (1874).

Page 379. Lot No. 4, Second Division. Add at the end (house sites): 4. CAWLEY HOUSE, No. 2 (south of E. D. Weeks’s).

Page 395 Lot No. 79. Add at the end (house sites): 5. GODFREY or TITCOMB HOUSE.

Pages 397 to 400. To show how the list of school-teachers in Appendix B might have been enlarged, if time and opportunity had been found to “interview” the elderly people in each of the several school districts, the following twelve are remembered by Mr. Joseph W. Sanborn to have taught in the Sanborn Road District (of Tilton) alone, besides several others already named in the Appendix: —

CLARK, JAMES; son of Moses.

EMERY, WOODMAN; first teacher in the present school-house.

FITZ, NATHAN.

LANE, JOSEPH (Rev.).

MORRILL, ALPHEUS (M. D.), then of Canterbury.

ROBINSON, WILLIAM.

SANBORN, DANIEL S.

SANBORN, NATHAN (M. D.).

TEBBETTS, HENRY, of Northfield.

LANCASTER, DOLLY (Mrs. Jacob Perkins). Mr. Sanborn’s first teacher in the old school-house, whose threatening “string” is vividly recalled!

LANCASTER, SALLY (Mrs. John Lane).

LANE, ABIGAIL E. (Mrs. Aaron Rollins).

To these we may also add, as suggested at the eleventh hour, the late, —

BENJAMIN F. LANE.

ASA WEEKS (D. C., 1846); and the three COLBY sisters,

SARAH (Mrs. John B. Batchelder).

MARY (Mrs. Curtis B. Burley).

MARTHA (Mrs. Albert M. Whipple).

Page 403, second column, twenty-fourth line. For Joseph B., read Joseph P. Dearborn.

Page 415 (Lot Layers), second column. Joshua W. Clement should undoubtedly read Joseph W. Clement; whether mistaken by the town clerk of that time or a later transcriber.