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NOTICE.

The male Capewell's are scattered throughout the pamphlet in alphabetical order. It will also be noticed that a numeral is before each name; such as "(1. A.)" "(2. B.)" etc., for distinguishing purposes. Thus, "(3. J.)" indicates, Joseph of Shepherds' Lodge, Cellar Head, and (3. W.) indicates, William of 19 New Street, Hanley. You are kindly requested to use this method of indication in your future correspondence.

PREFACE.

OBJECT OF THESE ANNUAL REPORTS.

It is with great pleasure that I send you this, my first annual report; and I sincerely trust that you will find it interesting and entertaining and even instructive.

By the grace of the Almighty Father, I hope to issue my next report July 21st, 1907.

Life is so uncertain that it would be extremely dangerous for the welfare of these records to allow them to remain in the hands of any one person, no matter in what part of the world he may live: and that is one reason why it has been considered advisable to have these annual reports printed, giving an account of the information secured during the year previous and sending them to all the Capewell's in the different parts of the world, thus insuring their safety as much as possible.

SAVE YOUR REPORTS.

You should save each report as the information contained therein may be entirely different from that of the following year: and by saving them all, you will have quite an interesting history, even should the larger "Capewell History" never be printed.

WHO THEY ARE SENT TO.

These reports are sent to every Capewell in the world, for the purpose of keeping them posted as to the progress made during the past year in the family history, and the exact name and address of every other Capewell.

A copy will also be sent to every Library, Historical and Geneological Society, and Newspaper in the localities where there are any Capewell's

EXTRA COPIES FOR YOURSELF OR FRIENDS.

Extra copies will be sent to any address in the world on receipt of the necessary postage.

HISTORY OF THOSE ON THE LIST.

I have, in the mean time, been gathering the history of those already on the list, and hope in some future report to be able to impart to you as entertainingly as possible, the life-history of each, and to separate the

distinct branches of the family and place each one where they belong, so that all may be able to trace their own line back as far as it goes.

These reports will also show the relationship of each.

HONEST AND UPRIGHT CITIZENS.

It is also hoped by these reports to create an interest and pride in the History and welfare of the family name and all those who bear it.

It must be said, however, that I have never found a Capewell who was not proud of his name; and they have every reason to be so, for so far as the history shows, the Capewell's have all been honest and upright citizens. No matter what their station in life, nor the section of the world in which they live, they are respected by all who know them.

PRIVATE INFORMATION.

I am in receipt of considerable private information, which will not be published in the annual reports, but will be reserved for the large, completed "Capewell History."

ALL CAPEWELL'S WANTED.

We want the life history of every man, woman and child who has ever borne the name of Capewell; it matters not how humble they may be; we must include all, or our history will not be complete.

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS, DEATHS

And changes in address should be reported as promptly as possible.

MIGRATION OF CAPEWELLS.

In these times, when the world is moving so rapidly, and the peoples of all nations are so restless, the Capewell's are very apt to leave their homes and seek their fortunes in other climes. Some have come to the United States of America, some have gone to Canada, and some to Australia: and it is presumed that in the years to come, others will migrate also. In the future the Capewell's may be found in all parts of the world.

OUR PRESENT DUTY.

It is, therefore, the duty of those now living, to locate every Capewell and keep in communication with him: let him feel that you are interested in his welfare, and in the end he will be brought to feel the same interest in you and in all those who bear the name; He will feel proud of his name and guard it with jealous pride, regarding the history of his family as the most valuable possession he has.

Now is the time to accomplish all this: now, when the records can be found, and while there are not so many Capewell's in the world.

TEACH THE CHILDREN.

Let us teach the children the value of the family records and make them proud of their name, that in the end they may be encouraged to greater things in this world; and remember that the child of today is the man or woman of tomorrow, and to them we must look for the prosperity of the Capewell's in the future.

Sincerely yours,

CLARENCE L. CAPEWELL.

THE CAPEWELL FAMILY.

1. **ARTHUR CAPEWELL.**—Clark Street, Plattsburg, New South Wales, Australia.

2. **ARTHUR CAPEWELL.**—Shark's Bay, West Australia.

3. **ARTHUR CAPEWELL.**—Ball's Yard, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire, England.

4. **ARTHUR CLAUD CAPEWELL.**—Wood Lea, Dewsbury Road, Beeston Leeds, England. Son of Joseph of Leeds, (1. J.), brother to Joseph John, (2. J.), of Wakefield, Ernest Henry, (3. E.), and George Sidney, (2. G.), of Leeds.

5. **ARTHUR THOMAS CAPEWELL.**—35 Thornsett Road, Sheffield, Staffordshire, England. Son of George (who died Nov., 1904, at 13 Kenwood Park Road, Sheffield) and brother to John Frederick, (5. J.) of Meersbrook, and George H., (11. G.) of Philadelphia, Pa., U. S. A.

6. **ALBERT CAPEWELL.**—217 Stevens Street, Camden, New Jersey, U. S. A. Age 45, son of William Henry, (16. W.) and Jane M. Bender (deceased) Capewell. He was born Jan. 10, 1867, at 217 Kaighns Avenue, Camden, N. J., educated at Kaighns school, Newton Avenue and Chesnut Street. Married Oct. 31, 1898 by Rev. Gilbert Underhill, at St. John's Episcopal Church, Broadway and Royden Streets, to Helen Pierce, who was born March 7, 1866, at Camden, N. J.

7. **ALFRED CAPEWELL.**—39 Cornwallis Street, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire, England.

8. **ALFRED CAPEWELL.**—Pale'wins Gate, Whitmore, near Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire, England. He is a brother to John, (Canada), George, (15. G.), at Ross, Herefordshire, William, (2. W.), New Brighton, Jane, (10. J.), and Harriet, (21. H.), at Stoke-on-Trent.

1. **BENJAMIN CAPEWELL.**—Bedworth, near Nuneston, Worcestershire, England. Age 78, son of Thomas (deceased).

Benjamin is the one mentioned as claimant to "Mancetter Manor."

1. **CHARLES WILLIAM CAPEWELL.**—31 Lime Street, Liverpool' England.

It was Charles William who sent out the last report, in November, containing the list of the English Capewell's; and we owe him a vote of thanks for his untiring efforts towards the success of our history.

2. **CHARLES EDGAR CAPEWELL.**—616 Grant Street, Camden, New Jersey, U. S. A. Age 24, son of Winfield Scott, and Melvina V.

(Stetser) Capewell, (30. M.). Born April 5, 1882, at 450 Royden Street Camden, N. J., educated at Liberty School, Eighth and Spruce Streets. Married Sept. 4, 1901, at parsonage of Liberty Street Methodist Church by Rev. Blackburn, to Ester J. Reed, born Sept 10, 1884, at Philadelphia, Pa. They have two children, Jennie N.,(42. J.), and Melvina V., (16. M.) Capewell.

3. **CLARENCE LESTER CAPEWELL.**—1108 West Baltimore Street Baltimore, Maryland, U. S. A. Age 37, son of William Henry (deceased) and Mary Rebecca(Oldershaw) Capewell. Born July 21, 1869, at Westville, New Jersey.

4. **CHARLES CAPEWELL.**—14 Beacon Street, St. Annes Well Road, Nottingham, England.

5. **CHARLES CAPEWELL.**—Mill Street, Euturia, Hanley, Staffordshire, England. He is the father of the missing Samuel, who went to America in 1891; (See Missing.) and brother to Frederick Beddeley (1. F.) of Hartshill.

6. **CHARLES CAPEWELL.**—Highfield, Wetlock Rocks, near Stoke-on-Trent, Seafordshire, England.

7. **CHARLES CAPEWELL.**—Oatlands, Tasmania, Australia.

CAPEWELL STREET.

8. **CAPEWELL STREET.**—Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, U. S. A. From 1858 to 1898, a period of 40 years, there was a "Capewell Street" in Philadelphia, Pa., and it is described in the Philadelphia Directory of 1887, page 6, as, "Capewell Street, west from 828 Belgrade St., to Gaul St., 18th ward." This section of Philadelphia is known as Kensington, and is where Joseph Capewell, the founder of the present families in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, lived and died. Further particulars of which will be given in later reports.

In 1898, the name of Capewell Street was changed to East Fletcher Street. With the assistance of Lydia A., (10. L.) I intend to have the city records searched for further particulars.

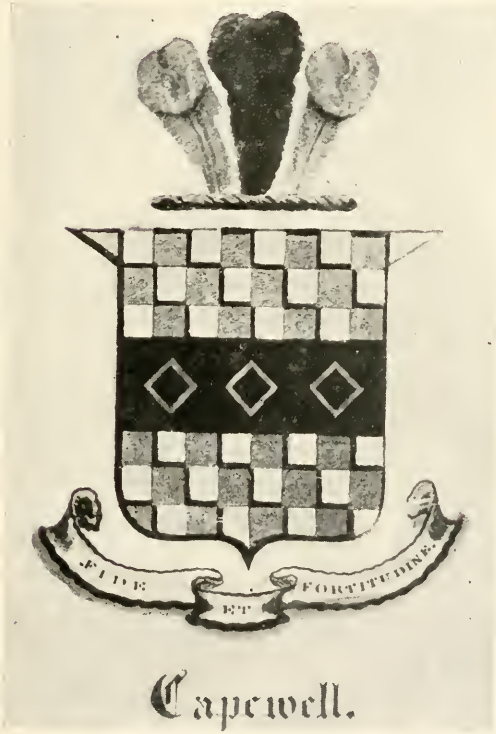
9. **COLIN CAPEWELL.**—Shepherds Lodge, Cellar Head, near Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire, England. Son of Joseph and Sarah Jane (Docksey) Capewell,(3. J.) of Cellar Head.

10. **CHARLES HENRY CAPEWELL.**—Woodbury, Connecticut, U. S. A. Age 29, born May 17, 1876, at Woodbury. Conn. Son of Seymour Langdon and Elizabeth Julia (Saxton) Capewell(2. S.). Married Dec. 19, 1904, at Plymouth, Connecticut, to Francis Louise Beardsley, who was born Sept. 5, 1880, at Plymouth, Connecticut.

11. CLIFFORD HOWARD CAPEWELL.—Hatchkissville, Connecticut, U. S. A. Son of William Charles and Mary (Miserez) Capewell (17. W.). Age 4, born at Oakville, Conn., Jan. 17, 1902,

COAT OF ARMS,

INCLUDING CREST AND MOTTO.



On this page is a photo half-tone of the original "Coat of Arms" brought to America by Joseph Thomas Capewell in 1840 from England, and now in the possession of his eldest daughter, Sarah Ann, (12. S.) who loaned it to her sister, Julia Fredrica, (41. J.) to have it photographed; the result of which you have before you.

The official description of the coat of arms, as given by Joseph Thomas in 1872, is as follows:

ARMS:—Checquey Or. and Az., on a Fesse Gu., three Mascles Az.

CREST:—A Plume of three Ostrich Feathers, two Az and one Gu.

MOTTO:—Fide et fortitudine.

Now, to enlighten the uninitiated, I will give a few definitions.

Checquey, means, a field or armorial bearing divided into checks of different colors, alternating like a chess board.

Fesse, means a band drawn horizontally across the centre of an escutcheon and containing in breadth the one-third part of it.

Mascle, means a lozenge or diamond shaped plate, covering a background.

Or, means gold. Az, means azure, or blue. Gu, means gules, or red.

Thus, we have,—Arms:—Checquey, gold and pale blue, with a red fesse running through the centre, studded with three blue mascles.

Crest:—A plume of three ostrich feathers; the central feather, bright red, which indicates courage, animation or hardihood, and the outside feathers, blue.

Motto:—With faith and fortitude.

Let us hope that by next annual report, we may be able to reproduce the Coat of Arms with its natural colors, and give a full account of its origin, and the history of the family who brought it over to America, together with their descendants, who are mostly located in Connecticut, U. S. A.

Mrs. Julia F. Warner (Julia F. Capewell, 41. J.) and Mrs. Sarah Ann Benham (Sarah A. Capewell, 12. S.) deserve our sincere thanks for their untiring efforts in behalf of the Coat of Arms and other information.

In the story of George Joseph, (1. G.) will also be found an interesting account of the Coat of Arms and some of those connected with it.

Below will be found an enlightening article on the

ORIGIN OF COATS OF ARMS.

Taken from "Foundations Of Geneology," by Willam Stowell Mills, L. L. B., 1899, 352 Clifton Place, Brooklyn, New York, U. S. A., with apologies to Mr. Mills.

"In the days known as the middle ages, war was the chief occupation of kings, princes, barons, knights, and, indeed, of all who were able to wield the spear or the battle axe. The military spirit so completely dominated all classes of society, that in the intervals between real engagements, the warriors resorted to the tournament—the sham battle—to whet the appetite for combat.

The feudal system of land tenure prevailed. Original ownership was in the king, or conqueror, who apportioned his teritory among his staff of supporters, and they divided theirs into smaller holdings, to be again parceled out to vassels of lesser degree.

Each land owner was able to muster an army of followers, proportioned in numbers to the territory he could controll.

The soldier sought to raise himself in the social and political scale by giving proofs of his courage. His hope of winning favor from those in rank above him lay in the evidence he could produce of his skill and daring in the field.

Constant struggle for personal power was the natural result of this social condition.

Methods of recording military achievements were in a rude state: the memory, aided by what might attract the eye, being all the individual had on which to found his prestige.

The special exhibitions of prowess upon which he depended for his rights and privileges were recorded by means of symbols, designed to be conspicuous and to be perpetual reminders of the illustrious career of their owner.

These symbols were originally worn on the outer garment, outside of the warrior's coat of mail, hence the term—COAT OF ARMS.

As ideas of art were developed, these insignia became decorative; and as the aspirants for distinction increased in numbers, the symbols became more and more indicative of rank.

Each follower in the royal train, from the highest to the lowest, as he became the head of a family, confered upon that family the right to use his insignia. The Coat of Arms thus became a FAMILY INHERITANCE.

In course of time, these tokens grew to be so numerous, and their designs so intricate, that it became necessary to devise some more convenient way of displaying them.

The custom grew, therefore, of bearing the coat of arms, not on the outer garment, but on the warrior's shield. This is the origin of what has been almost a universal form—the shield, on which to display the principal armorial bearings.

No precise date can be given for the beginning of the use of coats of arms. There are some indications that they began to take definite form in the crusades. Customs grow gradually, and as slowly pass away.

Opportunities of winning material emblems of war are fading away with the social conditions that made them possible; but inheritance by descent from those who won honorable distinction is vital today, and may be justly claimed. Those badges were proofs of the wearer's deeds of valor, and should be held by his descendants as family insignia.

They once determined the social status of their owners, but in modern days, particularly in democratic America, the test of nobility lies not so much in family pride of the past, as in individual worth, now; yet we should know how far social evolution has brought us, and what were the

"Days of old, when knights were bold,
And barons held their sway."

The evidences of family honor in past generations should therefore be cherished."

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1. **DANIEL CAPEWELL.**—11 Byron Road, Birmingham, England.

2. **DAVID CAPEWELL.**—Boldmere, Wylde Green, Warwickshire, England.

3. **DANIEL PICKERING CAPEWELL.**—215 Coventry Road, Birmingham, England.

Daughters Of Capewells.

Below is a list of a few of the "Capewell Daughters," and, it might be added, "Capewell Sisters." Most of these are in America; and we hope by our next report to add the names of those in Great Brittain, Canada and Australia.

So far, the Capewell girls have made a good reputation for themselves and those who have married have made excellent wives and mothers, and

they have all shown a deep interest in the "Capewell History" and seem to be as proud of the name as their brothers.

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9. **ALICE CAPEWELL.**—Leek Road, Hanley, Staffordshire, England.

10. **ANNA M. CAPEWELL.**—459 Berkley Street, Camden, New Jersey, U. S. A. Age 28, born April 9, 1877, at 323 Mt. Vernon Street, Camden, N. J. Daughter of Winfield Scott (deseceased) and Melvina V. (Stetser) Capewell, (30. M.) Married Nov. 17, 1896, at Eighth Street, Methodist Parsonage, by Rev. Mitchell, to Byron Pinkney Cobb, born Sept. 10, 1874, at New Market, Maryland. They have two children, Alberta Wallace and Byron Pinkney Cobb.

11. **AUGUSTA ANN CAPEWELL.**—Oakville, Connecticut, U. S. A. Age 32, born May 17, 1874, at Woodbury, Litchfield County, Connecticut U. S. A. Daughter of Walter Stanley and Jennie Agustus (Lewis) Capewell (20. W.). Educated at Notre Dame Convent, Waterbury, Connecticut, U. S. A. Married April 9, 1889, at Brewsters, New York, by a Baptist minister, to Edwin Joseph Archer, born Oct. 9, 1868, at Woodbury, Connecticut. They have two children, Frederick Welton and Harold Raymond Archer.

2. **BERTHA MAXWELL CAPEWELL.**—291 Liberty Street, Camden, New Jersey, U. S. A. Age 35, born Aug. 6, 1870, at 217 Kaighns avenue. Educated, Third and Walnut Streets. Parents, William Henry and Jane M. (Bender) Capewell (16. W.). Married September 6, 1891, by Methodist minister, Trenton Avenue, Camden, to James H. Douglas. Divorced, 1897, at Camden, N. J. One daughter, Jane C. Douglas, was born to Mr. Douglas, and is with the mother.

Married again, Dec. 22, 1898, at 1219 Liberty Street, by Methodist minister, to Edward Larence MacCrea, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Children: Edward L., Jr., 7 years; Violetta S., 6 years; William H. 4 years; Sallie 3 years; Louisa B., 2 years and Bertha M., 1 year.

3. **BESSIE MAY CAPEWELL.**—425 Washington Street, Camden, New Jersey, U. S. A. Born July 10, 1901, age 4. Daughter of Rutherford Hayes and Lenda D. (Harbeson) Capewell (1. R.).

21. **CAROLINE HARRISON CAPEWELL.**—458 Kaighns Avenue, Camden, New Jersey, U. S. A. Age 16, born May 16, 1889, at Westville, N. J. Educated same place. Daughter of Mark Anthony and Whillie (Batt) Capewell (1. M.).

22. **CAROLYN ELIZABETH CAPEWELL.**—Platt's Mills, Naugatuck, Connecticut, U. S. A. Age 21, born May 10, 1885, at Woodbury, Connecticut. Daughter of Seymour Langdon and Julia Elizabeth (Saxton) Capewell (2. S.)

23. **CAROLINE ELIZABETH CAPEWELL.**—Woodbury, Connecticut, U. S. A. Age 65, born Dec. 18, 1840, in New York. Daughter of George Augustus and Harriet A. (Davis) Capewell. Married Dec. 28,

1858 at Woodbury, Conn., to James Sheldon Stone, son of Sheldon and Julia A. Stone. Born Dec. 10, 1836, at Woodbury. Died Jan. 30, 1893 of Pneumonia, aged 58; buried at Woodbury, Conn.

Children: Mary Elizabeth, Henry James, Ellen Louise, Fannie Maria and George Sheldon Stone.

10. **DAISY MAY CAPEWELL.**—Box 14, Oakville, Connecticut, U. S. A. Age 24, born November 2, 1882, at Oakville, Litchfield County, Conn. Daughter of Walter Stanley and Jennie Augustus (Lewis) Capewell (20, W.). Married June 22, 1904, by Episcopal clergyman at Oakville, Conn. to William Davis Andrews, who was born Nov. 3, 1882, at Ansonia, New Haven County, Conn.

They have had one child, Walter Capewell Andrews, who died in infancy.

21. **EMMA GERTRUDE CAPEWELL.**—733 Norfolk Street, Mattapan, Boston, Massachusetts, U. S. A. Age 25, born May 20, 1881, at present address. Educated at Tileston Grammar and Roxbury High Schools. Daughter of William Wright (deceased) and Emma Geneva (Wells) Capewell (30, E.).

22. **EMMA L. CAPEWELL.**—741 Park Avenue, Collingswood, New Jersey, U. S. A. Age 60, born Feb. 10, 1846, at Second and Kaighns Avenue, Camden, N. J. Daughter of John and Sarah L. (Austin) Capewell (both deceased).

23. **EDNA LAVINA CAPEWELL.**—458 Kaighn Avenue, Camden, New Jersey, U. S. A. Age 9, born Dec. 9, 1896, at Westville, N. J. Daughter of Mark Anthony and Whillie (Batt) Capewell (1, M.).

24. **ELLEN CAPEWELL.**—Woodbury, Connecticut, U. S. A.. Age 58, born Jan. 10, 1848, at Woodbury, Conn. Daughter of the late Joseph Thomas, and Sarah Ann (Pitt) Capewell. Married Dec. 3, 1870, at Dover, New York, to Frank J. Atwood, born at Woodbury, Conn., May 15, 1844.

They have eight children: Edna R., Frank G., Isabel, Bertha I., Elsworth J., Warren S., Margaret B. and Grover C. Atwood.

25. **EMILY CAPEWELL.**—Oakville, Connecticut, U. S. A. Age 61, born Dec. 8, 1845, at Woodbury, Conn. Daughter of Joseph Thomas and Sarah Ann (Pitt) Capewell. Married October 22, 1865, at Brewsters, New York, by Methodist minister, to George Lewis Beardslee, born June 8, 1840, at Bridgewater, Conn.

They have four children: George Joseph, born Dec. 18, 1866, at Woodbury, Conn., died Aug. 4, 1886, at Oakville, Conn., aged 19. Buried at Watertown, Conn.; Lewis Wells, age 29, born March 12, 1877: Edwin Eugene, age 27, born Oct 11, 1878 and Gertrude Emily Beardslee, age 26, born Aug. 19, 1881.

21. **FRANCIS MATILDA CAPEWELL.**—458 Kaighn Avenue, Camden, New Jersey, U. S. A. Age 14, born Jan. 20, 1892, at Westville,

N. J. Daughter of Mark Anthony and Whillie (Batt) Capewell (1. M.).

20. **HARRIET AMEILA CAPEWELL.**—Woodbury, Connecticut, U. S. A. Age 48, born March 22, 1858, at Woodbury, Conn. Daughter of George Augustus and Harriet (Davis) Capewell. Married November 26, 1879, at St Paul's Episcopal Church, Woodbury, Connecticut, by Rev. E. J. Sanford, to Stiles Curtis Russell, born Sept. 8, 1851, at Woodbury, Conn.

21. **HARRIET CAPEWELL.**—44 Wilson Street, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire, England.

22. **HELEN RUTH CAPEWELL.**—72 Hinsdale Avenue, Winstead, Conecticut, U. S. A. Age 6, born July 6, 1899, at Woodbury, Conn. Daughter of Langdon Cereno and Ruth Estella (Plumb) Capewell (1. L.).

10. **IDA GARAFELIA CAPEWELL.**—969 Asylum Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, U. S. A. Daughter of George Joseph and Garafelia (Hull) Capewell (1. G.).

40. **JANE CAPEWELL.**—44 Wilson Street, Stoke-on-Trent, England.

41. **JULIA FREDRICA CAPEWELL.**—Oakville, Connecticut, U. S. A. Age 62, born May 23, 1844, at Woodbury, Conn. Daughter of the late Joseph Thomas and Sarah Ann (Pitt) Capewell. Married September 14, 1864, at Woodbury, Conn. by Methodist minister, to Charles Ezra Warner, born May 1, 1844, at Roxbury, Conn., died of Bronchitis, at Oakville, Conn. Nov. 7, 1903, aged 59, buried at Watertown, Conn.

Six children were born to this union:—

Frederick Eugene Warner, age 40, born Oct. 23, 1865, at Roxbury, Conn.

William Noble Warner, born July 3, 1867, at Oakville Conn.

Charles Lewis Warner, born April 28, 1874, at Oakville, Conn.

Berton Capewell Warner, born Nov. 11, 1877, at Oakville, Conn.

Edwin Francis Warner, born Jan. 5, 1883, at Oakville, Conn.

Kenneth Slocum Warner, who died in infancy.

All of these Warner boys, with the exception of Frederick Eugene, who is now located at Bridgeport, Conn., are operating the old original machine shop, established at Oakville, by their grandfather, the late Joseph Thomas Capewell. This shop is now known as The Baird Machine Company and Charles Lewis Warner is the Treasurer and General Manager and Berton Capewell Warner is the Superintendant.

It is hoped that by next annual report we may have a full account of the shop and its officers with, possibly a few illustrations.

42. **JENNIE NAOMI CAPEWELL.**—616 Grant Street, Camden, New Jersey, U. S. A. Age 3, born March 22, 1903, on Cedar Street, Camden. Daughter of Charles Edgar and Ester J. (Reed) Capewell (2 C.)

10. **LYDIA ANDERSON CAPEWELL.**—459 Berkley Street, Camden, New Jersey, U. S. A. Age 26, born July 17, 1879, at 450 Royden Street, Camden, N. J. Daughter of Winfield Scott (deceased) and Melvina V. (Stetser) Capewell.

Lydia A. has been an untiring and enthusiastic worker for the success of the Capewell History, particularly among the Capewell's of New Jersey and Pennsylvania; visiting among them and securing information that was difficult to procure. She has searched, and is still searching, public records and documents pertaining to the early history of the Capewell's in those states. The work which she has done and is doing is very valuable and will be entered in the final history that is to published.

Here is a true spirited "Capewell Girl" of whom we should all feel proud.

11. **LOUISA B. CAPEWELL.**—916 Howard Street, Camden, New Jersey, U. S. A. Married Richard Kirkbride. She is the daughter of William Henry and Jane M. (Bender) Capewell (16. W.).

12. **LILLIAN MAY CAPEWELL.**—South Britain, Connecticut, U. S. A. Age 5, born Jan. 11, 1901. Daughter of Frederick Marcus and Edna Elizabeth (Squires) Capewell (8. F.).

11. **MARY ANN CAPEWELL.**—Woodbury, Connecticut, U. S. A. Age 61, born April 30, 1845, at Woodbury, Conn. Daughter of George Augustus and Harriet (Davis) Capewell. Married April 30, 1867, at her home in Woodbury, Conn., by Rev. S. H. Bray, to Charles Henry Percy, son of Clement and Louisa Percy, born at Woodbury, Conn., Feb. 1, 1843, and died Jan. 25, 1904, at Waterbury, Conn. Buried at Woodbury, Conn.

12. **MARY ALICE CAPEWELL.**—969 Asylum Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, U. S. A. Daughter of George Joseph (the famous horse nail inventor) and Garafelia (Hull) Capewell (1. G.)

13. **MARY WELLS CAPEWELL.**—733 Norfolk Street, Mattapan, Boston, Massachusetts, U. S. A. Age 22, born Dec. 13, 1883, at 737 Norfolk Street, educated at Tileston Grammar and Roxbury High Schools. Daughter of William Wright (deceased) and Emma Geneva (Wells) Capewell (30. E.).

14. **MABELLE ANN CAPEWELL.**—Woodbury, Connecticut, U. S. A. Age 22, born June 25, 1884, at Woodbury, Conn. Daughter of Seymour Langdon and Julia Elizabeth (Saxton) Capewell (2. S.).

15. **MARGARET MAY CAPEWELL.**—458 Kaighns Avenue, Camden, New Jersey, U. S. A. Age 19, born Jan. 29, 1887, at Cedar and Dickinson Streets, Philadelphia, Pa., educated at Westville, N. J. She is the daughter of Mark Anthony and Whillie (Batt) Capewell (1. M.)

16. **MELVINA VIRGINIA CAPEWELL.**—616 Grant Street, Camden, New Jersey, U. S. A. Age 1, born Feb. 24, 1905, at above address. Daughter of Charles Edgar, and Ester J. (Reed) Capewell (2. C.).

12. **MARY ALICE CAPEWELLL.**—969 Asylum Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, U. S. A. Daughter of George Joseph, the famous horse nail inventer, and Garafelia (Hull) Capewell (1. G.)

10. **PEARL MAY CAPEWELL.**—Hatchkissville, Connect'cut, U. S. A. Daughter of William Charles and Mary (Miserez) Capewell (17. W) Age 3, born Nov. 30, 1903, at Hatchkissville, Conn.

10. **RUTH DOROTHY CAPEWELL.**—425 Washington Street, Camden, New Jersey, U. S. A. Age 2, born March 3, 1904, at 431 Spruce Street, Camden. Daughter of Rutherford Hayes and Linda D. (Harbeson) Capewell. (1.R.)

11. **RUBY OLIVE CAPEWELL.**—Hatchkissville, Connecticut U. S. A. Daughter of William Charles and Mary (Miserez) Capewell (17.W.). Age 6, born at Oakville, Conn., Aug. 24, 1899.

10. **SALLIE JULIA CAPEWELL.**—1904 Ninth Street, N. W., Washington, District of Columbia, U. S. A. Age 26, born August 1, 1881, at Camden, N. J. Daughter of William Henry and Jane M. (Bender) Capewell. Married Aug. 1, 1901, at Washington, D. C., to Otto C. Haarer, born Jan. 25, 1879, at Zanesville, Ohio.

11. **SUSAN PRICILLA CAPEWELL.**—1903 Broadway, Camden, New Jersey, U. S. A. Age 84, born July 27, 1822, at South Boston, Massachusetts. Daughter of Joseph and Maria (Hodges) Capewell, (both deceased). Married April 18, 1839, at Philadelphia, Pa., by Episcopal minister, to John C. Wallace, who died. Jan. 3, 1871, of typhoid pneumonia. Buried at Evergreen Cemetery, N. J.

Ten children: Marion B., Helen M., William M., Maria K., Wilson K., Alonzo A., Clara B., Julia C. and John C. Wallace.

Susan P. is the oldest living Capewell in America, and the first one born on American soil (unless the Capwell's are proven to be Capewell's, in the event of which, they must be given precedence, as they were in America first). She has been a good wife and mother, and is loved by all who know her, is well, happy and contented and a living proof of the good material of which the Capewell girls are made.

12. **SARAH ANN CAPEWELL.**—823 West Main Street, Waterbury, Connecticut, U. S. A. Age 65, born October 7, 1840, at Woodbury, Connecticut. Daughter of the late Joseph Thomas and Sarah Ann (Pitt) Capewell.

Her first marriage was July 1, 1858, at her home in Woodbury, Conn., to Henry Sherman Conrad, son of William Henry Conrad, born Dec. 14, 1838, at Brookfield, Conn. He was a soldier in the Union Army during the Civil War, and was stationed at Donaldsville, New Orleans, where he contracted swamp fever and died March 17, 1862, at the youthful age of 24.

Two children were born to this union; William Henry Conrad, who died in infancy, and Walter James Conrad, born Nov. 22, 1860, at New Haven Conn., now of Oakville, Conn., employed as tool maker by The Baird Machine Company, which was the former plant of his grandfather, Joseph Thomas Capewell.

Second marriage; April 1, 1866, at her sister's home in Southbury, Conn, to George Warner, son of Niram and Sylvia (Atwood) Warner, born April 28, 1838, died April 10, 1888, of Apoplexy, at Waterbury, Conn, aged 50. Buried at Woodbury, Conn. One child was born to this union; Ellen Capewell Warner, born Jan. 21, 1868.

Third marriage; July 8, 1905, at Waterbury, Conn. parsonage, to Burr Benham, son of Lewis and Louisa (King) Benham, born at Naugatuck, Conn., Oct. 13, 1846, and died at Waterbury, Conn., of apoplexy, Dec. 31, 1905, aged 59. Buried at Waterbury, Conn.

DEATHS.

Under this heading, all deaths occuring during the year will be recorded. Please do not fail to send in a full account of same, including cause of death and place of burial.

CHARLES WILLIAM CAPEWELL.—221 Attercliff Common, Sheffield, England. Age 26, died Sept. 25, 1905. Relatives, cause of death and place of burial, unknown.

WILLIAM HENRY CAPEWELL.—Known to his friends and family as Harry Capewell, age 37,. Died Nov. 5, 1906, of yellow fever, at New Orleans, Louisanna, U. S. A.

He was a son of Mark Anthony and Whillie (Batt) Capewell, of 458 Kaighn Avenue, Camden, New Jersey. It seems that Harry had gone to New Orleans with his uncle (on his mother's side) William Foulds, to assist in constructing a new sewerage system for that city. It was at the time of the yellow fever scourge and it seems a pity that of the few Capewell's in America one should be caught, and then, too, when he was the only Capewell in that whole city.

MAUD EVELYN CAPEWELL.—Age 22, born June 11, 1882, at Kensington Avenue, Kensington, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, U. S. A. Daughter of William Henry (deceased) and Mary Rebecca (Oldershaw) Capewell.

Married July 27, 1902 to Percival F. Chewning, at Jersey City, New

Jersey, from whence they moved to their beautiful country place at Mt. Washington, Maryland.

Mrs Chewning died Dec. 8, 1904, while on a visit to the home of her parents-in-law, at 1815 North Payson Street, Baltimore, Maryland.

She was buried, Dec. 11, in London Park Cemetery, Baltimore.

She was the sister of Clarence L. (3. C.) and Ernest Capewell(5.E.).

BURR BENHAM.—Married July 8, 1905, to Sarah Ann Capewell—Warner, (12. S.) daughter of the late Joseph Thomas and Sarah (Pitt) Capewell. Died, Dec. 31, 1905, of apoplexy, at Waterbury, Conn. Age 59. Buried at Waterbury.

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1. **EDWIN CAPEWELL.**—Glebe Hotel, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire, England.

2. **EDWIN CAPEWELL.**—Lower Leigh, near Stoke on-Trent, Staffordshire, England. Son of Charles, (of "Doglands Farm," Fradesvell, Deceased.) His son is George, (8. G.) of Beemhurst.

3. **ERNEST HENRY CAPEWELL.**—16 St. Ives Mount, Armley Leeds, England. Son of Joseph, (1. J.) of Beeston. Brothers; Joseph John, (2. J.) of Wakefield, George Sidney, (2. G.) of Leeds, and Arthur Claud, (4. A.) of Beeston.

4. **ERNEST JAMES CAPEWELL.**—40 London Road, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire, England. Son of Frederick Baddeley, (1. F.) of Hartshill.

5. **ERNEST CAPEWELL.**—412 Mercer Street, Gloucester, New Jersey, U. S. A. Son of William Henry (deceased) and Mary Rebecca (Oldershaw) Capewell.

6. **ELIJAH CAPEWELL.**—56 Bertha Road, Spark Hill, Birmingham, England. Age 44, born at Netherton, near Dudley, Staffordshire, Jan, 4, 1862. Son of Edward Capewell, of Netherton; who died Wednesday, Nov. 16, 1864, aged 28, in an accident at Nock & Woods' colliery near Dudley, when Elijah was but two years old.

7. **EUGENE RALPH CAPEWELL.**—741 Park Avenue, Collingswood, New Jersey, U. S. A. Age 14, son of Eugene Edgar, and Anna Francis (Wriggins) Capewell (9. E.). Born July 27, 1892, at 519 Trenton Avenue, Camden, New Jersey.

8. **ELIJAH CAPEWELL.**—56 Bertha Road, Spark Hill, Birmingham, England.

9. **EUGENE EDGAR CAPEWELL.**—741 Park Avenue, Collingswood, New Jersey, U. S. A. Age 55. Son of John and Sarah L. (Austin) Capewell (both deceased). He was born Nov. 21, 1851, at Second and Kaighn Avenue, educated at Kaighn school, Newton Ave. and Chestnut Street.

Married June 3, 1885, by Rev. Heinsler, a Methodist minister, at Sixth and Linden Streets, Camden, New Jersey, to Anna Francis Wriggins, born July 15, 1850, at Harrisonville, N. J.

They have two children; Percival Howe, (1. P.) and Eugene Ralph (7. E.) Capewell.

1. **FREDERICK BADDELEY CAPEWELL.**—29 Gordon Street, Hartshill, Stoke-on Trent, Staffordshire, England. Age 55, is an artist, and quite a successful one; having risen through pluck and determination and the merits of his work He has just completed painting two $15,000 dinner sets: one for Charles M. Schaub, the famous U. S. steel magnate, and the other for one of J. P. Morgan's partners.

He has taken a deep interest in the "Capewell History" having searched the poling lists of the pottery district and helped in other ways.

His children are Frederick Edward, (2. F.) of Edinburg, Scotland, and Ernest James, (4. E.) of Stoke-on-Trent, England.

2. **FREDERICK EDWARD CAPEWELL.**—4 Balfour Place, Leith Walk, Edinburg, Scotland. Son of Frederick Baddeley Capewell, (1. F.) of Hartshill, England.

3. **FREDERICK CHARLES CAPEWELL.**—Gold Hill, Southwell, Nottinghamshire, England. Son of Charles William (1. C.).

4. **F. E. CAPEWELL.**—Cricket Ground, Jolimount, Melbourne Victoria, Australia.

5. **F. R. CAPEWELL.**—Caverswall, near Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire, England.

6. **FREDERICK CAPEWELL.**—1 Terrace Street, Hyson Green, Nottingham, England.

7. **FRANK EUGENE CAPEWELL.**—69 Church Street, Hartford, Connecticut, U. S. A. Son of George Augustus and Harriet (Davis) Capewell (both deceased).

8. **FREDERICK MARCUS CAPEWELL.**—South Britain, Connecticut, U. S. A. Age 28, born April 27, 1878, at Woodbury, Conn. Son of Seymour Langdon and Elizabeth Julia (Saxton) Capewell (2. S.).

Married Oct. 25, 1898, at South Britain, Conn., to Edna Elizabeth Squires, born Jan. 21, 1882, at Roxbury, Conn.

They have two children; George Henry, (17. G.) and Lillian May (12. L.).

9. **FRANK LE ROY CAPEWELL.**—1174 Kaighn Avenue, Camden, New Jersey, U. S. A. Age 33, son of William Henry (16. W.) and Jane

M. (Bender) Capewell. Born Sept 6, 1873, at 256 Chestnut Street, educated at Fetters school, Third and Mt Vernon Streets. Married Dec. 17, 1898, at 1013 S. Second Street, By Rev. J. N. Snape, a Baptist minister, to Violetta Lord, born July 31, 1876, at 1013 Mechanic Street, Camden, N. J. They have one son, Frank Le Roy Capewell, Jr. (10. F.)

10. **FRANK LE ROY CAPEWELL, JR.**—1174 Kaighn Avenue, Camden, New Jersey, U. S. A. Age 6, son of Frank Leroy and Violetta (Lord) Capewell (9. F.). Born Jan. 29, 1900, at 1120 S. Second Street, Camden, N. J.

1 **GEORGE JOSEPH CAPEWELL.**—969 Asylum Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, U. S. A. Age 63, son of Mark Anthony and Elizabeth (Titcombe) Capewell (both deceased). Born June 26, 1843, in Birmingham, England. Educated at Woodbury, Conn.

Married March 20, 1864, to Garafelia Hull, at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Cheshire, Conn.

His children are George Joseph, Jr., (16. G.) Ida Garafelia, (10.L.) and Mary Alice (12. M.) Capewell.

George Joseph is the inventer of the "Capewell Horse Nail," famous all over the world as the best horse nail ever made.

He is the Vice-President and Superintendent of the "Capewell Horse Nail Company," which has large factories at Hartford, Connecticut, U. S. A., Toronto, Canada and Millwall, London; which last are about to be enlarged and moved to the Midlands, Hadley, near Wellington, England, and is occupying most of the time and attention of George Joseph at present. They also have offices in all the leading commercial cities in the world.

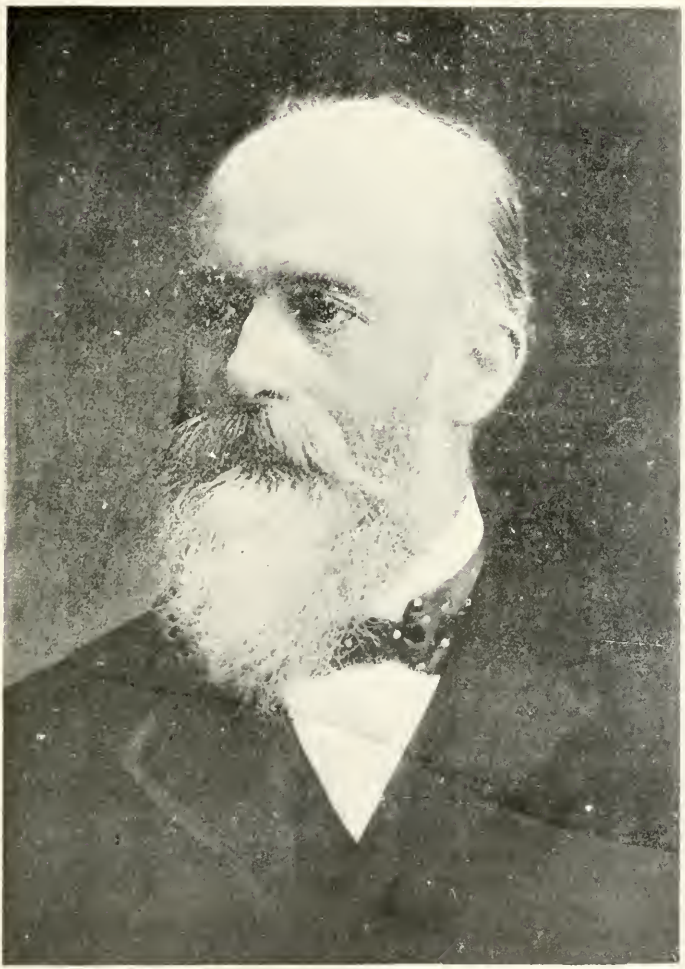
It would be impossible, with the limited space at hand, to give even a faint idea of the magnitude of this great industry which bears the name of "Capewell" through the influence, energy and indomitable pluck of this great inventor, George Joseph Capewell, who has done more than any other, and is even now striving, to make the name of Capewell famous throughout the world.

"The Evening Post," one of the leading newspapers of Hartford, Connecticut, issued in 1900 a large book, giving historical sketches of the leading citizens of that city, among which is one of George Joseph, describing his early struggles and ultimate success, offset with a few handsome illustrations.

The following is a reproduction of the article, almost VERBATIM ET LITERATIM, and will prove more than interesting and encouraging to the reader.

GEORGE JOSEPH CAPEWELL,

HARTFORD, CONN.



GEORGE JOSEPH CAPEWELL.

GEORGE JOSEPH CAPEWELL, Vice-President and Superintendent of the Capewell Horse Nail Company, of Hartford, who comes of excellent lineage, is one of the most prominent manufacturers and in-

ventors in the United States, if not in the world. His career has been a remarkable one, and illustrates what mind and will can do in the long run.

Mr Capewell's tenacity of purpose has brought him to the top, and it is Hartford's boast that he is one of the men who has done much toward making the city known the world over.

Mr. Capewell was born in Birmingham, England, June 26, 1843, the son of Mark Anthony and Jane Elizabeth (Titcombe) Capewell.

The Capewell family that is now so distinguished a name in Hartford and throughout the world, is descended from Howe Capell of Hereford, England, whence is derived the name Hertford or Hartford, as we call it.

The family has a coat of arms somewhat after the similitude of the Prince of Wales; three ostrich feathers being conspicuous. The motto is "Fide et Fortitudine."

Mark Capewell, the grandfather of George J. Capewell who has made the name so widely known, was born in Dudley, England, and married Mary Southall of Birmingham Heath, whose brother William was a nail manufacturer. Mark worked for Lord Hanks in his famous glass works, and had great ingenuity.

Two of the three sons of this union, George and Joseph, came to Woodbury about 1840, being followed by the third brother, Mark, in 1844.

George Joseph Capewell, the inventor, and Jane Eliza, his sister, were both born in Birmingham, England, and came over with their mother, Jane Elizabeth, shortly after their father had settled in Woodbury, where he died October 27, 1854.

Mrs. Capewell had promised Grandfather Capewell, who was quite old, that she would not leave England while he was living.

She remained with him to the last, and then rejoined her husband, who, after establishing himself in business, intended to return for her and the children.

They made the trip, an ever memorable one, in the ship "Queen of the West," and landed in New York, December 24, 1845.

Those were the days of weeks and weeks of voyaging between Great Britain and America; there were none of the conveniences of modern travel.

Inventor Capewell's uncle, Joseph Thomas, married Sarah Pitt, who is said to have come from the same line as William Pitt, Earl of Chatham.

This Sarah Pitt was the daughter of John Pitt, who served in the British Army under Wellington, who was discharged, after being wounded by fragments of a bombshell.

He came to this country in February, 1848, and died in 1870, at the age of 79.

He was every inch a soldier, and there are many instances on record in England of his great courage.

When his father came to this country, it was his desire to settle in Springfield, but, having stopped to see his two brothers, they induced him to remain in Woodbury. He had brought with him machinery to

manufacture sporting goods, including shot tops, powder flasks, etc., and consented to establish a factory at Woodbury, taking his brothers into partnership.

He was in a short time attacked with lingering consumption, and died when the subject of this sketch was only twelve years old,

This threw the boy upon the cruel mercies of the world at an extremely tender age, but he was equal to the task. At first he worked in the factory with his uncles, but later, being rather a frail boy, it was thought farming would prove beneficial to him. His first experience was a lamentable one.

Because he could not hold down the plow when it encountered roots and stones, he was cursed by the hired overseer, and at length, resenting this treatment, he was determined to surrender his engagement, and entered upon another of the same kind.

In this, it was not the cruel hired overseer he encountered, but a stern employer instead. There has been times when everything looked dark to him, but through it all, his indomitable pluck, courage and determination have sustained him.

Now he is where he can sympathize with the "under dog" in the struggle. After years of hard work and weary waitings, he has achieved unparalelled success.

After leaving the farm, having kept his engagement and served additional time to prevent any implication of unfairness being made, he went to Waterbury when less than sixteen years of age, and secured a position at the Scoville works, with Capt. B. F. Curtis, of Woodbury, who was setting up the thimble plant he had sold to the larger company.

He soon developed into a mechanic of exceptional ability, and Capt. Curtis promoted him to an excellent position. This was in February, 1859.

In January, 1860, he was offered an engagement with Charles W. Johnson, the leading builder of machinery in Waterbury.

Here he improved his time until August, 1862, making himself thoroughly familiar with machinery.

Just at that time the Cheshire Manufacturing Company, of Cheshire, wanted a mechanical superintendent for its cloth and fancy button department in which it was doing a fine business.

He consulted with Mr. Johnson in reference to a very flattering offer that had been made him, and finally accepted the position with Mr. Johnson's best wishes. He soon became a stock holder and director in the company, and he still holds the stock as a good investment.

His ambition was by no means satisfied, for he wanted to become a noted inventor: not for the sake of fame nor for the money involved, but because it was in him. There could be no rest for him until something of great use to the community had been evolved.

In 1870, he went into business for himself; manufacturing specialties of his own invention—button-fastening machines, wrenches and articles of light hardware.

Among the last named was the "giant nail puller," a standard article in use now: the button fastener being also a staple.

The nail puller was such a pronounced success, that in 1883 he accepted a good offer for the patent, including a share in the business: but the rest of the business he retained, conducting it at a handsome profit until 1881.

In that wonderful centennial year, 1876, he began his life-work—the invention of an automatic machine for making horse nails. Early and late, through good and through evil he worked. Difficulties of all sorts confronted him, but he persevered.

Financial trouble all but overwhelmed him, but he recognized no such word as surrender, and kept up the fight. The outlook was dark, but the heroic inventor worked on. Machine after machine had to be melted up; thousands of dollars were spent in a moment, yet he shut his mouth all the more firmly and worked on.

The experience of these several years was so dark that Mr. Capewell says he would not have begun his work had he known through what an ordeal it was to lead him: but we believe that he would have dared to do so, for it would have been death for him to stop.

He was born to the work. Everybody trembled for him, even his family who stood nobly by him in all his difficulties. Friends pleaded with him to desist, but he heeded not their siren voices. He was bound to win or die, and win he did.

In the autumn of 1880 and the winter of 1881, his perfected machine was exhibited to capitalists in Hartford, whither he was led to come from Cheshire in the hope of interesting the moneyed men.

The Capewell Horse Nail Company was organized after some heroic struggles in its behalf. He then sold out his Cheshire business, that it might not be a clog upon him, and cast his whole future with the new enterprise.

To put the concern upon its feet, Mr. Capewell felt obliged to pledge himself to the other stock holders that he would not draw anything for salary or expenses until the company reached a paying basis, and while this made the sacrifice a great one, even then, some of the stock holders were not satisfied, and became discouraged and dropped out: but Mr. Capewell fought on. He knew he had a good thing, and that a rich harvest was awaiting him and his associates.

For seven long years he toiled without price, and then the sun shone.

Companies were organized in London and other cities abroad.

In 1892, the extensive works of the company in this city were completed, and on Mr. Capewell's fiftieth birthday, June 26, 1893, the great engine was started up by his son, George Joseph Capewell, Jr., with notable ceremonies commemorative of the happy event.

Many people ask, "What is this automatic Horse nail machine?"

It is a veritable wonder. Models of it were exhibited at the recent World's Fair and secured the indorsement of experts and managers of every description.

Horse nails used to be made by hand, with many processes requiring the labor of many persons.

A majority of the nails sold throughout the United States and Great Britain, are made by the Capewell Company, and sold for half the price of the old forge kind, and favorably known in all parts of the world.

They are, also, not only cheaper, but better; the temper of the iron being made nearly perfect and no breakages occurring under the head, which was the great fault of the hand-made nail. The Capewell machine is automatic; and if an imperfection in the result of any part of the process, the machine detects it and stops, indicating by a pointer where the error lies.

Thus, one boy can attend four machines, each machine capable o producing over six hundred pounds of average sized nails every day of ten hours: or, in more understandable language to the non-expert, each machine will produce one hundred and ten nails a minute.

The iron used is imported from Sweden in coils and annealed for the purpose of equalizing the temper and tension, then it is plunged into an acid bath, then into lime-water to remove all trace of acid rust or other extraneous matter which is of vital consequence. The coil is then played off to a drum and subjected to a specific strain which slightly reduces its bulk and prepares it for the machine.

On a reel, high up on the machine it is then placed, and introduced, with a slight lubrication, between sets of small cylinders in which dies are embedded. A knife cuts off a bit of the wire, and this is passed on through eight doudle sets of dies by which all sides of the metal are treated. It is elongated, pointed and headed, and drops down at the bottom, a perfect horse nail; one hundred and ten a minute.

Marvelous mechanism! High productivity! Crown of the inventor's glory!

The waste in this method is rarely more than six or seven per cent, while by the old method it was twenty to forty per cent.

The next best machine method to the Capewell is almost as far behind it as the hand system is behind that of machinery.

To turn out as many nails as are turned out by four Capewell machines with one boy attending them all, twelve furnaces are required, with twelve forging machines, twelve skilled workmen, three supervising experts, ten finishing machines and ten women. Surely the invention is the great disturber and creator of values.

There is always a reason for the invention of an article—a reason that is objective and also subjective.

The demand of the community for the article to be invented is one of the impelling forces, but there must be another,—the tendency of the genius of the inventor. There must be somewhere in the individual the ability to produce the article, the ability to conceive that the production of the article is feasible and is demanded.

Frequently this ingenuity appears to spring from a mind that has no support in heredity; that enters the field of itself, without any incentive

from fathers or grandfathers. A careful inquiry, however, will usually show that this quickness of perception as to what is possible to invent, and what is needed most in the community, in the way of economising labor and material, is inherited. Somewhere back in the family history is an individual of ability who has signalized himself by ability and ingenuity in mechanics.

This fact may be concealed until the inventor, moved by an impulse he cannot withstand, produces the article that is of such great value to the world, and which, when produced, makes him to rank with the Bessemer's and Stephenson's, the Whitney's and the Edison's. Then the intelligent public inquires, "Whence this creative genius?"

And lo! and behold, it is found to come as naturally as the rivers from their head-waters, or life from the great source of light.

Frequently Mr. Capewell has been asked how he came to think of inventing his machine for making horse shoe nails.

Years ago when he was a boy in old Woodbury, the idea came to him. He took the horses to the blacksmith's to have them shod, and while waiting, watched the operations of the blacksmith as he made the shoes and the nails.

It occured to him then, a boy not yet in his teens, that there could be a more rapid and a better way of producing horse nails than by handwork at the forge and anvil.

This idea, however, lay dormant until 1876, when he thought of the kind of machine to produce them. At that time there were machines, but nothing like that now making at least half the horse nails used in the United States.

But the idea conceived was carried out by the ingenuity infused into his blood by several of his ancestors. His father was an ingenious man, and invented the sporting goods he made in Woodbury: but farther back, was one, Southall, on Grandmother Capewell's side, who in England, years ago, was a manufacturer of horse nails. He used to supply the villagers with iron and they would make the nails on anvils and in forges just outside their houses.

The whole village, nearly, would be at the work, receiving their pay when they turned back their goods made up.

We can therefore, in Mr. Capewell's case, easily see where his inventive genius came from, and why it was most naturally directed to a horse nail.

The Capewell horse nail machine has proven a rich mine for all who have been interested in it; but it is by no means the only invention of Mr. Capewell that has been a profitable one, either to Mr. Capewell or to others.

The giant nail puller is now made and sold all over the world. There is hardly a merchant that can do without one of these powerful nail lifters, in pulling the lids off packing boxes, and in doing a thousand and one odd jobs, in a quick and easy manner.

But even the giant nail puller is an infant in usefulness as a means of profit, to the cone button.

With his right in this, Mr. Capewell parted some years ago; but the invention has gone on in profit for its promoters since then, in a remarkable degree. The button is used on trousers and other garments, and is indispensible.

One of its forms is the bachelor's buttons, with which every thoughtful traveler provides himself

And it is probable that Mr. Capewell will bring more honor and profit to himself in the years to come, by the completion of a series of inventions on which he is now working, for the improvement of the means of transmitting electrical power to elevated and surface railroads.

Through all his career, Mr. Capewell has not overlooked his fellows; he has been sympathetic with all his employees, and there is no corporation anywhere that treats its help more liberally and kindly than the Capewell Horse Nail Company. Everything is done for their comfort and convenience, being assisted when in need, and cared for when sick.

An aid society is part of the company's equipment.

Having risen through great difficulties to his present honorable position, he realizes what toil is, and how want paralyzes activity.

There is no more instructive incident in Mr. Capewell's career, than that when he and his associates were, in 1887, trying to secure a treasurer of prominence, that their company might be assisted.

It was when there was a critical time in the history of the whole enterprise.

In addition to not receiving a penny for his services, Mr. Capewell had first agreed to relinquish the payment of twenty-five thousand dollars, due him when the company had made fifty thousand dollars.

Some of the faint-hearted stock-holders were not satisfied with this.

Finally, Mr. Capewell and his friends decided on a change of management, and the pursuit of a more vigorous policy. This led them to look up a man of prominence for treasurer.

Mr. Capewell must tell the story in his own forcible way, an account of which he gives in his speech.

It is no wonder that Mr. Capewell has achieved success, for he has deserved it; and his best memorials are the appreciation of his friends in Hartford and elsewhere, and the magnificent works of the Capewell Horse Nail Company.

These works are the pride of a city, wherein are many large factories, and much to charm the eye and inform the mind.

An inspection of the factories reveals a wilderness of machines that have revolutionized one of the great industries of the world.

In profusion, they appear all busily at work, producing horse nails to supply at least one-half of the demands for this kind of product.

They continue at their business as though possessed of human intelligence.

A part of the works is devoted also to the manufacture, by skilled mechanics, of machines and parts of machines.

This is a well equipped machine shop, operated by the best men; for it is the aim of the Capewell Company to employ none but the best.

In still another part of the completely furnished structures, which are the result of Mr. Capewell's marvelous ingenuity, the horse nails are made ready for market, being put up in tasty packages.

Everywhere, from basement to the top floor, from front to rear and from side to side, appear evidences of the workings of that master-mind, which first invented the Capewell machine, and then contrived the best possible quarters in which to make and operate them.

With Mr. Capewell in the midst of it all, crowned as the mighty genius of the place, the ordinary citizen can best grasp the potency of a creative genius.

He who makes a value like this is indeed a man of power.

May they bend to his creative mind.

In addition to his connection with the Capewell Company, Mr. Capewell has a variety of other interests.

Of the American Specialty Company, which makes many of his inventions, he is its president.

It is sufficient as an illustration of the fertility of Mr. Capewell's inventive genius, to state that in addition to the forty or fifty patents granted to him for the horse nail machines in this country and abroad, he has taken out over one hundred patents in other lines.

Some of these have been the foundation of large industries. Mr. Capewell is still striving to benefit mankind by the work of his mind.

He is studying the problem of rapid transit, and endeavoring to improve the elevated and surface roads.

Mr. Capewell is a member of the Masonic Fraternity and of the Hartford Republican Club. He is also a member of the Hardware Club of New York.

Mr. Capewell's married life has been unusually pleasant. He married Garafelia Hull, March 20, 1864, and of this union there are three children: Ida G., Mary A. and George J. Capewell, Jr.

Mrs. Capewell comes of one of the best and oldest families in the United States, many of whose members have been prominent in various lines of usefulness.

October 31, 1898, at a banquet of the officers and selling agents of the Capewell Horse Nail Company, Mr. Capewell, as modest as are almost all men of genius and greatness, read a sketch of his great trials and wonderful success, which sketch may be rated as a little classic in the industrial world.

This should be scattered broadcast for the encouragement of youth and all others who are too apt to be discouraged when the clouds gather and no door seems opening to them in the grewsome future.

MR. CAPEWELL'S ADDRESS.

Brother officers of the Capewell Horse Nail Company, and representatives of its branches:

I am glad to meet you on this occasion.

I am asked to make a brief speech, as being the inventer of the process and machine that makes the Capewell nail.

I presume, if I should talk about Cuba and the late Spanish war, or on politics, you would be both surprised and disapointed; and I guess you will be disapointed anyway, for I never was a speech maker.

During the past week I have had an outing in Old Woodbury—the home of my boyhood, to which I bade adieu about forty years ago.—Pardon me for going so far back.

I will endeavor to be brief; but I can scarcely tell my story unless I go back to the beginning.

My parents came from England to America in the late fall of 1845, and brought my sister and self with them; I, a youngster of about two and a half years.

We were six weeks in crossing the ocean at that time.

My father brought machinery and tools for the manufacture of sporting goods, shot tops, powder flasks, etc., and he at once started in business in company with his brothers who had come on some years before and were then engaged in other business.

It was a hard struggle in those days, starting and establishing a new business in a new country, and after several years my father's health broke with the lingering consumption; but he still continued in the business for about eight years, and nearly to the time of his death, which occured in October, 1854.

At that time I was a boy of about twelve years of age.

My boyhood was clouded and sad.

Many is the time I can remember, on returning home from school, hearing the deep-down, never-to-be-forgotten cough of my poor dying father, or to find he had been brought home from the factory with hemorage of the lungs; and I was cautioned to walk softly across the floor, so as not to disturb him. How my sister and myself have prayed and prayed that our dear father might be again restored to health.

Soon after my father's death, it behooved me to be thinking of doing; and I worked for my uncles in the factory summers and went to school in winters, until the spring of 1858.

Then, for the first time, I hired out to a good old farmer for the summer, which was possibly the beginning of the making of me.

Barlow Russell was a good man, but he had a full-grown hired man who wanted to domineer over me.

I only remember him as a brute.

A few weeks after I had hired to Mr. Russell, I was off in a distant field with this hired man, and because I was not large and strong enough to hold the plow down in the tough turf, stumps and stones, he called me a vile name, and came to me in a rage to thrash me.

About this time my Capewell was up.

I grabbed a rock and dared him thus far and no farther.

He re-considered and stayed in his place.

Neither one of us received any bodily injury, but my feelings were so much injured that I would not stay with Mr. Russell and I therefore gave him two weeks notice to procure another boy.

Mr. Russell sympathized with me and gave me some good advice.

Amongst it was to be careful and not to get shiftless.

That rang in my ears many a day.

I hired out to another farmer way upon the west side hills: no neighbors short of about a mile.

In leaving Mr. Russell and hiring in this place, I nearly jumped from the fire into the frying pan; for instead of a cruel hired task-master, I had a hard man to work for.

He was kind enough, only my hours were from about half past four o'clock in the morning until pitch dark at night.

Many was the time I wandered around in a bushy swamp, in the early morning, before daylight, until I was wet and chilled through and through looking up the cows and cattle.

I would not leave this place for the fear and dread of being considered shiftless: so I stayed the full time of my hire, five months, and to accommodate my employer. I stayed two weeks longer.

But it was in this place I made my vow by the light of the cold, clear moon, not CRYING, but nevertheless at times my sight was dimmed with a stray tear or so. I suppose you are waiting for my vow.

Gentlemen, it was that this was my first and last year as a drudge farmer boy or as a farmer. I realized that my fortune or comfort was not at farming.

I there made my plans to go away and learn the machinist trade.

My aim was to learn the machinist trade first, and then as opportunity presented, to become a manufacturer.

In looking back I can see that I planned better than I then thought.

Most people think, inventors are born inventors: that they have wheels in their heads; that about all they have to do is to concentrate their minds for a few moments, and the result is a more or less practical jim-crank, machine or thing.

This may be true in many cases, but in my case I can say I never made any inventions except as a business proposition.

My aim in all cases has been to invent something useful, that there would be a ready demand for, at a good, fair profit.

I did not invent for the name or honor of being the inventor of this or that, nor did I invent because I was a natural born inventor. It was

because I fully realized that I was not born with a silver spoon in my mouth, and that if I ever amounted to much, I must be up and doing.

My first invention was a self fastening button.

This patent was taken out in 1866, and I am glad to say has been and is still a great success.

It was natural for me to invent it, as I was then in the button business and knew the necessities and demands.

In 1870, I went into the light hardware business for myself and then invented several articles in that line, among them being the giant nail puller.

I continued in that business until 1881, at which time I sold it out to devote my time and energy to the Capewell Horse Nail Company; but it was while in business for myself that I conceived the idea of building a machine to automatically produce horse nails.

I knew large quantities of horse nails were used, and once used they could never be used again.

As a business proposition, I said to myself, "That is the business for me."

So in May, 1876, I commenced experimenting on an automatic machine for producing the nails, the outcome of which is the NOW fairly well and favorably known Capewell horse nail.

Had I then seen the rough road I must travel before success came, I doubt if I would have started on that line.

My final successful machine came from many previous failures, and disappointments.

One large, ponderous machine that had cost me several thousand dollars and years of labor, was consigned in one piece to the melting furnace, to get it out of my sight and from the sight of the world forever.

But this was really only a beginning.

I then started another, that I supposed was right, but it and others after were not right, and I had to TRY, TRY again.

I well remember one night my people kept sending me word to come to supper, as I was late, as usual, etc.

On this particular time I had been staying over, finishing the hardening of a pair of rolls, for rolling out nail blanks.

At that time all the impressions were made in one single pair of rolls, some sixteen impressions and sixteen spaces, every impression registering with its mate.

It was a most exacting and laborious work to make them by hand, as was then done, and I had personally done all the work on them myself, which had taken nearly three weeks.

Well, I hardened them very carefully, placed them on centres in the lathe, found they were very true and dead hard, all right, then started in to my supper.

As I sat at supper, something told me mischief had befallen those

rolls; that they would crack and break, as I had not lowered the temper.

I started up and out to the works, to find my apprehensions were only too true. Both rolls had broken and pieces of them were scattered about the place.

At this time my health was poor, and you may imagine my disappointment. The world looked dark indeed; but on this, as on many other occasions, I simply had to go on and succeed, or lose all I had spent. As the old saying goes, I had spent so much, it was root hog or die.

Well, finally, I had a machine that was a decided success, and made a few barrels of nails and had them tested in horses' feet; and about that time, Mr. Williams brought gentlemen from Hartford to Cheshire to see my machine; the result of which was, I decided to bring it to Hartford, and exhibit its working qualities to capitalists; and finally after nearly an all summer's siege, the stock of the proposed Capewell Horse Nail Company was taken on condition that I make one change in the machine, the pointer; as the method I had then employed was thought to be an infringement of another nail-pointer. (But as a matter of fact it was not.)

However, there was no alternative, and so I took the machine down to my old works in Cheshire and commenced again, and changed over the pointer.

It cost me a good round sum to do this and about six months time and hard work, and much anxiety for fear the subscribers to the stock would die or back out.

Several did make other investments, but their places were readily filled, and the company was organized January 17, 1881.

Then I was happy and thought the rest was easy, and I had a glimpse of the royal road to wealth. So sure was I that I promised I would not ask nor accept any salary or compensation, until the company was on a paying basis.

That promise cost me nearly seven years of the hardest labor and disappointment of my life.

I worked for nothing, and still some stock-holders were dissatisfied, —so much so they refused paying up their subscriptions; and as an inducement to have them pay in another $20,000 subscribed for in trust at the time of organization, I offered to SURRENDER the payment of $25,000 which would be due me when the company had made $50,000.

This offer was accepted and our company went on: but sales were small and profits smaller.

Finally, in Old London, Mr. Williams and myself shook hands across the table on changing the management of the company, and pursuing a more vigorous course.

I wrote to Judge Lewis and one other man what our policy was, and for them to cable me if they were with us.

The cable answer came, "Am with you."

And, by the way, Mr. Lewis was not then a stock-holder in the company; and one of the conditions I had written him was that he should

buy, at par, fifty or sixty shares of stock. And, I may tell you, whoever bought the shares then, BOUGHT them on a rather forlorn faith.

Mr. Lewis at that time flattered me by saying he purchased them through his long aquaintance and faith in myself.

One thing I had nearly forgotten to mention; The day before our annual meeting of '87, the time we made the change of management, there were several stock-holders (who did not know us as well as they do now) who thought if we only got a certain man for Treasurer, our scheme might carry, and so Mr. Williams and myself approached him. He had to become a stock-holder to be eligible. The day came for our meeting and he had no shares.

I told Mr. Williams I was glad of it, that he, Mr. Williams, was all right for me and others for Treasurer, and I wanted him to take it.

But Mr. Williams was rather reluctant.

However, he agreed to it, and also told the other man our steamer would sail at three o'clock. Whoever was going must be aboard before the bell rang or they would get left.

And they were left.

From that time on, the destinies were in the hands of an exceptionably able body of directors and officers, most of which are living and with us now.

Mr. Williams, by mutual understanding and vote, was to look after the office and sales, and I was to look more specially to the manufacture: and both of us were to council together on most important matters.

I feel we have all worked and pulled together, and we may all take pride together over results.

On one or two occasions, a few wild carrot and Canada thistle seed may have been sown amongst us by some un-wise persons, but I believe they have all been rooted out, and that today peace and prosperity prevail.

In closing my remarks I will mention, it is just forty years since I saw my first castle in the air, by the dim, pale light of the moon, on that far-off lonely hill that overlooks Woodbury, Wicopeeme, and farther in the distance, BETHLEHEM,—and the star of Bethlehem at night.

Last week, I visited this same old hill and place for the first time since I bade it adieu forty years ago.

Gentlemen, forgive my weakness, but my feelings got the better of me as I again bade it adieu, probably for the last time.

My boyhood had its hardships and joys, but those old rocks, hills, vales and crystal streams have a choice place in my memory, and may the day never come that I forget to think and speak tenderly of them.

Just a word more about the nail machine:

The first machines were constructed to make fifty nails per minute.

But this we found was not rapid enough to afford a reasonable profit: and so, I put my wits together again and built another machine, at my own expense,—the machine we now have, which produces one hundred and ten nails per minute.

This machine, in order to produce that number of nails, has to perform 1,870 separate operations per minute.

No man could watch and look after all those operations and movements; so the machine is its own watchman, and automatically stops itself if a poor blank is made, or anything goes wrong.

Without this arrangement, the machine would become hopelessly jammed and broken,

Gentlemen, I think I have sufficiently tired your patience and I gladly surrender the floor to others.

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2. **GEORGE SIDNEY CAPEWELL.**—283 Dewsbury Road, Leeds, England. Manager of the Leeds Gas Works. Son of Joseph, of Beeston, Leeds. (1. J.)

3. **GEORGE CAPEWELL.**—124 Acomb Street, Moss Side, Manchester, England.

4. **GEORGE WILLIAM CAPEWELL.**—Gold Hill, Southwell, Nottinghamshire, England. Son of Charles William, of 31 Lime Street, Liverpool (1. C.).

5. **GEORGE CAPEWELL.**—12 Stoke Road, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire, England.

6. **GEORGE CAPEWELL.**—182 Stoke Road, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire, England.

7. **GEORGE CAPEWELL.**—32 Elliot Street, Newcastle-under Lyme, Staffordshire, England.

8. **GEORGE CAPEWELL.**—Beamhurst, near Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire, England. Son of Edwin of Lower Leigh. (2. E.)

9. **GEORGE CAPEWELL.**—74 Horsley Heath, Tipton, near Dudley, Staffordshire. England. George and his brother Thomas, (1. T.) of West Bromwitch, are the two Capewell's refered to by Charles William (1. C.) in his last report, whose grandfather was known as Caple. As this is not the only instance where the name has been shortened, it is to be hoped that we will get back to the original name later.

10. **GEORGE B. CAPEWELL, Jr.**—3036 Chatham Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, U. S. A.

11 **GEORGE HENRY CAPEWELL.**—124 West Gorgas Street, Germantown, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, U. S. A. Age 34, is a son of the late George Capewell, who died at Kenwood Park Road, Sharrow, Sheffield, England, December 31st, 1904, and Emma (Rogers) Capewell, who still resides at the old Homestead. George H. was born on the 6th of February, 1872, and was educated at Elmfield College, York, England.

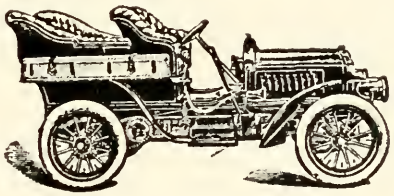
On October 10th, 1903, he was married to Sadie Alice Brough, an American lady, who was born in Philadelphia Pa., on the 10th of Nov-

ember, 1873. The ceremony was performed at the Church of the Savior, West Philadelphia, by the Rev. W. B. Bodine, D. D.

George Henry is the Treasurer of the Colonial Auto Company, Inc., which is doing an extensive automobile business, and have offices, salesrooms and garage at 15th, Oxford and Carlisle streets, Philadelphia, Pa., and is also principal of the National Automobile School, which is run in connection with the Colonial Auto Company.

COLONIAL AUTO COMPANY,

15th & Oxford Sts., Philadelphia, Pa.



GEO. H. CAPEWELL, Treas.

He has two brothers, Arthur Thomas, (5. A.) and John Frederick, (5. J.) who along with five sisters and mother, reside in England. The brothers have both visited here, and George H. has paid several visits to the old country. He is a member of the R. A., T. P. A. and the C. T. M. A. A. of America.

12. **GEORGE B. CAPEWELL.**—2953 Chatham Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, U. S. A. Son of William Henry and Jane M. (Bender) Capewell.

13. **GEORGE B. CAPEWELL.**—Wheatsheaf Lane and Belgrade St., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, U. S. A.

14. **GEORGE CAPEWELL.**—Hampton Charles, Tenbury, Worcestershire, England.

15. **GEORGE CAPEWELL.**—Ross, Herefordshire, England; is the editor of a provincial newspaper.

16. **GEORGE JOSEPH CAPEWELL, Jr.**—49 Pearl Street, Hartford, Connecticut, U. S. A. Son of George Joseph, (1. G.) and Garafelia (Hull) Capewell.

17. **GEORGE HENRY CAPEWELL.**—South Britain, Connecticut, U. S. A. Age 6, born September 27, 1900. Son of Frederick Marcus and Edna Elizabeth (Squires) Capewell (8. F.)

1. **HENRY CAPEWELL.**—13 St. Anne Street, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire, England.

2. **HENRY CAPEWELL.**— 42 Dinsdale View, Port Hill, Longport, near Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire, England. Son of Henry Capewell, who was born 1786, at Fradeswell, and died 1866, age 80. Henry is 77 years old, and is very deeply interested in the family history. Here is a good example for the youngsters.

3. **HENRY CAPEWELL.**—26 Queen Anne Street, Hanley, Staffordshire, England.

4. **HENRY CAPEWELL.**—St. Anne Street, Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire, England.

5. **HENRY CAPEWELL.**—95 Station Street, Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire, England.

6. **HERBERT CAPEWELL.**—196 Cottingham Street, Toronto, Canada.

7. **HARRY CAPEWELL.**—2439 Ann Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, U. S. A.

8. **HARRI CAPEWELL.**—1126 Mechanic Street, Camden, New Jersey, U. S. A. Born September 30, 1862, at Pavonia and Kaighn Ave. Age 44, son of William Henry and Jane M. (Bender) Capewell. (Latter deceased) (16. W.)

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1. **JOSEPH CAPEWELL.**—Wood Lea, Dewsbury Road, Beeston, Leeds, England. Son of Samuel (deceased). Joseph has four sons: Joseph John, of Wakefield; Ernest Henry, of Armley, Leeds; Arthur Claude, of Beeston, Leeds, and George Sidney, 283 Dewsbury Road, Leeds.

2. **JOSEPH JOHN CAPEWELL.**—St. Catherine's Cottage, Belle Vue, Wakefield, Leeds, England. Son of Joseph, of Beeston, Leeds.(1.J.)

3. **JOSEPH CAPEWELL.**—Shepherds Lodge, Cellar Head, near Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire, England. Is a prosperous farmer and is the son of James and Annie (Morris) Capewell (9. J.).

Joseph married Sarah Jane Docksey, and they have one son, Colin, who has taken considerable interest in the family history.

This branch of the Capewell's can trace their line back six generations, which will be furnished in later reports.

4. **JOSEPH THOMAS CAPEWELL.**—P. O. Box 14, Oakville, Connecticut, U. S. A. Age 22, born August 24, 1880, at Wood Vine Farm, Oakville, Litchfield County, Connecticut. Educated at Monroe Business College, Waterbury, Connecticut. Son of Walter Stanley and Jennie Agustus (Lewis) Capewell.

5. **JOHN FREDERICK CAPEWELL.**—73 Meersbrook Park Road, Meersbrook, Sheffield, England. Son of George (died December 31, 1904, at Kenwood Park Road, Sheffield.)

6. **JOHN FREDERICK CAPEWELL.**—19 Beeton Road, Meersbrook Derbyshire, England.

7. **JOHN RICHARD CAPFWELL.**—Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire, England.

8. **JOHN CAPEWELL.**—21 Elgin Street, Hanley, Staffordshire, England.

9 **JAMES CAPEWELL.**— Withy Stakes, Werrington, near Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire, England. James is a prosperous farmer, and is the son of James and Martha (Goodwin) Capewell, of the Doglands farm at Fradeswell. He married Annie Morris. They have one son at Shepherds Lodge, Cellar Head, whose name is Joseph.

10. **JAMES CAPEWELL.**—60 Botteslow Street, Hanley, Staffordshire, England.

11. **JOHN CAPEWELL.**—Church Leigh, near Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire, England.

12. **JOHN CAPEWELL.**—Ellenhall, near Stafford, England.

13. **JAMES CAPEWELL.**—Fradeswell, near Uttoxeter, Staffordshire, England.

14. **JAMES THOMAS CAPEWELL.**—23 Havelock Street, Saltley, Birmingham, England. Son of Benjamin of Bedworth; the claimnant to Mancetter Manor. (For an account of which, please look in the M's.)

15. **JOHN CAPEWELL.**—1 Club Building, Rowley Regis, near Dudley, Staffordshire, England.

16. **JAMES M. CAPEWELL.**—3077 Collins, Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, U. S. A.

17. **JAMES GEORGE CAPEWELL.**—458 Kaighn Avenue, Camden, New Jersey, U. S. A. Age 25, born October 6, 1880, at S. W. Corner of Gaul and Dickinson Streets, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Son of Mark Anthony and Whillie (Batt) Capewell. (1. M.)

18. **JOHN BATT CAPEWELL.**—Westville, New Jersey, U. S. A. Age 28, born February 5, 1878, at the South West corner of Gaul and Dickinson Streets, Philadelphia, Pa. (Look in Marriages.)

19. **JOHN HALLAS CAPEWELL.**—St Catherines Cottage, Belle Vue, Wakefield, Leeds, England. Is a child and resides with his father, Joseph John. (2. J.)

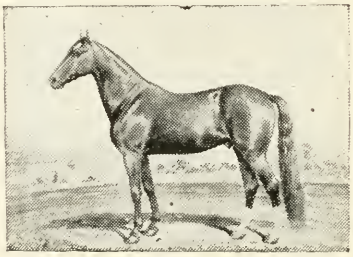
20. **JOHN CAPEWELL.**—35 Vaughan Street, S. Birmingham, England. All that is known of John is that he is a marine store dealer.

21. **JOHN EDWARD CAPEWELL.**—Woodbury, Connecticut, U. S. A. Age 50, born June 17, 1856. Son of George Augustus and Harriet (Davis) Capewell. Married November 25, 1879, at Woodbury, Conn., to Ella M. Bailey, who was born at Woodbury, August 30, 1858.

John Edward is a famous breeder and trainer of standard-bred horses, and is the proprietor of the beautiful "West Side Stock Farm," at Woodbury, Conn.

WEST SIDE STOCK FARM,

Woodbury, Conn.



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The Great Trotting Stallion.

1. **LANGDON CERENO CAPEWELL.**—72 Hinsdale Avenue, Winsted, Connecticut, U. S. A. Age 32, born March 13, 1874, at Woodbury, Conn. Son of Seymour L. and Elizabeth Julia (Saxton) Capewell. (2. S.)

Married June 10, 1896, at Winsted, Conn., to Ruth Estella Plumb, born January 9, 1873, at Winsted, Conn.

They have two children, Helen Ruth and Stuart Langdon Capewell, aged 6 and five years.

Langdon C. is superintendent of the "Citizen Printing Company" of Winsted.

2. **LEON ROBERT CAPEWELL.**—Woodbury, Connecticut, U. S. A. Age 24, born June 24, 1882, at Woodbury. Son of Seymour L. and Elizabeth Julia (Saxton) Capewell. (2. S.)

Married June 22, 1904, to Dorothy Amelia Whitney, who was born at Montville, Massachusetts, December 22, 1885. The marriage took place at the home of the bride in Winsted, Conn.

3. **LOUIS WILLIAM CAPEWELL.**—Hatchkissville, Litchfield County, Connecticut, U. S. A. Son of William Charles and Mary (Miserez) Capewell. (17. W.) Infant, born at Hatchkissville, November 25, 1905.

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1. **MARK ANTHONY CAPEWELL.**—458 Kaighn Ave. Camden, New Jersey, U. S. A. Age 55, born May 1, 1851, at Locust and Kaighn Avenue, Camden, N. J. Educated at Kaighn School, Newton Avenue and Chestnut Street. Married November 4, 1873, at the parsonage of the Union Methodist Church by the Rev. Maddock, to Whillie Batt, born March 15, 1857, at Berlin, N. J.

They have had eight children, seven of whom are now living. They are John Batt, (See Marriages) William Henry, better known as Harry, (See Deaths) James George, Mark Anthony, Jr., Margaret May, Caroline Harrison, Francis Matilda and Edna Lavinia Capewell.

2. **MARK ANTHONY CAPEWELL, Jr..**—458 Kaighn Avenue, Camden, New Jersey, U. S. A. Age 22, born October 3, 1883, on Huntington Avenue, near Cedar Street, Philadelphia, Pa. Educated at Westville, N. J. Son of the above Mark Anthony and Whillie (Patt) Capewell. (1. M.)

MANCETTER MANOR.

WARWICKSHIRE, ENGLAND.

There is a tradition of which very little is known, outside of those Capewell's who are directly concerned, and I will try to give you as much as I have learned of it; without, however, disclosing the source of my information.

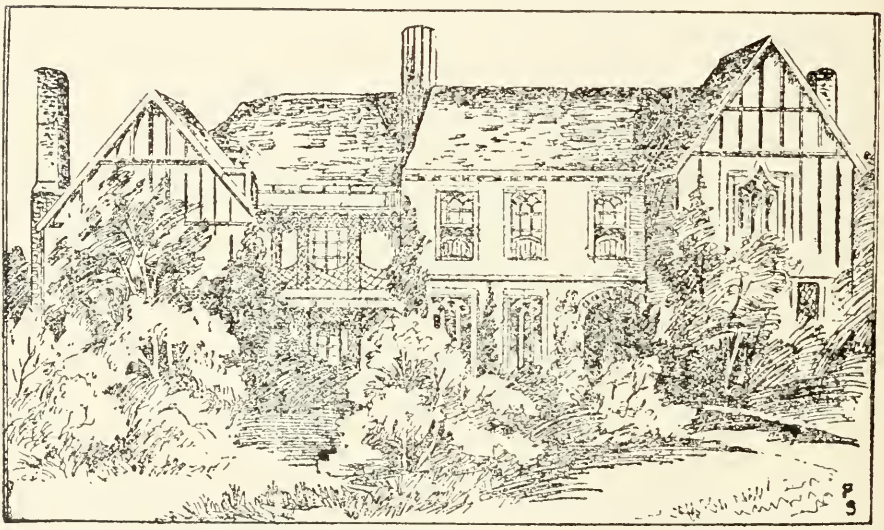
First I will give the description of "The Manor," taken from "The Birmingham Evening Post," of July 8, 1895.

MANCETTER MANOR, WARWICKSHIRE.

ITS MARTYR AND ITS ANCIENT HISTORY.

The Manor House of Mancetter, near Atherstone, one of the most interesting places in North Warwickshire, has just changed owners for the first time for many years. In his history of Warwickshire, Dugdale gives many particulars concerning Mancetter, which was the Manduessedum of the Romans, It was given by William the Conqueror to Hugh Lupus, Earl of Chester, and passed from him to Walkeline de Mancestre, who built the church and manor, the latter about 1135. His descendant,

Edmund, died in the reign of Edward III. without issue, bequeathing it to a relative, who married Thomas Harper, who sold it to Mr. John Glover, of Baxterley, in the reign of Henry VI. (1432). It continued the property and residence of the Glovers till 1677. The house is still, in parts, that in which the Glovers dwelt. Robert Glover the Protestant, who resided many years there, was taken away from it to Coventry, and there burnt in the street on September 19, 1555. He married a niece of the venerable Bishop Latimer who was burnt at Oxford the month following.



THE MANOR HOUSE.

The residence is a well-preserved and characteristic specimen of an early Warwickshire manor house, still retaining exceptionally fine hand-worked oak beams, panellings and wide open fire places. Probably few better specimens of its age remain in the country. The baronial Hall, which was the centre, is easily traced, though it was afterwards divided into different apartments to meet the convenience of more domestic times. Two wings were added, framed of wood. The old oak staircase so long trod by the Glovers and down which the martyr descended for the last time in the custody of the Queen's officers who seized him in his sick chamber, still remains. There is also a bedroom known as "the martyr's room," and till recently might be seen a curious hiding place by means of which the martyr and his two brothers might have sometimes escaped the search of those sent to apprehend them.

It seems that the "Manor" was left by will to a certain person for life, and after that to some Capewell or Capewells. On the death of the first legatee Benjamin Capewell (1. B.) of Bedworth, Nuneaton, Warwickshire, laid claim to it, but he was poor and had very little money with which to prosecute his claim, and after spending all he had, the smart legal talent employed were able to disprove his rights.

Benjamin is now an old man of 78 years. His is indeed a pitiful story, and we picture him as a young man fighting for his rights, with all the Capewell determination that was in him.

If only he will give us the full story it will be published in the Capewell History.

It is said that the one time owner of the "Manor" was one Fanny Ross, the aunt of Thomas Capewell, father of Benjamin of whom we write,

MARRIAGES.

Under this heading will be printed a complete account of any marriages which take place during the year previous, and accounts, with photographs of bride and groom (if possible) should be sent in as early as convenient.

CAPEWELL—EVANS.

JOHN BATT CAPEWELL.—Westville, New Jersey, U. S. A. Age 28, born February 5, 1878, at the Southwest corner of Gaul and Dickenson Streets, Philadelphia, Pa. Son of Mark Anthony and Whillie (Batt) Capewell of 158 Kaighn Avenue, Camden, N. J. (1. M.)

Was married January 17, 1906, at Philadelphia. Pennsylvania, to Miss Ella B. Evans, age 27, a Catholic lady of Philadelphia. Pa.

MISSING.

Most of the following are known to exist, but either their names or whereabouts are unknown. The list should be looked over carefully as the slightest information concerning any of them will be greatly appreciated.

ELIZABETH CAPEWELL.—Daughter of James G., Jr. (deceased) and Margaret (Knight) Capewell. Born at Westville, New Jersey, U. S. A. Last heard of in Camden, N. J.

GEORGE CAPEWELL.—Camden, New Jersey, U. S. A. Grandson of William Henry and Jane N. (Bender) Capewell. (16. W.) He has another brother also of whom nothing is known.

JOHN CAPEWELL.—Whose former address was 42 Wilson Street, Stoke-on-Trent, but it is reported by Charles William that he left for Canada on November 15, 1905. We appeal to his sisters, Jane (40. J.) and Harriet. (21. H.) 44 Wilson Street, for further information for next report.

JOHN CAPEWELL.—Has been at Liverpool a short time, but who cannot now be traced; as he left just before last Christmas.

It is not known which John this is.

JOSEPH M. CAPEWELL.—Supposed to be living in or about Port Richmond, Philadelphia, Pa., U. S. A. Son of the late Joseph M. Capewell of Kensington.

CHARLES ALONZO CAPEWELL.—Whose father, Joseph E. Capewell, kept a China Store at 467 North Second Street, Philadelphia, Pa., U. S. A. during the Civil War. The last heard of Charles Alonzo was that he was a salesman for an artists' supply house in New York.

WILLIAM CAPEWELL.—Living in 1905 at 2 Tudor Street, Birmingham, England; but left there early that year.

JAMES YATES CAPEWELL.—Son of Thomas of Fradeswell, England. Supposed to have emigrated to America in 1856 with an uncle by the name of Yates.

Two sons of Alfred Capewell, Baldwins Gate, Whitmore, near Stoke-on-Trent, (8. F.) are now in Canada. Please send names and address.

MARGARET CAPEWELL.—Daughter of John (deceased) of Kensington, Philadelphia, Pa., U. S. A. Last heard from in Berlin, New Jersey, but does not live there now.

DOROTHY CAPEWELL.—Daughter of John and sister of the above. When last heard of was married to a man employed at Strawbridge and Clothiers, Philadelphia, Pa., U. S. A.

SAMUEL CAPEWELL.—Son of Charles Capewell, (5. C.) Mill Street Eturia, Hanley, Staffordshire, England, and nephew of Frederick Baddeley Capewell, 29 Gordon Street, Hartshill, Stoke-on-Trent, England.

Went to America about 1891, living in New York 1895. Father inquires.

CHARLES CAPEWELL.—Went to Australia in 1879. Mother and brother inquire.

1. **PERCIVIL HOWE CAPEWELL.**—741 Park Avenue, Collingswood, New Jersey, U. S. A. Age 18, born October 11, 1887, at 333 Clinton Street, Camden, N. J. Son of Eugene Edgar and Anna Francis (Wriggins) Capewell (9. E.).

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1. **RUTHERFORD HAYES CAPEWELL.**—425 Washington Street, Camden, New Jersey, U. S. A. Age 29, born August 13, 1876, at 256 Chestnut Street, Camden. Son of William Henry and Jane M. (Bender) (deceased) Capewell.

Married December 31, 1898, by Rev J. C. Russell, at parsonage of Second Presbyterian Church, Camden, to Linda D. Harbeson, born Mar. 4, 1880, at Camden.

Children; Bessie May and Ruth Dorothy Capewell (10. R.).

2. **RICHARD CAPEWELL.**—National Telephone Buildings, Hanley, Staffordshire, England.

3. **RICHARD CAPEWELL.**—Near the Church Boothen, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire, England.

RISING SUN INN.

It is rumored the Capewell's have kept the "The Rising Sun Inn" at Fradeswell, Staffordshire, England, for five hundred years. In fact William Capewell, of Lower Nobut, Leigh, (14. W.) asserts that it is positively so; and it is hoped that through him and his brother, James of Fradeswell, near Uttoxeter, (13. J.) we may be able to get a full account of it by next year's report, for, if this proves to be true, the Capewell's are a distinct family from the Caple's, from whom some of our people think we have descended.

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1. **SAMUEL CAPEWELL.**—62 Middlemore Road, Smethwick, Birmingham, England.

2. **SEYMOUR LANGDON CAPEWELL.**—Woodbury, Connecticut, U. S. A. Age 56, born December 14, 1850, at Woodbury, Conn. Son of George Augustus and Harriet (Davis) Capewell.

Married September 25, 1873, to Julia Elizabeth Saxton, who was born July 22, 1856, at Woodbury, Conn., at whose home the wedding took place.

Their children are, George E. (deceased), Langdon Cereno (1. L.); Charles Henry (10. C.), Frederick Marcus (8. F.), Leon Robert (2. L.); Mabelle Ann (14. M.) and Carolyn Elizabeth (22. C.).

3. **STUART LANGDON CAPEWELL.**—72 Hinsdale Avenue, Win-

sted, Connecticut, U. S. A. Age 5, born September 11, 1900, at Woodbury, Conn. Son of Langdon Cereno and Ruth Estella (Plumb) Capewell (1. L.).

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1. **THOMAS CAPEWELL.**—17 Baker Street, West Bromwich, Staffordshire, England. Age 70, brother to George of Tipton (9. G.).

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1. **WILLIAM CAPEWELL.**—Market Heath Road, Penketh, near Wareington, England.

2. **WILLIAM CAPEWELL.** 22 Tollemache Street, New Brighton, near Liverpool, England.

3. **WILLIAM CAPEWELL.**—1Kyme Street, New Radford, Nottingham, England.

4. **WILLIAM CAPEWELL.**—19 New Street, Hanley, Staffordshire, England.

5. **WILLIAM CAPEWELL.**—Schoolmaster, Hanley, Staffordshire, England.

6. **WILLIAM CAPEWELL.**—11 Wedgewood Street, Nettlebank, Smallthorne, Staffordshire, England.

7. **WILLIAM CAPEWELL.**—153 Grove Lane, Handworth, Birmingham, England.

8. **WILLIAM CAPEWELL.**—8 Paignton Road, Rotten Park, Birmingham, England. Age 51. Manager for a firm of oil merchants.

9. **WILLIAM CAPEWELL.**—Bockleton, Tenbury, Worcestershire, England.

10. **WILLIAM CAPEWELL.**—2019 Ontario Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, U. S. A.

11. **WILLIAM CAPEWELL.**—Farmer, Flowerdale, Victoria, Australia.

12. **WILLIAM CAPEWELL.**—Grazier, Broadford, Victoria, Australia.

13. **WILLIAM CAPEWELL.**—Pall Mall, Bendigo, Victoria, Australia.

14 WILLIAM CAPEWELL.—Lower Nobut, (?) Leigh, Stoke-on Trent, Staffordshire, England.

15. WILLIAM DENNIS CAPEWELL.—17 Guildford Street, Hanley, Staffordshire, England.

16. WILLIAM HENRY CAPEWELL.—291 Liberty Street, Camden, New Jersey, U. S. A. Age 73, born December 12, 1832, at Kensington, Philadelphia, Pa. Son of Joseph and Maria (Hodges) Capewell (both deceased).

Married in January, 1852, at Camden, New Jersey, to Jane M. Bender of Camden, who died January 4, 1886, of typhoid fever; buried at Evergreen Cemetery, Camden. They have had 14 children, 8 of whom are living: George B., Harri, Louisa B., Bertha Maxwell, (2.B.) Frank Le Roy, Rutherford Hayes and Sallie Julia Capewell.

William Henry is a brother to Susan P., the oldest Capewell in America. He is a glass blower, and in spite of his 73 years, is hale and hearty and works at night at his trade.

17. WILLIAM CHARLES CAPEWELL.—Hatchkissville, Connecticut, U. S. A. Age 28, born March 31, 1878, at Oakville, Litchfield County, Conn. Son of Walter Stanley and Jennie Agustus (Lewis) Capewell (20. W.).

Educated at Harrington Business College, Waterbury, Conn.

Married April 23, 1897, by Episcopal clergyman at Watertown, Litchfield County, Conn., to Mary Miserez, who was born October 28, 1877, in Switzerland, Layaux.

They have five children; Walter Stanley (21. W.), Ruby Olive (11. R.), Clifford Howard (11. C.), Pearl May (10. P.) and Louis William (3. L.)

18. WALTER SCOTT CAPEWELL.—1212 South Fourth Street, Camden, New Jersey, U. S. A. Age 60, born October 13, 1846, at Locust and Kaighn Avenue, Camden. Son of James George and Margaret (Mosten) Capewell. Educated at Kaighn School, Newton Avenue and Chestnut Street.

First marriage; October 8, 1566, at Methodist Parsonage, Gloucester, N. J., by Rev. Milton Relyea, to Rachel Hill, born 1850, at Gloucester, N. J., died 1870, in confinement, buried in Union Cemetery, Gloucester.

Second marriage; June 10, 1871, at the parsonage of the Union Methodist Church, Camden, New Jersey, by Rev. Snyder, to Hannah Wagner, born April 25, 1855 at Second and Walnut Streets, Camden.

19. WALTER B. CAPEWELL.—459 Berkley Street, Camden, New Jersey, U. S. A. Born July 15, 1885, at 450 Royden Street, Camden.

Son of Winfield Scott (deceased) and Melvina V. (Stetser) Capewell (30. M.)

20. WALTER STANLEY CAPEWELL.—"Wood Vine Farm" P. O.

Box 14, Oakville, Connecticut, U. S. A. Age 53, born June 16, 1853, at Woodbury, Litchfield County, Conn.

Son of the late Joseph Thomas and Sarah Ann (Pitt) Capewell.

Educated at Trenton, New Jersey.

Married August 13, 1873, at Beeon Falls, New Haven County, Connecticut, by Episcopal Minister, to Jennie Agusta Lewis, born July 15, 1857, at Winstead, Litchfield County, Connecticut.

They have had six children, two of whom, Herbert Walter and Howard Stanley, are deceased. Those living are Augusta Ann (11. A.), William Charles (17. W.), Daisy May (10. D.) and Joseph Thomas (4. J.).

Walter S. is a retired manufacturer whose time is now mostly occupied with his beautiful "Wood Vine Farm," situated in Litchfield County, where he is happily surrounded by his loving wife and children.

21. **WALTER STANLEY CAPEWELL.**—Hatchkissville, Litchfield County, Connecticut, U. S. A. Son of William Charles and Mary (Miserez) Capewell (17. W.). Age 8, born at Oakville, Conn., Oct. 16, 1897.

WIDOWS OF CAPEWELLS.

Below is a list of the Capewell Widows, and it might be added, Capewell Mothers.

Almost the same expressions might be used here as were used for the "Capewell Daughters," as they, too, have made most excellent wives and mothers, and it is almost certain that we have'nt got one-fifth of them on this list. Let us hope, by next report, to have the history of every Capewell Widow in the world.

30. **DORCAS R. (CARTER) CAPEWELL.**—436 William Street, Camden, New Jersey, U. S. A. Age 65, daughter of John and Lavinia (Davis) Carter. She was born April 10, 1841. Married April 11, 1867, at parsonage of First Baptist Church of Camden, New Jersey, to Charles Baldry Capewell, son of John and Sarah L. (Austin) Capewell (both deceased). He was born August 12, 1840, and died February 23, 1893, of apoplexy, at the age of 53. Buried at Evergreen Cemetery, Camden, New Jersey.

30. **EMMA GENEVA (WELLS) CAPEWELL.**—733 Norfolk Street, Mattapan, Boston, Massachusetts, U. S. A. Age 50, born August 26, 1855, at Dorchester, Massachusetts.

Married January 28, 1880, at her home, by Congregational minister, to William Wright Capewell, who died August 13, 1891, at City Hospital,

Boston, Mass., of hemorrhoid on the brain. Buried at Cedar Grove, Dorchester, Mass.

His parents were Mark and Mary Jane (Johnstone) Capewell (both deceased).

Children are Emma Gertrude and Mary Wells Capewell. (21. E.) and (13. M.).

31. **EMMA CAPEWELL.**—Westcourt Road, New Lambton, New South Wales, Australia.

30. **MELVINA V. (STETSER) CAPEWELL.**—459 Berkley Street, Camden, New Jersey, U. S. A. Age 56, daughter of Joseph and Lydia Stetser. She was born September 14, 1849, at Paulsboro, New Jersey, and educated at Mantau, N. J.

Married November 16, 1873 at parsonage of the Union Methodist Church, Fifth and Spruce Streets, Camden, N. J., to Winfield Scott Capewell, son of John and Sarah L. (Austin) Capewell (both deceased).

He was born December 5, 1847, at Second and Kaighn Avenue, Camden, N. J., and died February 22, 1892, of cancer, at 746 Walnut Street, at the age of 45. Buried at Evergreen Cemetery, Camden, N. J.

Children now living are Anna M. (10. A.), Lydia A. (10. L.), Charles Edgar (2. C.) and Walter B. (19. W.).

30. **SARAH CAPEWELL.**—28 Windmill End, Netherton, Dudley, Staffordshire, England.

31. **SARAH CAPEWELL.**—Old Hill, near Dudley, Staffordshire, England.

CAPWELL'S.

There are a number of people in America by the name of Capwell, and the only difference between Capewell and Capwell is one little "e."

The names are so nearly alike that one is naturally led to believe they are, or were at one time of the same origin: and, to make it appear more so, no Capwell's have been found in England during our search for Capewell's

There is not a Capewell living today who has not had some experience of having his name written or pronounced wrong by others; and yet we are in an enlightened age.

To cite a few instances:

"The United States Medical Directory for 1905," gives the name of Dr. David A. Capwell, as Dr. David A. Capewell.

"Boyd's Directory of Salem and Gloucester Counties, New Jersey,

U. S. A." gives the name of Mark A. Capewell, (who, by the way, is my uncle) as Mark A. Capwell.

And my own name appears in "The Baltimore City Directory of 1900" (Maryland, U. S. A.) in very large advertising type (for which I paid) as Clarence L. Capwell, and I never noticed it until a year or two afterwards; and then my attention was called to it by others.

If one were searching for these anomalisms, thousands might be found: and if such things occur in our times, they certainly could have happened a hundred years ago. I am more than delighted that some of the Capwell's share the same opinion as myself about the matter; one of whom is the following, and two of his letters are reproduced below, which speak for themselves.

Pawtucket, R. I., Dec. 14, 1905.

C. L. Capewell, Esq.,
Baltimore, Md.,

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter to my father, relative to the Capewell geneology, will say that our name is Capwell, not Capewell, though probably at one time was spelled with the "e" and probably belonged to the same family.

We can trace back to service in the Revolution, and if you can use the tracing, I would be pleased to learn more concerning the family.

Yours truly,

Arthur A. Capwell.

813 Weeden Street.

Pawtucket, R. I., Dec, 20, 1905.

Mr. Clarence Capewell,
Baltimore, Md.,

Dear Sir:

Your kind remittance at hand, for which accept my thanks.

As to the Capwell Tracings: my father, Frederick L., and his father, Joseph A. are still living.

Joseph Capwell, father of Joseph A., was born August 19, 1789, and was married January 21, 1810, to Lydia Alexander and had seven children: one of these children marrying a man by the name of Nichols and residing in Japan.

The father of Joseph was James Capwell, who was under Brig. Gen. Nath. Greene, in the Revolutionary War. His war record is on file in R. I. (History of Rhode Island, [Arnold] Vol. II. p. 348.) Was probably at the Battle of Bunker Hill.

This is the extent of my tracings.

Anything further that you enlighten me on, I shall feel grateful.

Yours truly,

ARTHUR A. CAPWELL.

W. W. Capwell, Dallas, Pa., June 25, 1906, says:

"I had often thought the Capwell's and Capewell's might have come from the same stock, but, was not certain of it."

Charles William Capewell of Liverpool, England, December 28, 1905, Says, "Re. Mr. Capwell of R. I., I have no doubt he is a Capewell. I am often called Capwell: indeed, the variations of pronouncing and spell- my name are legion."

In reference to the above, I wish to state that I have been working on the matter and have quite a lot of disconnected information which is not ready for this report; but will henceforth keep track of the Capwell's and include their history with that of the Capewell's.

The following is a list of Capwell's collected to date; and to these Capwell's I would say, please send me all the information you can, and especially as to your relatives among this list.

1. **ARTHUR A. CAPWELL.**—813 Wheeden Street, Pawtucket, Rhode Island.
2. **ARTHUR A. CAPWELL.**—10 Maynard Street, Pawtucket, R. I.
3. **ALLISON S. CAPWELL.**—76 Hoyt Street, Buffalo, N. Y.
4. **BREWINGTON A. CAPWELL.**—630 Power Road, Pawtucket, R. I.
5. **BEVERLY CAPWELL.**—Lake Winola, Pa.
6. **CHARLES B. CAPWELL.**—West Nicholson, Pa.
7. **CHARLES CAPWELL.**—Meshoppen, Pa.
8. **CLARENCE L. CAPWELL.**—Proprietor of Hotel Sterling, Wilkes Barre, Pa.
9. **COIT A CAPWELL.**—16 Home Street, New London, Conn.
10. **CLAUD CAPWELL.**—1600 North Second Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota
11. **DANIEL A. CAPWELL, M. D.**—431 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton, Pa.
12. **DANIEL H. CAPWELL, M. D.**—Garrison, Denton County, Iowa.
13. **EDWARD CAPWELL.**—Factoryville, Pa.

14. EDWARD CAPWELL.—Care of Vulcan Iron Works, Wilkes Barre, Pa.

15. ELWOOD H. CAPWELL.—Wyalusing, Pa.

16. FRANK P. CAPWELL.—Railroad Depot, Pawtucket, R. I.

17. FRANK W. CAPWELL.—22 Ocean Ave., New London, Conn.

18. FRANK E. CAPWELL.—69 Church Street, Hartford, Conn.

19. FRED L. CAPWELL.—43 Broad House, 10 Maynard, Pawtucket, R. I.

20. GEORGE CAPWELL.—22 Ocean Avenue, New London, Conn.

21. HARRIS CAPWELL.—Twelfth and Washington Streets, Oakland, California.

22. HENRY NELSON CAPWELL.—Factoryville, Pa.

23. HOWARD E. CAPWELL.—Elmwood, Nebraska.

24. HOWARD CAPWELL.—Young Men's Christian Association, Buffalo, New York.

25. JAMES S. CAPWELL.—Dalton, Pa.

26. JOHN N. CAPWELL.—1030 Fink Street, Scranton, Pa.

27. JOHN M. CAPWELL.—Stevensville, Pa.

28. JOSEPH A. CAPWELL.—616 Power Road, Pawtucket, R. I.

29. RUAL A. CAPWELL.—202-207 Pauli Building, Scranton, Pa.

30. STEPHEN CAPWELL.—Forest City, Pa.

31. V. S. CAPWELL.—Dorrancetor, Pa.

32. VIRGINIA CAPWELL.—14 Leather Avenue, Pawtucket, R. I.

33. WALTER A. CAPWELL.—321 Penn Avenue, Scranton, Pa.

34. WALTER F. CAPWELL.—1030 Fish Street, Scranton, Pa.

35. WILLIAM S. CAPWELL.—Bloomsburg, Pa.

36. WALLACE E. CAPWELL.—2112 Advance Ave., Scranton, Pa.

37. WILLIAM HARRISON CAPWELL.—Editor "Dallas Post," Dallas, Pa. Was born March 25, 1843, in Clinton Township, Wyoming County, Pa, and educated in the common schools. He is the son of the late Jabez Green and Marilla (Niver) Capwell, and was married August 11, 1867, to Alpha Sophionia Wells, who was born August 2, 1846, at Benton Township, Sacta. County, Pa. The ceremony was performed by Rev. S. C. Moore, Pastor of the Factoryville Baptist Church.

They have an adopted daughter, Gertrude Grace Capwell, who married Courtney N. Snyder, of Nicholson, Wyoming County, Pa.

WILLIAM HARRISON CAPWELL.

AT THE AGE OF FIFTY-TWO, FROM A PHOTO BY COLLANIER & SON,
WILKESBARRE, PENNSYLVANIA,
1895.

She was a daughter of the late Charles Dymond Capwell, brother to above.

William Harrison Capwell is editor of the "Dallas Post," of Dallas, Pennsylvania, and is deeply interested in the family history. To him we are indebted for most of the information concerning the Capwell's.

The pictures of the house, and "Capwell Spring, were taken by him on Saturday, July 1st, 1906. having made a special visit to the old farm for that purpose.

A FAMILY REUNION.

Dr. David A Capwell, with the assistance of several others, in the early part of the summer of 1905, issued calls for a family reunion of the descendants of Stephen Capwell of Rhode Island; which reunion was held near the old homestead of the Capwell's at Factoryville, Wyoming County, Pennsylvania, U. S. A.

There were present, all told, about forty Capwell's, including men, women and children, who all enjoyed themselves immensely, and voted the affair a great success: so much so that the following officers were elected, for the purpose of continuing the reunions annually.

President, Dr. David A. Capwell, Scranton, Pa.

Vice-President, William H. Capwell, Editor of "The Dallas Post," Dallas, Pa.

Secretary, Mrs. G. B. Mathewson, (Minerva Capwell) Factoryville, Pa.

("It may be interesting to note here that Mrs. Mathewson is the mother of Christy Mathewson, the famous base ball player: possibly the most noted descendant of Stephen Capwell at the present time."—W. H. Capwell.)

It is thought that twice as many will attend the reunion this year, which also takes place in August.

The following interesting article was written, and read at the reunion by its Vice-president, W. H. Capwell, and later, appeared in two issues, September 13th and 20th, 1905, of the "Tunkhannock Republican," of Tunkhannock, Pa., from which it is here reproduced, with the exception of the pictures, which were made for this issue.

The article is entertaining and instructive. and gives a fairly good idea of the many trials and tribulations of the early Pennsylvania settlers and is well worth reading.

STEPHEN CAPWELL.

Historical Sketch of His Life Read at Family Reunion.

The following Sketch of the life of Stephen Capwell was read by W. H. Capwell, of Dallas, at the family reunion held at Factoryville on Aug. 25, 1905.

FRIENDS, RELATIVES AND MEMBERS OF THE TRIBE OF STEPHEN:

From all I can learn the name of Capwell comes from the French, but as there is no "w" in French, I do not know how they spelled the name, whether it was "Capell," or "Chapelle," or "Capouille." However it may have been, all now agree in spelling it the same way, namely, "Capwell."

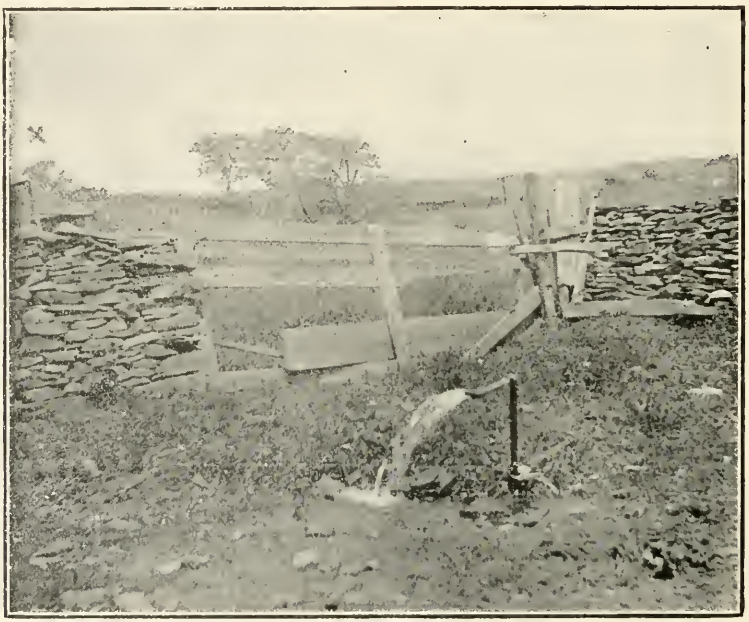
Two brothers—sailors, it is said—landed from a French ship in Rhode Island some time before the Revolutionary war, and from these two men the present Capwell families in America have descended.

Stephen Capwell, my great-grandfather, and the great-great-great-grandfather of some who are here today, was born in Rhode Island in 1745. He was a middle-sized, active man, and as near as I can learn, a small farmer who supplemented his farming by sailing on coasting ships or fishing smacks as opportunity offered. Along in the latter part of that century, perhaps about 1796 or 1797, hard times seemed to have made it difficult for the few small factories to furnish work for the great influx of population that had begun to arrive on these shores, and many of the young men and boys sought to gain a livelihood by becoming sailors. Two of his sons, Jabez and Bartholomew had already made several voyages, and Russell, one of the younger ones, had already gone out to South America on a merchantman. Jabez was a pretty well educated young man for that time, and had probably become a pretty good sailor and navigator. He followed the sea all of his life, being at the time of his death the supercargo officer of a merchantman sailing between the United States, Denmark and the West Indies. He died about 1812 or 1814, on the island of St. Thomas, one of the West Indies. Bartholomew died in the East Indies, I think, and his death was one of the causes that moved his father and mother to come to Pennsylvania. They wanted to get their children away from the ocean.

In the summer and fall of 1799 Stephen Capwell and his family put their affairs in shape to follow their neighbors, the Reynoldses, to the new Eldorado, "away out West," in Pennsylvania. The following spring accompanied by his son George, he bade the remainder of his family good-bye and started on the journey of nearly three hundred miles to seek a place where he might get some more productive land than he had in Rhode Island; and more acres of it, that all might have enough to eat and in time have homes of their own. They had no Saratoga trunks in those days and the principle mode of travel was by "foot and walker's line." With a trusty rifle, two good axes and a small bundle of coarse clothing on their backs, the travelers set out. Just at what date they started, or

how long it took them to foot it over the hills of Connecticut, the mountains of New Jersey and the barrens of what is now Pike county in this State, I am unable to say, but that they had a right royal welcome from the family of the Robert Reynolds who had come here the year before, I have no doubt.

After a short rest in which all the news of the friends back in Rhode Island was rehearsed, they sought a place where they might make a clearing and put up a cabin for themselves. Looking around they found a beautiful spring of water which still sends its limpid stream from yonder hill-side, and there they set about building a house and establishing a mile-stone in life's journey that would mark the weal or woe of the little family they had left behind.



THE CAPWELL SPRING.

The only thing that remains is the old "Capwell Spring," which furnishes water for the farm, and sends a beautiful stream down the hill to the Tunkhannock Creek a quarter of a mile distant. The picture is of a stream of water issuing from a pipe that is inserted in the spring, which is just over the stone wall and now covered by a board spring-house, which is marked with an X. The old Capwell Spring is about six feet long, four or five feet wide, and the water stands about three feet in depth and has a temperature of about 52 to 55 degrees the year around. Its flow is of sufficient quantity to supply a village of 500 inhabitants.

This is the beautiful spring around which the Capwell's gathered and quenched the thirst of themselves and stock with the nectar from its crystal depths, over one hundred years ago; and who knows but that this may be the secret of the hardihood of themselves and their descendants.

By the time for planting they had cleared a little space, and as soon as possible they planted a small garden of such vegetables as they had the seeds of, that would supplement the little store they had brought with them. The rifle proved a valuable companion, and by its use they often obtained meat when the larder was empty and very little other food could be obtained. The house they built was not a very large nor ornate structure. It was built of logs, about sixteen by twenty feet in size, and thatched with bark and poles. The floor was made of truncheons, split out of logs and hewn flat on one side with an axe. For windows a sheet of paper, an old letter, my grandfather said, had been greased to let in the light and fastened over an opening in the wall. The door was a large bear skin, the owner of which was killed by Uncle George, though he was but a boy at the time. The spring had been dug out and a ditch made so that the surplus water that surrounded it could escape and thus clear the swampy place in which it was naturally located.

A fallow had been cut and burnt and a small patch of wheat sown, then when the frosts of late November came, they took up their march back to the old Rhode Island home to get the remainder of the family and bring them to the new home in the "West." They had labored hard and the joy they experienced when they were able to go back and tell the rest of the family that they had bought a farm and built a new house on it that summer, can be better imagined than described. No doubt Uncle George had interesting stories to tell of the work they had done and the dangers they had escaped, of the bears and deer he and his father had killed, and of the many other wild animals they had seen.

During the absence of grandfather and uncle George, Uncle Jeremiah and grandmother had taken care of the farm and had raised an excellent crop of corn and other produce. They had a fine pair of steers which he had broken to work, and also a brood mare and some other stock. Grandmother had prepared as good a stock of provisions for the winter as possible, so that when grandfather and Uncle George arrived they felt that their absence had not materially affected the production of the farm.

As the spring of 1801 drew near they made preparations to start for their new home. They wanted to get here in time to tap the sugar maples and make a supply of sugar for the next year, and also to clear more land so that they might plant enough corn to supply them with samp, mush and Johny cake. There were no railroads in those days, with their gorgeous palace cars and roomy freight trains, and what little truck they were to bring with them must be of those things they could not obtain in the new homeland, and such as were absolutely necessary and indispensable to their everyday life. Everything else was turned into money, for it was necessary to have quite a bit of that needful article to pay the expenses of the long journey.

The long sled was loaded with the principle part of the goods and the steers were the motive power. Old "Doll" was hitched to the cutter and grandmother, the two little boys, Frederick and Daniel, and the remainder of the goods made up that load. Grandfather, Jeremiah, George, Holden and the girls, Eunice, Susan and Hannah, comprised the remainder of the family that came at that time, and they undoubtedly walked most of the

way. As it happened, there was pretty good sleighing that winter and the snow lasted all the way, so that the journey was much more pleasant and expeditious than it would have been otherwise.

The Connecticut was crossed somewhere in the neighborhood of Hartford, the Hudson at Newburg, and the Delaware just below Port Jervis.

Some funny incidents of that journey have been told me; one was that one of the little girls tied her rag doll up in her bundle and brought it all the way to Pennsylvania. And other things happened that were not so funny. One was when the sled tipped over and all the goods went off in the snow, some of the kettles rolling down the hill by the side of the trail. Three weeks were consumed in that journey, and it was nearly the last of February when they reached the modest cabin on the hillside which was to be their home for many years. And here we will leave them to pursue their toil while we look at the farm.

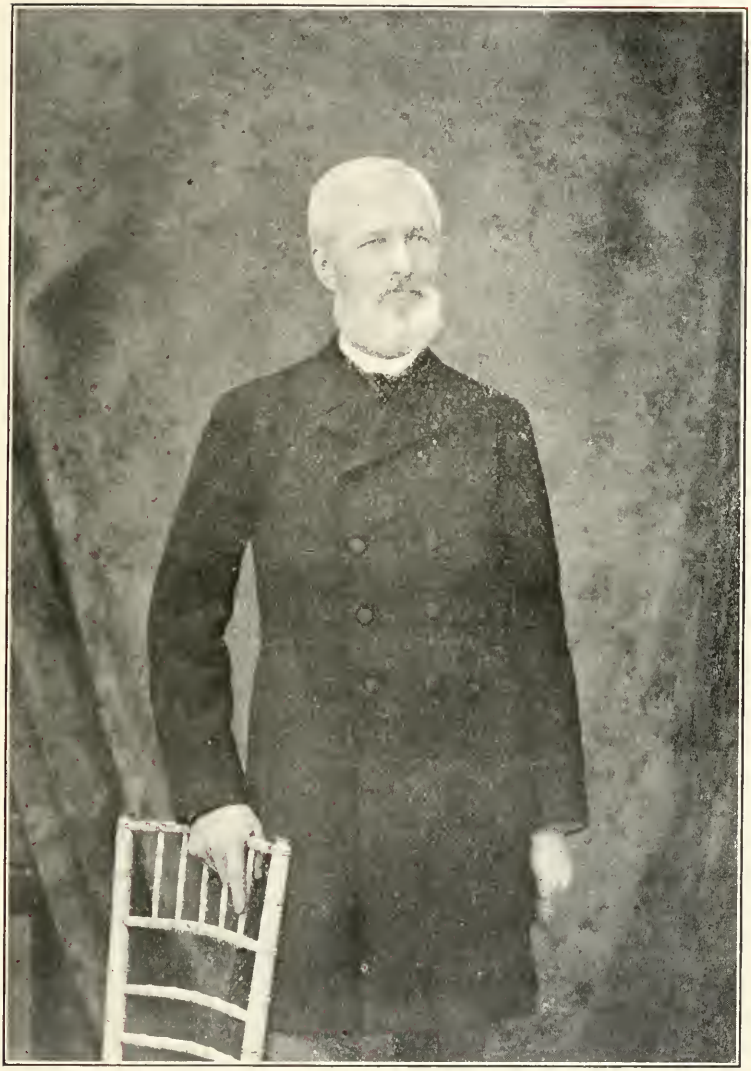
There were 138 acres in the place, and it must have appeared like an immense domain compared with the little fields to which they had been accustomed. I am unable to find the contract price per acre which grandfather agreed to pay for the land, but it took what in these days would be regarded a long time to pay for it—twenty-nine years—and the sum receipted for in the deeds was $696.50, or about five dollars an acre. This may have included accumulated interest, but I have no means of telling.

Hard work and lots of it fell to their lot. Tow cloth in summer and homespun woolen furnished their clothing in winter. Shoes were such a luxury that they could not often be indulged in, and when they were obtained they were only put on for some very important occasion. The young ladies would often carry their shoes in their hands until they came in sight of the school house or other place where meetings were held before putting them on to appear in public, so choice were they. And I have heard that Uncle Russell, who was the dandy of the family, having been for some years a sailor, and away on a voyage when the rest of the family came to Pennsylvania, often went to see his best girl barefooted. He gave as an excuse that he did not need shoes, but the fact was that shoes were so costly that he could not afford to wear them very often.

But hard work, rough fare and worry caused the health of grandfather to break down, and in 1814 he was so ill that he believed he was not going to live long, and drew up a will, which after his death was recorded and still remains among the archives of Luzerne county. It was as follows:

STEPHEN CAPWELL'S WILL.

To my wife, Hannah Capwell, I give and bequeath one-third part of the house in which I now live, and one-third part of the profits of the farm on which I now reside, and the use of a horse to ride when she wants, providing Daniel has one, and in case of her marriage or death to be revertible to my son, Daniel Howard Capwell, or his heirs, executors or administrators; likewise one likely cow, four sheep, and one-third part



WILLIAM HARRISON CAPWELL

EDITOR OF "THE DALLAS POST," DALLAS, PENNSYLVANIA.

As he appeared while delivering the address at the Capwell Reunion at Factoryville, Pa., U. S. A., August 25, 1905.

of the household furniture to her forever, to be disposed of as she shall deem proper.

To my son, Daniel Howard Capwell, I give and bequeath the farm on which I now live, with all the privileges and apurtenances thereunto belonging; likewise all the indoor movables which I do not hereafter bequeath, together with all live stock, grain and provisions which may be on said farm at my death; likewise all the possessions which I may own, together with all bonds, mortgages and accounts which may be due to me at my decease, likewise all moneys which I may leave, all of which I give and bequeath to the said Daniel or his heirs forever, by his paying what debts I may owe, and the legacies hereinafter mentioned, to wit:

To my son, Jeremiah Capwell, ten dollars.

To my son, Russell Capwell, ten dollars.

To my son, George Capwell, ten dollars.

To my son, Holden Capwell, ten dollars.

To my son, Frederick Capwell, twenty dollars.

To my daughter, Eunice Hall, ten dollars.

To my daughter, Hannah Capwell, one good bed and bedding, one cow and ten dollars in cash.

To my daughter, Susannah Capwell, one good bed and bedding, one cow and ten dollars in money; all and sundry of which legacies are to be paid at the expiration of one year from my decease.

It is likewise my will and request, so long as Susannah and Hannah shall remain unmarried, to make their home with Daniel.

Lastly I constitute and appoint my son, Jeremiah Capwell, likewise my son, Daniel Howard Capwell (when he shall arrive at the age of twenty-one years), executors of this my last will and testament.

But the end was not yet. A few years more and he would have been out of debt. The older members of his family had married and established homes of their own. He had helped them to the best of his ability, but he was poor and the amount he gave them would look very small in these times. The summer of 1816 was a sad year for the settlers in these parts. It was very cold and the little crops they were able to plant were almost a failure. There was frost every month, and their gardens proved of little benefit to them except as they furnished "pusley" for greens, which constituted the principal part of their dinner many a day. Grandfather's health continued to fail, and the following February he died, just sixteen years after he had brought his family out west. He left behind him the legacy of a good name, a large family and a considerable debt.

The reading of the will, which was probated March 6, 1817, created some dissatisfaction, in that it gave Daniel, the youngest son, the farm. Some of the older ones who had helped to clear the land thought they were entitled to a larger share of the property than they received, but the matter was settled without much hard feelings being engendered, and

Daniel and grandmother, with the advice of Uncle Jerry, undertook the task of completing the payments on the farm and getting the deed. For more than ten years they toiled and saved before they succeeded in paying the debts and clearing the place, but on the 1st of January, 1829, they had the satisfaction of paying the last cent and receiving the deed, signed by the Meredith and Clymer heirs.

Stephen and Hannah had a large family. Their children were: Jabez, Bartholomew, Jeremiah, George, Holden, Russell, Frederick, Daniel, Eunice, Susannah and Hannah, and another daughter, Lydia, born after their arrival in Pennsylvania, who died when quite small.

The sons and daughters of Stephen and Hannah Capwell eventually married, bought land, built homes and raised families. Most of them settled near the home of their parents. Jeremiah, the oldest son, went back to Rhode Island and married "the girl he left behind" him when he first came west, but the others all found acceptable mates here. Their record is about as follows:

FREDERICK CAPWELL

Seventh and next to the youngest son of Stephen Capwell: from a copy of an ambrotype taken about 1860—during his 67th year—and highly prized and considered very valuable by the family.

It is to Frederick we are so much indebted for his foresight and interest, in handing down to his grandson, William Harrison Capwell, so much of the earlier history of Stephen Capwell's family.

Jeremiah Capwell was married three times. He married Isabel Whipple for his first wife, by whom he had five daughters, viz.: Eliza, married Alvinza Gardner; Charlotte, married Earl Whitney; Celinda, married William Green; Triphena, married Stephen Tillinghast; Elsie, married Dr. John Wilson. After the death of his first wife Jeremiah married Betsey Wilson, a sister of Dr. Wilson. She became the mother of Lydia, who married Dr. George W. Griswold. For his third wife he married the widow, Thyrza Callendar.

Russell Capwell was twice married. His first wife was the widow Jones, mother of Jasper Jones. She bore him four children: Lewis; Isabel, wife of James Thomas: Hannah, wife of James B. Reynolds, and Maria, married —— Hallstead. His second wife was Polly Madison and they had four children: Elizabeth A., wife of Monmouth Rice: Emily; wife of —— Hadsell; George and Benjamin R.

Holden Capwell married Sally Billings. Their children were Matilda, wife of William Cobb; Purlina, wife of Jasper Jones; Eunice, wife of Asa Smead; Mary, wife of William Cornell; Sarah, wife of George Carpenter; Delilah, wife of Silas Mathewson; Lydia, wife of S. S. DeKay. and James.

Frederick married Dorcas Gardner. His children were Jabez G., Daniel T., Joseph Allison, and two daughters, Almeda, wife of Frank H. Castle, and Martha, wife of W. W. Read. Almeda is the only one living. She resides at Cheyenne, Wyoming.

George Capwell's first wife was Mary Gardner. Their children were Stephen, Bartholomew, Abel; Amy, wife of Thomas Woodbridge; Susan, wife of Thomas Maynard, and Almira, wife of Lyman Green. His second wife was Christian Smead, and their children were Mary A., wife of Dr. G. W. Griswold; Minerva, wife of G. B. Mathewson, and George Asa.

Eunice Capwell, Stephen's oldest daughter, married Johnathan Hall. They settled in Abington township, near Glenburn, and had a large family.

Susannah Capwell married Robert Reynolds. Their children were J. Whipple, Stephen Cromwell, Robert Leroy, Eliza, wife of Miner Worden; Caroline, wife of Robert Mills; Ellen, wife of John B. Tedrick, and Emeline, wife of H. P. Jacobs.

Hannah Capwell married Hampton Moore. Their children were Myron, George, John, Leila, married Thomas Robinson. Emma, wife of Ziba S. Reynolds; Sally Susan, wife of George Cobb, and Mary, wife of Nicholas Brower.

Daniel H., the youngest son of Stephen Capwell, was married three times. His first wife was Polly Wilson, by whom he had six children that grew to maturity, viz.: Minerva, married Orrin Browning; Louisa Elizabeth, married Henry, S. Bailey; Nancy J., married Dr. A. T. Brundage; Philena, married Dr. A. T. Brundage; Stephen Howard, and Isaac W. His second wife was Elsie A. Browning, and their children were Dr. D. A. Capwell and Hannah Adelia, wife of M. O. Rounds. His third wife was Mercy P. Colvin.

THE OLD CAPWELL HOMESTEAD.

ON THE STEPHEN CAPWELL FARM, NEAR FACTORYVILLE, CLINTON TOWNSHIP, WYOMING COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA.

Built about 1814, by Stephen Howard Capwell, grandson of Stephen Capwell. There is no Photo of the old log cabin, as it was torn down about 1836, or 70 years ago, and was superceeded by a more pretentious one of plank, which, in turn, gave way to the present structure.

After the death of Stephen Howard Capwell, the old farm was purchased by Abram Wrigley, and is still occupied by him.

William H. Capwell writes later: "I had always had the impression that Stephen Capwell was born in Rhode Island, but since the publication of my article last fall, some of the family have cast doubts upon it, and I do not know just where he was born.

As Stephen died in 1817, it was before the time of Photos, and there are no other pictures of him extant. In fact I do not think any picture of him ever was painted or made.

All I know of him is what my grandfather (Frederick) told me."

Frederick Capwell, father of Zabez G. Capwell, was born in October, 1793 in the state of Rhode Island.

He came to Pennsylvania with his parents in 1801, settling in Clinton Township, about a mile northwest of Factoryville.

His father, Stephen Capwell, we always supposed was born in Rhode Island. He was descended from a Capwell known as "The Ganges Man."

Frederick married Doreas Gardner, daughter of Wilbur Gardner, of Abington Township, Luzerne County, Pa.

Doreas was also born in Rhode Island, but came to Pennsylvania with her parents a few years before her marriage.

She was born in June, 1793, and died September 16, 1883, aged 90 years, 3 months and 2 days.

Frederick died May 5, 1875, aged 81 years, 6 months and 10 days.

Both are buried in the Depot Cemetery, Factoryville, Pa.

They had five children: Jabez G., Daniel Theodore, Almeda, Martha and Joseph Allison Capwell. All are now dead except Almeda: she is the widow of Frank H. Castle, and resides at Cheyenne, Wyoming, aged about 80.

Frederick was a farmer, and in his younger days was a very strong man. It has been said that he could lift a barrel of cider to his knees and drink out of the bung-hole. He was a good rifle-shot and many a deer fell before his aim.

Jabez Green Capwell, son of Frederick and father to William Harrison Capwell, was also a farmer, and was born September 18, 1820, at Nicolson Township, now Clinton Township, Wyoming County, Pennsylvania.

He was married March 19, 1842, to Marilla Niver, who was born May 23, 1823, and died at Factoryville, and was buried at Evergreen Cemetery.

Jabez died of heart disease, February 7, 1905, aged 84, and is buried beside his wife in Evergreen Cemetery, at Factoryville, Pa.

They had five children: William Harrison, John Niver, Charles Dymond, Mary Gertrude, married George E. Snyder; Paulowna, married Archibald A. Brown.

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