

He married, October 23, 1878, Celia A. E. Fall, of Somersworth, who was born July 17, 1855, daughter of Noah L. and Amanda (James) Fall. Three children have been born to them: Leona E., born May 5, 1880, married, May 25, 1903, Jordan S. Savithes, of Lowell, Massachusetts, and has one child, Edith Dorothea, born June 17, 1904; Edith Amanda, born July 17, 1882; Kirke Herbert, born March 28, 1884, died young.

The Husseys of the following sketch
HUSSEY are probably of the descendants of John Hussey, of Dorking, England, and of his son, Christopher Hussey, deacon and captain, who is supposed to have landed in Charlestown, Massachusetts, July 23, 1630.

(I) Micajah Hussey was a resident of Farmington in the latter part of the eighteenth century. He married Olive Hanson.

(II) Silas Hussey, son of Micajah Hussey, was born in Farmington, in 1795, and died in 1869 in Rochester, where his entire life had been spent in tilling the soil successfully. He married Lucy Varney, and their children were: Maria, Stephen, George, John, Silas, Sarah E., Daniel and James, twins; Hannah A., James, Oliver W.

(III) Silas (2), fifth child of Silas (1) and Lucy (Varney) Hussey, was born in Rochester, New Hampshire, January 24, 1828. He grew up on his father's farm, and was educated in the common schools. When a young man he went to Rockport, Massachusetts, and learned the art of cutting granite. In 1849 he heard of Marshall's discovery of gold in Sutton's Millrace in California, and at once decided to go to the newly discovered Eldorado. So he made his way by the Cape Horn route to the land of gold, starting November, 1849, and reaching San Francisco, May, 1850 after spending one hundred and seventy-seven days on the route. He at once went to the mines at Middle Fork, American river, and there until 1853 was working at placer mining. In 1863 he returned to California via the Isthmus route, and was fifteen months engaged in contracting on the Central Pacific railroad. In these four years he made more money than he could have made in New Hampshire, but saved only enough to amount to fair wages. Soon after his return to Rochester he engaged in mercantile business for a short time, and then returned to the granite business and contracting which he has followed most of his life. Previous to 1895 he had put in the foundations for the principal business blocks in Rochester. In 1881 he built a twin arch bridge across the Cocheco, in the main street of Rochester, and in 1883 erected the monument to the soldiers of the Civil war in the park of that place. For the first of these contracts he received \$13,800, and for the other \$2,500. In 1869 he represented Rochester in the legislature, being elected on the Republican ticket. He has also served as police judge and deputy sheriff. For some years he was chairman of the town and county Democratic committee and a member of the state Democratic committee. For forty-six years justice of the peace, and for ten years state justice. Since 1896 he has been independent in politics. He married April 18, 1854, Rosanna A. Hussey, who was born in Rochester, daughter of Jonathan and Mary (Hayes) Hussey. Seven children were born to them: Mary, 1856, died 1866. Lucy, 1858, died young. Frank, mentioned below. George, 1862, died young. Grace, died young. Angie, 1870, married Edward Leighton, and died in 1891. Mabel, 1871, married A. L. Marshall, of Newport. Rhode Island.

(IV) Frank, only living son of Silas (2) and Rosanna A. (Hussey) Hussey, was born in Rochester, in 1860, and educated in the common schools of that town. For some years he was engaged by his father as overseer in his business. In 1894 he entered the employ of the Swift Packing Company, and in 1897 was made manager of that company's business at Rochester, and still holds the place. In politics he is an independent. During the year of 1898 and 1899 he was a member of the Rochester police force. In 1906 he was elected to a seat in the common council on the Republican ticket. He is a member of Dover Lodge, Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, and of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, of Rochester. He married (first), Luella Wellman; one child was born of this union, Mildred, born 1881, now the wife of Frank Gleason, of Haverhill, Massachusetts. He was married (second), October 16, 1892, Teresa Burger, who was born in Roxbury, Massachusetts, 1864, daughter of Anton and Elizabeth (Bowen) Burger, of Roxbury. They had two children: Ruth, born 1895, and Silas F., born 1899.

(I) Burleigh Hussey was born, lived and died in Dover, where he was a farmer. He married a Miss Watson, and they had five children: Charles Paul, Hoag, Burleigh, John and George.

(II) Charles Paul, eldest son of Burleigh Hussey, was born in Dover, November 14, 1830, and died in Rochester, August 13, 1894. About 1848 he settled in Rochester, where he was foreman in the woolen mills for some years. He was also foreman in a shoe factory in Haverhill for some time. In 1878 he bought a farm of Silas Hussey, of Rochester, and lived upon it till his death. In politics he was a Republican. He was a member of Montolina Lodge, No. 18, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He married, 1848, Caroline Watson, who was born September 16, 1828. They had five children: Burleigh, Charles P., Carrie, Minnie, and Jay D., whose sketch next follows.

(III) Jay Dow, youngest child and third son of Charles P. and Caroline (Watson) Hussey, was born in Rochester, August 15, 1868. He graduated from the Rochester high school in the class of 1884, and then entered the employ of the Boston & Maine Railroad Company as a telegraph operator at Rochester. After a year service in that capacity he was sent to Portsmouth, where he was cashier in the freight department of the road for eight years. From that time till the present he has been ticket agent of the union depot of this road at Rochester. In politics he is a Republican. In 1897-98-99, he was a member of the city council of Rochester. He has been active in this party, and has been a delegate to three state conventions and chairman of his ward committee for a number of years. He was the first chief telegrapher of the Order of Railway Telegraphers in Council No. 65, and a member of the Boston & Maine Agents Association, Council No. 8 of the Boston & Maine Relief Association, the Order of United American Mechanics of Portsmouth, and Lodge No. 184, Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, of Dover. He married, January 4, 1887, Maud Cushman, who was born September 15, 1872, daughter of Zebediah and Augusta L. (Herrick) Cushman, of Kennebunk, Maine. They have two children: Maud Frances and Minnie Caroline.

In the tide of immigration that set
WASON into the colony of New Hampshire
from Ireland about two centuries ago,
came the ancestor of the Wasons. Like the great
majority of settlers from that island, the immigrant

Wason came to the wilderness of a new country to bear the hardships and privations and enjoy the freedom and advantages of a land in a state of almost primitive nature. He proved his good qualities as a pioneer, was an enterprising and respected citizen, and became the ancestor of men who today are among the leading citizens of the state.

(I) James Wason, a native of the parish of Ballymena, county Antrim, Ireland, was born in 1711. When a young man he removed to Portsmouth, New Hampshire, and subsequently to Nottingham, now Hudson, where he lived until his death, August 22, 1799, aged eighty-eight. He married at Portsmouth, New Hampshire, November 30, 1736, Hannah Caldwell, also a native of Ballymena. She died April 6, 1786, at the age of eighty years.

(II) Lieutenant Thomas, son of James and Hannah (Caldwell) Wason, born in Hudson, December 26, 1748, died November 18, 1832. He married at Londonderry, December 1, 1772, Mary Boyd, born May 27, 1749, died October 20, 1832, daughter of Robert Boyd, of Londonderry. She was a granddaughter of Robert Boyd, Sr., who with his wife, whose maiden name was Morrison, emigrated from Ireland to New England about the year 1720 and settled in Londonderry.

(III) Robert, son of Lieutenant Thomas and Mary (Boyd) Wason, was born in Nottingham West, now Hudson, June 14, 1781. He went to New Boston, April, 1803, to live with Robert Boyd, his uncle, who settled on lot No. 30, near Joe English hill, "being advanced in years." Robert Wason inherited his uncle's farm and resided upon it for the remainder of his life. He took an active part in public affairs and served in various offices. He united with the Presbyterian Church in 1815, and a few years afterwards was elected elder, which office he held until his death. Deacon Wason was a man of great energy, and entered with zeal upon every enterprise adopted to benefit the church or the community, so that he was a "doer of the word" as well as a hearer, and his death, August 7, 1844, aged sixty-three, was greatly lamented and the loss of his influence seriously felt. He was married, December 2, 1808, by Rev. Mr. Bruce, to Nancy, daughter of John Batchelder, of Mount Vernon. She was born October 13, 1789, died July 28, 1863, aged seventy-four, having survived her husband nineteen years. She was a faithful mother, and a woman of many christian virtues. Children of Robert and Nancy Wason were: 1. Elbridge, see forward. 2. Louisa. 3. Hiram W., born December 18, 1814, graduated at Amherst, 1838, and later from Andover Theological Seminary, and then settled at Vevay, Indiana. 4. Nancy. 5. Mary. 6. Robert Boyd, see forward. 7. Adeline. 8. Caroline. 9. George Austin, see forward.

(IV) Elbridge, eldest son of Deacon Robert and Nancy (Batchelder) Wason, was born in New Boston, September 26, 1809, reared in that village and educated in New Boston and at Pinkerton Academy, Derry, New Hampshire. He came to Boston, Massachusetts, March 5, 1832, and entered the employ of Pierce & Gardner, where he remained in the position of clerk until September 1, 1837, when he formed a partnership with Henry Pierce, which continued uninterruptedly until his death, August 19, 1887, a period of fifty years. He was one of the oldest and best known business men of Boston, upright and honorable in all his dealings, respected by all who knew him. He was a member of the Masons, in which organization he held office at different times. He married (first), April 24, 1851, Mary Stickney, born June 30, 1809, died August 15,

1863. Married (second), May 17, 1865, Mary Isabella Chase, born March 30, 1835, daughter of the Hon. Leonard Chase, of Milford, New Hampshire. Two children were born of this marriage: Mary Isabella, born January 11, 1867, married, June 4, 1890, Jesse S. Wiley, of Brookline, Massachusetts. Leonard Chase, born August 5, 1868, married, October 8, 1896, Harriet C. Willis, of Boston.

(IV) Robert Boyd, sixth child and third son of Robert and Nancy (Batchelder) Wason. was born in New Boston, New Hampshire, July 13, 1820. He was educated in the common schools and fitted for college in the New Ipswich and Pembroke academies, and taught school two winter terms, 1840 and 1841, in Amherst and Merrimack, New Hampshire. In June, 1841, he went to Boston and entered the employ of Wason, Pierce & Company, wholesale grocers and West India importers, a firm of which his brother, Elbridge Wason. one of the partners, had organized in September, 1837. After a term of service of about seven years as an employe, Robert B. Wason was admitted as a member of the firm, which on the death of Mr. Pierce became Wason & Company. The business has been prosperous, and now Mr. Wason, at the age of eighty-seven, after sixty-six years of mercantile life, fifty-nine of which he has been an active member of the firm, finds himself senior member of the concern, and in the enjoyment of good health, vigorous and vivacious for one of his age, and still able to look after business affairs with an alertness not possessed by many of his juniors by a quarter of a century. He is a Republican, and a member of the General Theological Library for many years.

(IV) George Austin Wason, youngest of the nine children of Deacon Robert and Nancy (Batchelder) Wason, was born in New Boston, September 17, 1831. His education was obtained in the common schools. He inherited the ancestral estate which now contains four hundred and seventy-five acres, and devoted his life to the pursuit of agriculture. He was engaged in general farming, but made a specialty of raising thoroughbred Devon cattle, in which he attained gratifying success. He lived on the farm until 1885, when he removed to Nashua and resided there until his death, June 21, 1906, aged seventy-one. He kept the farm and managed it until 1903. He was a member of that class of New England farmers who have elevated agriculture to the dignity of a science. His interest in this industry was a more than ordinary depth, and his efforts for the improvement of stock resulted in much gain not only for himself but to farmers all over New England. He was a member of all the leading agricultural societies of his vicinity and of the state. He became interested in the grange during the early years of the organization in this state, and was a charter member of Joe English Grange of New Boston, and served for years as its master. For four years he was master of the state grange, and at the time of his death was the oldest living past master of that institution. To his work the present standing of the order in this state is due to a considerable extent. He filled the office of president of the Hillsborough Agricultural Society, and president of the Piscataqua Valley Fair Association. For over twenty years he was trustee of the New Hampshire College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts at Hanover and Durham, and served as president of the board for over seven years, being forced to resign owing to ill health in 1904. He was the first Republican moderator in the town of New Boston, in which town he maintained his legal residence and voted up to the time of his death.

Few men were better known than he throughout the county and state. He was county commissioner of Hillsborough county six years, was representative from New Boston in 1883-95, and state senator in 1891-93. He was instrumental in securing the charter of the New Boston railroad, and was its first president, serving until his death. He was a man of upright character, honest in all his dealings, prompt to keep his word, kind and sympathetic by nature, a member of the best class of manhood this or any other state may produce. His interest in public affairs was such that he was many times placed by his fellow citizens in positions of trust and honor, and always sustained with credit the duties they entailed, however great their magnitude. George A. Wason married, September 17, 1863, Clara Louisa Hills, born in New Boston, October 15, 1843, daughter of Sidney and Louisa (Trull) Hills. Three children were born to them: Edward Hills, see forward; George B. and Robert S., of Boston.

(V) Edward Hills, eldest son of George A. and Clara Louisa (Hills) Wason, was born in New Boston, September 2, 1865. He acquired his education in the public schools, at Francestown Academy, and at the New Hampshire College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science in the class of 1886. He subsequently read law in the office of George B. French, of Nashua, and while reading his course taught as principal several terms in the Main street evening school. He attended lectures at the Boston University School of Law, from which he graduated in the class of 1890, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. In March of the same year he was admitted to the New Hampshire bar, and at once opened an office in Nashua and began a successful practice. Later he became associated professionally with George F. Jackman under the firm name of Wason & Jackman.

Mr. Wason has shown a decided aptitude for politics ever since he attained his majority, and has already filled various offices in the city of Nashua and in the state. In 1887 he was elected sergeant at arms of the New Hampshire senate, and in 1889 was re-elected to the same position. In 1891 he was chosen assistant clerk of the senate and returned to the same position in 1893. Two years later he was elected clerk of the same body, a high testimonial of his fidelity and ability as a public officer. In 1891 he was elected a member of the Nashua board of education, and in January, 1895, in recognition of his services, his associates elected him president of that body. In 1894 he was elected city solicitor, and re-elected the following year; in 1897 he was elected to the common council, and served as president of that body two years; in 1898 was member of the legislature; in 1902 member of constitutional convention; in September, 1902, was elected county solicitor, and in 1904 was re-nominated and re-elected. In 1906 he was elected president of the Citizens' Institution for Savings, and trustee of the New Hampshire College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts. He is an admirer of horses, and for some years has been treasurer of the Nashua Driving Park Association. Mr. Wason is a leading citizen and business man of Nashua, and has made an enviable record in the discharge of the duties of the various positions he has filled. He is a member of Rising Sun Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is a past master; Meridian Sun Royal Chapter; Israel Hunt Council; Saint George Commandery;

Knights Templar; Edward A. Raymond Consistory; Aleppo Temple of Boston; Nashua Lodge; Knights of Pythias; Nashua Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of which he was elected exalted ruler in 1903.

(V) George Butler, son of George A. and Clara L. Wason, was born in New Boston, April 20, 1869. After graduating from the Nashua high school, he went to Boston, 1889, and entered the employ of the firm of Wason & Company, of which his uncle, Robert B. Wason, is a senior member. After serving five years as a clerk, he became a member of the company in 1894. He is vice president of the Boston Wholesale Grocers' Association, a director of the new England Wholesale Grocers' Association, from 1903 to 1906 was a director of the Boston Chamber of Commerce, is president of the Liberty Trust Company, of Boston, and member of Mount Olivet Lodge of Free Masons. In politics he affiliates with the Republicans. He married, April 20, 1895, Lillian Maude Fletcher, born in 1869, daughter of Joseph and Bertha Fletcher, of South Orange, New Jersey. Their children are: George Fletcher and Richard Austin.

(V) Robert S., son of George A. and Clara L. Wason, was born in New Boston, December 10, 1871. He attended the Nashua high school. Berkeley School of Boston, and Massachusetts Institute of Technology, graduating from the latter institution June 9, 1906. He began his business career as clerk in the firm of Wason & Company, and continued in that capacity until admitted to membership in 1898, the firm then consisting of Robert Boyd Wason, his uncle, George Butler Wason, his brother, and himself. Mr. Wason is a Republican in politics, member of various college fraternities, and was president of National convention of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity held at Washington, D. C., 1895. He married, January 28, 1903, Estelle Sperling, daughter of Ellis Joseph, of New York City.

DURRELL This family is descended from ancestors who were pioneers in the settlement of New Hampshire.

(I) Colonel Nicholas Durrell was born in Gilmanston, in 1800, and died there in 1841. He married Sophronia Pulsipher. Their children were: Mary Ann, who married John G. Sawyer; Exalia, who married Abram Tilton; Caroline; Emeline, who married Hiram Allen; John S., who married Mary A. Kelley, and Aaron.

(II) John S., fifth child and the elder of two sons of Colonel Nicholas and Sophronia (Pulsipher) Durrell, was born in Gilmanston, and died in 1859. He married Mary A. Kelley. They were the parents of six children: Edwin N., born October 14, 1841, died, 1901, married Julia Snell; Ellen, born, 1844, is not married; George A., married Addie Woodman, and they have two children—Carl and Harry; Emma E., married Charles H. Classen; John F., married Emma Phillips, and they have four children—Stella H., Josephine, Pauline and Leslie; Amelia, married Fred S. Phillips, and has two sons—Leon and Burton D.; Edwin N., married Julia Snell; two children were born to them—Mamie Josephine and Virgil T., both of whom died young.