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daughter, Mrs. Charles J. Harris, on her eighty-ninth birthday. The children of James (2) and Elizabeth (Dorrance) Bugbee were: 1. James Henry, mentioned below. 2. Mary A., married Charles J. Harris, cotton manufacturer, and an expert in mill machinery; she was a resident of Warren, Rhode Island, where she died. 3. Edwin H., mentioned below. 4. Sarah Tully, married William Torrey Harris, LL. D., well known author and educator, who was for many years United States commissioner of education; resided at Washington, D. C.

(VII) James Henry Bugbee, son of James (2) and Elizabeth (Dorrance) Bugbee, was born in Warren, Rhode Island, December 5, 1812. He entered the employ of James Rhodes & Son, manufacturers at Pawtuxet, Rhode Island, but left their employ to follow the sea. He later became master of a vessel plying between Providence and European ports, and was lost at sea, March 4, 1846. James Henry Bugbee married, June 18, 1834, in Warwick, Rhode Island, Maria Smith Potter, who was born in 1810, and died in Providence, Rhode Island, August 27, 1874, aged sixty-four years. She was a daughter of William Anson and Sally (Smith) Potter, granddaughter of Mesheck Potter, a woolen manufacturer of Plainfield, Connecticut, where he died, a lineal descendant of Roger Williams, and of many of the oldest families of Rhode Island, among which were the Smiths, Potters, Williamses, Harrises, Olneys, Arnolds and Carpenters. Children, born at Pawtuxet: 1. Elizabeth Dorrance, born in 1835, who resides at No. 179 Hope street, Providence; Miss Bugbee is an active member of the Rhode Island Historical Society. 2. James Henry, mentioned below. 3. John Edwin, mentioned below.

(VII) Edwin H. Bugbee, son of James (2) and Elizabeth (Dorrance) Bugbee, was born in Thompson, Connecticut, April 26, 1820. In 1839, at the age of nineteen years,

he went to Lymansville, Rhode Island, where he secured employment in a factory in the capacity of clerk and bookkeeper. Later, in association with Henry Weaver, he established a mill, which he conducted for several years with success, and finally disposed of in 1849. In the latter year he became connected with the Williamsville Manufacturing Company of Killingly, Connecticut, S. & W. Foster were the Providence agents, and he remained identified with this concern until the time of his retirement from active business life, in 1879. For several years he had occupied a position of prominence in the manufacturing world of Eastern Connecticut, and had been repeatedly urged to enter public affairs, and to become a candidate for the governorship of the State and congressman from his district. He declined to enter public life, however, but worked constantly and earnestly in behalf of the welfare of the people. He was one of the foremost figures in life and affairs of Eastern Connecticut, in his time. In 1857-59-61-63-69-71-73, he represented the town of Killingly in the Connecticut State Legislature. From 1865 to 1868 he was a member of the State Senate from the Fourteenth Connecticut District. Mr. Bugbee filled the office of president *pro tem* of the Senate in 1868, and in 1871 was speaker of the House. Prior to his death he was a resident of the town of Putnam, and was a director of one of its banks. He was universally recognized as a man of fine ability and unimpeachable integrity, and in many elections received the support of both the Democrats and Republicans. Justice and absolute fairness marked all his dealings of a business nature, and was notable in his long career as a public servant. Mr. Bugbee was a member of the New England Historic-Genealogical Society, and held the office of vice-president for Connecticut. He was deeply interested in historic and genealogical research, and devoted much

time to the subject, amassing a large fund of valuable information and collecting a large library on it. At the time of his death he willed the sum of \$15,000 to erect the Bugbee Memorial Library at Danielson, Connecticut, which contains his extensive private library. Edwin H. Bugbee married, in 1865, Selenda Howard Griswold, who died a few months after their marriage. He died on January 26, 1900.

(VIII) James Henry (2) Bugbee, son of James Henry (1) and Maria Smith (Potter) Bugbee, was born in Warwick, Rhode Island, February 14, 1837. He was educated in the public schools of Warwick, Rhode Island, and in 1854 went to Providence, Rhode Island, where he entered the employ of Fosters & Fisher, wholesale grocers. Within a few years he purchased an interest in the business, and became a member of the firm, the firm name being changed to Fosters, Fisher & Company. On the withdrawal of Messrs. Fosters and Fisher from the firm, Mr. Bugbee formed a partnership with Henry Parsons under the firm name of Parsons, Bugbee & Company. At a still later date he became associated with Seth H. Brownell in the wholesale grocery and spice business, under the firm name of Bugbee & Brownell. This venture proved highly successful, and Mr. Bugbee continued at the head of it until 1888, when he retired from active business life. He was prominent and highly respected in business circles in Providence, and was for many years a member of the Providence Board of Trade, serving at one time on its executive council. He was deeply interested in historical research, and was an active member of the Rhode Island Historical Society. For many years he was a well known figure in club and social life in Providence, and was president of the Squantum Association at the time of his death. He was also a member of the old Union Club. Mr. Bugbee married, June 17, 1868, Emma Tingley,

who was born in 1817 and died April 16, 1873. They were parents of a daughter, Alice Stewart, born June 8, 1870, died February 26, 1881. He died in Providence, Rhode Island, March 5, 1900.

(VIII) John Edwin Bugbee, son of James Henry (1) and Maria Smith (Potter) Bugbee, was born in Warwick, Rhode Island, November 14, 1843. He attended the public schools of Pawtuxet, but did not continue beyond the grammar school. He entered business life at an early age, securing his first employment as clerk in the book store of G. Whitney, of Providence, with whom he worked for a number of years. He then formed a partnership with J. H. Thompson for the manufacture of stationery, books, fancy goods, etc., under the name of Bugbee & Thompson. The enterprise proved highly successful, and Mr. Bugbee remained actively engaged in it until the time of his death. Beyond discharging his duties as a citizen to the fullest degree, Mr. Bugbee remained outside public life. He was unmarried. John Edwin Bugbee died at his home in Providence, Rhode Island, December 20, 1890.

(The Holmes Line).

The surname Holm or Holmes is obviously of that class which was derived from the nature of the physical environment of the individual or family who first assumed it. A flat ground in or near water was called a "holm." The present form, no doubt, is a possessive form that in the course of time became established. More than twenty-five spellings of this name are to be found in the records during the Colonial period.

(I) John Holmes was one of the original proprietors of the town of Woodstock, Connecticut. As all but three of these proprietors are known to have removed from Roxbury, Massachusetts, it has been assumed by Mr. E. Holmes Bugbee, who made dili-