

teemed by all and was three times elected to represent the town in the Legislature.

CHILDREN, born in Goshen, Conn.:

413 i John Wadhams Brooks, b. 19 Jan., 1836; m. Marana Laura Norton.

ii Isaac Watts Brooks, b. 8 Nov., 1838; unm. He was a pupil at the Academy in Goshen and later, in 1862, was graduated from Brown University with the degree of M. A. He was for a time engaged in the mercantile business with his elder brother in Goshen, where he also served as town clerk. In 1872 they removed to Torrington, Conn., and established the banking house of Brooks Brothers, of which he is now the President. He was Treasurer of the town and was for four years Judge of Probate; is Treasurer of the Torrington Savings Bank; President of the Torrington Water Company; Director of the Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company; Director of the First National Bank of Litchfield, also of the Colonial Trust Company of Waterbury, and of the Torrington Printing Company; is President and Treasurer of the Torrington Library Association and President of the John Brown Association, organized to preserve the birthplace of John Brown. He was a member of the State Legislature for several terms and was Speaker of the House; was a State Senator for some time and was President pro tempore of the Senate in 1909. He is a member of the Founders and Patriots of America and the Society of Colonial Wars.

Isaac Watts Brooks, with most commendable public spirit and with filial respect for those who have gone before, restored, in 1905, the old Middle Street burying ground, which had been allowed to go to waste. He had the ground cleared of the thick undergrowth, restored to their positions the fallen headstones,



and substituted for the ruined stone wall a substantial fence, thus saving from destruction this precious spot where sleep the "forefathers of the hamlet." Conspicuous among the graves in the enclosure are quite a number of the early settlers of the name of Wadhams and others who were closely related to them. Mr. Brooks has, moreover, increased the debt owing to him by the community and the descendants of those old families, by publishing a permanent record in the form of a beautiful book, containing many photographs of the place, with a full transcription of all the epitaphs which can still be deciphered upon the old tombstones. He resides in Torrington, spending his summers with his sister, Miss Amanda Collins Brooks, in the old homestead at Goshen, South End.

- iii Mary Elizabeth Brooks, b. 3 Apr., 1842; d. 9 May, 1862.
- iv Amanda Collins Brooks, b. 8 May, 1849; res. Torrington.

177 JOHN MARSH⁶ WADHAMS, son of John and Mary (Ripley) Wadhams, born 7 May, 1811, in Goshen, Conn.; died there 10 October, 1896; married 1st, 30 October, 1837, Eunice Willard Hodges, daughter of Willard and Ruth (Mansfield) Hodges. She was born 19 July, 1817, in Torrington, Conn., and died 7 August, 1855, in Goshen. He married 2d, 2 December, 1857, Myrantha (Drake) Gillett, widow of Alexander Gillett of Torrington. She died 28 August, 1895, in Goshen.

John Marsh Wadhams was active in all the interests of his native town. He was a man of marked intellect and of good judgment and was highly respected by all his fellow citizens. "He was an office holder," as stated in the History of Litchfield County, "for almost fifty years, and with a single exception filled every position of trust or profit within the gift of his fellow townsmen."