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of the Fowlers of Milford, Connecticut

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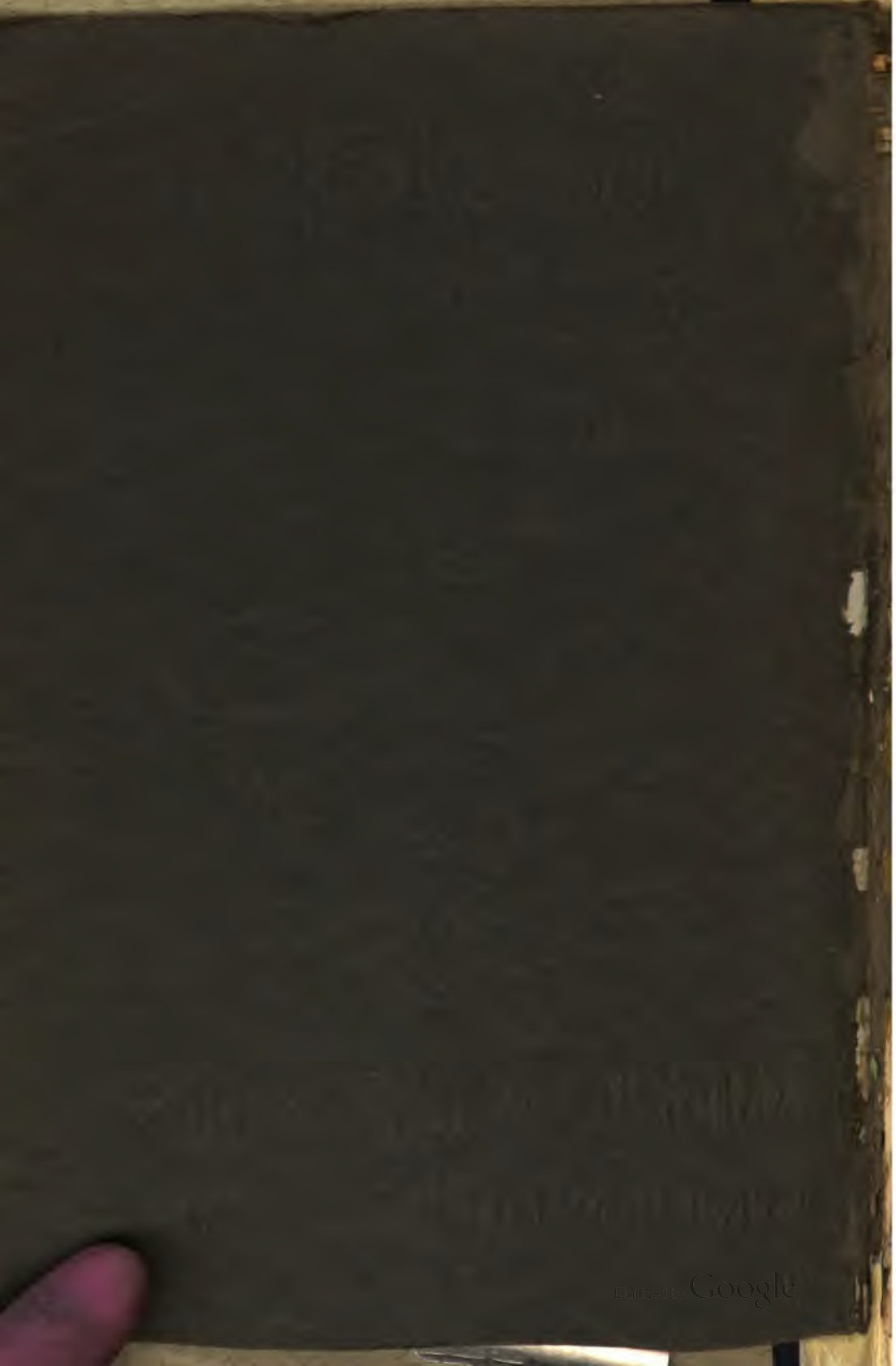
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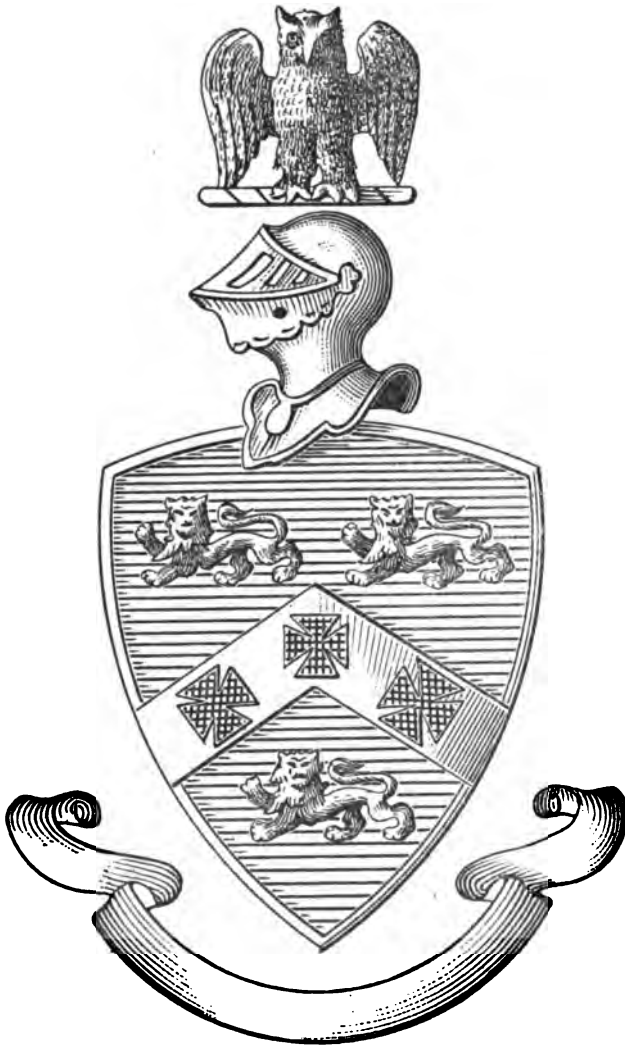
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## PREFATORY NOTE.

Prompted by a sense of duty to our earliest American ancestor and his immediate descendants, whose sterling virtues as well as their industry, energy, perseverance and patriotism deserve such commemoration, and imbued with the spirit now generally manifested for obtaining and preserving early history, which through this source only can be produced and preserved, the undersigned, yielding to the solicitations of the living descendants, has consented to publish this memorial for private circulation for the instruction and benefit of them and their posterity.

If they derive as much pleasure from its possession and perusal, as the compiler has in the prosecution and result of his researches, and if the present and future generations shall be induced to emulate their forefathers' noble traits of character, and, from time to time, will make such additions as shall complete the record for those who follow them, his object will have been attained, and his labors abundantly rewarded.

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SOME ACCOUNT OF THE

FOWLERS OF BUCKINGHAMSHIRE IN ENGLAND,

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DURING the period succeeding the conquest the name "Fowler" designated an office rather than a trade or calling; thus, "Fowler to the King," or "Fowler to de Guader, Earl of Norfolk." The jealous care with which the Norman Kings and nobles guarded their deer and other game gave rise to this office. The word is of Saxon origin; Anglo-Saxon Fugelere, German Vogeler, a bird catcher. Still the family were possibly of Norman extraction. It will be remembered that the Saxon Gentry were almost universally despoiled of their estates by the iron hand of William the Conqueror, and yet within a century after his death we find that Rychard Fowler held large estates in County Bucks; "Richard" a Norman name, besides this Rychard Fowler is not mentioned among the few Saxon nobles and gentry who accompanied Richard Cœur de Lion to the Holy Land, on the contrary he is mentioned in the chronicles of the English crusaders among the Anglo-Norman Knights who took part in that expedition; Burke and the old pedigree of William Fowler, Bart., affirms the great antiquity of the family of Fowler before the time of Richard I. It is not improbable that they derived their

origin from the favorite of some Saxon King, or of that renowned huntsman William the Conqueror.

The name Fowler is spelt variously in the old chronicles, wills and pedigrees in which it occurs. Thus Rychard Le Fowlere, FFoweler, FFowler, A.D. 1190. Fowlere, Fowllar, FFowler, time Edward IV. Fowler and FFowllar, Fowlar, Foweler and Fowler, from Charles I. 1640 till the present time. Prior to the reign of Richard I, genealogical investigation throws no light on the pedigree of the Fowlers. So that our chronicle must commence with Sir Rychard Fowlere or le Fowlere of Foxley, County Bucks, time of Cœur de Lion 1189-90. He held large estates in that county, and accompanied King Richard to the Holy Land. The arms he bore were azure on a chevron argent, between three lions passant, gardant, as many crosses formé sa. Crest a hand holding a falcon's lure. During the war he maintained there a body of British Bowmen, all his own tenants. At the seige of Acon (or Acre) he defeated, by his extraordinary vigilance, a nocturnal attempt of the infidel to surprise the Christian camp; for these services he was knighted by his royal master on the field of battle, and ordered thereafter to wear a new crest, viz: the *vigilant owl*. See also Kimber, vol. III, p. 11-12.

Sir Rychard Fowler of Foxley, the crusader, was the progenitor of a family, the main stock of which flourished in Buckinghamshire for over five hundred years, while branches shot off into Oxfordshire, Bedfordshire, Islington, Norfolk, Staffordshire, Radnorshire, Rutlandshire, Ireland, and Surry. From him descended in the fifth generation, John Fowler de Foxley, Esq., time of Edward III and Richard II, who married ———— daughter of ——— Loveday, probably of Berkshire,

ten miles from Foxley, by whom he had a son and heir. Henry Fowler de Foxley, Esq., time of Henry IV and V In the old pedigrees he is termed Miles or Knight. He fought as an esquire in the Retinue of Henry V, at Agincourt, Oct. 25, 1415, into which battle he brought two foot-archers (see Chronicles of Agincourt, and Norman roll) He married Isabella, daughter of John Barton, Recorder of London, who was the son of William and Emma Barton.

Henry Fowler de Foxley left an only son and heir, Sir William Fowler, styled de Ricot, who fought as a squire at Agincourt (see Norman roll), and was M. P. for county of Bucks, and for the borough of Chipping Wicombe in the time of Henry VI. He married Cecilia, second daughter of Sir Nicholas de Englefield, of Ricot, County Oxon, comptroller of the household or clerk of the green cloth of Richard II.

The large estates left by Sir John Barton all descended to Sir William Fowler, his nephew, in 1450, and in July 6th, 1452, he died leaving by his wife Cecilia, I, Richard Fowler his heir, II, Thomas Fowler.

Sir Richard Fowler, eldest son of Sir Wm. Fowler of Ricot, was a man of great wealth and influence. He was an ardent Yorkist and fought in the Lancastrian wars. Soon after the accession of Edward IV, he was knighted and created Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster (he is sometimes styled Chancellor of the Exchequer), and received from the crown grants of the manors of Buckingham, (once the seat of Walter Giffard, Earl of Buckingham,) of Stanton Barry and Preston Bisset. He also represented his native county in Parliament in 1467.

He died Nov. 3d, 1477, leaving a will, a copy of which may be found in *Vetusta Testamenta*. Among

other bequests he directed that the shrine of St. Rumbald, and the great south cross aisle called afterwards Fowler's aisle, in Buckingham Church, be rebuilt. In this aisle were placed the tombs of Sir Richard Fowler and Joan his wife, with an inscription in old English text, which read as follows, viz: Orate pro animabus Rici Fowler armigeri quondam cancellarii, domini regis Edward IV ducatus suae Lancastræ et dominae Johanna uxoris ejus quidem Ricus et Johanna hanc Insulam in hac ecclesia fieri fecerunt.

The estates of which he died seized were as follows, viz: the manors of Showendon, Water Stratford, Stockholt, Stukely, Vaux alias Fowlers, Buck, Boreton, Moreton, Foxcote, Shaleston, Preston, Bisset, Stanton, Barry, besides lands and tenements in Chichelea Bucks.

Sir Richard Fowler left a son and heir born circa 1456, viz: Sir Richard (Quatermayne) Fowler, styled de Weston, named after his grand uncle Sir Richard Quatermayne, who stood godfather at his christening and married his grand aunt Sibyll de Englefield.

The large estates of the Quatermaynes came to Sir Richard Q. Fowler.

Sir Richard Q. Fowler married for his first wife Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas, Lord Windsor, by whom he had I, George, died S. P., II, Edward; III, Robert; IV, Thomas. By his second wife Joan, daughter of Sir John Shaa, Lord Mayor of London, 1501, he had one son, John, who was afterwards groom of the Privy Chamber to Edward VI. He engaged in business as a wool stapler in London, was Auditor of the Exchequer, and died A.D. 1528.

Sir Richard Q. Fowler had large estates in Oxfordshire, among which were the manors of Ricot, Weston, and Sherburne Castle and Manor; besides which he

had the estates in Buckinghamshire which he inherited from his father. The village of Fowler in Oxfordshire is situated near these estates.

He sold the manor of Ricot to Sir John Heron, whose daughter and heiress his fourth son Robert married. This Robert Fowler was the progenitor of the Islington Fowlers, and bore the arms of his wife.

Edward Fowler, eldest son and heir of Sir Richard Q. Fowler, in September, 1514, entertained Queen Katharine of Arragon at Boretton manor near Buckingham town. He was a gentleman of the bed chamber of Edward VI. His descendants were living in Buckingham town in the reign of James I.

The Fowlers of Ricot bore the Heron arms, in consequence of the marriage of Robert, son of Richard 2. Fowler with the heiress of Sir John Heron. These arms were az. on a chev. arg. between three Herons as many crosses Formé gu. These were also the arms borne by the Islington Branch. Thomas Fowler, Esq., second son of Sir Wm. Fowler de Ricot, and brother of Sir Richard Fowler, Chancellor in 1470, was Squire of the Body to King Edward IV, member of Parliament for the borough of Chipping Wicombe, 1472, and for county of Bucks in 1478-'9. He was High Sheriff of Bucks county, 19th of Ed. IV, 1479, 1st of Richard III, 1484, and 3d of Henry VII, 1488. He resided in Buckingham town in the house devised by his brother Sir Richard. He married Margery Coleville, probably daughter of Sir John Coleville of Newton. Coleville county Cambridge. By her he had sons, Edward, Roger and John.

Thomas Fowler, Esq. died about 1512. His eldest son Edward inherited large estates in Buckinghamshire, and died in 1541, leaving sons. His second son Roger



Fowler, styled de Broomhill, county Norfolk, Esq., fought in the Scottish wars, 1514. He married Cecilia, daughter of Wm. Lee, Esq., Treasurer of Berwick, who was son of Thos. Lee, of Morpeth, Esq., and ——— Trollop, his wife, ex familia Sir Andrew Trollop a doughty soldier in the Lancastrian wars, who fell at Towton. She (Cecilia Lee) was sister to Rev. Rowland Lee, LL D., chaplain to King Henry VIII, and who performed the marriage ceremony between that monarch and Anne Boleyn. He was an active instrument in the dissolution of the monasteries from which he derived large estates. He was afterwards made Bishop of Litchfield and Coventry, and died ——— without issue, leaving his property to his nephews, the sons of Roger Fowler above named.

Roger Fowler died 1543, leaving by his wife Cecilia Lee, four sons, viz: I, Rowland of Broomhill Priory, county Norwalk; II, Brian of St. Thomas Abbey, county Stafford; III, William of Harnage Grange, county Salop; IV, James of Pendeford Hall, county Stafford. The two principal seats where the Fowlers lived in Buckinghamshire in the reigns of Queen Elizabeth, James I, and Charles I, were Buckingham town and vicinity, and Aylesbury and vicinity. Although the large estates once possessed by them in this and the adjoining counties of Oxfordshire and Bedfordshire, had early in the 17th century mostly passed out of the family, they still possessed in the reign of James I. considerable property and ranked among the respectable families of county Bucks. As they were liberals in politics in the wars of York and Lancaster, so in the reigns of Henry VIII. and Elizabeth they became generally attached to the reformed religion.

Aylesbury in Buckinghamshire may be regarded as

the centre from which emigrated the original settlers of Milford, Conn. The following Milford families appear to have come from Aylesbury or its vicinity, viz: Fowler, the Baldwins, Beard, Hatley, Bryan, Fenn, East, Cooley, Fletcher, Bolt, Tomkins, Harvey, Gunn, Whitman, Welch, Lyon, Hynd, Platt, Botsford, Rogers, Brookes, Benton, Miles, Brown? Tyrrel. From other parts of Bucks probably came Lambert, Lawrence, Read, Wheeler, Clarke, Rooks? (Riggs), Baker, Truman, Sandford, Buckingham, Ford, Roberts, Briscoe.

Slough may have come from Bucks; a family took its name from Slough, a town in that county. There were Burwells, Hubbards, Astwoods and Stonehills in Bucks, time of James I, though Burwell and Astwood of Milford came from the adjoining county of Herts. As the principal men of the New Haven colony were Londoners and were more or less engaged in merchandise, so the principal men of the Milford colony were from Buckinghamshire, and were engaged in agriculture; the Bryans and Easts of Milford, however, afterwards engaged in merchandise, both these families having London connections who were in those pursuits. Mr. William Fowler was evidently well known and trusted by his fellow settlers, and was the first patentee of Milford, as well as one of the first three magistrates of the New Haven Colony in 1643, and a pillar of the church of which Peter Prudden was pastor. The Fowlers of Bucks, had connections who were settled in the vicinity of Guilford, Surrey, and at Mynches, Kent, and hence it may have happened that John Fowler, son of William Fowler of Milford, left that colony and settled in Guilford, Ct., the principal settlers of which were from Surrey, Sussex, and Kent, England.

## THE FOWLERS OF MILFORD, CONN.

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Mr. WILLIAM FOWLER came to this country in company with Theophilus Eaton, John Davenport, Peter Prudden, and others of good character and fortunes.

They came in two ships, one named the "Hector." They landed in Boston June 26, 1637. Most of this company were from the vicinity of London. John Davenport and Peter Prudden were genuine Puritan ministers. Davenport hailed from County Warwickshire. Prudden was from Edgeton, Yorkshire. Many others were from these counties and Essex and Hereford.

In Neal's "History of the Puritans," chapter viii, "William Fowler" is mentioned as a prisoner in Bridewell, with other Puritans, in the year 1592. The list of prisoners is immediately preceded by a petition addressed to the Lord Treasurer by many of the "poor Christians imprisoned by the Bishops in sundry prisons in and about London." A few pages before this, it is mentioned that a congregation of Puritans were discovered at Islington, and fifty-six were sent to prison. Now William Fowler sailed from London. There were numbers of the name in Islington, which was then and is now a part of London in fact. We have no record of his age, but he is supposed to have been an old man at his death, 1660, sixty-eight years after, and if he was, say, twenty at his imprisonment, this would make him eighty-eight at his death. There is, therefore, nothing improbable in the belief that the prisoner was the William Fowler that came to Milford.

Professor William C. Fowler of Amherst, and late of Durham, in a communication to the writer, says: "I see not why he, William Fowler of Milford, may not have been the William mentioned in 'Neal.'"

In the autumn of 1637, Mr. Fowler, with a few others of the company, started on a voyage of discovery and landed at New Haven, and the following spring the remainder of the company arrived in New Haven, April 14, 1638.

Mr. Fowler was prominent at the famous meeting in Mr. Newman's barn, June 4, 1639, when the peculiar constitution and policy of Mr. Davenport which subsequently characterized the New Haven company, were agreed upon and subscribed to; and in a formal and solemn manner they proceeded to lay down the foundations of their civil and religious polity. Mr. Davenport introduced the business by a sermon from the words of Solomon, "Wisdom hath builded her house, she hath hewn out her seven pillars." He proceeded to show that the church—the house of God—should be formed of seven pillars or principal brethren. This notion appears to have been followed only by Milford and Guilford in the formation of churches. (2)

The Milford church was organized before the company left New Haven, about the time of the gathering in Mr. Newman's barn, and formed upon the same principles; seven persons were first chosen, who were joined in covenant to be the church, and were called the seven pillars. Those selected to bear up the Milford church were Rev. Peter Prudden, Mr. William Fowler, Edmund Tapp, Zachariah Whitman, John Astwood, Thomas Buckingham and Thomas Welch.

The following is extracted from the records of said church, in Mr. Prudden's own handwriting :

"At Milford, I, Peter Prudden, was called to ye office of a Pastour in this church, and ordained in New Haven by William Fowler, Zachariah Whitman and Edmund Tapp, designed by ye church for that work, Zachariah Whitman being ye moderator for that meeting, in a day of solemn humiliation, upon ye third Saturday in April, being I remember ye 18th day of the month, 1640."

On the 12th day of February, 1639, the settlement of Milford was arranged, and a purchase was made by Mr. William Fowler, Edmund Tapp, Zachariah Whitman, Benjamin Fenn

and Alexander Bryan, "in trust for the body of the planters." The consideration was six coats, ten blankets, one kettle, twelve hatchets, twelve hoes, two dozen knives, and a dozen small glasses (mirrors). The instrument was signed by the Sagamore and his council, as follows: Ansantawae, Anacowset, Anshute, Manamatque and Tataconacouse.

Mr. Fowler is the first named of the trustees, and the only one bearing the honorable prefix of Mr.

At the first meeting of the little republic of Milford to form a plantation organization, November 20th, 1639, the following persons were chosen Judges (a term of ancient Scripture meaning), viz., Mr. William Fowler, Edmund Tapp, Zachariah Whitman, John Astwood and Richard Miles. These persons were judges in all civil matters as a court; to try, and punish, any offense and sin against the commandments; and, until a body of laws should be established, these judges to observe and apply themselves to the *higher law*, or the written word of God, and were to punish all misdemeanors according to that Word. Among other powers they were invested with those of admitting other planters and dividing lands.

In the list of planters on the Milford Records, under date of November 29, 1639, appears a John Fowler, not as a *free planter*, not being in church fellowship, which was a requisite qualification in the view of the colonists before a person could be admitted a *free planter*. He also appears as having a home lot of one acre, two roods and twenty rods in the division of 1646. He married a daughter of George Hubbard, and in 1649 removed to Guilford with George Hubbard and John Caffinch, who married Mary Fowler, a daughter of Mr. William Fowler.

Although there is no positive evidence of the fact, I am strong in the opinion that he was a son of Mr. William Fowler. There is every probability that he was either a son or a brother; it is clear that he was near of kin. He became a very prominent man in Guilford, was chosen frequently deputy to the General Court, and a man of note in the colony. He died in Guilford, September 14, 1676, and his posterity are now very numerous.

Mr. William Fowler had a son William, who appears at New Haven in 1644, where he took the oath of fidelity at that time, and was admitted to the General Court, March 16, 1645. He appears to have remained there, where he spent much of his early life, and where he was a large land-holder, but eventually returned to Milford and inherited his father's possessions, and died there in 1682. His will was probated in New Haven, June 13, 1683.

At East Haven, "Fowler's Cove" and "Fowler's Creek," now so called, derived their names from him. About two miles from New Haven, now the village of Whitneyville, and on the site of the establishment for the manufacture of fire-arms erected by Eli Whitney, the inventor of the cotton gin, William Fowler, Jr., built a mill in 1645, which the town of New Haven bought of him, January 3, 1659, for £100. We shall say more of him hereafter.

It is supposed that Mr William Fowler, the magistrate, was one among those of the first settlers who had received a classical education in his native country. It is so presumed from manuscripts in the possession of Rev. Erastus Scranton, settled at North Milford in the early part of the present century, which state that he (William Fowler) had various valuable classical books which were lent to sundry individuals by him.

At the combination of Milford and Guilford with New Haven in 1643, and the establishment of the jurisdiction of the New Haven Colony, Mr. Fowler was selected as the chief magistrate of Milford, which he held for several years, and was succeeded by Mr. Benjamin Fenn. He was also chosen lieutenant of the first company of militia formed in Milford in 1640.

He was evidently a man of much practical knowledge; energetic and persevering. He early discovered the advantages and facilities furnished by the river or stream running through the town, and at once determined to secure them to the community, as will be seen by the following extract from the early records of Milford :

“At the second General Court of Wopowage (Milford), March 6, 1639, it is agreed between William Fowler and those of the brethren, that he shall build a mill and a house for it, and to do all the work to her for stones and iron work and all other materials fit for her, and substantially done, and to be going by the last of September. When it is finished the town is to take it off his hands if they will, for £180, or else the brethren are to appoynt what towle he shall take, comparing the profits of the mill and the land allowed with the money disbursed.”

For his encouragement the town made him a grant of thirty acres of land lying in Eastfield, rate free, during his life. They subsequently granted him the perpetual use of the stream. The agreement had reference to a grist-mill, but he soon added a saw-mill. This mill was the first erected in New Haven Colony, and was of such importance to the community that, upon its being injured by a freshet in December, 1645, it was voted in General Court, “That all the town shall help Mr. Fowler repair the mill, and he is to call for them every one a day till he have gone through the town, and those he is to have when he needs. If he goeth not through the town in one year, the same is granted him till he hath gone through the town.”

Since that period nine generations of the Fowlers have successfully conducted its operations, and this present year the eighth William Fowler has completed the fifth mill in succession on the precise spot, confirming the wisdom of his honored ancestor.

Whether Mr. Fowler succeeded in “having her going” by the last of September, according to the agreement, the records do not inform us; nor do they show any further action on the subject until 1645, when “it was voted that all the town shall help Mr. Fowler repair his mill, etc.,” as shown above.

One cannot fail to admire the nerve and the grit of this man, who, single-handed, in a country scarcely a year old, unhesitatingly submitted to the very *liberal terms* of “*the brethren,*” to furnish all the materials himself, and in six months “have her going,” and give them the option of taking

it off his hands at a given price, "if they will," or give them the privilege of fixing the rate of remuneration or "toll" for providing them with the fruits of the enterprise. His keen eye, however, discerned the advantages and facilities afforded and he accepted the situation, and at once proceeded to control the water power in its natural condition, to block out the location, to build the dam, quarry out the millstones, and obtain the iron and other necessary materials with the limited means of transportation in its rough state. All this was to be done in the midst of arduous duties thrust upon him, filling various offices, and a leading citizen in the numerous projected improvements in progress.

The present energetic proprietor of the new mill has converted, as a stepping-stone to the building, a rough, uncouth mill stone, which tradition says has lain dormant about the premises for several generations, and which, on examination by geologists and antiquarians, has been pronounced as doubtless the original millstone quarried and hewn out by Mr. Fowler and used temporarily until a better substitute could be obtained. If these views are correct, then, this was the stepping-stone to his success, and has been after two hundred and fifty years appropriately utilized by the eighth William, his successor.

In the original division of land for homesteads, there was allotted to Mr. William Fowler seven acres and two rods. This was his homestead, and is now bounded north by the residence of the late David L. Baldwin; east by the cemetery, which was formerly a portion of it; south by the railroad, and west by the highway on the east side of the Wepowaug river. It was known as No. 41, on Lambert's map of the original layout. This spot is now owned by the children of Nathan M. Fowler, a descendant of the seventh generation. The original house stood on the brow of the hill, about four rods south of the house built by Nathan M. Fowler, deceased, and the property has never passed out of the Fowler family, except the little patch next the railroad now owned by Edward Mallory.



William Fowler, Jr., first married, in 1645, Mary, daughter of Edward and Anna Tapp, sister of Jane Tapp (wife of Governor Robert Treat), by whom were born to him all his children. He married, second time, November 1, 1670, at Milford, Elizabeth, widow of Richard Baldwin. Her maiden name was Alsop. She was living at the date of his death, and, as we learn from his will, was "a tender, dutiful and loving wife," and he desired that "she might continue to live with his children, to be a guide and help to them as a mother and head of a family." The last codicil of his will is dated December 3, 1682, and his will was probated in New Haven, June 18, 1683. She died in 1688.

From the colonial records of Connecticut we gather he was appointed by the General Court "lieutenant" of militia in 1666, and "captain" in 1673, and he was a member of the House of Deputies from 1673 to 1680 inclusive, from Milford, serving on various important committees, and on a secret committee or council of war in reference to hostilities with the Dutch upon the eastern end of Long Island and the main land.

- 3 William Fowler's (2) children were :
- 4 I. Sarah (3), birth not recorded. Married John Smith (ye Smith) July 19, 1665.
- 5 II. Hannah (3), birth not recorded. Married Daniel Buckingham, an elder in the church at Milford. Children : Hannah, born Oct. 11, 1663; Daniel, born February 28, 1665. He was associate executor of his father-in-law's will, and died May 2, 1711.
- 6 III. John (3), baptized in New Haven, March 5, 1649.
- x He married Sarah, daughter of Thomas Welch, and died in 1693.
- 7 IV. Jonathan (3), baptized at New Haven, February 8, 1650, where he lived in 1681, but was at Norwich in 1683 and '84, and afterwards at Windham, where he died in 1696. *not followed name*
- 8 V. Mark (3), baptized at New Haven, January 17, 1655, and died there in 1688. *not followed name*

- 9 VI. Deborah (3), baptized at New Haven, June 1, 1658. Married Jesse Lambert of England, May 10, 1688.
- 10 VII. Abigail, (3), born at Milford, November 27, 1660. Married John Elderkin, of Norwich, in 1685, and died in March, 1713.
- 11 VIII. William, (3), born at Milford in 1664. Married Anna Beard, of Milford, where he lived and died February 23, 1728. His wife died June 25, 1740.
- 12 IX. Mary, (3), birth not recorded. Died, unmarried, in 1685, at Milford.
- 13 Mercy, (3), born April 1, 1669. Married John Bills, and settled in New London, and subsequently removed to Lebanon, Conn.

6 John Fowler, (3), third child of William, Jr., who married Sarah Welch, lived and died in Milford. He received by deed from his father one-half the mill and his brother, William, the other half, and "the house at the east end of the mill, built for a conveniency of tending the mill, is to descend equally to those two brothers; yet so that it shall be to the longest liver of those, he that doth outlive paying to his brother or his assigns the value of his half." Those two brothers received the bulk of their father's possessions in Milford, the other children having been otherwise provided for.

This John died early, at about 42 years old. His will is probated May 15, 1693, in which he mentions "his only son John, whom he gives two-thirds of all his estate, both real and personal, and the other third to his loving wife, Sarah Fowler, requesting her to "take care of him and educate him in the fear of God and provide for him what will be necessary while he is under age; to improve what may be improvable for her advantage till her son shall arrive at the age of 21, and then hold her own part as abovesaid in houses, lands, mills, goods and chattels." "And I do entreat my Honorable Uncle, Robert Treat, Esq., the Governor, and my brother, Elder Daniel Buckingham, to be helpful to my dear wife when

they may." The boy was then less than three years old. We shall see what a mother did.

- 14 Captain John Fowler, (4), or "Esquire Fowler," as he was commonly called, son of John and Sarah (Welch) Fowler, was baptized April 5, 1691, and from what will be seen of his weight of character, his mother faithfully discharged the duty enjoined upon her in her husband's will, for he became a man of prominence and sterling qualities and merit, filling various offices of trust and acquiring large landed property. The Town Records and Connecticut Colonial Records show that he began public life at an early age and continued engaged in it up to his death. He was chosen Town Clerk in 1718 at 27 years of age, and filled that station without interruption till his death, August 30, 1756, 38 years.

In 1726 he was elected to the General Assembly, also in 1729, 1734, and 1735, and from 1737 to 1756 inclusive, and Clerk of the House, with but two exceptions during the same period, literally dying in the harness. This assembly held two sessions each year at Hartford, May and October, occupying the greater part of those months. In 1739 he was appointed by the said assembly captain of the first company "Milford Train Band," and in 1744 and in 1746 was appointed with five others, viz.: Robert Treat, Gurdon Saltonstal, Andrew Burr, Thomas Wells and Hezekiah Huntington, as "Commissaries to make all necessary provisions for fitting out and setting forth the troops now to be raised in this Colony for His Majesty's service in the expedition against Canada;" also to raise effective men to the number of two hundred, including officers, if they judge needful, and send them to the assistance of His Majesty's subjects in the Colony of New York, and also for the defense of our frontier, to be sent into the County of Hampshire in case of an invasion or imminent danger thereof."

On the 28th of February, 1711, this John Fowler married Susannah Burwell, by whom he had four children, one son and three daughters. She died March 18, 1744:

He married for his second wife Abigail Prince, widow of Captain Josiah Prince.

Children of John and Susannah (Burwell) Fowler were :

- 21 I. Susannah (5), born December 8, 1712, was drowned in Long Island Sound, off Milford, September 13, 1727. Her tombstone is in good state of preservation in the cemetery, being the first of the family to be found.
- 22 II. Margaret (5), born June 8, 1715. Married Joseph Merwin and settled in New Haven. Children, Joseph Fowler and Susannah. ✓
- 23 III. John (5), born February 7, 1717. Married Mary Newton, December 9, 1842, daughter of Fletcher Newton.
- 24 IV. Sarah (5), born August 1, 1723. Married Richard Bryan, Jr., January 13, 1742. Settled in Milford and had thirteen children.

He conveyed by deed all his mill property and lands to his son John while living, and in his will, dated two days before his death, he bequeaths him his silver pint cup, his silver-hilted sword, his walking cane, his negro man James and Indian woman Hannah; and to his daughter Margaret, half of his personal and chattel estate in monies, his silver coins, his gold shoe buckles, and two cows. To his daughter Sarah, the other half of his personal and chattel estate and monies, the silver cup that was her mother's, and his silver shoe buckles. He lived and died on the old homestead of the original William, and his only son John succeeded him there.

- 23 John Fowler (5), only son of John and Susannah (Burwell) Fowler, born February 7, 1717, was married by his father, justice of the peace, December 9, 1742, to Mary, daughter of Fletcher Newton. He succeeded his father as town clerk in 1756, which office he filled until 1774, and his wife's death, which occurred March 28th of that year, was the last death recorded by him. He died May 14, 1781. A list of the births, marriages and

deaths were kept by these two John Fowlers for fifty-six years.

He was elected deputy to the General Assembly from 1759 to 1775 inclusive. In October, 1774, he "was returned to His Majesty's Secretary of State as a member and part of the quorum of the Inferior Court of New Haven County." He was commissioned by the Legislature "captain of 2d company or train band in the 2d regiment," and served his town and country by raising troops for the Continental army. The Milford records say, under date of May 8, 1775: "Voted, that Captain John Fowler and Ephraim Strong represent the town to the General Assembly, and petition to have a company enlisted and commissioned, to be stationed in the town for its defence and at the expense of the Colony.

Voted, that some gratuity be allowed to those that have formed themselves into a company under the command of John Fowler, Jr., and have voluntarily spent much time in acquainting themselves with the military art."

The John Fowler, Jr., was his son, of whom more will appear hereafter on the same subject.

This man, and his father before him, lived on the spot where the original William Fowler located, and he died May 14, 1781.

The children of John and Mary (Newton) Fowler were:

- 29 I. Susanna (6), born August 12, 1744. She remained unmarried with her parents till their death, 1781. May 15, 1788, she married Daniel Buckingham, and died childless April 12, 1830.
- 30 II. John (6), born August 21, 1748, married Mary Ann Harpin, a grandchild of Dr. John Harpin, who was born in Rochefort, France, and married Mary Camp, January 8, 1718, daughter of Nicholas Camp.

Dr. Harpin was supposed to be a French refugee. His tombstone bears the following inscription: "For fifty years he practiced Physick and Surgery in this place with

distinguished reputation and success." He died November 14, 1765, and his wife died April 5, 1780. They had eight children.

John Harpin, his son, and the only one who had issue, was born in 1722, and married Mary, daughter of Colonel John Read and granddaughter of Governor Saltonstall. She was born September 2, 1724. She bore him eleven children and died December 27, 1781. He married for his second wife Catherine Miles in 1782, and he died February 1, 1791.

The children were Mary Ann, born June 2, 1753, married John Fowler as above. Ruth, born December 4, 1753, married Edward Gibbs and settled in Skaneateles. Harriet, born December, 1759, married Henry Bull, settled in Milford; and Charlotte, born January 18, 1762, married Benjamin Bull, settled in Milford and died childless, July 22, 1851. All the others died unmarried.

At the marriage of this John Fowler, his father purchased for him the homestead now occupied by the writer, where he lived and died August 17, 1787, at the early age of 39.

The Milford records contain the following, under date of December 5, 1780:

Voted, "That Lieutenant John Fowler, Lieutenant John Smith, Captain Enoch Woodruff and Ensign Henry Bull be a committee to raise the town's deficiency of troops for the Continental army, and also to procure the town quota of a regiment to be raised for the defence of this state." He subsequently appears on the town records as captain.

The mills which were built by the first William and descended to his son William and were divided between his sons John and William, continued equally in the possession of the descendants of the two branches, being only sons on the side of John, down to this man, who inherited one-half, and Nathan Fowler, through William and Jonathan, the other half. They so disagreed in

ownership that John sold out to Nathan his entire interest and purchased the mills near the present town hall and school buildings. This took place about 1784.

- 30 John Fowler, son of John and Mary (Newton) Fowler, who married Mary Ann Harpin, had the following children :
- 43 I. John, (7), born October 7, 1769, at sixteen years of age married Lucy Mallett, daughter of Lewis Mallett, Esq, and moved into the house with his grandfather, the old homestead (where all his ancestry had lived), and died October 13, 1790, at the early age of twenty-one years, leaving a widow with three children,—John, born May 15, 1786, Luke, born November 14, 1787, and Susanah Ann, born 1890.
- 44 II. Anthony, (7), William Harpin, who, for abbreviation, wrote his name Wm. H. Fowler, born October 29, 1775, was eleven years old when his father died.
- 45 III. Mark, (7), born November 10, 1783,—three years old when his father died.

About this period a distressing fatality seemed to prevail in this branch of the Fowler's. The grandfather died in 1781, the father in 1787, and the eldest son in 1790, leaving Wm. H. Fowler, the second son, at eleven years of age, the eldest male survivor of the entire branch, with his widowed mother and younger brother, his elder brother's widow and her three children. His father's estate, inventoried at £2,595,14.7, was administered upon by his brother's father-in-law, and rumor had it that "if he had had a few more estates like John Fowler's to settle he would have been a very wealthy man." The silver cups, silver-hilted swords, silver-headed canes, and all the heirlooms of the preceding generations mentioned in the wills, "went where the woodbine twineth."

Wm. H. Fowler's mother died November 25, 1798. His brother John's children were :

- 57 I. John, (8), married Elizabeth Curtis, born February 8, 1791, had a son John, died in infancy, and he was lost at

- sea in 1810. She lived a widow, and died July 28, 1856.
- 58 II. Luke, (8), was lost at sea in 1808; unmarried.
- 59 III. Susanah Ann, (8), died unmarried, August 13, 1820.

His brother Mark removed to New York in his youth. Married Abigail, daughter of Thomas Carpenter. They resided in Brooklyn, where he died in April 28, 1815. They had five children, two sons and three daughters. His wife was born March 20, 1788. Married in 1804, at 16, and died in New York, June 9, 1850.

During the demoralization which unavoidably followed the fatality above related the original homestead of the first William, which had come down by direct descent through two Williams and five Johns (four of them only sons), fell into the possession of the other branch of the Fowlers, and ultimately became the property of Joseph's youngest son, Nathan Miles Fowler, and is now owned and occupied by his sons.

- 11 William Fowler, eighth child of William Fowler, Jr., was baptized at New Haven, January 11, 1665. Married Anna Beard, of Milford, and lived and died in Milford. He died February 23, 1728, and his wife died June 25, 1740. Their gravestones are in our cemetery in good state of preservation, and are doubtless the only ones of the grandchildren of the purchasers of the town of Milford, and such instances are very rare in our whole country.

We have seen that John and William inherited their father's property in Milford, each half of the mill. John dying first, the mill-house fell to William, as provided by the will.

The children of William and Anna were as follows :

- 16 I. Elizabeth, (4), who married Nathan Clark, of Milford, June 29, 1710.
- 17 II. Hannah, (4), who married Ebenezer Smith, of Milford, January 9, 1719.



- 18 III. Margaret, (4), born October 4, 1698. Married Samuel Smith.
- 19 IV. William, (4), born March 17, 1700. Married Eunice Hayes, April 1, 1724. They had one child, Eunice, born March 24, 1726. He died March 7, 1726, and his widow married for her second husband, Stephen Baldwin, of Milford.
- 20 V. Jonathan, (4), born October 27, 1704. Married Hannah Clark, January 9, 1728.

This William Fowler and his brother John's widow were supposed to have managed the mill property and business during their lives and the minority of her son, with his assistance.

I find on the Milford records: "Mrs. Sarah Newton (alias Fowler) died August 5th, 1723." This is doubtless John Fowler's widow, subsequently married to a Newton. This William and his son William having died, leaving Jonathan the only male survivor of this branch, and John the only heir of the other branch, the mill falls into their hands, each an undivided half.

- 20 } Jonathan Fowler (4), youngest child of William and Anna, who married Hannah, daughter of Nathan Clark, was one of the dissenters from the established church at Milford and professed to be Presbyterians according to the Church of Scotland, who, with about forty others, seceded from the First church in November, 1741.

They had four children, three sons and one daughter.

- 25 I. Hannah (5), born November 27, 1729, married Capt. Isaac Clark.
- 26 II. William (5), born July 22, 1732, married Eunice Baldwin and had one son and five daughters, viz., William (born 1762 and died of consumption unmarried, December 9, 1785), Elizabeth, Emma, Catherine, Susan and Mary. This Mary was the "Molly" whose tombstone in our cemetery bears the celebrated quaint epitaph:

"Molly, though pleasant in her day,  
Was suddenly seized and sent away."

*How soon she's ripe, how soon she's rotten,  
Laid in the grave and soon forgotten.*

- 27 III. Jonathan (5), born August 11, 1735, married Content Baldwin, who was born September 12, 1740. He died September 21, 1789, and she died June 19, 1821. They had two sons and six daughters.
- 28 IV. Nathan (5), born July 22, 1741, married Susan Miles. They lived and died in Milford. They had born at Milford two sons and three daughters. He married for his second wife Mehitable Platt, May 10, 1799, and died September 21, 1818.
- 27 Jonathan (5), third child of Jonathan and Hannah (Clark) Fowler, was born August 11, 1735. Married Content Baldwin of Milford, who was born September 12, 1740. They had two sons and five daughters.
- 31 I. Content (6), who married Elijah Bryan, August 22, 1784. They removed to ~~Greenwich~~, Ohio, and had eight children. *Frankville*
- 32 II. Comfort (6), who married Benjamin Fenn and removed to Tallmadge, Ohio, and had nine children.
- 33 III. Abigail (6), who married Samuel Fenn and settled in Plymouth, Conn., and had two children.
- 34 IV. Martha (6), married Barnabas Woodcock, settled in Milford and had eight children, viz., Alma, Patty Ann, Sarah, Martha, Mary, Bartholomew, Hannah Elizabeth, and Benjamin Fowler.
- 35 V. Hannah (6), married John Bryan and settled in Orange, Conn.
- 36 VI. Jonathan (6), born August 31, 1771, and died unmarried February 14, 1829.
- 37 VII. Josiah, (6), born April 21, 1777. Married Rebeca, daughter of Benjamin and Sarah Clark, November 1, 1801, and settled in Orange, Conn. He died February 17, 1829. They had four sons and four daughters, viz.: Sarah, who married Asahel Clark, of Milford, and had Three children. George W. Clark, Josiah Fowler Clark, and Emeline. Josiah Wales, born December 8, 1804, died unmarried. Nathan Clark, born March 26, 1807. Married Matilda M. Lambert, and settled in Milford, both now living, no children. Mary Emeline, born July 5,

*my manuscript says Susan Clark  
Betsy Elizabeth Content Elijah F. &  
Preston*

1809. Married Samuel Clark, who died December 22, 1831; married for second husband Benjamin Higby, and settled in New Haven. Jonathan Stiles, born December 12, 1813, and died, unmarried, in Galveston, July 4, 1837. Rebecca Wales died unmarried, and Charlotte Clark, who married David Beecher, and settled in Orange, Conn.

Jonathan Fowler, youngest son of the third William, was born October 27, 1704. His elder and only brother, William, died in 1726, at the age of 26, and he inherited his father's half of the mill property. He died in 1773.

The other half was owned by John Fowler and his son John during that period, and judging from the accumulation of property by each, they doubtless conducted it amicably and successfully together. The elder John died in 1756, and his son John in 1781.

Below is a fac-simile of the original Tax Lists of John and Jonathan Fowler for the year 1766, written by Garritt Van Horn DeWitt, assessor, and now in possession of the author, from which would appear that up to that time the mill had proved a source of wealth and prosperity. Few farmers in Milford can show such lists in these days.

Jonathan Fowler's Tax		John Fowler Esq. Tax	
3 Heads . . . . . @ \$18	54	3 Heads . . . . . @ \$18	54
1/2 Acre house Lot	10	3 Acres home Lot @ 20	3
4 Oxen . . . . .	16	31 d. Plow Land @ 10	15 10
5 Cows . . . . .	15	155 Acres Pasture d. @ 5	62
3 Two years Old . . . . .	10	19 d. Meadow @ 7 1/2	7 2 6
4 One year Old . . . . .	4	7 d. Dog meadow @ 5	7 15
4 Horses . . . . .	12	6 Oxen . . . . . @ 80	24
2 Swine . . . . .	2	18 Cows 1/2 y. Old @ 3 1/2	54
15 Acres Plow Land @ 10	7 10	10 Two year Old @ 20	20
12 d. Meadow @ 7 1/2	4 10	9 One year Old @ 20	9
Pasture 40 Acres . . . . .	16	5 Horses . . . . . @ 60	15
60 Acres brush Land . . . . .	6	16 Swine . . . . . @ 20	16
half a Grist Mill . . . . .	10	One Half a Corn Mill . . . . .	10
	\$157 10	One 2. Part of Sugar Mill . . . . .	1
		145 Acres brush Land @ 2 1/2	14 10
			1900 7 16

- 28 Nathan Fowler, (5), fourth child of Jonathan and Hannah (Clark) Fowler, was born July 22, 1741, and married Susan Miles, and remained in Milford, inheriting his father's half of the mill property and improving it. His wife died July 2, 1798, and he married Mehitable Platt, May 10, 1799, and she died January 9, 1818, and he died September 21, 1818. They had born at Milford two sons and three daughters, viz.:
- 38 I. Nathan, (6), born Febrnary 24, 1762, and married Sarah Platt, July, 1788.
- 39 II. Joseph, (6), July 13, 1775. Married first, Abigail Baldwin, November 12, 1797; second, Sarah Hine, and third, Maria Harris.
- 40 III. Hannah, (6), born December 10, 1763. Married Miles Newton.
- 41 IV. Susan, (6), born March 7, 1766. Married Joseph Smith.
- 42 Margaret, (6), born March 21, 1768. Married Richard Platt.
- 38 Nathan, (6), Fowler, first child of Nathan and Susan (Miles) Fowler, was born February 24, 1762. Married Sarah Platt, July, 1788. Remained in Milford, and had the following children.
- 46 I. Sally, (7), born August 2, 1789. Married Nathan Platt, who had four children: Nathan, who married Sarah Stone, daughter of Joseph Platt; Sarah, who married Abel R. Hine; Susan, married William Andrew, and Martha, married D. L. Hubbell.
- 47 II. Mehitable, (7), born January 29, 1792. Died, unmarried, May 9, 1871.
- 48 III. William, (7), born April 4, 1801; died unmarried, May 9, 1871.
- 39 Joseph Fowler (6), second son of Nathan and Susan (Miles) Fowler, born July 13, 1775, married Abigail Baldwin November 12, 1797, remained in Milford and had the following children:
- 49 I. Joseph (7), born October 7, 1798, graduated at Yale college 1717, and died unmarried in 1825.

- 50 II. Alfred (7), born February 2, 1801, and married his brother's widow; had two children—one son died in childhood, and one daughter, Albenia L., born June 28, 1862.
- 51 III. Abigail Baldwin (7), born November 1, 1803, and married Enoch B. Peck; settled at Milford.
- 52 IV. Jonathan Baldwin (7), born May 6, 1806, married Nancy Peasely of Barre, Vt., had three children. Ellis B., born January 3, 1849; Emily Abigail, born May 30, 1850, married James P. Brown. He died May 21, 1852, and his widow married as above.
- 53 V. Susan Margaret (7), born May 8, 1808, and died unmarried January 10, 1830.  
By second wife, Sarah Hine,—
- 54 VI. Martha (7), born June 20, 1814, married Alva C. Graham.
- 55 VII. Sarah (7), born January 15, 1816, married John C. Goodrich.
- 56 VIII. Nathan Miles (7), born March 18, 1818, married Clarissa Kelsey, and died October 22, 1856.
- 57 IX. Hannah (7), born August 21, 1821, living unmarried.  
By his third wife, Maria Harris,—
- 58 X. Susan Maria (7), born September 27, 1833, and married Henry Mallory.
- 56 Nathan Miles, (7), youngest son of Joseph and Sarah (Hine) Fowler, born March 18, 1818, married Clarissa Kelsey, daughter of Horace Kelsey, October 6, 1840. She was born March 13, 1819. They settled in Milford and had the following children :
- 73 I. Emily Augusta (8), born February 3, 1842; died in infancy.
- 74 II. William Miles, [8], born in Milford, June 5, 1843, married Sophia Barnett of Brooklyn, at Milford, March 27, 1866. She was born in Norwich, England. Children,—
- 94 Frank (9), born at Brooklyn, July 24, 1867, died in infancy.

- 95 William N. (9), born at Brooklyn, December 30, 1868.  
 96 Frederick C. (9), " " December 19, 1870.  
 97 Charles R. (9), " " February 2, 1873.  
 98 Frank R. (9), " " November 12, 1875.  
 99 Harriet M. (9), " " December 31, 1877.  
 100 Ida M. (9), " " November 17, 1879.  
 101 Thomas B. (9), " " November 27, 1881;  
     Died November 27, 1881.
- 102 Annetta Cooper (9), " " October 26, 1884.
- 75 III. Joseph Welford, [8], born May 20, 1846. Married Annie Parsons, July 14, 1866. She was born at Lutra, England, October 12, 1846. Their children:
- 103 Arthur Nelson, (9), born in Milford, January 27, 1867.  
 104 Nathan Miles, (9), born in Milford, June 20, 1870.  
 105 Bessie Louise, (9), born in South Framingham, Mass.,  
     November 16, 1872.  
 106 Sarah Grace, (9), born in Milford, August 22, and died  
     in Milford, April 15, 1878.  
 107 Mary Clarissa, (9), born in Milford, January 15, 1878.  
 108 Joseph William, born in Milford, August 10, 1879.
- 76 IV. Nathan Mark, (8), born April 7, 1849. Married April 16, 1870, Susan Amanda Jackson. They had
- 109 Charles G. Fowler, (9), born February 10, 1871, and  
 110 Frank, (9), born May, 1872, and died August 16, 1872.  
     She died August 12, 1872. He married for his second  
     wife Emma Barnett, born in England, January 28, 1850.  
 111 They had Mortimer, (9), born May 26, 1875; Fannie  
 112 May, born May 6, 1877; Clarisa Maud, [9], born Septem-  
 113 ber 4, 1882; Emma, (9), born March 15, 1883, and  
 114 Sophie, (9), born May 20, 1885.
- 77 V. Charles Kelsey, (8), born in Milford, March 18, 1852.  
     Married to Martha Henrietta Strong, of Stratford, Octo-  
     ber 27, 1880. She was born August 29, 1856. Children:
- 115 John William, (9), born December, 27, 1881, and died  
     May 27, 1885.  
 116 Fay Strong, (9), was born in Milford, February 4, 1884.

It was the writer's intention at the outset of this work to simply write up a genealogy for a family reference, but it having become somewhat historical in its make-up, and the mill assumed a somewhat prominent feature in its connection, I propose right here to resume and give its history in brief. We left it when John Fowler sold out his interest in 1784 to Nathan Fowler, who was then 43 years old, his son Nathan 22, and Joseph 11 years of age. It continued successful under their management and control for thirty-four years, and the father became a large landed proprietor and wealthy man for those days. And it came to pass that Nathan died in 1818, and it became the property by equal ownership of his sons Nathan and Joseph. But as the two descendants of the two branches of the fourth generation disagreed and separated, so also did the new owners, and there was no peace. A council was held and litigation ensued, which finally terminated by an arrangement that the mill property should be put up at auction and the party bidding highest should pay the other for his interest in land at the price inventoried in their father's estate. Joseph was the purchaser and there was again peace.

Joseph and his boys, Alfred, Jonathan B. and Nathan M., ran it moderately as a grist-mill and saw-mill, with a slipshod policy, neglecting repairs, until 1843, when the entire structure was carried away by a freshet demolishing dam and all.

Joseph had previously conveyed it to his three sons equally, who rebuilt it, but Jonathan B. dying soon after, and Alfred failing in health, the management fell to Nathan M.; but too many interests, or representation without taxation, prevented profitable returns, and at the death of the three sons it became nearly dead property, until in 1884 its present proprietor, the eighth William, with a share of the confidence and enterprise of his ancestral founder, determined to get possession of the plant, and at great outlay of labor and money succeeded through much litigation in obtaining a title, and at once erected a spacious and creditable structure,

and has in two years built up a thriving and successful business.

William H. Fowler, the lone survivor, worked his way up to manhood, and December 18, 1796, married Sally, daughter of Captain Charles Pond and sister of Governor Charles H. Pond. She was born June 2, 1774. They settled where his father lived and died. He was extensively engaged during the first fifty years of his life in commerce and ship-building, an enterprising, persevering, self-made man. But, unfortunate in business pursuits and connections, at about fifty years of age he retired from commercial life to the more quiet and genial pursuit of agriculture, and until late in life filling offices of trust, such as member of the State Legislature, Selectman of the town, settling estates, etc. He built a house on the old homestead, and at his death, June 30, 1863, at the ripe age of 87 years and 8 months, was the only living descendant of five generations from John the son of the second William. His wife died June 4, 1847.

44 Children of William H. and Sally (Pond) Fowler :

61 I. Mary, (8), born September 16, 1797. Died, unmarried, July 10, 1885.

62 II. Martha, (8), born May 16, 1799. Died, unmarried, August 2, 1877.

63 III. Susan, born August 13, 1802. Married April 20, 1834, to Jesse Gould Smith, of Orange, and settled there.

78 Children : William Gould, (9), born March 4, 1835, living, unmarried, in Montana.

79 Charles Fowler, (9), born June 6, 1836. Married, January 11, 1866, Mary Gibson Tomlinson, of Milford, born

132 September 19, 1842. Settled at Orange, and have Susan

133 Fowler, (10), born March 27, 1867; Minnehaha, (10), born March 14, 1873.

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Jesse Gould Smith was born November 8, 1795. Died August 5, 1870.

64 IV. Sarah, (8), born April 28, 1804, married Jonah Platt of Milford. He died April 28, 1853, and she died

80 September 1, 1868. They had Maria Theresa 9), born



- June 6, 1836, and married, May 16, 1854. E. Stiles Smith, born July 9, 1830. They had Frank William  
 134 (10), born May 18, 1857; married January 26, 1881, Carrie Wheeler Beard, born January 26, 1860, and had  
 150 Howard Lamont (11), born December 8, 1886.
- 135 Susie Isabel (10) and Sadie Theresa (10), twins of  
 136 E. Stiles and Maria T. Smith, born February, 1862. Susie I. married February 18, 1885, Elbert N. Clarke, who was born September 7, 1860.
- 65 V. John William (8), born August 5, 1807, married Jane Hyde of Bridgeport, Conn., who was born January 4, 1817.
- 66 VI. Charlotte (8), born June 9, 1810, married September 3, 1836, to Oliver B. Sherwood, who was born November 2, 1790. They settled in Derby, Conn., and had Mary Burr (9), born June 11, 1837; William Oliver (9), born August 24, 1839; Albert Fowler (9), born September 17, 1842; Charlotte Clarine (9), born October 20, 1844.
- 67 VII. Ann Herpin (8), born March 21, 1813, married October 8, 1840, to Charles W. Cornwall of Milford, who was born December 7, 1813. They settled in Milford, and had
- 92 Charles Edward (9), born October 14, 1842, died July 3, 1863, on the battlefield at Gettysburg.
- 93 Sarah Pond (9), born October 3, 1847. He died December 7, 1883. She died October 25, 1886.
- 65 John William (8), only son of William H. and Sally (Pond) Fowler, was born on the birthplace of his father, August 5, 1807, and spent his childhood there till 1822. From that year till 1831 he resided in Bridgeport and New Haven, engaged in the drug business. He removed to New York in 1831 and embarked in the business of importing and jobbing drugs, paints, etc., and continued there in the same business as general or special partner for more than forty years.
- He married, August 10, 1837, Jane, daughter of Richard Hyde of Bridgeport, who was born January 4, 1817, settled

in New York, and lived there till 1850, then removed to Milford.

In 1863 he was elected Judge of Probate for the district of Milford, and subsequently Town Clerk. and is still occupied in the discharge of the duties of each.

65 Children of John W. and Jane H. Fowler are :

81 I. Franklin Hamilton (9), born in New York, February 19, 1841, graduated at Trinity College, 1861, and M. A. 1864; was married July 13, 1871, to Julia Isabel, daughter of Nathan Fenn of Milford. She was born September 23, 1847. They had Frank (10), born in New York, May 18, 1877, and died July 25, 1877; John Harold (10), born in New York, April 5, 1883. They reside in New York.

82 II. John William (9), born in New York, March 13, 1843, and died January 4, 1844.

83 III. Lucille Augusta (9), born in New York, April 2, 1845.

84 IV. Mary Jane (9), born in New York, June 10, 1847, and died in Milford, January 22, 1857.

85 V. Frances Susan (9), born in New York, January 25, 1850, was married August 18, 1880, to William B. Van Vliet of Rhinebeck, N. Y., who was born September 16, 1850. They are now residing in Johnstown, N. Y.

86 VI. Harriet Cannon (9), born in Milford, March 9, 1855; married October 25, 1882, George M. Gunn of Milford, who was born August 10, 1851.

87 VII. Jane Amanda (9), born at Milford, June 15, 1859.

81 Children of Franklin H. (9) and Julia Isabel (Fenn) Fowler :

137 I. Frank (10), born in New York, May 18, 1877; died in infancy.

138 II. John Harold (10), born in New York, April 5, 1883.

86 Harriet Cannon Fowler (9), married George M. Gunn of Milford, Conn. He was born August 10, 1851, and graduated at Yale college in class of 1874. State Senator 1882 and 1883. They have

139 Marjorie [10], born June 13, 1885.

- 66 Children and descendants of Charlotte Fowler [8], who married O. B. Sherwood:
- 88 I. Mary Burr [9], born June 11, 1837; married August 23, 1858, Franklin Hallock of Derby, Conn., and settled there. He was born September 8, 1827. They had
- 140 F. William [10], born June 5, 1859, and married February 18, 1885, Minnie H. Adams, who was born October 6, 1861.
- 141 Edith May [10], born February 18, 1868.
- 89 II. William Oliver [9], born August 24, 1839; married February 21, 1871, Lydia Olive Chichester.
- 90 III. Albert Fowler [9], born September 17, 1842; married October 17, 1866, Emeline B. Chatfield, who was born January 16, 1844. They settled in Derby and had
- 142 Charles Girard [10], born May 13, 1867.
- 143 Oliver Burr [10], born March 3, 1873, and died April 23, 1874.
- 144 Joseph Beach [10], born May 7, 1875.
- 91 IV. Charlotte Clarine [9], born October 20, 1844.

Children and descendants of Mark [7], youngest son of John and Mary Ann [45] (Herpin) Fowler:

- 68 I. Edith Ann [8], born at Brooklyn, L. I., July 22, 1806; died unmarried, in New York, March 3, 1849.
- 69 II. Charles Carpenter [8], born at Brooklyn September 27, 1808; married Eliza B., daughter of Borden Chase of New York, who died in Brooklyn. They had
- 117 Thomas Carpenter [9], born in Brooklyn, April 10, 1838.
- 118 Sarah Chase [9], born in Brooklyn, December 4, 1840; married George Bliss of New York, September 30, 1863,
- 145 and had Edith Fowler Bliss [10], born September 16,
- 146 1872, and Ethel Virginia was born July 6, 1877.
- 119 Edith Eliza [9], third child of Charles Carpenter and Eliza B. Fowler, was born in Brooklyn, April 5, 1843; married Daniel H. Lawrence, who died, and second husband, Edward G. Tinker, May 30, 1882.

- 120 Charles B. C. [9], fourth child of Charles C. and Eliza B. Fowler, was born in Brooklyn July 21, 1846.  
He married for his second wife Eliza Chase, and died in Brooklyn, January 6, 1858.
- 70 III. Maria Theresa [8], born in Brooklyn, December 18, 1810, and died unmarried in Brooklyn, October 11, 1886.
- 71 IV. Emily [8], born in Brooklyn December 3, 1813; married in New York, August 23, 1829, Theodore Vietor from Germany, born December 25, 1802, and had
- 121 Frederick William [9], born in New York June 19, 1831.
- 122 Charles Henry [9], born in New York August 23, 1883.
- 123 Emily Maria [9], born in New York October 12, 1835; married August Wetter, from Switzerland, April 11, 1855.
- 124 Eliza Christina [9], born in New York, March 7, 1838.
- 125 Wilhelmina Edith [9], born in New York, Feb. 18, 1840.
- 126 George Theodore [9], born in New York, Feb. 16, 1842, and died March 18, 1832.
- 127 Caroline Johanna [9], born in New York, April 27, 1843, and died January 9, 1846.
- 128 Theodore George [9], born in Brooklyn, May 30, 1845.
- 129 Henry Otto [9], born in Brooklyn, April 17, 1847.
- 130 Caroline Augusta [9], born in Newtown, L. I., August 17, 1849.
- 131 Edward William [9], born in Newtown, September 6, 1851. The father died in Brooklyn.
- 72 V. Mark [8], born in Brooklyn, January 1, 1817; married Sarah E. Skinner, May 24, 1860. She died October 16, 1865, and he died in Brooklyn January 31, 1887.

## APPENDIX I.

**The Will of Captain William Fowler, Son of William Fowler,  
One of the Original Purchasers of Wopowage, or Milford.**

The last Will and Testament of Captain William Fowler, senior, of Milford, in the county of New Haven, within the colony of Connecticut, in New England, and in manner and form as followeth :

I, the above-said William Fowler, being weak in body and not knowing how short my time will be in this world; having hope through grace that when I shall lay down this external tabernacle, I shall have entertainment into a building not made with hands, but eternal in the Heavens; yet through the mercy of GOD, being in competent understanding and memory concerning my worldly goods and estate that GOD hath given me; my will is hereby declared.

Imprimis. Concerning my dear and loving wife Elizabeth Fowler, my will is concerning her, and as a token of my tender affection to her that hath been a tender, dutiful and loving wife to me, I say that my will is, that if she please to live with my children, to be a guide and a help to them as a mother and head of a family, and I do much desire it may be so: that she shall have the east end of my dwelling house where I now live for her use while she liveth to bear the name of Elizabeth Fowler, and in case she remove elsewhere, she shall have twenty shillings allowed out of my estate yearly in lieu thereof. And further, my will is, that in order to have her comfortable maintenance, she shall have the sum of nine pounds out of my estate annually so long as she remains a widow; about four pounds, or twenty bushels of bread corn out of the mill yearly; one-third part of it at least, wheat, if it is to be had, and the other in Rye and Indian. The other part of the nine pounds in merchantable pay, a part of which shall be in one barrel of cider, or more if the orchard yield well, and some apples if she please still, as a

part of the above said sum. And further, my will is, that if my wife aforesaid shall see cause to marry again, then after she is married to another man, the above said allowance of nine pounds, besides the use of the house annually, shall then cease; yet as a token of my love to her, my will is, that she, my above said wife, shall have forty shillings annually paid her out of my estate in merchantable pay during the time of her natural life.

Item. I give to my eldest son, John Fowler, besides what he hath already received, as a token of my love, and to encourage him to tend the mill, I give him the house that cousin Horton built at the north end of the mill house.

Concerning my sons Jonathan Fowler and Mark Fowler, and my daughters Sarah Smith and Hannah Buckingham, those have had their portions after the rate of fifty pounds apiece; and my will is concerning my son William Fowler and Mary Fowler, Deborah Fowler, Abigail Fowler, and Mercy Fowler, shall have each of them fifty pounds apiece as their portions. My will is that William Fowler shall have as part of his above said portion, one-fourth part of the corn mill.

My will is concerning my daughter Mary Fowler, in respect of her lameness and weakness, that besides her fifty pounds, she shall have allowed out of the mill ten shillings annually to the sum of ten pounds in corn. And furthermore, my will is that said Mary shall have as part of her portion above said, she shall have the island that lieth south of the corn mill—that island and with the appurtenances, to her and to her heirs male and female of her body lawfully begotten.

Further, my will is, that if any of my daughters yet unmarried, shall marry out of the town of Milford, then they shall have no part of the land I have in Milford, if my sons see cause to purchase any part that might befall to them, and pay them in good merchantable pay to the value of it. Yet if any of them do marry in the town and need and desire some part of their portion in land, my will is it shall be so.

Further, if any of my children above said die before marriage or before they, he or she, come to age to receive their

portion according to law, then his or her portion shall be divided equally amongst the rest of my sons and daughters surviving.

Further, my will is, that when all my debts and legacies abovesaid are discharged, what doth remain of my estate in Milford or elsewhere shall be divided equally amongst my natural children, sons and daughters in equal portions.

Furthermore, my will is to appoint my loving son, John Fowler, and my loving son-in-law, Daniel Buckingham, to be the executors of this my last will and testament.

Further, my will is, that if my daughter Deborah have any part of my land toward her portion, it shall be to her and to her heirs male or female forever.

And for the confirmation of this to be my last will and testament, I have hereunto set my hand this present third day of October, in the year of our Lord Christ 1682.

WILLIAM FOWLER.

Signed in the  
presence of us :  
DANIEL BUCKINGHAM,  
HANNAH BUCKINGHAM.

CODICIL.

The more mature codicil of Captain William Fowler, late of Milford, deceased, additional to his last will and testament when written as followeth, declared the twenty-third day of December, in the year of our Lord Christ one thousand six hundred and eighty-two :

I, William Fowler, do declare that concerning the house that cousin Horton built at the east end of the corn mill, which in the aforesaid will I gave to my son John Fowler, now my mind is, that said house shall be equally divided between my son John Fowler and my son William Fowler for a convenience of tending the mills, yet so that it shall be to the longest liver of them, he that doth outlive paying to his brother or his assigns the value of his half.

Item. My mind is now concerning my son William Fowler, that after my decease, he, the said William, shall

have the other half of my corn mills and the appurtenances thereunto belonging as a part of this portion, which portion is fifty pounds. And further, my mind is now, concerning my daughter Mary Fowler, in respect of her weakness and lameness, who, as in my aforesaid will, I gave ten pounds and the island therein mentioned as a part of her portion, she shall have my part (which is one-fourth part) of the saw-mill and fulling mill, to her and to her heirs of her own body lawfully begotten forever.

WILLIAM FOWLER.

Witnessed by me,



DANIEL BUCKINGHAM.

We, whose names are underwritten, do agree and consent that the above codicil additional to our father's will on the other side, shall also stand firm to all intents and purposes, as witness our hands.

JOHN SMITH,  
JOHN FOWLER,  
MARK FOWLER,

ABIGAIL FOWLER,  
MERCY FOWLER,  
MARY FOWLER.

A writing on the other side, with the codicil on this, was exhibited in County Court, held at New Haven, June 13, 1683, and upon oath of the witnesses with their agreement of the subscriber's, was approved, and the executors accepting of their trust, was approved for record.

Attest,

JAMES BISHOP, *Clerk.*



## APPENDIX II.

**Will of John Fowler, Eldest Son of Captain William Fowler.**

The last will and testament of John Fowler of Milford, in the colony of Connecticut, in New England, in form and manner as followeth :

Being sick and weak of body, yet of competent understanding and memory; being by my weakness put in mind of my change; I do commit the keeping and saving of my immortal soul in life or death into the hands of the ever living God my maker, in and through Jesus Christ the Redeemer of poor fallen man, and I hope my Redeemer.

Concerning my worldly goods which God hath given me to dispose of, I do will and dispose as followeth, all my just debts being paid :

Imprimis. I do give unto my loving wife Sarah Fowler the one-third of all my estate, real and personal, of all sorts whatsoever, to be at her full, free and absolute disposal, to her heirs and assigns forever, according to her pleasure.

Item. My will is and I do hereby give and bequeath unto my only son John Fowler, the other two-thirds of all my estate, both real and personal, be it in whatsoever, in housings, land, mills, goods, chattels, moveables, unto him and his heirs and assigns forever, if he my said son live to accomplish the age of twenty-one years; and he to take possession, enjoy and improve his said two-thirds of my estate without let or molestation forever.

Item. I do nominate and appoint my loving wife Sarah Fowler abovesaid to be the sole executrix of this my last will and testament, willing her to pay my debts, settle the estate deliver my said son his portion at the time appointed; that she may take care to bring up and educate my abovesaid son in the fear of God and provide for him what will be necessary for him while he is under age, and for that, and with her own comfortable subsistence, I do commit my whole estate into

her hands, to improve what may be improvable for her advantage till my son abovesaid come to the age abovesaid, and then hold only her third part as abovesaid in houses, lands, mills, goods and chattels whatsoever.

Further, my will is and I do entreat my Honorable Uncle Robert Treat, Esq., the Governor, and my brother Elder, Daniel Buckingham, to be helpful to my dear wife when they may.

And for the confirmation of this to be my last will and testament, I have put my hand this thirty-first day of January in the year of our Lord Christ one thousand six hundred and ninety-two or ninety-three.

JOHN FOWLER.

Signed and sealed  
in presence of

DANIEL BUCKINGHAM, }  
PETER CARRINGTON, } *Witnesses.*

Seal.

The above will was probated May 15, 1693.

### APPENDIX III.

**Last Will and Testament of Captain John Fowler, or "Esquire Fowler," as he was commonly called, only son of John and Sarah (Welch) Fowler.**

In the Name of God. Amen.

I, John Fowler of Milford, in the county of New Haven and colony of Connecticut, of sound mind and memory, do make, publish and declare this my last will and testament, in manner and form following, viz :

In the first place, I ordain and direct that my body be decently interred at the discretion of my executors, hereafter in this my will constituted and appointed, and that my debts and funeral charges be paid. Also, I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Abigail Fowler all the household goods that she brought with her and all the money due to her from the estate of Job Prince, deceased, and Gamaliel Prince, and a negro girl named Statia, one cow and calf, ten pounds Proclamation money, and provisions sufficient for one year, viz., pork, beef, wheat, Indian corn, and malt, to be paid and delivered unto her by my executors. And also the improvement of a certain piece of land which I bought of Andrew Tuttle, during her natural life.

Also, I give and bequeath unto my son John Fowler, all my wearing apparel, my silver pint cup, my silver-hilted sword, my walking cane, my negro man James, my Indian woman called Hannah, with what is due to me from John and Jedediah Hurd of Woodbury by bond.

Also, I give and bequeath unto my daughter Margaret Merwin, and to her heirs forever, the one moiety or half part of all my lands in Woodbury, in the parish of Judea situate and being, and one moiety or half part of the residue of my personal and chattel estate in monies, and my silver cann, my gold buckles and two cows.

Also, I give and bequeath unto my daughter Sarah Bryan, my silver cup that was her mother's, one pair silver shoe

buckles, and the other moiety of all my lands in said parish of Judea in Woodbury, and the other moiety or half part of my personal or chattel estate, in monies not heretofore bequeathed to the said Sarah Bryan and her heirs forever.

And I ordain, nominate and appoint my son, John Fowler, Joseph Merwin and Richard Bryan to be my executors of this my last will and testament, herein revoking and disannulling all former wills by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty-eighth day of August, 1756.

JOHN FOWLER.

MOSES MALLORY,  
SAMUEL ANDREWS,  
SAMUEL MERCHANT,

} *Witnesses.*

{ Seal. }

#### APPENDIX IV.

**Last Will and Testament of Mary Newton Fowler,  
Wife of John Fowler, 3d.**

In the Name of GOD. Amen.

I, Mary Fowler of Milford, in the county of New Haven and colony of Connecticut, in New England, wife of John Fowler, Esquire, of Milford, being at present in a comfortable state of health and sound mind and memory; and as GOD in his righteous dealings toward us, has permitted the small-pox to enter into our family and having been myself greatly exposed and expecting in a few days to be visited with that infectious disease, reflecting on my own mortality, knowing that it is appointed for all once to die, do think it my indispensable duty to make and ordain this my last will and testament. Principally and first of all, I give and recommend my soul into the hands of GOD who gave it, and my body to the earth to be buried in a decent christian burial at the discretion of my loving husband. And as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased GOD to favor me in this life, by and with the advice and consent and approbation of my loving husband, I give, devise and dispose of the same in the following manner :

Imprimis. I give and bequeath unto my only loving son, John Fowler, Jr., the sum of twenty shillings, lawful money, to be paid out of my estate to him, his heirs and assigns forever.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my only loving daughter, Susanna Fowler, all my wearing apparel, and after my said husband's decease, then I give all the rest, residue and remainder of my estate of what kind soever, to my said daughter Susanna Fowler, which shall be to her, her heirs and assigns forever.

Lastly, I nominate, appoint and ordain my said loving daughter Susanna Fowler, executrix of this my last will and

testament, and I do hereby utterly disannull and disapprove of all other former wills by me made heretofore, satisfying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal in Milford, this ninth day of March, 1774.

Signed, sealed and delivered in pres- ence of the sub- scribing witnesses:	}	MARY FOWLER. { <i>Seal.</i> }
JAMES CLARK, HANNAH JONES, SUSANNA POND.	}	In confirmation of which I have hereunto set my hand and seal on the day and date above written.
		JOHN FOWLER. { <i>Seal.</i> }

She died March 28, 1774, of small-pox.

## APPNEDIX V.

**Last Will and Testament of John Fowler, 3d, Husband of  
Mary (Newton) Fowler.**

In the Name of GOD. Amen.

I, John Fowler of Milford, in the county of New Haven and colony of Connecticut, in New England, being in reasonable health and of sound mind and memory, thanks be given unto GOD. Calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed to all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last will and testament. Principally and first of all, I give and recommend my soul into the hands of GOD that gave it, and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent and christian burial at the discretion of my executors hereinafter named.

And as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased GOD to bless me in this life, after my just debts, funeral charges and charges of settling my estate be first paid out of my moveable estate, I give, devise and dispose of the same in the following way and manner :

Item. I give and bequeath unto my son John Fowler, all my wearing apparel, my silver can, my silver-hilted sword, my silver-headed cane, my black mare, my plow and harrow and chains and traces and yoke irons, to his own disposal forever. Also, my negro man Sherman.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Susanna Fowler, and to her heirs forever, all my land and meadow at a place called "Old Gate," on the west side of the highway. Also my land at a place called "Marsh's Hill," at the southern end of my land, to begin at the middle of the highway that goes to said land, and so to run through said land to the highway on the easterly side, and so on to make the twenty acres.

My will is, that if my son John Fowler shall pay unto my daughter Susanna Fowler the sum of one hundred and ten

pounds, lawful money, within two years after my decease, then he shall have the twenty acres of land at Marsh's Hill.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Susanna Fowler, all the rest and remainder of my moveable estate, to her use and disposal forever, which is not heretofore given away.

Item. I give the use and improvement of my dwelling-house and barn, with all my home lot adjoining, containing about five acres, to my said daughter Susanna Fowler, so long as she shall live unmarried.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my son John Fowler, and to his heirs and assigns forever, all the rest and remainder of my real estate, both lands and mills, in said Milford whatsoever. Also, I give and bequeath to my aforesaid son John Fowler, my home lot, with my dwelling-house and barn standing on the same, after the marriage or death of said daughter Susanna Fowler, to him, his heirs and assigns forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter Susanna Fowler, to her and her heirs forever, all my land in the township of Durham.

Item. My will is, thar if my son John Fowler shall die and leave no heirs, or his heirs should die before they come of age, without heirs or heir lawfully begotten of their bodies, then if there be any of the estate heretofore given to him left unsold, then the said estate shall go to said Susanna Fowler, or if she be dead, then to her heirs if she leave any. But if she be dead and leave no heirs, then to go to my sisters Margaret Merwin and Sarah Bryan. Then if they be dead, to their heirs.

Item. My will further is, that when I should die, if there be any crops of weeat, corn, oats, or flax or hay stacked in a stack on the lands heretofore given to my son John, that my daughter shall have liberty to take them off.

Item. I give to my grandson, John Fowler, my gold sleeve-buttons.



Item. My will is, that the moveable estate given to my daughter Susanna, shall be at her own use as they are at my death.

Lastly, I nominate and appoint my son John Fowler and my daughter Susanna Fowler, to be the sole executors to this my last will and testament. I do hereby dis-allow, re-voke and disannul and set aside every other former will and testament by me heretofore made, satisfying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this third day of April, Anno Domini 1775.

Signed, sealed, published  
and declared in pres-  
ence of us witnesses :

JOHN FOWLER. { Seal. }

JOHN SEARS, SUSANNA POND,  
DANIEL BUCKINGHAM.

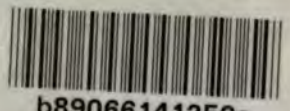
The aforesaid John Fowler died May 14, 1781, and below is an Inventory of his estate as exhibited by his executors taken and appraised under oath by the subscribers as follows:

One house and lot with the buildings thereon,	£350.0.0
One-quarter of a saw-mill, - - - -	25.0.0
One-half of a grist mill, - - - -	150.0.0
25 acres of land in the neck, at 240 shillings, -	300.0.0
14 do. do. in the neck, east side, 200 shillings, -	140.0.0
12 do. do. at Little Bridge, 200 shillings, -	120.0.0
60 do. do. at "Calf-pen hill," 200 shillings, -	600.0.0
18 do. do. at "the Rock," 200 shillings, -	180.0.0
12 do. do. at "Old Gate," west side, 160 shillings, -	96.0.0
40 do. do. " do. east side, 160 shillings,	320.0.0
65 do. do. " "Marsh's Hill," 160 shillings, -	520.0.0
10 do. do. Salt Meadow, 160 shillings, - - -	80.0.0
2½ do. do., "New Lot," 240 shillings, - - -	30.0.0
Amount in moveables as on file, - - - -	278.4.6
	£3189.4.6

GIDEON BUCKINGHAM, }  
LEWIS MALLETT, } *Appraisers.*



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