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The Descendants of John Ayer
of Salisbury, 1640; Haverhill, 1647

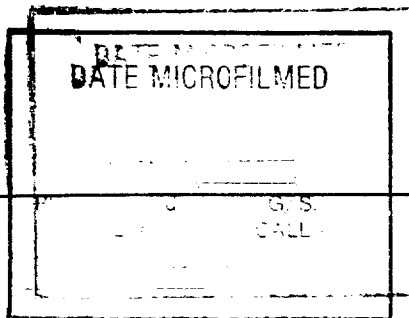


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INTRODUCTION

The reader's attention is called to the fact that Mr. Perley did not have the printed vital records of the cities and towns of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a reference when he prepared his genealogy of the Ayer family.

There has been very little compiled and printed on the descendants of John Ayer; therefore, this genealogy is of great value as a guide to researchers of the family. Much more information is now readily available in the printed and unprinted vital records, as well as in compiled genealogies of the allied families.

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The surname of Ayer is also spelled in the early Essex county records Aars, Aers, Ahheayrs, Ahheire, Aier, Aiere, Aiers, Air, Aires, Airs, Ares, Aries, Ayeres, Ayers, Ayhaire, Ayre, Ayres, Eaire, Eairs, Eares, Eayer, Eayr, Eayre, Eires, Eyer, Eyers, Eyre, Eyrs, and Heires.

The ancestor of most of the name in New England, and the earliest one that lived in Essex county, was

JOHN AYER-1. He is said to have come from England; and was living in Salisbury as early as 1640. He removed to Haverhill about 1647; and died there March 31, 1657. His wife Hannah survived him, and died Oct. 8, 1688, having remained his widow. Mr. Ayer devised his homestead to his son John.

Children:

- 2-i. John-2. See below (2).
- 3-ii. Rebecca-2, probably m. John Aslet in Newbury, Oct. 8, 1648; lived in Andover; he d. June 6, 1671; and she survived him.
- 4-iii. Robert-2, b. about 1625. See below (4).
- 5-iv. Thomas-2. See below (5).
- 6-v. Peter-2, b. about 1633. See below (6).
- 7-vi. Mary-2, b. about 1634; perhaps living in Ipswich in 1668.
- 8-vii. Obadiah-2. See below (8).
- 9-viii. Nathaniel-2. See below (9).
- 10-ix. Hannah-2, b. Dec. 21, 1644, in Salisbury; m. Stephen Webster March 24, 1662-3.

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JOHN AYER-2, was a farmer, and lived in Haverhill until 1679, when he removed to Ipswich, dying between 1694 and 1711. He married, first, Sarah Williams May 5, 1646. She died July 25, 1662; and he married, second, Mary Wooddam March 26, 1663. She was his wife in 1694.

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Children, born in Haverhill:

- 11-i. John-3, b. March 18, 1647-8; lived in Andover, being deceased 19: 7: 1683; probably m. Mary _____, and had a son Samuel died at Andover Sept. 5, 1670.
- 12-ii. Zachariah-3, b. Oct. 24, 1650; husbandman; lived in Andover in 1680, and in Newbury in 1696; m. Elizabeth Chase of Newbury June 27, 1678; he served in King Philip's War in 1676.
- 13-iii. Nathaniel-3, b. March 13, 1654-5. See below (13).
- 14-iv. Joseph-3, b. March 16, 1658-9. See below (14).
- 15-v. Sarah-3, b. Jan. 17, 1661; perhaps m. Henry Collins of Lynn.

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SERG. ROBERT AYER-2, born about 1625. He was made a freeman in May, 1666; was constable in 1671; and was a yeoman or plowman. He lived in Haverhill; and married Elizabeth Palmer Feb. 27, 1650-1. She died in Haverhill April 24, 1705, aged seventy-one; and he was living in 1711, at the age of eighty-six, dying between 1713 and 1723.

Children, born in Haverhill:

- 16-i. Elizabeth-3, b. Nov. 10, 1652; m., first, John Clement of Haverhill, cooper, Feb. 22, 1676; lived in Haverhill; he d. May 16, 1692; she m., second Samuel Watts of Haverhill, yeoman, March 8, 1696-7; his first wife was Elizabeth Ayer (24).
- 17-ii. Samuel-3, b. Nov. 11, 1654. See below (17).
- 18-iii. Mehitable-3, b. Sept. 14, 1656.
- 19-iv. Timothy-3, b. Oct. 2, 1659. See below (19).
- 20-v. _____ (dau.)-3, b. July 9, 1662; d. July 9, 1662.
- 21-vi. Hannah-3, b. Jan. 26, 1663; d. March 10, 1675-6.
- 22-vii. Mary-3, b. Jan. 15, 1667; d. April 14, 1668.

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THOMAS AYER-2, lived in Haverhill as early as 1646, buying a house and lot there in 1648. He married Elizabeth Hutchins April 1, 1656; and died Nov. 9, 1686. She survived him, and died in 1710, his widow.

Children:

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- 23-i. John-3, b. May 12, 1657, in Newbury. See below (23).
- 24-ii. Elizabeth-3, b. Dec. 23, 1659, in Haverhill; m. Samuel Watts of Haverhill Oct. 28, 1684; lived in Haverhill, where she d. Oct. 26, 1695; he m., secondly, Elizabeth (Ayer)(16), widow of John Clement, of Haverhill.
- 25-iii. Mary-3, b. March 22, 1660-1, in Haverhill; m. Samuel Colcord of Kingstown, N.H., before 1725; and she was of Kingstown, his widow, in 1737.
- 26-iv. Love-3, b. April 15, 1663, in Haverhill; m. Joseph Kingsbury April 2, 1679 in Haverhill.
- 27-v. _____ (son)-3 (twin), b. Jan. 16, 1664-5, in Haverhill; d. Jan. 20, 1664-5.
- 28-vi. _____ (son)-3 (twin), b. Jan. 16, 1664-5, in Haverhill; d. Jan. 20, 1664-5.
- 29-vii. Thomas-3, b. June 9, 1666. See below (29).
- 30-viii. Samuel-3, b. July 11, 1671; d. July 15, 1672.

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CORNET PETER AYER-2, born about 1633. He was made freeman in May, 1666. He was a yeoman, and lived in Haverhill, which town he represented in general court in 1683, 1685, 1689, and 1690. He married Hannah Allen Nov. 1, 1659; and died in Boston Jan. 2, 1698-9. She survived him; and died, his widow, Dec. 22, 1729, aged eighty-seven.

Children, born in Haverhill:

- 31-i. Ruth-3, b. Oct. 30, 1660; m. John Denison of Ipswich, weaver; and d. before 1699. He was of Ipswich in 1714.
- 32-ii. Hannah-3, b. Aug. 21, 1662; m. Lt. John Osgood of Andover Oct 17, 1681; he was living in Andover in 1711; and she was of Andover, his widow, 1730.
- 33-iii. Abigail-3, b. July 4, 1664; m. Robert Lord of Ipswich, yeoman, June 7, 1683; and both were living in Ipswich in 1730.
- 34-iv. Mary-3, b. Aug. 6, 1666; m. Joseph Calef of Ipswich before 1699; and she was of Ipswich, his widow, in 1730.
- 35-v. Martha-3, b. March 1, 1667-8; m. Capt. Peter Osgood of Salem, tanner, May 19, 1690; and both were living in Salem in 1730.
- 36-vi. Samuel-3, b. Sept. 28, 1669. See below (36).

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- 37-vii. William-3, b. Sept. 23, 1673, d. Nov. 20, 1675.
- 38-viii. Rachel-3, b. Oct. 18, 1675; d. May 21, 1678.
- 39-ix. Ebenezer-3, b. May 22, 1678; d. Oct. 10, 1695.

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OBADIAH AYER-2, lived in Haverhill until 1669, when he sold his house and land and removed to Woodbridge, N.J. He married Hannah Pike March 19, 1660-1. She died May 31, 1689; he died Nov. 14, 1694.

Children:

- 40-i. John-3, b. March 2, 1662-3, in Newbury.
- 41-ii. Sarah-3, b. March 5, 1664-5 in Haverhill; d. Feb. 3, 1665-6.
- 42-iii. _____ (son)-3, b. Nov. 1, 1666, in Haverhill; d. Nov. 14, 1666.
- 43-iv. Samuel-3, b. Sept. 13, 1667, in Haverhill; d. Dec. 26, 1667.
- 44-v. _____ (son)-3, b. Oct. ____, 1670, in New Jersey.
- 45-vi. _____ (son)-3, b. April 4, 1674.
- 46-vii. Thomas-3, b. Oct. 3, 1675; probably d. young.
- 47-viii. Mary-3, b. Feb. 16, 1680; d. Feb. 23, 1698-9.
- 48-ix. Sarah-3, b. April 13, 1683; d. Nov. 8, 1683.
- 49-x. _____ (dau)-3, b. Sept. 7, 1685.

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NATHANIEL AYER-2, was apprenticed to a Mr. French in 1656-7; lived in Haverhill; and married Jamesin Turloar May 10, 1670. She died Dec. 13, 1700; and he died Nov. 17, 1717, having conveyed his estate to his son Nathaniel the same year.

Children, born in Haverhill:

- 50-i. Hannah-3, b. June 2, 1671; d. June 2, 1671.
- 51-ii. Hannah-3, b. Dec. 19, 1672; m. Ebenezer Belknap Feb. 25, 1690-1; lived in Haverhill; and d. Nov. __, 1779, aged one hundred and six.
- 52-iii. Elizabeth-3, b. Aug. 19, 1674; probably m. Abraham Belknap Jan. 14, 1690-1; lived in Haverhill and Framingham; and d. in Framingham in 1730.
- 53-iv. Nathaniel-3, b. Nov. 15, 1676. See below (53).
- 54-v. Abiah (dau)-3, b. Feb. 5, 1678.

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- 55-vi. Obadiah-3, b. Jan. 20, 1680; d. April 6, 1681.
- 56-vii. Ruth-3, b. Dec. 20, 1681; d. April 24, 1682.
- 57-viii. _____ -3, b. Sept. 5, 1683; d. Sept. 9, 1683.
- 58-ix. Benjamin-3, b. Aug. 9, 1684; d. June 17, 1685.
- 59-x. Mary-3, b. Sept. 9, 1687.
- 60-xi. Ruth-3, b. May 12, 1689; probably m. James Corline Nov. 5, 1706.

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NATHANIEL AYER-3, born in Haverhill March 13, 1654-5. He was a millwright, and lived in Haverhill until about 1696, removing to Stonington, Conn., where he was living in 1720 and 1724. He married Anne Swan of Haverhill Aug. 31, 1683; and she was his wife in 1724.

Children:

- 61-i. Joseph-4, b. Aug. 25, 1684 in Haverhill; lived in Stonington in 1724.
- 62-ii. Sarah-4, b. Dec. 27, 1686 in Haverhill; m. _____ Ellis before 1724; and lived in Stonington in that year.
- 63-iii. Peter-4, b. June 10, 1689.
- 64-iv. Elizabeth-4, b. April 26, 1691; m. _____ Chase before 1724; and lived in Stonington in that year.
- 65-v. Hephzibah-4, b. July 9, 1694; perhaps d. in Andover July 12, 1697.
- 66-vi. Nathaniel-4, lived in Vallentown, Conn. in 1724.
- 67-vii. Anna-4, m. Joseph Bowditch before 1724; lived in Preston, Conn., in that year.

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JOSEPH AYER-3, born in Haverhill March 16, 1658-9. He was a planter or yeoman, and lived in Haverhill until 1703, when he removed to Norwich, Conn. He married Sarah Corliss of Haverhill Nov. 24, 1686, and she was his wife in 1705. He was living in Norwich in 1711; his will, dated Sept. 6, 1736, was proved in 1747.

Children, born in Haverhill:

- 68-i. Joseph-4, b. May 8, 1688; d. May 30, 1688.

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- 69-ii. Sarah-4, b. Oct. 15, 1690; m. Thomas Hazen; and was living in 1736.
- 70-iii. Abigail-4, b. Sept. 8, 1693; m. Dennis Manough; and was living in 1736.
- 71-iv. Joseph-4, b. Dec. 23, 1695; lived in Norwich in 1731; and was living in 1736.
- 72-v. Timothy-4, b. March 25, 1698; lived in Norwich in 1728; and was living in 1736.

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CAPT. SAMUEL AYER-3, born in Haverhill Nov. 11, 1654; was made a freeman in May, 1683. He lived in Haverhill; served in King Philip's War in 1676, and was killed in Haverhill by the French and Indians in the massacre of Aug. 29, 1708, at the age of fifty-three. He married Mary Johnson of Hampton Dec. 14, 1681; and she survived him, dying, his widow, Jan. 8, 1744-5.

Children, born in Haverhill:

- 73-i. Peter-5, b. Dec. 21, 1682; d. Feb. 11, 1682-3.
- 74-ii. Mehitable-4, b. Feb. 5, 1683; m., first, Job Clement, of Haverhill, cooper, before 1702; he was living in 1729; and she m. _____ Little before 1741; being Mrs. Little in 1745.
- 75-iii. James-4, b. Oct. 27, 1686. See below (75).
- 76-iv. Obadiah-4, b. May 6, 1689; grad. H.C., 1710; lived in Haverhill, yeoman, in 1711; of Salem, schoolmaster, in 1716; and was living in 1745.
- 77-v. Timothy-4, b. April 9, 1692; weaver; lived in Haverhill; and d. April 20 (gravestone, 13), 1745, probably unmarried. He bequeathed money to the first church in Haverhill toward a bell.
- 78-vi. Lydia-4, b. Dec. 19, 1694; m. Joseph Worth, Yeoman; they were living in Hampton, N.H. in 1731; and she d. before 1745.
- 79-vii. Hannah-4, b. May 3, 1697; m. Nicholas White Nov. 6, 1722; and d. Jan. 25, 1731-2.
- 80-viii. Ruth-4, b. March 21, 1699-1700; m. James Davis of Dover Nov. 5, 1728; and d. before 1741.
- 81-ix. Abigail-4, b. April 7, 1702; d., unmarried, Sept. 24, 1726, aged twenty-four.
- 82-x. John-4, b. April 7, 1705. See below (82).

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TIMOTHY AYER-3, born in Haverhill Oct. 2, 1659. He married Ruth Johnson of Hampton Nov. 24, 1682; and lived in Haverhill. He died Aug. 14, 1689; and she married, secondly, Samuel Dow May 5, 1691, dying July 25, 1751.

Children, born in Haverhill:

- 83-i. Hannah-4, b. Dec. 7, 1683; m. John Shepard of Haverhill Feb. 15, 1704-5, and d. before 1732.
- 84-ii. Ruth-4, b. April 3, 1686; d. Jan. 27, 1686-7.
- 85-iii. Mary-4, b. July 16, 1688; probably m. Nathaniel Duston of Haverhill about 1711; and d. April 17, 1725.

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JOHN AYER-3, born in Newbury May 12, 1657. He married Hannah Travers of Boston Sept. 13, 1683; was a planter; and lived in Haverhill until 1695, removing to Stonington, Conn., where he was living in 1722.

Children, born in Haverhill:

- 86-i. Hannah-4, b. Aug. 7, 1685; d. Aug. 26, 1685.
- 87-ii. Hannah-4, b. Aug. 10, 1686.
- 88-iii. John-4, b. April 18, 1688.
- 89-iv. Daniel-4, b. June 15, 1691.
- 90-v. David-4, b. May 23, 1693.

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THOMAS AYER-3, born in Haverhill June 9, 1666. He was a husbandman, and lived in Haverhill. He married, first, Ruth Wilford June 12, 1694; and she was killed by the Indians in the massacre of Aug. 29, 1708, at the age of thirty-six. He married second, Dorothy (Martin), widow of Henry Blaisdell, March 7, 1709-10, in Amesbury. They were both living in 1714.

Children, born in Haverhill:

- 91-i. Ruth-4, born July 4, 1695; d. July 31, 1700.
- 92-ii. Josiah-4, b. March 12, 1697-8; d. May 14, 1698.
- 93-iii. Thomas-4, b. Dec. 11, 1699; probably lived in Gloucester

- 94-iv. Gilbert-4, b. Oct. 13, 1702.
- 95-v. Ruth-4, b. June 14, 1705; killed by the Indians in the massacre of Aug. 29, 1708.
- 96-vi. Ruth-4, b. July 29, 1711; perhaps d. young.

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CAPT. SAMUEL AYER-3, born in Haverhill Sept. 28, 1669. He was a yeoman, and lived in Haverhill. He was a man of considerable property, having a negro slave named Lot. He married Elizabeth Tuttle of Ipswich Nov. 21, 1693; and died Jan. 2, 1743-4. She died in Haverhill, his widow, Nov. 29, 1752.

Children, born in Haverhill:

- 97-i. Hannah-4, b. Nov. 29, 1694; m. Andrew Mitchel, jr., April 5, 1720; and lived in Haverhill in 1743.
- 98-ii. Peter-4, b. Oct. 1, 1696. See below (98).
- 99-iii. Samuel-4, b. Aug. 4, 1698. See below (99).
- 100-iv. William-4, b. Feb. 6, 1701-2. See below (100).
- 101-v. Ebenezer-4, b. Feb. 18, 1704-5. See below (101).
- 102-vi. Elizabeth-4, b. Jan. 26, 1707-8; m. Daniel Bradley Feb. 26, 1729-30; and lived in Haverhill in 1743.
- 103-vii. Simon-4, b. Dec. 26, 1709. See below (103).
- 104-viii. Sarah-4, b. May 18, 1711; m. Samuel Emerson Feb. 15, 1732-3; and was living in 1743.

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NATHANIEL AYER-3, born in Haverhill Nov. 15, 1676. He was a husbandman, and lived in Haverhill. His father conveyed to him, by deed, his homestead, in 1717, and Nathaniel conveyed the house and lot to his son David in 1736. He married widow Esther Palmer before 1707. She died Aug. 12, 1743; and he died Oct. 5, 1754, aged seventy-seven.

Children, born in Haverhill:

- 105-i. Susannah-4, b. Aug. 11, 1707; probably m. John Lull of Byfield Feb. 8, 1727-8.
- 106-ii. Hannah-4, b. Jan. 24, 1709-10; probably m. Samuel Lull of Byfield July 28, 1729.
- 107-iii. David-4, b. May 2, 1714. See below (107).
- 108-iv. Sarah-4, b. Nov. 23, 1716; probably m. Nathaniel Belknap of Framingham July 19, 1733.

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DEA. JAMES AYER-4, born in Haverhill Oct. 27, 1686. He was a yeoman, and lived in Haverhill. He married Mary White May 10, 1711; and died Dec. 19, 1771, aged eighty-five. She survived him.

Children, born in Haverhill:

- 109-i. Samuel-5, b. May 5, 1712. See below (109).
- 110-ii. John-5, b. April 18, 1714. See below (110).
- 111-iii. William-5, b. June 18, 1716; living in 1765.
- 112-iv. Mary-5, b. July 18, 1718; probably d. before 1765.
- 113-v. Lydia-5, b. June 23, 1720; probably m. Nathaniel Walker Feb. 23, 1737-8; and d. Aug. 15, 1752.
- 114-vi. Hannah-5, b. Sept. 22, 1722; probably d. before 1765.
- 115-vii. Joanna-5, b. Aug. 13, 1724; probably d. before 1765.
- 116-viii. Abigail-5, b. Aug. 13, 1726; d. Sept. 7, 1743.
- 117-ix. Ruth-5, b. Nov. 7, 1728; m. Rev. Henry True of Hempstead Nov. 29, 1753.
- 118-x. Elizabeth-5, b. March 22, 1730; d. July 14, 1745.
- 119-xi. James-5, b. Feb. 27, 1732-3.

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JOHN AYER-4, born in Haverhill April 7, 1705. He was a yeoman, and lived in Haverhill. His will, dated March 6, 1744, was proved Jan. 20, 1745-6. He married Mary _____, who survived him, and married, secondly, Daniel Massey of Salem, N.H., March 20, 1760. She was Mary Massey in 1765.

Children:

- 120-i. Timothy-5, b. Dec. 7, 1742; probably living in 1765.
- 121-ii. Abigail-5, under age in 1744; perhaps d. before 1765.
- 122-iii. John-5, b. about 1746 (posthumous?), and was living in 1765.

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DEA. PETER AYER-4, born in Haverhill Oct. 1, 1696. He was a tanner, and lived in the west parish of Haverhill. He married, first, Lydia Perley of Boxford Jan. 17, 1720-1; and, second, Elizabeth Carlton, Jan. 22, 1750-1. He died in 1774; his will, dated Jan. 10, 1774, being proved July 7, 1774.

Children, born in Haverhill:

- 123-i. Jacob-5, b. Oct. 26, 1721; tanner; lived in Haverhill; a Baptist; m., first, Sarah _____ before 1750; she was his wife in 1761; m., second, Mary, widow of Hezekiah Colby of Haverhill before 1768; was adjudicated non compos mentis Oct. 6, 1774; administration was granted on his estate June 8, 1790; and his wife Mary survived him, dying, his widow, July 26, 1798, aged sixty. Probably no issue.
- 124-ii. Peter-5, b. Oct. 9, 1724; tanner; lived in Haverhill; m. Mary Ayer (154) Aug. 19, 1779; a Baptist; he d. in 1799, his will, dated June 23, 1794, being proved May 6, 1799; she survived him; probably no issue.
- 125-iii. Richard-5, b. Jan. 23, 1726-7. See below (125).
- 126-iv. Perley-5, b. Sept. 30, 1732. See below (126).
- 127-v. John-5, b. Feb. 27, 1735; d. Jan. 3, 1736-7.
- 128-vi. Joseph-5, b. Sept. 9, 1736.
- 129-vii. Lydia-5, b. Dec. 26, 1737; m., first, David Haynes before 1757; he was in the battle of Bunker Hill, dying of camp fever in the same month; she m., second, Nathaniel Perley of Boxford Sept. 10, 1776; and both were living in Boxford in 1799; he dying there July 18, 1810.

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SAMUEL AYER-4, born in Haverhill Aug. 4, 1698. He was a yeoman, and lived in Haverhill. He married Rachel Kimball of Bradford May 17, 1726. He died in 1728; administration being granted upon his estate April 2, 1728. She survived him, and married, secondly, James Eaton June 13, 1728.

Child, born in Haverhill:

- 130-i. Samuel-5, b. Feb. 13, 1726-7. See below (130).

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DR. WILLIAM AYER-4, born in Haverhill Feb. 6, 1701-2. He was a physician and resided in Haverhill, except in 1727, when he is called of Groton. He married Abigail Emerson before 1735; and died before 1770, when she was living in Haverhill, his widow.

Children, born in Haverhill:

- 131-i. Abigail-5, stillborn Jan. 10, 1735-6.

- 132-ii. Jonathan-5, b. July 10, 1737. See below (132).
- 133-iii. Hannah-5, b. Jan. 20, 1738-9; perhaps m. William Ladd Dec. 7, 1758, and lived in Haverhill.
- 134-iv. Samuel-5, b. May 26, 1747; d. June 1, 1749.

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EBENEZER AYER-4, born in Haverhill Feb. 18, 1704-5. He was a yeoman; and lived in Methuen until the State line was fixed, after which his house was included in Salem, N.H. He married Susannah Kimball March 29, 1726; and she died Sept. 26, 1749. Administration was granted on his estate April 11, 1763.

Children, born in Methuen:

- 135-i. Elizabeth-5, b. Jan. 25, 1727-8.
- 136-ii. Sarah-5, b. Oct. 27, 1730.
- 137-iii. Philip-5, b. Feb. 28, 1731-2; d. in Methuen Nov. 2, 1756.
- 138-iv. Tuttle-5, b. April __, 1734; d. young.
- 139-v. Tuttle-5, b. May 17, 1735.
- 140-vi. Peter-5, b. May 12, 1737.
- 141-vii. Timothy-5, b. July 16, 1740. See below (141).
- 142-viii. John-5, b. April 2, 1744.
- 143-ix. Joseph-5, b. May 22, 1746.
- 144-x. Isaiah-5, b. Sept. 19, 1749.
- 145-xi. William-5, b. about 1753; aged sixteen in 1769; lived in Methuen in 1769, and in Salem, N.H., in 1778; and m. Mary Messer of Methuen Dec. 30, 1778.

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SIMON AYER-4, born in Haverhill Dec. 26, 1709. He was a yeoman; and lived in Haverhill. He married Mary Webster Dec. 20, 1733; and died Jan. 1, 1774. She died, his widow, Jan. 24, 1782.

Children, born in Haverhill:

- 146-i. Samuel-5, b. June 9, 1736; eldest son in 1773.
- 147-ii. Simon-5, b. June 30, 1738; d. Aug. 16, 1740.
- 148-iii. Elizabeth-5 (twin), b. Dec. 20, 1740; d. Dec. 21, 1740.
- 149-iv. Mary-5 (twin), b. Dec. 20, 1740; d. Dec. 21, 1740.
- 150-v. Simon-5, b. July 31, 1742. See below (150).
- 151-vi. Stephen-5, b. Dec. 1, 1744. See below (151).
- 152-vii. Moses-5, b. April 14, 1747; living in 1778.
- 153-viii. Elizabeth-5, b. July 24, 1749; d. Sept. 22, 1749.

- 154-ix. Mary-5, b. March 13, 1751; m. Peter Ayer (124) Aug. 19, 1779.
 155-x. William-5, b. Oct. 28, 1753; of Nottingham (?), 1778.
 156-xi. Abigail-5, b. March 2, 1756; m. Emerson Smith before 1778.

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DAVID AYER-4, born in Haverhill May 2, 1714. He was a cooper and yeoman; and lived in Haverhill, receiving by deed from his father, a house and lot in 1736. He married Hannah Shepard (daughter of John and Hannah (Ayer) (83) Shepard) Sept. 13, 1733. He died March 27, 1767; and she survived him.

Children, born in Haverhill:

- 157-i. Nathaniel-5, b. Feb. 24, 1734-5. See below (157).
 158-ii. Hannah-5, b. Aug. 16, 1739; d. Sept. 17, 1754, aged fifteen.
 159-iii. Ruth-5, b. June 26, 1742; probably m. Simeon Ladd of Exeter March 13, 1764.
 160-iv. Abigail-5, b. Nov. 24, 1746; living in 1761.

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SAMUEL AYER-5, born in Haverhill May 5, 1712. He was a yeoman, and lived in Haverhill. He married, first, Ann Hazen Feb. 23, 1737-8. She died April 23, 1786, aged sixty-eight; and he married, second, Mehitable Mighill of Bradford April __, 1788. He died Feb. 13, 1794, at the age of eighty-one. He devised his house to his son James. His widow Mehitable died March 17, 1802, at the age of eighty-nine.

Children, born in Haverhill:

- 161-i. Mary-6, b. Dec. 23, 1738; m. _____ Morrison, and d. before 1790.
 162-ii. Anna-6, b. Sept. 22, 1740; m. John Kimball before 1790.
 163-iii. Samuel-6, b. Nov. 29, 1742. See below (163).
 164-iv. Elizabeth-6, b. July 7, 1745; d. Dec. 5, 1746.
 165-v. Elizabeth-6, b. Aug. 21, 1747; d. Sept. 5, 1747.
 166-vi. Elizabeth-6, b. June 22, 1748; m. Jacob Ela July 28, 1768; and was living in 1790.
 167-vii. Hannah-6, b. Aug. 25, 1751; m. John Bradley before 1790.
 168-viii. Ruth-6, b. Dec. 4, 1753; m. Peter Green of Concord,

- N.H., Apr. 29, 1773; and was living in 1790.
 169-ix. Richard-6, b. May 12, 1757; living in 1790; probably m. Susannah Sargent in Methuen Aug. 27, 1777.
 170-x. James-6, b. Jan. 1, 1761. See below (170).

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DEA. JOHN AYER-5, born in Haverhill April 18, 1714. He was a tanner; and lived in Haverhill. He married, first, Elizabeth Hale of Newbury Jan. 27, 1746-7. She died Sept. 17, 1757; and he married, second, Sarah, widow of Daniel Perkins of Boxford, in Newbury, Sept. 26, 1759. He died May 3, 1777; and his wife Sarah survived him, probably dying in 1792.

Children, born in Haverhill:

- 171-i. John-6, b. Nov. 14, 1747; yeoman and cooper; lived in Plaistow, N.H., in 1778.
 172-ii. Moses-6, b. Dec. 20, 1748. See below (172).
 173-iii. Elizabeth-6, b. Jan. 5, 1749-50; m. Phineas Carlton of Haverhill, distiller, before 1771; and d. July 8, 1784.
 174-iv. Obadiah-6, b. June 24, 1751. See below (174).
 175-v. James-6, b. July 13, 1753. See below (175).
 176-vi. Nathan-6, b. May 5, 1755. See below (176).
 177-vii. Mary-6, b. May 10, 1756; m. Dr. Isaac Spofford of Wenham Nov. 3, 1774.

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RICHARD AYER-5, born in Haverhill Jan. 23, 1726-7. He was a tanner, and lived in the west parish of Haverhill. He married, first, Martha Mitchell June 14, 1753. She died Sept. 26, 1767; and he married, second, Jane _____ before 1774. Administration was granted on his estate June 6, 1781; and on his widow Jane's Aug. 27, 1781. Her administrator was Dr. John Newman of Newburyport.

Children, born in Haverhill:

- 178-i. Abiah-6, b. Jan. 9, 1754; d. June 15, 1762.
 179-ii. Peter-6, b. April 5, 1756. See below (179).
 180-iii. James-6, b. Feb. 5, 1760; d. Oct. 7, 1762.
 181-iv. Richard-6, b. April 28, 1762; yeoman; lived in Haverhill; m. Mehitable Shepherd of Haverhill Oct. __, 1786, and was living in 1797.

- 182-v. Abiah-6, b. Feb. 6, 1764; m. Thomas West of Haverhill, cooper, Dec. 27, 1786; and was living in 1790.
 183-vi. James-6, b. Feb. 1, 1766. See below (183).
 184-vii. Jonathan-6, Sept. 20, 1767; living in 1785.

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PERLEY AYER-5, born in Haverhill Sept. 30, 1732. He was a tanner, and lived in Methuen until 1765, when he removed to Haverhill where he afterward resided. He married, first, Sarah Mitchell Nov. 13, 17__; and, second, Lois Stevens Dec. 26, 1776. He died in 1781; his will, dated March 27, 1781, being proved May 7, 1781. His wife Lois survived him. He devised his homestead to his son Joseph.

Children:

- 185-i. Joseph-6, b. May 19, 1755, in Methuen; yeoman, 1777; tanner, 1781-94; m. Sarah How of Methuen Nov. 26, 1778; lived in Haverhill 1777-1784; of Londonderry, N.H., 1785; of Haverhill, 1794.
 186-ii. Lydia-6, b. June 9, 1757 in Methuen; m. Ephraim Corliss Dec. 12, 1776; and lived in Haverhill, where she d. Sept. 23, 1805.
 187-iii. John-6, b. Dec. 21, 1761, in Methuen; living in 1785.
 188-iv. Phineas-6, b. Jan 4, 1764, in Methuen; living in 1785.
 189-v. Hannah-6, b. in 1766 or 1767; m. John Haseltine of Concord, N.H., June 12, 1785.
 190-vi. Hezekiah-6, b. in 1769; living in 1790.
 191-vii. Sarah-6, aged under eighteen in 1781.
 192-viii. Perley-6, b. in 1772; living in 1793.
 193-ix. William-6, living in Hampstead in 1793, under age.

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SAMUEL AYER-5, born in Haverhill Feb. 13, 1726-7. He was a tanner, and lived in Haverhill as late as 1756, except he is called of Kingston, N.H., in 1748. He married Rachel Farnum (Toppan--County court records) July 23, 1747, in Haverhill. "Widow Rachel Ayer married Isaac Bradley, jr., Nov. 23, 1762; and died in February, 1805."

Children, born in Haverhill:

- 194-i. Hepzibah-6, b. Feb. 17, 1747-8.
 195-ii. Rachel-6, b. Oct. 1, 1749.

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- 196-iii. Molly-6, b. Nov. 27, 1750.
 197-iv. John-6, b. Feb. 21, 1752; d. Dec. 16, 1753.
 198-v. John-6, b. Jan. 27, 1754; d. Feb. 16, 1754.
 199-vi. Samuel-6, b. March 19, 1755. See below (199).

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DR. JONATHAN AYER-5, born in Haverhill July 10, 1737. He was a surgeon, and lived in Haverhill. He married Sarah Marble of Haverhill before 1772; and she was his wife in 1798. Captain Ayer died in 1811; his will, dated May 2, 1798, being proved April 3, 1811.

Children, born in Haverhill:

- 200-i. Jonathan-6, b. Dec. 4, 1772; yeoman; lived in Haverhill; and was alive in 1811.
 201-ii. William-6, b. July 1, 1774; probably d. before 1798.
 202-iii. Lydia-6, b. May 11, 1776; unmarried in 1798.
 203-iv. Samuel-6, b. April 7, 1779; d. Dec. 9, 1779.
 204-v. Samuel-6, b. Jan. 31, 1781; d. Jan. 10, 1784.
 205-vi. Joseph-6, b. July 12, 1783; living in 1798.
 206-vii. Mary-6, b. April 21, 1786; living in 1798.
 207-viii. Sarah-6, b. Aug. 11, 1789; living in 1798.
 208-ix. Frederick Steuben-6, b. Aug. 1, 1792; living in 1798.

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SIMON AYER-5, born in Haverhill July 31, 1742. He was a yeoman, and lived in Nottingham-west, N.H., till after 1768, returning to Haverhill before 1775. He married Abigail Haseltine before 1767; and died in Haverhill April 25, 1828. She died in Haverhill May 15, 1831.

Children:

- 209-i. John-6, b. Jan. 29, 1767, in Haverhill; living in 1828.
 210-ii. Abigail-6, m. _____ Gage before 1828.
 211-iii. George Washington-6, b. Nov. 2, 1776; living in 1828.
 212-iv. Sarah Ann-6, b. Jan. 5, 1780; m. Dr. Ralph Harris of Methuen Dec. 10, 1801; and was living in 1828.
 213-v. Polly-6, b. Jan. 31, 1782; m. _____ Dole before 1828.
 214-vi. Bill-6, b. Aug. 27, 1783; d. Jan. 5, 1796.
 215-vii. James-6, b. Sept. 17, 1785; yeoman; lived in Haverhill; m. Fanny _____; and d. in 1820.

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STEPHEN AYER-5, born in Haverhill Dec. 1, 1744. He was a tanner, and lived in Haverhill until after 1771, removing to Dunbarton, N.H., where he was living in 1782. He married Sarah Gray of Andover April 18, 1769; and she was his wife in 1782.

Children, born in Haverhill:

- 216-i. Thomas-6, b. April 18, 1770.
- 217-ii. Anne-6, b. June 28, 1771.

NATHANIEL AYER-5, born in Haverhill Feb. 24, 1734-5. He was a yeoman, and lived in Haverhill. He married Lydia White of Haverhill Nov. 17, 1757; and died Jan. 18, 1784. She died, his widow, Feb. 9, 1807.

Children, born in Haverhill:

- 218-i. John Appleton-6, b. Oct. 15, 1758; yeoman; lived in Haverhill; m. Lois Morse of Haverhill Nov. 15, 1785; he d. Sept. 13, 1822; she d., his widow, May 8, 1830; probably no issue.
- 219-ii. Hannah-6, b. June 11, 1760; m. Nathaniel Mackintire of Haverhill Dec. 18, 1784.
- 220-iii. David-6, b. Nov. 19, 1762; d. March 24, 1789.
- 221-iv. Lydia-6, b. April 15, 1765; probably m. Samuel White, jr., of Haverhill March 22, 1789; and d. Feb. 28, 1802.
- 222-v. Anna-6, b. Nov. 27, 1768; living in 1786; probably m. Matthew Pettingell of Haverhill Dec. 29, 1791.
- 223-vi. Timothy-6, b. April 23, 1773. See below (223).
- 224-vii. Ruth-6, b. Aug. 12, 1776; living in 1786; probably m. Michael Carleton of Haverhill Nov. 20, 1795.
- 225-viii. Nathaniel-6, b. Sept. 20, 1780; d. Feb. 18, 1807.

SAMUEL AYER-5, born in Haverhill Nov. 29, 1742. He was a yeoman, and lived in Haverhill. He married Mary Carleton of Boxford Oct. 7, 1761; and was living in Haverhill in 1794.

- 226-i. Sarah-6, b. Aug. 27, 1762.
- 227-ii. John-6, b. Sept. 15, 1764.
- 228-iii. Samuel-6, b. Oct. 19, 1765.

- 229-iv. Stephen-6, b. Feb. 21, 1767.
- 230-v. Betty-6, b. Oct. 27, 1768.
- 231-vi. Hezekiah-6, b. Feb. 7, 1770.

MAJ. JAMES AYER-6, born in Haverhill Jan. 1, 1761. He was a yeoman, and lived in Haverhill. He married Mary Brickett of Haverhill Dec. 8, 1782; and she died April 28, 1838.

Children, born in Haverhill:

- 232-i. Mary-7, b. in 1783; d. Oct. 10, 1783, aged five months.
- 233-ii. Mary-7, b. in 1784, d. Aug. 23, 1787, aged two years and ten months.
- 234-iii. Anna-7, b. July 19, 1786.
- 235-iv. James-7, b. Aug. 12, 1788.
- 236-v. Robert-7, b. June 1, 1790.
- 237-vi. Theodore-7, b. July 3, 1792.
- 238-vii. Samuel-7, b. Nov. 14, 1794.
- 239-viii. Richard-7, b. Jan. 21, 1797.
- 240-ix. Elizabeth-7, b. Dec. 20, 1798.
- 241-x. Hazen-7, b. March 20, 1801.
- 242-xi. George-7, b. Jan. 17, 1803; d. Feb. 6 (7-gravestone), 1803.

DEA. MOSES AYER-6, born in Haverhill Dec. 20, 1748. He is called a gentleman in deeds; and lived in Haverhill. He married, first, Martha Kimball before 1771. She died Nov. 21, 1805; and he married second, Sarah _____. He died Sept. 10, 1820; and his wife Sarah survived him.

Children, born in Haverhill:

- 243-i. Sarah-7, b. May 6, 1771; d. July 29, 1772.
- 244-ii. John-7, b. Aug. 16, 1772; d. March 12, 1776.
- 245-iii. Moses-7, b. July 22, 1774; d. March 21, 1776.
- 246-iv. Elizabeth-7, b. Feb. 2, 1777; m. Dr. John Bricket of Sudbury, Canada, Sept. 29, 1795.
- 247-v. Sarah-7, b. Aug. 11, 1780.
- 248-vi. Pattie-7, b. May 12, 1782; d. July 13, 1806.
- 249-vii. Moses-7, b. March 21, 1785; living in 1820.
- 250-viii. John-7, b. Aug. 18, 1788; living in 1820.
- 251-ix. Joseph Kimball-7, b. March 14, 1792; m. Sarah _____.

OBADIAH AYER-6, born in Haverhill June 24, 1751. He was a yeoman, and lived in Haverhill. He married Elizabeth Whittier of Haverhill Jan. 22, 1778. She died May 1, 1818; and he died March 28, 1823.

Children, born in Haverhill:

- 252-i. Ruth-7, b. Sept. 13, 1778.
- 253-ii. John-7, b. Jan. 9, 1780.
- 254-iii. Fanny-7, b. Dec. 14, 1782.
- 255-iv. Nathaniel-7, b. June 26, 1787.
- 256-v. Elizabeth-7, b. Aug. 11, 1789.
- 257-vi. Hannah-7, b. Dec. 20, 1792.
- 258-vii. Abigail-7, b. Jan. 20, 1795.

JAMES AYER-6, born in Haverhill July 13, 1753. He was a carrier, and lived in Haverhill. Called "esquire" in deeds. He married, first, Judith Chase of Haverhill Dec. 31, 1778. She died June 21, 1789; and he married, second, Deborah Pettingill of Haverhill, March 30, 1790. He died Oct. 29, 1823; and his wife Deborah survived him.

Children, born in Haverhill:

- 259-i. Sophia-7, b. Oct. 8, 1779; probably m. Theodore Ela of Lebanon Sept. 2, 1798; and d. before 1823.
- 260-ii. James-7, b. Dec. 30, 1780; living in 1823.
- 261-iii. Mary-7, b. March 16, 1782; m. _____ Brigham before 1823.
- 262-iv. Lydia-7, b. April 9, 1784; d. Oct. 21, 1803.
- 263-v. Judith-7, b. March 22, 1786; d. Feb. 10, 1806.
- 264-vi. Anna-7, b. July 2, 1788; and probably d. before 1823.
- 265-vii. William-7, b. Sept. 19, 1790; living in 1823.
- 266-viii. Richard-7, d. before 1823, leaving a daughter Lydia.
- 267-ix. Lucy-7 b. Nov. 26, 1793; d. Sept. 30, 1796.
- 268-x. Charles-7, b. Sept. 11, 1795; living in 1823.
- 269-xi. George-7, living in 1823.
- 270-xii. Lois-7, b. July 6, 1800; m. _____ Caldwell before 1823.

NATHAN AYER-6, born in Haverhill May 5, 1755. He was a tanner, and lived in Haverhill. He married Elizabeth Colbey of Haverhill

Nov. 7, 1779, and she died in Haverhill April 29, 1822. He was living in 1803.

Children, born in Haverhill:

- 271-i. Betsey-7, b. Sept. 26, 1780.
- 272-ii. Katharine-7, b. March 2, 1784.
- 273-iii. Nathan-7, b. April 25, 1788; d. April 20, 1810.
- 274-iv. Polly-7, b. March 2, 1792.
- 275-v. Joanna-7, b. Oct. 1, 1795; d. Nov. 7, 1824.
- 276-vi. George-7, b. Dec. 1, 1798; d. Aug. 26, 1800.
- 277-vii. Matilda-7, b. Feb. 23, 1803.

PETER AYER-6, born in Haverhill April 5, 1756. He lived in Haverhill; married Abigail Eaton of Haverhill Nov. 1, 1787; and she died there Dec. 16, 1815.

Children, born in Haverhill:

- 278-i. Richard-7, b. July 12, 1789.
- 279-ii. Robert-7, b. Aug. 14, 1791.
- 280-iii. Abigail-7, b. July 1, 1793.
- 281-iv. James Varnum-7, b. July 10, 1796.
- 282-v. Hainst-7, b. Nov. 23, 1798.
- 283-vi. Adaline-7, b. Jan. 8, 1801.
- 284-vii. Louise Anna-7, b. July 18, 1803.
- 285-viii. Sarah Jane-7, b. Sept. 22, 1806.
- 286-ix. Phebe Clarissa-7, b. Dec. 1, 1809.

JAMES AYER-6, born in Haverhill Feb. 1, 1766. He married Sally Bradley of Haverhill Dec. 14, 1794, and lived in that town.

Children, born in Haverhill:

- 287-l. Low Bradley-7, b. Dec. 31, 1796.
- 288-ii. Martha-7, b. Dec. 4, 1798.
- 289-iii. Gorham Parsons-7, b. Dec. 4, 1800.
- 290-iv. Ira-7, b. Dec. 26, 1802.
- 291-v. Mary Low-7, b. Nov. 22, 1804.
- 292-vi. Sarah Bradley-7, b. April 2, 1809.
- 293-vii. Henrietta-7, b. April 3, 1811.

SAMUEL AYER-6, born in Haverhill March 19, 1755. He lived in Haverhill, and married Sarah Chase of Haverhill April 6, 1781.

Children, born in Haverhill:

- 294-i. Sally-7, b. Sept. 5, 1782.
- 295-ii. Samuel-7, b. May 26, 1784.
- 296-iii. Richard-7, b. _____ 10, 1786.
- 297-iv. John-7, b. April 1, 1788.
- 298-v. Abigail-7, b. March 31, 1790.
- 299-vi. Hannah-7, b. July 19, 1792.
- 300-vii. Anna-7, b. July 10, 1794; d. young.
- 301-viii. William-7, b. Jan. 3, 1797; d. March 7, 1826.
- 302-ix. Anna-7, b. March 17, 1799.

TIMOTHY AYER-6, born in Haverhill April 23, 1773. He lived in Haverhill; married Huldah Chase of Newbury Oct. 15, 1795; and died in Haverhill May 11, 1801.

Children:

- 303-i. David-7, b. May 24, 1796, in Newbury.
- 304-ii. John Appleton, b. July 26, 1799, in Newbury.
- 305-iii. Adaline-7, b. March 8, 1801, in Haverhill.

AYER NOTE

Lt. Ebenezer Ayer (No. 101) married, secondly, Elizabeth _____. His first wife, Susannah, died at Salem, N.H., Sept. 19, 1749. He was of Salem, N.H., after 1736, though their children, after that date, were recorded in Methuen; some, however, were baptized in Salem. His grave is in the old cemetery of Salem, and the stone is inscribed as follows:

"Here lies ye body of Lieut. Ebenezer Ayr. He departed this life March ye 3, 1762 (1763), aged 57 years."

On the foot stone is "Lieut. Ebenezer Ayer 1763." The son Ebenezer married widow Hannah (Plaisted) Scammon in Pepperellboro', Me., July 4, 1754; and had six or seven children. The son Peter married, first, Rebecca _____, and had seven or more children; and, second, widow Sarah Jenkins of Pepperellboro'. The son

Timothy married, first, about 1766, Elizabeth _____, and had ten children; and, second, April 23, 1798, widow Elizabeth (Scammon) Moody of Pepperellboro'; by whom he had no issue. The son Joseph married Eunice Clark, in Pearsontown (Standish), Me., Oct. 3, 1775. The son Isaiah married Hannah _____; had one child; and died at Salem Oct. 23, 1772. His tombstone says, "Sept. 25, 1772, aet. 23 yrs." Other children were born as follows: Ebenezer, born in Haverhill March 22, 1727; was a major; and lived in Pepperellboro' (Saco); served in the Revolution; and immediately after its close disappeared and was never heard from; William, born in Salem, N.H., May 23, 1752; Elizabeth, born in Salem Sept. 28, 1753; Samuel, born in Salem Sept. 1, 1754; married Anna Currier Jan. 17, 1782; Philip, born in Salem Nov. 3, 1758; John, baptized in Haverhill March 16, 1741-2; and John, baptized in Haverhill Oct. 12, 1760. In the old cemetery at Salem Centre, N.H., is a stone inscribed as follows: "In memory of Elizabeth, relict of Mr. Ebenezer Ayer. She died Jan. 2, 1786, aged 71." (Charles M. Ayer, Grand Rapids, Mich.)

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