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LIFE OF GEORGE DEWEY,

REAR ADMIRAL, U. S. N.,

AND

DEWEY FAMILY HISTORY.

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*BEING AN AUTHENTIC HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL RECORD
OF MORE THAN FIFTEEN THOUSAND PERSONS IN THE
UNITED STATES BY THE NAME OF DEWEY,
AND THEIR DESCENDANTS.*

LIFE OF REAR ADMIRAL GEORGE DEWEY WRITTEN AND BOOK EDITED BY
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SIXTH GENERATION — BORN AT WESTFIELD.

1. Willam, 2d, b. March 19, 1760; d. July 13, 1823, ag. 62; m. Feb. 3, 1785, Margaret Mosely; m. 2d, Frances Mosely.
2. Turner, b. Sept. 16, 1762; d. July 8, 1798, ag. 35; lived at Hebron, N. Y.; m. Lydia Barber.
3. Charles, b. Sept. 27, 1764; d. May 11, 1813, ag. 48; m. Sept. 25, 1788, Sally Taylor.
4. Sarah, b. Feb. 17, 1767; d. April 3, 1847, ag. 80; m. Nov. 21, 1799, Lysander Curtis; m. 2d, May 17, 1809, Wm. Eastman, of Granby, Mass.
5. Noah, b. Feb. 20, 1769; m. Sophia Dewey, 114 q. v.
6. Nancy, b. Oct. 25, 1771; d. Feb. 17, 1802, ag. 30, at St. Albans, Vt.; m. Hon. Seth Wetmore, a lawyer, sheriff of Franklin Co., Vt.; many years a member of the governor's council and judge of probate.
7. Warham, b. Dec. 29, 1773; d. July 8, 1853, ag. 79, at Westfield, Mass.; lived on Shepard street; m. Lucy Marsh; m. 2d, Jan. 25, 1815, Jerusha Eastman.
8. Lucy, b. Dec. 15, 1778; d. March 5, 1833, ag. 54; m. Dec. 25, 1806, Ephraim Hastings, of Heath, Mass.
9. Henry, b. June 24, 1782; m. Huldah Shepard; m. 2d, Elizabeth Miller.

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ESTHER DEWEY, dau. of Moses, b. April 9, 1744, at Westfield, Mass.; m. March 15, 1762, ENOCH SHEPARD, son of Dea. John and Elizabeth (Noble), and brother to Gen. William; b. Oct. 23, 1742, at Westfield; d. Sept. —, 1821, ag. 78, at Marietta, O. He m. 2d, Nov. 2, 1800, Margaret Goss.

SIXTH GENERATION — BORN AT WESTFIELD.

1. Esther, b. June 16, 1762.
2. Enoch, 2d, b. May 29, 1765.
3. Anne, b. Dec. 5, 1767.

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RUSSELL DEWEY, Adjutant, son of Moses, b. Aug. 7, 1754, at Westfield; there d. Feb. 18, 1827, ag. 72, where he was a farmer, and lived on the west corner of Franklin and Shepard streets. Had interests at Murrayfield, now Chester, Mass., and marched from there April 22, 1775, as fifer in Capt. David Shepard's Co., Col. Seth Pomeroy's Regt.; served 10 days, enlisted May 2, and appears as fifer of Capt. Abijah Child's Co., Col. Thomas Gardener's Regt., Aug. 1, 1775; height 5 ft. 7 inches; appears with the rank

of quartermaster sergeant on Continental Pay Accounts of Col. Shepard's Regt. for services Jan. 1, 1777, to Nov. 1, 1779, enlisted for 3 years or the war; promoted to wagon master Nov. 1, 1779; reported sick at Westfield May 5, 1779; was in the Battle of Bunker Hill, took his station at the "rail fence," and fired 13 of the 17 cartridges he carried into the field; was in the campaign for Quebec in 1776; in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, at the taking of Burgoyne, and at Valley Forge in 1778; in 1783 was commissioned adjutant by Gov. Hancock, and served in the 2d and 3d Regts. Mass. Militia, until his resignation and honorable discharge in 1805; placed on the U. S. Pension Roll, Oct 1, 1818, commenced to draw May 6, 1818; received \$843.20 back pay and \$96 per year until his death. The inscription on his marble tablet is as follows: "In memory of | Adj. Russell Dewey, | who died Feb. 18, 1827, | Aged 72 years. | He was a lover of his country | And fought for her independence."

The following is a "Declaration" made by Adj. Russell Dewey, and sent to the War Department, with his application for a pension, which was granted:

"Westfield, May 6th, 1818.

Marched from Chester on or about the 23d of April, 1775, and joined the troops in Cambridge, near Boston; enlisted on the forepart of May as fifer in Captain Child's company, Col. Gardener's regiment, for eight months. Was discharged in the fore part of Jan., 1776, and returned to Chester. Enlisted on the first of February under Capt. Grovner for three months in Maj. Cady's detachment and was appointed fife major of said detachment and marched immediately to Quebec. Was discharged on or about the 6th of May, when our troops retreated from that place and returned to Chester. Enlisted about the first of June under Capt. Gray, of Col. Woodbridge's regiment, for six months and marched immediately for Ticonderoga. Soon after our arrival at that place I was appointed Fife Maj. of Gen. Bricket's brigade. Was discharged about the first of December and returned to Westfield. Enlisted in February or March, 1777, during the war under Lieut. Martin Smith, of Capt. Ball's company, Col. Wm. Shepard's regiment, Gen. Glover's brigade, as Quarter Master Sergt. Rec'd my warrant as Q. M. Sergt. Sept. 14th, 1778. Was promoted to Wagon Conductor on the 21st of August, 1779, to Gen. Glover's brigade. Was returned promoted and left off the rolls in the regiment. Continued in the brigade until the fore part of June, 1780; then by the consent of Col. Shepard and Gen. Glover resigned and left the service and returned to Westfield.

RUSSEL DEWEY."

The following is a part of Adjutant Dewey's War Diary:

Jan. 30, 1776. A funeral. Traveled to the northward; traveled to Worthington.

31st. Tarried in the town that day.

Feb. 1. Traveled to Gageboro.

2d. Traveled to Landlord King's in New Lebanon.

3d. Traveled to Landlord Corbin's in Albany, had sum differance; lay at the barber's.

4th. We viewed the city; tarried 3 days; the 7th day we traveled to Landlord Briant's in Stillwater, there we heard the harpsicord and see the negro dance.

8th. Traveled to Saratoga.

9th. " " Landlord Smith's in Fort Edward, which makes in whole of our travel to this place 133 miles.

Feb. 10. We marched from Fort Edward to halfaway brook to Ld. Wing which was a plane way very bad traveling upon the account of a rain the night before; the water was a near about middle deep some part of the way.

11th. We marched from halfaway brook to Fort George; was a plane way. 7 miles.

12th. We left Fort George and came to Ticonderoga across the lake 40 miles.

13th. Left Ticonderoga came above Crown Point on the Lake Champlain; 20 miles.

14th. We marched on the lake to Stilburn which was 25 miles.

15th. We marched on the lake nearly 30 mile with the Co. and in our march one span of our horses broke through the lake which took us an hour to get them out; at night we made a halt for to encamp, it being 21 miles to any house; 8 of us had a mind to go to the house; we got leave of the Captain to go on; we traveled about 16 mile, two of us gave out and we could no go any further; we went on to the land and made a fire and stayed there that night; we 8 traveled 46 miles.

16th. We 8 marched to the white house and waited there for the Co. 5 miles.

17th. We left Lake Champlain 9 miles.

Sunday 18th. We marched on the river to St. John 21 miles.

19th. Left St. John and marched to Montreal 27 miles.

20. Lay by in Montreal.

21st. Viewed arms at night; 3 or 4 of us went to Col. Presson's quarters.

Thursday 22d. I felt had very bad cold and was very poorly.

23d and 24. Nothing remarkable happened. Amen.

Sunday 25th. I went to the French Church and see them carry on and heard the organ.

26th. 2 companies marched into Montreal and one marched for Quebec.

27th. A Post arrived at Montreal and brot. news that our troops had burnt and took Boston.

28th. We settled all our affairs in the mess and used the pot together.

29th. Nothing remarkable happened except 2 bottles of wine which was handed round among us considerable; dito. Amen!

March 1, 1776. Nothing remarkable happened.

2d. We used the pot together, strangely.

Sunday 3d. Nothing remarkable happened except brandy and loaf sugar.

4th. Nothing remarkable happened except a fire which broke out and burnt up the armorer shop and one gun that belonged to the Co. and how much more I cannot tell.

5th. 3 Cos. marched for Quebec. 11 slay load of provisions arrived to Place; at night 2 or 3 of us walk to the city and used the pot with Lieut. Herrinton.

6th. We left Montreal and marched for Quebec 4 miles.

7th. Proceeded on our march toward Quebec on the river St. Lawrence 20 miles.

8th. Marched on the river 22 miles it being settled all the way, we came by towns, with churches in them; nothing remarkable happened that day nor the day before only the Capt. cursing and swearing to the Lieut.

Saturday 9th. Nothing remarkable happened on our march 24 miles; we marched by 3 towns that day.

10th. Marched by 2 towns and came to a town called the 3 Rivers; a large town with 3 meetinghouses 21 miles.

11th. We marched by 2 towns, nothing remarkable happened except sore eyes; 18 miles.

12. Lay still upon the account of its raining in the A. M. and one of our Co. being sick and unable to march.

13th. Marched 30 miles, part of the day we marched upon the land; we marched by 5 more towns that day.

14th. It was a very bad stormy day; we marched by 3 more churches one had 3 steeples; 20 miles.

15th. Was a fine pleasant day; we arrived at Quebec; we marched by 4 churches and 1 image that day; 22 miles. The whole of my march from Murri's field to this place is 520 miles.

Saturday 16th. Nothing remarkable happened except a smokehouse which our Co. was put into and almost smoked my eyes out; three company is march in this day.

17th. They fired from the walls of Quebec considerable.

Monday 18th. I viewed the wall of Quebec; they fired at me 2 or 3 times without danger.

19th. Nothing remarkable happened except the infection of the small pox, which we began to prepare for.

20th. Nothing remarkable happened.

21. " " " " except hungry men; for we being a fixing for the small pox might not eat nor drink anything except bread and water, that is we could not git any thing else to eat.

22d. Nothing remarkable happened.

23d. We had news that the King's troops had taken 20 sly load of provisions; about 60 of our troops went down the river to retake them.

24th. It was a cold windy day and the snow flew and winds was so high that we was afraid to go out a door for fear we should be blowed away for our preparation brought us so low that we were almost as light as eagles.

Monday 25th. News came to head quarters that our men had killed and taken upward of 30 of the enemy.

26th. I begun to break out with the smallpox.

27th. The Commodore arrived at Quebec and brot. us the good news that Gen. Lee was at Crown Pt. with 1510 troops of them French Regulars from France and that the French brought 60 tons of powder with them.

28th. I was very sick.

29th. I grew better and got so well that I went to git my bottle but in vain the place where I left it was a grog shop; the man said it was stolen by somebody but swore he knew not where it was.

30th. The Regulars hawled a gun out of the city and fired at our main guard and just at night they killed one of our men.

31st. The Capt. or Lieut. went to the hospital and what beat all was some crows which kept a crowing round there and I could not kill them but I stirred them dito considerable.

Monday, April 1. Nothing remarkable happened.

2d. They wounded 2 of our men at the alarm post.

3d. Our men opened a battery from Point Levi upon the town; 3 Cos. marched in this day belonging to Col. Por—.

4th. Nothing remarkable happened except half allowance.

5th. Nothing remarkable happened.

6th. Gunpowder, smoke, fire and balls about these days.

7th. Bali flying in the air.

8th. Some firing.

9th. Continual firing from Pt. Levi and from the town.

Wednesday 10th. A Post arrived at Quebec and brot news that Boston was taken; he said that our people bilt battries at the mouth of the harbor and stoped the Shipin from going out or in, and that they had bilt another upon Dorchester Point and some others that they had bilt; that they drove the shipin up in a heap round the part of the town and that our people played upon them so smart that they did send out a flag of truce to git leave to go of with their baggage and stores, which was not granted, but our people at last marched into town and took it with the loss of a number of men; but how many we did not hear.

11th. Nothing remarkable happened.

12th. There was a report in the camp that a woman came out of the city this night and brought out this news, that there was a mutiny in the City and that Gen. Carlton was for giving up the City and Col. Macklen was for

keeping it. Macklen had the stronger party and over came Carlton and confined him.

15th. The Bull that we set such a great store by died and he is now dead for the want of blood, his blood is all gone which causes us to lament greatly; for his blood was excellent good and nourishing to nature.

Sunday 14th. Nothing remarkable happened.

15th. Was the day we longed to see for that was the day that our time was out and our Regiment had not past muster; we turned out that day to see if should Pass. and the muster-master not coming they whipped the Snake awhile and we was dismist for that time.

17th. A Post arrived to this Place and confirmed the news about Boston being taken and brot. news that the King of France had sent a delegate to the Congress and had sent over a ship load of war like stores, and that he would assist us if the King of England engaged the Hanoverians against us.

17th. Our Regiment turned out and mustered, it being the third time that we attempted the thing, and nobody appeared for to muster us; the same day about 40 of the Yorkers Paraded themselves before the General's for to git Liberty to go home. Some of them not being suited swore that they would plunder the inhabitants and fired at some people and tried to blow up the magazine but was taken and carried to the gard house and put in irons.

18th. 2 of our men deserted into the city.

19th. Nothing remarkable happened.

20th. " " " except the Co. turning out in the morning by 3 o'clock, the which the Co. never did before.

Sunday 21. 2 men coming to the river and calling for the canoe, I went to let them over and came to the other side and who should one of them be but George Knok and he not knowing me I set them over and then I spoke to them and then he knowed me and he seamed to be so glad to see me that he scarcely knew what to do with himself. This day 1 man died out of the Co. it being the first man we lost since we left home.

22d. Our men opened a Battery down by the nunnery upon the town and there was a continual fire from the batry and town all the A. M.; our men fire 40 shot from the batry that day and they Plumt 39 of them into the thicket of the city.

23d. They fire from the town dismounted the Bellows with their balls but hurt nobody.

24th. One of our men was a raming down a hot ball and not having sufficient wading the gun went off and burned the man badly.

25th. We was alarmed in the night and ordered to be upon Abraham Plains immediately for what we knew not, but it was supposed that our men was a going to send a fire ship in among their shiping that lay hawled up close into the town in order to burn them but it being a rainy night our men

had but just turned out before we was dismist and there was nothing done that night.

26. There was such a firing that the air was ful of balls some of them flying one way and some the other; our men being so engaged afiring that they split one of their cannon and hurt 1 man very bad so that he died.

Feb. 3d, 1776. Pd. out for the Co. 3s. 3d.

Feb. 8. Pd. out 1s. 2d. for cider.

9th. Paper and paper box 2s.; more to a cheese 9s. 9d.

Montreal Feb. 25, 1776. Anthony Mors, Sarg. dr. to six Pounds of Sugar at one shilling lawful money per Pound myself included 6 sh.

28th. Due to Russell Dewey £13. Dr. to me Joshua Morse more to hard money 2s. Due to R. D. from J. Morse 3s. on our return home.

Pd. out at Landlord Ritchenson at Fort George 4s.

March 8. Corp. Pressons dr. for half a Point of rum 4d. more 4d.

He m. after Aug. 5, 1781, at W. Springfield, Mass., SOPHIA CHAPIN, dau. of Capt. Elisha and Miriam (Ely, dau. of Joseph and Margaret). (Capt. Chapin commanded Fort Massachusetts in 1754 and was massacred by the Indians at Hoosack, now Williamstown, Mass., July 11, 1756; his dau Sarah A. m. John Farnham, of Westfield, who had been one of Paul Jones' men;) b. April 14, 1748, at Springfield, Mass.; d. Aug. 13, 1830, ag. 82, at Westfield.

SIXTH GENERATION — BORN AT WESTFIELD.

112. Sewall, b. March 3, 1782; m.

113. William, b. June 7, 1784; m.

114. Sophia, b. Feb. 9, 1787; d. July 8, 1864, ag. 77, at Worcester, Mass; she joined Westfield church March 1, 1812; m. May 2, 1832, Noah Shepard, her cousin, son of Gen. William, (No. 48,) b. Feb. 20, 1769. He m. 1st Dolly Watson and had Dewey, who lived at Blandford, Mass.; George, who lived at Granville, Mass.; Marble; Thomas; Dolly, and Hannah.

115. Laura, b. March 18, 1790; d. July 6, 1844, ag. 54, at Lisbon, Ill.; m. Sept. 19, 1826, Rev. Samuel Perry, who grad. at Yale in 1824; was a Congregational minister; moved to Lisbon, Ill., and d. there after 1844, childless.

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GIDEON DEWEY, son of Moses, b. July 7, 1758, at Westfield, Mass.; d. June 11, 1830, ag. 71, at E. Bloomfield, Ontario Co., N. Y.; appears as private on a Muster and Pay Roll of Capt. Daniel Sackett's Co., Col. Ruggles Woodbridge's regt., enlisted Aug. 20, 1777, discharged Nov. 29, 1777, served 3 mos. 18 days, 8 days' travel included, served to the northward; also on two Descriptive Lists of Men Enlisted from Westfield according to Resolve of