

GENEALOGY
OF THE GENERATIONS OF

JOHN SIBLEY

Who emigrated from England
to
North America in 1640 or 1641

"It is certainly fit and desirable to know something of our Ancestry
and Family Relations."

He only deserves to be remembered by Posterity who treasures up and
preserves the history of his Ancestors."

Edmd. Burke.

The details from which this Genealogy was compiled, were collected from various sources; and as far as they go, may be used in making up the "FAMILY RECORD",--according to the taste or fancy, respectively, of those entitled so to appropriate them.

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History relates that in the year, 1637, John Hampden, Oliver Cromwell and John Pym, with many others who were termed Puritans in England, having become weary of the despotic tyranny of King Charles I and Archbishop Land, resolved to leave England in a body, and settle as a free community in North America, after the example of those of their brethern who landed on Plymouth Rock from the "Mayflower", December 20, 1620. - King Charles, in an evil hour, detained and forbid the enterprise and it was abandoned. - The effect of this arbitrary edict of the king was most momentous both as regards his own life and future destiny of England. Had Oliver Cromwell and his associates been permitted to emigrate to America, the Political History of England, from that day to the present, would have been written in different language, and Charles, in place of having his head decapitated by the public executioner, would have been able to keep it upon his shoulders till old age or disease would have terminated his voluptuous life.

Among the many young men who were thus balked in their purpose of escaping with those distinguished leader, from Civil and Religious oppression, were John and Ebenezer Sibley, two brothers, natives of the County of Middlesex, near London.

Some time in 1640 or 1641 those brothers, with several others, found means to escape from England, and arrived safely in that part of America, then known as - "North Virginia", - now better known as "New England".

John and Ebenezer located themselves in the then flourishing town of Salem, (now of Essex Co., Massachusetts) occupying the Site of the Ancient Indian Town of Naum-ke-ag. They were both young and unmarried when they left their native land.

John, the eldest, it is believed, was not over twenty-seven years of age, if so old as that. What were their pursuits, there position in Society, their ancestry, etc., can only be conjectural, now. It appears, however, that they were "in good repute," not deficient in education, and of an active and enterprising spirit, and from the circumstance of their adherence and attachment to Cromwell, Hampden and Pym, it may be fairly inferred that they belonged to the "Liberty Party" in England, and not improbably in the Military Service of the Parliament, under the command of Cromwell. It is recorded of them that in their new home they became "tillers of the ground".

John, whose line we are now to trace down, is supposed to have been born in the year 1614, and as it well authenticated that he lived to the great age of ninety-six years, we place his death somewhere in the year 1710.

His marriage took place late in late life in the year 1657, at which time he was about 43 years of age. Nothing is known in regard to his wife, not even her name. Some years before his death he removed with his family from Salem to Sutton in County of Worcester, Massachusetts, at which place he died.

He left Seven children - five sons and two daughters. We have the names of the sons only. They are John, Joseph, William, Samuel, and Benjamin. The dates of the several births not known. John, the eldest, we reasonably conjecture was born in 1659. One of the daughters, it is well known was married to the famous Freegrace Marble, the ancestor of all the Sutton Marbles. The descendents of the first John are now "very numerous" in the land and are found in every State in the Union, in Canada and in Mexico.

Of Ebenezer, his younger brother, nothing has been yet traced reliably. Whether he married and left a family, or died unmarried, or returned to England, we are without any recorded or traditionary facts to warrant any definite conclusion in regard to him.

2d John, the eldest son of 1st John, was born in Salem in 1659. He was married in Salem in 1692, but had no issue by his first wife. He was again married in Salem in 1713. The maiden name of his second wife was Zerniah, but of what family we know not. He died in Sutton in 1754, in the 95th year of his age. He was always called "Capt. John". The children of John and Zerniah were six. Their names, as of record, are:

1st John	-	born in Salem, November 13, 1714.
2nd Ebenezer	-	born in Salem, February 28, 1717.
3rd Stephen	-	born in Salem, October 1, 1720.
4th Bethiah	-	born in Sutton, October 2, 1724.
5th Timothy	-	born in Sutton, November 2, 1727.
6th Mary	-	born in Sutton, February 1730.

Our lineage now descends through Timothy, the 5th son of the 2d John. We have no recorded account of the four brothers of John, or of his four eldest sons, and not a word as to their families or descendants. Of Mary, the only daughter of the 2d John, the record says, "She married Capt. Samuel Trask, of Sutton, and by him had twenty-one children." If the four brothers and four eldest sons of 2d John proved anything like as fruitful and prolific as his two youngest children, Timothy and Mary, who had thirty-six children, it is no wonder that the record should state that "The Sibley increase has been quite large in the land."

Timothy, the youngest son of 2d John Sibley, grandson of John from England, whose line we are now to trace, was born in Sutton, 2d Nov. 1727, and died in Sutton in 1819, aged 92 years. On the 28th of May, 1752 he married Mary Wood, daughter of Col. Ezekiel Wood, of Uxbridge, Worcester County, Mass. She died in July following, about two months after her marriage.

On the 16th of October, 1753, he married Anne Waite, of

Ipswich, Essex Co., Mass., daughter of Colonel Benjamin Waite. She was born the 14th of October 1733, was baptised seven days after her birth; and died in Sutton, 12th March, 1794 at the age of sixty-one years. This excellent lady was long a pious and exemplary member of the Congregational Church, and died in unwavering faith in the true and pure religion of Jesus Christ.

About the year 1799, Col. Timothy Sibley again married in Boston, "The Widow Amedon", of whom we know nothing only that she received a very superior education, for that period, and that her daughter, by her first husband, married Jonathan Russell, a gentleman of some celebrity, as one of the "Ghent Commissioners" who negotiated the treaty that terminated the war with Great Britain declared in 1812. No issue this marriage.

The following sketch of Col. Timothy Sibley, of Sutton, as he was always called was furnished by one of his numerous grandsons who knew him intimately.

"He was literally a 'Gentleman of the Old School'. He always wore a Cocked Hat, and under that a huge wig, carefully crimped, powdered and prepared by the barber, with large curls behind and three rows of smaller ones under each ear. Indoors, he usually wore a very fine bright Scarlet Worsted Cap, with a Silk Top Knot, laying aside the wig. His coat, in its cut, was much such as is worn by the better sort of Quakers. The Vest was cut with circular flaps, falling below the pockets. He always wore "Small Clothes", terminating at the knees, and fastened there with Silver Buckles, kept highly polished. Shirts, always ruffled, and on extraordinary occasions, he wore ruffles at the wrist as well as in the bosom. Shoes, with the broad straps, fastened with Heavy Silver Buckles, richly ornamented with raised figures, and carefully kept bright and shining. When he rode out, he wore White or Russet Topped Boots, with bright Silver Plated Spurs. Such was his costume.

In person, he was somewhat above the average size of men - not corpulent, but in height nearly six feet.

If we were to divide mankind into four classes - as to mental ability - no one knew him well, would hesitate to place him in the first class. He possessed uncommonly fine colloquial powers and was very sociable and communicative.

His language was well chosen, and he had the faculty, in an eminent degree, of saying much in few words.

In appearance, he was grave, bordering on austerity. I never heard him laugh, and have very seldom seen him smile, and yet he was, by all classes, always esteemed pleasant company. Young people appeared to be particularly fond of his society.

When any two of his neighbors had any disagreement, it was customary to refer the matter to him, and when "The Colonel" had given his opinion, that was the 'end of the law'. Important public interests were often committed to his disposal."

Col. Timothy Sibley and Anne Waite, second wife, had fifteen children , all born in Sutton, viz:

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| 1. - Timothy | - born 19th July, 1754 |
| 2. - Joshua | - born 16th November, 1755 |
| 3. - John | - |
| 4. - Stephen | - twins, born 19th May, 1757 |
| 5. - Stephen 2d | - born 10th November, 1759 |
| 6. - Ebenezer | - born 7th April, 1761 |
| 7. - Anne | - born 15th December, 1762 |
| 8. - Asa | - Born 29th March, 1764 |
| 9. - Jonathan | - born 8th May, 1766 |
| 10. - Benjamin | - born 29th April, 1768 |
| 11. - Solomon | - born 17th November, 1769 |
| 12. - Polly | - born 4th December, 1771 |
| 13. - Artemus | - born 9th July, 1773 |
| 14. - Nahum | - born 11th September, 1775 |
| 15. - Sally | - born 6th June, 1779 |

We will now, in the order of their birth, notice the fifteen children of Col. Timothy Sibley and Anne, his wife, and their descendents, as far as our information extends.

Asa, the 8th child of Colonel Timothy and Anne Waite Sibley, was married on the 10th of January, 1787, to Irene Carpenter, of Woodstock, Connecticut. She was born on July 31st, 1776, and died at the City of Rochester, New York, on the 5th of October, 1846. He also died at the same place on the 25th of February, 1829. Their children were six, viz:

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| 1. - Derick | - born 22nd May, 1788 |
| 2. - Sophia | - born 5th October, 1790 |
| 3. - Lucy | - born 21st July, 1792 |
| 4. - Levi Waite | - born 4th March, 1801 |
| 5. - Mary Ann | - born 18th December, 1804 |
| 6. - George Ainsworth | - born 9th April, 1809 |

The three first above named were born in Woodstock, and the three last named were born in Rochester, New York.

Derick Sibley, the 1st child of Asa and Irene C. Sibley, was married June 9, 1812 to Abbey Risley of Hartforn, Connecticut. They have five children, three of whom dies in infancy. The two remaining children were:

1. - James Whitelaw - born 20th February, 1816 at Montpelier, Vermont (Gramp's grandfather)
2. - Sarah Ann - born 2nd December 1818, at Rochester, New York.

James Whitelaw, son of Derick and Abbey R. Risley, married Mary Alida Hastings in Clinton, New York, September 9th, 1840. She was born March 11, 1818. He died April 6, 1893 at Cincinnati, Ohio. She died at the same place Nov, 2, 1901. Their children were five, viz:

1. - James Hasting, born August 17, 1841; died May 21, 1927.
2. - Mary Huldah, born July 29, 1845; died February, 1831 (Gramp's mother)
3. - Frank Hastings, born November 9, 1847, died April 16, 1895.
4. - May Florence, born December 3, 1860;
5. Charles Herbert Northam, born April 20, 1864; died May 8, 1866.

James Hasting married at Cincinnati, Ohio, 2nd December, 1869 to Cicely Burt, daughter of A. G. Burt, Esquire. She was born 26th July 1844. James Hastings died May 1926. Cicely Burt died May 1932. Their children were two, viz:

1. - Henrietta Burt Sibley - born 26th August, 1871.
2. - James Whitelaw - born 27th December, 1873.

Henrietta Burt Sibley was 5th October, 1898 to Samuel West Lloyd of Milforn, Ohio. They had four children, viz:

1. - Cicely Burt Lloyd - born 15th July, 1899
2. - Anna West Lloyd - born 10th August, 1900
3. - Thomas Sibley Lloyd - born 11th December, 1901
4. Elizabeth Lloyd - born 16th July, 1907; died 1911.

Cicely Burt, daughter of Henrietta Burt Sibley and Samuel West Lloyd, married August 2, 1923 - Gilbert Henry Hicks of Washington D.C. They reside in Charleston, West Virginia and have three children, viz:

1. - Gilbert Henry, Jr., - born September 15th, 1924
2. Cicely Burt - born February 4, 1927
3. Samuel Lloyd - born June 20, 1932 - Bloomfield N. J.

Anna West Lloyd

Thomas Sibley Lloyd

3 Thomas Sibley Lloyd - married Margaret McCandless Nelson of Atlantic City, September 20, 1930. They had two children, viz:

1. - Stephen McCandless - born Sept. 1931, died Oct. 1931.
2. - Eliza Nelson - born January 9, 1933

2. James Whitelaw, son of James Hastings and Cicely Burt Sibley, born 27th of December 1873. Married Hallie West - 16th of October 1909. Died May 1928.

They have no children.

2 Mary Huldah, daughter of Mary Alida and James Whitelaw Sibley, married October 12th, 1869 - Henry Laurens Benham of Indianapolis, Indiana. He was born October 24th, 1843; died August 28th, 1890.

Their children were four, viz:

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| 1. - Mary Hull | - born October 1st, 1870; Died August 27, 1932 |
| 2. - Ethel Sibley | - born October 5th, 1873; Died Nov. 28th, 1953 |
| 3. - Julia Hastings | - born January 11, 1877 |
| 4. - Henry Laurens | - born January 2, 1879; died October, 1973 |

1. Mary Hull, daughter of Mary Juldah Sibley and Henry Laurens Benham, married December 17th, 1891, Edward Coleman Page, son of Kate Lane and Henry John Page of Cincinnati, Ohio. He was born January 27th, 1868; died October 15th, 1925.

Mary Hull Page died August 27th, 1932.

There children were three, viz:

1. - Mary Katherine - born September 27, 1892
2. - John Henry - born May 1, 1897; died 1971
3. - Laurens Benham - born November 25, 1903.

1. Mary Katherine, daughter of Mary Hull and Edward Coleman Page, married F. Holman Waring, June 21, 1916. He was born October 5th, 1890 in Boston. They have three children, viz:

1. - Edward Holman Page born August 23rd, 1918.
2. - Janet - born July 10th, 1921
3. - Gerald Page - born November 5th, 1923.

2. Henry John Page, born 1st May, 1897. Married 24th July, 1918 to Mary Collord. They have two children, viz:
 1. - Mary Luella - born 23rd February, 1920.
 2. - John Henry - born 10th August, 1921. They live in Lakewood Ohio.
1. Mary Luella, daughter of Henry John and Luella Collord Page, married July 2, 1938 - Michael Rockas of Cleveland, Ohio. They have one child, viz:
 1. - Michael John - born January 17, 1940.
3. Laurens Benham Page, married June 19, 1926 - Gene Edwards, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Edwards of Maplewood, New Jersey. She was born October 24th, 1902. They have one child, viz:
 1. - Dorcas Imogene - born November 26th, 1932.

2. Ethel Sibley, daughter of Mary Huldah and Henry Laurens Benham, married September 13, 1893, Rollo Stewart Bassett, son of Charles Ferris and Berth Stewart Bassett. He was born March 9th, 1871 at Cincinnati, Ohio. They have two children, viz:
 1. - Stewart Sibley - born November 2, 1894; died April 31, 1971.
 2. - Margaret Benham - born August 22, 1902.
1. Stewart Sibley, son of Ethel Sibley and Rollo Stewart Bassett, married April 19, 1919 Frances Heater at Hampton, Virginia. They have one child, viz:
 1. - Stewart Sibley - born October 23, 1922; died Sept 14th, 1951.

R. S. Bassett, Died April 10th, 1941.
2. Margaret Benham, daughter of Ethel Sibley and Rollo Stewart Bassett, married December 22, 1926, Paul Howard Leach, son of Howard Emmett Leach and Ann Riley Leach of Joliet, Illinois. They have two children, viz:
 1. - David Laurens - born May 21, 1929; died 1971
 2. - John Howard - born December 13, 1933.

3. Julia Hastings, daughter of Mary Huldah and Henry Laurens Benham, was born 11th January, 1877. On 29th October, 1902 married John James Walker, son of Oliver Edwin and Elizabeth Smith Walker. He was born 2nd December, 1875. They have no children.

4. Henry Laurens, son of Mary Huldah and Henry Laurens Benham, born 2nd January, 1879. On October 26, 1909 married Katherine Cunningham of Gallup, New Mexico. They had three children, viz:
 1. - Anna Margaret - born 9th November, 1910, died 20th February, 1925.
 2. - Henry Laurens - born 25th December, 1911.
 3. - James Edward - born 25th April, 1915, Died September 17, 1971.

2. Henry Laurens Benham III, son of Henry Laurens and Katherine Cunningham Benham, married July 3, 1934, Mary Virginia Strawn of Corvallis, Oregon. They have one child, viz:

1. - Mary Francis - born January 8, 1938; died

Mary Virginia died, November 3, 1939.

He married Montyne Schnell of Boulder, Colorado, January 29th, 1942. She had two children Danny Lee Schnell and Sandra Jo Schnell.

Henry Laurens and Montyne Schnell had two children, viz:

1. - Henry Laurens Benham IIII, born March 17th, 1944

2. - Michaël Leslie Benham, born November 2nd 1949.

Henry Laurens Benham IIII married Patsy L. Patterson of Williams, Arizona on August 22, 1964. They have two children viz:

1. Lauresa Danielle Benham, born November 14, 1968

2. Amy Denise Benham, born, November 6, 1972.

Michaël Leslie Benham married Cheryl Ann Ostler on August 23, 1969. Later divorced: 1974 *No children*

Michael Leslie Benham remarried Kathi Glattfelder, of Prescott, Arizona on Dec 10, 1975

3. James Edward, son of Henry Laurens and Katherine Cunningham Benham, married August 14, 1937 - Ethel McCoy of Chandler, Arizona. James Edward died on September, 17, 1971. They had three children, viz:

1. James Edward Jr. - born December 24th, 1941

2. Barbara Ethel - born January 20th, 1943

3. Harry Cunningham - born November 14th, 1948

3. Frank Hastings, married 20th February, 1884 to Mary Alice Nichols of Palatine, Illinois. He died 16th April, 1895. They had one son, Charles Derick Sibley, born 10th July, 1889. Died 12th May, 1896.

Alice Nichols Sibley married John Burlingame, January 1896.

4. May Florence, married 29th October, 1885 to Horace Hoffman Lee, son of Dr. John Kidd and Hannah Hoffman Lee, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He was born 23rd October, 1859. Their children were four, viz:

1. - John Kidd, born 4th September, 1886
2. Horace Sibley, born 29th June, 1888.
3. Caroline Hastings, born 2nd January, 1897.
4. Catherine Hoffman, born 24th September 1899.

1. John Kidd, born September 4th, 1886, married September 6, 1913 to Margaret Whittemore, daughter of Alice Griffith Tillinghast, and Charles Tileston Whittemore of Dorchester, Massachusetts.

They have four children, viz:

1. John Kidd born January 19th, 1915
2. Margaret W., born January 14th, 1916.
3. Mary Sibley, born May 2nd, 1919.
4. Horace Hoffman, born April 27th, 1925.

Margaret W. second child of Margaret W. and John Kidd Lee, was married June 29, 1939 to Richard James Cross, son of Julia Appleton and William Redmond Cross of Barardsville, New Jersey.

They have one son;
Richard James Cross, born June 29th, 1940

4. Catherine Hoffman, born 24th September 1899. Married June 18th, 1921 Evan Jones Lester of Philadelphia, Pa. He was born October 18th, 1896. They have 2 children:

1. Elizabeth Hoffman, born May 24th, 1923
2. Helen Green, born November 22, 1926.

Evan Lester, died September 22, 1931.

Catherine Lee Lester, married June 1, 1935.

Charles Y. Fox Jr. son of Mary Colket Gallup and Charles Young Fox Sr. of Wynnewood, Pa.

1. Elizabeth Hoffman

2. Helen Green,

Sarah Ann, daughter of Derick and Abbey R. Sibley, was born 2nd December, 1818, at Rochester, New York and died at the same place in July, 1849. She was married to Lewis H. Alling, of Rochester, in 1841, and left two daughters at the time of her decease.

Derick Sibley was again married to Rachel Roberts, at Canandaigua, New York on the 7th of July, 1828. They had two children, one of whom died in infancy. The other, Caroline, born at Cincinnati, Ohio to William L. Evans. They have one child, Anna Belle Sibley, born 27th January, 1852, at Granville, Dicking County, Ohio. Caroline Evans died in Cincinnati about 1870.

Dereick Sibley removed from Montpelier, Vermont, in 1817 to what was then a small village on the Genessee River, seven miles from Lake Ontario, but is now the city of Rochester. Here, he continued to reside till 1846, at which time the population of the city numbered about 25,000. He laid out over three hundred of the city lots, and gave names to many of the streets in the city. He represented the City and County in the State Legislature more times than any other individual has ever done up to the present time, 1857. He has resided in Cincinnati, Ohio since, 1846.

Anna Belle Sibley, only Child of Caroline and William L. Evans, was married 5th June, 1877 to Newton T. Hartshorn. He was born 26th February, 1842, at Amherst, N. H. She was his second wife. They had eleven Children, viz:

1. William, born near Liverpool, England, 5th April, 1878, died immediately.
2. Caroline Sibley, born in Dalkey, near Dublin, Ireland, 12th June 1879. In 1922 she is teaching school in Springfield, Massachusetts.
3. Newton Timothy, born in Meriden, Connecticut, 19th April, 1881. Died 16 months later.
4. Derick Sibley, born in Worcester, Massachusetts, 18th June, 1883. In October, 1909, he was married to Mary Elizabeth Boorom, of Boston, Massachusetts. In 1922, they are residing in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. He is a mechanical engineer - a graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology. They had four children, viz:

Children of Derick Sibley and Mary Elizabeth Boorom are:

1. Derick Sibley, born in Boston, July 1910.
2. Mary Elizabeth, born in Keyport N. J. Nov. 1911.
3. Cornelia, born in Springfield, Mass., May, 1913
Died in November of the same year.
4. Priscilla Paulding, born in N. Berwick, Maine, 1917.
5. Grace Louise, born in Montreal, Canada, 6th July, 1885.
She was married 29th June, 1903 to Richard George Lawrence, of Winsted, Connecticut. They had three children, all born in Winsted, viz:
 1. Marjorie Hartshorn, born March 1904.
 2. Vera, born November 1905.
 3. Richard, born about 1908. Died June 1914.The following fall she and Mr. Lawrence separated, and in the winter of 1919-20, she married Charles Bonar Wilson, and now lives in New York.
6. Alice, born in Burlington, Vermont, 29th September, 1886.
Died three months later..
7. Owen, born in Winoski, Vermont, 20th August 1887. He was married 7th December, 1910, to Vera Tibbo, of Boston, Massachusetts. They now reside in Springfield, Massachusetts and have no children.
8. Edalma, born in Burlington, Vermont, in August, 1888. Died three weeks later.
9. James Whitelaw Sibley, born in Painesville, Ohio, 27th May, 1890. He was married 27th October, 1916 to Gladys A. Mason, of Groton, Massachusetts. He is an optometrist. They now live in Springfield, Massachusetts. They have three children all born in Springfield, viz:
 1. James Sibley, born 8th August, 1917.
 2. Richard Williams, born 3rd January, 1919.
 3. Gladys Aline, born 8th October, 1921.
10. Anna Belle Delight (Nan) born in Sandisfield, Massachusetts 17th April, 1894. Died in Winsted, Connecticut, 20th June, 1907.

("Years have passed, but there has not been a day when our hearts have not ached with a sense of her loss." A tear stained page on which her mother wrote nearly ten years after her death contains this and the following quotation:

"I think she was the sweetest child I ever knew - absolutely unselfish, always alert to help, thoughtful way beyond her years and yet a thorough fun-loving little girl. She was exceptionally bright, her drawing were beautiful - she sang like a bird, was never satisfied with any mark in her studies less than one hundred - was modest and shy, yet full of courage, and had the largest amount of practicability of any child I ever knew.")

11. Rachel Pearl, born in Lakewood, N. J. 29th March, 1898. She was married in May, 1919, at Cody Wyoming to Durham Haile Bennett, of Meeteetse, Wyoming, where they now reside. They have two whildren, viz:
 1. Durham, born 4th, February 1920, at Springfield, Massachusetts.
 2. Anna Belle Delight, born 16th December, 1921 at Meeteetse, Wyoming.

Anna Belle Evans Hartshorn died in Berwick Maine, 4th June, 1920 and was buried in Sandisfield, Massachusetts, beside little Nan.

"John Sibley, with Sarah, his wife, was admitted to the Church in Charleston, Mass., on the 21st day of the 12th month, 1634. -Old Style."

"John Sibley, who took the Freeman's Oath, September 3rd, 1634, is the sixteenth on the list of the first Church in Salem. In 1636, he was Select Man of Salem."

Now was this John the grandfather of our grandfather Colonel Timothy Sibley? We have no documents in our possession to prove that our ancestors came to America previous to the year 1640 or 1641, and as it is known that John Sibley from England, who settled in Salem, was the grandfather of our grandfather, Col. Timothy, and from the fact that all Sibleys known in America, up to the year 1800, could trace their ancestry back to Sutton and to Salem, we infer that the John Sibley, ~~--our ancestor--~~ and John Sibley, nebtuoned in Felts Annuals, must be the same man.

Derick Sibley, the author of this work died 12th November, 1875, at Cincinnati, Ohio, aged 87 years, 6 months.