

East Hampton History

Including

GENEALOGIES OF EARLY FAMILIES

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EAST HAMPTON, LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK

LOPER

OF THE early settlers of East Hampton, only three families who remained here permanently were not English. These were from Holland, and one was the Loper family. The first Loper in America was Capt. Jacob (Jacobus) Loper, who came from Holland, served at Curacoa in the West Indies with Peter Stuyvesant as Captain-Lieutenant, and in 1646 was a member of the Council of Nieuw Amsterdam (New York). In 1647 he was commander of a Dutch man of war, permanently stationed in the harbor there; and in June of that year he was married to Cornelia, daughter of Cornelis Melyn, Patroon of Staten Island and at one time President of the Council in Nieuw Amsterdam. Cornelis Melyn, a man of wealth, had a fine residence at the corner of Pearl and Broad Streets in Nieuw Amsterdam.

Capt. Jacob Loper died in 1652, leaving two young children, Janneken and James. The next year his widow married Jacob Schellinger, a prosperous merchant; but in 1664 when the English conquered the New Netherlands, Schellinger with his wife and stepson removed to East Hampton, where young James Loper engaged with Jacob Schellinger in off-shore whaling, and became so expert that in 1672 Nantucket, more newly settled than East Hampton, offered him a land grant if he would settle there and "carry on a designe of whale fishing." He must have gone there briefly, for two Nantucket whaleships bore the name Loper and they began shore-whaling operations at about that time; but in 1674 he was back in East Hampton and married Elizabeth Howell, daughter of Arthur Howell and granddaughter of the first Lion Gardiner of Gardiner's Island. It was the sixteen-year-old mother of Elizabeth Howell, Elizabeth, second daughter of Lion Gardiner, who, dying in 1657 a few days after the birth of her child, was said to have been done to death by the alleged witch, Goody Garlicke.

All of the Long Island Lopers and probably all the Lopers in this country are descended from James Loper the whaleman. James and Elizabeth had three children, Arthur, Lion, and Joanna. Their sons left East Hampton; but their grandson, another James, born in 1700, returned and settled in Amagansett, three miles east of the original settlement in East Hampton. Lopers are still living there, and nine men of the name were among the boat crews in Amagansett's last shore-whaling days. Eugene, Lincoln, Jesse, Henry, Samuel, Daniel, Grant, Walter, and Abraham Loper helped to keep alive the family and village traditions.

The Lopers followed the sea, and they were adventurous. In deepsea whaling days, a Captain Loper was master of the whaleship Washington out of Sag Harbor, 1833; and of the Triad in 1837. David Loper was

master of the *Marcus*, 1841, 42; of the *Concordia*, 1847, the *Hamilton*, 1848, and of the *Excel*, 1861. Jeremiah G. Loper was 3d mate of the bark *Ocean* when she cleared from Sag Harbor Aug. 10, 1866, never to be seen again. Lopers caught the gold fever when there was a general exodus to California. Albert Jagger of Southampton mentioned in his journal, 1850, seeing Henry Loper at Wolf Creek, California; and Capt. Charles Loper died July 1852 aged 38 on board the steamer *Tennessee* on the way to California.

JACOB LOPER 1 d. 1652 in Nieuw Amsterdam m. Cornelia Melyn; ch. James 2, Janneken 2.

JAMES 2* (s. of Jacob 1) b. before 1652, m. 1674 Elizabeth, dau. Arthur and Elizabeth Gardiner Howell, she b. 1657; ch. Arthur 3 b. 1675 d. 1720, Lion 3, b. 1677 d. 1743, Joanna 3 b. 1688 (who m. Samuel Filer Nov. 19, 1717).

*James Loper's home lot 1673 was later owned by Charles D. Hedges and is now owned by Charles Talmage and Miss Marian Talmage. In 1678 he bought the Renock Garrison property next door, 6 acres and cellar, part of which is now occupied by Maurice Lester's home. Garrison was called, in the early E.H. records, "the Dutchman". He came here 1666 for the whaling. In 1668 Loper sued Garrison for non-performance of his agreement about going "a-fishing", and won the case. Garrison was granted land 1673, with the provision that he must build and not sell within four years; but he disappears early from the E.H. scene.

In 1675, thirteen Indians agreed to go whaling for Jacob Schellinger and James Loper. (See Schellinger genealogy for further details of their whaling.)

Town Records, Vol. II, p. 105, say that James Loper sold E.H. property 1681 to T. Trowbridge of New Haven, Conn., but perhaps this did not go through, for Loper continued here and Trowbridge is never mentioned again. Offshore whaling was not Loper's only trade; he called himself a cordwainer (worker in leather) and in 1673 asked the Town to grant him a small parcel of land to help carry on that business. "If he doth remove or leave of his trade", the Town fathers said, the two acres must be returned to the town and Loper would be reimbursed for the money spent on improving it. A little later his allotment of land was increased to six or seven acres "on account of the poorness of land".

James Loper bought horses in and around East Hampton, and exported them to the West Indies, the Barbados in particular. He was, 1684, one of the enterprising spirits here who traded through the West Indies on small vessels, probably out of Northwest Harbor, bringing back molasses, rum, sugar, Spanish gold, and logs. It is quite possible that he also traded abroad. Lawrence Larkin of East Hampton treasures a gin bottle inscribed, probably with a diamond, with the words: James Loper, 12 July, 1681. There is a bit more of undecipherable writing and some figures. The bottle is fat-bottomed and slender-necked, of very heavy green glass, 5 and three-quarter inches high, 5 inches across the bottom. It was dug up in 1872 on the property of Mr. Larkin's grandfather, James S. Satterthwaite, who built the house now summer home of Mrs. Howard B. Dean. The house later was sold to the Thompson family who left it to the N.Y. Historical Society. This location of the gin bottle is understandable from the fact that on May 11, 1673, James Loper was granted land "in Calf Pasture, next to Stephen Hedges'." That was the very spot where the bottle was found.

Loper was prosperous, and evidently very fond of his wife. In 1674 when he married, he gave his wife 100 pounds as her own property—most unusual at the time; in an agreement witnessed by his stepfather. In 1677-8, he bought an Indian captive girl by the name of Beck, from Samuel Rodgers of New London, to be servant to his "beloved wife Elizabeth Loper".

ARTHUR 3 (s. of James 2, Jacob 1) b. 1675 d. 1720 m. 1696 Patience, dau. George and Elinor Thurston Havens, and rem. to Elizabethtown, N.J. about 1700. Ch. David 4, James 4 b. 1700, Arthur 4, Thurston 4, John 4, Jonathan 4, Phebe 4. All of these except David were under age at their father's death. James 4 and Arthur 4 returned to L.I. to live.

LION 3 (s. of James 2) b. 1677 rem. to Guilford, Conn. about 1745. His ch. are said to be Lion 4, Elizabeth 4, and Samuel 4* who remained in Guilford.

*There was a Samuel Filer Loper who served in the Revolution.

JAMES 4 (s. of Arthur 3) b. 1700, d. 1790, joined the church in E.H. 1725. In 1725 he m. Phebe, dau. Edward and Phebe Talmage Jones, she b. 1706 d. 1772; ch. Daniel 5, b. 1726; Lion 5 b. 1727, David 5 b. 1732, who rem.; Amos 5 b. 1735, John 5 b. 1737, who rem.; James 5 b. 1739, who rem.*; Abraham 5 b. 1741, William 5 b. 1743.

*James Loper 5 must have rem. after the Revolution for he was a private 1776 in Capt. Ezekiel Mulford's company. His brother John was in E.H. 1758, a member of Capt. Elias Hand's Company for the French and Indian War. John enlisted from Southampton, 1776, for the Revolution.

ARTHUR 4 (s. of Arthur 3) b. 1702 m. Sally Rogers and settled in Bridgehampton; ch. John 5 b. 1740, James 5 b. 1743, Isaac 5, Patience 5 (who d. Jan. 31, 1823 ae 83), Mary 5 (who d. 1814 ae 76).

LION 4 (s. of Lion 3) d. Sept. 11, 1743, joined the church in E.H. 1727, bought land in 1733, m. 1737 Susanna Filer who d. 1750 ae 40; ch. Elizabeth 5 bapt. 1738, Elizabeth 5 again bapt. 1739 who d. 1777; Lion 5 bapt. 1743.

DANIEL 5 (s. of James 4, Arthur 3) b. 1726 m. 1754 Mary, dau. Jacob and Elizabeth Miller Schellinger; ch. 2 daus. 6, who d. inf.; Daniel 6 b. 1760, Mary 6 b. 1761, three more ch. d. inf.; Jacob 6 b. 1772.

LION 5 (s. of James 4) b. 1727. No further record of this Lion or his family is found; but the name went on in E.H., probably in The Springs. A Lion Loper is mentioned in the old Parsons family account book kept at Fireplace; in 1792 Lion Loper is charged with shoes. This may be another Lion 5 (See Lion 5, s. of Lion 4, 3, bapt. 1743).

AMOS 5* (s. of James 4) b. 1735 m. Lucretia Conklin; ch. Phebe 6 b. 1761, Jonathan 6 b. 1763, a s. 6 b. 1765, a dau. 6 b. 1767, Amos 6 b. 1768, David 6 b. 1770, Lucretia 6 b. 1773**, Betsey 6 b. 1775, Selah 6 b. 1778.

*Amos Loper 5 appears often in the Parsons Fireplace ledgers; in 1762 he is charged for flip, for rum, molasses and coffee; in 1765 he buys a good many drams, a pint of punch, loaf sugar, woodenware, and is charged for "7 days vitteling".

**She may be the Lucretia Loper who m. 1806 in the Sag Harbor Church, John Petty.

SGT. ABRAHAM 5* (s. of James 4) b. 1740 or 1741, d. 1815, m. 1765 Elizabeth, dau. Henry and Mary Jones Conkling, she b. 1742 d. 1818; ch. Abraham 6 b. 1765, Daniel 6 b. 1772, Henry 6 b. 1775, Charity 6 who d. 1846, Polly 6, Phebe 6 b. 1779.

*Abraham 5 lived, the writer thinks, in "Wainscott Hollow."

WILLIAM 5 (s. of James 4) b. 1742 m. 1765 Elizabeth—ch. a dau. 6 b. 1765, Job 6 b. 1768, Esther 6 b. 1770, a dau. 6 b. 1775, Keziah 6 b. 1778 d. Oct. 12, 1798, a dau. 6 b. 1779.

ISAAC 5 of Bridgehampton, (s. of Arthur 4, 3) b. 1743 d. 1812, m. Susanna, dau. Jeremiah and Elizabeth Baker Stratton, she d. 1810 ae 66; ch. Luther 6, David 6, Jason 6 b. 1769 d. 1848; Jared 6 b. 1774, Susanna 6 who d. Oct. 21, 1789 ae 7.

- LION 5 (s. of Lion 4, 3) bapt. 1743, no further record, (see Lion 5, s. of James 4).
- AMOS 6 (s. of Amos 5, James 4) b. 1768 d. 1843, m. Triphena—who d. Dec. 15, 1860 ae 83. Whether they had ch. or not, the writer does not know. Amos is charged, 1794, for tailoring in an old account book kept by Thomas Filer.
- DANIEL 6 (s. of Abraham 5) b. 1772 m. Mary, dau. Abraham and Priscilla Conkling Leek; ch. Daniel 7 b. 1811 d. 1872, of E.H., unmd., (he left his property to his cousin Harriet Loper, w. of Charles Hudson; this is the property now owned by Robert Reutershan on Egypt Lane;) Jeremiah 7, b. 1814.
- HENRY 6* (s. of Abraham 5, James 4) b. 1775, d. 1853, m. 1st 1796 Rebecca, dau. of John and Abigail Sherrill Gann; he m. 2nd. Mrs. Betsey Sherman, a widow, born Edwards; ch. all by 1st w.: Abraham 7 b. 1796 d. 1868, Henry 7, Polly 7 b. 1803, d. 1888 (who m. Jonathan Osborn of Wainscott), Daniel 7 b. 1811, d. 1888, Almira 7 (who m. 1st Abraham Osborn of Wainscott and m. 2nd. Nathan Maxon), Betsey 7 (who m. 1830 Hazzard Sherman, a whaleman of Amagansett, and d.s.p.), Abigail 7 (who m. Malines Osborn of Wainscott and d. April 6, 1886 ae 79).

*Henry Loper 6 built stone walls on Montauk, 1827, for E.H. Town Trustees.

LUTHER 6 (s. of Isaac 5, Arthur 4, 3) rem. to Islip, L.I.

DAVID 6 (s. of Isaac 5) m. Phebe or Mary Foster (records differ) and rem. to Noyac, Sag Harbor; she d. Sept. 12, 1833 ae 45. Ch. Phebe 7 who d. 1843 ae 16, Cordelia 7 who d. 1840 ae 3. He was a carpenter. It seems more than likely that David 6th gen. was ancestor of Carroll M. Loper of Port Jefferson, N.Y. Mr. Loper gives additional children for David 6. His own line follows: Ch. of David 6: Thomas 7, unmd., lost at sea; Henry 7 (who had ch. Lewis 8, Ida 8); Silas 7 (who had s. Gilbert H. of Moriches, L.I.), Andrew 7, Clarissa 7, Sally Ann 7, Elmira 7, Gilbert Hicks 7.

GILBERT HICKS 7 (s. of David 6) b. Nov. 14, 1817 in Sag Harbor, rem. 1854 to Setauket, L.I., d. June 13, 1889 buried at Lake Grove, L.I.; m. 1st Hannah B. Williamson 1843, m. 2nd. Mary Emily Gould 1854. Of Gilbert Loper's ch., Gilbert Everett 8 b. April 17, 1860 d. Oct. 4, 1921, and his brother Arthur Gould 8 b. July 11, 1866 d. May 12, 1943 established 1889 in Port Jefferson the Loper Bros. Lumber Co. now (1953) carried on the 2nd. and 3d. gen. of Lopers.

GILBERT EVERETT 8 (s. of Gilbert Hicks 7) b. 1860 d. 1921 m. Mary Emeline West 1884; ch. Ralph Edwards 9 b. April 23, 1886 of Fall River, Mass.; Florence Emma 9 b. Dec. 7, 1887, unmd.; Gilbert Harvey 9, lumber dealer, b. May 20, 1891.

ARTHUR GOULD 8 b. 1866 d. 1943 m. Lizzie Augusta Hawkins 1893; ch. Helen Gould 9 b. Feb. 3, 1894; Gertrude Louise 9 b. 1895 (who m. Cornelius Edgar Silbon 1935); Carroll Merwin 9, lumber dealer, b. Aug. 7, 1897, Mildred Frances 9 b. July 1, 1901.

GILBERT HARVEY 9 (s. of Gilbert E. 8) b. 1891 m. Laura W. Davis 1915; ch. Raymond Harvey 10 b. July 18, 1917; Elizabeth Eloise 10 b. May 16, 1921 (who m. Justin Austin Russell), Gilbert Edward 10 b. Feb. 15, 1936.

CARROLL MERWIN 9 (s. of Arthur Gould 8) b. 1897, m. Helen Bragg Dayton 1924; ch. Robert Arthur 10 b. Sept. 9, 1926; Keith Dayton 10 b. March 7, 1928, d. inf.; Barry Carroll 10 b. Aug. 8, 1930.

ROBERT ARTHUR 10 (s. of Carroll M. 9) b. 1926, 3d. gen. in lumber business, m. Jean Atkinson Nov. 3, 1951; ch. Barry Craig 11 b. Nov. 30, 1952.

(The above is only a small part of the genealogy of the Loper family of Port Jefferson, L.I. compiled Dec. 1952 by Carroll M. Loper. Due to space limitations it cannot be used entire but will be placed in the L.I. Historical Collection at the E.H. Free Library).

- JASON 6 (s. of Isaac 5) b. 1769 d. Sept. 6, 1848, m. Ruth Corwith, she d. Feb. 25, 1844 ae 71; ch. William H. 7 b. 1801 d. 1843.
- JARED 6 (s. of Isaac 5) b. 1774, d. 1849, m. Abigail ——— who d. 1862; ch. Hannah 7 who rem. to Conn. and d.s.p.; Frances 7 b. 1816 d. 1880 (who m. Sylvanus Osborn of E.H. and had ch. Mary Frances b. 1845, David Edwin b. 1849, Joseph H. b. 1860) also Emily Ann 7 who d. 1825 ae 6.
- JEREMIAH 7 (s. of Daniel 6) b. 1814 near Sag Harbor, d. 1886 at Shelter Island at the home of his s. John; was brought up at Hardscrabble, the Dayton farm on the Sag Harbor Road; he m. 1831 Phebe, dau. Abraham and Phebe Bennett King; ch. David 8, Oliver Lawrence 8, Jeremiah 8, Benjamin 8 (who d. unmd. in Civil War), Mary 8 (who m. John Holden of Fall River, Mass.), Dora 8 (who m. David or Edward Dean of Shelter Island), William 8 (who rem. to Waterford, Conn.), Phebe 8 who d.y., Jane 8 (who m. Edward La Guire of Sag Harbor and E.H.), John 8, b. April 1, 1856 d. 1931 at Shelter Island.
- HENRY 7 (s. of Henry 6, Abraham 5) of Amagansett m. Frances Bennett, had 1 dau. Sarah Frances 8, (who m. James W. Lester of Highlands, Devon, Amagansett, and had ch. Henry Dean Lester, Ora Lester, and David Lester).
- DANIEL 7 (s. of Henry 6) of Amagansett b. 1811 d. March 23, 1888, m. 1st Harriet, dau. of Eleazer and Temperance Bennett Miller; he m. 2nd. Abigail, dau. Jesse and Puah Talmage Topping of Hayground, Bridgehampton; ch. of 1st m.: Abraham 8, Daniel 8, Mary 8 (who m. Edwin Edwards,) Harriet 8 (who m. Charles Hudson of "The Hook", E.H.), Rebecca 8, Phebe 8 b. June 21, 1853 d. May, 1938, (who m. 1st Edward Payne, and m. 2nd. James Scott; see Payne genealogy) Henry 8 of Amagansett b. 1858 d. 1939; Frank 8, Nancy 8 (who m. Elmer Edwards and rem. to Shelter Island, later to New Suffolk L.I.).
- DAVID 8 (s. of Jeremiah 7) of Bridgehampton and Shelter Island, m. Anna Boyington of Sag Harbor; ch. George 9, John 9, Gertrude 9, all three m. and rem. to Conn.
- OLIVER LAWRENCE 8* (s. of Jeremiah 7) b. Nov. 2, 1843, d. Feb. 12, 1919, fought in Civil War, Co. F., 6th Cavalry; he m. March 17, 1870 Catherine M., dau. Capt. Silas Brown; she b. 1847, d. 1916. Ch. Carrie E. 9 b. Sept. 1, 1872, d. Sept. 30, 1896, unmd.; Lawrence J. 9 b. Aug. 14, 1874, unmd.; Oliver Brown 9, b. Nov. 14, 1883, d. in Miami, Fla. Sept. 13, 1952.
- *He served in U.S. Life Saving Service (later Coast Guard).
- JEREMIAH 8* (s. of Jeremiah 7, Daniel 6) m. Elizabeth Sherwood and left s. William who m. a widow whose maiden name was Connors and lived at Russell's Neck, near Sag Harbor.
- *He was a whaleman, sailed with Capt. Libbeus V. King on the "Susan", 1863, as boatsteerer; and was 3d. mate of the bark "Ocean" which cleared from Sag Harbor on Aug. 10, 1866 and was never seen again.
- JOHN 8 (s. of Jeremiah 7) b. April 1, 1856 d. 1931 at Shelter Island, m. 1897 Katherine Kierny; ch. Francis 9 b. 1898, William J. 9 b. 1902, Susan 9 b. 1905.
- ABRAHAM 8 (s. of Daniel 7, Henry 6) b. 1835 d. 1919, m. 1st Samantha, dau. Benjamin Miller; he m. 2nd. 1876 Phebe Osborn of Waincott; all ch. by 1st w.; Samuel B. 9 b. 1862 d. 1935; Eugene 9 b. 1864, Addie S. 9 b. 1866 (who m. David S. Conklin of E.H. and had ch. Ralph W. b. June 22, 1887, d. March 23, 1919, Francis Platt b. 1903 d. inf., Florence W. b. 1906 who m. Jed Browne); also Jesse 9 b. 1868, d.s.p. 1922.
- DANIEL 8 (s. of Daniel 7) b. 1838 d. 1904, fought in Civil War; he m. 1859 Althea, dau. Nathan and S. Augusta King Bennett; ch. Abraham Lincoln 9 b. 1860, who was accidentally shot while hunting on Montauk Nov. 6, 1886, unmd.; Clarence 9 b. 1863; E. Grant 9 b. 1865.
- HENRY 8 (s. of Daniel 7) of Amagansett, b. 1858 d. 1939, m. Dora A. Topping;

- ch. Leila Pearl 9 b. 1887 (who m. 1st Daniel Leek, div.; m. 2nd. Philip Hildreth and lives at Westhampton, L.I.), Laura Fay 9 b. 1888, Harry Dayton 9 b. Oct. 23, 1896, Nancy Gwendolyn 9 b. Sept. 28, 1906.
- FRANK 8 (s. of Daniel 7) m. Nellie Edwards and rem. to New Haven, Conn.
- OLIVER BROWN 9 (s. of Oliver Lawrence 8) b. Nov. 14, 1883, d. in Miami, Fla. Sept. 13, 1952; m. Feb. 12, 1919, Mrs. Mary Carson Gerard; ch. Oliver Gerard 10 b. Feb. 12, 1928.
- SAMUEL B. 9 (s. of Abraham 8) b. June 26, 1862 d. 1935, m. Mary Alice Edwards; ch. David Sherman 10, b. Jan. 23, 1886, Walter Newton 10 b. June 26, 1888, Samuel B. 10 b. 1897, Edward Cleveland 10 b. July 16, 1892.
- EUGENE M. 9 (s. of Abraham 8) b. 1864, m. 1907 Katherine Theresa Prendergast, she b. 1872 in Ireland, d. Aug. 23, 1952; ch. Eugene 10 b. April 9, 1908, Helen 10 b. Aug. 15, 1910 (who m. Charles Shelansky of Westhampton Beach, L.I.).
- CLARENCE 9 (s. of Abraham 8) b. Feb. 23, 1863, res. Jamaica, L.I., m. 1891 Rose B., dau. John and Mary Lester Conkling of Riverhead, L.I. ch. Eva 10 b. 1893 (who m. Frank Rice of Texas), Le Grand Ellsworth 10 b. 1895, unmd.; Althea 10 b. 1897, unmd.; Alexander 10 b. 1899; Ida 10 b. 1902 (who m. Morris Hill of Valley Stream, L.I.); James H. 10 b. Oct. 8, 1913, died in the South Pacific May 23, 1945 in World War II; Rose 10 b. 1916.
- E. GRANT 9 (s. of Abraham 8) of Amagansett b. 1865 m. Effie, dau. Jonathan M. and Abigail Miller Bennett; ch. Marian 10 (who m. 1st William Sherry and had ch. William Grant—who m. 1st Bette Davis the actress—Robert Lewis, and Curtis Martin; she m. 2nd. Frank Miller); also Madeleine Davis 10 b. Aug. 27, 1901 (who m. Melvin Curlew and has ch. Melvin Renald, Gary Grant, and Jay Wynne); and Dorothy Stratford 10 b. 1891 d. 1897.
- OLIVER GERARD 10 (s. of Oliver Brown 9, Oliver Lawrence 8) b. Feb. 12, 1928 m. Reba E. Burnham of Clifton, Georgia, 1948. Ch. Oliver Burnham 11 b. July 22, 1949, James William 11 b. Feb. 2, 1951.
- DAVID SHERMAN 10 (s. of Samuel B. 9) b. Jan. 23, 1886, m. Margaret Stout, dau. Dorothea 11 b. 1919 (who m. Lewis V. Mayhall,) James 11 b. Jan. 28, 1921, d. July 16, 1939.
- WALTER NEWTON 10 (s. of Samuel B. 9) b. June 26, 1888, d. 1949, m. 1st Mildred, dau. of Robert Payne; he m. 2nd. Lillian Rackett; ch. Elizabeth Elberta 11 b. March 7, 1910; Mary 11 (both by 1st m.).
- SAMUEL B. 10 (s. of Samuel B. 9) b. 1897, m. 1st Mildred, dau. of Ulysses and Nellie Dayton Payne, m. 2nd. Margaret Dodson; ch. by 1st m. Rosalie B. 11 b. 1917 (who m. Stanley Jacobs Jr. of Sag Harbor); ch. by 2nd. m. Cecilia 11 b. 1934 (who m. Waring Myers of Washington, D.C.), Patricia 11 b. 1937, Judith 11 b. 1939, Edward 11 b. 1941.
- EUGENE 10 (s. of Eugene M. 9) b. April 9, 1908 m. Julia Raynor of Southampton; ch. Helen 11 b. 1931 (who m. Henry Valle), Eugene 11 b. 1935.
- ALEXANDER 10 (s. of Clarence 9) b. 1899 m. Marjorie Mc Lane of Freeport, L.I.
- JAMES H. 10 (s. of Clarence 9) b. Oct. 8, 1913, d. May 23, 1945 in World War II in South Pacific; m. 1937 Eliza, dau. of Isaac and Tassie Baker Bennett; ch. James 11 b. Oct. 20, 1941, Rose Marie 11 b. July 23, 1940, Edward 11 b. June 16, 1944. His widow m. 2nd. Adolph Kent.

MORE LOPERS

E.H. Town and Trustees' records, church records, and old account books here, mention Lopers the writer cannot place exactly. There was a Lion Loper who married Polly Eldredge and had three daughters,

Ruemma b. 1831 d. 1870, who married Norindine Field (see Field genealogy); and Angeline, who married Henry Edwards and removed to Conn.; also Caroline, who married John Mosher of Conn. There was a Lyman Beecher Loper who died Nov. 5, 1859 aged 61; and had children in the Springs school, one in 1850, two in 1852. The Nathaniel Hand store ledger in Amagansett mentions Lyman Loper on July 6, 1827; then says that Lion Loper's account was settled by his wife in 1824. It seems possible that the two names, Lion and Lyman, were confused in spelling there and that it was really Lyman, after the famous preacher Lyman Beecher who had newly arrived in E.H. at the time of the Loper child's birth.

Living in East Hampton today are Lopers descended from Benjamin Eldredge Loper, born 1790 and his wife Patience—she born 1795. The dates are from the old family Bible owned by Mrs. Herbert R. Cullum, born Annie G. Loper, who is great-granddaughter of that Benjamin E. Loper. Mrs. Cullum says that her father was born in North Haven, Sag Harbor, and that some of his relatives lived at Cutchogue, L.I. This book does not attempt to follow out all the lines of families who left E.H.; the following is as far as this record can go:

BENJAMIN ELDRIDGE LOPER b. April 26, 1790, m. Aug. 7, 1817 Patience ——— she b. Aug. 20, 1795 d. Sept. 20, 1834; ch. George Socrates b. Sept. 13, 1818 d. Feb. 20, 1898; Mary Ann b. Feb. 24, 1821, Nancy Maria b. Oct. 25, 1822 d. 1824; Benjamin E. b. March 25, 1825, Austin S. b. April 14, 1827, Nancy Elizabeth b. March 17, 1829, John A. b. Jan. 25, 1832 d. unmd. Feb. 18, 1880.

GEORGE SOCRATES* b. in Sag Harbor Sept. 13, 1818 d. Feb. 20, 1898, m. Jan. 3, 1838 Ann M. Hall, she b. March 10, 1818 d. Dec. 21, 1870; ch. Benjamin Eldredge b. Nov. 3, 1848, Ella B. b. July 6, 1857 (who m. E. Orlando Bennett and d. April 11, 1933; no ch.).

*He served in U.S. Navy in Civil War.

BENJAMIN ELDRIDGE b. Nov. 3, 1848 d. Dec. 19, 1913, m. July 4, 1871 at Greenport, L.I., Phebe Ann, dau. William Jackson Bennett; she b. April 26, 1854, d. March 20, 1930; ch. Ann M. b. Oct. 10, 1873 d. inf.; George B. b. Nov. 6, 1875, Ella Maria b. July 31, 1877 d. Sept. 4, 1933 (who m. Harry Luce, and had ch. Harold and Fred); Nancy S. b. Jan. 7, 1880 d. June 18, 1939, (who m. John Dickinson; ch. Howard and Phebe, the latter m. Elisha Johns); Jonathan Raynor b. Sept. 19, 1882, Annie Gray b. Dec. 17, 1884 (who m. Herbert R. Cullum, and has s. Herbert E. (Harvey) b. Sept. 18, 1910 who m. Anna Walsh; she d. July 25, 1948, no ch.; other ch. of Herbert and Annie Loper Cullum, all of whom d.y. were: Charles who d. 1913 ae 10, Hazel, Benjamin, Phoebe, Russell, and Lucy.)

GEORGE B. (s. of Benjamin Eldredge) b. Nov. 6, 1875 m. 1st Maude ——— and m. 2nd. Gertrude Hulse Field; no ch.

JONATHAN RAYNOR b. Sept. 19, 1882, home Northport, L.I.; m. Clara St. Clair; ch. Albert Frederick b. May 17, 1909.

ALBERT FREDERICK (s. of Jonathan Raynor) b. 1909 m. 1st Helen Bluel, ch. Alan b. June 30, 1934; he m. 2nd. Clara Friedrichs, ch. Steven b. Sept. 9, 1948.

Another Loper line probably comes from Jesse T. Loper born 1811, who drowned in Gardiner's Bay March 15, 1861; Maria, his widow, died 1861 aged 50. Herbert Clinton Loper, born 1854, is recorded in some of Dr. F. A. Finch's notes as son of Jesse T. Loper (probably son of the above) and his wife Catherine; he was born 1854, d. Jan. 26, 1911. Still another Jesse Loper died in Amagansett Oct. 24, 1915 aged 47.

HERBERT CLINTON LOPER b. 1854 d. 1911 m. Nancy Matilda Baker; she b. 1880 d. 1912; she m. 1st William Henry Bennett; ch. Herbert C. b. Aug. 15, 1902, Jesse b. Sept. 12, 1904, Frank b. 1908 d. 1952, John b. Oct. 8, 1910.

HERBERT C. b. 1902 m. Hazel B. Green Nov. 23, 1929; ch. Nancy J. b. April 2, 1931; Herbert C. b. May 10, 1933; Edward Green b. Oct. 31, 1946.

JOHN (s. of Herbert C., Jesse T.) b. Oct. 8, 1910 m. Helen L. Green 1933; ch. Betty b. July 24, 1934, John b. Feb. 27, 1937, Marilyn Ann b. Sept. 17, 1940.

There have been Lopers on Shelter Island for nearly two hundred and fifty years. A Capt. Marcellus D. Loper, master of whaling vessels, who died 1895 aged 68 was from Shelter Island, son of Caleb and Hepsibah Douglas Loper.

Lopers who signed the Association in E.H. Town 1775 were: Abraham, Daniel, David, James, and Jeremiah. Signers in the Suffolk County Hall, 1775, were James, John, and Isaac Loper. Enlisted men in New York in the Revolution from this family here were Abraham, James, and John.

Serving in the Civil War from East Hampton were David B., George S., Henry J., and Oliver L. Loper. From Southampton Township (which includes half of Sag Harbor) those serving in the war between the states were: George, Charles L., Henry, Oscar, Henry J., Benjamin, Abraham B., Thomas S., and Thomas A. Loper.

Mrs. E. J. Edwards assisted with the above.