

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

JAMES HOYT.

James Hoyt, son of William Hoyt and Charlotte Pickering, was born in the town of Newington, N. H., Dec. 12, 1804. His ancestors were among the early settlers of Stamford, Conn., and Newington, N. H., and the family has been prominent in several of the States for many generations in religious and political affairs. The family is very numerous, and numbers among its members some of the most prominent men in America. There is a family genealogy published, from which may be traced nearly all the Hoyts in this country.

The grandfather of James Hoyt was John, who had four children, viz : Hanson, who settled in Maine and had several children ; William, father of James ; and two daughters, one of whom married a James Pickering and the other married Ebenezer Adams.

John Hoyt was a farmer in Newington, N. H.; lived and died here. William Hoyt, son of John, was a tailor by trade, but did not work at it much after he married Charlotte, daughter of Winthrop Pickering. He was principally a farmer by occupation in Newington. He had nine children,—six sons and three daughters,—viz.: Phebe, Winthrop, Hanson, Charlotte, William, Hannah, Dennis, Thomas, and James, all of whom grew to maturity, and resided in or near Newington, and were farmers generally, and seven of whom had children. All of this large family are dead except James.

William Hoyt died Aug. 2, 1832, aged seventy years, and his wife died Aug. 3, 1840, aged seventy seven.

James Hoyt received an injury when he was about eleven years of age, which resulted in the amputation of his left leg. Not being able to work on the farm he was sent to school, and at nineteen commenced teaching, which he followed successfully for many years in Portsmouth and adjoining towns. He returned to Newington in 1842, and has since then resided on his farm.

July 21, 1833, he married Lydia, daughter of Israel O. Smith, of York, Me. Of this union eight children were born, viz.: Israel S., Corinne, James A., Joseph S. (deceased), Florence, Benjamin S., Mary H. (deceased), and William A. (deceased).

In politics, Mr. Hoyt was a Democrat until the Rebellion, since which time he has been a stanch Republican. He has held various town offices with credit to himself and satisfaction to his constituents.

Mrs. Hoyt died Jan. 4, 1876, leaving the impress of a noble life upon the characters of her children, one of whom, James A., resides in Arkansas, and the remainder in Newington.

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