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Ashman J., born March 20, 1858, is the owner of a large farm at Middletown, Delaware county; married Esther Hull and has a son, Philo D. 2. Martin, born May 10, 1862, died August 2, 1864. Children of second wife: 3. Augustus R., of whom further. 4. Susan B., born October 6, 1871; married, 1891, Dr. Edward Doig, and resides at Endicott, New York.

(IX) Augustus R., third son of Philo Flint and Susan (Reed) Benedict, was born December 12, 1866, in Meredith, New York. He grew up there and received his education. In 1893 he established a shoe store at Oneonta, New York, where he has since carried on a very successful business, and today occupies a leading position among the retail merchants of the town. He is an active member of the Presbyterian church of Oneonta, of which he is treasurer. He is a member of the local lodge, Knights of the Maccabees; Lodge No. 866, Free and Accepted Masons, the Oneonta, City Club, and is treasurer of the Young Men's Christian Association. He married Fanny Humphrey, born August 9, 1867, in Harpersfield, daughter of William Thomas and Ruthella (Booth) Humphrey, of that town. They have a son, Clyde, born July 13, 1894, now a student at Amherst College.

This is an occupative surname, CUTLER like Smith, Cooper, Carpenter and Gardner. The usual mutations have occurred in the spelling. Domesday Book had it *Le Coteler*. In Scotland it was written *Cutlar*; in Dutch, *De Mesmaker*. It was a very respectable calling, and required much skill; a sword-maker was honored above ordinary tradesfolks in the warring times of old. The father of Demosthenes was surnamed the Cutler. He was a citizen of rank and quality and left a large estate, which we know Demosthenes frittered away, but to this fact we owe the greatest orator of ancient times. Tubal Cain was also a Cutler. The origin of livery companies or guilds in London, of which the labor unions of today are an outcome, began in 1335. The king ordered that all artificers and mysteries shall each choose its own mystery, and having chosen it, shall henceforth choose no other. To raise the estimates of trades, which were the mainspring of the kingdom, King Edward himself joined some, and so did others

of the nobility. The Cutler guild was incorporated in 1413, and Cutler's hall was on the south side of Cloke lane. Each guild had a coat-of-arms. The Cutler's armor being: Gules, six daggers in three saltier crosses argent, handled and hilted, or pointing toward the chief. Supporters, two elephants, argent. Crest: A third castle on his back or. Their motto: "To gain good faith." The common ancestor of this name in England was of this trade, but whom he was we are not informed.

The greatest Cutler in American history was the Rev. Manasseh Cutler, M. D., LL. D., who founded the Ohio company, out of which was evolved the magnificent state bearing this name. He was the author of the ordinance in 1787 restricting the extension of slavery, and he labored assiduously to promote education and religion in the great state, of which he was the founder. He has been called next to Franklin in diplomacy and varied learning. He was deeply versed in both medicine and theology, and a great naturalist. He served as chaplain in the revolutionary war, and was a member of congress.

(I) James Cutler was born in England in 1606 and is commonly credited to Sprowston, a suburb of Norwich. He settled in Watertown, Massachusetts, in 1634, and was one of the original grantees of land next to what is now Belmont. He had a house lot assigned him in 1635, in 1636 twenty-five acres, and in 1642 eighty-two acres. In 1645 he was one of the petitioners for Nashaway plantation, now Weston, Massachusetts. In December, 1649, he, with Borman, bought, for seventy pounds, two hundred acres at Cambridge Farms, adjoining Rock Meadow, and near to Waltham. This same year he settled at Cambridge, now Lexington, on what is now known as Wood street, near where William Haskell lived, and not far from Bedford. He built the first house in Lexington, vestiges of whose cellar still remain. In October, 1682, he signed a petition to the general court to have Lexington set off as a separate parish, and in 1691 he gave one pound toward erecting a meeting house there. The baptismal name of his wife was Anna. She, with her sister, was so tantalized in Old England for their Puritanism that they resolved to escape to America, and so did, unattended by parents or friends. She died September 30, 1644. He married (second) March 9, 1645, Mary,

widow of Thomas King, and she died nine years later; for his third wife he contracted with Phoebe, daughter of John Page, about 1662. James died May 17, 1694. His will was dated November 24, 1684, and proved August 20, 1694. That he had a fair reputation among his townsmen, his investiture with full citizenship shows, for only church men were thus admitted. That he was industrious and prudent his accumulation of property is evidence. Children by Anna: James, Hannah, Elizabeth, Mary. Children by Mary: Elizabeth, Thomas, Sarah. Children by Phoebe: Joana, John, from whom the Rev. Manasseh was derived; Samuel, Jemima, Phoebe.

(II) Thomas, son of James Cutler, was born about 1648, in Watertown, died July 13, 1722, in Lexington, Massachusetts. No record of his marriage occurs, but his wife's name was Abigail. They joined the Watertown church, July 3, 1687, and were transferred to the Lexington church when that organization was formed in 1696. In 1692 he was taxed for preaching, eighteen shillings and nine pence, and in the same year subscribed for the first meeting house. He was assessor in 1694, and in 1700 was on a committee to seat the meeting house at Lexington. When that town received its political organization in 1712 he was elected a tythingman, and later served as assessor, constable and selectman. For military service in the Jerseys he was granted seven pounds, ten shillings, and bore the rank of lieutenant. Children, all born in what is now Lexington: Abigail, Thomas, Mary, Hannah, James, Jonathan, Benjamin.

(III) Jonathan, son of Thomas and Abigail Cutler, was baptized June 17, 1688, in Watertown, died in Killingly, Connecticut, about 1746, the inventory of his estate being made June 10 of that year. On November 5, 1709, he received a deed of land at Killingly, near Five Mile Run, and he sold this May 8, of the following year, for fifty-three pounds, and removed to Colchester, Connecticut. He did not remain here very long, however, as he is found in Bellingham, Massachusetts, in 1726, when he sold his rights as an original proprietor of Killingly. He married (first) in Watertown, August 17, 1710, Abigail Bigelow, born there May 7, 1687, daughter of Samuel and Mary (Flagg) Bigelow, and granddaughter of John Bigelow, a blacksmith and pioneer

settler of Watertown. He married (second) at Bellingham, Abigail Dewey, of that town. Children: Abigail, Jonathan, Beach, William, Stephen, Wyman.

(IV) Wyman, son of Jonathan and Abigail (Bigelow) Cutler, was born about 1720, probably in Colchester, and settled in Dutchess county, New York. No record of his wife appears, but it is known that he had several children. The traditions pertaining to him are too vague to allow any definite statements except that he was a soldier of the French and Indian war.

(V) Benjamin, son of Wyman Cutler, born about 1745, was a sailor until he was about forty years old with headquarters at Providence, Rhode Island, hence there are few records concerning him. He resided in New York. He married a widow, Mrs. Coons, Children: Benjamin, Jacob, Mercy, John.

(VI) John, son of Benjamin Cutler, was born about 1784, and resided in Westchester county, New York, where he died and was buried with his wife, who was a Miss Johnson.

(VII) Nathaniel, son of John Cutler, was born about 1808, in Somers, Westchester county, New York, and resided in the town of New Castle, where he was a successful farmer, and died at the age of eighty years. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and a Democrat in political allegiance. He married Sarah Ann Weeks, born in the town of Somers, daughter of William and Rachel Weeks, representatives of old Westchester families, and she like himself was a faithful member of the Methodist church, and died at the age of seventy years. They were the parents of nine children: John, died at the age of twenty-one years; Cornelius, lived at Mt. Kisco; Ama, wife of — Ferguson, resided in same place; Cyrus, lived at Golden Bridge, Westchester county, New York; George Washington, lived in Dutchess county, New York; Stephen; Julia; Nathaniel, mentioned below; Araminta, died at the age of nineteen years. Three of the sons were Union soldiers in the civil war, participating in many battles. They were Cyrus, George W. and Nathaniel, all members of the Fifth New York Heavy Artillery, the second being a sergeant.

(VIII) Nathaniel (2), sixth son of Nathaniel (1) and Sarah A. (Weeks) Cutler, was born December 21, 1844, in New Castle. He

