

excepting at the expense of descendants, to whom credit in each case is given. This also compelled the abbreviation, and in some instances the exclusion, of some excellent sketches of some of the later generations, as from the commencement the tendency has been to the enlargement of the work.

Every perfect tabulation of a family consists of three parts: Introductory, outlining the genealogical data of the parents. Historical, containing a brief biographical sketch. Genealogical, containing the tabulation, genealogically, of their children. In the latter part a number precedes the name of every descendant, and a number is only associated with the one name. They are consecutive, commencing with Caleb Shreve, who married Sarah Areson, as No. 1. Their children immediately follow. Then the children of the eldest one whose family is known. The children of the eldest child in each family follow in order to the youngest one in the last known generation, then those of the next elder of the last generation, and so on until every family in the later or more remote generations is recorded. This method retains all descendants of an ancestor together. In the introductory part the name of the parent of Shreve descent always precedes, and is printed in capital letters. Where known the maiden names of all females are retained in connection with all marriages. The number that precedes the names in capital letters, enables one to quickly refer to the ancestral family tabulation of the descendant, while the index shows the page on which any name is recorded.

The abbreviation of constantly recurring words is necessary, hence dau. for "daughter," b. for "born," m. for "married," d. for "died," and l. for "living." Where a death is known it is designated, but many are living, particularly children with their parents, who are not so designated. Where not indicated the presumption is a descendant was living when the record was made.

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