

- 1 ZEBULON CONVERSE, b. March 21, 1744; md. April —, 1773, Sarah Merriam, b. Oct. 10, 1753, dau. of Nathaniel and Olive (Wheeler) Merriam, of Bedford, Mass. They removed to Rindge, and upon the first lot in the first range, in 1773 or 1774, which in 1778 he sold to Ebenezer Muzzey, and purchased the succeeding year lots four and five in the fourth range. Later he resided at Converseville, and in 1786 he removed to the farm, now of George G. Rice, where he d. Nov. 10, 1805, and his wife the 28th of the same month.
- 2 I. *Nathaniel*, b. Nov. 17, 1774; d. unmd. in Beaufort, S. C., April 10, 1815.
- 3 II. *Sarah*, b. March 15, 1776; md. Eliakim Russell, son of Nathaniel, *q. v.*
- 4 III. *Rachel*, b. July 3, 1777; d. young.
- 5 IV. *Olive*, b. May 15, 1779; md. Solomon Sawtell, son of Obadiah, *q. v.*
- 6 V. *Joshua*, b. April 23, 1781; d. young.
- 7 VI. *Ira*, b. May 28, 1783; d. young.
- 8 VII. *Joshua*, b. July 2, 1786. +
- 9 VIII. *Rachel*, b. Oct. 12, 1788; md. Daniel Jones. *Vide p. 487. +*
- 10 IX. *Ira*, b. March 1, 1791. +
- 11 X. *Rebecca*, b. Feb. 18, 1794; md. Charles Stearns. *Vide p. 488. +*
- 12 XI. *Zebulon*, b. Oct. 8, 1795. +

(8) JOSHUA CONVERSE, Esq., was the only child of Zebulon Converse, who has left descendants bearing the family name. In addition to the management of a farm, he was much employed in other pursuits. In 1845, he purchased the mills and removed to the locality now known as Converseville, where he became extensively engaged in the manufacture of coarse lumber and wooden-ware, in which he was subsequently associated with his sons, Zebulon and Omar D. Converse. With generous foresight Mr. Converse was engaged in several enterprises from which he neither hoped nor expected remunerative returns. The system of flowage secured through his efforts and influence, comprising the capacious reservoirs constructed mainly at his expense, may properly be regarded as public improvements which have advantageously affected the material interests of the town. As a citizen he was highly respected. Possessing superior abilities, warmed into activity by an earnest solicitude for the public good, his services were frequently sought by his townsmen. He represented the town in the Legislature, 1840 and 1841, and was a member of the Constitutional Convention in 1850. For seventeen years he was elected to the

board of selectmen, a longer period of service than has fallen to the lot of any other individual in the town's history; and other public services efficiently rendered were neither few nor unimportant. He md. May 6, 1808, Polly Piper, dau. of Thomas Piper, *q. v.*, who d. Feb. 7, 1840, leaving thirteen children. He md. (2d) May 20, 1841, Polly Kimball, dau. of William Kimball, *q. v.* He d. Nov. 1, 1862; his widow d. Sept. 10, 1866. Two children not named below d. in childhood.

- 13 I. *Lucius Manlius*, b. July 20, 1809. +
 14 II. *Ebenezer Hartshorn*, b. Nov. 14, 1811. +
 15 III. *Joshua*, b. June 15, 1813. +
 16 IV. *Christopher Columbus*, b. Dec. 20, 1814. +
 17 V. *Mary*, b. Sept. 11, 1816; md. David Stowe, *q. v.*
 18 VI. *Abraham Jewett*, b. Aug. 18, 1818. +
 19 VII. *Levina Piper*, b. May 21, 1820; md. Reuben Ramsdell, *q. v.*
 20 VIII. *Zebulon*, b. May 20, 1822. +
 21 IX. *Omar Duane*, b. March 9, 1824. +
 22 X. *Alfred Collins*, b. March 17, 1827. +
 23 XI. *Amanda M.*, b. Feb. 11, 1829; md. May 15, 1850, Edward Miller, of New York city. They resided in Milwaukee, Wis. She d. March 8, 1869. Buried in Rindge.
 24 XII. *George Washington*, b. Aug. 29, 1830. +
 25 XIII. *Gustavus Adolphus*, b. Jan. 21, 1833. +
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- (9) RACHEL CONVERSE md. July 9, 1811, Dea. Daniel Jones; b. Dec. 23, 1788, son of Enos and Mary (Whitmore) Jones. They resided in Ashburnham, where he d. March 14, 1843. After the death of Dea. Jones, she resided several years in Winchendon, but d. at the residence of her dau., Mrs. Sawtell, in Ayer, Mass., April, 1873.
- 26 I. *Mary*, b. March, 26, 1813; d. unmd. Aug. 30, 1846.
 27 II. *Sultyna*, b. April 26, 1815; md. June 2, 1840, Asa Elbridge Woods, son of Sewell and Anna (Whitaker) Woods. They resided in Mason, N. H., where he d. July 25, 1850. She md. (2d) March 26, 1856, Ezra H. Sawtell, son of Asa Sawtell, *q. v.* Reside in Ayer, Mass.
 28 III. *Eliza*, b. Oct. 4, 1821; d. Feb. 22, 1824.
 29 IV. *Eliza Rachel*, b. Aug. 1, 1826; md. Jan. 3, 1854, Horace O. Whitcher, son of Jeremiah and Persis (Craig) Whitcher. Reside in Barton, Vt.
 30 V. *Daniel Wayland*, b. Jan. 14, 1829. A physician, formerly of Rindge, now of Newton, Mass. *Vide* Chap. XVII. He md. July 13, 1853, Minerva A. Tyler, dau. of Ephraim and Mary (Bissell) Tyler, who d. Jan. 31, 1858; md. (2d)