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Wallace Family.

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William Wallace was another son of "Ocean Born Mary," also a native of Londonderry where he was born Jan. 17, 1760. His early life was filled with the ordinary duties incidental to the olden times and making the most of the facilities for obtaining all the education possible preparatory to faithfully performing the duties of life that might devolve upon him as an intelligent citizen. He became a teacher in the schools of his native town and vicinity, in which position he excelled; governing wisely and beloved by his pupils. His reputation as a teacher soon became an enviable one. He also learned the trade of making spinning and flax wheels which were found in so many homes of the old settlers, following this occupation at times for many years. He took particular pains to thoroughly equip himself as a civil engineer and did a large amount of business for the public and for private parties in establishing bounds and metes in real estate.

He was often called upon by the courts to settle disputes in litigation, his results being conclusive evidence of correctness, and from his deductions no appeal was taken.

In accordance with the law requiring every town to furnish a map of itself, he surveyed this township and made a map of it, which is still to be seen in the office of the secretary of state at Concord.

He came to this town shortly after his brother, the Judge, and March 18, 1790 he married Hannah Moore, a sister of his brother's wife, and settled on the "Wallace Highlands" near his brother. He cleared a large tract of land and became one of the largest farmers in town, excelling as a stock-raiser, particularly horses and cattle.

He represented this town and Hillsboro in the legislature in 1793-94. He then secured a nomination for senator in his district, but was defeated by James Flanders, Esq., of Warner, who was senator for ten consecutive years, save one, 1799. Mr. Wallace served many years as moderator in town meetings, also as a collector of taxes, and six years as a selectman, most of the time as chairman of the board.

He was a man of commanding presence, being six feet four inches in height and weighing, in the prime of his life, 240 pounds. His biographer said of him, "His mental faculties were in proportion to his stature and physical strength." Possessed of excellent reasoning powers and superior judgment, he was always actuated by high moral principles in all of his dealings. In his conversation he was affable and pleasant and in his public addresses he was very fluent and was always listened to with marked attention. No man in the town had a larger influ-

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H.) UNION LEADER — Tuesday, August 2, 1966

Ocean Born Mary Descendant Wed Amid Family Traditions

WHITTIER — At St. Andrew's Episcopal church, Mrs. Hugh Gates Dugan (nee Elizabeth Fitch) of Hinsdale, Ill., and Robert R. Patterson of Snowville, formerly of Ann Arbor, Mich., were mar-

ried. Rev. Herbert Prince officiated. Mrs. Patterson was born in Winchester, Mass. Here late husband, was a first lieutenant in the Royal Flying Corps during the First World War. In 1917 he was shot down in a "dog fight," landing back of the German lines, was captured, and was a prisoner of war until 1919. Mrs. Patterson has two children, James William Dugan of Newport Beach, Calif., and Elizabeth Whitehead of Hinsdale, Ill.



FOLLOWING A FAMILY tradition of wearing the white linen stockings knitted by his great, great, great grandmother, Ocean Born Mary, Robert R. Patterson of Snowville recently wed to Mrs. Hugh Gates Dugan of Hinsdale, Ill., displays the stockings to his bride. These stockings have been worn by every male Patterson on his wedding day since 1775 when they were knitted. (Photo by Dick Smith)

There are five grandchildren.

Mr. Patterson, also a World War I veteran, whose wife, Nora died two years ago, is a great-great-grandson of Ocean Born Mary who was born at sea July 23, 1720 at a time when the ship was boarded by pirates.

The ship was let free by the pirate captain on condition that the baby be named Mary in memory of his deceased wife.

Mary's father had a land grant in Londonderry. In 1775, when Ocean Born Mary's daughter Elizabeth Wallace was to be married to Lt. Thomas Patterson of the New Hampshire Militia, she knitted a pair of white linen stockings to be worn by him at the wedding.

These stockings have been worn by every male Patterson on his wedding day since then and were in evidence at Whittier. They, together with other Patterson and Wallace articles, are on permanent loan to the New Hampshire Historical Society.

Among those attending the intimate wedding were the bride's sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Locke. Her twin sister, Mrs. Donald McLeran; her grandson Christopher Whitehead, and granddaughter, Martha Whitehead; for the bridegroom, Mr. and Mrs. William Patterson and son, Tim; Mr. and Mrs. James Simonds of Snowville (Mr. Patterson's niece) and three of their children.

There were seven direct descendants of "Ocean Born Mary" present. An interesting note was the arrival for the

private matters than had Squire Wallace, as he was known for so many years. His life was one of great usefulness, and he endeared himself to all who knew him as a man of integrity and purity of principle and purpose. His reputation as an adviser and counsellor was state wide and his services were often called into requisition in different parts of the state to act as a magistrate.

His death was very sudden and was a great shock to his family and the public generally. He received a severe wound whilst felling trees in what was then and now known as Wallace swamp, several miles from his home, was conveyed to his home and soon passed away. As with his brother, the Judge, so with him, the whole people of the town were mourners at his death. He died March 22, 1824, survived by his widow, a most estimable woman and like her three sisters who lived as neighbors, was noted for her education, refinement and rectitude. Of their 11 children none are now living. A few grandchildren survive.

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wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Casgrain of Grosse Pointe, Mich., and Whitefield. Mr. Casgrain, one of the first pilots with the United States Air Force in World War I, developed trouble over the German lines, crash-landed in "No Mans Land" and after two days trying to reach the Allied side, was taken prisoner by the Germans.

He joined Lieutenant Dugan in the same compound where they became great friends.

Twenty-three years ago, Mr. Casgrain introduced the then Pattersons, who were living in Hinsdale at the time, to the Dugans. All three families have been very close ever since.

A family reception was held at the Presidential Inn Conway.

Mr. and Mrs. Patterson now reside in Snowville.

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