

## 275th Wedding Anniversary

of

JOHN BIDWELL

and

SARAH WILLCOCKES

THE breaking waves dashed high,  
 On a stern and rock-bound coast,  
 And the woods against a stormy sky  
 Their giant branches tossed;  
 And the heavy night hung dark  
 The hills and waters o'er,  
 When a band of exiles moored their bark  
 On a wild New England shore.

Not as the conqueror comes,  
 They, the true hearted came;  
 Not with the roll of the stirring drums,  
 Nor the trumpet that sings of fame;  
 Not as the flying come,  
 In silence and in fear; —  
 They shook the depths of the desert gloom  
 With their hymns of lofty cheer.

Amidst the storm they sang,  
 And the stars heard, and the sea!  
 And the sounding aisles of the dim woods rang  
 To the anthem of the free.  
 The ocean eagle soared  
 From his nest by the white wave's foam,  
 And the rocking pines of the forest roared —  
 This was their welcome home!

What sought they thus afar?  
 Bright jewels of the mine?  
 The wealth of the seas, the spoils of war —  
 They sought a faith's pure shrine!

Ay, call it holy ground,  
 The soil where first they trod! [found —  
 They have left unstained what there they  
 Freedom to worship God.

*Mrs. Hemans.*

O GOD, beneath Thy guiding hand  
 Our exiled fathers crossed the sea,  
 And when they trod the wintry strand, [Thee.  
 With prayer and psalm they worshiped  
 [prayer —  
 Thou heard'st, well pleased, the song, the  
 Thy blessing came; and still its power  
 Shall onward through all ages bear  
 The memory of that holy hour!

Laws, freedom, truth and faith in God  
 Came with those exiles o'er the waves,  
 And where their pilgrim feet have trod,  
 The God they trusted guards their graves.

And here, Thy name, O God of love,  
 Their children's children shall adore,  
 Till these eternal hills remove,  
 And spring adorns the earth no more.

*Leonard Bacon*

# PHILADELPHIANS DESCENDED FROM KINGS, QUEENS AND DUKES

"SOME Colonial Dames of Royal Descent," by Charles Henry Browning, will doubtless become a standard book of reference to all who are interested in this branch of genealogy. Mr. Browning is a member of the American Historical Association, the Society of American Authors and the Historical Association of Pennsylvania. He has consequently had every opportunity to pursue his exhaustive researches. The immense amount of this research is evident to any one who has ever attempted it, even upon the smallest scale.

Very interesting reading is Mr. Browning's book from the opening page, upon which is traced the pedigree of Mrs. L. Montgomery Bond, Jr., of Philadelphia, nee Packett, of Elizabeth, N. J. Mrs. Bond traces her royal descent from that Louis VIII of France, whose wife was Blanche, daughter of Alphonso VIII, of Castile, so that the blood of the royal houses of France and Castile was mingled in the veins of their descendants.

Mrs. Bond may also claim descent from that gallant and romantic figure, Sir Henry de Percy, who was lovingly known as "Hotspur," and immortalized by Shakespeare for his rash valor. Nor is this all, for Mrs. Bond's pedigree adds one historical romance to another in the simple words which also add to her line of ancestors the names of Augustus Washington and Mary Ball, who were the parents of George Washington, Mrs. Bond being a great-great-granddaughter of Colonel Samuel Washington, the President's brother.

## Pedigree of Mrs. Conarroe.

Another interesting pedigree is that of Mrs. George M. Conarroe, of Philadel-

phia. Mrs. Conarroe traces her descent from Edward I of England, whose wife was also a Princess of Castile. Among the ancestors of Mrs. Conarroe are Humphrey de Bohun, Earl of Herford, and William de Bohun, Earl of Northampton, both typical members of a race which helped make the history of England. It was Rebecca Humphrey, with her historic ancestry, who in the seventeenth century became the wife of Robert Owen, of Fron Goch, Philadelphia, and whose granddaughter, Sarah Owen, became the wife of John Biddle, and was the great-grandmother of Mrs. Conarroe.

## Kings Among Her Ancestors.

Mrs. Erastus Gaylord Putnam, of Elizabeth, N. J., traces her descent from Charlemagne. Kings of France and of England are among her ancestors, and the names of Plantagenet, Parr and De Neville, known to the veriest beginner in the study of English history, are in this pedigree jostled by those of Geoffroi, Count of Anjou; Lady Agiva, of Luimberg, and Matilda, daughter of Malcolm III, of Scotland. Mrs. Putnam traces this descent through the Nicoll family, her maiden name being Mary Nicoll Woodward.

Mrs. Edward Hughes Hanson, of Bala, Pa., is a descendant of Alfred the Great of England, and numbers among her progenitors scions of half the ancient families of England and France. Her descent is through the noted Whipple family, of Massachusetts.

Mrs. Philip H. Cooper, of Morristown, N. J., is a descendant of Hugh Capet, King of France, his wife being a daughter of the powerful William, Duke of Aquitaine. Richard "the Strongbow," second

of the famous Earls of Pembroke, is also an ancestor of Mrs. Cooper, and the Rev. Charles Chauncey, second president of Harvard College, planted this historic family in the new world.

Among the Pennsylvania and New Jersey Colonial Dames who can, if they so desire, boast of royal descent are Mrs. George V. Cresson, descended from Charlemagne, through Thomas Arnold; Mrs. Samuel Winship, of Morristown, N. J., who can trace her lineage to Robert Bruce, King of Scotland; Mrs. Henry Burnett Robb, of Philadelphia, descended from Edward I of England, and his first wife, Princess Eleanor, daughter of Ferdinand III, King of Castile and Leon. Mrs. Robb, who is thus descended from two royal families, was Miss Mabel Hastings, and is a member of the Pennsylvania Society of the Colonial Dames of America.

## Have Blue Blood.

The Steinmetz family, of Philadelphia, also traces its lineage back to the same royal source. Mrs. Duncan L. Buzby and Mrs. Thomas McKean, of the Pennsylvania State Society, are also descended through John Bevan, Sr., from Louis VI, King of France. Mrs. Robert P. Lyle and Miss Emily R. Lyman, also members of the Pennsylvania State Society, are descended through Richard Lyman, who traced his pedigree back to Henry I of France, by his third wife, Anne of Russia.

Other Pennsylvanians royally descended are: Mrs. Charles Deering, who is descended through Mabel Harlakenden, a descendant of Edward I, of England, who came to New England in 1635, while Mrs. Howard Comfort, of Philadelphia, nee Wistar, traces her descent back to King John of England.

- 8 Richard
- 7 John Bidwell (or Biddle, etc.) d. 1683  
m. Sarah survived her husband.  
(v. p. 103)
- 6 John Bidwell b. about 1641, d. before 1709.  
m. Sarah Stelles Nov. 7, 1678 - d. 1709.  
(v. p. 104)
- 5 Thomas Bidwell, b. Dec. 27, 1682, d. 1716.  
m. about 1710 Prudence Scott, dau. Edward Scott  
of New Haven, Conn. (v. p. 105)
- 4 Adonijah Bidwell, b. Oct. 18, 1716, d. Jan. 2, 1784.  
m. 2<sup>d</sup> Jemima Devotion, b. May 15, 1727, d. Feb. 7, 1771.  
m. Oct. 16, 1760. (v. p. 106)
- 3 Adonijah Bidwell, b. Aug. 6, 1761, d. Feb. 14, 1837.  
m. Meliscent Dunch, b. Apr. 4, 1764, d. July 27, 1860.  
m. Jan. 15, 1789. (v. p. 27)
- 2 Barnabas Bidwell, b. Mar. 13, 1796, d. Apr. 2, 1882.  
m. Feb. 6, 1820 Betsey Curtis, b. July 23, 1796, d. Oct. 29, 1862.  
(v. p. 28)
- 1 Edwin Curtis Bidwell, b. Feb. 20, 1821.