

[Ham, Robert]

Robert, the fifth son [of Thomas Ham], was born near New Haven, Conn., and was a tailor by trade.<sup>1</sup> He moved to New Hampshire, then in 1806 came to Canandaigua, remained two years, then returned and brought his family. In 1808 he settled in East Bloomfield. He was one of the organizers of the First Universalist Church, and was truly a conscientious Christian. He owned a farm in Hopewell on which he lived three years, then returned to East Bloomfield and died there [in 1857<sup>2</sup>] aged eighty-three. He was twice married, first to a daughter of Governor Marsh, of Vermont, by whom he had two sons [sic], Ida and Carlyle [sic], and two daughters, Civly and Orell. He married second Eunice, a daughter of Stephen Gyle, a prominent man of his time, being general purveyor for the Army of the Revolution, and owner of nearly eight entire townships of land in Vermont and New Hampshire at the time of his death. [Robert Ham] had nine children by his second wife, three sons and six daughters; two daughters and two sons are yet living: Moses F. Hamm [sic], a prominent and successful business man of Newark, Wayne county; Helen Leste, of Marion; Eunice Orcutt of West Bloomfield; and Burton D. Ham, of East Bloomfield.

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<sup>1</sup> [Robert's grandfather, Gabriel Ham, came from Scotland and settled near Dartmouth College. Robert's father, Thomas Ham, was the father of five daughters and eight sons, three of whom died in the war for independence.]

<sup>2</sup> He is buried in the Lee/South Bloomfield Cemetery, along with his second wife Eunice, who died in Dec. 1848, age 56 years.