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WILLIAM CHADWICK, born in Watertown, January 18, 1720, was a son of Benjamin and Hannah (Welch) Chadwick. He lived on the south side of the so-called Fisher road, on an original lot owned by his uncle Ebenezer of Acton, probably the place now owned by I. O. Bascom. He, too, was a man honored by various minor town offices, both in Lunenburg and Fitchburg. It is recorded "that two schools were established in 1765, the next year after incorporation, and that one of them was kept in William Chadwick's corn barn;" and "that the master boarded in the several families of the district, which bore the burden or the honor of his presence for a stated number of weeks in rotation, and that the people furnished fuel gratuitously."

As Mr. Chadwick had six children of his own, and his near neighbors, Isaac and Reuben Gibson, had twelve and eight, respectively, a very respectable school might have been gathered from these three families. The munificent sum of three pounds was appropriated for the two schools, and it must be conceded that the requirements of the teachers must have been meagre, beyond their food and lodging. This was the first appropriation Fitchburg ever made for schools. Think of it,—three pounds, in comparison with the \$93,037.87 expended in that department last year.

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Mr. Chadwick married Eunice Goss of Stow, and had six children, as follows:

Bette, born January 30, 1758.

Molly, born 1764.

Eunice, born August 19, 1759.

Sarah, born 1765.

William, born 1762.

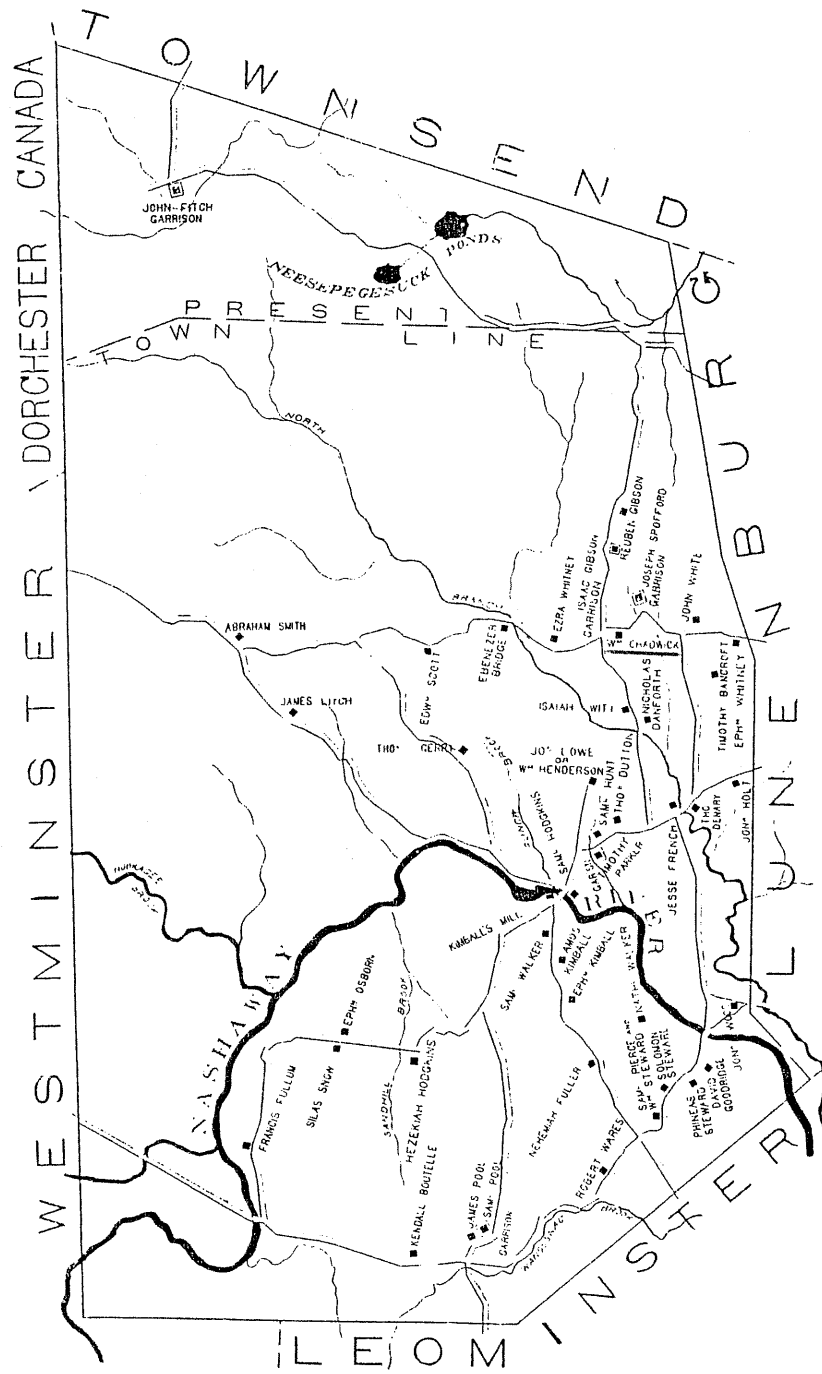
Hittee, born 1767.

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I find no descendants here.

NICHOLAS DANFORTH lived somewhere in the pasture opposite J. Edward Putnam's farm, probably on the land now owned by William Proctor. He was one of the men

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MAP OF FITCHBURG IN 1764, SHOWING LOCATION OF EARLY SETTLERS.