

## DUNCAN, WILLIAM

Was the son of John Duncan and Hannah Henry, born in Londonderry in the year 1771. He came to Candia, Oct. 2, 1798, and bought a store of John Wason, at the Corner. After remaining there about five years, he moved on to the place where John D. Patterson, Esq., now resides. Mr. Duncan was a man of eccentric habits, and extensively known as a merchant. His business in country produce was at one time very large. He married Mary McMurphy, of Londonderry, — had two sons,

the youngest of whom, James, died at an early age. The eldest, William H. Duncan, Esq., now resides at Hanover, N. H. Mr. D. married a second time Naomi McMurphy, of Londonderry. She lived but a few years and he was a third time married to Elisabeth Patterson. For some years previous to his death, which took place in 1849, he was confined to his room from the effects of a broken limb.

It is said that Robert Henry, the grandfather of Mr. D., sent to Londonderry, in Ireland, by one Capt. Ramsey, for Miss Charity Ash Thompson, who was his destined bride. The captain, on arriving at Boston, although he had received his passage money, sold the young woman to service, pretending he had received no pay. After a time, the news reached the ears of Mr. Henry, the expected wife was found, and the perfidious commander did not escape punishment.