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THE
BENT FAMILY IN AMERICA.

BEING MAINLY A GENEALOGY

OF THE

Descendants of John Bent

WHO SETTLED IN

SUDBURY, MASS., IN 1638,

WITH NOTES UPON THE FAMILY IN ENGLAND AND ELSEWHERE.

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We set to-day a votive stone,
That Memory may their decd redeem,
When like our sires our sons are gone.
—Emerson.

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ABNER^o BENT (*Silas,⁶ Elijah,⁴ Hopestill,³ Peter,² John¹*), farmer, was born in Rutland, Mass., Sept. 22, 1780; died in Marion County, Ohio, July 12, 1834, æ. 53. In 1789, he was taken by his parents from Massachusetts to Ohio; was brought up in Belpre (Ohio), where he lived, with the exception of the years 1806, 1807, and, perhaps 1808, which were spent in New Orleans, until 1821, when he removed to a large farm on the Little Scioto River in Marion County. He was a justice of the peace, a man of education and refinement, and held in high esteem by the pioneers who surrounded him. He married first, Jan. 18, 1802, Elizabeth Williams of Marietta, Ohio, born in Detroit, Mich., daughter of Nathan and Eleanor (Lovelace) Williams.* She died in New Orleans in 1807 or 1808, and he married second, about 1816, Elizabeth Dilley, who moved, after her husband's death, to Wabash, Ind., where she died May, 1854.

Children, by the first marriage, all born in Belpre, Ohio :

- i. NAHUM W.,⁷ b. Dec. 3, 1802; d. March 4, 1824.
- 202. ii. ELIJAH, b. about 1804.
- 203. iii. SARAH, b. Aug. 19, 1806; m. first, George Parker; m. second, David Miller.

Children, by the second marriage :

- 204. * i. LINCOLN GOODALE.
- ii. DORCAS, b. Dec. 9, 1820; living in La Rue, O.; m. March 12, 1850, Lewis Topliff, b. Oct. 18, 1807; d. Feb. 2, 1867. Five children: 1. *Susan Amanda*,⁸ d. young. 2. *Lewis R.*, d. young. 3. *Calvin Horatio*. 4. *Emma Josephine*, m. William J. Myers. 5. *Princess Calista*, m. J. E. Moore.
- iii. SUSAN ELIZABETH, m. Spencer West.
- iv. CORNELIUS, d. in infancy.
- v. HENRY CLAY, d. in infancy.
- vi. AUGUSTA, d. in Cal., Dec. 29, 1876; m. Samuel Ridenour.
- vii. ROENA, m. George Reeves.
- viii. ABNER, b. 1828; d. 1828.