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John Keysar

All readers of our New England poet Whittier remember the "Vision" of the "Cobbler Keysar". The changes therein described as occurring in his dream, whereby the forest solitudes were transformed into smiling fields, with manufactories and villages scattered through the intersecting valleys, have been realized in fact, and many of the cobbler's descendants and namesakes have wrought valiantly in bringing them about.

First, by good service in the Revolution;
Second, by turning their swords into ploughshares, their spears into pruning hooks, and ~~erecting~~ ^{erecting} buildings and factories, thereby promoting the prosperity of the community.

Among the early inhabitants of Hampstead we find John and George Keysar. In Canterbury, Edmund Kizer's name appears (on the roll of the soldiers of the Revolution,) to which place some of the family emigrated from Hampstead. Dr. John Keysar was prominent among the early settlers of Northfield, ^(married Mar 4, 1847, Susan M. Hodgdon) here Edmund Keysar a native of Northfield, emigrated to Stewartstown, where he and John owned a tract of land two miles in length. Here they led the life of the pioneers. In 1814 he was Representative to the General Court. He married Betsey Young and they ~~had~~ ^{had}

fifteen children, eleven attained maturity. In 1818, Mr. Keysar sold his property and removed to Canterbury where he was a farmer until 1832, and again he moved to Clarksville where his son John afterwards lived, a prominent and energetic business ^{man} ~~citizen~~. He married, ~~Mar 11, 1817~~, Sarah Clark Wiswall, born in Clarksville Mar 11, 1817, and had five children.

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