

burg. His homestead was near the residence of John Fitch and in the part of Lunenburg which was included in Fitchburg, and in 1767 included in Ashby. He died in Ashby about 1725; his widow died April 18, 1829. They had no children.

From the incorporation of Fitchburg until the incorporation of Ashby, he was a married man residing in this town. Torrey did not include John Fitch and Ephraim Gibson, whose estates were severed from Fitchburg and included in Ashby in 1767.

8. STEPHEN GIBSON, a son of Stephen and Sarah (Goss) Gibson, was born in Stow, March 29, 1745. He married April 15, 1766, Rebecca Puffer. He was taxed in Fitchburg, 1764, and lived here until the incorporation of Ashby. He was a member of the church of Fitchburg several years. Mr. Gibson embraced the Baptist faith and became a preacher. His connection with the church in Fitchburg was dissolved in 1783. He frequently preached in school-houses and last in the meeting-house which was in Fitchburg, but near the line of Ashby. He died February 3, 1812. His wife was a daughter of Capt. Jabez and Hannah (Treadway) Puffer of Sudbury. She was born February 21, 1748, died October 7, 1815. Dr. Stillman Gibson of New Ipswich, was their son and the wife of Charles H.

9. ABRAHAM FARWELL, a son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Moors) Farwell, was born in Groton, August 18, 1743. He was taxed in Fitchburg, 1764. He was a soldier in Capt. Ebenezer Bridge's company, 1775, school committee and highway surveyor from 1777 to 1790. He was an esteemed and competent citizen. He married in 1770, intentions recorded July 14, 1770, Priscilla Thurston, a daughter of Dea. John and Hepsibah (Burpee) Thurston. She died December 30, 1837. Eight children. The record of their birth is found in the printed records of Fitchburg.

10. GEORGE HEWITT (commonly written Huit) was a roving character. He was among the first settlers of Rindge, and lived there 1752-1764. He married in Lunenburg, October 2, 1760, Tryphena Hodgkins and removed in 1764 to Fitchburg. George Huit, wife Tryphena and child-