

BATCHELDER GENEALOGY

FOREWORD

Charles Hull Batchelder was born in Portsmouth, New Hampshire on May 12, 1876, the son of Judge Charles Edwin Batchelder. Charles Hull was graduated with Honors at Portsmouth High School in 1893, and entered Harvard College from which he was graduated cum laude, (Phi Beta Kappa) in 1897. Later he was graduated from Harvard Law School, again cum laude, in 1900.

Returning to Portsmouth that same year, he was admitted to the New Hampshire Bar, practicing law in Portsmouth for forty-eight years, his death occurring in 1948.

Mr. Batchelder had a lifelong interest in Batchelder genealogy, including his ancestor, the Reverend Stephen Bachiler, founder of the town of Hampton, New Hampshire in 1638.

Continuing the research work his father had begun, he was able to compile a massive amount of relevant genealogical material which is now in the New Hampshire Historical Society, principally in voluminous card files, but including some material in preliminary manuscript form such as that which is quoted herein.

In line with his antiquarian interests, Charles Hull Batchelder served as Vice President of both the Portsmouth Historical Society and the New Hampshire Historical Society, and was a knowledgeable early proprietor of the Portsmouth Athenaeum. Collecting examples of the work of early New Hampshire silversmiths, now on loan to the New Hampshire Historical Society, was another of his many research activities, and at the time of his death he was in the process of preparing an authoritative book on this subject.

Additionally, he was throughout his life active in affairs concerning Portsmouth, serving as trustee of the Public Library there, and as treasurer of St. John's Episcopal Church for many years.

His life of scholarly research is worthy of note, providing as it does, a significant contribution toward the preservation of early New Hampshire history.

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