

Father's mother was always grandmother to us. We never adressed her of refered to her in more emdearing terms, probably because on the death of her husband she assumed ~~total black mourning dress~~ life long mourning ~~dress~~ dressing always in long full black skirts and shirtwaists that buttoned closely around her neck. A costume of such formality together with an inherent reserve inhibited ~~her expressions~~ spontaneous expressions and demonstrations of affection by her grandchildren. Father, however, always called her affectionately marmie.

Grandmother's maiden name was Julia Foster. She had two sisters, Adell and \_\_\_\_\_ and their father was \_\_\_\_\_ Foster who with a brother was a pioneer settler at Fort Dearborn on the southern tip of Lake Michigan. Because of its strategic location Fort Dearborn, established originally as a defensive outpost against indian attack, grew rapidly following the submission of the indians to become an important trading center and farming community eventually renamed Chicago, reputed to be an indian word for skunk cabbage.

During the Indian wars \_\_\_\_\_ Foster's brother was killed in a nassacre of settlers attempting to escape to the east and \_\_\_\_\_ Foster became the sole owner of the land they had together acquired. With the building of the railroads, from a small farming town, Chicago developed into a major transportation and shipping center for the whole Middle West. Not forseeing the enormous appreciation in value concurrent with the growth of Chicago of the land they inherited from their father , Adell and her sister \_\_\_\_\_ , preferring more civilized socity, sold their shares to Julia and returned to their ancestral New England, Adell marrying a Bross and \_\_\_\_\_ an Adams, and became residents of New Hampshire on Elm Hill Farm near Peterboro.

Julia married Morris Porter an Episcopal minister. They went to Europe on their honeymoon before settling in Racine, Wisconsin where he had a congregation. Theretheir two sons were born, Morris the <sup>first born</sup> elder,

