MISCELLANEOUS.

From the New London Chronicle.

MEMOIR OF ANNA BAILEY, OF GROTON, CONNECTICUT.

Died, in Groton, Jan. 10, 1851, Mrs. Anna Bailey, relict of Capt. Elijah Bailey, aged 92.

Mrs. Bailey's name has been so widely spread over the Union, and she has been personally known to so many individuals, that her life becomes a part of our domestic history; and now at the time of her decease, a simple narrative of the leading incidents of her story cannot be inappropriate.

She was born on the 11th of October, 1758. Her maiden name was Anna Warner; but for a period of time reaching beyond the lives of the greater part of living men around her, she was the wife of the late Capt. Elijah Bailey, a soldier of the Revolution, and for nearly 40 years postmaster and inkeeper on Groton bank. Her father, Philip Warner, was a native of Stafford, Conn. He came to New London, a young lad, with the purpose of following the seas, and for a number of years sailed from this port.

Her mother was Hannah Mills, daughter of John Mills, an emigrant from Boston, who had settled in Groton, and married a daughter of the first Jonathan Starr of that place. Her parents had been but a few years married, when they both died of the small pox within ten days of each other, leaving two children, of whom Anna was the elder. The wife had been taken sick just before the husband expected to depart on a voyage; he remained to nurse her—saw her buried, and then set sail, but died of the disorder taken from his wife, five days from land. Mrs. Bailey, when over 80 years of age, shed tears abundantly as she related the circumstances attending the death of her parents. The grave of her mother appeared to be a sacred spot in her estimation; often, she said, when a child, she had gone to weep over it; and added: "My father's mother came down from Stafford to see us; she went with us to my mother's grave; and I think I see her now, as she stood lamenting and crying: "O that my son had been buried here in the green earth, instead of being cast into a watery grave! When will the sea give up its dead?"

The children were brought up by their grandmother Mills, who had married a second husband, (her cousin, James Starr,) and during the Revolutionary war this couple, considerably advanced in life, were living about three miles from Groton bank, *in the woods*, as it was styled by Mrs. Bailey. Two sons of the first marriage, James and Edward Mills, the latter, with his wife and two children, one of them a babe only a few weeks old, resided with them.

The women of that day vied with the men in their passionate love of liberty and dread of English rule. Anna Warner was a character for the times. Even in her secluded home, she caught the fire of the patriots and nourished it into a flame. She was one of those who carry every idea and feeling to an extreme, and do nothing by halves. When independence was declared, she was old enough to take a deep interest in that great act of her country, and during the seven years conflict that succeeded, the aggressions of the enemy were so indelibly marked in her mind, as to be ever colouring to her whole life. She would often remark in latter days, that the women of the Revolution were greater patriots than the men, and that they were accustomed to urge their husbands and brothers to go and fight those inhuman monsters, the British and Tories. Such was the unmeasured language she commonly used.

Her uncle, Edward Mills—a name now found inscribed on the Groton monument—was an ardent patriot; and on the morning Arnold's invasion, when the alarm guns sounding at day break gave notice of the approach of the enemy, he started instantly and alone (his brother James being absent from home,) for the scene of danger. He was a corporal in the militia, and joining his company, they threw themselves into Groton fort to await the invaders. This fact was learned by his friends at home during the day, while the roar of cannon in the harbour, and afterward the heavy wreaths of smoke rolling up in the direction of the town, filled them with dismal apprehensions; and at nightfall their worst fears were confirmed, as the news came rushing through the country that New London and Groton village were burned, the fort taken, and the garison put to the sword.

It may readily be imagined that the little family in the woods passed a night of sleepless agony; the breathing of the wind in the trees, or the flutter of a night bird made them often start and listen, hoping that it would prove to be the footsteps of their returning soldier. As the day dawned Anna Warner went out, milked the cows, fed the stock of the farm, and without tasting for breakfast, or to make any change in her dress, started for the bank to obtain some tidings of her uncle. Clad in a striped skirt of linsey-woolsey, a short blue linen wrapper, with bare arms and hands, without stockings and a calico bonnet, she hurried forward to the main road, which she found full of militia men and citizens flocking toward the coast. Many women and children were also hastening onward, moaning and weeping, ignorant of what had become of father, brother, and husband.

At length Anna sent an old man whom she knew (Mr. John Bailey) who informed her that her uncle, mortally wounded, had been conveyed to a dwelling near the meeting house, and was still living. She hastened thither, and found him a mad object to behold, cut and mangled in various parts of the head, hands, and body. His wounds had been dressed, but life was fast ebbing away, and he no sooner saw Anna, than he earnestly asked for his wife and children, piteously entreating that he might see them before he died. Anxious to gratify him, she turned back with a quick step, retraced her way home, caught and saddled the family horse, helped the young wife upon it, placed the oldest child in her lap, and taking the babe in her arms, hastened back again, and never rested a moment till after her nine miles' walk, she had placed the child in the arms of its dying parent.

The energy and promptness of action displayed by Anna Warner in this incident, were retained by her as Mrs. Bailey, and even to old age. She was noted for a bold, determined spirit, quickness of feeling, and volubility of speech. But the predominant feeling of her life was a deep-rooted hatred of every thing English. Her prejudices were tremendous; the fire kindled in her bosom in the morning of her life, nothing could extinguish. The fearless course of the Jersey prison ship from whose noisome hole some of the friends of her youth had barely escaped with life, and where she firmly believed eleven thousand five hundred Americans, all told and numbered, had perished; (for so she often repeated it,) and all the horrors of the Groton massacre, had so embittered her retentive feelings that she could never speak of the British nation without some vituperative epithet. When, therefore, the last war with Great Britain broke out, she was ready for the emergency. She gloried in the declaration of war of 1812, almost as much as in the Declaration of Independence of '76. Her cordial manners, and her vehement political predilections and antipathies, made her house a noted partisan resort, and its mistress a noted personage. Officers and soldiers of both army and navy frequented her dwelling, and met with a warm, hearty welcome; hospitality made her threshold appear to them more like a home than a tavern.

But the wide notoriety of Mrs. Bailey is found on a single incident which happened in the Summer of 1813—an incident coarse and ludicrous in itself, but which has been widely circulated, and yet so much more frequently alluded to than actually told, that a simple detail of the fact seems requisite. The squadron of Commodore Decatur had been chased into New London Harbor by a superior British fleet; and an attack upon the town was momentarily expected. It was of great importance that the fort on Groton heights should be immediately prepared for a vigorous defence. Major Simeon Smith, with a band of volunteers from New London, hastened to the reinforcement of the garrison, and preparations were made to give the enemy a warm reception, when it was discovered that they were short of cartridges. Wadding was wanted, and a messenger was sent in haste through the village to procure flannel.

The inhabitants had mostly packed their goods and were carrying them off, to places less exposed. Mrs. Bailey was sending away her effects, and had only a few necessary articles left in the house. She was crossing the street to a neighbor's door, when the messenger, having traversed the village, asking in vain at every house for flannel to make cartridges, accosted her and made known his errand and his ill success. Without a moment's delay—quick as thought—she slipped her hand into her pocket hole, loosened her skirt, shook it off, and lifting it up, presented it to the messeger, with a right hearty laugh, expressing a wish, and the import of which was, that it might do its work promptly and effectually.

The bye-standers were much amused and uttered a shout of admiration. The messenger hastened with his prize to the fortress and made his report. The story was rehearsed to the whole garrison, and the sacrificed skirt being unrolled and displayed, was received with loud acclamations; the men, rearing it up on their pikes, declared that they would fight under it to the last drop of their blood. Had the British actually made an attack at that time, it is quite probable that the memorable garment would have been run up the flag-staff, and allowed to throw out its folds upon the wind as a banner.

This anecdote went forthwith into the newspapers, and was soon spread through the Union. Mrs. Bailey was exalted to the pinnacle of notoriety, as the greatest of female patriots. She was toasted, visited, caressed; letters, tokens and presents were sent her from all quarters—As a great military and naval ball given in New London not long afterwards, Mrs. Bailey appeared in antique costume, and was led out upon the floor by the officer highest in rank that was present on the occasion. Since that period, strangers stopping in New London, have made it a point to visit Mrs. Bailey. Two Presidents of the United States, Monroe and Jackson, in their respective tours through the Northern States, after visiting Groton fort, went in stately procession to pay their respects to her as the heroine of Groton.

The writer of this article first saw her when she was upwards of 70 years of age, but she had then all the hilarity of youth. She would dance about the room, sing national glees, rail at the English and the defenders of English measures, and glorify the democracy, the masonic fraternity, and General Jackson—her favorite topics—with a zest and lightness of heart that filled beholders with amazement. The walls of her rooms were adorned, or rather disfigured, with a grotesque assemblage of ballads, engravings, and coarse carricatures, among which no less than eight likenesses of her favorite hero were interspersed; this she observed, was none too much of a good thing.

It is but justice to add that she exhibited the woodbine that shaded her piazza, and her large flowering "Derangy" (Hydrangea) with as much exultation as Decatur's ship, or M'Donough's cock, or even General Jackson's venerated countenance. She related the story of the flannel garment in a lively, sportive manner, observing (what no one who knew her devotion to the cause could doubt) that she would sacrifice all the blankets in her house with as much good will, had they been within reach, and adding, in relation to the skirt, "It was a right good article—none of your scant-o'-skirts, but over three yards wide, and bound with good quality binding." This amplitude of dimension may readily be received, for its owners was of masculine proportions.

This sketch would be incomplete if we were not to add that Mrs. Bailey was a warm friend, a kind and obliging neighbor, and irreproachable as a wife. Her husband, who died at the age of 90, August 21, 1848, was just three weeks older than herself. They lived together about 65 years, but had no children. After the death of her companion, Mrs. Bailey lost much of her usual cheerfulness, and was no longer the gay excitable girl of 18, that she had been at 70 and 80 years of age. She had often declared her persuasion that she would live to number a hundred years, and this perhaps might have been the case, had not her eventful life been cut off in a manner so sudden and awful. Her natural vigor was greatly abated, but she was neither sick nor helpless.

She was left sitting alone, after dinner, (Jan. 10, 1851,) in an arm chair, near a comfortable, but not large fire. A short time elapsed—a smell of fire was perceived by the inmates of the house—they flew to Mrs. Bailey's room, which they found so full of smoke that at first nothing could be discerned distinctly. The old lady was lying on the floor, burnt in the most shocking manner; the carpet and floor under her were on fire; her chair and clothes were nearly consumed. She was living, but expired in less than an hour. In what manner the accident happened, cannot be explained.

Mrs. Bailey had a brother who followed the seas, and died in youth away from home. Her nearest surviving relatives are the descendants of her uncle, James and Edward Mills.

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DIRECTORS.—R. Miller, Jr., Geo. Black, J. W. Butler, N. Holmes, Jr., Wm. H. Holmes, C. Dimock, Geo. Jackson, Wm. D. Lyon, Jas. Marshall, Jos. Mason, Jos. Mason, Jr., Auley, Alex. Sinclair, Thos. Scott.

Office, No. 87 Water street, Cornerhouse of Spang & Co., up stairs, Pittsburgh. jul-dly

Penn Life Insurance Company, Phiadel'a.

AGENT IN PITTSBURGH, J. FINNEY, Jr., at the office of the Western Insurance Company, No. 87 Water street, Pittsburgh.

Pamphlets, with all necessary information, and blank forms, will be furnished.

Husbands can insure their lives for the benefit of their wives and children, at a small annual premium.

The whole profits of the Company are divided among the holders of Life Policies.

The dividends of the past two years have been eighty per cent. each year. jy26

Fire and Marine Insurance.

THE INSURANCE COMPANY of North America will make Insurance against Fire and Marine on property in this city and vicinity, and on shipments by Canal, Rivers, Lakes, and by Sea. The properties of this Company are well invested, and furnish an available fund for the ample indemnity of all persons who desire to be protected by insurance.

WM. P. JONES, Agent, 44 Water st.

Delaware Mutual Safety Insurance Comp'y

OFFICE, NORTH ROOM OF THE EXCHANGE, Third street, Philadelphia.

FIRE INSURANCE—Buildings, Merchandise, and other property, in town and country, insured against loss or damage by fire, at the lowest rates of premium.

MARINE INSURANCE—They also insure Merchandise transported by Wagons, Rail road cars, Canal boats, and Steam boats, on rivers and lakes, on the most liberal terms.

DIRECTORS—Joseph H. Seal, Edmund A. Souder, John C. Davis, Robert Burton, John B. Penrose, Samuel Edwards, George C. Leiper, Edward Darlington, Isaac S. Davis, William Yelowell, John Newlin, Dr. R. M. Huston, James C. Hand, Theophilus Paulding, H. Jones Brooke, Henry Sloan, Hugh Craig, George Ferrill, Spencer McIlvain, Charles Kelly, J. G. Johnson, Wm. Hay, Dr. S. Thomas, John Sellers, Wm. Eyre, jr.

DIRECTORS AT PITTSBURGH—D. T. Morgan, Hugh Craig, John T. Logan.

WILLIAM MARTIN, President.

THOS. C. HAND, Vice President.

JOSEPH W. COWAN, Secretary.

☞ Office of the Company, No. 42 Water street, Pittsburgh. [oct22tf] P. A. MADEIRA, Agent.

Franklin Fire Insurance Co. of Phila'a.

DIRECTORS: Charles W. Bancker, Geo. W. Richards, Thos. Hart, Mordecai S. Lewis, Tobias Wagner, Adolphe E. Borie, Samuel Grant, David S. Brown, Jacob R. Smith, Morris Patterson.

CHARLES W. BANCKER, President.

CHARLES G. BANCKER, Secretary.

This Company continues to make Insurance, permanent or limited, on every description of Property in town and country, at rates as low as are consistent with security.

The Company have reserved a large contingent fund, which, with their Capital and Premiums, safely invested, afford ample protection to the assured.

The assets of the Company, on January 1st, 1850, as published agreeably to the Act of Assembly, were as follows viz:—

Mortgages,	$1,247,423 41
Real Estate,	94,724 83
Temporary Loans,	40,011 50
Stocks,	615,622 25
Cash, &c.,	28,204 27
	$2,025,492 71

Since their incorporation, a period of nineteen years, they have paid upwards of One Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars losses by Fire, thereby affording evidence of the advantages of Insurance, as well as their ability and disposition to meet with promptness all liabilities.

J. GILLINGHAM FELL, Agent.

Office S. E. corner of Wood and 3d sts.

THE MUTUAL BENEFIT LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, No. 161 Market Street, Newark, N. J., and No. 11 Wall Street, N. Y. Accumulated assets $1,000,000. Dividing from 40 to 60 per cent profit per annum. The subscriber is authorized to receive applications for Insurance on lives in the above successful Insurance Company; the whole profits being divided among the assured.

WILLIAM P. JONES, Agent,

ja6 No. 141 Front street.

MISCELLANEOUS.

TAR, 50 brls N. C. Tar for sale by

ja18 BURBRIDGE & INGHAM

BLACK TABBY VELVETS of a very superior quality, for body wear, to be had at the store of MURPHY & BURCHFIELD,

ja18 N. E. cor. Fourth and Market sts

FINE GAUZE FLANNELS—Murphy & Burchfield have on hand an assortment of above goods also, Saxony, Welsh, and domestic do; also, White Flannels for Shrouding. ja18

SUPER FRENCH BLACK CLOTHS—Murphy & Burchfield bestow especial attention on the above department of their business, and invite persons wanting cloths of any description to give them a call before purchasing.

VERMIFUGE, Dr. McLANE'S CELEBRATED. 600 gross for sale by

ja18 J. KIDD & CO.

LIVER PILLS, Dr McLANE'S CELEBRATED, 1300 gross for sale by ja18 J. KIDD & CO.

VIAL CORKS—1500 gross for sale by

ja18 J. KIDD & CO.

SPONGE—2 cases fine, and 1 bale extra coarse, for sale by ja18 J. KIDD & CO.

EPSOM SALTS—15 brals for sale by

ja18 J. KIDD & CO.

SUNDRIES—Fifty barrels Family Flour; 25 brls superfine Flour, 20 brls fine do; 50 bushels Dry Apples; 1 brl Eggs just received and for sale by

ja18 JOHN WATT & CO.

BARRY'S TRICOPHEROUS for sale by R. E. SELLERS, 87 Wood st., sole agent for Pittsburgh. Price 25 cents per bottle. de23

FANCY SATINETS FOR BOYS' WEAR. Murphy & Burchfield invite the attention of those wanting goods for boys' wear, to their assortment of these and other styles of cloth adapted for this purpose. ja18

WOOL—Cash paid for Wool by

ja16 MURPHY & LEE, 139 Liberty st

BROWN FLANNELS—One case just received from manufacturers, and for sale by

ja16 MURPHY & LEE.

RED FLANNEL—One case on hand and for sale by ja16 MURPHY & LEE.

BLANKETS—Single and double bed, steam and cribs, and cotting blankets for sale by

ja16 MURPHY & LEE.

TWEEDS—Three cases assorted Tweeds just received from manufacturers, for sale by

ja16 MURPHY & LEE.

SUMAC—Two tons Sumac for sale by

ja16 MURPHY & LEE.

MOLASSES—Fifty-five brls new crop, per steamer Milton, and for sale by

ja16 JAMES DALZELL, 65 Water st

TOBACCO—8 hds No one, 6 twist, received per steamer Brilliant, and for sale by

ja16 JAMES DALZELL, 65 Water st.

BRANDIES, WINES, GINS, &c.

25 half pipes Cognac Brandy, "Pale and Dark."

15 casks Madeira, old and dry.

do do and sweet do.

2 pipes Holland Gin, "Robbins Anchor" and "Fish."

2 puncheons Irish and Scotch Malt Whiskey.

do do Jamaica Rum.

16 bbls N. E. Rum.

12 qr. casks Port Wine.

do do Malaga Wine.

do do Sherry do.

do do Claret do.

10 cases Sherry Wine.

25 boxes Bordeaux Claret.

In store and for sale by. JOHN PARKER & CO.,

jan1 231 Liberty street.

LARD.—Twenty brls and fifteen kegs for sale by de23 SHRIVER & BARNES.

GOLD PENS. We have now on hand a large stock of the best Gold Pens from the leading manufacturers in New York, and made expressly to order. Also, elegant Gold Pencils, Gold and Silver Pencil Cases in every variety. Precipite Pen Holders: Pearl do. All for sale wholesale and retail at New York prices.

W. W. WILSON.

Pamphlets containing all necessary information can be obtained at the office. jan1-6tf

OFFICE, IN NORTH ROOM OF THE EXCHANGE, Third st., Philadelphia.

The following statement of the Affairs of the Company, published in compliance with the requisite of the Charter:

Premiums received during the year ending October 31st, 1850:

On Marine and Inland Risks,	$302,606 24
On Fire Risks,	98,325 95
	$400,932 19
Earned Premiums during the year ending as above:	
On Marine and Inland Risks,	$192,292 17
On Fire Risks,	82,642 75
	$265,294 92
Interest and Salvage,	14,537 20
	$279,832 12
Losses, Expenses, &c., during the same time:	
Marine and Inland Navigation, losses,	$111,7 6
Fire Losses,	12,000 00
	210,04
Profit and Loss,	334,35
Return Premiums,	69,173
Reinsurance,	66,932
Agency charges,	21,231
Expenses, Rent, Salaries, Stationery, &c.,	37,127
	$728,351 07

The Assets of the Company are as follows:

Bonds, Mortgages, secured by City Property,	$ 4,114,35
$12,000 United States Six per cent Loan,	12,960 00
$100,000 Pennsylvania	100,000 00
$15,000 do Five	12,993 75
$12,000 Philadelphia do six	12