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Brooks

(II) Nathan Brooks , son of Simeon Brooks , was born at Chester , January 23, 1789 . He was a stone cutter by trade. He married Nancy A. Clark , daughter of Joseph Clark , who was a soldier in the revolution, a farmer in Chester , and a man of much ability. After his marriage Nathan Brooks lived for a time at Westbrook, Connecticut , and afterward settled in the lower part of Killingworth (now Clinton), where he followed his trade for many years. In 1839 he came to Guilford , where he made his home until his death at the advanced age of eighty-eight years. He was buried at Guilford . In early life he was a Democrat, in later years a Republican in politics. His wife, a woman of lovely Christian character, also died and was buried at Guilford . Three of her thirteen children died in infancy. Children: 1. Julius , born May 19, 1816 , died February 2, 1849 ; married Louisa Griffin , daughter of James Needham Griffin , mentioned below; children: Charles J. Brooks and George E. Brooks , both now reside in New Haven, Connecticut , and are engaged in business there, the manufacturing of special machinery. To Charles J. was born a daughter, Louise , now living; to George E. , a daughter, died young. 2. Zerah Clark , mentioned below. 3. Roxanna M. , married George H. Chapman , of Saybrook , for many years a merchant in Boston , residing in Winchester, Massachusetts . 4. Captain Oliver N. , born February 7, 1822 , master mariner, in 1851 , appointed keeper of Faulkner 's Island lighthouse, receiving medals for rescuing shipwrecked sailors; retired in 1882 ; went to Arch Beach, California , in 1887 , where he was postmaster; returned to Guilford in 1890 ; represented town in general assembly in 1892-98 ; married, January 4, 1846 , Mary M. Hart ; children: Oliver N. , died 1745 young; Mary E. , married Henry I. Thrall , now of Cuba ; and Nancy Amelia , married Edwin G. Husted . 5. Eliza F. , married James H. Prince , of Winchester, Massachusetts . 6. Laura A. , married Frederick H. Fowler . 7. John G. , born August 16, 1830 ; unmarried; drowned in Nebraska , June 30, 1859 , on his way to California . 8. Julia A. , married Richard H. Woodward , a real estate broker, of Long Branch, New Jersey . 9. Cynthia E. , married Erastus H. Crosby . 10. Frances E. , married R. H. Chipman , a coal dealer in New York City , residing in Philadelphia .

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