

Joseph H. Beakey.

Victor Emanuel Bechi came to America from Strasburg in the Province of Alsace-Lorraine with Prince Oulextrau, a Russian nobleman, driven from home by his father because of his adoption of the Catholic faith. The two young men became great friends and settled near each other on the eastern shore of Maryland, it is believed with the colony brought over by Lord Baltimore. They built a Catholic church and when *M. Bechi* died, a monument was erected to his memory in the churchyard. It and the old mansion in a fair state of preservation, may still be seen at Loretto.

Joseph Bechi, son of Emanuel, was educated for the priesthood, and was a linguist of rare ability. Not finding the church to be his vocation, he married a young woman born and raised in Pennsylvania, *Catharine Shriner*, and settled in Emmetsburg, where he prospered and became one of its leading citizens, his name by this time Anglized or spelled as it was pronounced, *Beakey*. His son, *Joseph Ambrose Beakey*, went to Philadelphia, where he met and married *Mary Ann*, daughter of *Elijah Keelah Bangs* and wife, *Esther Stackhouse*, who, having lost her mother while an infant, had been reared by her eldest sister, *Rosanna Stackhouse*, a believer in the gentle tenets of the Quakers, wife of *Abraham Lower*, the well known "Apostle of the Friends." They lived in Emmetsburg a few years; the wife became a Catholic, and not long afterward they joined the tide of emigration westward, and settled in St. Louis, where *Mr. Beakey* engaged in the manufacturing business. They had children, *Henry*, *Louis*, *Rebecca* and *Mary Ann*, who married *Joseph A. Beakey*; born:

Emma C., who married *James M. Hawken*; *Isaac*; *Louis R.*, *Frederick C.*, *Samuel J.* and *Mary*, who married *Irvine A. McFirk*; *Ella H.*, *Clement C.*, *Joseph A.*, and *Martha A.*, eldest daughter, who married *Dural Davis Walker*, St. Louis.

Elijah Keelah Bangs.

EDWARD BANGS, born 1691, came from Chichester, Eng., 1623, in the ship *Anne*, which landed at Plymouth in July. He remained there a few years and in 1644 settled at Eastham on the shore of Cape Cod. He had wealth, honors and influence, and at various times held public offices of responsibility. He was Grand Jurymen, overseer of the guard against the Indians, and superintended the building of the first vessel launched at Plymouth; Deputy to the Colony Court for five years. He died at Eastham 1678 aged eighty-six. He married, first, *Lydia*, daughter of *Robert Hicks*, second, *Rebecca* ———, and their descendants intermarried with the *Doans*, *Sparrows*, *Scudders*, *Mayors*, *Youngs*, *Hupkins*, *Snooks*, *Lumpkins*, *Clarks*, *Waites*, *Hordons*, *Prebles*, and other prominent families of that day.

(Rel., *Dean Dudley of Boston; Bangs' Chart New Eng. Reg., Vol. 3.*)

Capt. Jonathan, son of *Edward* and *Lydia Hicks Bangs*, born 1640, died at Harwich, 1728. He was an officer in the army, representative at court, etc. He married, first, *Mary*, daughter of *Samuel Mayo* and his wife, *Thomasine*, daughter of *William Lumpkin*, who with his wife, *Thomasine*, was one of the original settlers of Yarmouth, Mass. Their son,

Capt. Edward Bangs, born September 16th, 1665, at Eastham, died May 22nd, 1746. He married *Ruth Young*, died June 22nd, 1738, aged sixty-eight years. They had two sons, *Dr. Jonathan* and

Capt. Joshua Bangs, born 1685 at Harwich, Mass., died at Portland, Maine, March 29th, 1762. He was a shipmaster and merchant and a highly valued citizen. On his removal to Portland, Maine, he settled *Clay Cove* and owned from *Clay Cove* to *King*, now *India street*. He also owned *Bangs' Island*, which was named for him. He married *Mehetabel Clark*, June 18th, 1713, died March 29th, 1761, in her sixty-fifth year. They had *Nathan*