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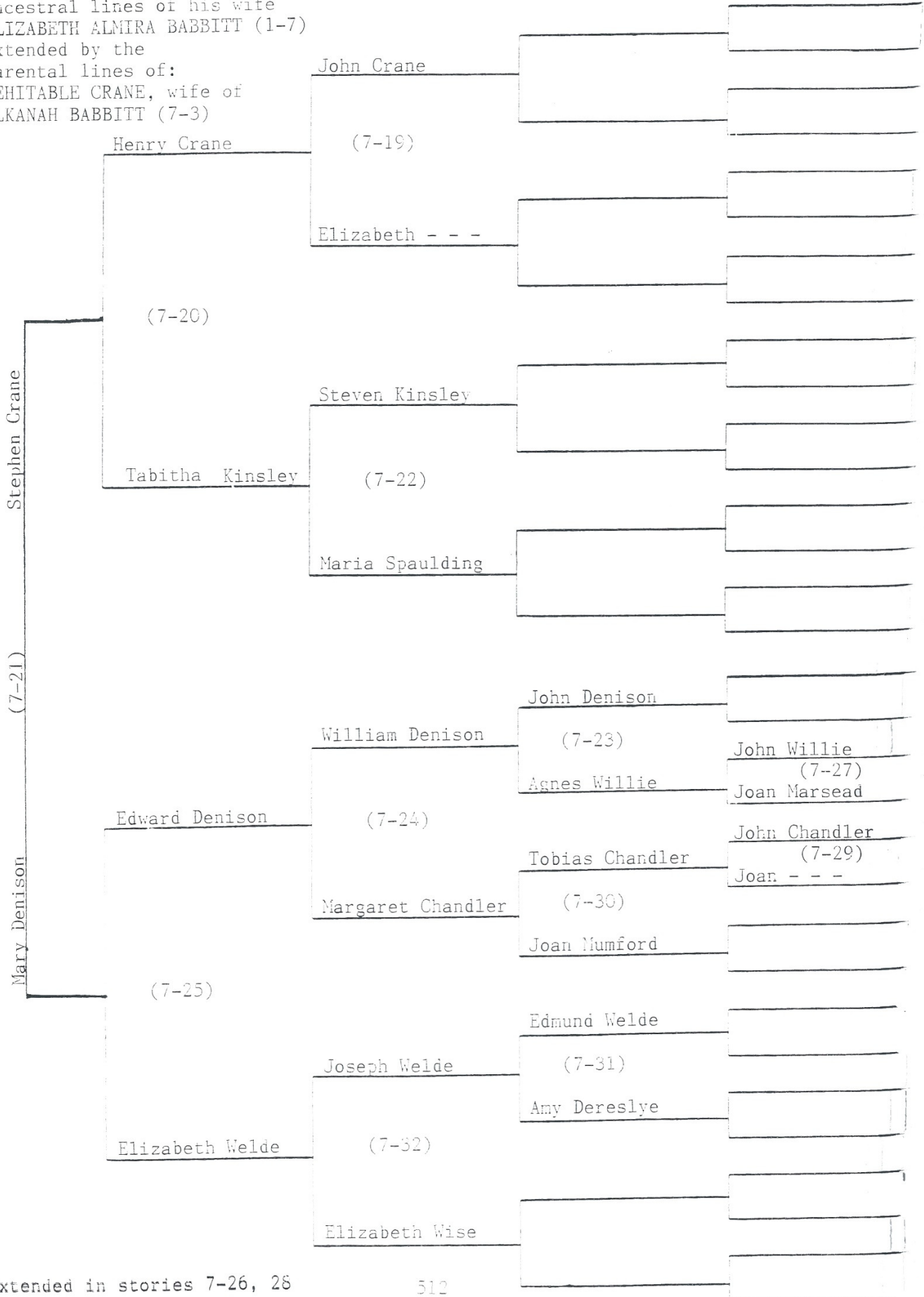
P A R T 3

Ancestral lines of
ELIZABETH ALMIRA BABBITT, wife of
LEONARD GURLEY RICE (1-7)

Extended by the parental lines of
MEHITABLE CRANE, wife of
ELKANAH BABBITT (7-3)

The Book of Leonard Gurley
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PEDIGREE CHART



* Extended in stories 7-26, 28

SAMUEL (JOHN) CRANE
 ELIZABETH _____

"The Braintree Records of 1640, state that James Penniman, Thomas Matosan, Stephen Kinsley, Gregory Baxter, Samuel Crane and William Cheseborough were elected to administer town affairs. This is the first association in those records of the names of Kinsley and Crane, and here is all there is of Samuel Crane. Whence he came, whither he went, who can tell? Elizabeth Crane, the wife of Samuel and mother of Henry is on record as a member of the Dorchester Church 1641." 1

From this record we are assured that Elizabeth did come to New England with her husband. Some writers claim that this couple returned to England after a few years.

"John (sometimes referred to as Samuel) came from Suffolk County, England, to America, and by 1637 he was living at Muddy Brook (now Brookline, Mass.). In 1642 is recorded as having land at Roxbury, was 'Deputy to the General Court' in 1649. He had two sons: Benjamin, born 1630 and Henry. . . Benjamin married Mary Backus, daughter of William Backus, of Saybrook, Conn., April 23, 1655. (William Backus is said to have migrated to Wethersfield, Conn.). Henry married Tabitha Kinsley, daughter of Stephen and Maria (Spaulding) Kinsley of Braintree, Mass. (7-22). Henry and Tabitha remained in Dorchester, Mass. 2

The Crane and Kinsley families seemed to have maintained a close association. For a time some of the families had adjacent farms in that part of the town which was later incorporated as Milton.

Benjamin Crane went to Wethersfield as early as 1665 or earlier where he met and married Mary Backus. Here he owned over five hundred and fifty acres of land. At the time of his death his son Johathan with the help of his uncle, Henry Crane, took care of the business of settling the estate.

Henry and Tabitha (7-20) settled in Dorchester (now Milton) where they remained during their lifetime.

As was stated by the authors, Alfred Crane and Elizabeth Nash, earlier, there is the possibility that the parents of Henry and Benjamin returned to England but of this we cannot be sure.

1. #77 (a) p. 3
2. #76 p. 93