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I 13 --- WPAGE TO I FYPRESS & ADVERTISER THURSDAY , MARCH 1 1923 C a born May 4 , 1827 . He will therefore be 83 years old in a very few weeks A sturdy son of the soil is Mr. Small . His complexion is as ruddy and his face much less lined by Father Time many a man of 50 years . He has always been a farmer and life in the open may be in a measure responsible for his youthful appearance and extremely good health Mr. Small was born in Windham , the son of Small , as and Patience (Knight) of Windham . Should he wish to join the Sons of the American Revolution he would have no trouble in proving title for he comes of Revolutionary stock . His grandfather , Jeremiah Small , was three years in Washington 's Army . He was at Valley Forge and many are the happenings of that gloomy Winter that the old soldier had to tell . His mother 's father , Jonathan Knight , was also six months in the Continental Army , Jonathan Knight was the son of Mark and mouth and Margaret Knight of Falmouth - Otisfield and grandson Henry and Priscilla Knight who came to Falmouth from Newbury , Mass . , before 1746 , and settled there . Jonathan was born about 1759 and married Sarah W . , daughter of David and Patience Pettengill . Their children were : Peggy , who married Cornelius Allen , Patience , who married Asa Small , (the parents of Mr. Asa Small , who was evidently named for his uncle , Cornelius Allen) , Ann , who married Amos Hardy , Mark , who married Emily Hobbs . Mr. Small traces his ancestry on his father 's side back for many years . In the year 1657 the famous Indian chieftain Squitturygusset , had sold land within the present limits of Westbrook to a white man . The grantee mentioned in this conveyance is " Francis Small , of Kittery , usherman , " and the property conveyed was " all that upland and marshes at Capisic , lying up along the northern side of the river . unto the head thereof , and so to reach and extend unto the river side at Ammon Congin . " One The price given was trading coat a year for Capisic , and one gallon of liquor a year for Ammoncongan . " Mr. Willis , the Portland historian , says this is the first Indian deed extant , of lands in old Falmouth . He also is authority for the statement that Small settled upon his purchase where he lived for several years . His home was probably at Capisic as the stream of that name was formerly much larger than at the present day and there was considerable water power where it still falls into the marshes at the head of Fore River . In May , 1658 , Small sold one - half of this tract of land to John Phillips , of Boston . Phillips was the father - in - law of George Munjoy , who under date of June 4 , 1666 , had purchased of two Indian Sagamores a tract of land one mile square . The ancient planting ground of the Indians on the northerly side of the river at Ammoncongin , now Cumberland Mills , was included in this tract of land . Francis Small was the ancestor of L. W. S . , the well known Argus correspondent , who has made a study of family history and according to him . Francis Small was born in England in 1620 and came to America in 1632 . He was living at Dover , N. H . , in 1648 , and died at Truro , or Provincetown , on Cape Cod , in 1713 . He must have been what in the 20th century parlance is called a hustler . He had a house and trading camp where the village of Cornish in York County now is and received a deed from the famous Captain Sunday of a tract of 256,000 acres , known as the Ossipee lands . Through one of his sons he was the ancestor of the numerous families of Smalls in Limington and other towns in York and Cumberland Counties . The farm that Mr. Cornelius A. Small now owns has been in the family for many generations . March 15 , 1820 , Jeremiah Small and Jerusha , his wife , conveyed one hundred acres in Westbrook , where they lived , to Peter and Asa Small . The deed

goes on to say , " It is the same which was conveyed to us by Peter Woodbury , fath of said Jerusha Timothy Pike also conveyed to Asa % and Peter land in Windham under date % of March 23 , 1816 . % The Pike mentioned was Timothy % Pike , who came from Newbury , Mass . % to Falmouth , and at the burning % Old Falmouth by Mowatt he came to % Saccarappa and had a forge for the % producing of iron from the ore where the Dana Warp Mills now stand , on % the upper dam on the Northeast side % of the river . Pike also had land in % Windham where he lived and served % on the board of selectmen of Windham . " No wonder Mr. Small is of the opinion that there is no place quite like his farm , connected as it is , by so many historic associations . % While he is not able to do as much work as formerly and one of his sons has resided with him since his wife 's death , three years ago , to look after things , still he was able to do a good day 's work in the hay field last Summer . Mr. Cornelius Small married , in 1857 , Nancy Allen , of Falmouth . Mrs. % Small died some three years ago , as % has been said . Eleven children were % born to them , Mrs. Patia Freeman , who married Charles Freeman , of % Windham , where she resides , Mrs. % Cornelia % Amos H. Carroll , who lives in Boston , whose home is in New York City . F Frank Small , who died % some years ago in Colorado , Fred % Small , who is a member of the police force of Portland , Annie Small , who married Reuben Small and lives in Portland , Johnson Small , of Windham , - X Cornelius A. Sman , of Portland Harris A. Small , Westbrook , Mamie who married Thomas McEnter of Westbrook , and Ralph Small of Westbrook . Of a sturdy , long lived race , numbering among its members persons of all professions and occupations , it is the hope of Mr. Small 's friends that he may reach his one hundredth milestone . At the present time his health is of the best and he has retained his eyesight and hearing is unimpaired From all indications this wish is not improbable . FACULTIES WELL PRESERVED AND IS NEARLY 83 Sunday Filgram Eighteenth Oldest Westbrook Man is a native of Quebec and Comes Long Lived Race April LOUIS BETTEZ . 1910 Mr. Louis Bettez , the eighteenth oldest man in Westbrook , was born Oct. 17 , 1827 , at Ste . Anne d' Yamachiche , Province of Quebec . He was one of 18 children , the son of Jacques and Genevieve () Haude Bettez . Mr. Bettez was one of the youngest of this large family (which would have delighted President Roosevelt) , one brother being younger . This brother , James Bettez , lives in Stanford , P. Q. , and is about 81 years old ; if he and his good wife live until next August they will observe their sixtieth wedding anniversary . He has followed in his father 's footprints and had 14 girls . 10 of whom are living , and two sons . Mr. Lou Bettez was educated at the College des Freres des Ecoles Chretiennes . In the year 1844 at the earnest so licitation of his brother , Dr. Joseph Bettez , he went to the Bois Franc . The region , as the name would indicate , was then one immense tract of forest . It has since received many settlers , and is at the present in alled Somerset . This Dr. Joseph Bet ez was for many years a noted physician in this region . He died from the effects of a broken leg , received some years before , at the advanced age of 92 , in November , 1908 . The Bettez family came originally from France , being French Huguenots . Members of the family went over to England in the seventeenth century , and in 1760 , one of their number came to Canada . Rev. L. P. Gravel , a grandson of Dr. Joseph Better , who resides in New York and Saskatchewan , is writing a genealogy of the family . without doubt , will prove very interesting eading . Mr. Bettez comes of a long liv ved race ; his grandmother lived to be 105 and his mother 84 years old . As was said , Mr. Louis Better went to the Bois Franc

in 1844 . He taught school 10 years there and then tried In 1863 he married at the age of 36 , Marie Anne Caroline Corneau of Somerset . Mr. Better did not follow the example of his parents or brothers in having large families for he has only had four children : L. Joseph Bettez , who has served in the Westbrook city council as alderman from Ward 4 . He married a few years ago Miss Lucy Letarte , daughter of Peter Letarte of River street , this city . They have two beautiful children , Louis Joseph Arthur and Alphonse Eugene , the former two years and the latter six months old . Mr. Joseph Bettez is a clerk at the store of Fuller & Laverty . P. Arthur Bettez , who works for the S. D. Warren Company , Cumberland Mills . He is unmarried . - HULL G and I do inson , the builder and contractor . He is unmarried and with his brother Arthur resides at home with his parents . A daughter , Marie Ernestine , died some years ago when a young woman . Mr. Louis Better with his family came to Westbrook in 1879 . He has a very comfortable home at 14 River street . He was the first president of the first Catholic society founded in Westbrook , St. John the Baptist Society , founded in 1882 . For many years Mr. Better acted as interpreter for the tax collectors before the town became a city . excellent knowledge of French , as he had been a schoolmaster , and his ability to translate easily into English , his services were of much value . He has been in the insurance business until late years . His health is remarkably good . He never had a doctor in his life , and he has not missed mass for years and years , so many that all count is lost , being a regular attendant at St. Hyacinthe . He had to wait until he was 84 years old before he was a grandfather , as only one of his sons . Ex - Alderman Joseph Bettez , is married , and his two little sons are the only grandchildren . But if they came late they found plenty of affection waiting , as Grandpa and Grandma Better are certain there never were such fine children . Mr. Better , is a great reader , as in fact , are all the members of his family , and what is more , he reads without glasses . At the urging of members of his family , who said never mind if he could read without glasses he was old enough to have them , he went to an oculist and was fitted to to spectacles . He brought them home , and putting them on began to read his paper . He kept on for a short time , but they bothered him , and with an exclamation that he could see better without them . he took them off , and they now repose in the case , and he reads his paper without glasses , even if he is nearly 83 years old . Another thing Mr. Bettez has to be thankful for is that his hearing is as good as ever . He is very active and likes to keep busy around his home premises . As an instance of how active he is , last Summer he was fixing his house , and a Jackscrew was needed . He immediately started off , and going over to Cole street , some little distance , borrowed % one of a neighbor and taking it on his % shoulder , brought it home . Mr. Better % is a remarkably smart old gentleman and the chief executive of the state % of Rhode Island Governor Aram Pothler , may well feel proud that among his relatives he can claim Mr. Louis Bettez of Westbrook . In their pleasant home , 14 River % street . Mr. and Mrs. Better are passing % their declining years , being most carefully looked after by their devoted sons . May he emulate his maternal ancestor % and reach his 105th year . Was no 9th West Man Paper should have been in Apr 27 WILL BE EIGHTY TWO NEXT JUNE Sunday gram William Henry Pride , Twentieth Oldest Westbrook Man , Has Had Adventurous Career . May 1 1910 MEMBER OF SEVERAL SECRET SOCIETIES 11 165 . Five Veterans I Henry Pride then the oldest man in Westbrook , has as seen more of adventure than any man of his years in Westbrook , although for

many years he has led the quiet life of the man who dwells in a farming community . He was born in Falmouth , June 30 , 1828 , and will therefore be 82 years old in June of the present year . He was the son of Alexander and Jane (Bodge) Pride . His mother was the daughter of Thomas and Betsey () Mayberry Bodge . Mr. Pride can trace his ancestry on his mother 's side back to the early settlers of Windham . The ancestor of all those bearing the name of Bodge was John Bodge , who according to the family tradition , came to Windha from Dover , N. H. about the year 1742 and located on home lot No. 10 , in the first division of home lots , and built his house about 40 rods from the Great River , as the Presumpscot was then called . On December 1 - 4 , 1734 , he married Rebecca , the daughter of Captain Thomas Chute , the first settler of Windham . This was the first marriage on the old church records and was solemnized the same day the church was organized and the first minister , Rev. John Wight , ordained Mr. and Mrs. Bodge had seven children , one of them , Benjamin , married for his first wife , Susannah , daughter of Zerubable and Hannah Hu pewell . They had five children , of whom Thomas (born March 12 , 1781 , and died August 6 , 1856) married Betsey Mayberry . Nine children were born to them . Jane , the eldest being the mother of the subject of this sketch . Two children were born to Alexander and Jane (Bodge) Pride : William Henry and Joshua Thomas Pride , the last named reside as in Farmington , N. H. Mrs. Pride died July 12 , 1833 . When 18 years old Mr. William Henry Pride went to sea and for nine years spent much of his time in the West Indies . Many are the interesting and wonderful tales he has to tell of those days . In the early fifties he started for Pikes Peak . He went first to St. Joseph , Mo . , and from there across the then unbroken country . He was accompanied by Isaac Adams of Gray , Edward Hooper , Edwin Atkinson and Nathan Cloudman of South Windham , and on the way they fell in with a man by the name of John Meade . It must have been quite an imposing caravan for each man had a wagon known as a prairie schooner and drove several yokes of oxen . In each wagon they carried a complete camping outfit also tools to be used in mining and sup plies of all kinds . It was a haza ardous journey . They were in great danger at times from the Indians and the loneliness of the country must have been at times appalling . Their route led them across the Platte River . The spirit of adventure still strong upon them they kept on until Salt Lake was reached . Here some little he was spent . Afterwards several members of the party kept on to Carson City . Mr Cloudman going on to California . Mr. Pride became interested in mining . He was at one time a part owner in the famous Comstock mine and made considerable money while there . In 1860 he returned to his home in Maine but only staid one year , going back to Carson City in 1861 . His health not being good there he started for New Granada , South America , as it was then called . He finally reached Bogota , the capital . which was even then quite a sizable city and carrying on quite a trade in various articles , especially hides and precious metals . Many are the interesting descriptions of a civilization , far different from anything he had ever seen , that Mr. Pride can tell . After remaining here a short time he went up one of the large rivers , 500 miles into the mountains , in search of gold . He had been there but a short time when he was taken very ill with fever and ague and with much difficulty was gotten to the seashore where he was put on a vessel for Aspinwall , Panama , and finally got back to Maine , where he has since remained . He recalls with much vividness all the incidents of those days so full of adventure . Mr. Pride has been three times married .

His first wife was Miss Addie Harmon of Gray . They had one son , James Pride , who is a stone mason % and lives at Prides Corner . He married for his second wife Mrs. Marilla Holden . They had two daughters : Lottie , the wife of Edward Silver , who is on the Portland % police force , and Delia , the wife of Patrolman Palmer Strout of Westbrook . He married for his third wife Mrs. Abbie Anthoine Allen . Mr. Pride is a stone mason by trade , at which business he has worked since 1881 . He also has a small place with % a few acres of land which he carries on , coming to market each week He is a member of Temple Lodge , No. 86 , F. and A. M. , and a pronounced Democrat in politics . At one time he suffered from poor health but of late years he has been much stronger and more able than the average man of over 80 years . He has retained all his faculties to a remarkable degree and enjoys knowing all that is going on in the world about him . His vivid descriptions of the places he has visited and the life of the early mining days is well worth listening to He wears his 82 years lightly . To see him one would think him a much % younger man . 2 11 10th Bea - 10 Grammar re , died in rincipal of Jenkin - a school of siding . She me of the Mrs. El - N. of a cenhis wife property it about Anderson , later to been pronearly 11 he buildclothing buildings and inns is the House on st if not Webb Street ing stands , p. the around location . Gard - 11 taken et floor berland lace of Owned ny and 10 the Main use in one on inter - , used Warapart - - story Warp wilt by b who and % ployes turing arding sept it tment

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