

# HON. JEREMIAH A. CLOUGH

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Jeremiah Abner Clough, born in Loudon, N. H., November 22, 1846, died in Concord, January 3, 1920.

The Clough family, one of the most numerous and prominent in central New Hampshire, with connections all over New England and

allotment of land in that year. He was a house carpenter by occupation, was twice married, had seven children, and died July 26, 1691.

Many of his descendants settled in Canterbury and Loudon, among whom was Capt. Jeremiah Clough,



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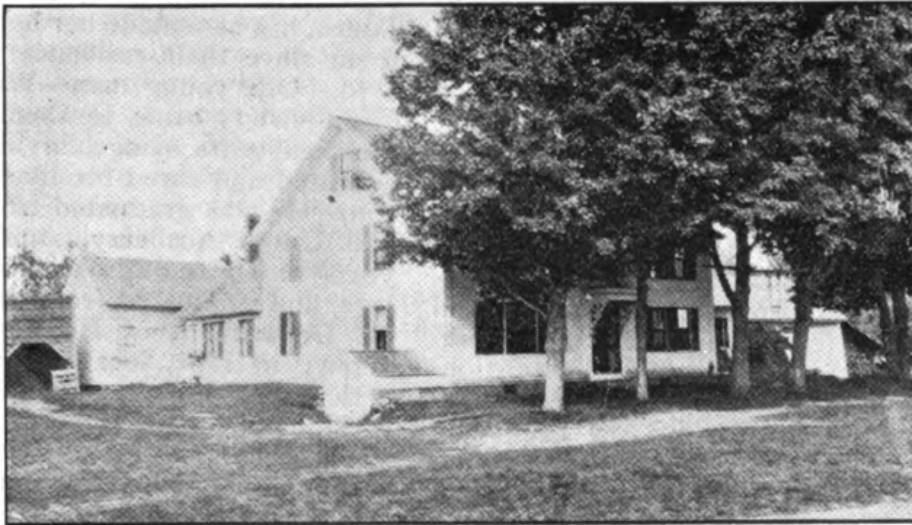
the country at large, descended from John Clough, who came to America from London, England in 1635, locating first in Charlestown, Mass., but soon removing to Watertown, and a little later to Salisbury in the same state, where he settled before 1640, and received a second

who was a leading citizen of Canterbury during the Revolutionary period, serving as Chairman of the Committee of Safety and as a delegate in the Provincial Convention at Exeter in May, 1775, along with the Rev. Abiel Foster. He was a descendant in the fourth generation

from John Clough of Salisbury, and the great great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch whose father, Abner Clough, was a successful farmer of Loudon.

Abner Clough, whose father and grandfather were also named Abner, married Sarah Hazelton of Canterbury. They had three children; Lucy M., who died in youth; Abial H., who died in 1891, and Jeremiah A. Their home was on a fine farm on Clough Hill, in Loudon, about a mile from

at Pittsfield Academy, Mr. Clough remained with his father on the home farm, to whose management and cultivation he devoted his time and energy with abundant success, soon coming to be regarded as one of the most prosperous and enterprising farmers in Merrimack County. Mixed farming was pursued for many years, but for some time later milk production was made a specialty. The production of maple sugar was also carried on to a considerable extent.



CLOUGH HOMESTEAD IN LOUDON

the center of the town. Here Jeremiah A. Clough was reared to a life of industry and thrift, such as has always characterized the successful New England farmer, in whose class many of the name have been found, a notable example being the late Col. David M. Clough of Canterbury, long known as the "Corn King of New Hampshire," although some have gained distinction in professional life, like the late Judge Lucien B. Clough of Manchester, one of whose daughters is the wife of Sherman L. Whipple, the eminent Boston lawyer.

Having secured a good English education, in the district school and

Upon the death of his father in 1900, Mr. Clough came into full possession of the property including the home farm, with adjoining and outlying lands amounting in all to over 500 acres. He continued the management of the same until his death, but established his home in Concord in 1901, having purchased the substantial residence on South State Street, formerly owned by George H. Emery, placing a foreman in direct charge of the farm.

Politically Mr. Clough was a steadfast and reliable Democrat, and was prominent in the affairs of the party in his town and county.

He served the town of Loudon three years as a member of the board of selectmen, two years as town treasurer, also as town clerk two years, and was its representative in the Legislature of 1897, when he served on the Committee on Agricultural College, and was a member of the Merrimack County Board of Commissioners for four years. He was chosen representative again for 1907, when he was a member of the Committee on Ways and Means, and also on Labor. In November, 1908, he was elected to the State Senate from the 11th District, strongly Republican, though it was, by a majority of 95 votes, a fine demonstration of his great personal popularity. In the Senate of 1909, he was a member of the important committees on Banks, Finance, Public Improvements, State Hospital, and the Joint Standing Committee on State House and State House Yard. He also represented his town in the Constitutional Convention of 1902. While in Loudon he attended the Free Will Baptist church, of which his mother was a member. In Concord he attended the South Congregational Church. While in Loudon he was for some years a member of Surprise Grange, P. of H. He was also a member of the Wonolancet Club of Concord.

Mr. Clough made many friends through his genial manner and kindly courtesy, to all of whom his death came as a distinct personal

loss. He was an honest, upright, public-spirited citizen, interested in all matters pertaining to the public good, and although he had passed the allotted age of three score years and ten, his departure will be long and widely mourned.

He was united in marriage June 20, 1877 with Nellie M., daughter of George and Almira (Sanborn) Peverly of Canterbury. They had no children but took into their family and started on the way of life, several young men. A niece of Mrs. Clough, Miss Florence C. James, has also made her home with them since their residence in Concord. One young man—Wilson E. Hunt—who came to them when fourteen years of age, in 1891, was educated and cared for like an own son. He was graduated from Kimball Union Academy, studied two years at Dartmouth Medical College, and graduated from the Medical Department of Harvard University in 1901, locating after a period of hospital work, in practice in Malden, Mass., where he has since been successfully engaged, except for a period of overseas hospital service for the U. S. government in the great war. He cherishes a deep regard for the benefactor, to whose kindly aid he owes his position and success in professional life, while Mr. Clough in his last days, took no little pride in the good work which his beneficiary was accomplishing in his chosen field.