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A sketch of the ancestors and life of NEWTON S. GROUT, written by his sister Lizzie, for his children so they may know something of his parentage and early life.

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In the year of 1813 or 14, Joel Grout married Miss Abigail Clark at a small settlement called Gomen now a part of the town of Winterport, Waldo Co., Maine. Joel had to my knowledge two sisters, one we called Aunt Turner who lived on the Isle au Haut on the coast of Maine, and one we called Aunt Drake (I cannot remember ever seeing her) and one brother, who had one son named Amos.

Aunt Turner was a dear old lady and visited us when we were children at home. One of her daughters married Captain Lampher of Searsport. This is all I know of our Grandfather's family. Joel was a man of medium stature, fair complexion and as far as I ever knew a mild disposition. Abigail Clark was the reverse, coal black hair, and eyes, large frame and her children all feared her. Her aim in life was work and save; and her one fear was robbers; she was suspicious of everybody. She was struck by lightning and instantly killed in the fall of 1860. She had two sisters and three brothers, James, Lemuel and Robert. James and Lemuel were sea captains, and Robert a farmer.

Joel and Abigail began life together on a tract of land in the township of Monroe, Me. about 21 miles from Bangor, the head of navigation on the Penobscot river and 12 miles from the "Head of the Tide" at Belfast. This land was then covered by a dense forest and there was plenty of hard work to do. Much of the forest timber was cut for ship timber and drawn by ox teams to Frankfort Marsh at a distance of ten miles. The money was always handed to Grandmother at night and one time she missed a few cents and asked Grandfather what because of it. He answered her "If you must know, I bought a glass of grog". Every thing that could be raised or made on the place with hard labor was accomplished. Flax was raised and every spare minute the boys had, they were breaking flax and

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the girls were busy spinning and weaving for sheets and table linen and their home gowns. These latter were made with two widths as Grandmother did not believe in waste of material. Sheep were raised and their wool was spun and woven for the winter garments, and the coarser kinds were colored with home dyes and woven into bright carpets for the best room which was never used excepting for a wedding or a funeral. The girls knit mittens and stockings for the Bangor lumbermen and in return got silk or bombazine for their best gowns. So by hard work and frugality, Joel and Abigail accumulated a very good country property, but the children were never very strong and I think they all believed their weakness was due to so much hard work. At their death, Joel and Abigail left a large farmhouse, barn and other out-buildings and a well stocked farm, and house well furnished with chests filled with linen which was divided among the children and I remember the last linen sheet which we had was used during the Civil War, for lint in the hospitals. To them were born five sons and three daughters. The eldest, Robert Clark Grout, born 1818, lived on the home place until twenty-one, then learned the carpenters trade with an uncle and when twenty-four, married Miss Experience Elizabeth Stowers, only child of Samuel and Experience Boden Stowers. (English) Elizabeth's father died when she was a small child. Her mother then married Benjamin Rich, and they were the parents of seven children. Stowers married Eliza Fulsom; parents of six children (Maine). Parkman married Maria Furgesson, (Maine); they had four children. John married Sophia Spaulding, who had five children. (Maine). Amos died in Civil War. Nancy married George Woodbury in New Orleans La. They had one son, now in California. Betsey known as Lizzie married Andrew Crowell, five children all in Maine except T. R. Crowell, who has charge of the Training Department in the Colorado State Normal School at Greeley, Colo. Mary married Charles Bridges, two children, Boston Mass. Robert and Elizabeth

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years and three children were born. Harriet A. Dec. 7, 1840 who lived to be 86 years of age and died at the home in Monroe of heart disease.

Newton S. Dec. 27, 1842, and William R. who enlisted in the Civil War and died at New Orleans La. when 20 years of age. He was a soldier in the 13th Reg. Maine Volunteers, Co. A. Robert and Elizabeth moved with their family from Jackson to Belfast and Robert worked in a machine shop, and here Robert C. Jr. was born. Then they returned to Jackson and Lizzie S. and Annie S. were born at the same home. Annie lived eight years and died of diphtheria in Monroe, Maine. Newton being the eldest son, had to work, as the father worked most of the time at his trade. The boys were handy with carpenters tools and helped with their father when they could. We lived a long distance from school and the boys could only go the short winter term. Newton was very bright at school and one winter he with his sister Mattie were allowed to attend singing school, the only recreation I ever knew them to have.

In the fall of 1859 Father sold his Jackson property and we all moved to the old home in Monroe. Grandfather was dead and uncle Amos was living on the place. Father took his place and lived there until the fall of 1872 when he sold and came to Colorado. Newton was rather dissatisfied with his life and wished to go away and at that time there were rumors through the land of war and I well remember one cold day when Newton came rushing in crying out "Fort Sumpter has been fired on and there will be war and I am going". After that if was all excitement and July 28, 1861 Newton enlisted and went to Bangor to join the regiment, aged 20 years. He was Drums boy of Co. E, 16th Maine Infantry, took the old drum that his father had played as in the Militia when he was a young man. After the Regiment was changed to the 1st Maine Heavy Artillery, Newton played a cornet in the band. He brought his cornet home with him and sold it to his cousin Henry Grout. Newton suffered with chills and ague and a very bad cough and in the spring of 1865 took measles which left him a wreck and in June he was discharged and reached home only one month ahead

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The fall of that year we went to school but his eyes were so bad that he had to give up that thought. That winter he spent in the north woods of Maine with the lumbermen, then for a few years he worked at carpentering and was in the employ of Morse & Young, Bangor, Maine. In the fall of 1869 in company with one of his fellow workmen, Charles Emery and Albin Smith, brother of my husband he came to Colorado and worked at his trade until 1873 then bought a farm on Jackson creek and in May 1880 married Pearl James of the same County, and you know the rest.

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The brothers of Robert Grout were Joel Grout Jr. married Lydia York, parents of one son and two daughters. The girls are dead, but the son married Abbie Wildes and their son, Fred married Mattie Parkhurst of of Dixson, Maine.

William married Abigail Abbott and they had one daughter, Abbie who married Thomas Warren and died leaving three or four children.

James married Priscilla Figgings and they had three daughters.

Amos married Melissa Littlefield. They had one daughter, Nellie. Of the sisters, Joanna married Sam Murch. To them two sons were born; Will and John. Will died in the Civil War and John has lived a bachelor. The other two sisters, Sarah and Abbie, both died of consumption.

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I think this will give you an idea of your relatives on your father's side and should you ever meet any of these cousins would be able to trace the kinship.

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