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I. ANCESTRY

A. Birth: July 6, 1875, Gloucester, Mass.

Father: Nathaniel B. Babson, leading dry goods merchant

Mother: Nellie Stearns Babson

Sisters: Edith Low Babson, b. March 15, 1880, d. August 26, 1893

Alice Stearns Babson, b. March 20, 1884, m. April 14, 1910 to Dr.
William Stewart Whittemore, Cambridge

B. Ancestors: Importance to RWB; heredity vs. environment; strains

Father's line: Rogers: John, martyr, burned at stake in England
(monument at Coleman)

John, president of Harvard, education

Daniel, merchant, fleet of fishing vessels 1750

Gorhams: Aristocratic, trace to John Howland, Mayflower

Lows: Sea captains, commerce (biography of Gorham P.
Low, RWB's great-great-uncle)

Mother's line: Putnams: Israel, revolutionary war fighter

Wises: Reverend John, preacher, colonial statesman

Stearns:

Wards: Sea Captains

Babson line: Industry, struggle, independence, democratic

Isabel, "a wonderful woman," to N.A. 1637 with son James;
midwife, nurse

John James, "History of Gloucester"
(1855-60)