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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)