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More About PHEBE BLODGETT:

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More About HORACE COOLIDGE:

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Occupation: Farmer Works In Saw Mill

Child of PHEBE BLODGETT and HORACE COOLIDGE is:

- i. HORACE EUGENE<sup>12</sup> COOLIDGE, b. 02-May-1873, Fitzwilliam, Cheshire, New Hampshire; d. 05-December-1900, Fitzwilliam, Cheshire, New Hampshire.

More About HORACE EUGENE COOLIDGE:

Fact 1: @N939@

**19. ETHAN<sup>11</sup> BLODGETT** (*JOSEPH<sup>10</sup>, TIMOTHY<sup>9</sup>, TIMOTHY<sup>8</sup>, SAMUEL<sup>7</sup>, THOMAS<sup>6</sup>, SAMUEL<sup>5</sup>, THOMAS<sup>4</sup>, ROBERT<sup>3</sup>, ROBERT<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup> BLOWGATE*) was born 17-October-1832 in Fitzwilliam, Cheshire County, New Hampshire, and died 23-June-1908 in Fitzwilliam, Cheshire County, New Hampshire, at age 76. He married MARY MAYHEW MANCHESTER 23-March-1854, daughter of WILLIAM MANCHESTER and MARTHA WHITTEMORE. She was born 06-April-1833 in New Bedford, Bristol County, Massachusetts, and died 21-October-1916.

Notes for ETHAN BLODGETT:

Ethan was born in Fitzwilliam, New Hampshire, 17 October 1832, the sixth child of Joseph Blodgett and Hannah Chase. The 1850 Fitzwilliam, New Hampshire Census lists Ethan as a 17 year old labourer, living at home with his parents and 6 siblings. He was a man of many talents, and used these talents to contribute to his income through out his life.

Ethan was a carpenter by trade and built many of the houses in Howeville at the south end of South Pond, that at a later date was renamed Laurel Lake. He was in the lumber business for 2 years. On March 23, 1854 he married Mary Mayhew Manchester. A year later their first child, a son, William Ethan, was born in Fitzwilliam. Soon after, the family moved to Hopkington, Iowa where their second child, a daughter, Mary Martha was born on Christmas Day in 1827. The family returned to New England and settled in Templeton, Massachusetts in 1857. Templeton was becoming a furniture producing center, and Ethan was a chairmaker. However, he went into business with Charles S. Bardwell of Whately, Massachusetts. According to his business card, Ethan and Charles manufactured and sold Barlow's patent, registered November 02, 1858, saw gummer and sharpener. They had the town and county rights in Rhode Island and Connecticut as well as in Massachusetts. While the family was living in Templeton, Zenus Arthur and Susan Hannah were born.

No matter where he lived or what his occupation was, Ethan was always interested in music and had singing schools, gave private singing lessons, led choruses and directed musical productions. The baton he used for directing was past down through the family until his great granddaughter, Ruth Muriel Blodgett Fisher Washburn, gave it to the Fitzwilliam Historical Society. Included in some of his personal papers she has, were notes he made about some of his productions, one being the "Old Folks' Concert" put on in January 1870 to raise money for a Piano Forte for the Town Hall in Fitzwilliam. This event is described in the "History of Fitzwilliam, New Hampshire, from 1752 to 1887" by Rev. John F. Norton, A.M. on page 339.

When the Civil War broke out, he enlisted July 19, 1861 from Phillipston, Massachusetts and served as a Corporal under Gen. Reno. It is not known why Ethan enlisted from phillipston, when Templeton town vital records list the births of his children, Zenus Arthur and Susan Hannah there. By February of 1862 he had been promoted to color bearer and was with his Regiment in the Burnside expedition in front of Roanoke Island, North Carolina where he and the rest stood in water up to their waists through the night, and nowhere did a soldier flinch from the work in hand. In A. Wolcott's "History of the 21st Massachusetts Volunteers in the Preservation of the Union", on page34, is the accounting of Ethan's participation in this battle, on February 7, 1862 under the command of General Burnside, "The regiment now came rapidly into line of battle, and started for the battery with a shout of exultation as Reno gave the order to charge. The rebel garrison and reserves, firing one more volley, turned and fled before our strong unwavering line, and we poured into the battery, captured the rebel flag, and planted our State color -- borne by gallant Corporal Ethan Blodgett, of our Company A on the parapet." For this Ethan has been eulogized by the 21st Regiment ever since. The exposure which he was called upon to endure undermined his health, and when he was taken ill, he was given a furlough and sent North to the hospital at Boston. He kept a diary while in the Union Army. This is his accounting of 5 days a month later, " March 5, 1862, Camp Burnside, Roanoke Island. I was up at 6 o'clock this morning to go down to Fort Reno at 6:30 to