



CHAPTER VIII.

Military Organizations: Early Companies, Company for the Castle, Weymouth Light Horse, Weymouth Artillery, Weymouth Light Infantry, Franklin Guards — **Grand Army of the Republic:** Lincoln Post, No. 40, Reynolds Post, No. 58 — **Societies and Associations:** Masonic: Orphans Hope Lodge, Delta Lodge, South Shore Commandery, Pentalpa Royal Arch Chapter — **Odd Fellows:** Crescent Lodge, Wildey Lodge, Wompatuck Encampment — **Knights of Pythias:** Delphi Lodge — **Knights of Honor:** Pilgrim Lodge — **Weymouth Agricultural and Industrial Society** — **Other Organizations.**

MILITARY ORGANIZATIONS.¹ — Very early, in fact from the beginning of the settlement, the necessities of the times called the attention of the people to military matters. They were obliged to furnish themselves with arms, and to have some kind of organized associations, to resist their savage enemies, who were ever on the alert to surprise them. Consequently, among the earliest movements recorded are the formation of military companies and the employment of men "to trayne" them. The records of Weymouth show its interest and participation in these organizations in the first years of its existence.

As the various wars began and ended, this feeling became active or dormant, and new movements were made from time to time, as fresh occasions called for them. Of the earlier organizations nothing very definite is known. In the first century of the colony, Weymouth had its troop of horse, besides its regular enrolment of militia, covering all able-bodied men of military age,

¹ The facts for these sketches are drawn from the town records, State archives, and other sources.

