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# The Munson Record

**A Genealogical and Biographical Account**

OF

**CAPTAIN THOMAS MUNSON**

(A Pioneer of Hartford and New Haven)

**AND HIS DESCENDANTS**

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The heaven of poetry and romance still lies around us and within us.

*Longfellow*—"Drift-Wood."

What is remote . . . we are apt to overrate; what is really best for us lies always within our reach, though often overlooked.

*Longfellow*—"Kavanagh."

A man's best things are nearest him,  
Lie close about his feet.

*Richard Monckton Milnes.*

*Clergyman*—"It seems he [Arne] wishes to go away in search of life's good."

*Margit*—"But isn't that just what the old crone did?"

*Clergyman*—"The old crone?"

*Margit*—"Yes; she who went away to fetch the sunshine, instead of making windows in the walls to let it in!"

*Björnstjerne Björnson* in "Arne."

I think that this gathering of his descendants is one upon which the old Puritan Captain may look down with pleasure. . . . I venture to say there is no one who bears his name to-day who is not proud of his hard-handed, hard-headed ancestor. . . . Let us . . . remember that we, too, have an inheritance to preserve and transmit without dishonor.

*Loveland Munson*—Reunion of 1887.

And now we claim,  
Who gather here to celebrate the fame  
Of Captain Munson, patriot, pioneer,  
The pride of lineage—and we revere  
His name and memory; and let us strive  
To emulate his virtues—ever keep alive  
The sacred record of the good he wrought,—  
And in the future treasure up the thought  
That every life with good or ill is fraught—  
And that *the true will live*—the false will come to naught.

*Erwin L. Barbour*—Reunion of 1887.

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