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THE ANCESTRY
OF
CHARITY HALEY
1755-1800

WIFE OF
MAJOR NICHOLAS DAVIS
OF LIMINGTON, MAINE

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FOREWORD.

Charity, daughter of William and Rachel Haley, was born in Biddeford, Maine, in 1755. In 1777 she married Nicholas Davis, a young soldier just returned from two years of Revolutionary service, and journeyed with him up the valley of the Saco, guided by blazed trees, to the little settlement in the forest which is now the town of Limington. Her husband cleared a farm and built a humble house where for over twenty years she lived the hard life of the frontier and brought eight children into the world, her simple story closing with her death on Jan. 5, 1800.

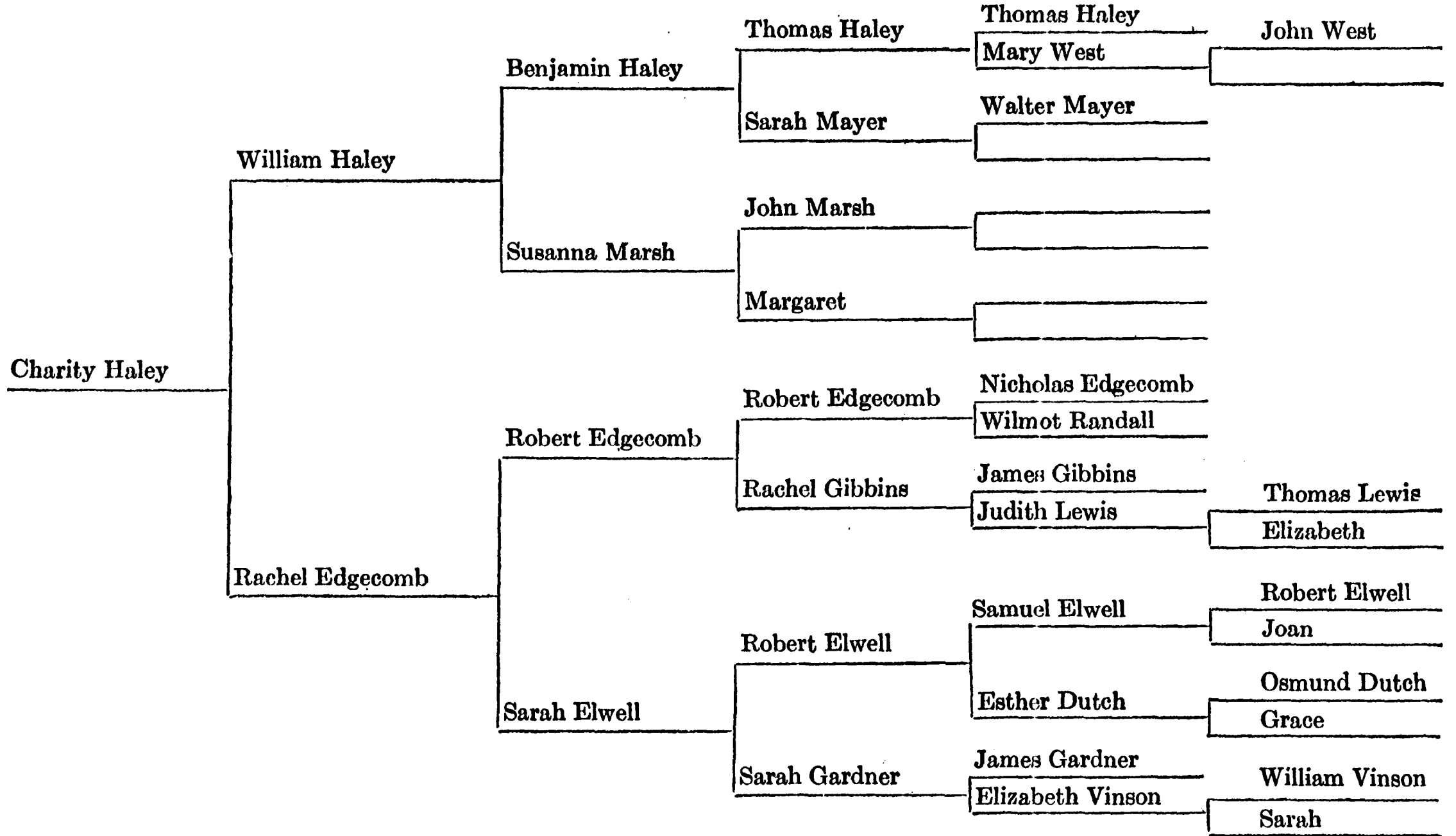
For the first hundred years of their existence the towns on the Maine seaboard were so subject to the alarms of war, destruction and desertion, that their history, and that of the settlers within their borders, is but sparsely recorded. Only with wealth and security, both strangers to the Province, do we find the need and practice of setting down the events of life. For this reason descendants of these strong, courageous, frontier families who seek to learn their story, must needs bridge the constant gaps with slender structures. This is the apology for the words of supposition and doubt which occur in the following pages with discouraging frequency.

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I.

HALEY, OF BIDDEFORD.

ANCESTRY OF CHARITY HALEY

HALEY.

1. THOMAS HALEY was among the inhabitants of Saco, in the Province of Maine, who acknowledged on July 5, 1653, that they were subject to the government of Massachusetts. He had undoubtedly arrived from England some years previous to this date and had married Mary, daughter of Mr. John West, a planter under Mr. Richard Vines. He was probably a West-of-England man, similar names — Hayley, Hele and Hearle — being firmly established in Devon and Cornwall. His contemporary, Andrew Haley, of the neighboring town of Kittery, may have been a near relative, although proof is lacking. At the town-meeting following the submission of Saco to Puritan control, held on July 12, 1653, "Thomas Haile is granted 2 akors of marsh next Puding point in that marsh at the end of the railes in the Cove," and shares an acre of upland, immediately adjoining, with his father-in-law. His farm was on the west bank of the Saco near its mouth, where the house erected by his grandson, Deacon Benjamin Haley, still stands. He acted as ferryman between Winter Harbor and the settlement of Captain Bonython and Mr. Lewis on the east bank of the river, and in 1654 the town book records that "Thomas Haile is allowed to take of every one yt he setts over ye river 2.d."

Mary (West) Haley was buried "10 month 24, 1658," leaving four children. A rather sordid story is told by the verdict of the jury empanelled to inquire into the cause of her death.

"We of the jury about Mary Haile have agreed that according to the evidence given too us that shee was accessary to her own death with over much eating and drinking: we not having any witsse that shee was forced thereunto."

Haley continued to live at Winter Harbor, and in 1673 was ordered by the court "for the more secure transportation of travellers, for men and horses, to provide a good sufficient boat fit for carrying persons and their horses, large enough to carry over three horses at one time." On Dec. 8, 1681, he was granted sufficient land to make his house lot fifty acres.

Three of the four Haley children died before 1683, and on May 21 of that year Haley "for that naturall affection which I beare unto m(y) only beloved son Thomas Haley, and the Rather for his Love and care in providei(ng) for mee, and Liveing with mee now in my Old Age, And as hee is my only lega(l) heyre to my Estate"

deeded to him his entire property, the principal item being the home farm of fifty acres.* This is the last authentic record of him which can be found, although it may be properly inferred, from a reference † to his son as "Thomas Haley the younger," that he was living in 1687. Folsom ‡ states that Thomas Haley was killed at Winter Harbor during one of the Indian raids of 1724. He does not specify that this was the Thomas Haley of the early settlement, but every other Thomas Haley, for three succeeding generations, is fully accounted for. Mr. Folsom's source is unknown. If the Winter Harbor victim was the first Thomas Haley, he must have met his violent death at a very advanced age. When Mr. West made his will in 1663, only a few days before his death, he took into consideration the possibility that his granddaughter, Ann Haley, might marry during the three years of the trusteeship of his friend William Cole. Granting that the prospect of death was immediate to her grandfather, Ann must have been at least thirteen years of age in 1663. This would place the date of the marriage of Mary West and Thomas Haley in the year 1649. Allowing the bridegroom only his majority would fix his birth in 1628, and his age in 1724 at ninety-six. In the absence of better testimony the best that can be said for the theory that Thomas Haley, the emigrant, survived until 1724, is that it is within the bounds of possibility.

Children of Thomas and Mary (West) Haley:—

2. i. ANN, probably died before 1683.
3. ii. LYDIA, probably died before 1683.
4. iii. SAMUEL, probably died before 1683.
5. iv. THOMAS.

5. SERG. THOMAS² HALEY (*Thomas*¹), sole heir of his father, married Sarah, daughter of Walter Mayer of Saco, and lived on the Haley farm which was deeded to him by Thomas Haley, Sen., in 1683.§ In 1684 he bought forty acres at Winter Harbor from William Downe of Boston || and on September 22, 1687, he bought of Pendleton Fletcher twelve acres of marsh at Little River, paying 6500 feet of "good & Merchantable pine bords & a Mare & Also forty Shillings." He is called in the deed "Thomas Haley the younger, of Saco, planter." ¶

During the Indian war which broke out in 1689, Haley, who was a sergeant in the military force of Saco, remained at the garrison near the falls in the Saco River. Here, after witnessing six years of frontier alarms and depredations, he fell a victim to an Indian attack in the summer of 1695. The Diary of Rev. John Pike states "1695 Aug. Serj: Tho: Haly kill^d p Ind^{ns} a little out of Saco-Fort," and Rev. Cotton Mather, in his account of the local warfare, entitled "Decennium Luctuosum," records that "Sergeant Haley, Venturing out of his Fort at Saco, Stept into the Snares of Death."

The widow, Sarah Haley, with her children, retired from the

* York Deeds III: 124.

† York Deeds IX: 65.

‡ History of Saco and Biddeford, by George Folsom, 1830, p. 219.

§ York Deeds III: 124.

|| York Deeds IX: 64.

¶ York Deeds IX: 65.

stricken Province to the security of Massachusetts Bay, where she and her father, Walter Mayer, were residents of Boston in 1698.* After six years of widowhood, she married, as his second wife, Capt. Richard² Carr (George¹) of Amesbury and Salisbury, on February 26, 1701/2. She bore Capt. Carr two children — James, born Nov. 30, 1702, and John, born in August, 1706, both of whom were living in 1731.† Mrs. Carr, who was born in Saco on February 5, 1661, died in Salisbury, January 8, 1726/7.

Children of Serg. Thomas and Sarah (Mayer) Haley: —

6. i. SARAH. Samuel Carr, a step-son of Sarah (Mayer) (Haley) Carr, m. on Aug. 24, 1709, in Salisbury, a "Sarah Healey," who was probably a daughter of his step-mother. She died on June 14, 1710.

Child:

1. *Sarah Carr*, b. June 12, 1710; d. Aug. 25, 1711.
7. ii. BENJAMIN.
8. iii. SAMUEL.
- (?) 9. iv. THOMAS. Basing his theory on the frail foundation of tradition and similarity of names, Mr. S. G. Haley, in a manuscript genealogy, deposited in the library of the New England Historic and Genealogical Society, seeks to prove that Thomas Haley, who died in Exeter, N.H., in 1790, was a son of Serg. Thomas Haley of Saco. The similarity in the family names is certainly most striking, and the tradition of the unnamed ancestor's death and the flight of his family to Boston comes very near the proven history of the Maine family. Opposed to this claim is the significant fact that Serg. Thomas's sons, Benjamin and Samuel, each held a moiety or half-part of their father's real estate in 1717, pointing to a conclusion that they were his sole heirs. No deed or communication between Serg. Thomas Haley's widow or her two sons and Thomas Haley of Exeter appears on record. Granting the disturbed condition of the country, it does not seem possible that a son and brother could be completely lost from 1695 to 1717, knowing his own name and origin and living in a community closely in touch, as Exeter was, with both Boston and Saco, and bordering on the route travelled by the scattered Maine settlers on their return to the Province, but claiming and obtaining no part of his rightful inheritance. Nor does the tradition, related by Mr. Haley, that Thomas of Exeter never saw his mother and brothers after the flight to Boston seem consistent with the fact that the mother, the widow of Serg. Thomas, married Capt. Carr, of Salisbury, only a few miles from Exeter.

Thomas Haley of Exeter was born in 1692 (ms.), and was a carpenter by trade. The name of his first wife is unknown. "Thomas Haley of Exetton and Mary Bortlet of Gloucester" were married in Gloucester on August 6, 1728. "Thomas Haley died at Exeter at the advanced age of 105 years, some say 107 years" (1790).‡ A more moderate estimate gives his age as ninety-eight (ms.).

Children of Thomas Haley: —

1. *Thomas*, b. Dec. 17, 1722; settled in Epping, N. H.; m. Mary Lamson; d. Nov. 16, 1815; five children.
2. *Sarah*, b. Aug. 10, 1725; m. Thomas Burley of Epping, N. H.; d. Dec. 1809, aged eighty-four.
3. *Samuel*, b. March 1727; m. Mary Orne, Dec. 15, 1753; settled on the Isles of Shoals; twelve children; d. Feb. 7, 1811; his epitaph states that "He was a man of great Ingenuity, Industry, Honor, & Honesty, true to his Coun-

* York Deeds IX: 65.

† Hoyt's Old Families of Salisbury and Amesbury I, 87.

‡ Bible owned by Mrs. M. A. Ham, of Dover, N. H.

try, and a man who did a great public good in Building a Dock & Receiving into his inclosure many a poor distressed seaman & fisherman in distress of weather"; his wife d. May 2, 1812.

4. *Benjamin*, m. Mary Gilman and lived in Exeter; d. March 2, 1834; eight children.

7. BENJAMIN³ HALEY (*Thomas*,² *Thomas*¹) was born about the year 1685. Exiled from Maine by the Indian War in which his father died, his early life was passed in Boston. There he married, on November 25, 1709, Susanna, daughter of John and Margaret Marsh, and the births of their first five children are entered on the Boston records. He was a housewright, or builder, by trade. In 1713 peace was concluded with the Indians, and the scattered refugees from the Maine coast towns began to return to their deserted farms. There is some indication that Benjamin Haley was on the Winter Harbor side of the Saco in that year but it must have been merely for the purpose of looking over the devastated Haley property, for the Boston records show that the family remained there. He seems to have determined to return permanently to Maine in 1716, when he bought six acres of land and one-half of a mill privilege on the Kennebunk River in the town of Wells from Stephen Harding.* On the 4th of the following November his brother Samuel deeded to him one half of the real estate of their late father at Winter Harbor and Saco, mentioning two lots of meadow and upland of fifty-acres each, one of which, described in the words of the deed from his grandfather to his father, was undoubtedly the original Haley farm, the twelve acres of marsh at Little River bought of Fletcher in 1687,† "and Also his ye^{sd} Sam^l Haleys right & Interest of & in y^e ffery betwixt Blackpoint & Winter harbour." Five days later his mother and Capt. Carr granted him the hundred acre plantation of his grandfather Mayer.‡ The journey to Maine must have been undertaken that winter, for Benjamin Haley was "of Saco" in March, 1718.§

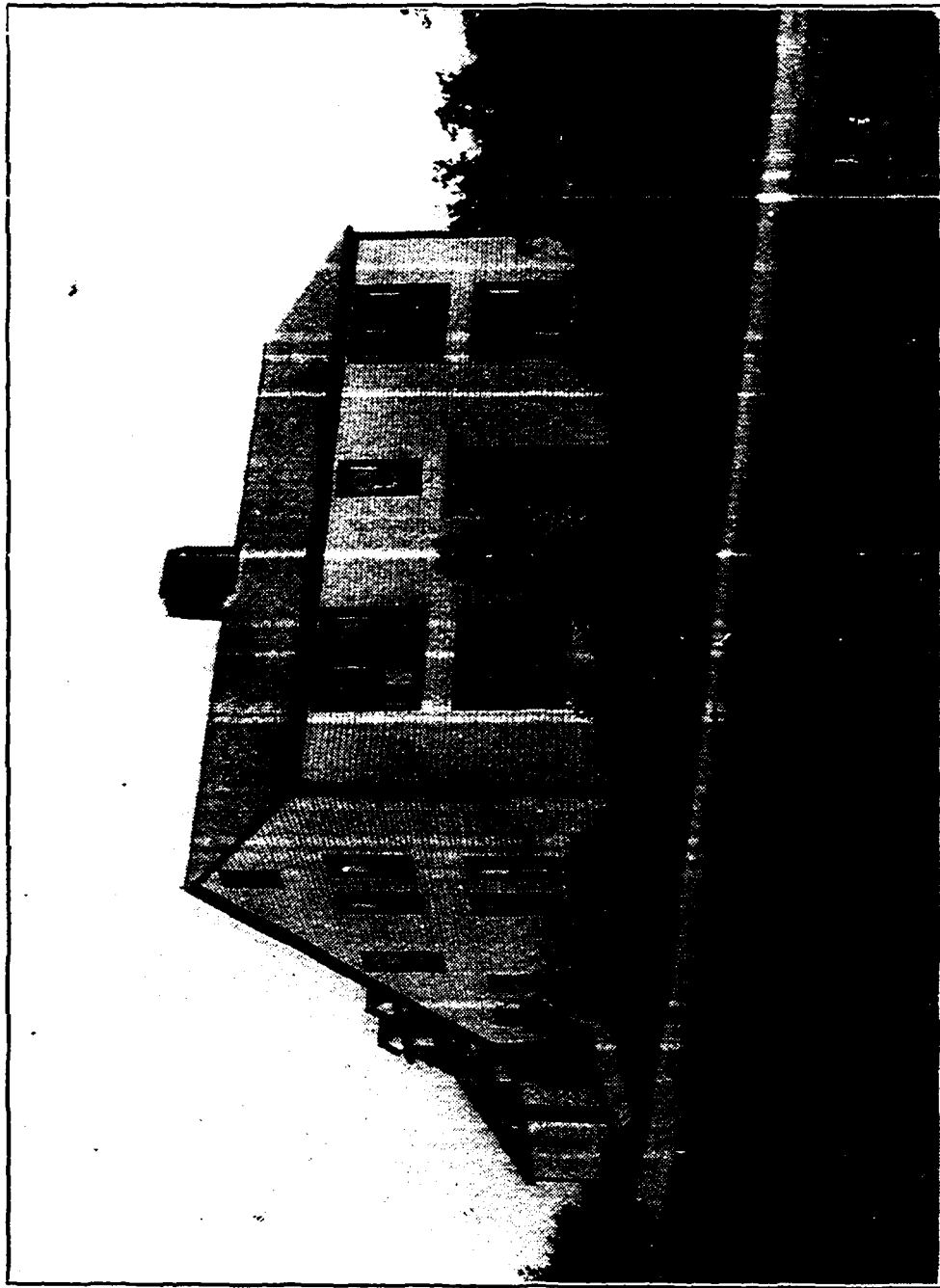
Haley settled at Winter Harbor, near the mouth of the river on the west bank, where his parents and grandparents had been before him, and his well-built two-story-and-a-half farm house is still standing — undoubtedly an example of his own skill as a builder. In addition to his trade he was the owner of a mill on the Kennebunk River. The first mention of him in the Maine records is as follows: "Whereas four years ago Benjamin Haley was allowed to keep a ferry on Saco river at its mouth, which place is inconvenient on account of its nearness to the sea, and the roughness thereby occasioned; and said Haley is negligent, and travellers are exposed to danger, and there is a more commodious place for one higher up where H. Scamman now dwells, whose father for many years kept the ferry till in the late war he was driven away by Indians; wherefore he prays that said Scamman may be appointed by this court to keep the ferry at that place." In November, 1718, the town was

* York Deeds IX: 66.

† York Deeds IX: 66-67.

‡ York Deeds IX: 65.

§ York Deeds X: 204.



DEACON BENJAMIN HALEY'S HOUSE, BIDDEFORD POOL ROAD
Built before 1745.

reorganized and named Biddeford, and at the first town-meeting, in March, 1719, Benjamin Haley was chosen one of the selectmen. In the same year he was the master-builder of the meeting-house which was erected on land which he gave to the town, in return for which the selectmen made him a grant. In almost unbelievable spelling the clerk recorded that it was "Voted that the present Selectmen bee a Comitey to agree with a Master buelder to bueld the sd Meting hous and lickways the Comitey be impowered to exchaing comone lands in the lew of what Mr. Benj^a Haeley throws up to the Toun for the arecting & buelding of a Meating houes and buerieng plaes & a sufisient hiway to the Ministearal loot when laied out." The meeting-house was thirty-four feet long and thirty feet wide, and its location can be identified by the few stones still standing in the "buerieng plaes," on the road to Biddeford Pool.

In 1723 the Indians, instigated by the French, again swept down upon the Maine frontier, and for two years Biddeford suffered from the raids of their war parties. Benjamin Haley moved his family to safety at Marblehead and remained there until 1727, when peace had again been restored. During this period he sold the forty-acre farm from which the meeting-house lot had been taken to Capt. John Davis,* and bought a town grant of forty acres from Robert Elwell.† On his return, on May 26, 1728, the town granted him land at "Walter Maer's brook" to fulfill the deed of his "Father Caer and Mother.‡ In the same year he built the gallery of the meeting-house, and the town records show that "caesh" was "paied to Mr. Benj^a Haeley" amounting to £29-7-6 for this work in 1728 and 1729. In 1728 he disposed of his mill property on the Kennebunk River to Abel Merrill.§ He was again elected selectman in 1728.

The First Church in Biddeford was organized in 1730, and at its first meeting "Friday, Aug. 14, 1730, Mr. Haley (was) voted moderator by the brethren of the church." He and Mr. Ebenezer Hill were the first deacons.

The remainder of Deacon Haley's life is sparsely recorded. In 1735 we find him engaged in building a house for the Indians at the trading-post at Saco Falls,|| and in 1743 the town voted "to pay Benj. Haley six pounds for his Journey to Exeter last fall for to gitt a Minister."

In 1745 the New England colonists under the leadership of Sir William Pepperell undertook what is known as the Louisburg expedition against the French. Folsom, writing when several of Deacon Haley's grandchildren were still living, states that in spite of his age, he entered the service, and died of fever at Louisburg. Although this assertion is not supported by documentary evidence, there seems to be no reason to doubt its truth. The expedition was authorized on Jan. 25, 1745, and the fleet sailed on April 4. Deacon

* York Deeds XI: 246.

† York Deeds XII: 332.

‡ York Deeds XIII: 66.

§ York Deeds XIV: 26.

|| 5 Me. Hist. & Gen. Reg., pp. 175-6.

Haley must have died before February, 1746, as his widow, Susanna, was appointed administratrix of his estate on Feb. 18.* All of the papers pertaining to the estate, except the division, are dated "1745," but the sequence of court sittings discloses the fact that they were actually drawn and issued in 1745/6. Rishworth Jordan, Batchelor Hussey and John Stackpole presented an inventory of his estate, dated March 4, 1745, the total valuation being £1604 : 12.† The largest item was the "Homestead Buildings and land," valued at £800. His barn was well stocked, containing two yoke of oxen, six cows, four steers, a horse, two calves, fourteen sheep, and three swine "with piggs," while within the house a "Looking Glass," valued at £15, seems to have been a distinguished piece of furniture. The full inventory follows:

A true Inventory of all the Goods, Rights, Credits, Lands & Chattels of Mr. Benjamin Haley, late of Biddeford, in the County of York, Dec'd. taken by us who were appointed by the Hon^{ble}. Jeremiah Moulton, Esq^r., Judge of Probate for said County so far as they have been shewn to us by the Administrat^r. taken and valued according to the best of our judgement according to Bills of the old Tenor this 4th day of March 1745, being first sworn to the faithful discharge of our Trust in said Province viz: The Real Estate.

Imp ^d . To the Homestead Buildings and land	£ 800
To eighty acres of land	180
To thirty acres of land which was a Towngrant	75
To six acres of Salt Marsh at Little River	66
To four acres Ditto at Winter Harbour	40
To six acres of Thatch Beds	30
	<u>£1191</u>
To 2 yoke Oxen	86
To 6 cows	89
To 1 pr. of 3 year old steers	20
To 1 three year old	12
To 2 two year olds	13
To 1 Horse £5; 2 Calves £8	13
To 14 sheep £37; 3 Swine with piggs £10	47
To 1 Gun 7 o/, 1 Ditto 4 o/, 1 Pistol 5 o/	8
To 1 table 35/, 8 Cha ^{os} 4 o/, 1 Bible 5 o/	6 5
To 1 Box iron 20 f, 1 Brass Kittle £15	16
To Staples Ring & Hooks 2 o/, Chains 8 o/	5
To 1 Square 8/, 1 Frame & Saw 3 o/, Cards 5/	2 3
To 1 Broad Ax 15/ one small Brass Kittle 6 o/	3 15
To 1 Hand Saw 25/, 2 augers, 2 o/ Clev ^e & pin 2 o/	3 5
To 1 Looking Glass £15, Cart Wheel Boxes 3 o/	16 10
To Steelyard & Poize 35/, Bands for Wheels 57/	4 12
To Tyer for Wheels	10
	<u>£1546 10</u>
To 1 Feather Bedsted and Bedding	15
To 1 Ditto	25
To pewter £6, 1 Foot Wheel 2 o/	7
To 1 Spinning Wheel 1 o/, 1 churn 2 o/	1 10
To 1 Tenant Saw 6 o/, Joyners Tools 2 o/	4
To 1 Iron pot 3 o/, 1 iron Kittle 15/	2 5

* York Probate VI: 143.

† York Probate VI: 212.

To 1 Iron Skillet qt. 2 Tramels 38/	2 7
To 1 Adze and ljo 2 o/	1
	<hr/> £58 2

RISHWORTH JORDAN.
 BATCHELOR HUSSEY.
 JOHN STACKPOLE.

York, ss. At a Court of Probate held at York May 20, 1746, Susannah Haley, Administ^r of the Estate of Benjamin Haley, withinnamed, Dec'd. appeared and made oath that the several articles mentioned in the foregoing Inventory are all the estate belonging to the said Dec'd. that has come to her hands and knowledge, and if anything more hereafter shall appear she will give it into the Registers Office.

JER. MOULTON, Judge of prob^t.

Recorded from the original and compared.

P. SIMON FROST, Regr.

The estate was divided on Nov. 5, 1746, between the widow, and children (Samuel, eldest son, Thomas, second son, John, William, Joseph, Sarah Smith and Abigail Dyer).

The date of Susanna Haley's death is unknown.

Children:—

10. i. SUSANNA, b. in Boston Nov. 21, 1710; died before 1746, probably unmarried.
11. ii. SARAH, b. in Boston Feb. 11, 1711. She m. JOEL SMITH, mariner, of Biddeford. He was a son of Samuel Smith, Sr., who deeded him one acre of land in 1734, it "being the very spot on which the Old Fort Stood."* Joel and Sarah Smith, "now of Boston," sold this land to Jonathan Smith in 1749.†

Child, bapt. in Biddeford:—

1. *Thomas Smith*, bapt. May 18, 1753.

12. iii. BENJAMIN, b. in Boston Feb. 23, 1713; died before 1746, probably unmarried.
13. iv. MARGARET, b. in Boston March 2, 1714/5; died before 1746, probably unmarried.
14. v. SAMUEL, b. in Boston Aug. 19, 1716.
15. vi. THOMAS.
16. vii. ABIGAIL. She m. JOSEPH DYER of Biddeford about 1741. He was a son of William and Mary (Chadbourne) Dyer and was bapt. in Kittery April 7, 1716/7. He m. second the widow Hepsibah Ross, int. April 11, 1758. He d. between Dec. 14, 1763 and Jan. 3, 1764, on which day the will of Joseph Dyer of Biddeford, gentleman, was probated. He left a large estate to his widow, part of her share being his "chaise horse and riding chaise," his daughters Abigail Goldthwait, Mary Dyer and Sarah Dyer, his sons Joseph Dyer (one half of his right in Gooch's saw-mill at the Falls), John Dyer, Benjamin Dyer and Samuel Dyer, and his step-children James and Hepsibah Ross.

Children:—

1. *Abigail Dyer*, bapt. Dec. 16, 1742; m. Capt. Philip Goldthwaite, Dec. 17, 1762.
2. *Joseph Dyer*, bapt. Dec. 9, 1744.
3. *John Dyer*.
4. *Rebecca Dyer*, bapt. June 26, 1748; d. before 1763.
5. *Benjamin Dyer*, bapt. May 24, 1752.

* York Deeds XIX: 310.

† York Deeds XXX: 18.

6. *Samuel Dyer.*

7. *Mary Dyer.*

8. *Sarah Dyer.*

17. viii. JOHN. He probably died *s. p.* before 1762, when his brother Samuel sold to his brother Joseph his right in John's share of their father's estate.*

18. ix. WILLIAM, bapt. in Marblehead Aug. 23, 1724.

19. x. JOSEPH, bapt. in Marblehead Aug. 21, 1726.

8. SAMUEL³ HALEY (*Thomas*,² *Thomas*¹) married Elizabeth Clay in Boston, Nov. 14, 1717, — only a few days after he had transferred to his brother Benjamin "All that his Moiety or One halfe" of the Maine estate of their father, describing himself as "One of y^e Sons of Thomas Haley late of Saco in Y^e County of York planter." † He was a painter, or "painter-stainer" by trade, but his large fortune seems to have been accumulated through his real estate operations in Boston, which extended from 1731 to 1737. He owned property on Spring, Southack, Prince, Olive, Clapboard and Orange Streets, Spring Lane, and White Bread Alley.‡

Samuel Haley was admitted a member of the New Brick Church on Jan. 27, 1739, having been dismissed from Dr. Colman's church. He died in 1743, intestate, and his widow, Elizabeth Haley, was appointed administratrix of his estate by the Suffolk Court of Probate on Nov. 17, 1743. The assets of the estate were valued at £3900, subject to charges of £1074, 6. 9.§

Elizabeth (Clay) Haley was a daughter of Jonas and Mary Clay, and was born in Boston on May 12, 1696. She married as her second husband Henry Prentice, deacon of Rev. Nathaniel Appleton's Presbyterian Church in Cambridge, on Nov. 8, 1749. Deacon Prentice owned the Fresh Pond property in Cambridge, and lived in a house facing Cambridge common, next to the parsonage and near what subsequently became famous as the Washington Elm. Mrs. Prentice took her children with her to Cambridge. On Sept. 8, 1761, Samuel Haley, a child of three at his father's death but at this time a leather dresser of Providence, Rhode Island, Mary, Elizabeth, Hannah and Rachel Haley, spinsters, of Cambridge, and Elizabeth Prentice, sold to Andrew Campbell their land, house and barn on Spring Street in Boston for £113 : 6 : 8.|| Mrs. Prentice died on April 7, 1775, aged 78, and was buried in the old Cambridge Burying Ground, opposite the Harvard Yard, where her gravestone still stands. Deacon Prentice went to his son, Rev. Joshua Prentice, at whose home in Holliston, Mass., he died Oct. 18, 1778.

Children of Samuel and Elizabeth (Clay) Haley, born in Boston: —

20. i. ELIZABETH, b. Aug. 21, 1718, died young.

21. ii. SARAH, b. June 24, 1719. She m. JOHN MACKLISH in Boston, Nov. 11, 1736. She was admitted to The New Brick Church on Jan. 27, 1739/40.

* York Deeds XXXVIII: 6.

† York Deeds IX: 66-67.

‡ Grantee, Suffolk Deeds, Vol. 42, p. 220; Vol. 43, p. 201; Vol. 44, p. 37; Vol. 46, p. 108; Vol. 51, p. 194; Vol. 52, p. 206; Vol. 72, p. 95. Grantor, Vol. 45, p. 293; Vol. 46, pp 106, 159, 311; Vol. 51, p. 253; Vol. 54, p. 226; Vol. 55, p. 23; Vol. 55, p. 49; Vol. 67, p. 30.

§ Suffolk Probate 7993.

|| Suffolk Deeds 101: 80.

Child, b. in Boston:

1. *Thomas Macklish*, b. April 5, 1740. In 1806 "Mr. Thomas McClish" started a proceeding in the Probate Court of Middlesex County to compel his uncle, Samuel Haley (his junior by more than two months), to account as administrator of the estates of his aunts, Mary (Haley) Prentice and Hannah Haley, late of Holliston.*
22. iii. SAMUEL, b. March 9, 1720; died young.
23. iv. THOMAS, b. Sept. 26, 1722; died young.
24. v. SAMUEL, b. June 22, 1724; died young.
25. vi. MARY, b. March 30, 1726. After the death of her father, she chose William Cromptrey of Boston as her guardian.† On Jan. 9, 1770, she married her mother's step-son, REV. JOSHUA PRENTICE, Harvard 1738, of Holliston, Mass. Mr. Prentice was born April 9, 1719, and had married Mrs. Mary Angier as his first wife, and Margaret, daughter of Rev. Nathaniel Appleton, as his second. Mr. Prentice died in 1788. Mrs. Prentice died May 21, 1804. She had no children. Her brother Samuel Haley administered her estate.
26. vii. RACHEL, b. June 8, 1728; died young.
27. viii. HANNAH, b. Dec. 8, 1729; died young.
28. ix. WILLIAM, b. Aug. 30, 1731; died young.
29. x. ELIZABETH, b. April 24, 1733. She chose her mother as her guardian after her father's death.‡ She was living in Cambridge in 1764, when the Haley heirs conveyed property to Andrew Campbell, but in the deed from her sisters to John Guliker in 1779 § she is not mentioned.
30. xi. HANNAH, b. Mar. 13, 1734. Her mother was appointed her guardian in 1748.|| She was living in Cambridge in 1764, but was in Salem, with her sister, Mrs. Stewart, in 1779, when they and their sister, Mrs. Prentice, the Rev. Joshua Prentice and the Rev. Antipas Stewart joining in the deed, conveyed to John Guliker the house and land of their late father on Prince Street, Boston.¶ The latter part of her life was spent with Mrs. Prentice, at Holliston, where she died Feb. 18, 1804. Her brother Samuel administered her estate.
31. xii. THOMAS }
32. xiii. SAMUEL } twins, b. Apr. 8, 1737; both died young.
33. xiv. RACHEL, b. Oct. 1, 1738. Her mother was appointed her guardian in 1748.** She married REV. ANTIPAS STEWART, A.M., Harvard 1760, in Cambridge on Sept. 8, 1773. Mr. Stewart was a son of Mr. Daniel Stewart of Marlborough, Mass., and was born Dec. 28, 1733. They were living in Salem in 1779, but were in Holliston when Mrs. Stewart died, on Jan. 5, 1791. Mr. Stewart was pastor of the church at Ludlow, Mass., from 1793 to 1803. He survived until 1814.

Children: —

1. *Elizabeth Stewart*, b. Feb. 9, 1780. She married Dr. Sylvester Nash, Nov. 3, 1799. They lived in Augusta and Otseleck, N. Y. Seven children.
2. *Mary Stewart*. She married Martin Bardwell, of Belcher-town, Mass.††
34. xv. SAMUEL, b. June 25, 1740.

* Middlesex Probate 10089, Old Series.

† Suffolk Probate 9112.

‡ Suffolk Probate 9110.

§ Suffolk Deeds 130: 183.

|| Suffolk Probate 9111.

¶ Suffolk Deeds 130: 183.

** Suffolk Probate 9113.

†† Middlesex Probate 17995, Old Series.

14. SAMUEL⁴ HALEY (*Benjamin*,³ *Thomas*,² *Thomas*¹) was born in Boston on August 19, 1716. He lived in Biddeford, and the records describe him successively as laborer, yeoman and gentleman. He married, about 1740, Sarah ———. He was admitted to the First Church on June 12, 1743.

His father and mother conveyed to him four tracts of upland and marsh in Biddeford on Jan. 26, 1743/4, on condition that he should not alien the property except to one of his brothers or brothers-in-law.* On this land Samuel Haley built his house and barns, but on May 18, 1752, he sold the property, together with his right in the dower of his mother, and a tract of four acres bought of Sir William Pepperell,† to his brother Joseph.‡ On this same day he bought from Samuel and Tristram Jordan of Biddeford their share in the real estate of their father, Capt. Samuel Jordan, consisting of one hundred and thirty-two acres, for £188.§ On April 1, 1754, he purchased from Nathaniel Whitney of Biddeford "that neck of Land called the middle neck," containing fifty acres, and ten acres of marsh adjoining, for £153 : 65 : 8d.|| Numerous other minor transactions in mill-rights and land appear on the records under his name, indicating a property of some size, but the Probate records contain no account of the administration of his estate. The date of his death is unknown.

Children, bapt. in Biddeford: —

- i. SUSANNA, bapt. Oct. 31, 1742; m. DANIEL SMITH, July 17, 1760.
- ii. SAMUEL, bapt. Dec. 30, 1744; m. BETTY TARBOX, May 26, 1768.
- iii. BENJAMIN, bapt. April 5, 1747; m. HEPSIBAH ROSS, Nov. 25, 1768.
- iv. SARAH, bapt. Sept. 3, 1749; m. JOHN DYER, Nov. 28, 1771.
- v. MOLLY, bapt. Dec. 8, 1751; m. JONATHAN TARBOX, Nov. 23, 1775.
- vi. THOMAS, bapt. Jan. 27, 1754.
- vii. LUCRETIA, bapt. June 1, 1755.
- viii. THOMAS, bapt. March 12, 1758.
- ix. JOSEPH, bapt. Sept. 9, 1759.
- x. SYLVESTER, bapt. Oct. 24, 1762.
- xi. ABRAHAM, bapt. June 7, 1767.

15. THOMAS⁴ HALEY (*Benjamin*,³ *Thomas*,² *Thomas*¹) was born about 1718. He married Abigail Hill, daughter of Joseph Hill, Jr., of Wells, and settled as a husbandman in his wife's native town. On July 28, 1746, they sold their right of inheritance in the homestead of her grandfather, Joseph Hill, Esq., of Wells, to her uncle, Nathaniel Hill, for £150, the deed stating that the farm was in the possession of her grandmother, Sarah Hill, and of her uncle, who was the only surviving son of Mr. Hill.¶ Thomas Haley died between the date of this deed and October 20, 1747, when his widow petitioned the Probate Court that the administration of his estate might be granted to her "father-in-law, Mr. John Fairfield" of Arundel.** Her request was granted, and from the account rendered by Mr. Fairfield, who was her step-father, it appears that Thomas Haley left three

* York Deeds XXV: 75.

† York Deeds XXVI: 102.

‡ York Deeds XXV: 75.

§ York Deeds XXXI: 138.

|| York Deeds XXXII: 18.

¶ York Deeds XXVI: 182.

** York Probate VII: 114.

children,* but they are not therein named. The administration sold Thomas Haley's share of his father's estate to Samuel Haley on October 10, 1749, for £492, the property consisting of forty-nine acres of upland, a dwelling-house and two acres of thatch-beds.†

The name Thomas Haley appears on a muster roll of Col. Moore's regiment, dated "Louisburg, Nov. 20, 1745."‡ This Louisburg soldier is perhaps more probably Thomas Haley, Jr., of Exeter, but it is certain that Thomas of Wells and Biddeford had been in colonial service shortly before his death. The inventory of his estate contains an item "To £4 in Cash the Widow rec^d of the Province" and the account expresses it "£4 the Widow rec^d of his Wages."

Abigail Haley continued to live in Wells, and was still a widow on January 9, 1757, when she sold property inherited from her father, Joseph Hill, Jr., to John Bennett of Wells.§

Mr. Charles Bradbury, in the genealogical portion of his "History of Kennebunkport," the material for which was to the greater extent collected from the memoirs of old inhabitants prior to 1837, and is necessarily often inaccurate, states in his notice of Deacon Benjamin Haley: "His son, John, married a daughter of Capt. John Fairfield, and was residing in this town as late as 1764. A son of John, who was a clothier, m. Ruth Towne and moved east." As John Haley was dead, apparently leaving no widow and no issue surviving in 1762, this would seem to refer to Thomas Haley, whose early death would make the error in names excusable and whose widow, a step-daughter of Capt. Fairfield, might well be remembered by Mr. Bradbury's informants. An examination of the Wells records discloses the marriage of Joseph Haley and "Esther Townes," both of Wells, in 1776, and he is later found, exercising the trade of "clothier," living with his wife Esther, in Topsham. This would seem to identify one child of Thomas and Abigail (Hill) Haley. With the single exception of the marriage of a member of the Kittery family, the Wells records mention at this period only two other Haleys, both "of Wells," and inasmuch as the Widow Abigail's family seems to have been the only one of the name residing in the town, it is fair to presume that the brides were her daughters until the contrary is proved.

Children:—

- i. MARY (Molly), m. RICHARD LORD, April 19, 1770.
- ii. ABIGAIL, m. THOMAS BICKFORD, June 25, 1772.
- iii. JOSEPH, m. ESTHER TOWNE, int. Jan. 27, 1776. He was a clothier, and lived in Topsham, Maine, where he was locally known as "Fuller" Haley. He d. in Topsham Sept. 29, 1832.

Children:—

1. John, b. May 4, 1777.
2. Olive, b. Jan. 22, 1779; m. Obed Burnham May 19, 1796.
3. Jesse, b. Sept. 8, 1780.
4. Susanna, b. Oct. 8, 1783.
5. Sarah, b. July 22, 1784.
6. Joseph, b. Dec. 6, 1785.

* York Probate VII: 252.

† York Deeds XXXII: 137.

‡ Adj. Gen. Report, New Hampshire, Vol. II, p. 63.

§ York Deeds XXXVI: 62.

7. *Esther*, b. May 6, 1787.
8. *Rebecca*, b. Dec. 1, 1788.
9. *James*, b. Oct. 26, 1790.
10. *Abigail*, b. Aug. 2, 1793.
11. *Abner*, b. March 30, 1795.
12. *Ruth*, b. Nov. 4, 1796.

18. WILLIAM⁴ HALEY (*Benjamin*,³ *Thomas*,² *Thomas*¹) was baptized in Marblehead on August 23, 1724. He married Rachel, daughter of Robert and Sarah (Elwell) Edgecomb of Biddeford on November 6, 1746. He was a yeoman. In 1746, with his brother Joseph, he bought of James Jewett of Rowley one-eighth of a water-power and double saw-mill, at Jordan's Creek, on the south-west side of Saco River.* Twelve years later, in 1758, he sold his share in the mill to Jeremiah Hill of Biddeford. He was still living in Biddeford in 1763, when he sold land to his brother Joseph.† No will or administration of his estate appears in the York Probate records, nor is his death or that of his wife recorded in Biddeford.

Children, b. and bapt. in Biddeford: —

- i. RACHEL, b. Feb. 27, 1747/8.
- ii. JOHN, b. Nov. 16, 1749.
- iii. ROBERT, b. Aug. 9, 1752.
- iv. CHARITY (twin), b. Mar. 10, 1755; m. NICHOLAS DAVIS, July 23, 1777.
- v. MARGARET (twin), b. Mar. 10, 1755; m. WILLIAM MERRY, May 14, 1775.
- vi. WILLIAM, bapt. Dec. 25, 1757; m. SARAH ADAMS, Oct. 7, 1777; m. DORCAS HILTON of Wells, Nov. 26, 1778.
- vii. JOSEPH, bapt. June 8, 1760.
- viii. ANNA, bapt. July 13, 1760.
- ix. JOSEPH, bapt. May 30, 1762.
- x. SARAH, bapt. June 17, 1764.
- xi. OLIVE, bapt. Nov. 23, 1766.
- xii. THOMAS, bapt. April 10, 1769.

19. JOSEPH⁴ HALEY (*Benjamin*,³ *Thomas*,² *Thomas*¹) was baptized in Marblehead on August 31, 1726. He married Sarah Melcher in Biddeford on Dec. 25, 1746. He was an innholder and yeoman. In 1752 he bought of his brother Samuel, for £133, the house and farm which Samuel had bought of their father, Deacon Benjamin Haley.‡ He was a partner of his brother William in the ownership of the saw-mill on Jordan's creek. No record of death or settlement of estate of either Joseph Haley or his wife appears in the records of York County.

Children, bapt. in Biddeford: —

- i. MARGARET, bapt. June 5, 1748.
- ii. JOSEPH, bapt. Oct. 15, 1751.
- iii. THOMAS, bapt. Dec. 16, 1753.
- iv. NOAH, bapt. Feb. 15, 1756.
- v. JOSEPH, bapt. Jan. 19, 1758.
- vi. ABIGAIL, bapt. Oct. 21, 1759; m. NATHANIEL PERKINS, Nov. 18, 1779.
- vii. SARAH, bapt. Mar. 7, 1762.
- viii. SUSANNA, bapt. May 6, 1764.
- ix. MIRIAM, bapt. Mar. 30, 1766.
- x. JOSEPH, bapt. July 10, 1768.
- xi. ELIZABETH, bapt. April 29, 1771.
- xii. MARGARET, bapt. Sept. 13, 1773.

* York Deeds XXXIV: 5.

† York Deeds XXXVIII: 16.

‡ York Deeds XXIX: 219.

II.

WEST, OF BIDDEFORD.

WEST.

1. JOHN WEST was born about 1588, and probably came out from England in the "Speedwell" in 1635. His name first appears in the meagre annals of the Province of Maine on April 4, 1637, when it was recorded in Saco that "J. West his corne was gathered contrary to order." The next year he became an established planter, renting a "mansion house" and one hundred acres of land from the patentee of Saco, Mr. Richard Vines, for the substantial term of one thousand years, upon the annual rental of two shillings and one capon.*

"Jno. West, gen." was one of the "Grand Jury sworne to enquire for our Sovereigne Lord the King, and the Lord of this Province" at the "first Generall Court houlden here [Saco] the 25th day of June, 1640, before Richard Vines, Richard Bonython and Henry Jocelin, Esquires, and Edward Godfrey, gen., Councillors, unto Sir Ferdinando Gorges, Knight, Lord Proprietor of this Province." † He served on the jury, at this court, in the suit brought by Mr. Foxwell of Blue Point againt Capt. Thomas Cammock of Black Point, nephew of Lord Warwick, for trespass, and also on the jury which decided in favor of the plaintiff the bitterly contested suit of George Cleeve v. John Winter over the title to lands at Casco and Spurwink, and at the same session of courts he gave evidence against Winter on the charge of extortion and lowering the value of the colony's currency, which was at that time beaver skin.

"Mr. Jno. West, being one of the Greate enquest, declareth that he bought by Willm Cutts of Mr. Jno. Winter a potle of aquavita at 20d. the quarte, and one pare of Irish stockings at 2s. and shott at 4d. the pound, aboute two monthes since, for which he paid by the said Willm Cutts in bever at 6s. the pound, being good skin bever, which he himselve tooke at 8s. the pound."

In 1643, as a "Deputy for the Country," with Francis Robinson, Magistrate, he laid out the bounds of the Black Point patent of Capt. Cammock.

West submitted to the government of Massachusetts Bay on July 5, 1653. The Massachusetts commissioners immediately appointed him a selectman and a judicial officer of the town.

"for the present year Mr. Thomas Williams, Robert Booth, and John West are appointed and authorized to end all small causes under 40s according to law"

His estate was increased on July 13, 1653, upon the division of town lands, by the "propriety & Title of Cow Yland, with all y^rto belonging vpon ye sayd Yland." He was again a selectman in 1654.

* York Deeds I: 80.

† Early Records of Maine, I: 50-52.

It is not surprising to find his name affixed, with sixty-nine others, to the petition of the Maine towns west of the Saco, addressed to Oliver Cromwell, for the continuation of the Massachusetts government.

In the winter of 1658/9, West's daughter, Mary, wife of Thomas Haley of Saco, died under suspicious circumstances. Almost immediately West moved to Wells, where on July 5, 1661, "John West of Wells being 73 yeares of age is freed from Trayneings." He identified himself with Rev. John Wheelwright's parishioners in Wells and on May 22, 1661, joined in the petition to the Massachusetts General Court for the removal of the injunction restraining Rev. Seth Fletcher, Mr. Wheelwright's friend, from preaching. He sold his large holdings in Saco to Capt. Bryan Pendleton on March 15, 1658/9,* and from the will of Capt. Pendleton, we learn that this property, on the east side of West Brook, near Saco Falls, contained six hundred and forty acres. Cow Island was included in the sale. West's wife, Edith, was living at this time. She was probably dead in 1661, when he sold his Wells estate of one hundred and twenty-four acres to that ready purchaser, Capt. Pendleton.† Two years later, between September 29 and October 5, 1663, John West died, leaving his property to his four grandchildren, with the strict direction that their father, Thomas Haley, should have no voice in its management.

His will follows:

In the name of god Amen

I John West being very weake & sicke, but In pfect Memory In my sences praysed bee god, I do bequeath my soule to god Almighty & my body to dust, from whence itt came hoping of a joyfull resurrection through Jesus Christ

And for those goods which god hath lent mee, I do bequeath into the hands of William Coole, for the space of three yeares, for the vsse of my foure grandchildren that is to say Ann Haly, Lydea Haly, Samell Haly, & Tho: Haly, to bee aequally devided amongst them at three yeares end, & that yr father Thomas Haly shall haue nothing to do with itt And if my grand daughter Ann shall marry before three yeares tyme, shee shall haue my bedd & bedding & all belongeth to itt, for her whoole shayre, & the rest of my estate to them that are aliue: And the abousd William Coole I do giue him the Redd Heffer, and the fatt Hogg & all the Iron Towles, w^{ch} is mine freely, & the vsse of all the Cattle & Increase for three years, with the vsse of all the household goods, except y^t Ann Haly do Marry before, & then shee is to haue the bedd & y^t which belongs to itt, alsoe I giue him the young steare freely to himselfe, & William shall haue the hay towards keeping the Cattle; I do ow vnto Mr Fryer foure pounds which shall be payd out of my goods I alsoe ow vnto Tho: & Francis Littlefeild Jun jor & y^r mother Twenty three shillings, which shall bee payd out of my goods I ow Mr. Will: Symonds 1 bush^l of peas I giue vnte Francis wolfe my best Cayrsey sujte, & my best Hatt & my gray Capp, & my Coloured stockeings I giue vnto Mary Reade my Hollane pillow beare, & 4 Hollane napkines & a Remant of Cayrsey, & a small pcell of woll I ow Goodw: Crosse 10 s for worke

* York Deeds I: 81.

† York Deeds III: 77.

	s	d
w ^t is owing to mee, Stephen Batson oweth mee	6	0
Mary Miles oweth mee about eight or	10	
Willia: Loue of Newgewanacke oweth mee	17	6
John Syth of Cape Nuttacke oweth mee	01	00 0
William Norman oweth mee y ^t I must pay Mr Fryer	12	0
Mr Fletcher oweth mee	0	6 0
Mr Preble oweth mee w ^t I left in his hands w ^a was Con- stable, to bee pd out of the Treasury	1	6 0
More I ow George Parker 1 bush ^{ll} of Corne & I ow Jo ^a Cloyse 6 days worke	0	15 0
And I ow William Ashley 7 or	0	8 0
And I make William Coole my whoole executor, & Administrator of all my goods, & I desire Tho: Littlefejlde & John Read the ouerseers of this my last Will & testament to see Itt fulfilled with out any frawd or debate Dated this 29th of September 1663: & w ^r the ouerseers cometh to any trouble or charge they shall bee payd Itt out of my goods		
Assigned before vs	JOHN WEST	
JOSEPH BOWLES	his owne marke	
THO: LITTLEFEJLD his marke		
MARY READE her marke		

William Cole, West's friend and trustee, was a parishoner of Rev. John Wheelwright, and with him had begun the settlement of Exeter in 1638. In 1640 he was on the *Cleeve v. Winter* jury at Saco, and the date probably marks his removal to Wells, to which spot he was followed by his pastor. He is confused in the notes on the Trelawney Papers* with William Cole of Hampton, his contemporary, whose wife Eunice was persecuted by her neighbors for witchcraft. Cole could not have died in 1662, as therein stated, as John West's will was not made until the fall of 1663.

Child of John West: —

i. MARY, m. THOMAS HALEY, of Saco, and d. in 1658/9. (*See Haley*).

* Coll. of Me. Hist. Soc. New Series, Vol. III, p. 235.

III.

MAYER, OF BIDDEFORD.

MAYER.

1. WALTER MAYER was living on the western side of the Saco River, in the Province of Maine, in 1656, probably on one of the hundred acre plantations granted by Mr. Vines, the patentee, to the first settlers.* His name, which also appears on the town and county records as Mar, Mare and Mair, became attached to the locality, and there are many references to "Walter Mare's brook" in the old books. On Sept. 30, 1659, he bought of Major Phillips four acres of marsh "near Powder Beife Tree" a landmark by which the meeting-house stood in 1658,† and from this it seems probable that Mayer's home was at Winter Harbor, in the main settlement. "Goody Maier" was assigned a seat in the fourth pew in the meeting-house in 1666, and in the third pew, as "G. Mar," in 1674, but neither her Christian nor maiden name appears in the records. In 1670 Mayer paid a rate of six shillings. During the Indian uprising of 1676, he retired to Salem, of which town he was admitted an inhabitant, together with many of his Winter Harbor neighbors, "being driuen ffrom there habetations by the Barbarious heathen." This residence was only temporary, however. He returned to Saco, where he was granted fifty acres of upland "at the hed of his hom lot" by the Townsmen on Jan. 5, 1680, and where he was one of the selectmen in 1683. He was driven westward again by the second Indian war in 1688. He was a citizen of Boston in 1698, when, on June 10, he conveyed to his daughter Sarah, widow of Serg. Thomas Haley, Jr., one hundred acres of upland, presumably his original plantation, and six acres of marsh in Saco.‡ This is the last record of him which can be found. The births of his children were carefully recorded in Saco under the heading "A Regaster of Water Mayers Children."

Children: —

- i. JUDITH, b. March 16, 1654; m. GILES READ, Nov. 10, 1674.
- ii. MARY, b. Sept. 3, 1656.
- iii. WALTER, b. May 2, 1659.
- iv. SARA, b. Feb. 5, 1661; m. SERG. THOMAS HALEY, JR., of Saco; m. 2nd, CAPT. RICHARD CARR of Salisbury, Feb. 26, 1701/2; d. Jan. 8, 1726/7. (*See Haley.*)
- v. REBECCA, b. July 12, 1664.
- vi. RUTH, b. Oct. 20, 1666.
- vii. ELIZABETH, b. July 23, 1669.
- viii. BENJAMIN, b. March 16, 1671/2. He remained in Maine during the second Indian War and was a soldier in Capt. Hill's garrison at Fort Mary in February, 1699. He was "late of Saco" on July 11, 1705, when his brother-in-law, Capt. Richard Carr, was appointed administrator of his small estate, which consisted of "£7 14s in the hands of Captⁿ James Gooch of Boston." §
- ix. LOVE, b. Sept. 29, 1674.

* Folsom's History of Biddeford and Saco, p. 183.

† Folsom's History of Biddeford and Saco, p. 138.

‡ York Deeds IX: 65.

§ York Probate I: 109.

IV.

MARSH, OF BOSTON.

MARSH.

1. JOHN MARSH, a currier or dresser of leather, was a resident of Boston in 1672, when he bought of Theodore Atkinson a small plot of land on what seems to have been called Atkinson's Lane.* Of his previous history nothing definite is known.† Between 1674 and 1692 the Boston records note the birth of six children to John Marsh and his wife Margaret, whose surname and ancestry are also undiscovered. In 1677 Marsh made a further purchase from Atkinson, the land adjoining his own property and being generally described as in the "southward end of Boston."‡ In 1694/5 John and Margaret sold a part of this lot, on which had been built a "barn or shop," to Ebenezer Clough; § and two months later John (his wife not signing the deed) sold his dwelling-house and lots, adjoining the land sold to Clough, to Richard Cheever.|| The last record found is the sale on September 18, 1698 of the first lot purchased from Atkinson, on which a house had been built, to Samuel Bridges. Margaret Marsh releases her dower.¶ These deeds disposed of all of John Marsh's recorded purchases in Boston, and from the silence of the records in regard to him and the lack of any administration of his estate in Suffolk, Norfolk or Middlesex counties, it seems probable that he moved away. The marriage of his daughter Susanna took place in Boston in 1709, however.

Children,** born in Boston:—

- i. JOHN, b. July 23, 1674.
- ii. ELIZABETH, b. June 7, 1677.
- iii. SUSANNA, b. Oct. 10, 1686; m. BENJAMIN HALEY, Nov. 25, 1709, by Rev. Benjamin Wadsworth of Boston. (*See Haley.*)
- iv. JACOB, b. April 28, 1688.
- v. ZACHEUS, b. Feb. 10, 1690.
- vi. MARGARET, b. April 6, 1692.

* Suffolk Deeds IX: 332.

† Some attempt has been made to identify John Marsh with a John Marsh of Boston, whose wife Sarah had a son, Bartholomew, born as late as July 3, 1673. The first child of John and Margaret Marsh was born July 23, 1674, which makes this theory improbable.

‡ Suffolk Deeds X: 271.

§ Suffolk Deeds XVII: 13.

|| Suffolk Deeds XVII: 73.

¶ Suffolk Deeds XIX: 259.

** There were probably other children born between 1677 and 1686, among whom may have been Ann Mash (Marsh, int.) who m. George Hornbuckle Jan. 1, 1707, and Mary Marsh who m. Thomas Balhatchet May 31, 1707, both in Boston.

V.

EDGECOMB, OF SCARBOROUGH AND BIDDEFORD.

EDGECOMB.

1. NICHOLAS EDGECOMB arrived at Richmond's Island in the Province of Maine about the year 1638. He was a fisherman in the employ of Mr. Robert Trelawney, a merchant of Plymouth, England, who had several years previously obtained a patent to the island and a portion of the neighboring mainland, and had established a fishing and trading station there in charge of Mr. John Winter. Edgecomb was undoubtedly a native of Devon or Cornwall, as was the case with the majority of Trelawney's colonists, but the place of his birth, and his connection with the distinguished Devonshire family whose name he bore are still undetermined. That family had already an interest in the province, for in 1637 Sir Richard Edgecomb of Mount Edgecomb had received from Sir Ferdinando Gorges a grant of eight thousand acres lying between Sagadahock River and Casco Bay, which, unfortunately for his descendants, he took no steps to hold. In 1718, and again in 1756 the Edgecomb title was brought forward, but other titles had become firmly established and the claims were disallowed. The latter attempt was made, in behalf of Lord Mount Edgecomb, Sir Richard's heir, by Mr. John Edgecomb of New London, Conn., a descendant of the only other seventeenth century colonist of the name who established himself and a family in New England. John Edgecomb, son of Mr. Nicholas Edgecomb, a Plymouth merchant, whose descent from the Edgecombs of Edgecomb in the parish of Milton Abbot, Devon, has been established, settled in New London in 1673. The search among the English records which resulted in determining the origin of John Edgecomb revealed the fact that during the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries the family name was almost without exception confined to the parishes on the Devon-Cornwall border lying between Tavistock and Plymouth, while the pedigrees in the visitations and in the archives of the Earl of Mount Edgecomb claim for the various families a common origin, the titled family being one of the branches of the Milton Abbot stock.

In the account* drawn up by Mr. Winter on May 27, 1639, for submission to his principal at Plymouth, is found the first reference to Nicholas Edgecomb:

Nico Edgcombe Debitor	
for Commodities in 1638	17 2
for Commodities this yeare	2 10 5
for aquauite	16 1½
for tobaccko	2 6
for wine	1 17 8
more pd to ballance this acc ^o	4 16 1½
	11

* Trelawney Papers, edited by Hon. J. P. Baxter, Collections of the Maine Historical Society, Second Series, Vol. III. These papers are also the source of the accounts following.

Cont' Creditor for so much to ballance his acc ^o for his first yeare seruice	3
for his Wadges this yeare .	8
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The letters of Mr. Winter to Mr. Trelawney present a lively picture of the life at Richmond's Island. Winter himself, efficient, business-like and aggressive, directs the labors of the fishermen, loads the "Hercules" and the "Richmond" for their trading voyages to "Bilbow" and the Bay, or for the long homeward trip to Plymouth, and unceasingly disputes with his neighbors, Cleaves and Cammock, over the bounds of the respective patents. Mistress Winter bustles through the letters, belaboring her worthless servingmaid "Pryssylla," and scolding the forty lusty west-of-England fishers whose hungry mouths she must needs fill from a not too well stocked larder. Their daughter, Sarah, goes to "Sacco" to visit the daughters of Mr. Lewis, one of whom is soon to come to Richmond's Island as the wife of the minister, Mr. Richard Gibson, or makes preparations "to Keepe a house" on her own account when her marriage to Mr. Robert Jordan, Mr. Gibson's successor, shall have been celebrated. And finally, there were the men—a troublesome lot, doubtless, drinking far too much "aquauite" for the peace of the colony, but not quite the worthless rogues their pessimistic overseer so delights to picture.

Nicholas Edgecomb's name does not appear on Mr. Winter's account for the year 1640. He had come to the decision to remain permanently in the new country, and, leaving Richmond's Island and crossing Black Point and the Scarborough River, he settled upon a small plantation at Blue Point, in the patent of Mr. Lewis and Capt. Bonython, where he had as sole neighbors the influential planters Foxwell and Watts, and George Dearing, the erstwhile "stubborne" carpenter of Trelawney's company. The date of this venture is fixed by the affidavit of William Smyth, made in 1670, in which he states that when he went to live at Blue Point in 1640 there were then four plantations there, those of Richard Foxwell, Henry Watts, George Dearing and Nicholas Edgecomb.

During the following few years Edgecomb returned to Mr. Winter for the fishing season and for the harvesting, as the 1642 and 1643 accounts show.

"June 10th, 1642.

Nycholas Edgecombe Debitor	
ffor necessaries deliuered him out of the house from the first of August, 1641, to this day	13 4½
for money vppon an old acco,	13 7
for ballance this acco. pd. him heare	16 9½
	<hr/> 2 3 9
Contra due to him	
for his portage money for this years ffishinge	10
for his share of mackrell, traine, & for 3 weeks worke at harvest & to bring some hay	1 13 9
	<hr/> 2 3 9

1643

“money paid to Nicholas Edgecomb for 3 weeks worke at
6s. per weeke is

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Some time before July of the year 1641 there came to enter the service of Mistress Winter a maid, who, we trust, proved more useful to that strenuous housewife than the unlamented Priscilla. Her name was Wilmot Randall, and she was twenty years old. Winter's 1642 account gives us the first glimpse of her.

“May 26th, 1642.

Willmott Randell Debitor	
ffor necessaries deliuered to her out of the house from the	£ s d
26 th of July, 1641, to this day	13 9
for money bad on the last years acco	5
for the ballance of this acco, which shall be pd. at the end	
of her yeares servise	2 1 3
	3

Contra Creditor

ffor a yeares wages which wilbe ended the 17th of November	
next	3

In making up the account, however, Winter reckoned without the bachelor planter of Blue Point, or he would not so confidently have placed three pounds to Wilmot Randall's credit. Nicholas Edgecomb brought home a wife that summer, and paid for impetuosity, as the 1643 account shows:

	£
“money Receaved from Nycholas Edgecombe for yeldings vp of the maid Wilmots tyme which he married before her tyme was out	5
“money that was kept backe from Wilmot Randell of the yeares servise, beinge she did not serve out her full yeare, & I Charged on my last acco: for the whole yeare, & is	1 3 9

In the slowly growing settlement at Blue Point the Edgecombs spent the following eighteen years, but the details of their life must be supplied by the imagination as the records are practically silent. In 1658 the government of Sir Ferdinando Gorges was eclipsed by the Puritan power of Massachusetts Bay, and the townsmen, including Nicholas Edgecomb, submitted, with little grace, on July 13 of that year. Under Massachusetts rule the plantations at Black Point and Blue Point became the town of Scarborough.

In 1660 Edgecomb sold the Blue Point farm to Christopher Collins, and gave the following deed: *

Scarborow 3^d day of Octob^r: 1660:

Bee it knowne vnto all men by these psents that I Nic: Edgcome now of Sacoe planter, with Willmott Edgcome my wife, doe firmly by these Covenant, grant, bargan, & sell vnto Christopher Collines of Scarborow shoemaker, all my houses Lands, Corne feilds, with Marsh Lands therevnto belonging, liing in Scarborrough according to my former possession, y^t is to say Twenty two Acers of vpland & fiue acers of Marsh below my dwelling house, bounded on the south side with a fence from y^e vpland, by the

* York Deeds I: 111.

side of Two little ponds to Ionas Balys Cricke, on the Eastern side from a burch tree, along by Mr. Watts his Corne feild side vpon a streight Lyne to the sea side togeather witt Tenn Acers of Marsh In the western marshes, the path to Sacoe lijng through y^e one end of it & a p^rcell of Marsh lijng up the River by Mr Foxells, with another p^rcell of Marsh lijng hyer vp the River in the necke of Land; To haue & to hould all the pmisses, togeather with them & y^r appurtenances, to the soole onely & pper vsse & behoofe of him the sd Christopher Collines, his heyres executors Administrators & assigns for ever: To w^{ch} Covenant well & truly to be pformed Wee y^e sd Nic: Edgcome & Willmott my Wife, do firmly by these p^sents bind o^r selues, with heyres executors, Administrators, & assignes wisse our hands & seals the day & yeare aboue written.

The Marke of
NIC: EDGCOME

The Marke of WILLMOTT
EDGCOME

Signed sealed & Deliuered

In the p^sence of

The Marke of JAMES

GIBBINES

PEYTON COOKE

He did not move far afield, however, merely crossing the Scarborough line and settling a few miles to the westward, at Goose-fair Brook, on the Lewis Patent, in the town of Saco, a large part of which was destined to become the property of his grandchildren through the marriage of his son Robert with the granddaughter of the patentee.

Two years later he bought of James Gibbins fifty acres, "at Gouse-fayre River," "to begine at the bounds of Edw: Clarke deceased, on the North West side of the River, & soe to runne along the same side of y^e River vpon a Northerly course, till hee come to a Cricke Issueing out of a great pond & soe on the North west side of y^t Cricke till hee come to the same pond or to the Length of it as Itt extends, & soe take all the Length of it & breadth of it between ye pond & y^e woods bee Itt more or less." Another smaller lot specified in the same lease was to begin "at his now dwelling house." The annual rental to be paid for this farm was "the some of fiue shillings Sterlg in good M^rchand^{ble} bread Corne at or vpon the nine & Twentieth day of Septembr & two days worke the one at planting the other at harvest tyme." *

In 1660 Sir Ferdinando Gorges sought to re-obtain control of the province of which he was by inheritance the Lord Proprietor. Many of the inhabitants, who had chafed under the Puritan government of Massachusetts since their submission in 1652, speedily declared themselves in his favor, and, until Charles the Second's commissioners decided in favor of Gorges and restored the provincial form of government in 1665, the political condition of Maine was chaotic. In 1663 Edgecomb and many other freemen of Saco were presented by the grand jury of the Massachusetts government "for their neglect in not submitting to such commands as have been required, in the due observing of such orders as by oath as freemen they have

* York Deeds II: 41.

bound themselves unto." The jurisdiction of Massachusetts was not firmly reestablished until 1680, and the Edgecombs seem to have been defiant to the last, for in that very year the name of Christopher Edgecomb appears on a petition to the king asking for the restoration of his immediate authority over the province. In other respects the years immediately following the settlement of the family in Saco seem to have been calm and uneventful — at any event they are sparsely recorded. On April 24, 1661, Nicholas Edgecomb was on a jury to inquire into the death of Thomas Lattimer "which lived with John Chater of Wells and ran away from him this month and was found drowned in Saco river." The name of his wife appears in 1666 and 1674 on the seating lists of the meetinghouse, which was across the Saco at Winter Harbor. He paid a town rate of 8s., 2d. according to an undated list, probably made about 1670.

In 1675 King Philip's War broke out and the Province of Maine suffered severely. Farms were abandoned, and the few garrisons afforded the only bulwark against captivity and death. The Edgecombs seem to have taken refuge with their old neighbors at Black Point rather than at the Winter Harbor garrison at the mouth of the Saco River. Captain Scottow, the Scarborough commander, records in his diary in 1675: "(10:) 2-4, no disturbance, but got in catell every day — and about 20 also for one Edgecombe of Sacho." All of the sons of the family, except John, were on the Scarborough garrison list in the summer of 1677, and the deposition of Michael Edgecomb is one of the sources of information regarding the local features of the war.

Nicholas Edgecomb did not long survive the restoration of peace in 1678. The exact date of his death is unknown, but it probably occurred in the winter of 1681.

He did not leave a will, and in lieu thereof the following document was recorded:

"Judith Gibbines aged fiuety five years or thereabouts, sworne sayth that this deponent was desired by the late Nicho: Edgscome of Sacoe to understand from him what his will should bee relating to what hee had after his decease, & then hee tould her hee would Settle It so as none of the rest of his children should wrong his soun Robert, & y^rfore his intent was, to leaue all to his sonn Robert, to Mantaine his mother, & this was spoaken about three weekes or a Moenth before his death, & further sayth not
Taken vpon oath the 18th of March 1681: before mee Jos: Scottow

Just^s

John Bonighton aged thirty 4 yeares, sworn testifyeth, to y^e trueth of the substance of w^t is aboue testifyd.

Josua Scottow Just^s taken vpon oath before mee 29th of March 1681:"

The "other children" may well have thought that Mistress Gibbins viewed the case with a prejudiced eye, as she was the mother-in-law of the fortunate Robert.

An inventory of the very meagre estate was presented on March 28, 1681.

"An Inuentory of Nicholas Edgscome deceased apprised by us underwritten

	L	s	d
Imprs 20 Acers of Marsh land, at	020	00	00
It Thirty Acers of upland at	15	00	00
It one Cow & Calfe at foure pounds	04	00	00
It one Iron pott at eight shillings	00	08	00
It one Musket 15s, his weareing Cloaths	05	15	00
	<u>45</u>	<u>03</u>	<u>00</u>

HUMPHREY SCAMON
GEORGE PAGE his marke

Wilmot Edgscome wife to the late Nicholas Edgscome appeared before mee the 28th day of March 1681: & made oath y^t this writeing aboue is a true & full Inventory of the Estate of the late Nicholas Edgscome deceased, her husband

JOSUA SCOTTOW Just^s."

How long Wilmot Edgecomb survived her husband is not known. In 1684 she made the deposition which gives us the approximate date of her birth.

"Wilmot Edgcome aged 64 Years Testified upon oath that coming to Live at Blue Point about y^e Year 1641 hath observed for ab^t 18. Years from that Time M Henry Watts quietly possessed & improved the Marsh mentioned in the above written oath of Mr Watts without any legal molestation that she ever heard of

Sworn the 14th Day of Aug^t. 1684.

Before me JOHN WINCOLL
Just. of Peace"*

The last record is a deed, dated June 8, 1685, in which she describes herself as "of the Town of Scarbrough," and by which she conveys to Robert Eliot, for £15, fifty acres of marsh and fifty acres of upland at Blue Point, "formerly in the possession and Tenure Peter Shaw and J. Collins." The land is not described, but it seems probable that it was the original Scarborough farm, leased of Bonython in 1640, and that one purpose of the conveyance was to protect Eliot from any claim of reversionary interest by the Edgecombs after the fall of the estate granted by them to Christopher Collins. One of the witnesses to the deed was Henry Elkins, probably the husband of her daughter Joanna, and the other was "James Rendel," which leads us to wonder whether any of her kindred followed Wilmot Randall to the New World.†

Children:—

2. i. MARY, b. about 1642.
3. ii. CHRISTOPHER, b. about 1643.
4. iii. JOANNA, b. about 1649.
5. iv. MICHAEL, b. about 1651.
6. v. JOHN.
7. vi. ROBERT, b. about 1657.

2. MARY² EDGECOMB (*Nicholas*¹) was born about 1642, and was married to George Page of Saco in 1664. Folsom believed him to have been a son of Mr. Thomas Page of Saco whose name appears in the book of rates in 1636 and who served as a juror in 1640.

* York Deeds XVI: 36.

† York Deeds VII: 55.

On September 15, 1677, describing themselves as "of Saukadock river near Capeporpus" George and Mary Page conveyed to Thomas Hawkins of Marblehead forty acres on Saukadock river "bounded on ye North East Side with Nicholas Edgcomes fence." * George Page served the town of Saco in several capacities. In 1673 he laid out the upper road from Saco to Dunstan in Scarborough; he was a selectman in 1683, and a juryman in 1686. In 1681 the town granted him ten acres of upland on the west side of the river. In 1683, when the new meeting-house was built, the shingling was his allotted task. He was still living in 1687.

At the outbreak of the second Indian War Mary Page retired to Marblehead. Probably she was already a widow, as the Marblehead records make no mention of Page's death. On July 30, 1691, in Marblehead, she married John Ashton, who had been a neighbor of the Edgecombs at Blue Point. She was his third wife, her predecessors, both Scarborough women, having been a daughter of Andrew Alger of Dunstan, and Susanna, daughter of Mr. Richard Foxwell and granddaughter of Capt. Bonython.

The war was of such long duration that the boundaries of Maine farms and the titles thereto were in some confusion at its close. Claims were filed in Boston by the planters or their representatives in 1714, and among them is the claim of "the heires of Mrs. Ashton alias Page" to sixteen acres of marsh at Goosefair brook in Saco and thirty-four acres of upland bought of Mr. James Gibbins on May 25, 1687. The claim was filed by Azor Gale, of Marblehead, a brother of Nicholas Edgecomb's (10) wife. The term "heirs" was probably loosely used, as Mrs. Ashton did not die until 1730, in her eighty-eighth year. Only one of her children can be identified with certainty.

- i. GEORGE PAGE. George Page of Marblehead, fisherman, deeded to Elizabeth Browne, on March 12, 1719/20, "all my double Right . . . and claim of all my Fathers Lands Tenements . . . which he George Page my sd Father late of Saco River . . . died seized & possessed of.†
- (?) ii. MARY PAGE. A Mary Page m. JOSEPH ASHTON in Marblehead, Aug. 4, 1700.
- (?) iii. SUSANNA PAGE. A Susanna Page m. JOHN PRIDEUX in Marblehead Nov. 3, 1698. She m. second Timothy Cummins, May 19, 1701, in Marblehead.

3. CHRISTOPHER² EDGECOMB (*Nicholas*¹) was born about 1643, according to his affidavit, which, although it is undated, was probably made about 1668, at the time of a controversy between Mr. Foxwell, the principal planter of Blue Point, and the Algiers of Dunston.

"The deposition of Christopher Edgecombe about 25 yeares of age & Phillipe ffoxwell about 17 yeares of age,

These deponents make oath that about the last of August or the beginning of Septemb^r last past, they were sent by Mr Richd Foxwell to mowe In the meddows next Dunston, & did Mow one day, & they went vp the next day again & about the Middle of the day Andrew Alger & his son John came to these deponents, and tould them hee would wish them to leaue of Mowing

* York Deeds IX: 86.

† York Deeds XII: 69.

& goe home for hee would carry away all the grase that they cutt in them Marshes, Nicholas (sic) Edgcom tould them hee came to do a days & a days worke hee would do. The next day these deponents went vp again & Daniell Mr. Foxwells man went with us also to make vp the hay, & about eight or 9 nine of the clocke Andrew Alger came with his two Youngest sonns, Matthew & Andrew, & Jacob Rabskine with them to make vp the Hay w^{ch} wee had cutt and went to daniell w^r hee was making of Hay & made vp Hay with him soe these Deponents Kept mowing about 2 houres, afterwards came Mr Richd Foxwell to the Marsh, & wee went alsoe to them w^r they were makeing vp Hay, and Christopher Edgcom heard Mr. Foxwell aske them w^{fore} they made vp his hay, & these deponents heard Andrew Alger say It was his Hay, and hee would haue it else hee would ly by Itt, & Christopher Edgcom mayd answere rather than wee will see o^r laaboures carried away If Mr. Foxwell will say the word Wee will keepe It by force, & these deponents heard Mr Foxwell rather than y^r should be any blood spill about Itt hee would lose all the Marsh hee had there, Then Andrew Alger did forwarne Mr Foxwell of cutting any grass in them Marshes, Mr. Foxwell replied is all the Marsh yo^{rs}. Goodⁿ Alger answered all the Marsh from pine Poynt to fox Island & from Fox Island to the great gutt, w^{ch} is all the sault Marsh with in that fence as we conceive. soe wee tooke our Syths & went away, & as wee were goeing home ward wee see Arthur Alger and John Alger comeing into y^e Marsh, & further sayth not. onely Christopher Edgcom sweareth that y^t day in y^e afternoon hee did see Goodⁿ Alger & his 3 sonns Jon Andrew & Mathew, Arthur Alger John Palmer & Jacob Rabskine carry the (hay) over the River, & maeke It vp on there side."

Some years later King Philip's War gave this young man further opportunity to exercise his belligerent spirit. He saw service under Capt. Scottow in the defense of Scarborough (List of September 1677), and was living "Muskett shott from ye Garrison" at Black Point on October 12, 1676. He survived the war and was still living in Scarborough in 1680 when he was among the inhabitants of the Province of Maine who opposed Massachusetts jurisdiction and petitioned King Charles II for the restoration of his immediate authority over them. No further record of him is to be found.

4. JOANNA² EDGECOMB (*Nicholas*¹) was born in Scarborough before 1649. The Southgate manuscripts in the possession of the Maine Historical Society contain the following deposition which serves to identify her.

"Boston June 1739

Johanah Punchin Ninety Odd Years of age Declares and Saith that this Depont was Borne at Blew Point in the Township of Scarborough at the Eastern parts of New England and Knew Andrew and Authur Auger who lived at a place Called Dunston which was owned and Settled upon By Said Auger, and their Children lived with them and Further this Depont well Knew John Astin (alias) Ashton who marryed with Andrew Augers Daughter and lived at Said Dunston under Andrew and Auther Auger Said Ashton had no Issue By Said Augers Daughter and after his Said Wifes Decease, In a Short time he ye Said Ashton Marryed Mr Foxwells Daughter By whome Said Ashton had Several Children at Blew Point whare Said Ashton Lived with Said Foxwell and did nott Returne Again to Said Dunston & Further this Depont Saith that when the wars Broke Out Said Ashton Removed to the Greate Island so Called in Piscatiqua and their his Said wife daughter to Said Foxwell Died and Said Ashton Soon after Removed to Marblehead whare he lived Some time & then Marryed with this Deponts

Sister Mary Page and whose Maiden Name was Mary Edcomb Daughter of Nicholas Edcomb Father of the Depont : and Further this Depont Well knew Mary Ashton Daughter of John Ashton aforsd: who Married with Giffer Libbys Son & Said Ashton Never had any Land of his Owne in ye Towne of Scarborough that Ever I ye Depont herd off ye Said Ashton Lived & Died at Marblehead aforsd:

Suffolk ss

Boston June 16, 1739.

Joanna Puncheon being carefully Examined made oath to the aforsd Declaration. it being distinctly read to her, She being blind did not Sign it. Axel Roberts the adverse Party living about Twenty miles from the Place of Caption was not notify'd to be present the Depont Living more than Thirty miles from York the Place of Tryall —

Before me DANIEL HENCHMAN Just Peace"

Search of the Boston records fails to reveal any Edgecomb-Puncheon marriage, nor is the death record of Joanna Puncheon found. The marriage of William Punchin of Boston and Joanna Elkins, at Marblehead, on May 1, 1693, however, seems to solve the problem. There was an Elkins family in Scarborough, during the period of the first settlement, one of the members of which was undoubtedly the first husband of Joanna Edgecomb. Marblehead having been the refuge of the other members of her family during the wars, it is not surprising to find the widow Elkins among them.

In seeking to identify the husband of Joanna Elkins, the Scarborough and York County records offer nothing which can be considered conclusive. The fact that Henry Elkins witnessed the deed from Widow Wilmot Edgecomb to Robert Eliot in 1685* gives a clue, however. On the Black Point garrison list of 1677 Henry Elkins' name immediately follows those of the Edgecomb family, he and Robert Edgecomb living three shots from the garrison. Between 1663 and 1687 he frequently appears as a witness to conveyances or as inventory-taker, but never in a more enlightening capacity.† His connection with the other Elkinses of Scarborough, and their connection with each other is equally vague.‡

If Joanna (Edgecomb) (Elkins) Puncheon left children, they have not been identified.

5. MICHAEL² EDGECOMB (*Nicholas*¹) was born about 1651. He was on the Black Point garrison list in 1677. He was undoubtedly

* York Deeds VII : 55.

† York Deeds I: 155; V: 18;VI:11;VI: 77; XII. 179:

‡ Thomas Elkins was an under marshall for Sir Ferdinando Gorges in 1640 (Maine H. & G. Rec. IX: 234). Edmond Elkin witnessed a deed of Black Point land in 1651 (York Deeds VII: 187). Christopher Elkin, Senr. of Black Point made a deposition in 1664 (York Deeds I: 154). Christopher Ellkines, Planter, of Black Point conveyed to Capt. Scottow one-half of the plantation and dwelling-house of his late father, who had conveyed it to him in 1663, on June 20, 1667 (York Deeds II: 25); and in 1669, Scottow quit-claimed to Peter Hinkson, in two separate deeds, the marsh sold him by Thomas and Christopher Elkins, in behalf of their father, all of them "late of Scarborough, deceased" (York Deeds II: 154, IV: 40). Oliver Elkins married Jane, daughter of Mr. Thomas Purchase of Pejepsco before 1683 (York Deeds IV: 17). It is probable that members of this Elkins family were later residents of Salem where Thomas, son of Oliver Elkins, was born October 30, 1689, and where the births of nine children of Thomas and Sarah Elkins were recorded between 1674 and 1695/6. This Sarah Elkins was a daughter of Robert "Gutch" (Gooch) of Kennebec, and she was still living, a widow, in 1721 (York Deeds X: 150). A Henry Elkins, possibly the Henry born to Thomas and Sarah in Salem on July 16, 1691, was in Portsmouth, New Hampshire from 1731 to 1734 with his wife Catherine.

the "Miles" Edgecomb whose deposition, quoted by Hubbard,* the contemporary historian of the war, states that he was about twenty-five years of age and was at Black Point when "nine of Winter Harbour Men were fighting with the Indians upon the Sands opposite said Place, and saw sundrie Men come to Mr. Scottow importuning and professing themselves that he would send over some Ayde to those poore distressed Men, whoe they were afraide would be overcome by the Indians except they had speedie Reliefe, being within soe small Compass that they plainlie did see that the Number of the Heathen was farr exceeding the English: notwithstanding all this Mr. Scottow would not suffer a Man to goe to help them. Then came John Lux and asckt him if he was not ashamed to stand still with so manie armed Men and suffer nine Winterharbour Men to bee murdered by the cursed heathen! Come saies Lux, putt mee some Men into my Shalopp and I will foarthwith, by the Helpe of God pull them on shoare in Little River: being then neare high Water, and thereby, I doubt not but wee shall saive some of their Lives. All which, boathe talkeing and haveing in View that sad Sight, would not moove Mr. Scottow to releife those poore English, who for Want of Helpe weare found slaine neare to the aforesaide River, wheare Lux would have landed Ayde if he could have gott anie from said Scottow." The deposition was sworne to on July 20, 1676, before Major Brian Pendleton of Saco. No further record of Michael Edgecomb is found.

6. JOHN² EDGECOMB (*Nicholas*¹) was living within one musket shot of the Black Point garrison in 1676. The only additional records of him are found in Saco, just before the outbreak of the second Indian War. He was a selectman in 1686 and 1688, and in 1686 was one of a Committee in charge of building a parsonage for Rev. William Milburne. He and Benjamin Blackman were to see the house framed, raised and enclosed, while his brother-in-law, George Page, was in charge of the shingling.† In 1687 he bought fifteen acres of marsh at Little River of Philip Foxwell.‡

The following Edgecombs of Marblehead were undoubtedly grandchildren of Nicholas of Scarborough. During the almost total abandonment of the Maine towns from the outbreak of hostilities in 1690 to their reorganization in about 1720, many of the inhabitants of Scarborough found refuge in the fishing settlements of Massachusetts, and among those who settled in Marblehead were Robert Edgecomb and his sister Mary Page. Whether the four whose names follow numbered a father and mother whose names have not come down to us among the many victims of the border attacks will probably never be known. The records give no trace of their parentage. The fact that the brother-in-law of one of them presented an Eastern Claim for Mary (Edgecomb) (Page) Ashton puts the relationship beyond any reasonable doubt. They are placed here merely because John Edgecomb is the only son of Nicholas, except Robert, of whom we find any trace after 1680.

* The History of the Indian Wars, Drake's Edition, Vol. II, p. 126.

† Folsom's History of Saco, p. 137.

‡ York Deeds XIV: 279.



**GRAVE OF RAOHEL (GIBBINS) EDGECOMB
RENDEZVOUS POINT.**

8. i. SUSANNA EDGECOMB, m. JOHN RHODES Aug. 6, 1696, in Marblehead.
 9. ii. MARY EDGECOMB, m. JOHN PALMER Dec. 3, 1702, in Marblehead.

Children, bapt. in Marblehead:—

1. *Mary Palmer*, bapt. March 27, 1715; a Mary Palmer m. John Kelly Nov. 21, 1723.
2. *Deborah Palmer*, bapt. March 27, 1715; m. Samuel Boden, June 3, 1729.
3. *Eleanor Palmer*, bapt. March 27, 1715; m. Thomas Stephen, June 3, 1729.

10. iii. JOHN EDGECOMB.
 11. iv. NICHOLAS EDGECOMB.

7. ROBERT² EDGECOMB (*Nicholas*¹) was born in 1657, while his parents were still living on their plantation in the Bonython patent at Blue Point. With his brothers he was on the Black Point garrison list of September, 1677. He was his father's sole heir and inherited the Goosefair Brook farm in 1681. He married Rachel, daughter of Ensign James and Judith (Lewis) Gibbins, and granddaughter of Mr. Thomas Lewis, to whom, with Capt. Richard Bonython, was granted the territory between the Saco and Scarborough rivers by the Plymouth Company in 1630. Through this marriage his descendants became the proprietors of large sections of the present city of Saco, after the division of the Lewis estate in 1730.

During the second Indian war, Edgecomb abandoned his Maine farm for Marblehead, where he remained with his family from 1690 until 1718. In 1718 he sold fifty acres "on y^e Northerly Side of Saco river in y^e town formerly Called Saco Town Now Named Biddiford," lying between the land of Humphrey Scammon and Thomas Hawkins (the latter's property having been purchased from George Page in 1677), and six acres at Goosefair brook, to William Jones of Boston.* This was probably his father's farm, as the Hawkins property was bounded by Nicholas Edgecomb's fence in 1677. He returned to Biddeford about 1720. In the First Church pew allotments of 1727 we find "Mr. Robart Edgcom Sener from the pulpaet to the alotment in the nor. west cornere in the south west end . . . £7-0-0." In a deposition in the case of Tyler v. Burnum, dated March 27, 1729, he stated that he was seventy-three years of age and that he lived in Scarborough "fifty years ago."

Mrs. Edgecomb died on January 13, 1724, aged 63. Robert Edgecomb died on June 1, 1730, aged 73. They were buried at Rendezvous Point on the Saco River, where their gravestones still stand. The inventories of his estate in Biddeford and Marblehead follow:—

York, ss. A true inventory of all & singular the goods, chattels, rights and credits of Robert Edgcomb late of Biddeford, yeoman deceased, taken and appraised by order of John Wheelwright, Esq'r, Judge of Probate this tenth day of July, 1730, by Humphrey Scammon, Eben^e Hill & Richard Stimson which is as followeth, viz.

* York Deeds IX: 240.

	£	s	d
Imp. ^{Es} To one third part of six lots of land & marshes in the first division laid out to Hannah Mace	105		
To 14 acres of marsh at Goose fair	70		
To 6½ acres of Marsh on Saco river	27		
To 30 acres of land on the Southwest of Saco	15		
To Neal cattle of sundry ages	41	15	
To horse kind	6	10	
To sheep	9		
To swine	4	10	
To one bed & furniture	12		
To wareing apparrell	20		
To Iron work with chains	8	5	6
To Brass	6		
To Pewter	3	9	
To fire lock	1	10	
To one pair of wheels	3		
To Chest and Draws & chairs	1	15	
To one Dwelling house	15	10	
To a Pew in the meeting house	10	5	
Sum Total	£ 354	9	6

HUMPHERY SCAMMON.

EBENEZER HILL.

his

RICHARD X STIMSON.

mark

York, ss. July 20th, 1730.

Robert Edgcomb and Thomas Edgcomb, Adm.^{es}. on the above Estate personally appearing before me the Subs and made oath that the several articles above mentioned is all the estate they know of belonging to the said deceased, and if anything more hereafter shall come to their knowledge they will give it into the Regist.^{rs}. office.

JOHN WHEELWRIGHT, Judg. prob^{ts}.

Recorded from the original & compared.

☞ CHARLES FROST, Registr.*

Essex, ss. To the Hon^{ble} John Appleton, Esq.^r Judge of ye Probate to & for the County of Essex:

Pursuant to an order from your Honour we have appraised the Real Estate of Robert Edgcome, Dec'd, consisting of one Dwelling House and Garden in Marble Head which we value to be worth one Hundred & Thirty Pounds; given under our hands the 27th Day of July 1730.

DAVID PARKE
THOMAS WARE
THO^s. ROADES.

Marble Head, July 27th, 1730.

These are to certifie that the apprisors of ye abovesaid estate were sworn & there examined.

☞ JOHN APPLETON, J. Prob^t.

Recorded from ye original & compared.

☞ CHARLES FROST, Registr.†

The administrators sold the Marblehead estate to Joseph Majory on January 26, 1731.‡

* York Probate IV: 82.

† York Probate IV: 125.

‡ Essex Deeds 61: 15.

Children, baptized in Marblehead:—

12. i. JAMES, bapt. Apr. 24, 1692; d. before 1730, probably unmarried.
 13. ii. JUDITH, bapt. Apr. 24, 1692; m. ABRAHAM TOWNSEND of Biddeford, Dec. 8, 1720. He was a son of Samuel and Abigail (Davis) Townsend of Rumney Marsh, Mass., and was b. May 20, 1682. His first wife was Mary Eustice, who d. June 28, 1718. Judith (Edgecomb) Townsend sold her inheritance from the Lewis-Gibbins estate to John Bartlon of Kittery in 1737.* Townsend d. May 20, 1746. His widow d. on Dec. 2, 1773.

Children:—

1. *Thomas Townsend*, b. Oct. 29, 1722.
 2. *Samuel Townsend*, b. Feb. 14, 1725.
 3. *James Townsend*, b. July 31, 1730.
 14. iii. NICHOLAS, bapt. Apr. 24, 1692; d. before 1730, probably unmarried.
 15. iv. ELIZABETH, bapt. Oct. 22, 1693; d. before 1730, probably unmarried.
 16. v. ROBERT, bapt. May 19, 1695.
 17. vi. MARY, bapt. Aug. 19, 1698; m. DAVID YOUNG of York. She died before the division of the Gibbins estate, leaving an only daughter, Mary Young, to inherit her share. David Young, who had removed to Scarborough, was appointed his daughter's guardian on July 21, 1730, three weeks after her grandfather Edgecomb's death. In a deed from Pendexter to Scamman, dated March 24, 1734, "ye Marsh of Mary Young, a minor," at Goosefair Brook, is mentioned.† David Young m. second, before 1729, Anna ———, and had children born in Scarborough.

Child:—

1. *Mary Young*. She d. Oct. 20, 1738, aged seventeen years, 11 months, 14 days, and unmarried. She is buried beside her grandfather and grandmother Edgecomb.
 18. vii. THOMAS, bapt. May 25, 1701.

10. JOHN³ EDGECOMB (*John*,^{2?} *Nicholas*¹), of Marblehead, married Grace, daughter of John and Rose Kelly, on December 11, 1710. He followed the sea, and is called "fisherman" and "mariner" until the latter part of his life, when he became an innholder.

On August 21, 1713, he bought of James Smith, mariner, of Boston, a house and lot of land in Marblehead for £160,‡ and on January 31, 1714/5 he purchased a right in the Marblehead common lands from Richard Craft.§

Grace Edgecomb and her husband and her sister and brother-in-law, Elizabeth and John Pickett, released to their mother, Rose Kelly, all their right in the real estate of their late father, John Kelly, for £87 : 7 : 2 on August 1, 1719.||

John Edgecomb died early in 1723. Administration on his estate was granted to his widow on April 8 of that year. She presented an inventory showing personal estate valued at £253 : 5, and realty worth £250. Before she settled her account Grace Edgecomb had built, on land of the estate, a new house which must have been a more pretentious dwelling than the family had theretofore occupied as it was described by her son, John Edgecomb, in 1740, as a "Mansion house in Marblehead on the northeast side of my father's old house."

* York Deeds XVIII: 272.

† York Deeds XVII: 60.

‡ Essex Deeds 33: 28.

§ Essex Deeds 42: 206.

|| Essex Deeds 36: 156.

On May 8, 1726, Grace Edgecomb married James Perryman, and the births of two of their children are recorded in Marblehead — Bartholomew in 1728, and James in 1730. They were living in Boston in 1738, when her son Nicholas Edgecomb writes to Marblehead "my father in loaw being going to sea and my mother dangerously ill, not likely to live long."

Children, born in Marblehead:—

19. i. JOHN, b. April 5, 1712.
20. ii. MARY, b. August 7, 1715; m. CALLEY WRIGHT, November 3, 1744. He was a son of Capt. Craft and Elizabeth (Calley) Wright of Marblehead.
21. iii. GRACE, b. Nov. 19, 1719; d. between 1725, when her mother was appointed her guardian, and 1738, when she is not mentioned in the distribution of her father's estate.
22. iv. ELIZABETH, b. Nov. 29, 1719; m. AARON TUCKER, Oct. 12, 1736.

Children, bapt. in Marblehead:—

1. *Grace Tucker*, bapt. Nov. 6, 1737.
 2. *Andrew Tucker*, bapt. Nov. 4, 1739.
 3. *Mary Tucker*, bapt. June 6, 1742.
23. v. NICHOLAS, b. June 19, 1723.

10. NICHOLAS³ EDGECOMB (*John*,^{2?} *Nicholas*¹) married Mary, daughter of Ambrose Gale, on December 25, 1712, in Marblehead. She died August 24, 1719. He married, second, on June 14, 1720, Miriam Stacey. He was a fisherman. In 1724/5 he was administrator of the estate of his brother-in-law, Ambrose Gale, Jr. * On the death of Ambrose Gale, Sr., Edgecomb was appointed guardian of his own son, Nicholas, than about twelve years of age, presumably to care for his inheritance from his grandfather † On May 9, 1738 he was made guardian of his nephew Nicholas, son of his brother John. ‡ At this time he was still of Marblehead, but as neither his death nor the settlement of his estate is recorded, he may have later moved away.

Children:—

24. i. NICHOLAS, bapt. Nov. 22, 1713.
25. ii. SARAH, bapt. May 5, 1717; m. NICHOLAS PICKETT of Marblehead, Dec. 12, 1734. He was the son of Nicholas and Jane Pickett, and was bapt. March 16, 1718, in Marblehead.

Children, bapt. in Marblehead:—

1. *Mary Pickett*, bapt. Sept. 7, 1735.
2. *Nicholas Edgecomb Pickett*, bapt. Aug. 24, 1737; m. Mary Green, March 6, 1760; d. "in an Advanced Age," April 1, 1809.
3. *Miriam Pickett*, bapt. Nov. 8, 1741.
4. *Miriam Pickett*, bapt. Oct. 16, 1743.

16. ROBERT³ EDGCOMB (*Robert*,² *Nicholas*¹) was born in 1695 (grave-stone record) and was baptized in Marblehead on May 19 of that year. He returned with his father to Maine and lived in Biddeford on the Saco side of the river, presumably on the six hundred acres laid out to him in 1720. He married Sarah Elwell of Kittery, whose brothers had settled in Biddeford. § She was born in Gloucester,

* Essex Deeds 51: 131.

† Essex Probate No. 8579.

‡ Essex Probate No. 8578.

§ Essex Deeds 59: 32.

January 28, 1703, and was a daughter of Robert and Sarah (Gardner) Elwell. Robert Edgecomb was one of the administrators of his father's estate in 1730, and that same year he disposed of his inheritance from his great-grandfather, Mr. Lewis, the patentee of Saco, to John and Joseph Fabian for £150.* He was a member of the First Church, and acted as tythingman in 1744. On August 11, 1764, only a month before his death, he deeded his land, houses and property of all sorts, in Peperellboro, as the Saco side of the river was then called, including a "Pue in meetinghouse adjoining Dearings," to his son Nicholas.† He died September 25, 1764. His wife died December 13, 1760. Their gravestones are standing in the Rendevous Point graveyard, Robert Edgecomb's bearing merely his initials.

Robert Edgecomb

Children:—

26. i. SARAH, b. April 19, 1722. No marriage or death record appears. Several circumstances point to the conclusion that she m. Ezra Davis, son of Capt. John and Elizabeth (Basford) Davis of Biddeford, who was b. in Biddeford Feb. 20, 1719/20. Among the children and grandchildren of Ezra and Sarah Davis, the typical Edgecomb names, Nicholas, Robert, James and Jemima occur with marked frequency, none of them having a single bearer in the families of Ezra Davis's immediate ancestors or of his brothers. Three of their sons, Ezra, Nicholas and James, were members of the group of Biddeford young men and women, most of whom were children and grandchildren of Robert and Sarah (Elwell) Edgecomb, including Nicholas Edgecomb, Benjamin and Jemima Nason, and John and Mary Nason, who settled in the southern part of the town of Limington after the close of the Revolution. The coincidence of these two circumstances, similarity of names and family emigration, while far from conclusive, are of somewhat unusual importance in dealing with Biddeford families of this period, when the settlement was extremely small and the number of marriageable girls limited. Ezra Davis d. July 26, 1800. His wife's death is not recorded.

Children of Ezra and Sarah (——) Davis:—

1. *Eunice Davis*, bapt. May 1, 1743.
 2. *Sarah Davis*, bapt. May 1, 1743.
 3. *Elizabeth Davis*, bapt. Mar. 24, 1745.
 4. *Ezra Davis*, bapt. May 22, 1748.
 5. *John Davis*, bapt. May 24, 1751.
 6. *Nicholas Davis*, bapt. June, 1753.
 7. *Jemima Davis*, bapt. Oct. 26, 1755.
 8. *Mary Davis*, bapt. Apr. 30, 1758.
 9. *James Davis*, bapt. June 15, 1760.
27. ii. ROBERT, b. March 26, 1725; no further record, prob. d. young.
28. iii. RACHEL, b. Aug. 20, 1727 and bapt. by the Scarborough minister Aug. 14, 1730; m. WILLIAM HALEY, Nov. 6, 1746. (*See Haley.*)
29. iv. JEMIMA, b. March 18, 1729/30; m. BENJAMIN NASON, Dec. 4, 1747 and lived in Limington; d. Feb. 23, 1815.
30. v. MARY, b. March 31, 1733. She m. JOHN NASON, June 6, 1751. In 1760 he bought lots 8 and 10 of the First Division of Narragan-

* York Deeds XIV: 180.

† York Deeds XXXIX 13.

sett No. 1 (Buxton) from Samuel Rolfe, and settled there. He was the first town clerk, and a deacon of the First Church. In 1780 he moved to Limington.

Children:—

1. *Charity Nason*, bapt. July 19, 1752.
2. *John Nason*, bapt. May 19, 1754.
3. *Margaret Nason*, bapt. June 20, 1756.
4. *John Nason*, b. May 29, 1758.
5. *Joseph Nason*, b. May 12, 1760.
6. *Sarah Nason*, b. May 8, 1762.
7. *Edward Nason*, b. Mar. 31, 1764.
8. *Robert Nason*, b. Apr. 5, 1766.
9. *Moses Nason*, b. Apr. 17, 1768.
10. *Benjamin Nason*, b. July 12, 1770.
11. *Samuel Nason*, b. Aug. 9, 1772.
12. *Nicholas Nason*, b. Mar. 21, 1776.

31. vi. CHARITY, b. Oct 6, 1735. She m. THOMAS RUMERY, Jan. 28, 1758. He was a son of Edward and Sarah Rumery of Biddeford, and was b. Dec. 27, 1733.

Children:—

1. *Edward Rumery*, bapt. Nov. 25, 1766.
2. *Charity Rumery*, m. Thomas Gould.

32. vii. NICHOLAS, b. March 13, 1740. He served in the Revolution as a private in Capt. Benjamin Hooper's Co. from July 17, 1775 to Dec. 31, 1775. He became one of the first settlers of Limington, and was chosen a selectman at the incorporation of the town. His first wife was MARY ———, who died in Saco, May 28, 1774. He married second ELIZABETH TARBOX, March 1, 1778. The will of Nicholas Edgecomb, Gentleman, of Limington, was proved Dec. 13, 1813, and mentions his wife Elizabeth, sons Nicholas (Major), Robert, and William, daughter Mary Nason, and grandsons Benjamin and John Edgecomb.*

Children:—

1. *Nicholas*, bapt. Feb. 23, 1766.
2. *Robert*, bapt. May 3, 1768.
3. *William*, bapt. Aug. 19, 1770.
4. *Mary*, bapt. Feb. 14, 1773.
5. *Sarah*, bapt. Nov. 16, 1779.
6. *Benjamin*, bapt. 1782.

18. THOMAS³ EDGECOMB (*Robert*,² *Nicholas*¹) was born about 1698, and was baptized in Marblehead on May 25, 1701. He returned to Biddeford with his parents and married there, on Feb. 10, 1725, Sarah, daughter of Pendleton Fletcher, Jr. In 1728 he received a grant of thirty acres from the town. He was one of the administrators of his father's estate in 1730. He sold his share of the Lewis-Gibbins estate to Samuel Boothby on June 5, 1732,† and on July 11, 1734 bought of Dr. Alexander Bulman seventeen acres in Biddeford.‡ He died October 17, 1778, and his widow August 16, 1790, aged 92.

Thomas Edgecomb

* York Probate 24: 54.

† York Deeds XVI: 223.

‡ York Deeds XVI: 206.

Children, born in Biddeford:—

33. i. THOMAS, b. Oct. 19, 1727.
 34. ii. RACHEL, b. May 23, 1730; m. MATTHIAS REDLON, Dec. 9, 1748.
 35. iii. JAMES, b. Nov. 28, 1734; m. RELIANCE THOMPSON ("Eliane" in the Biddeford record) in 1756, and lived at Edgecomb's meadow in Saco. He died during the Revolutionary War while on his way to visit his son James who was lying wounded at Yorktown.

Children:—

1. *James*, b. July 25, 1757.
 2. *Thomas*, b. Oct. 19, 1758.
 3. *Reliance*, b. July 26, 1760; d. Apr. 10, 1767, when her father's house burned.
 4. *Sarah*, b. Apr. 2, 1762; d. May 6, 1766.
 5. *Lydia*, b. Sept. 22, 1763.
 6. *John*, b. May 19, 1765.
 7. *Aaron*, b. May 8, 1767.
 8. *Pendleton*, b. Apr. 26, 1770.
 9. *Ezekiel*, b. June 6, 1773.
 10. *Daniel*, b. June 11, 1775.
 11. *Samuel*, b. June 22, 1777.
36. iv. HANNAH, b. Sept. 30, 1735; m. JOSEPH COUSINS, June 28, 1754. He was a son of Ichabod Cousins of Kennebunk, and was b. Sept. 2, 1728.
37. v. JOHN, b. May 25, 1738.
38. vi. SAMUEL, b. Aug. 29, 1739; m. MOLLY DEERING, Dec. 7, 1762 and lived at Saco ferry. He d. July 31, 1795. She d. Aug. 31, 1826.

Children:—

1. *Samuel*, b. Oct. 25, 1764.
 2. *Robert*, b. May 4, 1767.
 3. *John*, b. Dec. 4, 1768.
 4. *Elias*, b. June 7, 1770.
 5. *Noah*, b. June 14, 1773.
 6. *Sarah*, bapt. Jan. 14, 1778.
 7. *Eunice*, bapt. May 6, 1781.
 8. *Thomas*, bapt. Sept. 13, 1784.
 9. *Mark*, bapt. Sept. 13, 1784.
 10. *Mary*.
 11. *Hannah*.
39. vii. GIBBINS, b. May 9, 1743; m. RHODA ELWELL daughter of John and Elizabeth Elwell of Saco, June 21, 1768. He saw extensive service in the Revolution, being successively with Capt. William Crocker at Falmouth from March 1, 1776 to Nov. 23, 1776, with Capt. Andrews in Col. Fogg's Regiment at Fishkill in 1778, and with Col. Benjamin Tupper at West Point from June 17, 1778 to March 17, 1779. He d. in Gardiner, Me., on Feb. 17, 1817. His widow d. July 6, 1822.

Children:—

1. *Rhoda*, b. July 26, 1768; m. John Runnells of Scarborough, and d. Mar. 27, 1865.
2. *Gibbins*, b. Apr. 13, 1770.
3. *Joseph*, b. Apr. 2, 1772.
4. *Mary*, b. May 28, 1774.
5. *Hannah*, b. Nov. 28, 1776; m. Jonathan Fogg of Scarborough, and d. June 5, 1845.
6. *Thomas*, b. Apr. 18, 1781.
7. *Lillis*, b. Apr. 18, 1781.
8. *Rachel*, b. July 20, 1783.
9. *Abigail*, b. Apr. 30, 1786.
10. *Eliphalet*, b. Mar. 26, 1792.
11. *William*, b. Mar. 26, 1792.

40. viii. ROBERT, b. Oct. 27, 1745. Lived in Saco. He was a private in Capt. Benjamin Larrabee's Co., Col. Mitchell's Regiment on the Penobscot expedition, serving from July 9 to Sept. 12, 1779. The marriage recorded between Robert Edgecomb and Elizabeth Fletcher, Jan. 18, 1773, in Arundel, probably refers to him.

Children:—

1. *Roger*, b. Oct. 21, 1767.
2. *Robert*, b. Sept. 11, 1774.
3. *Levi*, b. 1776.
4. *John*, b. 1778.
5. *Isaac*, b. 1780.
6. *Sarah*.

VI.

LEWIS AND GIBBINS OF SACO.

MR. THOMAS LEWIS OF SACO, HIS FAMILY AND ESTATE.

1. On February 12, 1629, the Council for the affairs of New England in America, otherwise known as The Plymouth Company, granted by patent * to THOMAS LEWIS, gentleman, and Capt. Richard Bonython a tract of land on the north side of the Saco river in what was to be known as the Province of Maine, extending four miles from the mouth of the river and eight miles inland. A similar grant on the south side of the Saco, to John Oldham and Richard Vines, gentlemen, was made on the same day. This was not the beginning of Mr. Lewis's interest in the New World, however. The patent states that he "hath already been at the charge to transport himself and others to take a view of New England . . . for the bettering of his experience in advancing of a Plantation," and so it is fair to presume that he had some previous knowledge of his future estate. The patentees bound themselves to transport fifty persons to their colony within seven years, and to pay a nominal ground rent to the Council.

June 28, 1631, found Mr. Lewis arrived from England and entering into the possession of his property, livery of seisin being given by Mr. Edward Hilton of New Hampshire, one of the several commissioners nominated in the patent by the Council, in the presence of Thomas Wiggin, James Parker, Henry Watts and George Vaughan. Mr. Lewis then proceeded, in his turn, as attorney for the Council, to give Mr. Hilton possession under his patent to Piscataqua, in New Hampshire, which document he probably brought from England with his own. The exact location of Mr. Lewis's residence is uncertain, but it is probable that he lived near the lower ferry at the mouth of the river, in the house which was later the property of his son-in-law, Lieu. Gibbins. Mr. Vines had settled upon the land covered by his patent in 1630, building his house at Winter Harbor, now known as Biddeford Pool, and surrounding himself with a goodly number of planters. The patents on both banks of the river were known by its name, Saco. The Plymouth Company did not send out a governor to administer the affairs of the colony. The planters seem to have taken matters into their own hands, however, and to have entered into an agreement, or "combination," the terms of which have not survived, which constituted the basis of self-government, the document embodying it being in the custody of Mr. Lewis.

In 1635, the Council, after granting a patent to Sir Ferdinando Gorges which included within its limits all of their former jurisdiction, gave up their charter to the throne. The new over-lord, calling his province New Somersetshire, appointed Capt. W. Gorges its governor, and granted commissions as counsellors to the most

* The original patent is in the Library of the Maine Historical Society, Portland. It is printed in the Farnham Papers, Vol. I, p. 117, and in Folsom's History of Biddeford and Saco, Appendix.

prominent patentees and gentlemen then residing within its borders, among them Mr. Lewis. The new government, sitting also as a court of law, convened "in the house of Capt. R. Bonython in Saco, this 25th day of March, 1636, present, Capt. R. Bonython, Capt. W. Gorges, Capt. Cammock, Mr. H. Jocelyn, Mr. T. Purchase, E. Godfrey and T. Lewis, Gents." The session seems to have been a stormy one for Mr. Lewis. He and Capt. Bonython had had a dispute with Mrs. Joan Vines, the wife of the Winter Harbor patentee, who was apparently abroad at the time, in regard to the title to one of the islands in the river. The court dealt with the case as follows: "To the request of Mrs. Joan Vines, and an order of Sir F. Gorges as per the same at large appeareth, and other circumstances us inducing, concerning the difference between Capt. R. Bonython and Mr. T. Lewis against Mrs. Joan Vines, concerning the planting of corn on the island where she planted formerly, and an order left by her husband how to plant: It is ordered for the preservation of the public peace and the general good of the country, that Mrs. Joan Vines shall peaceably plant what she hath formerly planted and what more she can plant. Also Capt. R. Bonython and Mr. T. Lewis to plant what they can except where Mrs. Vines planteth, and for trial of the title to said island, to rest till further trial may be made thereof, and this we register, ratify and confirm, although Mr. T. L. did opprobriously, in open court, lacerate and tear an order made to that purpose." On the third day of court Mr. Lewis brought suit for slander against Mr. Thomas Williams, and Williams was bound to answer at the next term, under a penalty of £100. The adverse decision of the Vines case seems to have incensed Mr. Lewis against the new government. He retained possession of the old combination, quite possibly opposing it to the authority of Capt. Gorges, for under the date Feb. 9, 1636/7, we find the court ordering "that Mr. Thomas Lewis shall appear the next court day at the now dwelling house of Thomas Williams, there to answer his contempt, and to show cause why he will not deliver up the Combination belonging to us."

In 1637, Mr. Lewis also appeared before the court, of which he still remained an official; first as defendant in an action by John Richmond for trespass, and second, in what appears to have been an issue of veracity with Clement Greenway. Greenway's affidavit states that on "the 5th July 1635 Mr. T. Lewis did hyre the said Greenway his servant called Peter Hogg till the midst of March following, and the said Lewis was to pay this deponent seaven £ for his servants hyre, and this deponent saith that he did not promise that the said Hogg could caulk boats very well."

Mr. Lewis died between 1637 and 1640 — probably before 1639, as his name does not appear on the list of Counsellors appointed by Sir Ferdinando Gorges after the confirmation of his patent by a royal charter in that year. The court of 1640 ordered that "Francis Robinson executor of the last will and testament of Thomas Lewis, late of this plantation, deceased, upon the delivery of the goods and chattels now in his custody belonging to the said testator, unto his creditors, shall be allowed of such reasonable charges as have been

by him expended upon two of the children of the said testator since his death." The will is not filed or recorded among the Maine probate records, and a search in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, where a colonial will might possibly be filed, has been productive of no result. Mr. Robinson, the executor, was a man of some importance, being a magistrate of the General Court in 1645.

Mr. Lewis was probably married twice. His widow, Elizabeth Lewis, the mother of his two youngest children, survived him only a short time. Her name is disclosed by a partition agreement,* dividing a portion of the patent, dated October 8, 1640, entered into by Capt. Bonython individually and with Francis Robinson, as "Executors In Trust to y^e last will & Testament of Elizabeth Lewis," and "Elizabeth and Judeth the daughters of the above named Elizabeth Lewis." From this document we are able to determine that Mr. Lewis left his Maine estate to his wife, who in her turn left it by will in trust to Capt. Bonython and Robinson for her two daughters. Her will is also missing.

The problems of Mr. Lewis's ancestry, his residence and life before establishing his plantation, and the exact number of his family remain to be solved. The name hints of Wales or the Welsh border, and his connection with the Plymouth Company and with Capt. Bonython, who was of a landed Cornish family, also points to the west-England origin to which a large number of the early Maine families can be traced. Nor does it appear whether any members of his family accompanied him upon his adventure in 1631. It is certain, however, that his daughter Mary did not come over from England until 1636 or 1637, so it is probable that Mr. Lewis waited until he should be somewhat firmly established before sending for his womenfolk.

Of his children Mary is identified by the letters of her husband, Rev. Richard Gibson, Elizabeth and Judith by the deeds by which Judith, her husband Lieu. James Gibbins, and their descendants disposed of portions of the Lewis estate. The earliest of these deeds show that Robert Heywood of Barbadoes, brother-in-law of Lieu. Gibbins, had an interest in the estate, from which Maine historians have reasonably inferred that Mrs. Heywood was a daughter of Mr. Lewis. An examination of the probate records of Barbadoes substantiates this theory, and also brings to light a probable son of Mr. Lewis. The will of Elizabeth, widow of Robert Heywood, filed in 1862, mentions a daughter, Hester Orpen, and by the will of a Thomas Lewis of Barbadoes, one of the Royal Counsellors probated a few years later, this same Hester Orpen receives an annuity of £50, making a strong circumstantial chain connecting Lewis of Barbadoes with Lewis of Maine. There is less reason for including Hester Kingsland in the list of children, but in view of the fact that both Judith Gibbins and Elizabeth Heywood named daughters Hester, the detached marriage of a Hester Lewis of Barbadoes in 1648 to a man of position similar to that of Thomas Lewis, the son, is certainly suggestive.

* Maine Historical and Genealogical Recorder, Vol. 5, p. 124.

Children:—

- (?) 2. i. **THOMAS LEWIS.** He was a wealthy planter and one of the Royal Counsellors of the island of Barbadoes, West Indies. He resided in Christ Church Parish, where he died in 1689, leaving a widow, Joan Lewis. His will, dated Nov. 19, 1687, and probated June 28, 1690, leaves to his wife an annuity of £400 from his two plantations at Christ Church and St. Philip, his "Estate in the Kingdom of England," lands, houses, money, etc.; an annuity of £50 to Hester Orpin, wife of John Orpin; £50 to Elizabeth Dillon; and appoints his wife his executrix in Barbadoes; witnesses, John Dempster, Tobias Frere, John Adams, Ch. Lytcott and Ja. Mowat. It would seem that Mrs. Lewis was in England at the time of her husband's death, for the Prerogative Court of Canterbury appointed her administratrix of her husband's estate on Nov. 18, 1689, until she could produce his will. The probate in Barbadoes was made in June, 1690, and in October, 1690, Mrs. Lewis proved the will in England. The letters of administration are addressed to "Joan Lewis widow relict of Thomas Lewis, Esquire, late one of the councillors in the Island of Barbadoes."
3. ii. **MARY LEWIS.** She came to Maine from England about 1636, and in 1638 married **REV. RICHARD GIBSON**, A.B. Magdalen College, Oxford, a Church of England clergyman who had been sent out in 1636 by Mr. Robert Trelawney of Plymouth to guard the spiritual welfare of his plantation at Richmond's Island, several miles to the eastward of Saco. He found it impossible to agree, however, with Mr. Winter, the manager of the Trelawney patent, although he seems to have gained the confidence and friendship of the Richmond's Island fishermen and planters, and he was soon devoting a part of his labors to the Saco settlement. In 1637 he is stated in the court records of New Somerset to hold an order settling "the controversies about the Islands," which probably refers to the dispute between Mrs. Vines and Lewis and Bonython. His marriage with Mary Lewis does not seem to have been the result of a very romantic attachment. Writing from Richmond's Island on Jan. 14, 1638(9) to Gov. Winthrop of Massachusetts Bay, he says:* "By the providence of God and the counsell of friends, I have lately married Mary, daughter of M^r Tho. Lewis of Saco, which marriage was thought a fitt meanes for the closing of differences and settling an order both for religion & govermt in these Plantations. Howbeit, so it is for the present, that some troublous spirits, out of miss-affection, others, as is supposed for hire, have cast an aspersion upon her, & generally avouch that shee so behaved her selfe in the shipp which brought her from England hither some 2 yeares agoe, that the block was reaved at the mayne yard to have ductt her, and that she was kept close in the ships cabin 48 houres, for shelter and rescue, which tends to her utter infamy, the greif of her freinds and my great infamy and hinderance. . . . My humble suite to your Wopp is . . . that you would please to call before you George Burdett of Boston, shoemaker, Anne his wife, and others whom they can name, which came over in the ship with her, and examine them of these things whereof she is accused. . . . I married the mayd upon long demurres, by advize of friends, and if these imputations be justly charged upon her, I shall reverence God's afflicting hand, and possesse my selfe in patience under God's chastiseing. If false, both s^{hee} and many shall have cause to blesse God for you, and for that govermt which shineth from you to us. . . . Richard Gibsonn, minr of the Gospell at Richmond Island & Saco." One of the troublous spirits was undoubtedly John Bonython, the only son of the Captain, who gave the colony constant trouble and was finally outlawed in 1645 by the Provincial Court in which his father sat as a magistrate.

* Mass. Historical Society Coll., Fifth Series, Vol. I, p. 267.

In the court held in June 1640 Richard and Mary Gibson sued John Bonython for slander, charging that, in addition to making scandalous charges against Mrs. Gibson, he had on April 28th, 1640, in the house of Thomas Lewis, deceased, called Mr. Gibson "a base priest, a base knave, a base fellow." The plaintiffs obtained a verdict, the damages being assessed at £6:6s:8d. At the same session, John Bonython sued Mr. Gibson for debt, declaring that he owed him £5 on a bill due May 1, which Mr. Gibson, through his attorney, Francis Robinson, the executor of his father-in-law's estate, partly acknowledged, and asked that the matter be referred to arbitration. Mr. George Cleaves and Mr. Arthur Mackworth were appointed arbitrators and Mr. Gibson's corn, growing in Saco, was pledged as security for the payment of their award. In 1640 or 1641, Mr. Gibson left Richmond's Island and Saco and became first minister of the settlement at Piscataqua. Here, however, he came into conflict with Puritan Massachusetts. As Gov. Winthrop says, "He being wholly addicted to the hierarchy and discipline of England, . . . did marry and baptize at the Isle of Shoals which was found within our jurisdiction". Gibson further increased the dislike of the Governor by writing his colleague, Rev. Mr. Larkham of Dover, denying the title of Massachusetts, and when later in the year he arrived in Boston, being apparently about to sail for England or some other colony, he was thrown into jail, where he remained until he acknowledged the charges and threw himself on the mercy of the court, "whereupon, in regard he was a stranger and was to depart the country in a few days, he was discharged without any fine or other punishment."

- (?) 4. iii. **HESTER LEWIS.** She married **NATHANIEL KINGSLAND, ESQ.**, of Christ Church Parish, Barbadoes, West Indies, in 1648. In 1679, Mr. Kingsland was the proprietor of three hundred and fifty acres, five servants and one hundred and seventy negro slaves.*
5. iv. **ELIZABETH LEWIS.** She m. **ROBERT HEYWOOD**, a planter, of the parish of St. Thomas, Barbadoes, W. I. She inherited from her father and mother a joint title with her sister Judith to the Maine estate. Her brother-in-law, Lieu. Gibbins, managed her property for several years under a power-of-attorney,† but eventually the entire patent seems to have vested in Mrs. Gibbins. Mr. Heywood died before 1680, when his widow made her will, which was probated June 10, 1682, and from which the following list of her children is obtained.
1. *Richard Heywood.* A mariner, married, and the father of a son, Richard, in 1680. Katherine Heywood, a granddaughter of Mrs. Heywood, and possibly daughter of Richard, is also mentioned in the will.
 2. *John Heywood.* A John Heywood m. Mrs. Mary Whitehead in the Parish of St. Michael, Aug. 12, 1677.
 3. *Robert Heywood.*
 4. *Nathaniel Heywood.* Mr. Nathaniel Heywood and Mrs. Alice Homeyard were m. in St. Michael's Parish, Nov. 11, 1683.
 5. *Elizabeth Heywood.* She m. Thomas Hayes and had a daughter Elizabeth before 1680.
 6. *Martha Heywood.* She m. William Charles and had a daughter Frances before 1680.
 7. *Hester Heywood.* She m. John Orpen before 1680. This marriage was apparently without the approval of her mother, as her legacy was not to be paid until after the death of her husband. She received an annuity £50 by the will of Thomas Lewis, Esq., in 1689.
6. v. **JUDITH LEWIS.**

* Hotten's Lists, p. 480.

† York Deeds II: 5.

6. JUDITH² LEWIS (*Thomas*¹), born about 1626, was the only child of the patentee who remained permanently in Maine. After the death of her mother and the departure of her sister, Mrs. Gibson, for England, she probably lived with one of her trustees, Mr. Robinson and Capt. Bonython, until her marriage about the year 1646 to James Gibbins, a planter who had settled at Winter Harbor on the patent of Mr. Vines in 1642, taking over the grant of Henry Boade, in partnership with Thomas Mills, fisherman, at the rent of "ffive shillings yearly to be pd at the feast of Saynt Michaell, the arke angell, two dayes worke of one man at Harvest, & one fatt gouse on the 25 day of Decem, yearly."*

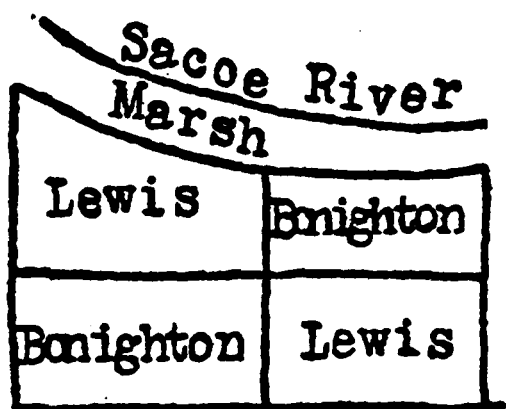
Gibbins was not the equal of his wife's father in social standing, nor does he seem to have possessed ability above that of the average lesser planter of the colony. The size of his wife's estate, for she ultimately became the owner of the entire Lewis share of the patent, made him necessarily a man of some importance, but he did not assume the governmental standing which the control of such a large territory would naturally entail, and his alienation of the most important section of the patent withheld from his descendants his opportunity. He was an officer of the plantation's military company, the records referring to him as sergeant and lieutenant — one cryptic entry stating, in 1674, "Lieu. Gibbins his horse allowed on." In 1667 he was chosen "master of the magasin," the same town meeting voting "that a sum of twelve pounds be colected too buy powder and shott and other things for the trayne band." We find him one of the selectmen in 1656, a juryman in 1661, and a town commissioner in 1664, while in 1663 he was presented in court, with other freemen of Saco, for resisting the authority of Massachusetts and persisting in recognizing the Gorges claims.

Judith Gibbins also appears occasionally in the court and town records. In 1668 it is ordered that Jane Harman, because of the cruel treatment of her father, "be kept with good wife Gibbins if her husband consent till he and his wife have some discourse about it with the selectmen." In the meeting-house seating-list of 1666 she had a place in the second seat, while in 1674 she sat with Mistress Maverick in the first seat. She made the deposition which gives us the approximate date of her birth in the matter of the estate of Nicholas Edgecomb, in 1681.

Until after the death of Mr. Lewis, the patent was held by the two proprietors as tenants-in-common. No grants by Mr. Lewis are recorded. The contemplated division was not carried out during the widowhood of Mrs. Lewis, and it remained for the trustees of her estate to perfect it, on Oct. 8, 1640. They state that "there was a division agreed upon by Capt. Richd Bonighton . . . and Thomas Lewise deceased, of all that part of Land lying below the first ffalls of the River of Saco & upon a strieght lyne to the head of the River of bla^k Poynt, containing about foure miles square," and they proceed to divide this territory, which includes all the land between Saco, Dunstan and the sea, according to the following rough map. The upper portion of the patent remained in tenancy in common.

* York Deeds I: 33.

How long the trusteeship of Capt. Bonython and Mr. Robinson lasted we have no means of knowing. Both of the heirs married, Elizabeth going with her husband to Barbadoes, from where Robert



Haywood sent to James Gibbins a power-of-attorney, dated January 10, 1660, to manage his portion of the estate, give deeds, etc.* Under this power, Gibbins proceeded to make leases to several planters who had been seated on portions of the patent for many years, probably already under some form of leasehold. James Smyth, carpenter, received fifty acres on Saco River "neare Goose Fayre and near to the sayd James Gibbines his house," Thomas Rogers two hundred acres where Old Orchard (formerly called Rogers' Garden) now stands, and Nicholas Edgecomb fifty acres at Goosefair Brook, all of the deeds being dated March 29, 1662.†

The final division of the patent between the representatives of the two patentees took place in 1681. It seems to have been precipitated by the extensive operations of Mr. Benjamin Blackman, son-in-law of Joshua Scottow, Esq., of Boston and Black Point, who settled in Maine in 1680. On April 10 of that year Mr. and Mrs. Gibbins sold to Mr. Blackman the most valuable portion of the estate, the hundred acres adjoining the falls of the Saco, together with the timber and mill privileges.‡ Capt. Bonython had died before 1653, leaving an only son, John, and two daughters, the wives of Richard Foxwell and Richard Cumming. On November 12, 1680, James Gibbins, representing the Lewis interest, and John Bonython, his nephew Philip Foxwell and John Harmon, son-in-law and heir of Mrs. Cumming, representing the Bonython estate, drew up an agreement calling for the division of the entire patent. Three commissioners, John Wincolt, John Penwill and Abraham Preble were agreed upon. They met in September, 1681, and divided the patent into eight divisions, four of which became thereby the property of James and Judith Gibbins, as appears in the following sketch map.

In 1683 Mr. Blackman purchased the entire third division from Gibbins,§ the deed erroneously referring to it as the second division, but describing its bounds properly.

Richard Rogers obtained a deed in fee simple from Gibbins in

* York Deeds II: 5.

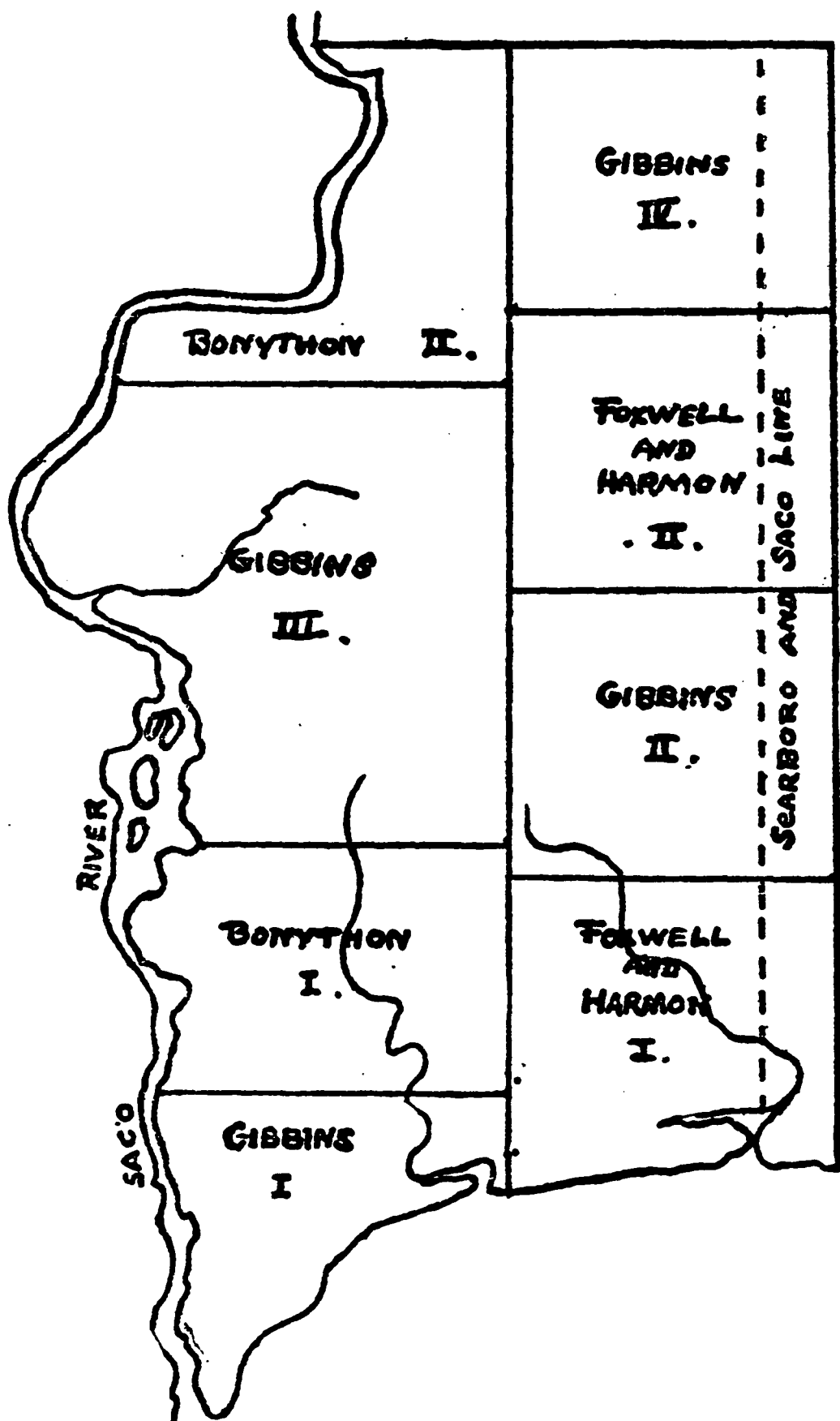
† York Deeds II: 5, 26, 41.

‡ York Deeds III: 94.

§ York Deeds IV: 22.

1687 of the land which his father had held from the estate at "Rogers' Garden."*

The Indian hostility which had been smoldering since 1681 burst into flame in 1688 and the Gibbins family retired from Saco to the greater protection of Kittery. From there in 1690 Gibbins dated



his last deed, giving one hundred acres at Rendezvous Point, in the first division, to his daughter Elizabeth Sharpe, recalling her descent from Mr. Thomas Lewis, deceased, her surviving brother Thomas, "sone and heire to the said James Gibbons" joining in the conveyance.† He probably died soon after, and from the fact that

* York Deeds IV: 155.

† York Deeds V: 45.

Judith Gibbins did not join in the deed to her daughter it would seem that she did not survive him.

For thirty-nine years after the gift to Elizabeth Sharp the Gibbins estate remained undivided. Neither James nor Judith left a will, but eventually, in 1729, their only child then surviving, Hannah Mace, petitioned for a settlement of her father's property. Her letter* to Judge Wheelwright follows:

Star Island May^e 21st 1729

S^r

I Hannah Mace being y^e antient Liver of the estate of James Gibbins of Saco or alias Biddiford being Grown in age and not able to Trauel understanding your Honour to be Judge of Probat in y^e Province of Maine Do hereby Desire you would Grant unto my Two Sons George Hibbert and Joseph Jewett of Rowley in y^e Province of Massachusetts a Letter of administration in my behalf and in so doing you will oblige your Humble Servant

her
HANNAH H MACE
mark

Wittanss

WM SANDERSON
CHARLES MILLER

In answer to this quaintly worded communication letters of administration on the estate of Judith Gibbins, instead of on that of her husband, were granted to her grandsons, Hibberd and Jewett, on May 23, 1729, and an inventory, taken by Humphrey Scammon, Ebenezer Hill and John Stackpole, showing real estate valued at £2097 was returned four days later.† The result of the administration was the final division of the patent between Hannah Mace, and the heirs of her brother James and of her sisters Elizabeth Sharp and Rachel Edgecomb, the complicated distribution covering five folios of the Probate Records.‡ Owing to an error the fourth division, or upper checker as it was commonly called, had to be redivided in 1731.§

Children of James and Judith (Lewis) Gibbins, born in Saco:—

7. i. JAMES GIBBINS, b. May 19, 1648.
8. ii. ELIZABETH GIBBINS, b. April 23, 1652.
9. iii. THOMAS GIBBINS, b. Nov. 23, 1654; he was living in 1690, when he is mentioned as his father's "son and heir" in a deed to his sister, Elizabeth Sharp.|| He had no descendants living in 1730.
10. iv. CHARITY GIBBINS, b. Jan. 5, 1656; no further record and no descendants living in 1730.
11. v. REBECCA GIBBINS, b. Jan. 30, 1658; d. Jan. 3, 1659.
12. vi. RACHEL GIBBINS, b. Oct. 23, 1660.
13. vii. HESTER GIBBINS, b. Aug. 16, 1664; no further record, and no descendants living in 1730.
14. viii. ANTHONY GIBBINS, b. Oct. 14, 1666; d. before 1690, s. p.
15. ix. HANNAH GIBBINS.

7. JAMES² GIBBINS (*James*¹) was born May 19, 1648, at Winter Harbor. He married Dorcas, daughter of William Cilley of the

* York Probate IV: 21.

† York Probate IV: 48.

‡ York Probate IV: 62, 63, 64, 65, 66.

§ York Probate IV: 120, 121.

|| York Deeds V: 45.

Isles of Shoals in December, 1668. In April, 1669, the town records state: "John Sharpe and James Gibbins, jr. is appointed to sit in the seate with Simion Booth in the foremost seat: And their wives are to sit in the third seate with S. Booth's wife and J. Lighton's wife." In a second seating list of the women in the meeting-house, made on December 9, 1674, "G. Gibbins jr" (G. standing for Good-wife) is assigned to the fourth seat, together with "G. Silly," possibly her mother.

Gibbins died before 1683, and his widow became the second wife of Francis Backhouse of Saco. Backhouse's first wife had been Elizabeth, daughter of John Cross of Wells.* She was probably the mother of his two sons, Daniel and Nathaniel, who were living in Massachusetts in 1719, Daniel at Dartmouth, and Nathaniel at Sandwich, when, on October 19, the former conveyed to the latter his share in the property of their late father.† Francis Backhouse was a selectman in Saco in 1684, 1686, and 1688. He lived on the southwest side of the river, near the northernmost branch of Little River, where "Francis Backus' brook" was still so called in 1720. Both Francis and Dorcas Backhouse were still living in 1702.

Children of James and Dorcas (Cilley) Gibbins:—

16. i. PATIENCE GIBBINS.

17. ii. REBECCA GIBBINS.

18. iii. JAMES GIBBINS. He was a sailor, with Boston his home port. He died on board the ship "Margaret Gally" on May 8, 1702, and the following document was proved as his nuncupative will:

"The Deposition of Joseph Lord Commander of the Ship Margaret Gally, and Lachlan Mackintoss, Seaman, belonging to the said Ship, who testify and say that one James Gibbins, Seaman, belonging to the said Ship in a voyage made therewith from Surinam in the month of May 1702, died on board the same on or about the 8th day of the said month of May, and that in the time of his last sickness either the same day he died or the day before, he the said James Gibbins sent for the said deponent Joseph Lord and desired him to take notice that he gave five pounds to his aunt Sharp and the rest of what he had he gave to his mother. And further the Deponents say that the said James Gibbins was then of disposing mind to the Deponents discerning.

Joseph Lord, Lachlan Mackintoss, Zachariah Adams, mate of the above named ship, Margaret Gally, of full age, being present at the time above said, testified to the truth of what is above written.

ZACHARIAH ADAMS."

The deposition was sworn to and allowed probate on June 15, 1702, by the Hon. Elisha Cook, Judge of Probate, Suffolk County, and administration was granted to Gibbins's father-in-law (step-father), Francis Backhouse of Saco, Husbandman, on June 17. The mention of "Aunt Sharp" proves the identity of the young man, and the administration reveals his mother's second marriage. With him the male line of the Gibbins family became extinct.

8. ELIZABETH² GIBBINS (*James*¹) was born in Saco April 23, 1652. At the age of fifteen, in 1667, she married John Sharp, a Saco planter. He was one of the selectmen in 1685, and in the next year the building committee of the meeting-house met at his house. When her father removed to Kittery, he granted her one hundred acres of the patent,

* York Deeds III: 16.

† York Deeds X: 1834.

on the bank of the river, referring to her descent from Mr. Thomas Lewis, deceased.*

During the Indian troubles the Sharps retired to Boston and it is probable that John Sharp died there. She returned to Saco, then called Biddeford, at the time of the second settlement, with her son Capt. John Sharp, to whom she deeded one half of her hundred acres on July 26, 1720.† No record of her death appears.

Children: —

- i. **CAPT. JOHN SHARP**, mariner. He was prominent among the settlers of 1720, a founder of the First Church and the owner of a garrison at Rendezvous Point. He had married **MARY BROOKS** in Boston, Sept. 6, 1697, and their son John Sharp, Jr., who accompanied them to Biddeford, was born there May 10, 1698. He granted his share of the second division to Edward Proctor in 1736.‡ The gravestone of Mary, his first wife, is still standing in Rendezvous Point graveyard, bearing the following inscription: "Here Lyes ye Body of Mrs. Mary Sharpe ye wife of Mr. John Sharpe Senr. Aged 56 years & 1 mo. Dyed February ye 23d 1726." He and his second wife, **ELIZABETH**, whose surname is unknown, sold their share of the upper checker ($\frac{1}{4}$) to Daniel Smith of Biddeford, innholder, Oct. 20, 1743.§
- ii. **JONATHAN SHARP**. He m. **DEBORAH THAYER** in Boston July 22, 1713 (possibly a second marriage). On Aug. 20, 1730, calling himself a mariner, of Boston, he and his wife sold to Edward Proctor all his property in Biddeford, Scarborough and Dunstan, whether descended to him from his father or mother.||
- iii. **GIBBINS SHARP**. He was m. by Rev. Cotton Mather to **SARAH GOFF** of Boston, Jan. 19, 1701. He was a mariner. He sold his share in his mother's hundred acre farm to Proctor in 1729.¶
- iv. **ELIZABETH SHARP**. She m. **JOHN MANWARING**, a mariner, of Boston. They joined her brother Gibbins in the sale to Proctor in 1729.

12. **RACHEL² GIBBINS** (*James¹*) was born Oct. 23, 1660. She married Robert Edgecomb of Saco, son of Nicholas and Wilmot (Randall) Edgecomb. From 1690 to 1718 they lived in Marblehead, but upon the resettlement of Maine after the Second Indian War, they returned to Saco, where Mrs. Edgecomb died on January 13, 1724. Mr. Edgecomb survived until June 1, 1730. Their gravestones are standing in the Rendezvous Point graveyard. Mrs. Edgecomb's share of the Patent fell to her sons, Robert and Thomas, her daughter Judith Townsend, and her granddaughter Mary Young.

Children, bapt. in Marblehead: —

- i. **JAMES EDGECOMB**, bapt. Apr. 24, 1692; d. before 1730, probably unmarried.
- ii. **JUDITH EDGECOMB**, bapt. Apr. 24, 1692; m. **ABRAHAM TOWNSEND**, Dec. 8, 1720. She sold her Gibbins inheritance to John Bartlon of Kittery in 1737.** He d. May 20, 1746. She d. Dec. 2, 1773.
- iii. **NICHOLAS EDGECOMB**, bapt. Apr. 24, 1692; d. before 1730, probably unmarried.
- iv. **ELIZABETH EDGECOMB**, bapt. Oct. 22, 1693; d. before 1730, probably unmarried.
- v. **ROBERT EDGECOMB**, bapt. May 19, 1695; m. **SARAH ELWELL**.†† He

* York Deeds V: 45.

† York Deeds XIII: 48.

‡ York Deeds XVIII: 12.

§ York Deeds XXIV: 300.

|| York Deeds XVIII: 27.

¶ York Deeds XIII: 56.

** York Deeds XVIII: 272.

†† Essex Deeds 59: 32.

- sold his inheritance from the Gibbins estate to John and Joseph Fabian in 1730.* He d. Sept. 25, 1764. His wife d. Dec. 13, 1760.
- vi. MARY EDGECOMB, bapt. Aug. 19, 1698; m. DAVID YOUNG and d. before 1730, leaving an only daughter, Mary Young, who d. Oct. 20, 1738, aged seventeen years, and is buried near her grandparents at Rendezvous Point.
- vii. THOMAS EDGECOMB, bapt. May 25, 1701; m. SARAH FLETCHER, Feb. 10, 1725. He sold his share of the patent to Samuel Boothby in 1732.† He d. Oct. 17, 1778. She d. Aug. 16, 1790.

15. HANNAH² GIBBINS (*James*¹) married, first, ——— Hibbert before 1689. Her second husband was undoubtedly the Robert Mace‡ who was assigned a seat in the Ipswich meeting-house in 1700. He was probably from the Isles of Shoals, as his children, who settled there about 1730, were not the only inhabitants of this unusual name at the Shoals at that time.

We learn of the existence of Hannah Gibbins for the first time when, as Hannah Mace, widow, of Ipswich, Mass., she conveyed to her six children the share of the Saco Patent which "falls to me by Mother Judith Gibbins or my Grandfather Thomas Lewis," on May 21, 1720, thus proving by her own statement that she was not, as Mr. Folsom thought, a grandchild of Mrs. Gibbins.§ By 1729 she had left Ipswich and settled at Star Island, from where she dispatched the letter to John Wheelright, Esq., Judge of Probate of York County, Maine, dated May 21, 1729, stating that she was the "antient Liver" of the Gibbins estate, and requesting that her two sons, George Hibbert and Joseph Jewett, Jr., of Rowley, be appointed administrators thereof.|| As already stated in the biography of her mother, the request was granted and the division and distribution of the estate was made in 1730 and 1731. Mrs. Mace acknowledged her deed to her children, made in Ipswich in 1720, in 1733, at Star Island, and no further record of her life or death remains.

Children, by first husband ¶:—

- i. MARY HIBBERT, b. 1689; m. JOSEPH, son of Joseph and Ruth (Wood) Jewett of Rowley, March 27, 1706. She d. June 26, 1732, aged 43,

* York Deeds XIV: 180.

† York Deeds XVI: 223.

‡ Robert Mase, a young man of twenty-two, was at the Isles of Shoals in 1674, and later in 1676. He makes two depositions, which are preserved in the New Hampshire Court Records, relating to disorder and wine selling at the houses of Roger Kelly and Hugh Allawad on the Sabbath. Andrew Mace was living at the Shoals in 1713 when he received a deed of a dwelling house on Star Island from Reuben Mace, innholder, and Margaret, his wife, of Newcastle. (N. H. Deeds, 9: 462.) Andrew and Johannah Mace (probably his wife) were original members of the Gosport Church on June 26, 1729. Widow Hannah Mace was admitted on Feb. 4, 1732/3. Andrew Mace Jr., undoubtedly a son of Andrew, and his wife Deborah were admitted in 1734. It is probable therefore that he was born about 1710 and that his father, Andrew Mace Sr. was born about 1686. Hannah (Gibbins) Mace was born about 1668. Her Mace marriage did not occur until about 1690.

From these data can be drawn at least two possible conclusions. First: That Robert Mase, born in 1652 according to his own statement, married and had at least two sons, Andrew and Reuben, born between 1680 and 1690, each being a married man in 1713; that he married, second, about 1690, Hannah (Gibbins) Hibbert, who bore him three sons and a daughter, and left her a widow before 1720. Second: That in addition to Andrew and Reuben, Robert Mase had another son, Robert, born about 1672-5 who became Hannah (Gibbins) Hibbert's second husband.

§ Essex Deeds 66: 248.

|| York Probate 4: 21.

¶ The Hibbert Genealogy (1901), by Augustine S. Hibbert (pp. 16, 17), names Mary and George Hibbert among the children of John and Abigail (Graves) Hibbert

and her gravestone is still standing in Rowley. He m. second, on Nov. 6, 1732, MARY, daughter of Rev. Edward and Elizabeth (Phillips) Payson.

Children: —

1. *Mary Jewett*, b. Feb. 22, 1706/7; d. June 17, 1708.
 2. *George Jewett*, b. July 25, 1708.
 3. *Nathan Jewett*, b. Sept. 9, 1710.
 4. *Josiah Jewett*, b. March 22, 1711/12.
 5. *David Jewett*, b. Aug. 11, 1714.
 6. *Mary Jewett*, b. July 11, 1723.
 7. *Gibbins Jewett*, b. April 6, 1729; d. Mar. 5, 1730.
- ii. GEORGE HIBBERT. He m. on Nov. 24, 1709, SARAH, daughter of Jeremiah and Sarah Elsworth of Rowley, where he resided and accumulated a large property. He was executor of his grandmother Gibbins' estate, 1729-1731. He sold his share in the patent to Charles Pine *et al.* on Jan. 13, 1729/30.* His will, dated Feb. 20, 1749/50, leaves his property, including two slaves, to his wife, his sons James and Thomas, and his daughter Mary.†

Children: —

1. *James Hibbert*, m. Susanna Payson, Sept. 26, 1732.
2. *Rebecca Hibbert*, b. Aug. 30, 1715.
3. *George Hibbert*, b. March 20, 1722.
4. *Mary Hibbert*, b. Jan. 2, 1728.
5. *Jeremiah Hibbert*, b. Sept. 28, 1729.
6. *Rev. Thomas Hibbert*, b. Oct. 30, 1733; Harvard 1748; m. Abigail, daughter of Joseph Gilman of Exeter; minister at Amesbury; d. 1796.

Children, by second husband: —

- iii. ENSIGN JOSEPH MACE. He conveyed his share of the First Division to his cousins Robert Edgecomb and Abraham Townsend on Dec. 10, 1729.‡ He is undoubtedly the Joseph Mace whose wife, Mary, was admitted to the church at Gosport, Isles of Shoals, on April 5, 1730.

Children (doubtless others): —

1. *Rachel Mace*, bapt. March 1, 1729/30.
 2. *John Mace*, bapt. Dec. 12, 1731.
 3. *Hannah Mace*, bapt. Sept. 29, 1734.
 4. *Joseph Mace*, bapt. July 18, 1736.
 5. *Thomas Mace*, bapt. Oct. 22, 1738.
 6. *Josiah Mace*, bapt. July 4, 1742.
- iv. JOHN MACE. He is undoubtedly the John Mace who married SARAH, daughter of Ithamar Frost. He joined his brother Joseph in the deed to Edgecomb and Townsend in 1729. Widow Sarah Mace m. Arthur Randall, March 17, 1736/7.

Children: —

1. *Ithamar Mace*, bapt. June 29, 1729.
 2. *Robert Mace*, bapt. Jan. 30, 1731.
- v. ELIZABETH MACE. She m. CHARLES MILLER, int. Oct. 8, 1720, at Ipswich. They lived on Star Island. They joined in the deed to Edgecomb and Townsend, and on July 5, 1737, sold their interest in 640 acres still undivided between the Mace brothers and themselves, to Samuel Waldo of Boston.§

of Beverly. No documentary evidence is given in support of this conclusion, and it is not substantiated by the deeds and probate records of Essex County. On the contrary, the statement of Hannah Mace in the deed of 1720 disproves it entirely.

* York Deeds XVII: 198.

† Essex Probate 329: 263-4.

‡ York Deeds XIII: 170.

§ York Deeds XVIII: 214.

Children (doubtless others):—

1. *Charles Miller*, b. Feb. 3, 1721/2 in Ipswich.
2. *John Miller*, bapt. May 28, 1727.
3. *Robert Miller*, bapt. July 9, 1732.
4. *Robert Miller*, bapt. Aug. 1, 1736.
5. *Nanny Miller*, bapt. Aug. 20, 1738.
6. *Betty Miller*, bapt. Aug. 8, 1742.

vi. GIBBINS MACE. He joined in the deed of 1729. His wife was JUDITH

Children:—

1. *Elizabeth Mace*, bapt. Oct. 8, 1732.
2. *Gibbins Mace*, bapt. Oct. 12, 1734.
3. *James Mace*, bapt. June 19, 1737.
4. *Betty Mace*, bapt. June 24, 1739.
5. *Judith Mace*, bapt. Dec. 20, 1741.

16. PATIENCE³ GIBBINS (*James*,² *James*¹) is identified by the fact that she shared a child's portion of the Gibbins estate with Rebecca Wakefield, who was a daughter of James Gibbins, Jr. as she herself stated. She married first ——— Sands. Thus far the records have failed to disclose any of the facts regarding this marriage, which must have taken place during the years in which Maine was abandoned to Indian attack and occupation. Its duration must have been about ten years, but her place of residence, as well as her husband's name, remains a mystery. Her second husband, her intention to marry being published in Ipswich, Mass., on January 16, 1719/20, was John Annable of Ipswich Hamlet, yeoman. He was a man of considerable property, a son of John Annable, and a grandson of the emigrant and early settler of Ipswich of the same name.

Immediately after the division of the Gibbins estate, Patience Annable distributed her Maine property among her children, deeding all her right in the lower division to her son, James Sands, of Biddeford,* and her remaining interest to Thomas Sands of Ipswich, John and Hannah Bryant of Biddeford, and the children of Patience Hodgkins of Ipswich, deceased.†

Both John and Patience Annable died in January, 1748.

Children, by first husband:—

- i. JAMES SANDS. He was m. to EMM JEPSON of Boston, by Rev. Cotton Mather, Nov. 23, 1714. She was probably a granddaughter of the John Jepson who m. Emm, widow of John Coddington in 1656. He was a cordwainer, of Biddeford, in 1730. He d. in 1745, leaving his property by will (probated April 16, 1745), to his wife Emm, sons James, Thomas and Ephraim, and daughters Hannah, wife of John Carter, Mary, wife of Ephraim Stimson, and Ruth and Patience Sands. Emma Sands, who m. John, son of Capt. John and Elizabeth (Basford) Davis of Biddeford, Nov. 24, 1742, and who d. before 1744, was another daughter. John Davis was one of the witnesses to the will. The estate was valued at £1016 : 5 : 6. The son Thomas m. Elizabeth Brown in Scarborough, Oct. 6, 1743, and the daughter Ruth m. John Elden in Biddeford, Dec. 17, 1747.
- ii. PATIENCE SANDS. She m. THOMAS HODGKINS of Ipswich, int. 28: 9 m: 1714. She d. Nov. 13, 1720. Her legal representatives in 1746 were her daughters, Elizabeth, wife of Samuel Waite, Jr., of Ipswich, and Patience Wells of Newbury.‡

* York Deeds XIII: 190.

† York Deeds XIII: 254.

‡ York Deeds XXVI: 25.

- iii. THOMAS SANDS. He m. ELIZABETH SMITH of Ipswich, int. 1726. She d. in Feb., 1733. He m. second EDITH PATCH, daughter of Isaac and Edith (Edwards) Patch, Dec. 27, 1739. He d. in 1761, and his widow, Edith Sands of Ipswich, was appointed administratrix of his estate on Nov. 16, 1761.* His estate, valued at £73:11:9,† was distributed between his widow, his sons James, Thomas, Isaac, and his daughters Edith, Betty, Lydia and Susanna.‡ Widow Edith Sands d. April 30, 1793, aged seventy-five.
- iv. HANNAH SANDS. She m. JOHN BRYANT of Biddeford. They sold their share of the upper checker to Thomas Lord of Ipswich, shopkeeper, on Dec. 16, 1731.§

17. REBECCA³ GIBBINS (*James², James¹*) married James Wakefield, son of John and Elizabeth (Littlefield) Wakefield of Biddeford. They lived in Wells. In 1699 he was granted one hundred acres of land on the Kennebunk river "at the landing." On November 28, 1700, he and his wife witnessed a deed from Benjamin Gooch of Wells to John Wheelwright.|| On October 25, 1707, James Wakefield, his brother William, Moses and Job Littlefield and Joseph Storer, Jr. "went out in a small sloop to fish, there was a heavy sea at the bar, and as they attempted to drive the sloop over it she was upset and they were all drowned."

Rebecca Wakefield gave her right in the Saco patent to her three surviving sons, James, John and Nathaniel, by deed dated November 8, 1728.¶ She erroneously states that the property "was granted to my Grandfather James Gibbins by S^r Ferthenande Gorge or his agents." The deed proves her parentage, as she describes her inheritance as "all the Right which I have . . . from my Grandfather James Gibbins & so redowning to me from my Father James Gibbins late of Saco Dec^d." The date of her death is unknown.

Children: —

- i. JAMES WAKEFIELD. He m. MARY DURRELL, Dec. 18, 1719. He and his brothers sold their share of the first division to Robert Patterson for £175 on Oct. 1, 1731.**
- ii. JOHN WAKEFIELD. He m. ELIZABETH DURRELL, May 27, 1724. He sold his share of the upper checker to Jeremiah Hill for £250 on March 23, 1747/8.††
- iii. NATHANIEL WAKEFIELD. He m. HANNAH EMMONS in 1730.
- iv. GIBBINS WAKEFIELD. He was a member of the Norridgewock expedition in 1724, and was probably not living in 1728.
- v. KEZIA WAKEFIELD. She m. PHILIP DURRELL, May 27, 1724. He was a son of Philip Durrell of Arundel, and had been in Indian captivity with his mother and sisters in 1703.

* Essex Probate 338: 409-10.

† Essex Probate 338: 465.

‡ Essex Probate 340: 129.

§ York Deeds XIV: 230.

|| York Deeds VI: 115.

¶ York Deeds XXIV: 230.

** York Deeds XXIII: 59.

†† York Deeds XXVI: 283.

VII.

ELWELL, OF GLOUCESTER.

ELWELL.

1. ROBERT ELWELL first appears in New England records on September 1, 1634, in Dorchester, in the Colony of Massachusetts Bay, when "It is ordered that the Lott which was graunted formerly to John Rocket shall be transferred to Robert Elway." He was made a freeman of the Colony on May 13, 1640, and about that time he removed to Salem. He appears as the owner of land in Gloucester in 1642, but he does not seem to have made his home there until about 1649, when he was chosen one of the selectmen. The General Court appointed him one of two "commissioners to end small causes" in 1651, and he was a member of the committee to erect the new meeting-house in 1664. Elwell died May 18, 1683. He made his will May 15, 1683, mentioning his wife, sons Samuel, John, Isaac, Joseph and Thomas, daughter "Deliber" and grandsons Samuel and Robert. The will was probated June 26, 1683.* The estate amounted to £290-10.

Elwell's first wife was Joane ———, who died March 31, 1675. A legacy due her from her brother's estate at Stoke Abbot, Dorsetshire, is mentioned in a letter from Tristram Dalliber in 1648.† He married second, Alice, widow of Robert Leach, May 29, 1676. She survived him and died April 10, 1691. Her will,‡ dated March 24, 1690/1, leaves her estate to her five daughters, one of whom was named Alice Bennett. The inventory mentions an agreement made with her sons Samuel and Robert Leach, that she should have twenty pounds to dispose of at her death.

Children:—

2. i. SAMUEL, b. in Dorchester about 1636.
- ii. "Second child," bapt. in Salem, Aug. 28, 1639; d. ae. 6 months.
- iii. JOHN, bapt. in Salem 23: 11: 1639/40; m. JANE DURIN, Oct. 1, 1667. He resided in Salem until about 1677, when he moved to Gloucester. He was captured by the Indians in 1710, and administration was granted to his son John, Jan. 19, 1712.
- iv. ISAAC, bapt. in Salem 27: 12: 1641/2; m. MEHITABEL, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Greenaway) Millett. She d. in Gloucester, Sept. 28, 1699, and he m. second, MRS. MARY ROWE, widow of Hugh Rowe and daughter of Thomas Prince. She d. Mar. 3, 1723, aged about 65 years. Elwell was a sea captain and resided in High street in Gloucester. He d. Oct. 14, 1715.
- v. JOSIAH, b. in Salem about 1644; m. in Boston, June 15, 1666, MARY, dau. of John Collins. She survived him, and m. second, in 1679, John Cook, who was joint administrator, with her, of Elwell's estate, and third, Capt. James Davis. She d. Mar. 9, 1725, aged 79.
- vi. JOSEPH, b. about 1649; m. June 22, 1669, MARY, dau. of Osman Dutch. He was a fisherman.
- vii. SARAH, b. and d. in 1651.
- viii. SARAH, b. May 12, 1652; d. Aug. 26, 1655.

* Essex Probate 304: 34

† Register Vol. XXXII, p. 312.

‡ Essex Probate 303: 26.

- ix. THOMAS, b. Nov. 12, 1654; m. SARAH, dau. of William Bassett of Lynn, Nov. 23, 1675. They are undoubtedly the Thomas and Sarah Elwell who were "late of New England & now of Salem Towne," Salem County, New Jersey in 1698. His will, dated April 25, 1706, was proved April 20, 1707.
- x. JACOB, b. June 10, 1657; d. May 21, 1658.
- xi. RICHARD, bapt. April 11, 1658.
- xii. MARY, m. SAMUEL DALLIBER of Marblehead, Aug. 1, 1654; m. second James Gardner. (*See Gardner.*)

2. SAMUEL² ELWELL (*Robert*¹) was born at Dorchester in 1635 or 1636. He married Esther, daughter of Osman and Grace Dutch, of Gloucester. He died about the year 1697. His estate was insolvent.* His widow died Sept. 6, 1721, aged about 82 years.

Children:—

- i. SAMUEL, b. Mar. 14, 1659. He sold his house and land, willed to him by his grandfather, Robert Elwell, to Samuel Bishop, of Ipswich, in 1684.† He was probably living in 1695, when his father is called senior in a deed.
- ii. JACOB, b. Aug. 10, 1662; m. ABIGAIL, dau. of William Vinson, July 5, 1686. He was killed in the French and Indian War, at Cape Sable, May 2, 1710.
- 3. iii. ROBERT, b. Dec. 13, 1664.
- iv. ESTHER, b. Aug. 25, 1667.
- v. SARAH, b. and d. in 1670.
- vi. EBENEZER, b. Feb. 29, 1670/1; m. JEAN ———; lived in Gloucester.
- vii. HANNAH, b. Aug. 11, 1674; m. JAMES GARDNER, Jan. 2, 1695.
- viii. ELIZABETH, b. July 30, 1678.
- ix. THOMAS.

3. ROBERT³ ELWELL (*Samuel*,² *Robert*¹) was born in Gloucester December 13, 1664. He was a fisherman and sea-captain. He married Sarah, daughter of James Gardner, Oct. 12, 1687. In 1731 he removed to Kittery, transferring all his property in Gloucester to his children, Samuel Elwell of Gloucester, fisherman, Joseph and John Elwell of Biddeford, husbandmen, Hannah, wife of Nathaniel Durriel, and Sarah, wife of Robert Edgecomb, both of Biddeford.‡

Children:—

- i. ROBERT, b. Sept. 18, 1688; m. JEMIMA, dau. of John Smith, Nov. 1, 1713; he d. at Ipswich "under the doctor's hands, Mr. Wallis," June 3, 1715.

Child:—

- 1. *Jonathan*, b. April 14, 1714.
- ii. SARAH, b. and d. in 1692.
- iii. HANNAH, b. Jan. 25, 1694; m. NATHANIEL DURRELL.
- iv. SAMUEL, b. May 25, 1697; m. REBECCA BROWN, April 27, 1718. Administration on his estate granted to his son Samuel, May 11, 1742.

Children:—

- 1. *Samuel*, b. Oct. 5, 1718.
- 2. *Robert*, b. Nov. 11, 1720.
- 3. *David*, b. Sept. 29, 1723.
- 4. *Rebecca*, b. Dec. 12, 1725.
- 5. *Sarah*, b. Feb. 6, 1727.
- 6. *Loves*, b. March 9, 1731.
- 7. *David*, b. Aug. 4, 1733.

* Essex Probate 306: 65.

† Essex Deeds 11: 180.

‡ Essex Deeds 59: 32.

8. *Dorcus*, b. July 20, 1735.
 9. *Benjamin*, b. April 15, 1737.
- v. BENJAMIN, b. March 17, 1700, prob. died before 1730.
- vi. SARAH, b. Jan. 28, 1703; m. ROBERT EDGECOMB of Biddeford. (*See Edgecomb.*)
- vii. JOSEPH, b. Aug. 11, 1705; m. ELIZABETH, dau. of Hezekiah and Elizabeth (Fennicke) Elwell, Dec. 6, 1728, at Kittery, where she was born July 10, 1705. He was a husbandman, of Biddeford, in 1730.

Children:—

1. *Sarah*, b. Sept., 1730.
 2. *Elizabeth*, b. June 28, 1731; m. John Cole at Biddeford, Aug. 12, 1758.
 3. *Benjamin*, b. Nov. 10, 1733.
 4. *Joseph*, b. Oct. 2, 1734.
 5. *Mary*, b. Sept. 13, 1737.
 6. *Robert*, b. March 9, 1739.
 7. *Sarah*, b. Nov. 13, 1743.
 8. *John*, b. Aug. 10, 1746.
- viii. JOHN, b. Dec. 28, 1708; m. ELIZABETH ———. He was a resident of Biddeford in 1730.

Children:—

1. *Sarah*, bapt. Oct. 24, 1742.
2. *Rhoda*, bapt. Mar. 24, 1745; m. Gibbins Edgecomb, June 21, 1768, at Saco. (*See Edgecomb.*)

VIII.

DUTCH, OF GLOUCESTER.

DUTCH.

1. OSMAN DUTCH was in Massachusetts in 1639, when he sold property in Bridport England and sent for his wife Grace and son Robert. He settled with his family in Gloucester where he was a selectman in 1650. He was probably born about 1603, as he approximates his age as 60 in 1663. His wife was about 50 in 1664. He died in November, 1684, and administration of his estate, which was appraised at £83 : 10, was granted to his widow and son Robert.* "The poor distressed widow Grace Dutch," finding her provision inadequate for her support, petitioned the court in July, 1685, for permission to dispose of the real estate, two of her sons, Samuel and Hezekiah, already having consented thereto.† Thereafter she sold various parcels of real estate to William Ellery, Christopher Hodgkins and her son-in-law Samuel Elwell,‡ with whom she lived for ten years after her husband's death. She died on October 10, 1694.

Children: —

- i. ROBERT, b. about 1623, in England. His wife was MARY, daughter of Richard Kimball of Ipswich.§ About 1648 he moved from Gloucester to Ipswich, being a subscriber to Major Denison in that year. He sold his house, barn and all his land in Gloucester to Edward Haraden in 1657. His will, dated August 13, 1686 and probated Sept. 14, 1687, mentions his sons Robert, Samuel and Benjamin, and gives all his "right and interest at Cape Ann" to the two latter.|| Some years later his grandson, Robert Dutch, was appointed administrator *de bonis non*, and divided "an old common right" between the heirs of Robert Dutch's children, Robert, John, Samuel, Benjamin, Mary Cowes and Hannah Collins.¶

Children: —

1. *John*, b. May 1, 1646. He d. Nov. 5, 1685. His wife was Elizabeth Roper, who was his widow at her death from small pox in 1692, when her estate was divided by her brother, John Roper, among her children, Elizabeth, wife of Isaac Ringe, Susanna, John, Benjamin, Nathaniel and Hannah Dutch.**
2. *Robert*, b. June 24, 1647. He was one of "the Flower of Essex" under Captain Lathrop at the massacre at Bloody Brook in King Philip's War on Sept. 10, 1675. He was "sorely wounded by a Bullet that rased to his Skull, and then mauled by the Indian Hatchets — left for dead by the Salvages, and stript by them of all but his skin," but being found and cared for by Captain Moseley on the following morning, recovered from his wounds.†† He m. Hannah Lovell, Dec. 26, 1677.
3. *Samuel*, b. June, 1650; m. Abigail Gidding, Feb. 12, 1673. His estate was divided in 1712 between his widow, sons

* Essex Probate 304: 115.

† Essex Probate 304: 151.

‡ Essex Deeds 20: 10; 10: 2; 10: 63.

§ Essex Co. Court Records, III: 151.

|| Essex Probate 304: 366.

¶ Essex Probate 313: 327.

** Essex Probate 304: 322, 413.

†† Hubbard's History of the Indian Wars.

Samuel, John, George, daughters Abigail, Dorothy, Mary, Martha, and Jane.

4. *Mary*, m. Giles Cowes, 1668; d. Oct. 22, 1672.
 5. *Hannah*, m. James Collins, 1674.
 6. *Caleb*, b. May 1, 1659; d. *s. p.*
 7. *Benjamin*, b. Dec. 4, 1665; m. Elizabeth, daughter of John and Katherine Baker, June 30, 1690. He d. before 1695, when his will, leaving all his property to his wife, was proved. She m. second John Appleton, int. Aug. 31, 1700. Benjamin's only child, Elizabeth, m. Benjamin Studley in 1714. Giving her line of descent from Osman Dutch, she sold her share in his estate to Epes Sargent on July 23, 1730.*
- ii. SAMUEL. He died in Salem about 1695, leaving a widow, SUSANNA, who m. second Richard Hutten, and a daughter, *Susanna*, twelve years of age.† *Susanna* was the wife of Benjamin Knowlton of Ipswich in 1730.*
 - iii. ALICE. She was the second wife of JEREMIAH MEACHAM of Salem, who died in 1694, leaving a large estate. She was still his widow, living in Ipswich, on March 30, 1704, when she assigned to her sister, Esther Elwell, all claim to the estate of her father, stating her regret at having signed a paper at the request of her nephew, Thomas Hodgkins, in an attempt to recover some property sold by her mother since her father's death.‡
 - iv. GRACE. She m. WILLIAM HODGKINS of Ipswich, and bore him twelve children. She was administratrix *de bonis non* of her father's estate after the death of her mother and brother Robert (June 16, 1703) and her son, Thomas, renders an account as her attorney.§ Hodgkins d. in 1693, leaving her his entire estate.||
 - v. ESTHER. She m. SAMUEL ELWELL, June 7, 1658. She sold two rights of commonage, belonging to her late father, to Col. Appleton and Joseph Gardner respectively, in 1705 and 1713.¶ (See *Elwell*.)
 - vi. MARY, m. JOSEPH ELWELL, June 22, 1669; prob. d. March 25, 1680.

Children:—

1. *Hezekiah Elwell*, b. June 2, 1670.
 2. *Joseph Elwell*, b. Aug. 19, 1672.
 3. *Samuel Elwell*, b. June 8, 1675.
 4. *Benjamin Elwell*, b. Sept. 13, 1678.
- vii. HEZEKIAH, b. March 29, 1647. In 1730 he was survived and represented by two daughters, *Martha*, wife of John Legros of Salem, and *Mary*, widow of Joseph Ashton, of Marblehead.**

* Essex Deeds 54: 213.

† Essex Probate 305: 128-30.

‡ Essex Deeds 16: 117.

§ Essex Probate 308: 93, 336.

|| Essex Probate 303: 172.

¶ Essex Deeds 19: 230; 31: 183.

** Essex Deeds 54: 213.

IX.

GARDNER, OF GLOUCESTER.

GARDNER.

JAMES GARDNER married Elizabeth, daughter of William Vinson, January 19, 1662, in Gloucester, Massachusetts. Vinson gave to his son-in-law, in addition to other land, two acres at the end of his own lot. On this land Gardner probably built the house which, with half a shallop and a long gun, he exchanged with Hugh Rowe in 1668 for his third part of a farm, one share and coulter and one cart and a pair of wheels with four iron hooks about the stocks, and the frame of a house with all the boards he had at the end of the cape, and thatch to thatch the house.* Gardner's second wife was widow Mary (Elwell) Dalliber, whom he married shortly before his death on Dec. 8, 1684. His will, made Jan. 23, 1683, was proved March 31, 1685. As his first wife had been named as executrix, the court appointed Jeffrey Parsons to take charge of the estate until his eldest son should come of age.†

Children: —

- i. SARAH, b. April 16, 1662; d. April 21, 1662.
- ii. JAMES, b. Oct. 5, 1663; d. same day.
- iii. GEORGE, b. May 22, 1664; d. before 1683.
- iv. ELIZABETH, b. June 11, 1666; d. same day.
- v. SARAH, b. April 17, 1668, m. ROBERT ELWELL, Oct. 12, 1687. (*See Elwell.*)
- vi. MARY, b. Sept. 13, 1671; d. Oct. 25, 1671.
- vii. JOSEPH, b. Oct. 23, 1672; m. HANNAH, daughter of Samuel Elwell, Jan. 2, 1695; living in 1750.
- viii. REBECCA, b. Sept. 15, 1675.
- ix. JOHN, b. Jan. 11, 1678; m. MIRIAM SAMPSON, Jan. 24, 1704; living about 1750.
- x. JAMES, b. Aug. 27, 1681; m. ABIGAIL ———, Jan. 23, 1707.

* Essex Deeds 9: 181.

† Essex Probate 304: 110.

X.

VINCENT, OF GLOUCESTER.

VINCENT.

WILLIAM VINSON (Vincent) was born about the year 1610. He was in Salem with his mother and a cousin, Anthony Buestone, in 1636 when land was laid out to them at Marblehead. He eventually settled in Gloucester, where he was made a freeman on May 10, 1643. He served as selectman in 1646, and for several subsequent years. He sold a farm of fifty-two acres at Little Good Harbor, bought of George Norton, to John Rowe in 1651,* and another lot to his "son-in-law" Hugh Rowe in 1684.†

His first wife, Sarah ———, died February 4, 1660, and he married second on June 10, 1661, Rachel Cooke, a widow. He died September 17, 1690, and his widow on February 15, 1707. His will,‡ dated March 19, 1684, mentions his wife, son John "in case he be living and return home again," daughters Abigail, Sarah Parsons, deceased daughters Ellery and Gardner, daughter-in-law Mary Day, Jr. and John Cook, son of his son-in-law, John Cook.§

Children:—

- i. SARAH. She m. JEFFREY PARSONS, Nov. 11, 1657. He was probably born in Alphington, Devonshire, about 1631. He d. Aug. 19, 1689; she d. Jan. 12, 1708.

Children:—

1. *James Parsons*, b. Dec. 18, 1658.
2. *Jeffrey Parsons*, b. Jan. 31, 1660.
3. *Sarah Parsons*, b. April 19, 1663.
4. *John Parsons*, b. May 14, 1666.
5. *Elizabeth Parsons*, b. March 22, 1669.
6. *Jeremiah Parsons*, b. May 28, 1672.
7. *Nathaniel Parsons*, b. March 16, 1675.
8. *Abigail Parsons*, b. March 25, 1678.
9. *Ebenezer Parsons*, b. Jan. 5, 1680.
10. *Ebenezer Parsons*, b. Dec. 28, 1681.

- ii. HANNAH. She m. WILLIAM ELLERY, Oct. 8, 1663. She d. Dec. 24, 1675. He was a man of wealth and prominence, serving as representative to the General Court in 1689. He d. Dec. 9, 1696. The settlement of his estate shows a charge of £2:5 for "Rum, wine, sider, and shug^r and spis for funnerall."

Children:—

1. *William Ellery*, b. Sept. 15, 1664.
2. *Hannah Ellery*, b. Jan. 25, 1666.
3. *Benjamin Ellery*, b. Sept. 6, 1669. He settled in Newport, R. I., where he became deputy in the Colonial Assembly, judge of the County court and assistant of the Colony. His eldest son, William, graduated from Harvard in 1722 and became Deputy-Governor of Rhode Island; his grandson, William Ellery, Harvard 1747, was a member of the Continental Congress and a signer of the Declaration of

* Essex Deeds 1: 81.

† Essex Deeds 9: 286.

‡ Essex Probate 303: 4.

§ Rachel (——) (Cooke) Vinson was evidently the mother of John Cook, Mary Day and of the wife of Hugh Rowe.

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Independence; and a great-great-grandson was William Ellery Channing, the eminent divine.

4. *Susanna Ellery*, b. Feb. 2, 1673.

- iii. ELIZABETH, b. May 16, 1644; m. JAMES GARDNER, June 19, 1661.
(*See Gardner.*)
- iv. RICHARD, d. July 24, 1652.
- v. JOHN, b. May 15, 1648.
- vi. WILLIAM, b. Sept. 9, 1651; d. Dec. 9, 1675.
- vii. RICHARD, b. Sept. 1, 1658; d. Dec. 26, 1675.
- viii. THOMAS, b. April 1, 1662; d. Dec. 31, 1675.
- ix. ABIGAIL, b. May 8, 1668; m. JACOB ELWELL, July 5, 1686. (*See Elwell.*)

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