

THE BIRD FAMILY.

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A

GENEALOGY OF THOMAS BIRD,

OF

DORCHESTER, MASSACHUSETTS,

AND

SOME OF HIS DESCENDANTS.

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THE GLORY OF CHILDREN ARE THEIR FATHERS.

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## INTRODUCTION.

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AMONG the most natural of questions are these :—From whence came I? Who were my progenitors? We wish to know not only who they were, but what they did. All that can be obtained from the records and other reliable sources in regard to our kindred we desire to have. We would enter into their labors, take a part, in imagination, in their struggles, emulate their virtues and learn wisdom from their mistakes and deficiencies. The dry bones of the valley may be thus clothed with flesh, and the dead of past generations live again in their remote descendants. We can take by the hand, as it were, those sturdy settlers on our New-England shores, who performed so worthily their part towards forming our institutions of religion, government and learning. The electrical current of many generations passes, genealogically, at least, through the veins and arteries of our own bodies; we seem to feel the very pulse-beat of our earliest ancestors here. By patience, perseverance and a proper combination of efforts, desirable results in connection with our family histories may be accomplished, a connected chain be formed and the circle of our ancestors made complete.

We take pleasure in introducing, here, the following sensible remarks of our excellent friend, the late Dr. Henry Bond, of Philadelphia. They are from the introduction to his *Genealogies and History of Watertown, Mass.*, printed in 1855. "A desire to trace a lineage and to perpetuate its remembrance, seems to have been so prevalent among enlightened and semi-civilized people, and even among barbarians of all ages, even the remotest to which either history or tradition extends, that it may be regarded as an instinct of human nature—an innate principle, implanted for wise and benevolent purposes. If so, ought it not to be cherished by the wise and the good?"

"Genealogies, besides gratifying a natural and enlightened curiosity, may exercise a salutary influence, tending to maintain, in their social position, families already elevated and to elevate the lonely."

"When persons affect an utter indifference to their lineage, or a history of the past generations of their families, and deride any attention to them as a foolish weakness and vanity, they are contravening an innate principle, and it may be generally suspected that they have some knowledge of a lineage, which they would consign to oblivion, because it is untitled and without a good renown. Some such persons build costly, ostentatious monuments to procure present distinction and a lasting memorial for themselves, while they never inquire for the burial place of their ancestors and leave their graves to utter and most disrespectful neglect."

"Some persons become so engrossed with sordid interests and the indulgence of the animal instincts, so insensible to the ties of consanguinity and the happiness derived from the cultivation of the domestic affections, that in them this innate principle is not merely dormant, but so dead that it would require a miracle to revive it. They will not make the smallest sacrifice, nor forego a trifling indulgence out of respect to the memory of an ancestor. They would exchange an old family portrait for that of a *danseuse*, or of a popular partisan, and part with the old family Bible for the flashy outside of a soulless annual, or perhaps for a dollar, if it could be invested at a good percentage."

"In most persons, however, this principle—the affinity of consanguinity—does not lack vitality; it only acts in a narrow sphere, or slumbers for want of incitements to awaken it, or the means and opportunities to manifest it. They will listen with eager attention and gratification to records and traditions relating to their ancestors, and their interest will increase with the enlargement of their information."

A few years ago, an intimate friend of ours invited a relative who was visiting at his house in Dorchester, to accompany him to the ancient cemetery near by. The young man demurred. His reply was, "That is the last place I should think of visiting." Our friend was astonished. Notwithstanding the adornments of flowers and foliage, the symmetry of the walks, the beauty of the monuments and the ancient and modern inscriptions on grave-stones of ancestors and near relatives, the place was unattractive to him; and it was a "last place" of resort, as it is in another respect to us all. To my friend it was a favorite spot, and there his earthly form now reposes. Thither have we often repaired. From the monumental stones there erected, many of the names and dates contained in this family memo-

rial were gathered. One of these stones, now slightly severed, contains the names of husband and wife, Aaron and Mary Bird, who after seven children had been born to them, on the same day and that the first day of January, one hundred and twenty-five years ago, passed into the spirit land. Side by side, in death undivided, their mortal remains were laid. Of the three score or more, it may be, bearing the name of Bird, to whom the stones placed there by mourning friends still remain, the oldest we have seen is that of Ebenezer, of the third generation, son of James and Ann, who died January the 18th, 1702-3. His age was nineteen. He died prematurely, by a "fall from his horse." Nine years after that, Joseph, of the same generation, father of the Aaron above mentioned, who died in 1745, was accidentally killed in his canoe, with his own gun, while shooting at water-fowl. The newspaper of 1767—more than a century since—informs us, that Jacob, of the fourth generation, was found frozen to death, having missed his way in going from Boston to Dorchester. So much in regard to the casualties and sudden deaths in the families hereafter to be mentioned.

One word more, it may not be inappropriate, in this connection, to say in regard to the old cemetery in Dorchester, where the dust of so many of the honored and loved of the town reposes. It was in a great measure through the example set by the revered parents of the writer, in having flowers and ornamental shrubs placed at the grave of their youngest son, about forty years ago, that an improvement—as we have good authority for saying—in that ancient place of sepulture was inaugurated. That improvement has been carried on, year by year, until the present time, so that this sacred enclosure, which was first laid out, five rods square, in 1634, two hundred and thirty-six years ago, and has been at various times since enlarged, is now one of the most interesting places of the kind in all New-England.

It is unknown to us from what part of England Thomas Bird, the emigrant ancestor, came. The families of Bird are numerous throughout the kingdom. They are or were to be found in the counties of Chester, Cumberland, Derbyshire, Essex, Herefordshire, Oxfordshire, Shropshire, Warwickshire, Yorkshire and other places. The ancestry of the Birds of Penrith, county of Cumberland, is traceable to the year 1295. Anthony Wood, in his *Athenæ Oxoniensis*, gives us the names of several who were distinguished and had honors and degrees conferred upon them. He mentions Father William

Bird, a Benedictine Monk, for whom in 1504, in the reign of Henry VII., application was made by his friends to be admitted Bachelor of Divinity at Oxford. Wood thinks that his Church was at Bath, the great Church, dedicated to Saint Peter and Saint Paul, and that he died there May 22, 1525. His Arms in said Church "are curiously carved out in Stone, which are a *Chevron between three spread Eagles, on a chief a Rose between two Lozenges*; and on the outside of the said Seat"—previously mentioned—"is a Memorial of his Name, viz. a W and a *Bird*, carved in Stone. In which Seat, or else near to it, he was, as I conceive, buried."

"*William Bird*, of All Soul's College, was admitted or licensed Doctor of Laws at Oxford, June 17, 1587. This Person, who was Son of *William Bird*, of *Walden* in *Essex*, was afterwards principal Official and Dean of the *Arches*, a Knight and Judge of the *Prerogative Court of Canterbury*, in the place, as I conceive, of Sir *John Bennet*, Knight. He died without Issue, and was buried in Ch. Ch. within *Newgate* in *London*, 5 Sept., 1626, leaving behind him a Nephew of both his names."

July 4, 1622, *William Bird*, of *All Souls* College, made Doctor of Law. "This learned Doctor, who was Son of *Thomas Bird* of *Littlebury* in *Essex*, Brother to Sir *William Bird* (mention'd before, under the year 1587), was afterwards *Custos* or Master of the *Prerogative Court* of *Canterbury*, and died in the latter end of 1644. One *William Bird* hath written *The Magazine of Honour: or, a Treatise of the Nobility of this Kingdom, &c.*, *London*, 1642, which was afterwards perused and enlarged by Sir *John Doderidge*. But what relation this *William Bird* had to the former, I know not."

*John Bird*, of *Merton* College, was admitted Bachelor of Arts, at Oxford, Feb. 7, 1623. "Whether he be the same with *John Bird*, who was afterwards Schoolmaster in the City of *Glocester* and Author of *Grounds of Grammar*, Oxon, 1639, octavo, I cannot say to the contrary. He that was Batch. of Arts was an *Oxfordshire* Man born, and had been originally of St. *Edmonds* Hall."

October 27, 1609, Josias Bird, Chaplain of All Souls College, was made Master of Arts at Oxford. "He was lately incorporated Batch. of Arts, afterwards he became Chaplain to *Alice* Countess Dowager of *Derby*, Wife of Tho. Lord *Ellesmere*, and the publisher of Love's *peerless paragon: or the attributes and progress of the*

*h*, Serm. at St. *Mary's* in *Oxon*, and at *Harfield* in *Mid-x*, on *Cant.* 2. 10. *Oxon.* 1613, qu. and perhaps of other things." at the Incorporations, Oxford, May 8, 1605, was *Samuel Bird*, M.A., of Cambridge. "One *Samuel Bird*, sometimes *Fellow* of *Bennet* College in that University, afterwards a Minister in *Ipswich*, hath published several Books, among which are (1) *A friendly Dialogue between Paul and Demas, wherein is disputed how we are to use the Pleasures of this Life.* London, 1580, in two. (2) *Lectures upon the eleventh Chapter of the Hebr. and upon the 38th Psalm.* London, 1598, octavo. (3) *Lectures on the eighth Chapter of the second Epist. to the Cor.* London, 1598, octavo, &c. Whether this *Samuel Bird*, the Author, be the same with *Samuel Bird* who was incorporated M. of A. and had been entered a Student in the *Bodleian* Library in Dec. 1604, I must leave it to the reader to judge."

"Sampson Price, Vicar of Christ Church, London, published a Sermon, preached at the Funeral of Sir *William Bird*, 5 Sept. 1624, on Eccles. 3. 2., entitled, *The Twins of Birth and Death.*"

November 18, 1643, *Thomas Bird*, a Captain in the King's Army and about this time Governour of *Eccleshall* in *Staffordshire*, was created Doctor of Law at Oxford. "After his Majesty's Restoration, he became one of the Masters in ordinary of the *High Court* of *Chancery*, and on the 12th of May, 1661, received the honour of Knighthood from his Majesty."

"In the chancel of Wendlebury church is a stone inscribed 'Here lies the Body of that reverend laborer in Christs harvest, pastor at Bisseter Ann. 49, and at Wendlebury Ann. 39, deceased September 19, 1653, John Birde, anno ætatis 77."

'*Anagram*—BIRDE, BRIDE.

This Birde the bride, the lambe the bridegroom  
This graves the brides retireing room  
Old clothes must off, new ones be on  
Against a joyful resurrection.  
Thrice happy Birde, thrice happy bride  
Thus to be wedded next Christ's side.  
John Birde a bride mounting aloft doth fly  
To the sacred hills of blest eternity;  
Which place of rest now terminates his flight  
Crowning his faith with his redeemer's sight.' "

(Monumental Inscriptions taken May 25, 1660, No. 4170. *Harleian MS.* Printed in Dunkin's *History of Bicester*, Oxfordshire, England, 1816, page 89.)

Besides the Dorchester family, there were Birds in other localities. Thomas, of Scituate, Deane says, cultivated land on the third in that town, before 1628. Thomas Bird, who settled in Hartford, Conn., as early as 1645, died, says Hinman, in 1653, aged about 50; Thomas and Jathniel were of Ipswich, Mass., in or before 1652; and Simon, who came to Boston, in the Susan and Ellen, of London, in 1635, aged 20. The latter removed to Billerica, Mass., where he died July 7, 1666. "His will of 4 January, preceding," says Savage, "names several cousins, but no children, and made his wife Mary his executrix."

Hinman, in his *Genealogy of the Puritans*, page 226, says—on what authority we know not—he went to Hartford, Conn., from Dorchester, Mass., among the early settlers from that town. We have missed no one of the name from Dorchester, at that early date. He seems to have been, if Hinman's statement in regard to his age at death is correct, about ten years the senior of our Thomas, of Dorchester.

The early genealogy of this family, as here given, is nearly complete. Almost every name and date, excepting the later generations of Matthew<sup>4</sup>, in New York city, were copied from the Town or Church records of Dorchester, or from the gravestone inscriptions in the old cemetery there. In some cases we find discrepancies in the dates of the time of death of individuals, the town records and the gravestones disagreeing, it may be, from one to three or more days. In such instances we give both dates, first, from the record, and then, in parentheses, from the gravestone, it being impossible, always, to form a correct opinion as to the source most reliable. Sometimes we incline to the record, at other times think the stone the better authority.

As the pseudo Lord Timothy Dexter placed a variety of punctuation points at the end of the quaint sketch of his life, so that his friends might "pepper and salt" at pleasure, so we, at the close of the appendix, have given a few names, copied from the records, to be used by those who know where to put them. In regard to some, there are doubts as to their position; with others, the limits of our publication preclude their insertion in an extended form. An aid is thus afforded those who wish to continue their pedigrees beyond the points where they are left in these pages.



## THOMAS BIRD AND HIS DESCENDANTS.

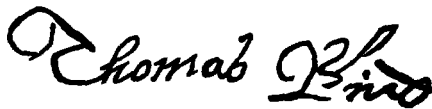
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THOMAS' BIRD was born in England about the year 1613, in the reign of James the First. As to the time of his arrival in this country we are not informed. He joined the church in Dorchester in 1642, after its re-organization under the distinguished Rev. Richard Mather. He was made a bailiff in 1654, and was by occupation a tanner. He lived on what is now called Humphreys street. His tan-yard was on the ground nearly opposite, a little to the north-east, of the present residence of Thomas Groom, Esq., where a few years ago the yard and pits might have been seen. Jonas Humphreys and his son James were also tanners and near neighbors to Mr. Bird, owning and occupying land at the south end of the above named street. Among his cotemporaries in the same respectable and lucrative business, in the town, were John Glover, John Gornhill and others, as also Jeremy Houchin and Henry Bridgham, of Boston, who were formerly of Dorchester.

Thomas Bird died June 8, 1667, aged 54. His will was proved July 17, 1667. (See *Reg.*, vol. xvi. p. 161.)

Appended is a fac-simile of his signature to that document. The inventory of his estate, taken by

John Capen, Sen. and Jasper Rush, amounted to the large sum in those times, of about one thousand pounds. His widow, Ann, died Aug. 21, 1673. They had:—



2. i. **Thomas**, b. May 4, 1640; d. Jan. 30, 1709-10.
3. ii. **JOHN**, b. March 11, 1641; d. Aug. 2, 1732.
- iii. **SAMUEL**, bap. April, 1644.
4. iv. **JAMES**, b. about 1647; d. Sept. 1, 1723.
- v. **SARAH**, bap. Aug. 12, 1649; d. April 24, 1669.
- vi. **JOSEPH**, died Sept. 26, 1665.

2. **THOMAS**<sup>2</sup> (*Thomas*<sup>1</sup>), b. May 4, 1640; m. Thankful, dau. of Humphrey Atherton, Feb. 2, 1665. He was made freeman, April 18, 1690; died Jan. 30, 1709-10. She was born in 1644; died April 11, 1719. The inventory of his estate, taken by Daniel Preston, James Foster and James Blake, was £570.14.5. Among his effects were a Negro man servant, valued at £45; a Negro maid servant, at £30; housing, orchard, meadow and other lands, £390.

On the 8th of March, 1710-11, there was an agreement between the widow and children of Thomas Bird, late of Dorchester, deceased, intestate. The widow releases all her right unto her children, unto the housing, lands and other estate of her deceased husband, except the right in the dwelling house and other privileges mentioned and to her reserved. In consideration the Children agree to pay their Mother the Annual rent of £10, viz., Joseph  $\frac{2}{3}$  and each of the other children in a just proportion. The Mother freely to enjoy, during her life, one third part of all the housing, convenient part of the cellar, and liberty of the Oven as she shall have occasion, and the little Garden and such part of the fruit of any of the Fruit Trees on any part of the Lands as she desires for her own eating, while growing on said Trees, and one third of the moveables, which their Mother may sell or Dispose of as her own Comfort if needed by her, otherwise to come in a just Division at her decease. That Benjamin Bird, one of the sons of the deceased, in Consideration of £470 paid to the rest of the Children, shall Enjoy all the housing, Land and Moveable estate of our said Deceased Father, except the right of common and undivided Lands in the New Grants and the housing and moveables set out to our Mother.\* Signed by Thankful Bird, Joseph Bird, Benjamin Bird, Jeremiah Fuller, Jonathan Jones, Sarah Jones, John Clark Isaac Howe, Submit How, Edward White, Patience White, Mary Bird and Mercy Bird.

Thomas and Thankful (Atherton) Bird had:—

- 5 i. **JOSEPH**, b. Oct. 1, 1666; d. March 9, 1711-12.
- ii. **THANKFUL**, b. Feb. 6, 1667; m. 1700, Lieut. Jeremiah Fuller, of Newton. She was his third wife; died 1729; she had six children. Mr. Fuller had a fourth wife, who died in 1742. He died Dec. 23, 1743, aged 85. See Jackson's *History of Newton*, 280, and Savage's *Dictionary*.
- iii. **SARAH**, b. Oct. 24, 1669; m. Jonathan Jones, April 7, 1709.
- iv. **ANNE**, b. Nov. 8, 1671; m. John Clark, of Newton, April 16, 1697. (For the names of their six children and their births, see Jackson's *Hist. of Newton*, page 258, where it is erroneously stated that John Clark, J

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\* In the above and subsequent paragraphs where abstracts are made from the Probate Records, the phraseology of the originals is, in substance, retained.

m. Ann Pierce, of Dorchester, instead of Anne Bird. There was no Ann Pierce in Dorchester, that we know of, at that date.)

THOMAS, b. Aug. 11, 1673. He was one of the "Canada soldiers," under the command of Capt. John Withington, of Dorchester, in the famed expedition of 1690. Of the seventy-five in that company, forty-six, says the Church records, never returned. Thomas Bird was, doubtless, among the lost. In the list of those who were admitted by the general court of Massachusetts, as settlers or grantees into a new Township in the county of Worcester, Mass., about January, 1737-8, (incorporated in 1765, by the name of Ashburnham), was "Benjamin Bird, jun. of Dorchester, in the right of his Vncle, Thomas Bird." See *Register*, xvi. 148, 149; *Hist. of Dorchester*, p. 256.

6. vi. MARY, b. Jan. 26, 1674.
  7. vii. SUMMIT, b. May 13, 1678.
  - viii. MERCY, b. Feb. 6, 1679.
  - ix. PATIENCE, b. Nov. 19; d. Dec. 25, 1681.
  8. x. PATIENCE, b. Nov. 27, 1683; d. Dec. 11, 1757.
  9. xi. BENJAMIN, b. April 13, 1686; d. suddenly, March 29, 1757.
3. JOHN<sup>s</sup> (*Thomas*'), b. March 11, 1641; m. Elizabeth, dau. of Richard Williams, of Taunton. He was made freeman May 7, 1678; was one of the Selectmen and Assessors of the town of Dorchester, in 1694, '95, '96. She died Oct. 20, 1724, aged 77. He died Aug. 2, 1732, in y<sup>e</sup> 91st year of his age. See copy of grave-stone inscription, *Register*, vi. 179; deposition (1731), do. xiii. 342. Will of John Bird, made Nov. 11, 1724. Proved Aug. 28, 1732. Mentions dau. Damaris Hawes, dec<sup>d</sup> and her children; to grandson Wm. Wright, lands from the right of my father-in-law Richard Williams, if he the s<sup>d</sup> Wm. arrive to the age of 21 years; grandson John Bird; special bequests are made—the residue to be divided into ten parts, to each heir a Portion, viz.: son John Bird, ~~dau~~<sup>son</sup> Abial Bird; son Samuel Bird, dau<sup>r</sup>. Meritable Blake, Hannah Dean, Elizabeth Beighton, Catharine Dean, Deighton Morneck, alias Mirick, Silence Clapp and Jane Wilbore. Inventory of the estate, £470.10. John and Elizabeth (Williams) Bird had:—
10. i. JOHN, b. Dec. 26, 1670; d. Aug. 5, 1745.
  11. ii. ABIEL, bap. April 27, 1673.
  - iii. DAMARIS, b. Sept. 18, 1675; m. Hawes.
  - iv. MERITABLE, m. Blake.
  - v. HANNAH, b. Dec. 16, 1677; m. John Dean, of Taunton, Sept. 21, 1699. She "took hold on ye Covenant" of the Church in Dorchester, Sept. 8, 1700. For the births of their nine children in Taunton, see *Register*, xvi. 327.
  12. vi. SAMUEL, b. April 14, 1680; d. March 20, 1740.
  - vii. ELIZABETH, b. Jan. 4, 1682; m. John Beighton; d. Dec. 5, 1732.
  - viii. KATHARINE, b. March 14, 1685; m. Israel Deane, of Taunton, March 20,

1704-5. He was son of John Deane of Taunton, son of John, born Aug. 4, 1685, d. July 14, 1719. His wife survived him *Register*, iii. 386. Names and date of births of their six children *Register*, xvii. 235.

- ix. DITTON (a daughter), b. Nov. 10, 1687; m. Morneck alias Mirick.
- x. SILENCE, b. Feb. 14, 1689-90; m. William Wright, "of Great Brittain" Aug. 5, 1713; afterwards m. Joshua Clap, of Dedham, Dec. 4, 1713.
- xi. JANE, b. June 25, 1693; m. Wilbore.

- 4. JAMES<sup>1</sup> (*Thomas*<sup>1</sup>), b. about 1647; m. Mary George, April 6, 1667. She died in child-bed, Jan. 23, 1673. He m. Ann Withington, 13, 1679, who died Sept. 21, 1723. He was a tanner by trade; made freeman April 18, 1690. He is called "Ensigne;" was constable in 1677; one of the Selectmen and Assessors in 1693; d. Sept. 1, 1723. It may be observed that Mr. Bird, his widow Ann and daughter Priscilla, died in the same month, namely September 1723. Inventory of his estate taken, by James Blake, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Preserved Capen, and Thomas Wiswell, Nov. 26, 1723. Amount £1107.16.8. Mentions about 90 acres of land. James Bird and wife Mary had:—

- i. A daughter, b. Sept. 22; d. Oct. 1, 1670.
- 13. ii. JAMES, b. Dec. 27, 1671; d. Sept. 15, 1728.

By wife Ann (Withington) Bird had:—

- iii. EUNICE, b. Oct. 16, 1680; d. Aug. 3, 1709.
- iv. EBENEZER, b. Jan. 30, 1683; d. Jan. 18, 1703, by a fall from his horse.
- v. BEBEE, b. May 22, 1686; m. Remember Preston, May 3, 1705. He was son of Daniel and Abigail (Jackson) Preston, and grandson of Deacon Daniel and Mary. See "Preston Family," *Register*, xiv. 26, where it says he "left no issue." She died Dec. 25, 1746, aged 61. *Register*, vi. 239.
- vi. PRISCILLA, b. April 10, 1688; d. Sept. 24 (grave-stone says 23), 1723.
- 14. vii. HENRY, b. March 20, 1689-90; d. May 5, 1756.
- 15. viii. THOMAS, b. Jan. 1, 1692-3; d. May 3, 1770.

- 5. JOSEPH<sup>1</sup> (*Thomas*<sup>2</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>1</sup>), b. Oct. 1, 1666; m. 1st Miriam, 2d Johannah, dau. of Joseph Leeds. He died March 9, 1711-12. Blake in his *Annals*, under date of 1712, gives the particulars of Mr. Bird's death. "This year, March 9th, Joseph Bird died by a wound in his fore-head occasioned by his Gun flying out of y<sup>e</sup> Stock when he fired it at Fowl, being upon y<sup>e</sup> water in his Cannoc." Johannah Bird, widow, and Aaron Bird, husbandman, Administrators of Estate of Joseph Bird, husbandman, May 12, 1712. Joseph Bird by wife Miriam had:—

16. i. **AARON**, b. Aug. 28, 1690; d. Jan. 1, 1745.  
 ii. **HANNAH**, b. Aug. 2, 1692.

By wife Johannah had:—

17. iii. **JOSEPH**, b. May 28, 1698; d. Aug. 1, 1727.  
 iv. **COMFORT**, b. Feb. 3, 1701-2. John, son of Comfort and Rachel Bird, b. in Boston, Oct. 30, 1723; Sarah, b. Nov. 15, 1725.  
 v. **PATIENCE**, b. April 4, 1705; m. John Day, June 30, 1726. She died March 18, 1729-30.  
 vi. **THANKFUL**, b. Dec. 15, 1710; m. Samuel Leeds, Jr., Sept. 16, 1734.
6. **MARY**<sup>3</sup> (*Thomas*<sup>2</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>1</sup>), b. Jan. 26, 1674; m. Jonathan Kelton, Feb. 4, 1717-18. They had:—
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| i. <b>MARY</b> , b. Dec. 11, 1718.     | v. <b>JONATHAN</b> , b. May 27, 1730. 2  |
| ii. <b>THOMAS</b> , b. July 5, 1721.   | vi. <b>ABIGAIL</b> , b. Jan. 10, 1732-3. |
| iii. <b>SOLOMON</b> , b. Dec. 4, 1723. | vii. <b>ELIJAH</b> , b. Aug. 16, 1735.   |
| iv. <b>GEORGE</b> , b. July 28, 1727.  |  |

7. **SUBMIT**<sup>3</sup> (*Thomas*<sup>2</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>1</sup>), b. May 13, 1678; m. Isaac How, Nov. 26, 1702. They had:—
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| i. <b>THOMAS</b> , b. Sept. 23, 1703; d. ye last of October following. |  |
| ii. <b>MARY</b> , b. Nov. 29, 1704.                                    | vi. <b>ISAAC</b> , b. June 16, 1715.       |
| iii. <b>SUBMIT</b> , b. April 10, 1707.                                | vii. <b>JOSEPH</b> , b. March 27, 1716-17. |
| iv. <b>THOMAS</b> , b. Oct. 12, 1709.                                  | viii. <b>JOSIAH</b> , b. Dec. 16, 1718.    |
| v. <b>SAMUEL</b> , b. July 22, 1711.                                   | ix. <b>SARAH</b> , b. May 18, 1722.        |

8. **PATIENCE**<sup>3</sup> (*Thomas*<sup>2</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>1</sup>), b. Nov. 27, 1683; m. Edward White (b. Aug. 4, 1683, son of James and Sarah (Baker) White, and grandson of Edward and Martha). Patience died Dec. 11, 1757. They had:—

- i. **EDWARD**, b. Nov. 25, 1712; d. May 6, 1755.  
 ii. **PATIENCE**, b. Dec. 22, 1714; m. Samuel Blake, June 5, 1740. He was b. Sept. 6, 1715, son of James and Wait (Simpson) Blake, who was the son of James and Ruth (Batchelder) Blake, the son of James and Elizabeth (Clap) Blake, the son of William and Agnes.  
 Samuel and Patience (White) Blake had a daughter Sarah, b. Sept. 21, 1754, who m. June 9, 1772, John<sup>5</sup> Pierce (b. Sept. 22, 1742), son of John,<sup>4</sup> son of John,<sup>3</sup> son of Thomas,<sup>2</sup> who was the son of Robert<sup>1</sup> and Ann (Greenway) Pierce.

John<sup>5</sup> and Sarah (Blake) Pierce had ten children, one of whom, Patience,<sup>6</sup> b. Dec. 26, 1787—great-granddaughter of Patience (Bird) White—m. Aug. 4, 1811, William Trask. They were the parents of William Blake Trask, the compiler of this genealogy, who was born Nov. 25, 1812, one hundred years after the birth of (i.) Edward White.

- iii. **ABIJAH**, b. Jan. 23, 1716-17, "which was several months after his father's Decease."  
 Sarah, dau. of Edward White, b. March 1, 1708; d. March 3, 1708.

Sarah, dau. of Edward White, b. April 3, 1711. Whether these were the daughters of Edward, by a former wife, or the children of Patience, the record does not inform us.

9. BENJAMIN<sup>3</sup> (*Thomas*,<sup>2</sup> *Thomas*<sup>1</sup>), b. April 13, 1686. The intention of marriage is entered on Boston records thus:—"Benjamin Bird, of Boston, to Johannah Harrise, of Ipswich, Jan. 30, 1710." He was for a while wharfinger in Boston. He was an important man in the town of Dorchester; was Constable in 1725, chosen to the same office in 1727, and paid his fine for non-acceptance, according to the law of the times;\* was a Selectman and Assessor, 1728-'32. Deputy to the General Court and Representative, 1729-'33 and '37. He bought the 1000 acres of the Dorchester school land in Lunenburg, March 4, 1733-4, for the sum of £400. For some account of the troubles that were experienced by the Church and Society in Dorchester during the Whitefield excitement in the years 1746 and '47, see Blake's *Annals*, 63-65, and *History of Dorchester*, 311-13. Mr. Bird and his son Samuel were in strong opposition to the church and its pastor, the Rev. Jonathan Bowman, but the Council of Churches sustained the latter. Johannah, the widow of Benjamin, died May 7, 1768.

Benjamin and Johannah (Harris) Bird had fifteen children; the first five were born in Boston, the other ten in Dorchester.

- i. MINDWELL, b. March 8, 1711-12; m. Ebenezer Parker, of Newton, May 10, 1739. She was his second wife. They had Sarah, b. Aug. 27, 1740; Samuel, b. Oct. 25, 1742. She died in 1756. See Jackson's *Hist. Newton*, 379.
- ii. MARY, b. July 4, 1713.
- iii. ANNE, b. Nov. 27, 1714.
- iv. SARAH, b. Oct. 4, 1716.
- v. BENJAMIN, b. Jan. 15, 1717, who had land in Ashburnham in the right of his uncle Thomas, before mentioned.

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\* Members of the family, as will be seen, have held offices as high as that of a Selectman and Deputy to the General Court in the civil lists, and that of Major in the military department.

The subordinate positions of "constable" and of "ensign" were of more account early days than now. The captain of a "train-band" and the "rater" in town affairs were, comparatively, exalted personages two centuries ago. The tithing-man, though looked up to with dread by unruly urchins and with a timid respect by even good boys and girls, was a "character" then. Men chosen to high places were known and respected by their townsmen and the public; persons, usually, in whom they could confide. The people were *officer-seekers*, and not as now, we incline to think, such ardent seekers for office. A these offices were not to be shirked or declined, without good reasons, by those who were appointed to them. Instances frequently occurred where fines were paid rather than to the responsibilities and honors of the situation, as was the case with Esquire Benjamin above mentioned.

- vi. ELIZABETH, b. July 27, 1721; d. Sept. 12, 1736.
  - vii. THOMAS, b. Sept. 29, 1722; d. Oct. 27, 1722.
  - 8. viii. SAMUEL, b. March 27, 1724.
  - ix. ABIGAIL, b. June 20, 1725; d. Sept. 24, 1725.
  - x. HANNAH, b. Sept. 29, 1726; m. Norman Clark, of Newton, June 1, 1749.
  - xi. JOHN, b. April 22, 1729.
  - xii. RUTH, b. May 16, 1730; d. Sept. 15, 1730.
  - xiii. SUSANNAH, b. March 20, 1731-2; m. Enoch Glover, Nov. 23, 1756.
  - 14. xiv. JOSEPH, b. June 9, 1733; d. Dec. 24, 1733.
  - 30. xv. JONATHAN, b. Jan. 1, 1734-5.
10. JOHN<sup>3</sup> (*John<sup>2</sup> Thomas<sup>1</sup>*), b. Dec. 26, 1670; m. Mary Royal, Nov. 20, 1696. She died Dec. 23, 1751. They had:—
- i. WILLIAM, b. Oct. 13, 1697. A William Bird m. Elizabeth Leighton, in Boston, June 1, 1728.
  - ii. JERTSHA, b. June 10, 1700.
  - iii. JOHN, b. June 22, 1709.
11. ABIEL<sup>3</sup> (*John<sup>2</sup> Thomas<sup>1</sup>*), bap. April 27, 1673; m. Mindwell Weeks, of Roxbury, Jan. 29, 1704-5. She died Dec. 19, 1724, in the 52d year of her age. He m. Mary Clap, Jan. 29, 1725. She d. Jan. 2, 1752, in the 77th year of her age. He died Feb. 24, 1757. Abiel and Mindwell (Weeks) Bird had:—
- i. MINDWELL, b. May 3, 1706; m. Samuel Clap, Dec. 23, 1725.
12. SAMUEL<sup>3</sup> (*John<sup>2</sup> Thomas<sup>1</sup>*), b. April 14, 1680; m. Sarah Clap, May 16, 1704. He died March 20, 1740. Division of the estate of Samuel Bird, of Stoughton, June 17, 1742, between Sarah, the widow, son Samuel and daughters Katharine Hewins, Mehetable Belcher, Sarah Day, Elizabeth Bird and Damaris Bird. Inventory of his estate taken April 27, 1741. Amount £1731.5.10. Sarah Clap was dau. of Desire Clap. They had:—
- i. KATHARINE, b. March, 1705; m. Joseph Hewins, Jr., of Stoughton, June 1, 1727.
  - ii. MEHITABLE, b. Dec. 8, 1706; m. Clifford Belcher, of Stoughton.
  - iii. SARAH, b. Sept. 4, 1708; d. Feb. 26, 1709-10.
  - iv. SARAH, b. July, 1711; m. John Day, Oct. 8, 1730; d. Feb. 26, 1761.
  - v. ELIZABETH, b. Aug. 15, 1716. m. *Elizah Capen 1743*
  - vi. DAMARIS, b. July 2, 1719. m. *Joseph Hewins 1749*
  - vii. HANNAH, b. April 29, 1722; d. Feb. 26, 1725-6.
  - viii. SAMUEL, b. Feb. 2, 1724-5; d. April 9, 1725.
  - ix. SAMUEL, b. July 27, 1726; m. Anna Atherton, April 13, 1748. He is called of Stoughton, at marriage, she of Dorchester: m. by Rev. Jonathan Bowman.

13. JAMES<sup>3</sup> (*James*,<sup>2</sup> *Thomas*<sup>1</sup>), b. 27. 10. 1671; wife Miriam, who d May 2, 1723, aged 53. Mr. Bird m. Oct. 1, 1723, Elizabeth H brook, of Dorchester; was a constable in 1720; died Sept. 15, 17 By wife Miriam:—
- i. GEORGE, b. Feb. 8, 1695-6; d. July 23, 1716.
  - ii. MARY, b. Aug. 21, 1698; m. Naphthali Pierce, April 5, 1734; d. June 10, 1773. He d. Aug. 2, 1778, aged 80.
  - iii. MIRIAM, b. Jan. 4, 1700; d. Sept. 5, 1702.
  - 20. iv. JAMES, b. June 24, 1703; d. May 17, 1757.
  - v. SUSANNAH, b. Jan. 3, 1705-6; m. Nov. 16, 1732, Jonas Tolman, b. Jan. 16, 1709-10, son of Daniel and Sarah (Humphreys) Tolman. He died March 4, 1752. She d. Aug. 18, 1768. See "Tolman genealogy," *Register*, xiv. 250.
  - vi. REBECCA, bap. April 1, 1705.
  - 21. vii. EBENEZER, b. March 5, 1708; d. Jan. 17, 1753.
  - viii. EUNICE, b. Aug. 28, 1709; d. Sept. 20, 1709.
  - ix. NATHANIEL, b. Oct. 14, 1711.
- The Church Records say that Joseph, son of James, Junr., was baptized 16. 12. 1695.
14. HENRY<sup>3</sup> (*James*,<sup>2</sup> *Thomas*<sup>1</sup>), b. March 20, 1689-90; wife Ruth; constable in 1735. His wife died Feb. 28, 1746. He died May 5, 1756. They had:—
- 22. i. HENRY, b. April 29, 1715; d. March, 1788.
  - ii. ISAAC, b. May 16, 1719; d. Oct. 10, 1785.
  - 23. iii. JACOB, b. Aug. 21, 1724; d. Dec. 27, 1766.
15. THOMAS<sup>3</sup> (*James*,<sup>2</sup> *Thomas*<sup>1</sup>), b. Jan. 1, 1692-3; m. Mary Clap, Dec. 18, 1718. He was a "Lieutenant;" a Selectman and Assessor, 1736-'38, '40, '46-'49. His wife was admitted to full communion in the church, June 14, 1724; d. April 6, 1761, in the 62d year of her age. He died May 3, 1770. They had:—
- i. MARY, bap. April 3, 1720; d. Sept. 25 (grave-stone says 23), 1723.
  - 24. ii. THOMAS, b. Sept. 14, 1722; d. Aug. 29, 1772.
  - iii. ANN, b. Aug. 10, 1724; m. John Williams, Jr., of Roxbury, May 25, 1749.
  - iv. MARY, b. May 21, 1727; d. Jan. 16, 1807.
  - v. PRISCILLA, b. Jan. 21, 1728-9; d. Jan. 21 (grave-stone says 20) 1781.
  - vi. SAMUEL, b. Jan. 7, 1732; d. Sept. 20 (grave-stone says 18), 1817.
  - vii. BEBE, b. Nov. 8, 1734; m. Jonathan (19) Bird, April 7, 1757.
  - viii. HANNAH, b. Nov. 12, 1736; d. Dec. 14, 1769.
  - 25. ix. EZEKIEL, b. Jan. 13, 1738-9; d. Dec. 21 (grave-stone says 20), 1817.
  - x. SARAH, b. April 7, 1741; m. Elisha Clap, June 17, 1773, son o. Ebenezer and Hannah (Pierce) Clap, b. June 10, 1743. The widow of Elisha m. John Hawes.
  - xi. EUNICE, b. June 9, 1743; m. Nathaniel Clap, April 3, 1770, son of Nathaniel and Sarah (Howe) Clap, b. April 22, 1744.



16. AARON<sup>4</sup> (*Joseph,<sup>3</sup> Thomas,<sup>2</sup> Thomas<sup>1</sup>*), b. Aug. 28, 1690; m. Mary Hooper, of Boston, May 27, 1712. Aaron and his wife Mary died the same day, Jan. 1, 1745. They had:—
    - i. A male child dead born, Feb. 14 (another account says 16), 1712-13.
    - ii. MARY, b. Jan. 15, 1714-15; d. Dec. 16, 1715.
    - iii. JOHANNAH, b. Oct. 11, 1717; d. May 19, 1724.
  26. iv. JOSEPH, b. Oct. 11, 1720; m. Elizabeth Wire, Feb. 19, 1746, who died Sept. 23, 1772, in the 43d year of her age. He d. Aug. 5, 1798.
  27. v. EDWARD, b. June 21, 1725; had wife Mary. He d. June 2, 1793.
  28. vi. MATTHEW, b. June 20, 1729.
  29. vii. AARON, b. Jan. 17, 1732; wife Ann, who d. March 26, 1811, aged 77.
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17. JOSEPH<sup>4</sup> (*Joseph,<sup>3</sup> Thomas,<sup>2</sup> Thomas<sup>1</sup>*), b. May 28, 1698; m. Ruth Jones, May 1, 1723. He died Aug. 1, 1727. Ruth Bird administratrix on the estate of her husband, Joseph Bird, cordwainer, intestate, Feb. 15, 1727. She was admitted to full communion in the church, Jan. 12, 1727-8. She was probably the Ruth Bird who m. Robert Seaver, June 10, 1731. Joseph and Ruth (Jones) Bird had:
    - i. ISAAC, b. Jan. 18, 1723-4; m. Elizabeth Searl, April 13, 1748.
    - ii. JONATHAN, b. Aug. 17, 1726; m. Bebe Bird, April 7, 1757.
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18. SAMUEL<sup>4</sup> (*Benjamin,<sup>3</sup> Thomas,<sup>2</sup> Thomas<sup>1</sup>*), b. March 27, 1724; m. Mabel Jenner, of Charlestown, Mass., July 9, 1747. She was b. Jan. 23, 1725, and was daughter of Thomas and Joanna (Everton) Jenner. (See *Register*, xix. 248.)

Samuel Bird was in the same class, in Harvard College, with Mr. Edward Bass, from Dorchester, afterwards the first Bishop of Massachusetts, who graduated in 1744. Mr. Bird did not, however, obtain his degree, "in consequence of some rash censures upon several of the Governors of the College, and the venerable clergyman of Cambridge, which were dictated by religious enthusiasm." On the 31st of August, 1747, he received a call from the church in Dunstable, Mass., afterwards in the territory of New-Hampshire, to settle with them in the ministry as successor to the Rev. Josiah Swan, a graduate of Harvard in the class of 1733. The ordination soon after took place. "By the terms of his contract he was to have 100 ounces of coined silver, Troy weight, sterling alloy, or the full value thereof in bills of credit, or about \$100, yearly, for his salary, provided 'that he preach a lecture ce in three months at least in this town,' and 'visit and catechise the ople.' At this choice there was much dissatisfaction, and the town was rly equally divided." He was one of the "New Lights," since known Methodists, and his ordination in Dunstable was considered a great

triumph by his friends who had just erected a new meeting-house there. A quarrel ensued, and a division in the church took place. A strong party favored the new minister, but many were opposed to him on account of his peculiar views, and another church was immediately organized. The leaders of the two parties, Lovewell and Blanchard, were strong men, and had both been much in public life. "The question soon assumed a *party* shape, and laid the foundation of political differences, which after the lapse of a century"—says Mr. Fox, in his *History of Dunstable*, written in 1846—"are not entirely forgotten or obliterated." See the History above mentioned for additional particulars, pp. 153-155. Intelligence was received at New-Haven of the dismissal of Mr. Bird from Dunstable, and supposing that he would be a suitable man to settle with them, application was at once made to him by members of the First Church. Their request was accepted. After preaching there about three months, an unanimous invitation both from the church and congregation was received, desiring his settlement with them. He was installed October 16, 1751. We have not room even for an abstract of this curious and interesting chapter in the ecclesiastical history of the New-Haven church, but would refer to Trumbull's *History of Connecticut*, vol. ii. chap. xiv.; Bacon's *Historical Discourses*, Discourse xi. "Mr. Bird was a popular man," says Rev. Dr. Trumbull, "made a manly appearance, spoke well, had a very great talent, especially in speaking at the grave, on funeral occasions. The society had peace and flourished under his administration." He became, subsequently, a Chaplain in the Army, in the French war of 1755. (See Appendix, page 36, for some additional information in regard to him and his family.)

19. JONATHAN<sup>2</sup> (*Joseph*,<sup>4</sup> *Joseph*,<sup>3</sup> *Thomas*,<sup>2</sup> *Thomas*,<sup>1</sup>), b. Aug. 17, 1726; m. April 7, 1757, Bebe<sup>4</sup> Bird, dau. of Thomas<sup>3</sup> (15) and Mary (Clap) Bird. She died May 8, 1819, a. 84. They had:—

- i. BEBE, b. Sept. 18, 1758; d. April 18 (grave-stone says 14), 1832.
31. ii. JONATHAN, b. March 29, 1760; m. Jane Kilton, Sept. 6, 1798. She died April 19, 1818, aged 58. He died Aug. 24 (grave-stone says 23), 1832.
- iii. HANNAH, b. May 26, 1761.
- iv. ANN, b. Oct. 22, 1762; d. May 8 (grave-stone says 6), 1843.
- v. MARTHA, b. April 2, 1764; d. June 24, 1766.
- vi. JAMES, b. Aug. 1, 1765; d. Nov., 1825.
- vii. MARTHA, b. May 25, 1767.
- viii. STEPHEN, b. March 15, 1769; d. April 5, 1852. His wife, Sarah J., d. Sept. 23, 1830, aged 54.
- ix. EUNICE, b. June 11, 1771; d. Jan. 27, 1776.
- x. SARAH, b. Dec. 20, 1776; d. Feb. 22, 1856.
- xi. GEORGE, b. Jan. 6, 1781; m. Lydia Wells, June 15, 1806. They had one son *George*, b. December, 1807. She died July 25 (grave-stone

says 23), 1821, a. 33. Mr. Bird m. Nov. 13, 1822, Mary Jefferies, by whom he had *Lydia Jefferies*, b. April 5, 1823; d. May 4, 1869. He d. Aug. 29 (grave-stone says 27), 1842; his widow d. May 13, 1869, a. 76.

20. JAMES<sup>4</sup> (*James,<sup>3</sup> James,<sup>2</sup> Thomas<sup>1</sup>*), b. June 24, 1703; m. Hannah Wales, Jan. 2, 1727-8, and d. May 17, 1757. She died Aug. 5, (grave-stone says 4), 1775, in the 73d year of her age. They had:—

i. GEORGE, b. Feb. 24, 1727-8; d. July 12, 1748.

ii. JONATHAN, b. June 5, 1732; d. May 7, 1813.

21. EBENEZER<sup>4</sup> (*James,<sup>3</sup> James,<sup>2</sup> Thomas<sup>1</sup>*), b. March 5, 1708; m. Priscilla Tolman, Nov. 20, 1733, and died Jan. 17, 1753. She died Oct. 5, 1760, in the 46th year of her age. Will of Ebenezer Bird, weaver, Jan. 13, 1753. Mentions wife Priscilla—children, Elizabeth Bird, Ebenezer Bird, James Bird, Priscilla Bird, Mary Bird, Meriam Bird. Proved, Feb. 2, 1753. They had:—

i. ELIZABETH, b. Sept. 23, 1734.

32. ii. EBENEZER, b. Aug. 9, 1736; m. Jane Clap, Feb. 8, 1759. She was born June 5, 1739, and was dau. of Jonathan and Jean (Tucker) Clap.

iii. PRISCILLA, b. Oct. 13, 1738; d. Nov. 20, 1738.

iv. JAMES, b. May 7, 1740.

vi. MARY, b. Dec. 25, 1745.

v. PRISCILLA, b. March 6, 1742-3.

vii. MIRIAM, b. May 13, 1749.

22. HENRY<sup>4</sup> (*Henry,<sup>3</sup> James,<sup>2</sup> Thomas<sup>1</sup>*), b. April 29, 1715; m. Elizabeth Tolman, Jan. 21, 1741, and d. March 12, 1788. She died April 7, 1788, aged 66. They had:—

i. ELIZABETH, b. Oct. 23, 1743.

33. ii. HENRY, b. Aug. 7, 1747; wife Margaret, probably, who d. April 4, 1829, aged 84. He died Feb. 6, 1832.

iii. SAMUEL, b. Aug. 29, 1749; d. May 6, 1752.

iv. RUTH, b. Sept. 27, 1751.

v. SARAH, b. May 20, 1754.

vi. PATIENCE, b. May 17, 1757.

34. vii. SAMUEL, b. at Norton, April 26, 1759; wife Susannah. He died April 14, 1824.

JACOB<sup>4</sup> (*Henry,<sup>3</sup> James,<sup>2</sup> Thomas<sup>1</sup>*), b. Aug. 21, 1724; m. Elizabeth Ward, Jun<sup>r</sup>. of Dorchester, April 2, 1751. She died Jan. 4, 1814, aged 86.

The *Boston Gazette* of Monday, January 5, 1767, has this paragraph:—"Saturday night, the 27th ult. Mr. *Jacob Bird*, of Dorchester, being belated before he left the Town, in going home miss'd his Way, and was found froze to Death last Monday morning." We presume that Jacob<sup>4</sup> was the individual. The same paper states:—It was

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the "coldest weather known for many years." (See *Register*, xiii. 16.)  
Jacob and Elizabeth (Ward) Bird had:—

- i. ELIZABETH, b. Aug. 23, 1751.
  35. ii. JACOB, b. Jan. 9, 1754; m. Sarah Mellish, Feb. 23, 1775, and died Jan. 12, 1827.
  - iii. JERUSHA, b. March 8, 1756; d. April 30 (grave-stone says 28), 1842.
  - iv. ANN, b. Sept. 5, 1758.
  - v. SUSANNAH, b. June 10, 1760; d. Dec. 20, 1834.
  - vi. ISAAC, b. Sept. 25, 1762.
  - vii. PRUDENCE, b. Feb. 28, 1765. A Prudence Bird m. Thomas Chubb, of Charlestown, July 24, 1787.
24. THOMAS<sup>4</sup> (*Thomas*,<sup>3</sup> *James*,<sup>2</sup> *Thomas*<sup>1</sup>), b. Sept. 14, 1722; m. Mary Clap, dau. of Ebenezer and Hannah, Dec. 14, 1749. He was constable in 1751, and was called "Ensign;" d. Aug. 28, 1772; she died May 16, 1808, aged 82. They had:—
- i. THOMAS, b. Sept. 9, 1751; d. same day.
  36. ii. THOMAS, b. Sept. 3, 1754; m. Hannah Topliff, Oct. 30, 1777, and died Jan. 17, 1793.
  - iii. MARY, b. June 13, 1757; d. June 12, of small pox (grave-stone says 9), 1778.
  - iv. LEMUEL, b. Sept. 6, 1763; d. March 2, 1795.
  - v. ABIGAIL, b. Aug. 3, 1766; m. *Ebenezer Kilton, Jr., Jan. 27, 1789.*
  - vi. HANNAH, b. Nov. 30, 1770; m. Jacob Beals, Nov. 24, 1791. She died Nov. 3, 1825. Children:—*Royal*, b. May 22, 1792. *Mary Bird*, b. May 23, 1795; d. July 3, 1824. *Jacob*, b. Aug. 8, 1797; d. May 22, 1836. *Thomas*, b. May 19, 1800.
25. EZEKIEL<sup>4</sup> (*Thomas*,<sup>3</sup> *James*,<sup>2</sup> *Thomas*<sup>1</sup>), b. Jan. 13, 1738–9; m. Hannah Holden, July, 1775, who d. Nov. 8, 1800, in the 59th year of her age. He died Dec. 21 (grave-stone says 20), 1817. They had:—
- i. HANNAH HOLDEN, b. Oct. 2, 1775; d. Nov. 7, 1837.
  - ii. EZEKIEL, b. Oct. 8, 1777; d. Aug. 11 (grave-stone says 9), 1811.
  - iii. SAMUEL, b. May 11, 1781; d. Sept. 14 (grave-stone says 9), 1812.
26. JOSEPH<sup>4</sup> (*Aaron*,<sup>3</sup> *Joseph*,<sup>2</sup> *Thomas*,<sup>1</sup> *Thomas*<sup>1</sup>), b. Oct. 11, 1720; Elizabeth Wire, Feb. 19, 1746, d. Aug. 5, 1798. She died Sept. 1772, in the 43d year of her age. They had:—
- i. MARY, b. Dec. 6, 1747.
  - ii. GEORGE, b. April 25, 1749; d. March 25, 1768.
  - iii. JOSEPH, b. June 1, 1750; d. Aug. 2, 1750.
  - iv. ELIZABETH, b. March 23, 1752.
  - v. JOSEPH, died Dec. 27, 1754.
  - vi. PRUDENCE, died Oct. 8, 1756.

37. vii. THOMAS, b. Sept. 20, 1757; m. Mary Durant, of Boston, July 28, 1785.  
viii. JOSEPH, b. Jan. 20, 1760.  
ix. PRUDENCE, b. April 1, 1761.  
x. COMFORT, b. Dec. 20, 1762.  
xi. HANNAH, b. July 16, 1764.  
xii. JOHN, b. in 1765.  
xiii. SARAH, } (twins) b. May 12, 1767; Sarah d. Jan. 21, 1768.  
xiv. LYDIA, }  
xv. OLIVER CROMWELL, b. Jan. 24, 1769; d. Sept. 6, 1769.  
xvi. LYDIA, b. June, 1772; d. Sept. 19, 1772.
27. EDWARD<sup>5</sup> (*Aaron,<sup>4</sup> Joseph,<sup>3</sup> Thomas,<sup>2</sup> Thomas<sup>1</sup>*), b. June 21, 1725; wife Mary, who died probably April 6, 1822, aged 91. He died June 2, 1793. They had:—
  - i. DANIEL, b. May 25, 1761. A Daniel died Jan. 14, 1786.
  - ii. POLLY, b. Feb. 18, 1763.
38. iii. EDWARD, b. March 14, 1765; m. Abigail Leeds, Jan. 9, 1783.  
iv. JANE, b. Feb. 4, 1769.
28. MATTHEW<sup>5</sup> (*Aaron,<sup>4</sup> Joseph,<sup>3</sup> Thomas,<sup>2</sup> Thomas<sup>1</sup>*), b. June 20, 1729; m. Ellinor Ranger, March, 1753. They had:—
  39. i. Matthew, b. Jan. 7, 1756.
  - ii. EDMUND, b. Jan. 22, 1760.
  - iii. EDMUND, b. January, 1761.
  - iv. ABIGAIL, b. June 21 (another record says 24), 1763; m. ~~Ebenezer Kilton, Jr., Jan. 27, 1780.~~
  - v. JAMES SEYMOUR, b. 1768; d. September, 1769.
  - vi. JAMES, b. Jan. 11, 1772.
40. vii. BENJAMIN, b. June 15, 1774; m. Lilly Munroe, Nov. 22, 1795. He is called "Major;" d. May 23, 1811. His widow d. Oct. 9, 1837, aged 65.
29. AARON<sup>5</sup> (*Aaron,<sup>4</sup> Joseph,<sup>3</sup> Thomas,<sup>2</sup> Thomas<sup>1</sup>*), b. Jan. 17, 1732; d. Nov. 21, 1807; wife Ann, who died March 26, 1811, aged 77. They had:— *married Oct 10 1755 Ann Shippey*
  41. i. AARON, b. April 7, 1756; m. Johanna Glover, Nov. 23, 1775.
  - ii. ANNA, b. Sept. 6, 1758.
  - iii. SUSANNAH, b. April 16, 1761; m. Capt. James Robinson, Feb. 6, 1783.
  - iv. RACHEL, b. July 23, 1763; m. Edward Robinson, Dec. 11, 1787.
  - v. MARTHA, b. April 17, 1766; m. John How, of Brookline, Oct. 23, 1788.
  - vi. SHIPPEE, b. Nov. 7, 1768; d. Oct. 25, 1769.
42. vii. WILLIAM, b. Jan. 28, 1771; d. April 12, 1851.  
viii. JOHN, b. May 31, 1773; d. June 12, 1811.  
ix. ABRAHAM, b. Sept. 29, 1775; d. Aug. 29, 1817.
30. JONATHAN<sup>5</sup> (*Benjamin<sup>4</sup> Joseph,<sup>3</sup> Thomas,<sup>2</sup> Thomas<sup>1</sup>*), b. Aug. 17, 1726; m. Ruth Robinson, July 7, 1757; d. June 30, 1769. She d. July 25, 1818, aged 80. They had:—

- i. BENJAMIN, b. March 27, 1758; d. April 12, 1758.
  - ii. JOHANNAH, b. June 30, 1759; m. Rev. Moses Everett, minister at Dorchester, and d. May 28, 1783. She was his second wife.
  - 43. iii. JONATHAN, b. March 30, 1761; d. record says Nov. 27 (*Hist. of Dorch.* Nov. 24), 1809.
  - iv. BENJAMIN, b. Feb. 1, 1764; d. April 9, 1767.
31. JONATHAN<sup>5</sup> (*Jonathan,<sup>4</sup> Benjamin,<sup>3</sup> Thomas,<sup>2</sup> Thomas<sup>1</sup>*), b. March 29, 1760; m. Jane Kilton, Sept. 6, 1798. She died April 22, 1818, aged 58. They had :—
- i. JOEL, b. Nov. 1799; d. May 3 (another account says 2d), 1817.
32. EBENEZER<sup>5</sup> (*Ebenezer,<sup>4</sup> James,<sup>3</sup> James,<sup>2</sup> Thomas<sup>1</sup>*), b. Aug. 9, 1736; m. Jane Clap, dau. of Jonathan and Jean (Tucker) Clap, Feb. 8, 1759. They removed to Williamsburg, Mass., after the birth in Dorchester, of their thirteen children. They had :—
- i. EBENEZER, b. Dec. 21, 1759; d. May 3, 1760.
  - ii. EZRA, b. May 14, 1761; d. June 20, 1761.
  - iii. ELI, b. June 3, 1762; d. July 24, 1762.
  - iv. JANE, b. July 23, 1764.
  - v. SARAH, b. July 30, 1765.
  - vi. PRISCILLA, b. Aug. 24, 1766.
  - vii. EBENEZER, b. Aug. 1, 1767; d. Jan. 12, 1770.
  - viii. ESTHER, b. Jan. 8, 1769; d. July 28, 1769.
  - ix. SUSANNA, b. Oct. 18, 1771.
  - x. ESTHER, b. Oct. 18, 1772; d. Jan. 26, 1774.
  - xi. JAMES, b. March 21, 1775.
  - xii. CHARLES, b. Nov. 18, 1777.
  - xiii. LYDIA, b. Nov. 1, 1779; d. Jan. 7, 1780.
33. HENRY<sup>5</sup> (*Henry,<sup>4</sup> Henry,<sup>3</sup> James,<sup>2</sup> Thomas<sup>1</sup>*), b. Aug. 7, 1747; wife Margaret, who died April 4, 1829, aged 84. He died Feb., 1832. They had :—
- i. BETSEY PRICE, b. Oct. 20, 1777; d. Oct. 28, 1778.
  - ii. BECKEE, b. April 27, 1780; m. John Capen the 7th, Feb. 10, 1805.
  - iii. PEGGEE SMITH, b. April 16, 1783.
  - iv. HENRY, b. Aug. 22 or 23, 1785.
34. SAMUEL<sup>5</sup> (*Henry,<sup>4</sup> Henry,<sup>3</sup> James,<sup>2</sup> Thomas<sup>1</sup>*), b. April 26, 1759; wife Susannah. They had :—
- i. ELIZABETH, b. Sept. 16, 1782.
  - ii. SAMUEL, b. Dec. 16, 1785.
  - iii. HANNAH, b. Nov. 8, 1788.
  - iv. ELIJAH, b. March 10, 1791. Priscilla, wife of Elijah Bird, d. M<sup>ch</sup> 24, 1842, a. 50. George, son of Elijah and Priscilla, b. March 14 or 1828.

- v. WILLIAM, b. Feb. 15, 1794.
  - vi. LEMCEL, b. Aug. 2, 1796.
  - vii. STEPHEN, b. March 18, 1800; m. Caroline R. Eaton, March 25, 1827  
Children:—*Francis Henry*, b. Dec. 19, 1827; *Caroline Augusta*, b.  
Dec. 30, 1829; *Lydia Perkins*, b. May 14, 1837.
35. JACOB<sup>5</sup> (*Jacob*,<sup>4</sup> *Henry*,<sup>3</sup> *James*,<sup>2</sup> *Thomas*<sup>1</sup>), b. Jan. 9, 1754; m. Sarah Mellish, Feb. 23, 1775. She died Jan. 12, 1827, a. 70. They had:—
- i. JACOB, b. Feb. 24, 1775; d. Aug. 16, 1778.
  - ii. JOHN, b. Aug. 16, 1777; d. Aug. 12, 1778.
  - iii. SALLY, b. Aug. 20, 1779; d. March 12, 1808.
44. iv. JACOB, b. March 29, 1782; d. Sept. 13, 1870.
- v. EUNICE, b. April 18, 1783; d. July 19, 1783.
45. vi. JOSEPH WARD, b. Aug. 16, 1784; d. Dec. 17, 1851.
- vii. ISAAC, b. March 11, 1787; d. Oct. 31, 1850.
  - viii. ELIZA, b. Feb. 8, 1792.
  - ix. ELISHA, b. Jan. 14, 1795.
36. THOMAS<sup>5</sup> (*Thomas*,<sup>4</sup> *Thomas*,<sup>3</sup> *James*,<sup>2</sup> *Thomas*<sup>1</sup>), b. Sept. 3, 1754; m. Hannah Topliff, Oct. 30, 1777. He died Jan. 17, 1793. They had:—
- i. MARY, b. Aug. 24, 1779; perhaps the Mary who died Jan. 16, 1807.
  - ii. THOMAS, b. Dec. 10, 1780; d. Oct. 29, 1806.
  - iii. NATHANIEL, b. Jan. 26, 1783.
  - iv. ELIZABETH, b. July 15, 1785.
  - v. HANNAH, b. April 25, 1787.
  - vi. SAMUEL TOPLIFF, b. Dec. 14, 1788; m. Mary Topliff, June 18, 1820. He was of Walpole at the time of marriage.
37. THOMAS<sup>6</sup> (*Joseph*,<sup>5</sup> *Aaron*,<sup>4</sup> *Joseph*,<sup>3</sup> *Thomas*,<sup>2</sup> *Thomas*<sup>1</sup>), b. Sept. 20, 1757; m. Mary Durant, of Boston, July 28, 1785. He died Nov. 6, 1824. They had:—
- i. GEORGE, b. Dec. 1, 1785; d. March 29, 1836.
  - ii. JOHN DURANT, b. Nov. 25, 1787.
  - iii. COMFORT, b. April 17, 1790.
38. EDWARD<sup>6</sup> (*Edward*,<sup>5</sup> *Aaron*,<sup>4</sup> *Joseph*,<sup>3</sup> *Thomas*,<sup>2</sup> *Thomas*<sup>1</sup>), b. March 14, 1765; m. Abigail Leeds, Jan. 9, 1783; died Feb. 22, 1813. She died May 1, 1838, aged 81. They had:—
- i. NABBY, b. April 12, 1783; d. June 22, 1836.
  - ii. MARY HALEY, b. Dec. 22, 1784; d. June 4, 1805.
  - iii. CHARLOTTE, b. May 22, 1787; m. Sam'l Wheeler, of Boston, June 11, 1812.
  - iv. DANIEL, b. Sept. 24, 1789; m. Dolly Thurston, of Portsmouth, N. H., May 24, 1812.
  - v. EDWARD, b. March 2, 1794; m. Sarah Brooks Willard, of Roxbury, 1829. She d. July 10, 1856, a. 52. They had:—*Harriet*, b. Oct. 22, 1829; *Sarah*, b. Sept. 3, 1838; *Eliza*, b. Sept. 1, 1842.

39. MATTHEW<sup>6</sup> (*Matthew*,<sup>5</sup> *Aaron*,<sup>4</sup> *Joseph*,<sup>3</sup> *Thomas*,<sup>2</sup> *Th* 1  
Dorchester, Jan.-7, 1756; m. in New York, Mary C ;  
d. Jan. 11, 1816, aged 59. Mary his widow d. May 2 1  
76. Mr. Bird was in the army of the Revolution. 1  
Aug. 15, 1775; was in the company commanded by s  
Foster, under Col. Richard Gridley, of Gen. Wm. Heath's brigade.  
Matthew and Mary (Cone) Bird had:—
- i. MARY, b. Dec. 16, 1779; m. April 17, 1797, William R. McCullough;  
died Aug. 29, 1829.
  - ii. MATTHEW WILLIAM, b. Aug. 12, 1783; d. June 1, 1847.
  - iii. DANIEL, b. Aug. 12, 1785.
  - iv. ELEANOR RANGER, b. June 21, 1790; m. June 1, 1811, Rufus Barton, of  
Lansingburgh, N. Y. She died Sept. 19, 1852.
  - v. FRANCES, b. June 3, 1793.
  46. vi. JAMES BENJAMIN, b. Aug. 4, 1795; d. Aug. 8, 1829.
  - vii. WILLIAM EDMUND, b. March 3, 1798; d. Nov. 15, 1861.
40. BENJAMIN<sup>6</sup> (*Matthew*,<sup>5</sup> *Aaron*,<sup>4</sup> *Joseph*,<sup>3</sup> *Thomas*,<sup>2</sup> *Thomas*<sup>1</sup>), b. June  
15, 1774; m. Lilly Munroe, Nov. 22, 1795. He was a Major in  
the military company in Dorchester; died May 23, 1811. His  
widow died Oct. 9, 1837, aged 67. They had:—
47. i. SAMUEL COOLIDGE, b. March 28, 1797; d. Sept. 26, 1862.
  - ii. MARY JONES, b. May, 1800; d. Aug. 24, 1801.
  - iii. CHARLES, b. Jan. 8, 1802; lost at sea, in a voyage from Savannah  
Liverpool, Jan. 3, 1831.
  - iv. BENJAMIN, b. in April, 1804; d. May 29, 1817.
  48. v. MATTHEW, b. April 24, 1806.
  - vi. MARY ANN, b. in July, 1808; m. William Whittington, Jr., of Boston  
March 31, 1828. He d. at sea, July 30, 1831, and she m. George W
  - vii. WARREN, d. Sept. 16, 1811. } a. 9 months. [Brooks, April 9, 1840.
  - viii. WALTER, d. Sept. 18, 1811. }
41. AARON<sup>6</sup> (*Aaron*,<sup>5</sup> *Aaron*,<sup>4</sup> *Joseph*,<sup>3</sup> *Thomas*,<sup>2</sup> *Thomas*<sup>1</sup>), b. April 7,  
1756; m. Johanna Glover, Nov. 23, 1775. They had:—
- i. JAMES, b. June 29, 1777; d. March 9, 1813.
  - ii. JOHANNA GLOVER, b. Feb. 9, 1781.
  - iii. SUSANNAH BAKER, b. Aug. 7, 1782.
  - iv. ENOCH GLOVER, b. April 14, 1784.
  - v. ANN, b. March 29, 1786.
  - vi. RACHEL ROBINSON, b. Jan. 1, 1788.
  - vii. GRACE, b. Sept. 12, 1789.
  - viii. SHIPPEE, b. Dec. 30, 1790.
  - ix. BENJAMIN GLOVER, b. Feb. 24, 1793; d. Sept. 9, 1793.
  - x. WILLIAM, b. Nov. 27, 1794.
  - xi. A child, b. Aug. 17, 1796; d. next day.
  - xii. CHARLES JARVIS, b. Feb. 14, 1798.
  - xiii. ROYAL, b. November, 1799.



42. WILLIAM\* (*Aaron,<sup>3</sup> Aaron,<sup>4</sup> Joseph,<sup>3</sup> Thomas,<sup>3</sup> Thomas<sup>1</sup>*), b. Jan. 28, 1771; m. 1st, Betsey Howe, Sept. 29, 1796. She was a daughter of Abraham and Patience (Blake) Howe; b. Jan. 23, 1772, and died Sept. 15, 1831, aged 56. Mr. Bird m. 2d, April 21, 1833, Lucy Taylor, who died July 8, 1845, aged 46. He died April 12, 1851. Children by his wife Betsey:—
- i. AARON, b. March 5, 1798.
  - ii. WILLIAM, b. Oct. 1799; d. at Buenos Ayres, about the year 1831.

He had one child by his wife Lucy:—

- iii. CATHARINE ROBBINS, b. Sept. 19, 1839; m. April 23, 1862, John D. Runkle, President of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston.
43. JONATHAN\* (*Jonathan,<sup>3</sup> Joseph,<sup>4</sup> Joseph,<sup>3</sup> Thomas,<sup>3</sup> Thomas<sup>1</sup>*), b. March 30, 1761; grad. H. C. 1782; m. Ann Vincent Woodward, of Boston, Feb. 18, 1806. He commenced teaching school in Dorchester, about the time, probably, of his graduating from College. His school-room was in a dwelling house in the town, on the corner of what is now Sumner and Cottage streets, near the "Five Corners." "Master Bird" was well known and highly respected. He subsequently settled at South Boston, and was a Justice of the Peace there for the County of Suffolk. He died Nov. 27, 1809. Had one son:—
- i. JOHN HAWES, b. in October, 1807; B. U. 1829; d. suddenly June 10, 1835. He was a promising and amiable young man. His death was a great loss to his friends and the community. One half of his estate he left in perpetual trust for the maintenance of a female High School. It was expressed in his will that it should be "a seminary of the first order, to be established at South Boston."\* See Simonds's *History of South Boston*, 273-275. *History of Dorchester*, 536.

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\* The following account of the dedication of the BIRD SCHOOL HOUSE is from the *Boston Daily Advertiser* of Tuesday, Nov. 29, 1870. "A pleasant company was gathered together, yesterday morning, to take part in the dedication of the school-house just built by the trustees under the will of J. H. Bird, on Fourth Street, South Boston. The school is intended as a high school for girls, and is virtually a free school. The building is, perhaps, the most tasteful and elegant among the many fine buildings which adorn this suburb. It was designed by Mr. Henry Richards, a young architect who already gives promise of great excellence in his profession. It combines a sunny exposure and wide windows with convenient rooms and ceilings of good elevation.

"The principal room, in which the exercises took place, was much admired for the symmetry of its proportions. Dr. Howe introduced the occasion with some reminiscences of John Hawes Bird, the liberal and thoughtful young man upon whose bequest the school was originally founded. Several persons were present who remembered his amiable qualities and untimely death. Cut off by an accident at the age of twenty-seven, he bequeathed to suitable trustees a sum sufficient for the endowment of a school of superior culture for

44. JACOB<sup>6</sup> (*Jacob*,<sup>5</sup> *Jacob*,<sup>4</sup> *Henry*,<sup>3</sup> *James*,<sup>2</sup> *T* 1782;  
m. Susanna Andrews, May 27, 1810. She died Feb. 22, 1838, aged  
54. He died Sept. 13, 1870. They had:—
- i. ANN, b. Feb. 26, 1811.
  - ii. SARAH, b. May 27, 1813.
  - iii. ELIZABETH ANDREWS, b. Dec. 16, 1815; m. Jacob Foster, Jr., Dec. 3,  
1835; died Oct. 8, 1857. He m. Mrs. Martha A. Harris, of Hingham,  
Dec. 23, 1858.
  - iv. CAROLINE, b. Jan. 2, 1818; m. Richard Clap, Jr., Jan. 12, 1842; d. Feb.  
5, 1858. He m. Eunice Emily Holden, March 31, 1859, and d. Aug.  
20, 1866.
  - v. MARY, b. March 5, 1820; m. James H. Upham, June 19, 1845.
  - vi. JACOB, b. April 20, 1822.
45. JOSEPH WARD<sup>6</sup> (*Jacob*,<sup>5</sup> *Jacob*,<sup>4</sup> *Henry*,<sup>3</sup> *James*,<sup>2</sup> *Thomas*<sup>1</sup>), b. Aug. 16,  
1784; m. Nancy Clap, dau. of Nathaniel and Eunice (Bird) Clapp.  
Joseph Ward Bird d. Dec. 17, 1851. His widow d. May 17, 1864,  
a. 74 years, 11 months, 24 days. They had:—
- i. AMASA, bap. May 6, 1810; d. Aug. 30, 1811.
  - ii. CHARLES, b. June 2, 1811; d. March 8, 1831.
  - iii. ELIZABETH, b. Feb. 16, 1814; m. Daniel Odiorne, Jr., of Eliot, Me., Feb.  
16, 1830.
  - iv. EMELINE, b. July 3, 1816; m. Daniel Hayes, Feb. 17, 1839.
  - v. CATHARINE, b. Dec. 1, 1820; m. Francis N. Whitney, June 2, 1840.
  - vi. AMASA, b. Dec. 3, 1824; m. Mary Clarissa Greenwood, May 20, 1860.
46. JAMES BENJAMIN<sup>7</sup> (*Matthew*,<sup>6</sup> *Matthew*,<sup>5</sup> *Aaron*,<sup>4</sup> *Joseph*,<sup>3</sup> *Thomas*,<sup>2</sup>  
*Thomas*<sup>1</sup>), b. Aug. 4, 1795; m. May 13, 1815, Mary Dimon, of  
Aquebogue, Long Island, N. Y. He died Aug. 8, 1829, aged 34  
years. His widow, Mary, d. April 4, 1860, aged 71. They had:—
- 49. i. MATTHEW, b. June 16, 1816.
  - ii. JAMES DANIEL, b. Dec. 31, 1818; m. Catharine Klyne Young, of Phila-  
delphia.
  - iii. ELEANOR YOULE, b. Dec. 7, 1821; m. Dec. 7, 1837, Charles Joseph Chipp.
47. SAMUEL COOLIDGE<sup>7</sup> (*Benjamin*,<sup>6</sup> *Matthew*,<sup>5</sup> *Aaron*,<sup>4</sup> *Joseph*,<sup>3</sup> *Thomas*,<sup>2</sup>  
*Thomas*<sup>1</sup>), b. March 28, 1797; m. Mary Hearsey, March 19, 1823;  
He died Sept. 26, 1862. They had:—
- i. ELIZABETH JANE, b. Feb. 5, 1824; m. Andrew B. Adams, Nov. 12, 1846.
  - ii. BENJAMIN COOLIDGE, b. Oct. 15, 1825; m. Mary A. Carter, May 17, 1848.

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girls. Rev. Mr. Thayer, of the Hawes church, South Boston, followed Dr. Howe's re-  
marks with a brief prayer. Rev. Edward E. Hale contributed a most acceptable address.  
Dr. Lothrop spoke at some length and with much interest of the education of women in  
Boston, and Hon. George S. Hillard made some concluding remarks, after which Dr. Howe  
invited the company to inspect the premises at their leisure."

- iii. CHARLES,<sup>1</sup> b. Aug. 6, 1827; d. Sept. 9, 1828.
  - iv. JAMES HOWE, b. June 15, 1829; m. Emma F. Holmes, May 8, 1855.
  - v. MARY CAROLINE, b. Aug. 7, 1831; m. James T. Oliver, Sept. 7, 1848.
  - vi. LEWIS PARKER, b. May 25, 1833; m. Hannah D. Whorf, Feb. 14, 1859.  
She d. Dec. 27, 1860, a. 23.
  - vii. NATHANIEL HALL, b. July 8, 1835; m. Maria Louisa Chadbourne, Oct. 7, 1858.
  - viii. MATILDA ANN, b. Feb. 13, 1838; m. Thomas J. Hatch, Jan. 17, 1864.
  - ix. HENRIETTA AUGUSTA, b. June 29, 1840; m. Walter B. Arnold, Feb. 11, 1868.
  - x. FRANCES AUGUSTA, b. Sept. 19, 1844; d. Feb. 13, 1846.
48. MATTHEW<sup>7</sup> (*Benjamin*,<sup>6</sup> *Matthew*,<sup>5</sup> *Aaron*,<sup>4</sup> *Joseph*,<sup>3</sup> *Thomas*,<sup>2</sup> *Thomas*<sup>1</sup>),  
b. April 24, 1806; m. Sept. 30, 1830, Sarah Quincy Greenleaf, of  
Worcester; d. April 20, 1866. She was born Feb. 2, 1808, died  
March 19, 1865. They had:—
- i. CHARLES MATTHEW, b. Sept. 4, 1831; d. July 6, 1834.
  - ii. REBECCA NEWTON, b. June 23, 1833; m. Charles B. Bedlington, Oct. 23, 1856.
  - iii. HENRY CHAMBERLAIN, b. June 17, 1835; m. Sarah B. Lovell, June 17, 1862; had *Harry Lovell*, b. July 20, 1863.
  - iv. LEWIS JONES, b. July 31, 1837; m. Sarah E. Eaton, Oct. 14, 1862.
  - v. WILLIAM GREENLEAF, b. Nov. 10, 1839; m. Louise Lorey, Dec. 31, 1867.  
They had: *William Lorey*, b. Nov. 2, 1868; d. July 29, 1869.
  - vi. DOLLY ANN GREENLEAF, b. Nov. 15, 1841; d. Aug 31, 1847.
  - vii. JOHN QUINCY, b. Dec. 11, 1843; m. Mary H. T. Still, Sept. 13, 1869;  
had *Grace Quincy*, b. Aug. 17, 1870.
  - viii. MARY ELLEN, b. Dec. 10, 1845; m. Alfred W. Cole, Nov. 24, 1864.
49. MATTHEW<sup>8</sup> (*James Benjamin*,<sup>7</sup> *Matthew*,<sup>6</sup> *Matthew*,<sup>5</sup> *Aaron*,<sup>4</sup> *Joseph*,<sup>3</sup> *Thomas*,<sup>2</sup> *Thomas*<sup>1</sup>), b. June 16, 1816; m. Oct. 23, 1836, in Wall-street church, New-York, by the Rev. Dr. William Wirt Phillips, to  
Mary Tuthill. They had:—
- i. MARY EMMA.
  - ii. EDWARD OAKLEY.
  - iii. ELEANOR.
  - iv. WILLIAM BURNET, d. May 9, 1849, aged 3 years and 5 months.
  - v. ELIZA MARTHA, d. May 31, 1849, aged 1 year and 5 months.
50. EDWARD OAKLEY<sup>9</sup> (*Matthew*,<sup>8</sup> *James Benjamin*,<sup>7</sup> *Matthew*,<sup>6</sup> *Matthew*,<sup>5</sup> *Aaron*,<sup>4</sup> *Joseph*,<sup>3</sup> *Thomas*,<sup>2</sup> *Thomas*<sup>1</sup>), m. by the Rev. Dr. John Michael Krebs, of New-York, Oct. 25, 1865, to Sarah Esther Hinman, of New York.

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ERRATUM.—It was *Abigail*,<sup>5</sup> dau. of THOMAS<sup>4</sup> (page 20), who married Ebenezer Kilton, Jr., and not *Abigail*,<sup>6</sup> dau. of MATTHEW,<sup>5</sup> as stated on page 21.



## APPENDIX.

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### THOMAS BIRD'S WILL.

I, Thomas Bird Seni<sup>r</sup>. of dorchester in y<sup>e</sup> County of Suffolk in New England Tanner, being by y<sup>e</sup> p<sup>r</sup>udence of god not well in my body yet through y<sup>e</sup> mercy of god in p<sup>r</sup>fit memory And Calling to mind y<sup>e</sup> vncertainty of this lif doe heer make my last will & Testament, unless I shall see Cause heer after to alter it.

1. First, I Commit my soull into y<sup>e</sup> hands of y<sup>e</sup> lord y<sup>t</sup> gave it me & my body to a decent buryall in y<sup>e</sup> earth.
2. Secondly for y<sup>e</sup> worldly goods w<sup>ch</sup> god haue graciously giuen me my will is that all my Just debts be paid & funerall dischardged.
3. Thirdly, my will is that Ann my deare & loueing wife shall haue one Third p<sup>t</sup> of all my housing & land duering her natuerall life, And for y<sup>e</sup> rest of my Estate I giue one third p<sup>t</sup> theroff vnto my wife wholly to be at her owne disposall as god shall moue her hart.
4. Fowerthly my will is y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> other two third p<sup>ts</sup> of my wholl Estate be deuided as followeth, viz. : Wheeras I p<sup>r</sup>ised my Sonne Thomas at his marrige fifty pounds of w<sup>ch</sup> a good p<sup>t</sup> is paid as by my booke will appeare, then (that fifty pounds being accounted as p<sup>t</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> Estate) y<sup>e</sup> estate shall be equally deuided to my Fower Children : Viz. : Thomas, John, James & Sarah, only my Sonne Thomas shall haue ten pounds added to his p<sup>t</sup> more than any one of y<sup>e</sup> rest of my Children.
5. Fifthly for that third part of my houseing & land w<sup>ch</sup> I leaue in my wiues hands duering her life my will is that when it shall please god to putt an end vnto her days, that then that houseing & land shall be equally deuided vnto my three sonns, but if either of them dy & leaue noe Issue then his p<sup>t</sup> shall goe equally to those that doe suruiue.
6. Lastly I doe appoint Anne my deare & loueing wife to bee execetrix of my wholl Estate & that this my will may be p<sup>r</sup>formed & that my Estate be Justly prized I doe appoint & Intreat my loueing Freinds Lifenant Hopestill Foster & Ensigne John Capen to be my ouerseers to see that it be duely p<sup>r</sup>formed. In witness heerof I haue heerunto put my hand & seale this tweluth day of July in y<sup>e</sup> year of o<sup>r</sup> lord on thousand six hundred Sixty six.

Signed, sealed & del.  
in p<sup>r</sup>sence of vs viz.  
John Capen Seni<sup>r</sup>.  
Jasper Rush.

*Thomas Bird* & a seale.

Att A meetinge of the Govern<sup>r</sup> maj<sup>r</sup> Genll. & Record<sup>r</sup> in Boston 17<sup>th</sup> July 1667.

John Capen Sen<sup>r</sup>. & Jasper Rush deposed that hauinge subscribed their names as witnesses to y<sup>e</sup> Instrument were present on the date thereof & did both see & heare y<sup>e</sup> late Thomas Bird signe & seale & publish the same to be his last will & testament; that when he so did he was of a sound & disposing mind to their best knowledge. Edw. Rawson Record<sup>r</sup>.

#### THOMAS BIRD SEN<sup>r</sup>. INVENTORY.

An Inuentry of y<sup>e</sup> Estate of Thomas Bird Sen<sup>r</sup>. of dorchester who departed this life y<sup>e</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> day of June 1667 taken & apprizd by vs whose names are vnder writen y<sup>e</sup> 22 of June 1667.

	Imp in money 13s. 5d. two siluer spones at 15s.	1—8—5
In y <sup>e</sup> Chamber ouer the parlor	wearing aparell both woollen and linnen hats boots & shows	15—14—1
	one feather bed 3lb. two bolsters 1lb. 8s. 1 covered 1lb. 5s. on Rugg 1lb. 10s. sheets blankets pillows & bedsteed, 3lb. 6s.	10—19—0
	one great Chest 1lb. 10 two trunks 9s. yarne & wooll, and other Implements 1lb. 4s.	3—0—3
	about 11 bushells of Indian Corne	1—13—0
In y <sup>e</sup> Chamber ouer the kitchen.	one feather bed w <sup>th</sup> pigion feathers 1lb. 10s. one flock bed 18s. on Courlet 1lb. 8s. on green Rugg 18s. three blankets 1lb. 1s. fine sheets 1lb. s. bolsters pillows & pillows bys 1lb. 1s. 6d.	8—17—6
In y <sup>e</sup> Garret ouer y <sup>e</sup> kitchen	about 7 bls. of Malt 1lb. 8s. Eleuen lbs. more of Malt £2 4s. one steel mill 1lb. sixteen pound of feathers 16s. saws tooles & other lumber 2lb. 15s. 9d.	7—3—9
In y <sup>e</sup> Garret ouer y <sup>e</sup> parlor	Nayls & tools and old yron	1—1—2
In y <sup>e</sup> Santoo	on bedsteed 1lb. 15s. Curtains vallens and Curtaine rods 2lb. on flock beed 1lb. yarne 2lb. 1s. Cotton yarn	
In y <sup>e</sup> parlor	10s. a pa. of sheets blankets bolster pillows & pillobys 3lb. 14s.	10—0—10
	on Cubberd 6lb. 10s. a table and form 1lb. 16s. a Round table 1lb. one Chaire 16s. two forms six Joyn stools more Chayrs 1lb. 16s. 10d.	11—18—10
	on dozen of new Napkins 15s. on duzen more 11s. other table linen 12s. 4d.	1—18—0
	thirteene sheets seauen pillobys	5—18—9
In y <sup>e</sup> kitchen	three brass kittles 2lb. 8s. two lc. kittles 7s. one brass pot 15s. & more bras 19s. 3d.	4—9—3
yron	three yron pots & on kitle pot hooks & hangers Instruments for y <sup>e</sup> fier and other small things	3—2—0
pewter	six platters 1lb. 17s. more dishes bowls porengers, Candlesticks & flagon & other things 1lb. 15s. 8d. latten dishes & wooden Ware & Earthen Ware stillyards a table & other things	3—12—8
	in books	3—5—10
	one fowling peice 2lb. 10s. another at 1lb. 10s. two	2—4—6

	Muskts 11b. 4s. three swords & two belts 11b. 15s.	
	bandeleers & Amonition & other Vtincels 31b. 1s.	10— 0— 0
In y <sup>e</sup> kitchen	wheles siues pailles Churne, Cotton woole & other	
leantoo	lumber . . . . .	1—15— 9
In y <sup>e</sup> seller	a Cheespres, Cheese-fats, powdering tubs, beer bar-	
	rells milk vessells Washing vessells & other lumber	2—15— 5
In y <sup>e</sup> house y <sup>e</sup>	one Rugg & one table . . . . .	1—16— 0
Tho: lues in	two hayre rops & planks & a bell . . . . .	1—16— 3
	Corne vpon y <sup>e</sup> ground . . . . .	2—10— 0
In y <sup>e</sup> yard	a paire of wheels & Cart 51b. some stocks of bees	
	11b. yron barr, Chaines settors axes peckax sadle &	
	bridle & other Implements 41b. 1s. 6d. . . . .	10— 1— 6
In y <sup>e</sup> barne	a panell old sadles, rops, traices siths pichforks &	
	other things . . . . .	2— 0— 9
Catle	fower Cows 161b. two hogs & pigs 21b. y <sup>e</sup> great	
	horse 141b. a Mare & Colt 81b. . . . .	40— 0— 0
Land.	six acres of Salt marsh 361b. a twenty acre lot 201b.	
	twenty acrs of pastuer land 1001b. one acre in litle	
	woods 61b. . . . .	162— 0— 0
	Six acres of plowing land behind y <sup>e</sup> orchyard being	
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	201b. . . . .	56— 0— 0
	y <sup>e</sup> old dwelling house wth y <sup>e</sup> old Cow house & y	
	garden Joyning to it & the litle garden before y <sup>e</sup> old	
	house & the land behind y <sup>e</sup> old hous & toward John	
	Blackmans vp to y <sup>e</sup> fence reseruing pt of y <sup>e</sup> land	
	behind y <sup>e</sup> great barne & a Cartway into y <sup>e</sup> feild	40— 0— 0
	y <sup>e</sup> great Barne 201b. y <sup>e</sup> old Corne bought of J <sup>n</sup> o	
	dauenport 61b. . . . .	26— 0— 0
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	& behind y <sup>e</sup> new house downe to y <sup>e</sup> Tan yard &	
	Tan house . . . . .	150— 0— 0
In y <sup>e</sup> Tan-yard	twenty hids 341b. twenty-six hids 201b. thirty-seauen	
	hids 261b. twenty-five hids 221b. ten sids 81b. . . . .	112— 0— 0
	twelve sids 111b. twenty fower sids 211b. 12s.	
	Eleuen sids 91b. 7s. twenty hids 201b. . . . .	61—19— 0
	twenty fower sids 221b. fifteen hids 101b. 10s. peices	
	of leathe 21b. twenty-eight sids 221b. 8s. . . . .	56—18— 0
	twelve hids 121b. thirty-two hids 241b. eight hids &	
	eleuen skins 91b. 10s. five sids 31b. 14s. thirteene	
	sids 111b. 10s. . . . .	60—14— 0
Pits	twenty fower pits 241b. six pits in the meddow 61b.	
	one new pitt out of y <sup>e</sup> ground 15s. The Tan-house	
	Mill and tools 101b. . . . .	40—15— 0
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	Seuerall depts due to y <sup>e</sup> Estate . . . . .	63— 1— 7
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	William Sumner	
	James Humphrey	

The p'sons y<sup>e</sup> prized y<sup>e</sup> stock in tanning,  
John Gornehel  
Henry Bridgham.

Att A meeting of the Gov<sup>r</sup> maj<sup>r</sup> Gene<sup>l</sup> & Recorder in Boston 17 July 1667

Anne Bird relict of Thomas Bird deceased deposed that this paper Containes a true Inventory of the estate of hir late husband to hir best knowledge that when she knowes more she will discover it.

Ewd. Rawson, Recordr.

Present Jno. Leuerett esq<sup>r</sup>. Gour.

& Edw. Tyng Esq<sup>r</sup>. Assist:

22th: 6mo 1673.

Administration to the Estate of Ann Bird (the Relict of the Late Thomas Bird of Dorchester) is granted to Thomas Bird John Bird & James Bird her sons they bringing in an Inventory of said Estate & giueing Security to Administer according to Law.

As Attests Free Grace Bendall Rec.

Suffolk Probate Records, Lib. vii. fol. 413.

An Inuenty of y<sup>e</sup> Estate of Ann Bird Widdow of dorchester who departed this life y<sup>e</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> day of August 1673 taken and aprized by vs whose names are vnder written this 8 day of September 1673.

Imp. wearing aparell of all sorts both linnen and woollen to y <sup>e</sup> Vallew of	17—11—00
beding & table-linen of all sorts to the vallew of	19—01—07
one siluer spoone & a smale p'cell of pewter & brass to y <sup>e</sup>	
Vallew of	03—10—09
tables formes stooles Cushins, Chests trunks boxes books	
Chayers & other lumber to y <sup>e</sup> Vallew of	10—03—03
two hoggs	02—00—00
Stock in y <sup>e</sup> tanyard 240lb.	240—00—00
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	290—06—07
a smale kitle & pot 14s.	00—14—00
depts due to y <sup>e</sup> state from James Bird	06—04—04
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JAMES HUMPHREY.

JAMES BLAKE.

Thomas, John & James Bird of Dorchest<sup>r</sup>, Administrato<sup>rs</sup> to y<sup>e</sup> Estate of their Mother An Bird made Oath in Court this 1<sup>st</sup> 9<sup>br</sup>. 73 that this is a true Inventory of y<sup>e</sup> Estate of their late Mother to the best of their knowledge & that when they know more they will discover it, this thus don, as Attests,

Free Grace Bendall Recordr.

Joseph Bird's inventory, May 14, 1712. Amt. £232.10, taken by John Blake, James Blake, Ebenezer Clap.

—To cash paid Abiel Bird, Adam Winthrop, John Clough.



Nath<sup>l</sup> Bird, minor, a. abt. 17, son of Jas. late of Dorch. constitute Eben<sup>r</sup> Paul of Dorch. Cordwainer Guard<sup>n</sup>. Nov. 4, 1728. Lib. xxvi. fol. 248.

Eben<sup>r</sup> Bird minor a. abt 20, son of Jas. constitute Edw<sup>d</sup> Kilton of Dorch. Housewright, guardn. Nov. 4, 1728.

Jas. Bird adm<sup>r</sup>. on estate of his late father Jas. Bird, late of Dorch. yeoman. Nov. 4, 1728. Inv<sup>y</sup> £1205.18.4.

Will of Ellinor Bird of the parish of Stepney, co. Middlesex, Eng., spinster.—Vnto my two Neices, Rebecca Rand & Sarah Bird all such sums of money as is or shall become due to me from Edward Watts of Winnisemmett near Boston in New England, Schoolmaster, to be equally divided between them, except the sum of five pounds thereof which I Give to thesd Edward Watts in Case he duely pays all the said Moneys & Interest. To my said two Neices, £25, which is in the hands of my said Neice Rebecca Rand. To my said Neice Sarah Bird all my household Goods, & furniture, silver plate & Linnen. My said Neice Rebecca Rand Executrix.

Aug. 19, 1725.

ELLINOR BIRD.

Witnesses, Mary Jordan

Sarah Pattison

Marma Hodgson.

Lib. xxvii. fol. 85.

#### JOHN BIRD.

JOHN BIRD, resident at Roxbury, co. Suffolk, an Inlisted soldier in y<sup>e</sup> Expedition, Now on foot against his Majestys Enemies in North America, under y<sup>e</sup> Command of his Excellency the R<sup>t</sup>. Hon<sup>ble</sup> St. John, Earle of Loudoun, a foot company, of which Beaby is Captain.—28. Ap<sup>l</sup>. 1757. After Debts are paid the Remainder to Rich<sup>d</sup> Lethbridge of Roxbury, Wheelwright, s<sup>d</sup> Richard to be my executor.

Witnessed by John Slack, Henry Howell Williams, Joseph Williams. Proved Ap<sup>l</sup>. 7, 1758.—Lib. liii. fol. 153.—[*Probate Records*.]

#### SAMUEL BIRD.

The venerable Rev. Joseph Allen, D.D., of Northborough, Mass., has been furnishing "Reminiscences of Harvard College" sixty years ago, for the columns of the *Boston Daily Advertiser*. In one of these issues, speaking of a secret society to which he was admitted, entitled "The Institute of 1770," he says, "I well remember how astonished I was to receive a call one day at my room, No. 17 Hollis, from Samuel Bird, a junior, the first scholar in his class, who invited me to walk with him, and who communicated to me the gratifying intelligence that I had been elected a member. This was termed 'sounding' the new member. Mr. Bird was a remarkable young man. He was of age when he left his father's farm; fitted for college in seven months, stood at the head of his class, and graduated with the highest honors but with impaired health and a hacking cough, which terminated in consumption. Soon after commencement his friends sent him to Charleston, S. C., where he died the following winter. He was in his whole *physique*, as well as in his intellect, a model man."

In a letter to us, of Oct. 1, 1870, Dr. Allen thus writes:—"Samuel Bird, of the class of 1809, was I think from Stoughton, the son of a respectable farmer of that place. I did not know him till his Junior year. He then stood at the head of his class, and seemed in perfect health, robust and of manly beauty. He had a very

intellectual countenance, a light, clear, almost transparent face, through which his soul shone forth."

"He kept school in the winters, one or more in Bolton, where he was much admired. He had the first English Oration at Commencement, and I well remember the hectic flush in his face and the *hacking* cough, which interrupted his utterance. We trembled for him and felt that he was a doomed victim of Consumption. His friends sent him to Charleston, S. C., where he found a hospitable shelter and tender care in the house of a benevolent lady of that place, who nursed him till he breathed his last."

#### QUERIES.

Was Samuel Greenway—mentioned in the *History of Dorchester*, page 186, under date of 1657—a son-in-law to Thomas Bird, or to Henry Woodward?

In the N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register, xvi. 340, Anna<sup>b</sup> Kingsbury (76) m. Bird, probably Jonathan. She was born in 1755. Was it Jonathan, son of James (20) and Hannah (Wales) Bird?

#### BIRD.—MARRIAGES, BIRTH AND DEATHS.

A list of several, bearing the name of Bird, not entered, we believe, in the preceding genealogy; from Dorchester, except otherwise mentioned.

##### MARRIAGES.

- \* Ann Bird to Abraham Ireland, of Charlestown, April 8, 1736.
- \* Sarah Bird to Stephen Haws, Dec. 3, 1736.
- Samuel Cox to Mrs. Elizabeth Bird, Sept. 15, 1767.
- James White and Mrs. Elizabeth Bird, March 28, 1771.
- David Bracket, of Needham, and Mrs. Susanna Bird, of D., May 25, 1779.
- † Richard Leeds and Polly Bird, Nov. 18, 1779.
- Edward Kilton to Hannah Bird, Oct. 29, 1789.
- ‡ John Harrison and Patience Bird, April 4, 1791.
- James Baker 3d to Martha Bird, Dec. 9, 1792.
- Oliver Bird and Abigail Clap, jr., Feb. 5, 1795.
- Ebenezer Pierce, of Warwick, to Mary Bird 3d, of D., Jan. 21, 1796.
- Daniel Talbot and Mrs. Hannah Bird, April 5, 1798.
- Samuel Ward, of Roxbury, to Joanna Bird, of D., Nov. 20, 1799.
- John Taylor, of Boston, and Elizabeth Bird, of D., March 23, 1800.
- Ezekiel Bird, jr. and Charlotte Moseley, Dec. 11, 1803.
- Asa Richardson, of Billerica, and Miss Elizabeth Bird, of D., July 15, 1804.
- John Bird to Miss Ann Newell, Nov. 28, 1804.
- William Henley to Elizabeth Searl Bird, Nov. 10, 1806.
- Jacob Edson and Hannah Bird, May 19, 1811.
- Daniel Hicks and Emily I. Bird, Dec. 20, 1821.
- Otis Nichols, of Medway, and Mary Bird, of D., May 14, 1826.
- Charles Grandison Bird to Martha Cox, Nov. 29, 1832.

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\* Ann and Sarah were, probably, daughters of Benjamin<sup>3</sup>. See page 14.

† Polly may have been the dau. of Edward<sup>6</sup>. See page 21.

‡ Was not Patience, dau. of Henry<sup>4</sup>? See page 19.

William Bird 2d, of D., to Rebecca Smith, of Needham, Oct. 2, 1834.  
 Henry J. Kendall and Mary E. Bird, Oct. 29, 1837.  
 William Carter, jr. to Mary A. Bird, Sept. 27, 1840.  
 Samuel R. Jewett, of Hopkinton, N. H., to Lauretta Bird, of D., Oct. 9, 1842.  
 Thomas Bird to Ann Baker, Nov. 6, 1842.  
 Elijah Bird, jr. and Martha Smith, April 22, 1845.  
 Elijah Bird and Martha McGeoch, Oct. 12, 1845.  
 William H. Pray to Elizabeth S. Bird, Oct. 1, 1848.  
 Francis H. Bird to Emily M. Gates, Aug. 5, 1849.  
 Jacob Homer Crane and Helen Maria Bird, Sept. 23, 1852.

## BIRTH.

Samuel Bradley Bird, son of Isaac, born in Sept. 1794.

## DEATHS.

John Bird, Aug. 5, 1745, a. 21.	Isaac, son of Isaac and Elizabeth, b. in Boston, d. in Dorchester, Feb. 7, 1857, a. 68 years 6 mos.
Jacob, d. Sept. 16, 1799.	
Thomas, Oct. 28, 1805.	William H., son of William and Rebecca, d. May 25, 1857, a. 19 years, 11 mos.
Mary, Jan. 16, 1807.	
Oliver, Sept. 24, 1808.	Eleanor, b. in Medfield, d. in Dorchester, Nov. 5, 1860, a. 71, burned by her clothes taking fire.
Amasa, Oct. 29, 1810, a. 25.	Mary, widow of Calvin, b. in Boston, d. in Rehoboth, April 1, 1862, a. 82; a resident of Dorchester.
Samuel, jr., Sept 14, 1812, a. 31.	Martha A., dau. of Abraham H. Bird, b. in Milton, d. in Dorchester, May 4, 1863, a. 18.
Elizabeth, Jan. 4, 1814, a. 87.	Joel E., son of William, d. in Division Hospital, Va., Dec. 21, 1863, a. 19.
Maria, Jan. 20, 1818, a. 38.	Cornelius, son of Seth and Betsey, b. in Watertown, d. in Dorchester, Sept. 28, 1865, a. 68 years, 10 mos., 19 days.
Joel, May 3, 1817, a. 17.	Hannah, b. in Brookline, d. in Dorchester, July 13, 1867, a. 73 years, 9 mos., 22 days.
Benjamin, May, 1817, a. 40.	Frances Abby, b. in Boston, d. in Dorchester, April 4, 1868, a. 37 years, 4 mos.
Mrs. Mary, April 9, 1822, a. 91.	
Charles, son of Joseph, a. 19, March 8, 1831.	
George, March 29, 1836, a. 50.	
Mrs. Bird, wife of Abraham H. Bird, a. 26, Aug., 1836.	
Miss Hannah, Nov. 9, 1837, a. 62.	
Mrs. Susanna, Feb. 22, 1838, a. 54.	
Mrs. Abigail, May 1, 1838, a. 81.	
Elisha B. Bird, Sept. 22, 1840, a. 29.	
Calvin, March 25, 1841, a. 66.	
George, Aug. 29, 1842, a. 62.	
Priscilla, w. of Elijah, May 24, 1843, a. 50.	
Elizabeth, Feb. 1, 1848, a. 81.	
Abigail, Feb. 5, 1848, a. 81.	
William, Oct. 4, 1855, a. 42 years, 6 mos.	

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Johannah (Leeds) Bird, widow of Joseph (page 12), died Aug. 8, 1738, in the 72d year of her age.

## REV. SAMUEL BIRD, OF NEW-HAVEN, CT.

Since the paragraphs in relation to the above-named individual were in print (pages 17 and 18), we have seen in the Library of the Massachusetts Historical Society, a copy of a sermon preached by him in 1759, bearing the following title :—

“ *The Importance of the divine Presence | with our Host.* ” |  
A | SERMON, | Delivered | In NEW-HAVEN, | April 27th 1759. | To | Col. DAVID  
WOOSTER, And | HIS COMPANY ; | At the Request of the COLONEL. | By the Rev'd  
*Samuel Bird*, V. D. M. | Pastor of a Church of Christ in *New-Haven*. | Published  
at the Desire of many of the HEARERS. | Prov. xxi. 31. *The Horse is prepared  
against the Day of Battle ; | but Safety (or Victory) is of the Lord.* | Hosea ix. 12.  
*Yea, wo also unto them, when I depart from them.* | Printed by *James Parker* and  
Company : Sold by | *John Hotchkiss*, in *New-Haven*. 1759 : | ” 12mo. pp. 24.

On page 14, Mr. Bird—who it will be remembered was a Chaplain in the Army—says :—“ A thorough Reformation in Persons of every Rank, would do more towards recovering our invaded Rights, the securing of our Possessions, the expelling our Enemies, the bringing on an honorable Peace, and the Lengthening out of our Tranquility, than all our military Strength, warlike Preparations, formidable Fleets and numerous Armies. I heartily wish the Experiment might be once made : Verily Sirs, there is nothing like being at good Terms with Heaven ; then, doubtless, would God bless our Artillery, and lend us the Artillery of Heaven ; or rather manage it himself for us, which would not fail of doing our Business, and thus thousands of Lives, and Millions of Money might be saved to us.”

We append an extract from a letter written by Hon. J. Hammond Trumbull, of Hartford, Connecticut, dated Dec. 26, 1870.

“ The best account of Mr. Bird's ministry at New Haven is in the Rev. Dr. Dutton's *History of the North Church in New Haven, 1742-1842*, in three Sermons (New Haven, 1842). Dr. Dutton writes (p. 59), that Mr. Bird died, at the age of sixty years, on the 3d of May, 1784, of inoculation for the small pox, and was buried at midnight. He refers to President Stiles's Literary Diary as his authority. In a note, Mr. Bird is said to have married, first, Mabel Jenner, who died early, leaving one child, a son ; and second, Sarah, daughter of John Prout, Esq. of New Haven, who had twelve children. One of these was the second wife of Deacon Levi Ives, of New Haven, and died in 1838. In a Catalogue of the members of the ‘ Church in the United Society in New Haven,’ printed in 1855, I find the name of *Sarah Bird*, received to membership by certificate, June, 1771 ; died, 1811, aged 72. The date of admission probably indicates, nearly, the time of Mr. Bird's second marriage.”

“ He was dismissed, at his own request, on account of his ill health, January 19th, 1768—the church and society expressing their ‘ grateful sense of his great and eminent services.’

“ I do not now remember any other published sermon of Mr. Bird's than the one you mention—preached before Wooster's Company in 1759.”

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BIRD, JONATHAN, JR. [See No. 30, pages 15 and 21.]

“ On Friday last departed this Life at Dorchester, Mr. Jonathan Bird, junr, in the 35th Year of his age ; He was a Gentleman justly esteemed, Faithful and Honest in all of his Concerns of Life, ready on all occasions to relieve the Necessities of the Necessitous, a loving Husband, & a tender Parent ; his Death is greatly lamented by all with whom he was connected. He has left a disconsolate Widow & two small children.”—*Postscript to News-Letter*, 6 July, 1769.

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#### ON A MONUMENT IN ACTON, ENGLAND.

Al yow this way by me sal pas,  
 Considyr what I am and who I was.  
*Bird* I was first *John* by name ;  
 Here in Acton Preest and Parson of the same.  
 Fifty yere and three gouerne did I here,  
 And fynisht my liff in the two and fortyth yere,  
 Aftyr a thowsand ceece of owr Lords first commyng,  
 In erth me to redeme by sore payne sufferyng :  
 And now I haue payd the stipend of this lyff,  
 Yeldyng my flesh to wormes wythout eny stryff.  
 For my soul intercede that glory it may opteyne.  
 Where with the blessyd Trinity eternally it may reyne.  
 And for yow ageyn prey by whos cherite I am relevyd  
 To sweet Iesu with whos blood I am redemyd.  
*Weever's Ancient Funerall Monuments, 1631.*

In 1647, Mr. Emanuel Bird gave £6 per annum forever to the church of St. Michael Basinghall. That is the church of St. Michael in Basinghall Street, London.—*Hatton's London, 1708.*

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 In the foregoing genealogy the positions of Jonathan<sup>b</sup> Bird, senior, on page 18, paragraph 19, and that of Jonathan<sup>d</sup>, senior, on page 21, paragraph 30, should be reversed.



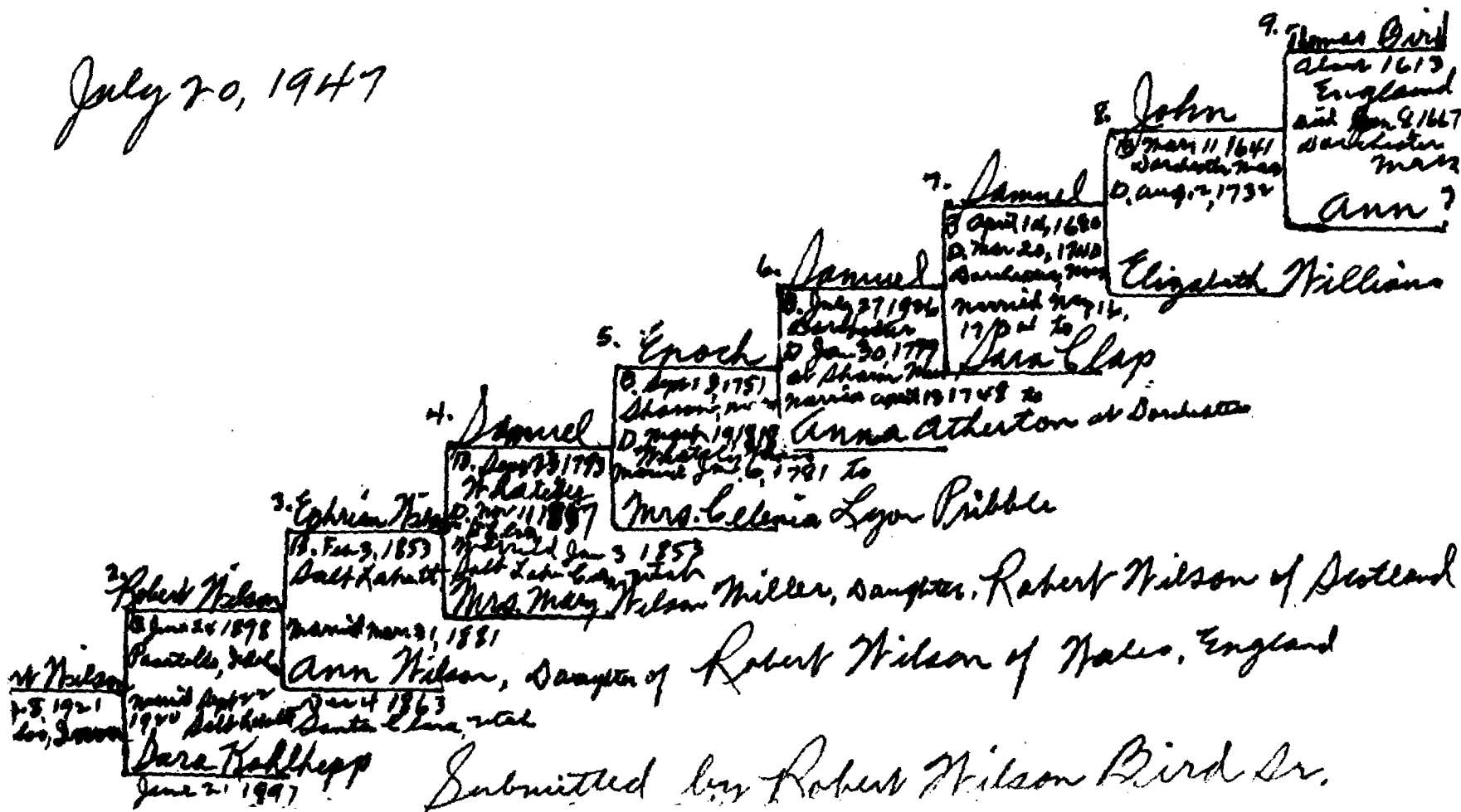


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July 20, 1947





Robert Wilson Bird (<sup>3</sup>Ephraim Wilson, <sup>1</sup>Samuel, <sup>4</sup>Enoch, <sup>5</sup>Samuel, <sup>6</sup>Samuel, <sup>7</sup>John, <sup>8</sup>Thomas)  
Born June 24 1898. at Pocatello, Idaho, Mr. Sara Ella Kohlhepp of  
American Falls, Idaho Born June 21, 1897. Married Sept. 22, 1920.  
Salt Lake City, Utah (Mormon Temple) Twelve children:  
Now at 2205-10<sup>th</sup> St. Berkeley 2, California - 1949

Robert Wilson Jr. Born Aug. 8, 1921 Waterloo Iowa  
Amelia " April 29, 1923 Pocatello Idaho

Elsie Anna Born June 16 1924 Pocatello Idaho.

Muriel Elmer " July 19, 1926 Pocatello Idaho.

Maurine " Nov. 10 1927 Pocatello Idaho

Geraldine " Oct. 15 1929 Sacramento, California

Samuel Kohlhepp " May 25 1931 Sacramento California

Laura May " May 16 1933 Sacramento, California

Lucille " Sept 17 1934 Sacramento, California

Elsie Adorja " Aug 15 1935 Sacramento, California

Sara Ruth " Sept. 5, 1940 Mesa, Arizona

Richard Ephraim " Nov. 22 1942 Richmond, California

