

ANCESTRY

OF

CAPT. TIMOTHY PROUT,

OF BOSTON, MASS.

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IN the wills, parish register extracts, and other evidences which follow, I have great pleasure in laying before the readers of the REGISTER (by the kind permission of Mrs. William Gaston, on whose behalf the researches were undertaken), indubitable proof of the English ancestry of Captain Timothy Prout of Boston, a well known and highly esteemed citizen,* whose grandson of the same name, removing to Saco in the now State of Maine, bequeathed his name to his purchase of the Cammock Patent at Black Point, now Prout's Neck,† and, it is probable, was instrumental in giving the name of his grandfather's birthplace to the neighboring town of Biddeford.

It may be noted that, while Timothy Prout of Boston was clearly the Timothy son of William and grandson of Hugh Prout of Biddeford in Devon, the researches made show that the family were not indigenous to that place, but that the putative father of Hugh, Thomas Prout, who died there in 1561, was the first of the name to settle there. Now there are two quite distinct foci of Prouts, from a very ancient date, in the West Country (the name being rare in all other parts of the Kingdom), viz., in Gloucester and Cornwall, the latter having their chief seat in and about Launceston in that County, and from this last family I incline to believe that our Biddeford and New England Prouts have sprung, from the indications given by Christian and family names as, for example, the Worthen connection, shown in the wills of Hugh and Joan Prout of Biddeford and the Chancery Proceeding of Prout *vs.* Billing which follow, and other internal evidence, which an examination of the parish registers in Launceston and vicinity will no doubt verify. It should also be remembered that there was a family of Prowse in this same neighborhood which might easily be confused with the Prouts,‡ and who were, no doubt, originally of cognate stock. In view of the probable future connection of all these Cornwall and Devon folk it has seemed best to print all of the wills found, both in the Local and Prerogative Courts, of persons of the name, but omitting Prowse, Pruett, Proude, etc., with whom no connection could be traced.

* He was Surveyor of Port of Boston 1682, Captain of Forts and Artillery 10 Oct., 1683, on Committee for settlement of Deeds with Indians 16 Sept., 1685, Selectman 1684 to 1690, Representative to Gen. Court 1685, 1686, 1689 and 1692.

† History of Scarborough, in Maine Hist. Colls. vol. iii., page 221.

‡ See Admon. of Thomas Prowse of Hennock, 1643, in Arch. Totnes, but calendered as Thomas Proute.

It seems more than a mere coincidence that the first Capt. Timothy Prout should have commanded a vessel named the "Increase," when viewed in connection with the marriage of his sister in 1616 to Richard Ley, and compared with the well known ship Increase of London, Robert Lea master, whose name occurs so frequently about 1635 as bringing passengers to New England,* as, while it is hardly probable that it was the same vessel, it might readily be conjectured that the later was named for an earlier one owned by a family connection. The recurrence of the names of Susan and Eunice, mother and sister of Timothy, among his descendants, would be almost sufficient to confirm our belief in his identity; but his age, as given at a deposition in 1661 as forty,† and again as "over 80" at his death in 1702, leaves no room for doubt in the case.

For valuable advice and aid in these researches I have to thank my esteemed friend and correspondent, Mrs. F. B. Troup of Offwell House, Honiton.

PROUTE WILLS IN EXETER COURTS.

Consistory Court—1531 to 1700.

Will of John Prowter of Swymbridge. Dated 4 May 1547. To the light before the High Cross a shepe. To St. Jamys iiiij^d. To Joane my daughter at my departing five marks. To Thomysyn my daughter xⁱⁱ if so be she shall have the place, she shall abyde the reward of her mother. All the rest to Beatyn my wiffe and she to be Executrix. Witn:—John Vele, curat, John Sanford, William Venell, Myghell Smallyng Richard Can.

Filed No. 242.

Will of John Prowte of Lanivet, Co. Cornwall, Tinner. Dated 9 Maye 1613. To poor of Lanivet. To Elizabeth Lukye two Deals of my tenmt in Trebell which is taken to her by lease. To John Lukye of Trebell best Girkin. To Elizabeth Lukye a Lambe. To John Lukye one Ewe. To godson John sonn of Hugh Lukye a Lambe. To Godson John Hawkins a Lambe. To god-dau. Elizabeth Hawkins a Lambe. To godson William Rosevern a Lambe. To John Olver xx^d. To John William xx^d and to his brother Thomas William xx^d. All the rest to Alice my wife, Andrew, John and Radulph, my sonnes and Wilmote my daughter and they Exors. Overs. John Margaret and Stephen Worthvale. Doles and portions of doles in Tinwork, Colworke, Barque, Trebellpitt and fenton. Witn:—John Lukye and Henry Olver. Inv. taken 27 May 1613, total xlvjⁱⁱ xvij^s—ij^d.

Filed No. 182.

Admon. of Hugh Prowte of St. Stephens juxta Launceston, co. Cornwall, granted 6 April 1622 to son Richard Prout to administer goods etc. not fully administered by John Prowte of St. Stephens by Launceston, deceased. Bond of Nicholas Prowte in 40^s.

Filed No. 305

Will of Richard Prowte of Lawhitton, Co. Cornwall, yeoman. Dated 3 Jan. 1660. To John Prowte my second sonne £8 to make £10 which he hath already received. To Richard Prowte my third sonne £5. To Joseph Prowte my youngest sonne £5. To all my grandchildren 5^s a peece. To poor of Lawhitton 3^s 4^d. All the rest to Thomas Prowte my eldest sonne. Witn:—Richard Morsham and Robert Hembly. Further I

* Hotton's Lists and Drake's Founders.

† Pioneers of Mass., page 375.

give to Mary Knowsley 5^s. To my dau. Elizabeth Brandon 3^s 4^d. Inventory taken 27 Dec. 1661, total £70-5-4. Filed.

Will of Mary Prowt of South Petherwyn, Co. Cornwall. No date. To Thomas Prowt my brother £4. To Francis Prowt my brother 40/. To all the rest of my brothers and sisters 12^d apiece. To Elizabeth dau. of Thomas Prowt 20/. To Elizabeth Warren dau. of William Warren £3. To Jhoan Chaldon my book called *sinsere comfort*. To patience Carry my best hand kercheef. To minister that shall preach my funeral sermon 17/. All rest to sister Jhane wiffe of William Warren. Witn:—John Prowt and Sampson (*sic*) Inv. taken 2 Aug. 1662, £25-13-4. No date probate but in bundle for 1662. Filed.

Admon. of Matthew Prowte of Clawton granted—May 1678 to John Webbe of Holsworthy and Henry Dawe of Clauton the nephews of deceased. Witn:—Francis Olliver & James Bond. Filed.

Will of Nicholas Prowte of Tremeall in Southpetherwin, co. Cornwall, Sargeweaver. Dated 16 May 1678. To sonne Nicholas all lands after decease of his mother. To dau. Hannah Proutt £8. To dau. Blanche Proutt £7. To dau. Elizabeth Proutt £7. To sonne John Proutt £5. To sonne Richard Proutt £5. Wife Hannah residue and she Extr., if she marry estate to Nicholas and he to pay her 40/ a year and maintain Richard till he is 15 years old. Witn:—Richard Downe, Margaret Geddy. Inv. taken 6 September 1678, total £21-4-8. No date of probate. Filed.

Dean and Chapter—1551 to 1713.

Will of Michael Proute of Stafferton (*i.e. Slaverton*). Dated 26 July 1551. To the Vicar of Staferton for tithes forgotten xij^d. To poor man's box iij^s iiij^d. To euery of my chylldren iiij^s. To euery of my childers children a shepe. To Tams Emmett, that was my servant, xx^s. To her brother Roger Emmett x^s. The rest to my wife Margery. Witn:—Rowe, Nicholas Joysh and Johane Epston (?) *

Archdeaconry of Exeter—1545 to 1644.

Nuncupative Will of William Prowte late of Bampton. Dated 9 March 1607. To three sonns, Thomas, Henry and William Prowte, three platters. To Henry best suit. All the rest to wife Mary who is Executrix. Witn:—Richard Brooke and John Norman. Adm. cum Test. granted to widow Marie Prowte ultimo die Martii 1608. Inventory xix^{li} iiij^d. Filed.

Archdeaconry of Totnes—1555 to 1647.

Will of John Prowte of Buckfastleigh 1577. (*So in Calendar, but the document lost from the files.*)

Deanery of Totnes.

Admon. of John Prowte of Plimouth granted 8 October, 1632, to Robert Hingston, the principal creditor etc.

Deanery of Plimpton.

Admon. of Thomas Prowte of Hennock—1643. (*So in Calendars, but the documents show*) Admon. of Thomas Prowse of Hennock granted 12 September 1643 to Grace Prowse and Nicholas Coombe of citie and county of Exeter, woolman, as bondsman. Witn: William Samthill and Frances Cook. Inventory 24 August 1643 total £85-4-6.

Deanery of Totnes.

* This will, which is very faded and indistinct, was entered in the Calendar as "Michael Proud."

Principal Registry—1571 to 1652.

Will of John Prowte the elder, of Tremayne, in Co. Cornwall, yeoman, sick in body but whole in mynde. Dated 17 December, 34 Elizabeth. To poor man's box xij^d. To Seson Mayne *als* Hop ij Cowes and the heaver is the calfe of the cow called lylle. To said Sesian on pann called the chese pann and on platter Dishe performed and on bushell of wheat to be paid after harvest next after the decease of said John Prowte, thelder. To sonne John's 2 children ij^s. To Robert Hope *als* Mayne his children ij^s. To Simond french his child xij^d. To Robert Batten's children, xvj^d. To sonne Richard on grea mare and my great breuen pann. All rest of my good goods (*sic*) and cattels to sonnes Richard and Thomas whom I ordayne joyntly whole Executors and that they shall not defraud on the other of his right. I doe owe vnto my sonne John viij^{li} and it shall be pay^d. I doe owe vnto John Dawe by my hand (*crossed out*). Debts owed me by Robert Batten viij^{li} which I paid for him vnto John Daw and the said Robert doth owe me xxxij^s viij^d which I paid Alse Dogge. Witn:—John prowte the younger mrk, Nicholas addre mrk., teste me Thomas Towse. Inventory taken 29 May 1601 total xliij^{li} vj^s ix^d. Filed.

Will of John Prowte of Tynure in the parish of Clawton. Dated xx January 1612. To the poor of Clawton iij^s iii^d. To Gregory Prowtes three daughters a sheepe a peyce to every of them. To William Lokes two children a sheepe a peyce. To Thomas Prowtes daughter Elizabeth Prowte a sheepe. The residue to Thomas Prowte my brother whom I make Executor. Witn:—Richard Cornworthy and William Hopper. Inventory 24 May 1613, total vj^{li} vj^s viij^d. Filed.

Will of John Prowte of Lanivet 1613. (*Duplicate of Will filed in the Consistory Court—q. v.*)

Admon. of Hugh Proute of St. Stephen Launceston 1622. (*Duplicate of Admon. filed in Consistory Court—q. v.*)

Will of Thomas Prowte of St. Stephens by Launceston. Dated 27 february 1622. To be buried in Church of St. Stephens. To poor of same parish 40/. To daughter Mary, wife of Stephen Jeffery £40. To grand-daughter Joane Jeffery £40. To Nicholas sonn of Stephen Jeffery £5. To Stephen sonn of same £5. To sonn William Prowt's three daughters remaining at Aldercombe £30. To sonn William Prowte my tene-ment at Tintagel and all my cattell there and £100. To now wife Alice Prowte my dwelling and grounds for term of years, after her decease to William Prowte my grandchild and to said wife my Parlour above the hall, the Chamber over said Parlour wth all thereto belonging, with garden to same Parlor (*sic*) remainder to sonn William and after his death to his son William and his heirs. To said wife two closes at the hill head with a little meadow, my barne and meadow at the towns end, with two closes at the cross lanes (rem. as before) and tenement at Trescott (rem. as before). To Beaton Comtier daughter of William Comtier, my goddaugh-ter 10/. To Jane Prowte, daughter of Richard Prowte, my brother, my godaughter 10/. To wife Alice the lowly Partes, the Stony Style and my part in East Menheniet for term (rem. to son William). To sonn William Prowte my lands at Aldercombe, with rem. to his sonn William.

To Mary, wife of Stephen Jeffery my title to two shops in the Borrough of Newport, which I purchased of Thomas Hole, with rem. to her sonn Nicholas. To Alice and Joane daughters of William Prout £5 a year (*qu. apiece?*) when they are 20 years of age. To my brother Richard Prowt best suit clothes. To sonn William Prowt pair wheeles and one butt.* All rest to wife Alice and she Executrix. To John Blackall 10/ for writing this will. Signs by mark. Witn:—John Blackall, William Comtier & Degory Martin. Inventory 14 May 1625, total £500. Proved 15 January 1625. Filed.

Admon. of Alice Prowte, widow, of St. Stephens neere Launceston (*no date of grant, but*) Inventory taken 1 November 1626, total xlvⁱⁱ.†

Archdeaconry of Barnstable—1576 to 1650.

Will of John Prowte of Hartland. Dated x Aprill 1576. To reparation of parish Church viij^d. To Johane my daughter iij^{li} vj^s viij^d, a bedtye, bolster and a dude (?). To Sarie, my daughter in lawe, my great rosser. To William Prowte my sonne a wether hogge. To John Wilcoke a wether hogge. All the rest to Johane my wife and she Executrix. Witn:—John Holwill, William Steeve, Peter Kyen & others. Proved 25 May 1576. Filed No. 463.

Will of Richard Prowst of Imscott in Hartland, wever. Dated 2 September 1580. To sonn John Prust a pair of weaving lombes with his furniture, with all planckes and beams that lieth in the same house where the lombe do remayne. To Joane my daughter, my great brazen panne, wth certaine ffeathers that lyeth in a barrell in my house. To Walter my sonn and John Prust, my sonne xxv^s a peece. To Anthony Hill two yews. All the rest to Alesonne Prust my wife, and Johane, my daughter. Witn:—Thomas Prust, Richard Seaman and Richard Rowche. Proved 20 May 1581. Filed No. 204.

Admon. of William Prowte of Abbotsham granted 1585 to wife Marie Proute. Filed.

Will of Hugh Proute of Bedeford, co. Devon. Dated 6 July 1619. To my wife Johan Proute for her life, my right in dwelling in Horestone Lane held for 99 years on lives of William Proute, Richard Proute and Susan Proute, my children, with remainder after her death, to my daughter Susan, wife of Richard Leighe, and after decease of my sonn Richard, to Phillip daughter of Richard Proute. To my sonn William my tablebord in the hall. To my daughter Susan my Cribbone ‡ in the hall. To my sonn Richard my best crock and pann. To Unice, daughter of my sonn William Proute, one platter dish. Witn:—Richard Leighe and Thomas Worthen. Inventory taken 17 June 1619. Total £35 15s. 0d. Proved 24 July 1619. Filed.

* A cart.

† This document was incorrectly endorsed and calendared as of "St. Thomas juxta Launceston." She was evidently the widow of the Thomas Prowte whose will precedes.

‡ I fail in any archaic dictionary to identify this article.

Admon. of Johane Prougter of Normolton granted 1620 to
Emme Prougter her sister etc. Inventory £6-3-0. Filed.

Will of Joan Prowte of Byddeford, co. Devon, widdow. Dated 17 March 1622. To sonn William Prowte my two Neste Bedsteads. To Timothy Proute, his sonne, my cubboard in y^e spennce, and my high Chaire in y^e Hall. To Unice Proute, the daughter of William Proute, my grene Petticote and my black waste cote. To my sonne Richard Proute, my best Candel stick and to all his children xij^d a peece. To my daughter in law, Susan Proute, my second best Cloake and my second beste Apron. All the rest to my daughter Susan Ley, whom I appoint executrix. Witn:—Thomas Worthen and Elizabeth Ellis. Inventory taken 21 April 1623, total £7-44-8. No date of probate, but in file of year 1623. Filed.

PREROGATIVE COURT OF CANTERBURY.

Devon and Cornwall Prouts—1599 to 1700.

Will of William Prout of St. Stephens next Launceston, co. Cornwall, gentleman, sicke in body. Dated xxviiij March, 3 Chas., 1627. To my wife Bridget use of all household goods in my house at Aldercome until sonn William Prout is 21, with remainder to dau. Elizabeth and to her £100 at 21. To dau. Alice Prout £5 in one year. To dau. Johan Prout £20 in one half year. To dau. Pricilla Prout £50 in 7 years. To dau. Bridgett Prout £50 in 7 years. To godson Steephen Jeffrie £5 and to Johane Jeffrie 20^s. To poor of St. Stephens aforesaid 50s., of St. Leonards 5s., and of Kilkhampton 5s. To William Coriton, Esq., Steephen Jefferie and John Wadge, two parts in three partes to be devided, of the fourthe parte of the Barton of Aldercome in Kilkhampton and to said William Coryton, Esq., the guardianship of my son William Prout till 21, and said William Coryton Res. Leg. and Exor. for use of my sonn William. Witn:—Wm: Prideaux and William Coysgarne. Signs by mark. Proved at London 7 September 1627 by Exor. Skynner 89.

Will of George Proute the eldest of the parish of Gorren, co. Cornwall, yeoman, sicke of body. Dated 14 September 1655. To daughter Ellynor £6 in three years and to her all right, Tittle and Interest which J haue in Rice her tearme. To daughter Grace 20s. in three years. To each of my grandchildren 2s. My sonne George Res. Leg. and Exor. Witn:—John Michell, Nathaniel Cox, fardinando Knowles, signe of William Nott, Richard Rote. Proved at London 28 April 1656 by Exor.

Berkeley 112.

ADMONS. 1599 to 1700.

Admon. of Hugh Proute late of St. Stephens near Launceston, co. Cornwall granted 26 July 1610 to Thomas Bewes, next of kin, etc. fo. 205.

Admon. of David Prowte late in parts beyond sea deceased, granted 29 December 1646 to Joanne Prowte the relict. fo. 152.

Admon. of William Prowte late in parts beyond sea deceased, granted 13 July 1649 to Susanne Trosse a Creditor. fo. 78.

Admon. of Alice Prowte late of Bampton, co. Devon., granted 20 October 1654 to Grace Norris, wife of John Norris and sister of deceased etc.
fo. 106. II.

Admon. of William Prout late of Tintagell, co. Cornwall, granted 10 August 1658 to reliet Joane Prout etc.
fo. 214.

Admon. of Martin Prout late of ship John and Margaret but on high seas, a widower, deceased, granted 9 December 1667 to Joane Prout the sister.
fo. 185.

Admon. of William Prout late in ship Herringbone in King's service, a bachelor, deceased, granted 6 July 1689 to Elizabeth Wood, principal Creditor, etc.
fo. 114.

Will of Ephraim Lambert of the parish of Bucklandbruer, co. Devon., Blacksmith, sicke in body. Dated 18 August, 13 Chas I, 1637. To parish Church of Bucklandbruer 10^s to be bestowed by Mr. Robert Davie, Vicar. To poor of same parish 20^s. To brother in lawe Joell Crocker in Plymouth, Blacksmith, his children £5. To sister Ruth Harris of Northam and her children £10. To nephew Alexander Aire, eldest sonne of Arthur Aire, my brother in lawe, £10 and to the other four children of Arthur Aire £8. To my nephew and godson Timothie Prout, being the onlie sonne of William Prout, my brother in lawe, £5. I forgive brother in lawe William Prout and his wife Susanna, my sister, all debts whatsoever they owe mee. To my two brothers Benjamin Lambert and Joshua Lambert in Jreland 40^s apiece if they come over to receive it. To brother in lawe Vmphrey Beard 40^s. To my apprentice John Taprill, being sonne of Timothie Taprill of Thorneburie £5. To goddaughter Debora Taprill daughter of Timothie Taprill aforesaid £2, and to Jeremiah Taprill, sonne of the same £1. To Thomas Wallis the sonne in lawe of Mathew Parker, my brother in lawe of St. Denys in co. of Cornwall £2. To godsonne Arthur Champion of St. Denys, Cornwall, £2. To godsonne Ephraim Harris, sonne of my Cozen Obed Harris of Northam, 2 Ewe sheepe. To godsonne Samuell Sheare, sonne of Edward Sheare of Helserie, 2 Ewe sheepe. To Ephraim Short, sonne of John Short of frithelstocke, 2 Ewe sheepe. To uncle Bartholomew Lambert of Biddeford £1 and to his three daughters Constans, Susanna and Margerie £1 apiece. To Anna and Robert, children of Robert Davie Vicar, £1 apiece. To neece Marie Prust, daughter of Baptist Prust, my brother in lawe of Biddeford, £10. All bequests to be paid within three years of Death of my wife Ebbott. My brother in lawe Edward Beer to be ioynt Executor with Mr. Robert Davie o^r Viccar and they to have all goods vpon North Heale, all bandes and Debts, with Chattele Lease of North Heale or lyving of North Heale during the two lifes of Marie Prust and Alexander Aire, they providing for my wife Ebbott. Overseer Edward Sheare of Holserie and to him £1. Withn:—Bartholomew Hatches signe, Richard Heales marke. Proved at London 10 November 1637 by Exors. named in will.

P. C. C. Goare, 151.

Will of Thomas Lambert the Elder of Great Torrington in the countie of Devon, yeoman, Dated 26 february 1643. To poor of Great Torrington 16^s at funerall. To sonne John Lambert of Bideford, Blacksmith, 10^s.

To brother Bartholomew Lambert of Bideford, Blacksmith, my best dublett and hosse. To servant maide Priscilla Moore 5^s. All rest of goods, chattels and cattles unto Willmote Lambert my now wife, and Thomas Lambert my sonne, whom I doe alsoe make Joynte Executrix and Executo^r. Signs by mark. (sicke and weake). Witn:—Henry Hole, Richard Willis mark, and Richard Cadbury. Seal—A Star (*not heraldic*) Proved 3 May 1645. Archdeaconry Barnstable. Filed Will.

Will of Richard Ley of Bideford, co. Devon, Blacksmith. Dated 13 January 1657. To the poore of the parish of Bideford 40^s. To my sister Elizabeth Casie of High Porckenton 40^s and to her children 4^s a peece. Whereas I have lately purchased an Estate of Inheritance in ffee simple of my brother in Lawe Richard Clifton of two parts of one Tenement called Sidnam and Sidnam Meadowe in the possession of Richard Clifton, Andrew Treweene and Priscilla Treweene within the parish of Mary Weeke, co. Cornwall, the same shall be unto my now Wife Hannah for life and after her decease unto my kinsman John sonn of Cornelius Clifton of Weeke Saint Mary and his heires for ever. My wife Residuary Legatee and sole Execut^r. Signs by mark. Witn:—Elizabeth Clifton mark, William Robins mark, and Gabriell Beale. Proved at London 4 May 1658 by Extr^x. named in will. P. C. C. Wootton, 253.

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Baptisms.

- 1588 John and William sonnes of Hugh Prowte 23 Julye.
- 1592 Joan daughter of Hugh Prowte 27 March.
- 1595 Richard sonne of Hugh Prowte 20 Aprill.
- 1600 John sonne of Hugh Prowte 12 Aprill.
- 1619 Eunice daughter of William Prowte 30 Maye.
- 1620 Timothie sonne of William Prowte 18 March.
- 1624 John sonne of William Prowte 11 July.

Marriages.

- 1578 William Lamprey and Agnes Proute 25 January.
- 1616 Richard Ley and Susan Prowte 1 May.
- 1616 William Prowte and Susan Lambert 30 December.
- 1626 Thomas Worthen and Jane Iwick 7 August.
- 1641 John Crellock and Phillipe Prout 13 October.
- 1656 Richard Ley of Bydeforde and Hanna Clifton, the daughter of William Clifton deceased of the pish. of Weeke St. Mary, weare maryed by Mr. John Boole, Maior, the 14 day of October 1656. In the p'sence of Tymothy Prout and Gabriell Beale.

Burials.

- 1561 Thoms Prowte 22 Jan^y.
- 1586 A child of Hugh Prowte 23 November.
- 1590 John sonne of Hugh Prowte 23 Maye.
- 1605 John sonne of Hugh Prowte 6 May.
- 1613 Wilmote wife of Bartholomew Lambert 24 October.

- 1619 Hugh Prowte 10 June.
- 1623 Richard Lamprey 25 November.
- 1623 Joane Lambert 14 March.
- 1633 Agnis Lanpree 28 October.
- 1637 Mary wife of William Lambert 18 April.
- 1642 Bartholinus sonn of John Lambert 10 December.
- 1643 Thomas Worthen 16 November.
- 1646 Mary Lambart 14 July.
- 1649 Bartholimu Lamberte 24 July.
- 1654 William Prowte 13 february.
- 1656 Susanna wife of Richard Ley died 21 bur^d 23 May.
- 1656 Jane Worthen, weddowe, died 14 bur^d 15 October.
- 1657 Richard Leay died 19 bur^d 20 March.
- 1662 Anthony Lamberte 4 May.
- 1666 John Lambert 16 January.

SUNDRY PARISH REGISTER NOTES.

Braunton.

Baptisms.

- 1603 Charles son of Emmanuel Lamprye and Margaret 26 April.
- 1605 George son of James Lamprey and Mary 20 May.
- 1664 Agnes daughter of Griffey Prout and Joan born 7 July bapt. 25 July.

Burials.

- 1582 Eme wife of William Lamprey 3 April.
- 1588 Joan daughter of John Lamprey 20 August.
- 1623 Margery wife of John Lamprey 5 July.
- 1630 Marie wife of James Lamprey 18 May.

Hollacombe.

- 1681 John Proute and Mary Dunne married 3 April.

St. Giles in the Wood.

- 1627 Richard Proute* and Agnis Waimouth 27 June married.

Hartland.

- 1650 Sept. 3. John Prout and Christian Velly married.

Sheviock.

- 1620 Nov. 27 John Chub and Johane Prowt.

TRANSCRIPTS IN DIOCESAN REGISTRY AT EXETER.

Langtree.

- 1612 Thomas Prowte, curate, signs transcript.

* Perhaps a second marriage of Richard the uncle of Capt. Timothy Prout.

Tavistock.

1620 Dennis wife of John Prout buried.

Tiverton.

1669 Buried. George Prowte 6 february.

MARRIAGE ALLEGATIONS IN DIOCESE OF EXETER.

1526—1632.

1579—80 Jan. 28. John Prowte and Mary Smale of St. Mary Magdalen, Launceston (*Cornwall*).

1628—9 Jan. 15. Arthur Budley of Kilkhampton and Bridget Proute, widow,* of the same.

1630—1 Feb. 19. Thomas Deymont of Bovytracie and Elizabeth Prowte of the same.

CHAN. PROS. CHAS I. P. 57—23.

Peperell vs. Prout. Bill Dated 31 May, 1625.

Your Orator William Peperell of St. Stephens by Lauceston, co. Cornwall, sheweth that, Whereas your Orator is seised of an estate of inheritance consisting of divers messaages and lands, &c. in said parish and of term in lands called Pegland, *als.* Peggaland there, for 40 years, to commence after the death of Edith, now wife of Degory Martin of St. Stephens, yeoman; and about 3 years last past has taken the profits of said estate to his own use. But now see it is one Thomas Prout of St. Thomas by Lauceston, clerk, and Agnes his wife, and the said Degory and Edith Marten, have gotten into their possession divers writings and evidence and also said lease of 40 years, and refuse to deliver up the same though gently requested and have conveyed amongst themselves divers estates in the lands, unknown to your Orator.

Joint Answer of all the Defendants Dated 18 June 1 Chas.

Thomas and Agnes Prowt do not know Orators' status in the land called Pegland; They have no writings as alleged.

Degory and Edith Marten say that Robert Peperell, Orator's grandfather, was seised of tenements in the Borough of Newport and parish of St. Stephen and before his death, viz. about 4 years since, he made a conveyance thereof to himself for life, with remainder to Orator and heirs male of his body, with contingent remainder to Robert Peperell, Orator's brother, in tail male, and to Christopher Peperell, another brother, in tail male; One Christopher Peperell, dec'd., Orator's father, and late husband of defendant Edith, held a term of 40 years to commence after death of himself and said Edith in Pegland, by grant of one Thomas Gewen, which term he assured (as defendant Edith has heard him say) to his sons Robert and Christopher. The said Christopher dec'd. made a Nuncupative Will and made said Edith his Executrix. Within two or three days of his death, his son, the Orator, brought a written paper to defendant Edith and entreated her to seal same, which she did, not knowing the contents thereof.

* Widow of William Prout of St. Stephen's next Launceston. See his will 1637, in P. C. C. (Skynner, 89).

She proved the will. Since her marriage with defendant Degory, there have been differences with orator about lands called Pegland, which was composed by mediation of one Richard Gedy, Esq., and one William Courtier, when it was agreed Edith should make a conveyance devised by one Phillip King, gent., of said lands to Orator, for so many of the 40 years as Orator should outlive Edith, Orator paying his said brothers £10, and Defts. to deliver all Deeds to said William Courtier. They are ready to do so as soon as Orator pays the £10, but are unwilling to give them up to Orator because he has no issue male and they have heard that Orator or his wife have given out that they would convey the lands away from Robert and Christopher aforesaid, Edith's sons.

CHANCERY PROS. CHAS. I., P. 29-16.

Prout vs. Billing. Dated xv. November 1625.

Your Orator William Prout of St. Stephens neere Lancelston in Co. Cornwall, gent., sheweth that Whereas one Thomas Jose of Lesneweth in said County, now deceased, about (*blank*) years last past was seized as of fee in certain Lands in the parish of St. Breock *als.* Breage in said County for a good sum of money payed to him by one Thomas Kattenburie and Margerie his wife, did convey to said Thomas and Margerie, and they did, in consideration of a marriage had between your Orator and one Mary Worthen daughter of the said Margerie, assure the said Lands and Tenelements to your Orator, and said Mary his wief for their lives, with remainder to John Prout, the son of your Orator and the said Mary, and after the said Mary died, after whose death your Orator was solely seised thereof etc.

But now see it is That one Richard Billing of St. Brecock aforesaid gent., Henry Blake of St. Brecock, yeoman, and Anthony Wolcock *als* Wolcot of St. Minver in said County, yeoman, having by casual means obtained diuers deeds etc., have by color thereof entered into said Messuages etc. and doe give out that the Inheritance belongs to them and that said Thomas Jose did in his life time, before he conveyed the same to said Thomas Kattenburie and Margerie his wief, make grants to one Johan Palmer and others from whom the said Richard Billings *et al.* do pretend to hold, and they intend to defraud your Orator of said Messuage etc., contrary to all equity and conscience. Your Orator prayeth order that said Defendants be compelled to sett downe the trueth of said premises upon Oath and to grant Writ of Subpœna against said Defendants etc.

To all Christian people to whom this present instrument of protestation may come - Know ye, that Whereas I, Timothy Prout of Boston in New England, Commander of the Ketch called the "Increase" of the same port being bound from Barbadoes to Boston in New England, and to touch at St. Christophers by the way, after by the violence of a Storme was forced out of the Roade, and also by the violence of the same storme was forced to cut the main mast by the Boarde, loosing also the Rudder of the Boate, whereupon, being thus disabled, I make my protest agen the danger of the Seas for all damages hereby sustained, witness my hand the 13th of November 1657. (*Signed*) Timothy Prout.

This done and protested on shore before us whose names are subscribed according to the day and yeere above saide, being within twenty four hours after the saide Ketch's arrival in the harbor at Pequot. (*Signed*) Obadiah Breen (*qu. Brown?*), Nicholas Byram, Richard Haughton.

New London Land Records, Vol. iii., p. 55.

John Prout of Plimoth in the County of Devon in Great Brittain, Mariner, Commander and owner of the good ship "America," now lying in the harbor of New London, of 70 tons burden, sells same vessel to Mr. Richard Lord and John Blackheath of Stratford for £230. Dated 22 April 1669.

New London Land Records, Vol. iv., p. 10.

After disposing of his ship Capt. John Prout settled at New Haven, where he had a grant of land and where he resided until his death in 1719.* He was certainly the John, son of Capt. Timothy Prout, who was baptized at the First Church in Boston 11th day 12th month 1648, aged about 8 days,† and died September y^e 20th 1719 etatis sue 70 years.‡

Marginal note to a Deed dated 21 April 1671, from Judith Winthrop and John Chamberlain, Executors of the last will and testament of Stephen Winthrop, to Edward Rainborow of London.

"On the original Instrumēt is underwritten as follows, in these words:

Boston 20th March 1695/6.

The abovenamed Timothy Prout Sen^r Esq^r, then personally appeared before me the Subscriber, One of his Ma^{ties} Council for the Province of the Massachusetts Bay, and Justice of the peace within the Same, and deposeth upon his Oath, that he was well acquainted With the abovenamed M^{rs} Judith Winthrop widow and relict of Stephen Winthrop Esq^r dec^d, both in New England and in old, and that being upon the Exchange in London, in the Kingdom of England, in the yeare 1671, he was Desired by the abovenamed M^r Edward Raynsborow to go into a Scrivners Shop in London afores^d, to be a witness to a Writeing, and accordingly, this Depon^t went with the S^d Reynesborow, and found the S^d m^{rs} Judith Winthrop and others in a Scriveners Shop, and saw her and John Chamberlain Signe, Seale and Deliver the above written Instrum^t as their Act and Deed as above s^d and that he, Simon Amory and William Prout, set their hands thereto as Witnesses.

Sworn the day and year abovewritten before me John Foster.

Entered at Y^e Request of m^r Benjⁿ Brown p. Joseph Webb Reg^r."

Suffolk Deeds, Vol. viii., p. 194.

From the above evidences we can deduce with certainty the following pedigree:

* Paper on Ancient Maritime Interests of New Haven, by Thomas R. Trowbridge, Jr., read before the New Haven Colony Society, 5 Feb., 1877; 23 April, 1877, and 2 Dec., 1881.

† Ninth Report Record Commissioners of Mass.

‡ Monumental inscription at Center Church, New Haven.

THOMAS PROUT =
of Bideford, Devon.,
bu. there 22 Jan. 1561.

HUGH PROUT = JOANE
of Bideford; will da. 6 June, pro. 19 June, 1619; bu. 10 June same year. (Arch. Barns.)
Will da. 17 Mar. 1622; inv. taken 21 April, 1623. (Arch. Barns.)

AGNES PROUT,
m. 25 Jan. 1578, to Wm. Lamprey.

"a child,"
bu. 23 Nov. 1586.
JOHN,
bp. 23 July, 1588;
bu. 23 May, 1590.
WILLIAM PROUT=SUSAN LAMBERT,
bp. 23 July, 1588; m. 30 Dec. 1616;
bu. 13 Feb., 1654, at Bideford. liv. 1637.
JOAN,
bp. 27 Mar. 1592.
RICHARD PROUT=
bp. 20 Apr. 1595.
JOHN,
bp. 20 Apr. 1600;
bu. 6 May, 1605.
SUSAN,
m. 1 May, 1616, to Rich. Ley
of Bideford. She bu. 23 May,
1656. He m. 2d, 14 Oct. 1656,
to Hanna Clifton, and bu. 20
Mar. 1657. His will da. 13
Jan., 1657, pro. 4 May, 1658.
(P. C. C. Wotton, 253.)

EUNICE,
bp. 30 May, 1619.
MARGARET
1 w., ad. to ch. in
Boston 2 May, 1646;
d. 29 Oct. 1685.
TIMOTHY PROUT.=ELIZABETH
bp. 18 Mar. 1620; 2 w. d. 19 Jan.
called "only son" in 1694, æt. 57.
1637; freem. of Boston
1644; Mr. of Ketch
Increase 1657; Rep.
1685-92; d. 13 Nov.
1702, æt. 80 and over;
will da. 7 Mar. 1699,
pro. 17 Dec. 1702.
JOHN,
bp. 11 July,
1624; d. be-
fore 1637.
PHILLIP (dan.),
m. 13 Oct. 1641,
to John Cullock.
Other children.
WILLIAM PROUT,
a wit. with Timothy
to Winthrop Deed in
Lond. 21 Apr. 1671.

TIMOTHY PROUT=DEBORAH SYMMES,
b. 10, bp. 23 Mar.
1645; Mr. of ship
Providence 1679;
lost at sea before
1699.
d. 13 Mar. 1716.
SUSANNA,
b. 26 Apr. bp. 2 May,
1647.
JOHN PROUT =
bp. 11 Feb. 1647-8;
of Plymouth, co.
Devon, and Mr. of
ship America, 1699;
of New Haven, and
prop. there 1685; d.
20 Sept. 1719, æt. 70.
(M. Ins.)
MARY HALL,
dau. of Henry
Rutherford and wid.
of Dan. Hall, m.
Aug. 1681.
JOSEPH =
bp. 9 Feb. 1650,
town clerk and
treas. of Boston
d. 13 Jan. 1721.
WILLIAM=LOVE =
b. 23, bp.
29 May,
1653.
SAMUEL,
b. 16 Sept. 1673;
prob. d. y.
BENJAMIN,
b. 6 (or 16), bp. 23
July, 1655; d. 5 Apr.
1669.
ELIZABETH
d. of Cap. Timothy
Wheeler; m. 1678;
d. 11 Oct. 1683, at
Charlestown.
TIMOTHY,
of Saco and Scar-
borough, Maine,
1728.
EBENEZER PROUT=GRACE
b. 14, bap. 15 Mar.,
1656; of Concord;
rep. and clk. of
House. 2d wife.

TIMOTHY,
b. 6 July, 1666.
ZACHARIAH,
b. 20 Mar. 1670.
MARGARET,
b. 11 Nov. 1674.

SAMUEL,
b. 31 Jan. 1706; d. y.
JOSEPH,
b. 9 Aug. 1707.
BENJAMIN,
b. 24 Sep. 1709; d. y.
MARY,
m. — Jackson.

MARGARET,
b. 7 June, 1682.
SARAH,
b. 7 Jan. 1684.
JOHN.
MARY,
m. 1 Sept. 1708, to
John Dixwell, son
of Regteide.

EUNICE,
bp. 13 Apr. 1690.
MARY,
b. Apr. 1694; d. y.
JOHN,
b. 6 Nov. 1695; d. y.

1698

