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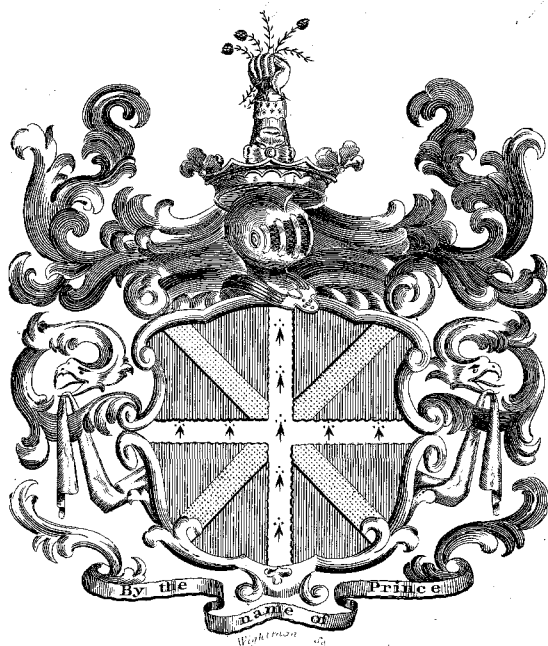
SOME MEMOIRS
OF THE
Life and Writings of the Rev. Thomas Prince,
TOGETHER WITH
A PEDIGREE OF HIS FAMILY.

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REV. THOMAS PRINCE.

No man that has ever lived in New England, can be said to have done more for its history, than the REV. MR. THOMAS PRINCE. Nor, in the opinion of the writer, is any qualification necessary to this assertion, as it is easy to fortify it with undoubted proofs. Few if any approached him in his time in the value of what they did—his literary labors were constant for nearly half a century, and nothing came from his pen which does not *now* possess an historical value. His funeral sermons, unlike nearly all those of his cotemporaries, almost always contain some account of the individuals whose decease occasioned them, and often something of their pedigree. But his greatest literary labor was his incomparable NEW ENGLAND CHRONOLOGY, which for extreme accuracy was probably never exceeded by any author, in any similar work. But it was too great a work for the period in which it appeared—few could appreciate its extraordinary merits, and fewer still probably wished to read a work written for a far higher object than merely to amuse the reader. Hence, on the appearance of the first volume a disappointment seems to have fallen upon the community, and very little, if any, encouragement was proffered the author to continue the work. But conscious that it would be appreciated in no very distant day, he continued to labor upon it, and from time to time, issued a part of a second volume, in pamphlet form. This consisted of three numbers, of thirty-two pages each, which brought down the history of New England to near the close of year 1633. And here it may be proper to remark, that, though the New England Chronology has been reprinted in our time, and very beautifully and accurately too, yet without any corrections or additions, beyond those indicated in the work itself as originally issued. A new edition is very much needed at the present day. The desire for which will probably be much increased, when it becomes generally known that the author left a copy corrected by himself, with numerous important manuscript additions in his own hand. This copy has

recently come into the possession of the Editor of the Genealogical Register, which was the first intimation he had ever had that such a copy existed.

It is not the intention of the writer of this article to go into a formal biography of the Rev. THOMAS PRINCE. That has been well and often done; and it is hardly necessary to inform the readers of the Register, that the article upon him in the "American Biographical Dictionary," by the Rev. Dr. Allen, is nearly all that can be desired as a summary of his life. The object here intended is to bring together some matters of much interest in his personal history, as given by himself, to give a more perfect catalogue of his literary labors than has yet appeared, and a succinct pedigree of his family.

Very soon after Mr. Prince's return from a protracted sojourn in England he became Pastor of the Old South Church in Boston, and colleague with the Rev. Dr. Joseph Sewall. He was ordained on the 1st of October, 1718, and preached his own ordination sermon, "which, (says Dr. Chauncey,) no ordinary man could write!" What object he had in view just ten years after, namely in October, 1728, does not appear from the following advertisement in the New England Weekly Journal, in these words:

"A Farm of 100 acres of choice land in Leicester, to be sold. Inquire of the Rev. Mr. *Prince* in Boston, & know further. Who also intending to Dispose of his Library, desires those who have borrowed Books of Him to return them quickly."

Perhaps he intended going again to England; or the death of his father which occurred a little previous may have occasioned some other contemplated change; whether he sold his library we are not informed, but he probably did not.

In 1734, with Governor Belcher, Mr. Prince made a voyage to the eastern coast of Maine, and his departure is thus announced in the Boston Weekly News-Letter, of the 18th of July, of that year:

"On Monday last, about 6 O'clock in the Afternoon [which was July the 15th] The Rev. Mr. *Thomas Prince* sailed from Boston for the Eastward, in his Majesty's ship Scarborough, Capt. *Durell*, in company with Gov. BELCHER, Hon. JOSIAH WILLARD, Esq. & EDWARD WINSLOW, Esq. Sheriff of the County of Suffolk & Colonel of a Regiment of Foot in this town—They go to take a further view of that spacious Country, &, as we hear, to have an interview with some of the Indian Tribes, to continue & strengthen their friendship with us."

This voyage occupied about sixteen days. A few days after its termination an account of it was given to the public in the Weekly Journal, probably prepared by Mr. Prince. As it is of much interest, and not known to be elsewhere extant, it is here presented:

His Excellency with the other Gentlemen going on board His Majestys ship the Scarborough Capt. Durell Commander, on Monday July 15, at 6 in the Afternoon; quickly set sail, & with a fair wind came to Anchor

in the Eastern, which is the main Branch of Pessamequoddy Harbour, in the Bay of Fundy, on Wednesday Night at 9 o'clock, in 16 Fathom. It is supposed to be the Harbour which the French call St. Croix or near it; which St. Croix is the eastern boundary of *this Province* & the western of *Nova Scotia*; & about 5 or 6 hours sail to Annapolis. The next morning we made Signals for the Inhabitants to come on board: The next Day in the Afternoon, His Excellency with some other Gentlemen went a shoar, but could discover none. And the thick Fogs hindered us from searching for St. Croix river.

Saturday Morning, we came to sail Homeward. In the Afternoon anchor'd in Machius Bay in 12 Fathom. His Excellency &c. went ashoar: tarried in this Harbour on the Lord's-Day: But could see no People here, neither.

Monday Morning we sailed hence, with a Design for *Mount Desart*: But by some mistake *next Day*, we run too much to Leeward to get in before Night: & it being thought too dangerous for His Majesty's Ship to venture into *Penobscot*, we sailed for *Pemaquid*, & on Wednesday at 5 P. M. we came to Anchor there in 12 Fathom, & landed at the *Fort*; which is in a fine Scituation, on the Conflux of two pleasant Bays or Rivers, tho' they are not navigable above 5 or 6 Miles into the Country.

Thursday his Excellency &c. sailed in the Scarborough *Pinnace* up the *Western Bay*, which is called *John's River*, landed, walk'd round the Head, & returned in the Forenoon. And after noon sailed up the Eastern Branch which claims the name of *Pemaquid River*, to the lower Falls thereof, walk'd round them & returned.

Friday Morning, His Excellency, with a guard of 7 or 8 Muskatiens went up to the Head of *John's River* as before; & thence a foot a cross the Woods to the Head of *Damascotty Bay*, & so to the settlements at *Sheepscot*, about 15 Miles, that He might have a view of the Inland Part of the Country. Some of the other Gentlemen going in the Pinnace across the Mouths of *Winnegants* & *Damascotty Bays* near 20 Miles into *Sheepscott River*, & so near 20 Miles farther up to the Place of the *Old Fort*; near which his Excellency met them.

There they all lodged that Night. The *next Day* return together in the Pinnace to the Ship: And the next Day kept our Sabbath in the Fort, which is begun to fall to Ruin. That Evening we set sail from Thence: Monday we sailed all Day in view of the *White Hills*; & in the afternoon, of *Agamenticus*. And Wednesday, July 31, at 6 in the Afternoon arrived at *Boston*. [The next two paragraphs appear to be editorial.]

All that Coast appears to be full of commodious Rivers, Bays, Harbours, Coves, & delightful Islands; the most agreeable Part of the *Massachusetts Province*, both for Scituation, Fishery, Lumber Trade, & Culture, & highly worthy of the Publick care.

We have Advice by the Scarborough, That about the 23d of July last, some Indians came to Capt. Giles at *George's*, & told him, That agreeable to the Treaty of Peace between the English & Indians, which obliged them to acquaint each other of any unhappy Accident or Quarrel that should happen between private persons of either Nation; they were come to inform him, in order to acquaint the Governour, That about 4 days before, some of the Indians about *Mount Desart*, meeting a stray White Man alone in a Canoe with some Goods, which the Indians knew belonged to a Frenchman; the Indians were going to carry the Canoe & Goods to the Owner: But 2 or 3 of the Indians going ashoar, the White man fell upon the remaining Indian in the Canoe, & was upon the Point of drowning him: Upon which the other Indians returning, in the scuffle, kill'd the White Man. This is the substance of the Account the Indians gave to Capt. Giles, who sent it

in a Packet to His Excellency, by a number of Indians to Capt. *Woodside* at Pemaquid, & which his Excellency received upon his arrival there, the 24th of the last Month.

When Mr. Prince published the first volume of his History, the following interesting circumstance took place, which we are induced to notice, it being so different from modern usage, on the publication of important works. The circumstance to which we allude is recorded in the Journal of the House of Representatives, under date of January the 12th, 1736, and is as follows:—

The House being informed the Rev. Mr. *Thomas Prince* was at the Door and desired admittance, Ordered, That Mr. *Prince* be admitted into the House, and coming up to the Table, he addressed himself to Mr. Speaker and the House in the following manner, viz.

Mr. Speaker, *I most humbly present to your Honour and this Honourable House, the first Volume of my Chronological History of NEW ENGLAND, which at no small Expense and Pains I have composed and published for the Instruction and good of my Country.*

And then he made a Compliment of one of the Books to Mr. Speaker by presenting it to him, and another he presented to and for the use of the Members of the House of Representatives, and laid it on the Table, and then withdrew.

The Journal contains no further notice of the proceeding, and whether the House even gave him a vote of thanks does not appear. The Hon. John Quincy was then Speaker of the House, and John Wainwright, Esq., was Clerk. Both of whom were subscribers to the New England Chronology, as probably were the majority of the other members.

One of the most valuable documents in the history of the Prince family is by the Rev. Thomas Prince himself. This fact alone stamps it with a value that will be appreciated. It seems to have been prepared by him on the death of his father, and appeared in the New England Weekly Journal of July the 15th, 1728, and we have no knowledge that it has ever appeared anywhere else. The copy of the Weekly Journal from which we copy it, is one that belonged to the author of the article, as is shown by some manuscript corrections upon it in his own peculiar hand, and is now the property of Mr. J. W. THORNTON, and is as follows:—

Middleborough, East Precinct. Friday, July 5. Last Wednesday Morning, a little after Break of Day, Deceased Here Samuel Prince Esq; one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of Plimouth, after about 10 Days Illness of a Fever, in the 80th year of his Age; being born at Boston May 1649, & his Remains were decently interred Here this afternoon: 5 of the Justices of the County & an ancient Captain of the Town being Bearers.

He was the 4th son of Mr. *John Prince* Ruling Elder of the Church of *Hull*, in New England who was the eldest son of the Rev. Mr. *John Prince* Rector of *East Shefford* in *Barkshire* in *England*, in the Reign of King *James I.* and King *Charles I.* Of whom there was this Remarkable — That tho' He was one of the Conforming Puritans of those Days, who greatly long'd for a farther Reformation, & had Married *Elizabeth* a Daughter of *Dr. Tolderbury D.D.* of *Oxford*, by whom he had 4 Sons & 7 daughters that all grew up, Yet every one of the Children proved Conscientious Nonconformists even while their Parents lived, But without any Breach of Amity or Affection. And thus they continued pretty near together till the furious & cruel Archbishop *Laud* dispers'd them, & drove their

eldest son with so many others into this Country in the Early times of the *Masachusetts* Colony. Where, though He was a young gentleman of a liberal Education, having studded at the University of *Oxford* 2 or 3 years; yet thinking he had not made sufficient Progress in Learning for the Ministry, He applied Himself to Husbandry, Married Mrs. *Alice Honor*, by whom he had 7 Sons & 2 Daughters, & died *August* 16, 1676 in the 66th year of his Age, grately lamented. The sons as they grew up, took to Sea. *John* the eldest died at *Hull*, *Joseph* at *Quebeck*, *Job* was lost in the *Channel* of *England*, *Benjamin* died at *Jamaica*, *Isaac* at *Boston*, & *Thomas* the youngest at *Barbadoes*.

Samuel First liv'd at *Hull*: in 1674, Married *Martha* a Daughter of Mr. *William Barston* of *Scituate*, & by her had 3 Sons & 2 Daughters. He first went a Coasting, & then applied himself to Domestic Trade & Merchandise. In 1686, he Married *Mercy* a dau. of the late Honourable *Thomas Hinckley* Esq. Governour of *Plimouth* Colony, Removed to *Sandwich*, & by her had 7 Sons & 3 daughters there. Of the first wife, one dau. only now survives, married to *Ezra Bourn* Esq. of *Sandwich*: of the 2d, the 3 daus, and 4 of the Sons with their Mother survive Him; and there are 30 of his offspring now living. In 1710 He removed to *Rochester* where the chief part of his estate lay*; & for these 2 Towns successively, has serv'd as Representative in the Great & Genl. Court since the Revolution 19 times; & was oftener chosen, when he excused himself from serving. He was healthy & strong in body, of a vigorous & active spirit, of a thoughtfull & penetrating mind, religious from his youth, much improved in Scripture knowledge, esteemed for his Abilities & gifts, & especially his powers of arguing: a zealous Lover & Asserter of the New english Principles & Liberties, with Charity to others: of a Public Spirit, of an open Heart, of an instructive Conversation, of strict integrity: a very affectionate Husband & Father: In his former years, pretty severe in Governing his Family; of later, rul'd them with great ease & Gentleness. In 1723 He came with his Consort to sojourn under the Roof of the Rev. Mr. *Thacher* Pastor of this *Precinct*, who is married to one of their Daughters, & here he made his exit. He died in Hope of a Glorious Resurrection. He had the Quickness of his Senses & Apprehension to a few Hours before He expired. And as he used to express his Desire to have his Body laid with that of his dear son *Enoch*, an extraordinary pious knowing & industrious Youth, who coming over on a Visit died Here on *August* 31. 1713. *Æ.* 23. It was laid by the side of that of his beloved Son, between & under the shade of two pretty tall Oaks at the Western End of the New Burying Place, to sleep together in the same large† Grave.

We are not apprised that a complete collection of the works of Mr. Prince are to be found in any one library, public or private, in the country. This is much to be regretted. Indeed, the same can be said of the works of many of our New England authors, notwithstanding vast sums of money have been expended to enlarge our public libraries. It would be well if they were to appropriate something yearly, towards completing some single departments. Until this is done no one can pursue any subject in these libraries, with any other certainty than that of being disappointed at every step of his investigations.

In the Catalogue of the works of Mr. Prince, which we now propose to give, where no place of publication is given, Boston is to be understood.

* These words in italic have been struck out in the copy by having a pen drawn through them, and at the foot of the page Mr. Prince has referred to the following sentence, which is in his own hand.

— He was ye Principal Proprietor of ye Township, & their 1st Representative;

† This word is crossed out, in the copy, in the same manner as before noted.

- 1718 Sermon at his own Ordination, 12 mo.
 1721 Artillery Election Sermon, 12 mo.
 A Thursday Lecture Sermon, 12 mo.
 1725 Preface to Willard's Body of Divinity. Folio.
 1727 Sermon on the Death of George 1st. 8 vo.
 A Fast and Thanksgiving Sermon. 8 vo.
 Two Sermons on the Earthquake 12 °.
 Several Lives in Mayhew's Indian Converts. 8vo.
 Morning Health no Security against sudden Death before Night. 12 °.
 Sermon on the Death of two Young Gentlemen. 12 °.
 1728 A Sermon at Middleborough East-Precinct July vii. 1728. Being the Lord's
 Day after the Decease & Funeral of Samuel Prince, Esq; there. 8 °.
 A Sermon at the Publick Lecture in Boston, July 25: Being the Thursday
 after his Excellency's [Gov. Burnet's] arrival here. 8 °.
 Sermon on the Death of Cotton Mather. 8 °.
 1729 Preface to Rev. Samuel Mather's Life of his Father, Dr. Cotton Mather. 8 °.
 1730 A Sermon at the Publick Lecture in Boston Jan. viii. 1729, 30. Upon the
 Death of the Hon. Samuel Sewall, Esq; late Chief Justice of the Cir-
 cuits & one of His Majesty's Council, who deceased at his House in
 Boston on the 1st of the same Month & in the 78th year of his Age. 8vo.
 A Sermon Delivered at Cambridge on the Anniversary of the Election. 8 °.
 Preface to the Hon. Daniel Parker's "Persuasive", &c. 12 °. Salem.
 1731 Preface to Capt. Roger Clapp's Memoirs 8vo.
 1732 Sermon to the North Church in Boston. 8 °.
 Sermon on the Death of the Hon. Daniel Oliver.
 Sermon on the Death of Daniel Oliver Jr. 8 °.
 Dying Prayer of Christ, a Sermon. 8 °.
 1733 Ordination of three Missionaries.
 1735 Sermon on the Death of Mrs. Oliver. 8vo.
 1736 Sermon on the Death of Mary, wife of Gov. Belcher. 8vo.
 Chronological History of New England in the form of Annals, &c. Vol.
 I. 12mo.
 Introduction & Notes to Mason's Hist. of the Pequot War. 12mo.
 1738 Sermon on the Death of Nathaniel Williams. 12mo.
 Preface to Edwards' Revival Narratives. 12 °.
 1740 Preface to Cooper on Predestination. 12mo.
 1742 Preface to Mr. McGregere's "Tuesday Evening-Lecture in Boston, 3 Nov.
 1741." 8vo.
 1743 Various biographical & other Papers in "The Christian History". 8vo.
 1744 Continuation of Papers in the Christian History.
 Sermon on the Death of his daughter Deborah Prince, aged 20, with some
 of her writings appended. 8vo.
 1745 Thanksgiving Sermon on the taking of Louisbourg. 8vo.
 1746 Exercise at the Ordination of Dr. Cooper. 8vo.
 Sermon on the Death of Thomas Cushing. 8vo.
 Thanksgiving Sermon on the Victory of Culloden. 8vo.
 Anniversary Thanksgiving Sermon, 27 Nov. 8vo.
 1747 Funeral Sermon on the Death of S. [It is possible that this has been mis-
 taken for the next tract. The authority for it is not noted in our
 minutes.]
 1748 Sermon on the Death of Mrs. Martha, wife of the Hon. Anthony Stoddard. 8vo.
 1749 Sermon on the General Thanksgiving, "*after the most distressing Drought*".
 8vo. [This was reprinted in London the next year.]
 1751 Sermon on the Death of Frederick Prince of Wales. 8vo.
 1755 Sermon on the Decease of Mrs. Hannah Fayerweather. 8vo.
 Sermon on the Dreadful Earthquake, November 18th. 8vo.
 An Improvement on the Doctrine of Earthquakes, [&c.] Containing an His-
 torical Summary of the most remarkable Earthquakes in New England,
 from the first Settlement of the English here, as also in other parts of
 the World since 1666. 8vo.
 Life of Nehemiah Walter, appended to Walter's Sermons. 8 °.
 New England Chronology, 96 pages of Vol. II. 8vo. 1754-5.

- 1756 Sermon on the Death of the Hon. Josiah Willard. 8vo.
Sermon on the Death of Mr. Edward Bromfield. 8vo.
Preface to Mr. Pemberton's "Public Lecture in Boston, 29 Jan. 1756". 8vo.
1757 Notes & Appendix to "Williams' Redeemed Captive". 8vo.
Introductory Preface to Mr. William Torrey's Discourse. 8vo.
1758 The Psalms, &c. with Historical Preface & Notes. 12mo. [This passed thro' two or more editions.]

With this volume ended the labors of the Rev. Thomas Prince. He lived only long enough, as it were, after it was issued from the press, to know that it was adopted by his own church. Its adoption was thus publicly announced in the News-Letter of October the 12th, in these words:—"Last Monday [the 9th of Oct] the Old South Church & Congregation unanimously voted to introduce, The revisal & improvement of the New England Psalm Book, into their Public Worship, on Lord's Day, October 29th, without reading; and to supply the poor of the Congregation with Books. The above revisal &c. is by the Rev. Mr. Prince of this town." But before the 29th came the Reverend author was no more. He died seven days before. The same print recorded the event on the 26th day of the same month, in the few appropriate lines which follow:—"Last Lord's Day in the Afternoon [October the 22d] died here, very much lamented, after a long and languishing indisposition, the Reverend and learned Mr. THOMAS PRINCE, one of the pastors of the Old South Church in this town." He was in his 72d year, and the 40th of his ministry. He was buried on the 28th of the same month, and the day following the Rev. Joseph Sewall, D.D., his colleague, preached his funeral sermon, from Phil. i. 21.

Although our catalogue of the works of Mr. Prince is much fuller than any other which we have seen, yet it is not pretended that it is complete, and it is not certain that the form in which they were printed is always given correctly; as it is very easy to mistake an octavo for a duodecimo of Mr. Prince's time, and the contrary; and many of them we have never seen. It will be noticed that there are comparatively long periods in the catalogue in which nothing appears to have been published by him. It is hardly probable that his active pen did not produce anything in these periods; as from 1738 to 1743, 1751 to 1755, &c.

It is rather remarkable that there should have been living, very nearly cotemporary with our historian, another of the same surname, of a similar mind and occupation. This was Mr. JOHN PRINCE, vicar of Berry-Pomeroy in Devonshire. He was educated at Brazen Nose College, Oxford, at which he took his degree of B.A. in 1664. He has left behind him a monument scarcely inferior to that of our author—" *Danmonii Orientales Illustres: or THE WOTHIES OF DEVON.*" This was published in folio in 1701, and again in 1810, in quarto; with some valuable notes and additions. It is noticed in this connection, because it will be of no little interest to some of our readers to know that such a work exists, for the reason that it contains the greatest embodiment of Devonshire genealogies of any single work known to us. He had

the use of many MSS. now lost or buried; he had also free use of all the great collections, in that line, of Sir William Pole; also those of Westcote, Risdon, &c. &c., some of which, though now in print, are probably not to be found on this side the Atlantic. We know not that our Prince alludes anywhere to his namesake, and how remote their common ancestor may have been we make no conjecture.

It is remarkable also that the author of the "WORTHIES OF DEVON," who has been so exact and particular in his accounts of other families, should entirely neglect his own. He has indeed alluded several times to his connections, but not in a way to enable us to make out a skeleton of a pedigree of them. Nor could the editors of the edition of his Worthies of 1810, "notwithstanding the most diligent search," as they say, add anything of moment to what we have alluded in his work. He was born at Newnham Abbey in the parish of Axminster in 1643. His grandfather (as I suppose) Mr. John Prince of Nower, near Axminster, was sheriff under Sir William Pole, in 1603-4. Our author merely says "one of my ancestors, John Prince of Nower," &c. His father's name was Bernard Prince, whose second wife was a daughter of Philip Drake of Bystock. One of his wives, Elizabeth, died in 1657. Leonard Prince, rector of Instow, was the youngest brother of Leonard, "born at Nower, in the parish of Kilmington, Devon; descended from a knightly family of his name, still flourishing in Shropshire," died about 1695. He left a son William. These facts may not be an unimportant digression to those interested in the family of *Princes*.

The following Pedigree has been collected from various sources, but principally from MSS. left by the subject of these Memoirs. In its preparation we acknowledge important assistance from NATHL. B. SHURTLEFF, M.D. We have also had recourse to MR. DEANE'S *Hist. Scituate*, to JUDGE MITCHELL'S *Bridgewater*, to MR. WINSOR'S *Hist. of Duxbury*, various *Funeral Sermons*, &c.

NOTES TO THE PEDIGREE ON THE OPPOSITE PAGE.

* Usually said to have been born in Sandwich, because his parents resided there: yet he was actually born in Boston; his mother happening to be here at the time on a visit. She was overtaken by sickness in Milk St. and either gave birth to this son upon the spot (which was very near the Old South Church) or in its immediate neighborhood.

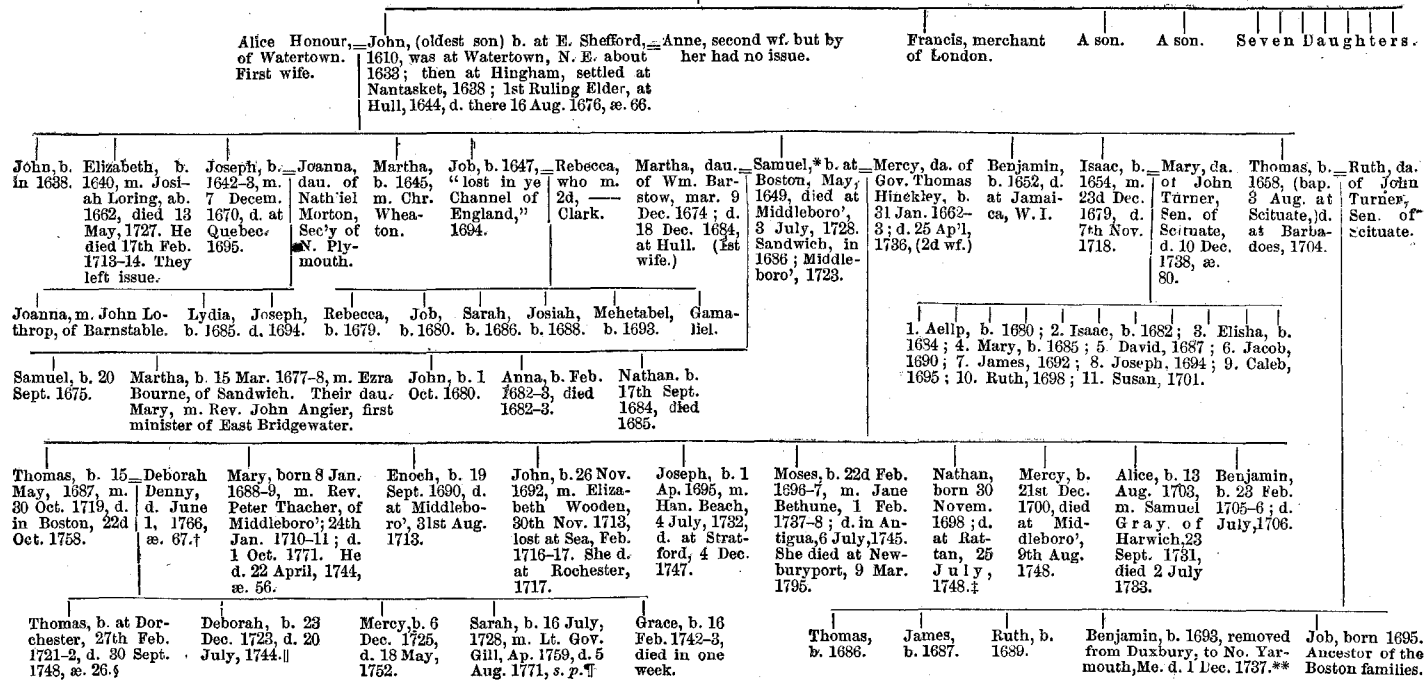
† There is a copy of a letter in possession of Gen. S. Andrews, apparently written by the mother of Mrs. Prince to her son Daniel Denny. It is dated "Mendlesham, Eng. Jan. 5th 172— in which she mentions "daughter Prince, who with her consort are so kind that they always tell me how both Sam'l and you do, and also how my old neighbors do, when they write." "As to your child's name, I am as well pleased with it as it is, as I should have been had it been Grace, and better; for my name being given me on a particular account, I neither named any of mine, nor desired any of mine should name any of theirs of my name; however I am obliged to my daughter, your spouse, for being desirous it should have been of my name. I count it was to show her respect for me, though unknown. I am very well pleased to hear your son is of your father's name," &c. "Brother Denny died, as I remember, the beginning of October — you were born 30th Nov. 1694," &c. [Signed] GRACE DENNY.*

‡ By Capt. *Dupée* from Rattan we are informed that the Rev. Mr. *Nathan Prince*, M. A. formerly of Harvard College, died at that Island about the 25th of July last [1748]

* She was grandmother of Mary Denny who married Nathan Sargent of Leicester, Ms.— Note of Mr. Andrews.

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JOHN PRINCE, Rector of East Shefford, in Elizabeth, dau. of Rev. Dr. Tolderbury.
Berkshire, England.



He was the 6th son of *Samuel & Mary Prince* of Sandwich, where he was born Nov. 30, 1698. He some time ago went to Rattan to officiate as an Episcopal missionary. *Independent Advertiser*, 3 Oct. 1748. Mr. Prince was a man of good talents. He was a tutor at H. C. about 14 years, and fellow about 5 years. By aiming at some improvements or reforms in that institution he gave offence which resulted in his dismission. See *Allen*, Art. PRINCE, NATHAN; *Pierce's Hist. Har. Col.*, § 1 *Cols. Ms. Hist. Soc. X.*—How much his endeavors to bring about certain reforms in the College had to do with all the charges bro't against him by the Corporation of that institution, we cannot decide; but his memory deserves an impartial history of his removal from office there, and all the circumstances connected therewith.

Mr. Prince published two works, (both now before us) & we do not learn that he was the author of any others. FIRST, "An ESSAY To Solve the Difficulties that attend the several Accounts given by the Evangelists of our SAVIOUR'S Resurrection AND his Appearances to his Followers On the Day He rose," &c., "By a Fellow of HARVARD COLLEGE. Boston: S. Kneeland & T. Green. MDCCXXXIV." Quarto.—There has never appeared, probably, even to this day, so able a work on that portion of Scripture History. "An History," he well observes, "on which the Learned themselves must think HARD, before they can think themselves out of all inconsistencies about it."—

SECOND, "An ACCOUNT of the Constitution and Government of Harvard College, from its first Formation in the year 1636 to the year 1742." [No imprint] 43 pages, large quarto. The author's name is signed in full at the end.—When this work comes to that resurrection which time is sure to give it, there will be those who will marvel that it has been buried so long. Then the talents of NATHAN PRINCE will be appreciated as others have been who have written and published in advance of their age.—Among his concluding remarks he says: "The writer presumes he has shown what Powers belong to the Corporation & the Overseers of Harvard College as they stand in view to each other; And what Powers over that College still remain [in] the GENERAL COURT. He has done this in a Method which he thought the most proper to *Convince*. Viz. by giving all the Laws that relate to the Subject, or at least that are of Importance to it, & then the Reader having these Laws by him, may turn to them & judge for himself whether the reasonings of the Writer upon them are just and conclusive. He is not sensible that he has concealed the Force of any Arguments that may be advanced in Opposition to what he has laid down. He has done his BEST to produce them all..... As to any indecent Reflections, which might be occasioned by the Unexampled Treatment he has lately met with, he would only say, that He has not the inhumanity to wish the most malicious of his UNREASONABLE Enemies to change Circumstances with him, & then be put upon the Trial to write a Piece on this Subject with fewer Reflections in it.

§ On Friday night last [30 Sept. 1748] died here much lamented by those who knew him, of a consumptive illness, MR. THOMAS PRINCE JUN. M. A. in the 27th year of his age; the only son of the REV. MR. THOMAS PRINCE. He was a young gentleman of great penetration, solid judgment and of sober pious conversation. His remains are to be interred tomorrow. *Boston Gaz. or Weekly Journal*, 4 Oct. 1748.

¶ The full title of the Sermon preached on the death of Miss DEBORAH PRINCE is as follows:—"The Sovereign GOD Acknowledged and Blessed, both in Giving and Taking away. A SERMON occasioned By the DECEASE of Mrs. Deborah Prince, on Friday July 20. 1744. In the 21st Year of her Age. Delivered At the South Church in BOSTON, July 29. Being the LORD'S-DAY after her Funeral. With a BRIEF ACCOUNT of the Dealings of GOD towards Her; especially in the Time of her Sickness and Passing through the Valley of the Shadow of Death.—By Her Father. Psal. xxxvi. 9.—Zech. xiv. 7.—Psal. xxxiv. 2." 8vo. Boston. 1744, pp. 40.

¶ On the death of MRS. GILL, MR. HUNT of the Old South preached a Sermon which has this title:—"A Sermon occasioned by the Death of Mrs SARAH GILL, late Consort to Mr. MOSES GILL, Merchant. And Preached at the South Church in Boston the LORD'S DAY after her Decease. By JOHN HUNT, M. A. Colleague Pastor of that Church.—1 Thes. 4. 14. 8vo. Boston: MDCCXXXI." pp. 79.—To the Sermon is added, "An Appendix. Containing some of the Papers wrote by the late Mrs. Gill," consisting of 27 pages, and at the end is an Obituary from "The Boston Evening Post, 12 Augt. 1771," of "the last Descendant of the late Reverend & Learned Mr. THOMAS PRINCE, wrote by another Hand."

** BENJAMIN PRINCE of N. Yarmouth m. Abiel Nelson, 1 Apl. 1717, who d. 15 Sept. 1744. Their Ch. were Benjamin, b. 14 Apl. 1718, m. Rebecca Fisher of N. Y. & 2d Hannah ———; Paul, b. 14 Mar. 1720, d. 25 Nov. 1809. æ. 90, m. Hannah Cushing at N. Y. who d. 6 Feb. 1814, æ. 92; Sylvanus, b. 17 Sept. 1722, d. 18 Sept. 1790, æ. 68, m. Elizabeth Johnson who d. 7 Apl. 1800, æ. 71; Sarah, b. 8 Apl. 1725; John, b. 20 May 1727.