

A N C E S T O R S
of
Amyntas Shaw
and his wife
Lucy Tufts Williams

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SHAW

Abraham Shaw	m	Bridget Best
John Shaw	m	Alice Phillips
Benjamin Shaw	m	Hannah Bicknell
Deacon Jonathan Shaw	m	Mercy Mason
Col. Jonathan Shaw	m	Bethia Hall
Jonathan Shaw	m	Lydia Gushee
Amyntas Shaw	m	Lucy Tufts Williams
Isabella M. Shaw	m	Charles Clark Knowlton

1—ABRAHAM SHAW was married June 24, 1616 in Halifax, Yorkshire, England to Bridget the daughter of Henry Best of Ovenden who was baptized there April 9, 1592. Abraham resided in the village of Northowram in Halifax. The baptisms of his children are given in the church records there as follows:— Joseph, Mch. 14, 1618; Grace, Aug. 15, 1621; Martha, Dec. 1, 1623; Maria, June 18, 1626; John, Feb. 16, 1628; John, May 23, 1630; Martha, Jan. 6, 1632. The burials of his dau. Martha on Mch. 31, 1625 and his son John born 1628, on April 12, 1692 are also recorded in the same church records and while "Shawe" baptisms appear there as early as 1585 his does not seem to be among them.

He is first mentioned in America in the records of Watertown, Mass., where on March 9, 1636/7 he is listed among the freemen but he soon settled in Dedham where he was among the first to subscribe to the Covenant there at the time of incorporation. His home and all its contents were burned in Watertown in October 1636 and he probably removed to Dedham at once for on August 18 of that year he was granted twelve acres of land there between Second River and a lot already owned by him; also in that same year he was appointed one of the men to govern the town, and given liberty to erect a corn mill and sixty acres of land to belong to said mill providing it always remained a water mill. In 1637 he was again appointed to govern the town.

About this time he was granted a hill of ground on the east side of the little river in consideration of his care and pains taken concerning the town's business. He was also granted four acres of swamp land, which on October 10, 1638 he sold to Michael Metcalfe and John Frary. On Sept. 6, 1638 he with Wm. Kingsbury was appointed to inform the Court of Assistants of newcomers admitted to Dedham without a license. The town records mention on 25 of 1 mo. 1639 that he was deceased.

The exact date of his death is not known but he left an undated memorandum of his last wishes which is filed in Suffolk County Wills and which was proven late in 1638.

He spelled his name with a final "e" as the family did in England. His will is as follows:—"Memorandum that if it please Almyghte God to take me to his mercye by death. That it is my minde and will that my estate shall be disposed of as followeth (that is to say) I bequeathe to my sonne John, and Martha Shawe, beinge infants ten pounds betweene them, also betweene the aforesaid Martha and Marye I leave as much quicke goods as shal be balance to eight pounds, also to Joseph in some goods twelve pounds as may be thought fitt; further, that Joseph and John shall have my lott att Dedham equally divided between them. Also that all the rest of my estate whatsoever, be divided, proportionate, betweene all my children. Witnessed by Nicolas Biram and Joseph Shawe."

The witnesses were ordered to inventory the estate and it was dated 1638. As no wife was mentioned she without doubt predeceased him.

On Nov. 29, 1639 Joseph and John Shaw sold the lot left them in their father's will to Robert Mason, the court giving the latter permission to purchase.

2—JOHN SHAW son of Abraham and Bridget (Best) Shaw was baptized in Halifax, England May 23, 1630 and died in Weymouth, Mass. September 16, 1704. He married Alice the daughter of Nicholas and Elizabeth Phillips of Weymouth and they were the parents of ten children all born in Weymouth, namely:—Elizabeth 1655, Abraham 1657, Mary 1660, Nicholas 1662, Joseph 1664, Alice 1666, Hannah 1668, Benjamin 1670, Abigail 1672 and Ebenezer 1674.

Very little can be found concerning him and he probably lived a quiet farmer's life.

3—BENJAMIN SHAW son of John and Alice (Phillips) Shaw was born in Weymouth, Mass. June 16, 1670 and died in Taunton now Raynham June 16, 1723. He married Hannah Bicknell born 1675 died May 26, 1724. His will is as follows and is filed in Taunton, Mass:—

In the name of God amen I Benjamin Shaw the Eldest of that name in Taunton in the County of Bristol, in the province of the massachusetts Bay In new England, Being well sensible of my mortallity;—But of Reasonable good health, and of sound mind and memory Through the goodness of the Blessed God I do make this my last will and Testament, which is as followeth; ffirst I Give and bequeath my soul to God that gave it and Redeemed it with the Blood of his son our Lord Jesus Christ; Secondly I Give and bequeath my Body to the Grave to be Decently buried, By my Executors Herein After named, In hopes of A Joyfull Resurrection: And as for my outward or worldly estate which God of his Goodness hath Given me, I give and Bequeath and Dispose of as followeth; First I give and Bequeath to my Beloved wife hannah Shaw, (after my honest Debts are pay,d and funeral Charges Defrayed) the use and Benefit of the new End of my now Dwelling house, as also the use of my Barn which are now in my Improvement, and the northward End of

that Lott where Thomas Caswell formerly Dwelt, viz so farr southward as to the petition fence & the use of the orchard in said northward end; I Also Give and Bequeath to my said wife, the Improvement of one third part of Those Lands which I have herein after Given to my son,s Jonathan Shaw & Ebenezar Shaw as also one quarter part of my moveable estate, I also Give to my said Beloved wife Two Thirds of the Timber and wood that is on the Land as I have herein After Given to my son Samuel Shaw; A that those perticuler which are Above Specified as Given to my Beloved wife is to be understood, to be to and for my Beloved wife she Continuing my widow (I also Give and bequeath to my beloved wife and to her Heirs and Assigns for Ever all the Gold, and Silver, and paper mony, which shall be mine and in my house unspent att the time of my Decease) Secondly I give and bequeath to my son Benjamin Shaw and to his Heirs and Assigns for Ever viz, my wearing Apparrell, as also all my Land on the southward side of the Great River in said Taunton, and the house which I built for him, near Three mile River in said Taunton, I also Give and bequeath to my son Benjamin Shaw and to his heirs and Assigns for Ever The southward End of that Lott where Thomas Caswell formerly Dwelt so farr northward as the petition fence; Also I give to my son Benjamin as Aforesaid, all my Right in the Commons or undevided Lands in said Taunton, as Also one quarter part of my Right in the sawmill which stands on the Iron works River, as Also one quarter part of my Right in the Cedar swamp as Also one quarter part of my out door moveable Estate, After my wife hath Taken out her share as is Above expresed, These I give to my son Benjamin Shaw and to his Heirs and Assigns for Ever, He (or such as shall Legally Represent him) paying to his sister my Daughter Susanna Shaw (or such as shall Legally Represent her) fifteen pounds att the Time she Arive to the age of Eighteen years, or If she marry sooner, then att the time of her marriage: Thirdly I give and Bequeath to my son Samuel Shaw and to his Heirs and Assigns for ever, all my lands where his house is built, and A peace of Land that Lyes on the north side of the way that Goes over pale Brook to Rock plain, as also Another peice of Land that Lyes on the south side of said way, And They lye on the East side of neck plain plain (so called) Excepting Two Thirds of all the wood & Timber which is on the Lands as I give to my son Samuel Shaw as Afore said, for Two Thirds of said Timber and wood I give to my beloved wife she Continuing my widow, and After my wife, I give said Two Thirds of wood to my Two sons, Jonathan Shaw and Ebenezar Shaw as is hereinafter Expresed; I also Give to my son Samuel Shaw, one quarter part of my Right in the sawmill and one quarter part of my Right in the Cedar swamp, and A quarter part of my out door moveable estate, After my beloved wife hath Taken out her share as Afore said, These I give to my son Samuel Shaw and to his heirs and Assigns for ever (excepting the Timber & wood as before expresed) He (or such as shall Legally Represent him) paying to his sister my Daughter Sarah Shaw or such as shall Legally Represent her Thirty pounds when and so soon as she Arive to the

age of eighteen years, or before If she be married sooner, A farther Declaration of my will is that my son Samuel shall If he think fit may Improve the old orchard which was formerly John Caswels, as Also A strap of Lands Eight Rods wide Joyning To Land of Benjamin Halls near my house: viz Eight Rods wide att the Lane, and eight Rods wide att the Great River, said Samuel Shaw to maintain that eight Rods of fence next to the high way Joyning to Benjamin Halls Corner, And my son Samuel Shaw to Improve these Two pecis of Land untill my son Ebenezar Shaw Arive to the age of Twenty, and one years If my son Ebenezar Live so long, (or to the Time as he would Arive to that age, If he should not) provided that my son Samuel Shaw shall not Turn Creatures into these pecis of Land Except he be att the Charge to fence them of from other Lands: Fourthly I give and bequath to my Two sons, Jonathan Shaw & Ebenezar Shaw all my other Lands as I have not Desposed off: to them and to their heirs and Assigns for ever After that they Arive to the age of Twenty and one years as and in such order as is herein Exspresed viz, After my son Jonathan Come to the age of Twenty and one years, he to have the Improvement of Two Thirds of his half (excepting Thomas Caswels old orchard so Called) he that is my son Jonathan to have his half of that After his mother my wife;—and his mother haveing the Improvemet of one Third of my son Jonathan's part During her Continuance my widow,: and also I give to my son Ebenezar Shaw and to his Heirs and Assigns for Ever, After he Come of the age of Twenty and one years, The Improvement of Two Thirds of the Rest of my Lands att home, (Except what I have given to my wife she Continuing my widow, viz Thomas Caswels old orchard so Called,) and After my wife my son Jonathan and my son Ebenezar Shaw, to have the whole of my lands att home, viz all Excepting what I have herein Given to my sons, Benjamin Shaw and Samuel Shaw as Afore said And After my wife, my will is that my sons, Jonathan Shaw and Ebenezar Shaw & their heirs and Assigns for Ever that they have The Two Thirds of The Timber and wood that is on the Lands that I have herein given to my son Samuel Shaw as is before Exspresed And that I give to my son Jonathan Shaw, one quarter of my Right in the sawmill Above mentioned, and A quarter part of my Right in the Cedar swamp, and A quarter part of my out door moveable Estate, these I give to my sons, Jonathan Shaw; and also to Ebenezar Shaw I give A quarter part of my Right in the Afore said Sawmil, and A quarter part of my Right in the Cedar swamp, and A quarter part of my out door moveable Estate viz After their mother hath taken out her share as is Above expresed viz my son Jonathan Shaw and such as shall Legally Represent him, paying to his Sister my Daughter Abigail Shaw or such as shall Legally Represent her, Thirty pounds when she Come to the age of Eighteen years, or If she marry sooner then att the time of her marriage,—And my son Ebenezar Shaw to have what I have willed to him as Aforesaid he or such as shall Legally Represent him paying to his sister my Daughter Susanna Shaw or to such as shall Represent her fifteen pounds when and so soon as shee Arive to the age of

Eighteen years, or when she shall marry, If she marry before she come to that age fifthly I give and bequeath, to my Daughter Hannah hathway and to her Heirs and Assigns for Ever, one quarter part of my utentials or household goods, After the Decease of my wife, she viz my Daughter Hannah haveing Already Received her full shear, as to A equall part with her sisters; Sixthly I Give and bequeath to my Daughter Sarah Shaw and to her Heirs and Assigns for Ever, or such as shall Legally Represent her, Thirty pounds which I have willed that my son Samuel Shaw or his Legall Representative should pay to her as is Above Exspresed as also one quarter part of my utentials After the Decease of her mother my wife; Seventhly I give and bequeath to my Daughter, Abigail Shaw or such as shall Legally Represent Her and to their Heirs and Assigns for Ever, Thirty pounds which I have willed that my son Jonathan Shaw, or such as shall Legally Represent him, should pay to her As Afore said, I Also Give to my Daughter Abigail Shaw one quarter part of my utentials After the Decease of her mother my wife or to her Legall Representatives; Eighthly I give and Bequeath to my Daughter Susanna Shaw, and her Legall Representatives Thirty pounds, fifteen pounds I have ordered that my son Benjamin Shaw or his Legall Representatives should pay her or such as shall Legally Represent her, as is before expresed, and the other fifteen pounds which I give to my Daughter Susanna Shaw I have ordered and will,d that my son Ebenezar Shaw (or such as shall Legally Represent him) should pay her or to such as shall Legally Represent her att such Time as is before Expresed; ninthly, I do by these presents Declare that my will is that In Case any of my sons should Dye or Decease, & Leave no Children as Heirs Honnestly Begotton of their own Bodys, and Those Lands, which I have Herein Given to them not Disposed of by them in their Life Time; In Every such Case the surviving Brethren and such as shall Represent them, shall be equall shareors in those Lands, which I gave to them; or in Case any of my Daughters should Decease, and Leave no Children Born of them and also surviveing; in Every such Case the Liveing sisters my Daughters or such as shall Legally Represent them; (They in their live time not haveing otherways Disposed of that which I gave to them) In every such Case the Liveing of my Daughters and their Legal Representatives shall be Equall sharers in those goods and Legacies which I gave Amongst my Daughters, Tenthly and Lastly I do by these presents nominate and Appoint my True and Loveing wife Hannah Shaw and my Eldest son Benjamin Shaw to be my Joynt Executors of this my Last will and Testament, whom I order and Appoint to pay all my honnest Debts, and whom I also Impower to Receive all that is honnestly Due to me, and in Testemony that this is my Last will and Testament, I do Revoke and make void and null all other Conveyances whatsoever, And as A farther Testemony that this is my Last will and Testament, I Benjamin Shaw Do and hath hereunto sett my hand and seall This seventh day of march in the year of our Lord Christ Seventeen hundred and nineteen twenty and in the sixth year of The Reign of our sovereign Lord George by the Grace of God of Great Brittain

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Benjamin Shaw

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Stephen Leonard

Ebenezer Robinson

Thomas Leonard Junior

Allowed July 10, 1723

His inventory was taken Sep. 3, 1723 and is filed in Taunton and he is called Benjamin, Sr. Among other interesting items it shows he owned his home; a house and land which were near the Three Mile River; a house and land on the north side of the Road that leads from Pale Brook to Rock Plain; eight acres at Pale Brook; twenty acres at Stoney Brook; had rights in Cedar Swamp; one half of a saw mill on Stoney Brook, besides the usual household furnishings.

Benjamin Shaw and his wife after the birth of one child Susanna Feb. 6, 1698/9 in Weymouth, Mass. disappeared from the records there and are found in 1700 in Taunton, now Raynham where he had a saw mill on Fowling Pond stream which runs into Two Mile River, a mile above the old iron works in which he was a shareholder.

On Feb. 8, 1705 Benjamin Shaw calling himself a carpenter deeded Joseph Eliot of Taunton land in the North Purchase, being described as three and one half acres which was laid out to him according to an order and on the right of that which was Capt. George Macy's and in a place called Evins Meadow, also forty one acres purchased of John Wilbur of Taunton on right of commonage in the North Purchase which was also Macy's. This was recorded the same date as sold and on April 4, 1717 his wife Hannah appeared and gave her consent to the sale.

Benjamin Shaw and his wife Hannah are buried in the old Shaw Cemetery at Raynham, Mass. and in 1883 their stones were easily decipherable and the inscriptions at that time were copied and are now in the custody of the Old Colony Historical Society in Taunton. The stones are close by those of his son Deacon Jonathan Shaw and his wife Mercy. He was a member of the 1st Military Co. in Taunton, 1700.

4—JONATHAN SHAW son of Benjamin and Hannah (Bicknell) Shaw, was known in the community of that part of Taunton, now Raynham, as Deacon, he having been appointed such in the Congregational Church in 1741

and in 1744 he was one of the Selectmen of that place. He was born in 1705 and died October 1, 1768. He married Mercy, daughter of Lieut. John and Mercy (Merrick) Mason born in 1705, died Jan. 8, 1749. They are buried in the old Shaw Cemetery near his father. He married second, Hannah, the widow of Lieut. Stephen Dean.

Jonathan Shaw's will is dated August 13, 1767 and was proven October 31, 1768 and is filed in Taunton, in which he states he is advanced in years and leaves his wife Hannah land in Raynham on the north side of the road leading from the north part of Taunton to the Pond called "Nequinket," the land "lying before the dwelling house of her former husband Stephen Dean," having about forty and one half acres also his moveable estate which became his property when he married her, and all cattle and sheep raised on the farm in Raynham which her former husband owned; also one third of the household goods which he had when he married her. He states that his house is standing on the north side of the road leading to Taunton and wishes reserved land towards the west end of the place for a burial spot for himself and heirs, to be laid out adjoining the northwest end of the ground.

He bequeathed his son Jonathan land in Raynham adjoining the road lately laid out by order of the court to the above Pond and also gives him one half of his right in Great Cedar Swamp; Mentions with bequests all his other children as follows and divides his books equally between them: John, Mason, Mary, Susanna wife of James Williams, Jr., Gideon and Mercy Williams.

On June 21, 1737 Jonathan and his brother Ebenezer both of Raynham, divide the house and lands left them "by their honored father Benjamin" in his will, said lands lying in Raynham, Jonathan to have the west end of the dwelling house and the land to the west and the land on the South Side.

5—COLONEL JONATHAN SHAW son of Jonathan and Mercy (Mason) Shaw was born in Raynham, Mass. Feb. 14, 1732 and died there November 26, 1796 according to the town records. He was married first by Mr. John Wales on November 17, 1757 to Bethia daughter of Nehemiah and Bethia (Williams) Hall, born April 19, 1735, baptized just after her mother's death March 4, 1739/40 and died Tuesday, April 17, 1781. They are buried in the old cemetery and the inscription on his stone reads:—"Col. Jonathan Shaw died of apoplexy Nov. 26, 1796 in his 65th year. His wife died before him 15 years with the same disorder." "Mrs. Bethia wife of Col. Jonathan Shaw died Ap. 17, 1781 in her 46th year and was interred on the 19th."

Col. Jonathan Shaw married second on May 2 1782 Lydia Godfrey of Taunton, the ceremony being performed by Hon. George Godfrey, Esq. On May 1, 1798 she was married by Rev. Peres Fobes, to Dr. George Wheaton of Norton, Mass.

The service of Jonathan Shaw in the Revolutionary War is given in Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors as follows:—"Jonathan Shaw, Capt. 8th Co. of Raynham, 3rd Bristol Co. Reg't., Mass. Military list of officers by the several

companies in said Reg't. as returned by George Williams and James Williams, Jr., field officer, dated April 10, 1776; ordered in Council April 13, 1776; Capt. of a Raynham Co., Col. George Williams Reg't. Service 25 dys. Marched to Warren, R. I. via Rehoboth, Dec. 8, 1776 on an alarm; also same Regt. marched from Raynham, Taunton and Easton, Sept. 1777 on a secret expedition and served one month and one day. Return of officers who marched on a "late" expedition to R. I., dated Germantown, Dec. 11, 1777, also Capt. in Col. John Daggott's Regt; entered service Aug. 21, 1778, discharged Sept. 1, 1778, service 12 dys. at R. I. also on pay roll for same service sworn to at Taunton: also official record of a ballot by House of Representatives date Sept. 24, 1779 said Shaw was chosen Second Major of Col. Mitchell's, 3rd Bristol Co. Regt. of Mass. Militia; appointment concurred in by Council Sep. 24, 1779; reported commission same date; also Major in Col. Abiel Mitchell's Regt. appointed July 13, 1780 discharged Oct. 31, 1780 serving 3 months and 21 days in R. I. the Regt. being detached from Bristol Co. Militia to reinforce the Continental Army." Just when he was made Colonel has not been found, but he is so recorded in the vital records of Raynham and on his grave stone.

For many years Jonathan Shaw was a Justice of the Peace for Raynham and was a firm supporter of law and order and criminals received their just deserts at his hands.

On November 5, 1753 he and Benjamin Cobb of Norton were appointed guardians of his grandmother Mercy Mason of Taunton because of the infirmities of age. The interesting inventory of her estate may be found under "Mason."

In the will of Jonathan's grandfather, Lt. John Mason, husband of above Mercy, Jonathan with another grandson John Cobb were left his sword, belt, cane and silver buckles to be divided between them.

The will of Col. Jonathan Shaw is filed in Taunton, dated August 1, 1786 and proven Jan. 3, 1797 in which he mentioned:—Wife Lydia, giving her twenty-five acres of land in Raynham on the north side of the road from his dwelling house towards "Niperhof Pond" formerly owned by Mespah Wilbor; daughter Anne: son Jonathan to whom he gave five acres called "the orchard near my house" and some acreage in Cedar Swamp; daughter Bethia wife of Dr. Seth Washburn. He also bequeathed thirty-six acres of land to children Jonathan and Bethia but his daughter Anne by his second wife received the most of his personal property and the family Bible. The real estate not mentioned was to be divided equally between his three children.

6—JONATHAN SHAW, son of Col. Jonathan and Bethiah (Hall) Shaw was born in Raynham, Mass., September 6, 1758 and died there intestate May 12, 1829. He married there December 8, 1778 Lydia daughter of Abraham and Hannah (Staples) Gushee, born 1758 died September 12, 1826.

On Sep. 4, 1830 the heirs of Jonathan Shaw applied for a division of his land and his son Amyntas was made administrator of his estate and presented his first accounting Sept. 10, 1830. He and his wife are buried in the private

Shaw cemetery near where their home stood before it was burned. This cemetery is now cared for by his granddaughter, Mrs. Charles C. Knowlton, of Brooklyn, N. Y., daughter and youngest child of his son Amyntas.

He served in the Revolutionary War as a private in his father's company at Raynham under Col. Williams' 3rd Bristol Co. Reg't.; marched to Warren, R. I. via Rehoboth Dec. 8, 1776 on an alarm and also marched to Tiverton, Aug. 2, 1780. See Mass. Soldiers and Sailors.

They were the parents of seven children:—(1) Permenio Calisthenes, b. Oct. 7, 1779, not married, who was a lawyer and crippled in one leg. He died April 2, 1815 aged 35 years and is buried in the old Shaw cemetery. His niece Isabella M. Knowlton has a unique chair in her possession which was built especially for him. (2) Cassini, b. Dec. 10, 1782, d. Feb. 15, 1787; (3) Amyntas, b. Sep. 25, 1785, d. June 16, 1859; (4) Lydia, b. May 10, 1788, d. June 24, 1790; (5) Cassini, b. Sep. 10, 1790 d. Dec. 27, 1881; m. Clarissa Walker, b. Dec. 16, 1792, d. Mch. 27, 1863; buried in private Shaw cemetery established by his father. They married in Raynham Nov. 2, 1817 and their issue as given by the records of that place are: Rebecca W. b. Oct. 28, 1818; Nathan Walker, b. Oct. 11, 1823, said Rebecca m. Ap. 4, 1844 Avery P. Slade and said Nathan m. Je. 18, 1856 Sarah J. King and they had son Alexander Washburn Shaw, now living with his mother in Raynham. The father Nathan lies in an unmarked grave in the private Shaw cemetery; (6) Henrietta Marie Antoinette, b. Jan. 8, 1793 d. Ap. 30, 1848 not married. Buried in the private Shaw cemetery; (7) Lydia, b. Aug. 5, 1795 d. Ap. 28, 1868 m. Sep. 26, 1818 Calvin Washburn of Boston who d. Jan. 4, 1845 aged 50 years and they are buried in the private Shaw cemetery. They had a son Calvin who m. twice, his first wife named Hannah—and second not known but he died leaving one son, Alexander C. Washburn, who m. but died leaving no issue nor living wife and Isabella M. Knowlton, dau. of Amyntas Shaw as the only living member of her generation on the Shaw line, together with eight members of the Washburn family came into possession of his property and received among other interesting family heirlooms, a set of dishes practically complete, white with gold bands, having on them the monogram "J and L. S." standing for Jonathan and Lydia Shaw, the said dishes having been ordered from abroad by Jonathan born in 1758.

7—AMYNTAS SHAW son of Jonathan and Lydia (Gushee) Shaw was born in the old homestead in Raynham, Sep. 25, 1785 and died there June 16, 1859. He married in 1812 Lucy Tufts Williams, daughter of Rev. Simeon and Anna (Crocker) Williams of Weymouth. She was born Jan. 18, 1792 and died April 1, 1885 and they are buried in the cemetery mentioned above.

When his father's property was divided he was assigned one quarter part of it in Raynham on the south side of the road from the Turnpike to the school house, bounded on the west and north by his own lands on the east by the turnpike together with the dwelling house but the privilege of a certain portion of the house was granted to his sister Lydia wife of Calvin Washburn.

Their family Bible record was destroyed by a servant in the house who desired some paper to write on, a fact well remembered by their youngest child Isabella. They were the parents of ten children: (1) Elizabeth W. born March 23, 1813, who married Nov. 20, 1833 William Henry Williams of Taunton and they have a son Ervin Channing, living in Haverhill, Mass., who m. Margaret Marshall; (2) Charles Henry who married when over fifty years of age, in Vermont, Rispah C. Cox. They married on the day the parents of the bride celebrated their golden wedding and resided in Melrose, Milton, Mass. and Oakland, California where he died Aug. 5, 1881 aged 65 yrs. They have one daughter Caroline living in Cambridge, Mass., who is secretary of Radcliffe College; (3) Parmenio Calesthenes married first Rebecca True and had a son who lives in California: he married second Emeline T. Allen who over 94 years of age is residing in Portland, Me. with her daughters; (4) Lydia who married Edward Keith of Bridgewater and died Feb. 12, 1886 aged 67 years and 8 months. They had one son Edward who died Dec. 16, 1880 aged 30 years and they are both buried in the private Shaw cemetery at Raynham, Mass.; (5) Jonathan, died Sept. 15, 1839 aged 17 years, having been killed by a horse; (6) Susan Warner Tufts died an infant Aug. 1, 1824; (7) Susan W. died May 26, 1878 aged 52 years, in Jamaica Plain and is buried in the private Shaw cemetery in Raynham, Mass. She married first Theodore Williams son of Rev. Thomas and Sarah P. (Cushman) Williams born Brewer, Me. 1815 and had one son Theodore who married Frances Julia, daughter of Judge Wm. R. and Sophronia (Colton) Perry of Ann Arbor, Mich., and they had among other children, Isabelle Williams, who became the wife of Clarence Hammond-Knowlton, the adopted son of Charles Clark and Isabella M. (Shaw) Knowlton; she married second, Eliphalet Wilbur who died in 1868; she married third Wm. Babcock who survived her; (8) Frederick Williams, born Dec. 17, 1832 married Rossa R. Winship and resided in Dighton, Mass. He died about 1858 but she over 86 years of age is residing with their only son Frederick at his home in Bayonne, N. J., who married Delia Delano daughter of Dr. Delano of Sandwich, Mass.; (9) Isabella born 1827 died April 19, 1829; (10) Isabella Marion (See below).

8—ISABELLA M. SHAW youngest child of Amyntas and Lucy Tufts (Williams) Shaw born in Raynham, Mass., in the old Shaw homestead, married first Horatio N. Howard of Bridgewater; on May 12, 1870 she married second Charles Clark Knowlton son of Jonathan Wightman and Harriet M. (Bottum) Knowlton of Ashford, Conn. and resides in Brooklyn, N. Y. having a summer home located on the old Knowlton farm in Ashford.

Charles Clark Knowlton as a young man started in the silk business with his uncle and cousin but shortly after, with his cousin G. A. Hammond as a partner, formed the Hammond-Knowlton Silk Co. This partnership, afterwards incorporated, was consolidated with several other silk companies as The H. K. H. Silk Co., of which he is to-day its President. He and his wife have one adopted son, Clarence A. Hammond-Knowlton, son of Charles Storrs and Anne Leslie

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Ancestors of Amyntas Shaw and his wife Lucy Tufts Williams

The marriage of Amyntas Shaw and his wife appears in the Rhode Island American of May 14, 1812 at Providence. They were the parents of ten children:

(1) Elizabeth W. married Wm. Henry Williams as per page 14 and had issue:—(a) Charles Henry who with his wife Lydia were the parents of Ellery who married and resides in St. Louis; Susie who married a Valentine and resides in No. Adams, Mass.; Elizabeth who married; Henry who never married and died in the Spanish War; Francis who married and resides in No. Adams; Marion who married and resides in Raynham, Mass. (b) Louisa Frances married William Hunt. Resided Raynham, Mass. They had one child, Bertha. (c) Henrietta Shaw married Lysander Hart. Resided Taunton, Mass. They had Frank who married and resides in Taunton with a family and Kate who married Irving Wilbur, no issue; (d) Ervin Channing as on page 14.

(2) Same as on page 14. (3) Parmenio Calesthenes married first Rebecca True and had son Charles True who married and had a family and resides in San Francisco, Cal.; No. 3, married second, Emeline T. daughter of Ephraim and Sophia (Jones) Allen and their issue were:—(a) Henrietta Larrabee married Benjamin I. Small and had two sons, Fred E. and Harold W. Reside Portland, Maine; (b) Sara Alice who married Edward Plummer. No issue. He is deceased and she resides, Portland, Maine; (c) Joseph Henry never married, died in India about 1884; (d) Frank Oliver married Evelyn Bachelder. Resides in Colorado and has issue:—Ina E., Lynette M., Frances O., Donald P.; (e) Isabelle M. married William Benner. They have one son Howard R.

(4) Same as on page 14. (5) The same. (6) The same. (7) Susan W. married as stated. No issue by her second and third husbands. By her first husband Theodore Williams she had one son, Theodore who married three times. His first wife was Frances Julia Perry as stated and they had the following issue:—(a) Theodora married George T. Sprecher and resides Lincoln, Neb. with five children, Theodora, Elizabeth, Helen, Dwight and Gretchen; (b) Frank Perry married Edith Jenks and resides at Fort Collins, Col. Issue:—Florence Jenks, Julia Frances and Edith, deceased; (c) Dwight married Edith Baker and resides at Omaha, Neb. with one son Glen; (d) Lucy Shaw married Mathew A. Tinley and resides at Council Bluffs, Iowa with two adopted children; (c) Isabelle as given on page 14.

(8) Frederick William married as stated on page 14 and his son Frederick married Adelia (not Delia) Delano as stated and they have four sons, Charles Knowlton, Fred W., Louis Winship, Arthur and one daughter Jessie who married David Herbert Garrison and has one son David.

(9) The same. (10) The same.

Please insert the above between pages 14 and 15 of your book and oblige the compiler,

JOSEPHINE C. FROST.

(Scammell) Hammond. He married Isabelle Williams daughter of Theodore and Frances Julia (Perry) Williams and granddaughter of Theodore and Susan (Shaw) Williams and great-granddaughter of Rev. Thomas and Sarah P. (Cushman) Williams of Brewer, Maine. The said Susan (Shaw) Williams was a sister of Isabella M. (Shaw) Knowlton and the Rev. Thomas Williams of Brewer was a son of the Rev. Simeon Williams of Weymouth, Mass. Clarence A. Hammond-Knowlton and his wife have two children—Storrs and Mildred.

References:—New England Register, Vols. 2, p. 180; 15, p. 191; 16, p. 337; 48, p. 346; 49, p. 64; Bond's Watertown; Town Records of Dedham, Mass., pp. 20, 27, 28, 29, 31, 49, 61; Town Records of Raynham, Mass.; Mass. Col. Records, Vol. 1, p. 241; Taunton Wills, Libers, 4, p. 210; 20, p. 399; 34, p. 311; Taunton Deeds, Libers 10, p. 453; 25, p. 302; 36, p. 331; 69, p. 44; History of Bristol Co., Mass., 353, 710, 711, 715; Mass. Soldiers and Sailors.

WILLIAMS

Howell Williams	m	Wenlion —
Morgan Williams	m	Joan Batton
Thomas Williams	m	— Daniel; 2 "Margaret —
John Williams	m	Margaret Smyth
Richard Williams	m	— —; 2 "Christian —
John Williams	m	— —
William Williams	m	Jane Shepherd
Richard Williams	m	Frances Dighton
Samuel Williams	m	Mary Gilbert
Daniel Williams	m	Mercy Dean
Bethia Williams	m	Nehemiah Hall
Bethia Hall	m	Col. Jonathan Shaw
Jonathan Shaw	m	Lydia Gushee
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Richard Williams	m		Frances Dighton
Nathaniel Williams	m		Elizabeth Rogers
John Williams	m		Hannah Robinson
Capt. Simeon Williams	m		Zipporah Crane
Rev. Simeon Williams	m		Anna Crocker
Lucy Tufts Williams	m		Amyntas Shaw
Isabella M. Shaw	m		Charles Clark Knowlton

1—HOWELL WILLIAMS, Lord of Ribour, married Wenlion, daughter of Llyne ap Jevan of Rady.

2—MORGAN WILLIAMS son of Howell and Wenlion Williams was of Lanishen, Glamorgan and married Joan Batton daughter of Thomas Batton of Glamorgan.

3—THOMAS WILLIAMS son of Morgan and Joan (Batton) Williams died at St. Helens, Bishopgate, London and was buried there. He married first — Daniel of Edmonton, second Margaret — but which one was the mother of John is not known.

4—JOHN WILLIAMS son of Thomas Williams was steward of Wimbledon Manor, Surrey and married Margaret daughter of Richard Smyth. He died at Mortlake in 1502 and she in 1501.

5—RICHARD WILLIAMS son of John and Margaret (Smyth) Williams was born in Rochampton in 1487 and died at Dixton in 1559. His first wife's name is not known nor the maiden name of his second wife Christian.

6—JOHN WILLIAMS son of Richard and Christian Williams was of Huntingdon, near Wotton-Under-Edge, Gloucester, and died in 1579. The name of his wife has not been ascertained.

7—WILLIAM WILLIAMS son of John Williams was of Huntingdon and married November 15, 1585, Jane Shepherd who died about 1600. He married second December 4, 1603 Jane Woodward who died February 2, 1614 and he was buried on Sept. 29, 1618 in Wotton-Under-Edge in Gloucestershire.

8—RICHARD WILLIAMS son of William and Jane (Woodward) Williams was baptized in the parish of St. Mary the Virgin in Wotton-Under-Edge in Gloucestershire, January 28, 1606 and married in the Parish of Witcombe Magna, Gloucester, February 11, 1632 Frances daughter of John Dighton who was baptized March 1, 1611. He made his will May 5, 1686 in which he stated he was about 80 years of age and gave his son Nathaniel the land, house and barn "which he now possesseth" being part of a lot purchased of Henry Uxley, also twenty-nine acres located in several other places. He had a tan yard which he bequeathed to his son Benjamin. To his eldest son Samuel he left two lots which he purchased of Timothy Holloway, "now in possession of Samuel" also all rights to future divisions of land belonging to the lot formerly in "occupation of Anthony Slokam."

He mentioned his wife Frances bequeathing her the easterly part of his dwelling house with the garden and also land at Assonat and meadow not disposed of, with fifteen pounds annually and the keeping of two cows and all household goods; also if she required it the land at Assonat and his share in the Iron Works should be sold. He made his five sons executors and closed his will by the statement "I also will them to take care of their mother in all things necessary for her comfort to their ability".

The will was proven October 10, 1693, in Taunton, Mass.

His name was on the Military List in 1643 and he was Deputy from Taunton to the General Court at Plymouth for the years of 1643, 1645, 1646, 1648, 1650, 1651, 1653 to 1657, 1659, 1664, 1665 and was one of the Selectmen at Taunton for eleven years. Before he died he became both blind and deaf. The home site of Richard Williams is now 152 Dean St. Taunton, Mass.

He was one of the original members of the First Church in Taunton and one of its first deacons. The death date of his wife has not been ascertained.

9—SAMUEL WILLIAMS the eldest son of Richard and Frances (Dighton) Williams made his will in Taunton, August 6, 1697 stating that he was "under bodily infirmity and pain". He gave his wife the right to live with their eldest son Seth "in my house a twelve month after my decease if she wishes, but if she choose to return home again to her own before winter" he gave her six bushels of corn and a hog and what she desired of the linen cloth in the house and the woolen cloth at the weavers. His inventory was taken August 31, 1697 but the exact dates of his birth and death have not been

found, but his parents had two children born and baptized in England before 1636 and it is only fair to assume that as he was the oldest son of the family that he was born in 1637 as the next son was born in 1639. His inventory showed that he had rights in the division of land at Rumford.

He married Mary, daughter of Thomas and Jane (Rossiter) Gilbert, and was a member of the Third Squadron of the Military Co. of Taunton, April 8, 1682 and he is said by the history of that place to have been a tailor.

9—NATHANIEL WILLIAMS son of Richard and Frances (Dighton) Williams was baptized in Gloucester, February 7, 1641 and died in Taunton, Mass., August 16, 1692. He married November 17, 1668 Elizabeth Rogers of Duxbury, daughter of John and Ann (Churchman) Rogers. She died May 11, 1724. (The Williams Mss. states that he was born in Dorchester, Mass. November 17, 1639). In 1682 he was a member of the Military Co. of Taunton and in 1691 was elected the Second Sergeant. In 1689 and 1690 he was one of the Selectmen of Taunton and in 1689 served as its Deputy to the General Court at Plymouth.

10—DANIEL WILLIAMS son of Samuel and Mary (Gilbert) Williams died September 7, 1735 in his 54th year. He married February 1, 1710/11 Mercy, daughter of Thomas and Katherine (Stephens) Dean who died January 10th 1766. He is buried in the North Burying Ground at Taunton. If she lies beside him there is no stone to mark the place. He made his will August 22, 1735 and it was proven October 16 of the same year. By his father's will he was, when of age, to receive the homestead, which in his own will he bequeathed to his wife Mercy until his son Daniel should be of age. He gave his daughter Bethia Hall fifty pounds besides what he had already given her. Mercy in her will proven October 27, 1766 mentions Bethia Shaw, daughter of her deceased daughter Bethia.

10—JOHN WILLIAMS son of Nathaniel and Elizabeth (Rogers) Williams was born in Taunton, Mass., August 27, 1675 and died there August 18, 1724. He married Hannah, daughter of Increase and Sarah (Penniman) Robinson who died December 2, 1757, aged 89 years. On October 11, 1698 his father's property was divided and he received as the eldest son, the dwelling house, barn, orchard "the land at home" the ten acre lot in the great lots, the seven acre lot in the great lots and others of lesser acreage. This division is of interest for the men who made it stipulated that John and his brother Nathaniel should care for their grandmother Williams, showing that Frances (Dighton) Williams baptized in 1611 was still living. He is buried in the Neck of Land Cemetery but no stone is erected to his wife if she lies there.

11—BETHIA WILLIAMS daughter of Daniel and Mercy (Dean) Williams was born October 28, 1711 and died February 17, 1739/40 as the wife of Nehemiah Hall, who died October 29, 1775 aged 70 years, 9 months and 3 days. They are buried in the cemetery at North Raynham, Mass.

(See HALL)

11—SIMEON WILLIAMS son of John and Hannah (Robinson) Williams was born February 21, 1716/17 and died September 18, 1794. He married first at Raynham (by Rev. John Wales) August 26, 1742 Zipporah Crane of Raynham, Mass. and second Waitstill Hodges. Zipporah died May 21, 1748 in her 25th year and they are buried in the North Burying Ground at Taunton, Mass. On his grave stone is the following inscription: "Friendship and Filial love have erected this monument to Deacon Simeon Williams who died of the stone September 18, 1794 aged 78 years. Death inexorably hath laid in the dust/The man who was faithful, pious and just/From torments extreme how happy the flight/From misery to joy from darkness to light/.

Simeon Williams was known as both Captain and Deacon. He was one of the many members of the First Church in Taunton who withdrew from the Society in 1792 and founded the Westville Congregational Church. The cause of the withdrawal was the dissatisfaction with the new minister selected for the original church which seems to have been well grounded. He was a man of ability, strength of character and wielded great influence. He served in the French and Indian Wars, being made Corporal of the Second Company of Taunton on April 6, 1757 and later the Captain of it. He was on the reserve list for Revolutionary service December 6, 1776, but probably saw no active service. However in 1775, 1776, 1777 and 1778 he was elected a member of the Taunton Committee of Correspondence, Inspection and Safety whose many duties included the care of confiscated estates and a general lookout for Tories. He was one of the Selectmen of Taunton from 1760 to 1766 and from 1770 to 1777.

He made his will May 15, 1787 and it is as follows:

In the Name of God Amen, I Simeon Williams of Taunton in ye County of Bristol, Gentleman, being in a Good State of Bodily health and of a Sound disposing mind & memory, Blessed be God therefor, and Calling to mind the mortality of my Body, that it is appointed for All Men once to Die, do make this my last Will and Testament in manner & form following. And in ye first Place I give and Commend my Soul into the Hands of God who gave it, and my Body to the Earth from whence it came, to be Buried in Decent Christian Burial at the Discretion of my Executor herein after named in hopes of a Joyfull Resurrection through the merits of my Savior Jesus Christ. And as for the Worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to Bless me with, I dispose thereof in manner following, after my Just Debts & Charges are paid,

I Give to my Belovid wife Weightstill Williams one Third part of all my personal Estate, to her & her heirs & assigns forever, I also Give her one Third part of my Real Estate to Improve during her remaining a Widow, towit about Eighteen Acres of Land on which my Dwelling House Stands, only excepting one half the young orchard, and ye whole of the Garden at ye West End of sd House, I also Give sd Weightstill the East part of sd Dwelling House, one half the Barn, & one half of the Corn House, and one half

the pasture Land on ye West Side of the Road leading from my sd House to Zephaniah Leonards Esqrs and half my land on the Fowling Pond Plain, so called, and half my Land in the Pine Swamp adjoining thereto, with ye whole of my Land at Pale Brook, so called, and my pasture near Mr Seth Robinsons in Raynham, which Lands & Buildings I Give her so long as She shall live in a State of Widowhood,

I Give to my Eldest Son Simeon Williams Over & above what I have allready Given him, the Sum of Money which he Stands Charged for on my Book, being Twenty Six Pounds thirteen Shillings & 14d.

I Give to my Son Nathaniel Williams, he discharging my Estate from all amounts, or demands he have or may have against it for Labour or Service done for me in my lifetime, and also he paying Such Debts & Legices as he Shall be ordered in this Will, then I Give him the Westerly or New part of my Dwelling House, half the Barn & other out Houses, and half the young orchard, & the whole of ye Garden At at ye West End of sd House, I also give sd Son my Lot of Land on the Northerly Side of the Road leading from sd House to Job Deans, and partly opposite to sd House, and one half my Pasture Land lying on the Westerly Side of the Road leading from my sd House to Zephaniah Leonards Esqrs and one half my Land on ye Fowling Pond Plain, and in the Pine Swamp thereto Adjoining. I also Give sd Son my Intrest in the Furnace Called Raynham Furnace being one Twelfth part thereof.

I Give & Confirm to my Daughters Zeporah King, Luranah Hodges, Hannah Dean all that they have had & received of me at Time of Marriage, for House Keeping.

I Give to my said Son Simeon, and to my five Daughters viz Zeporah Luranah, Hannah, Jemima, and Cyntha to be equally Divided between them their heirs and assigns forever, The Several pieces of Land, and all the Real Estate I Shall Die Seized of & not otherwise disposed of in this Will, together with half ye pasture Land near Seth Robinson's, and half the Land at Pale Brook (after the Decease or Time of Marriage of my said wife Weightstill,) all which to be Divided, as aforesd according to Quantity & Quallity.

I Give to my three Grand Children the Children of my Daughter Experience Hodges Decd. viz to Abiel Hodges Twenty Shillings. Experience Hodges Twenty Shillings, and to Weightstill Hodges Thirty pounds. to be paid them by my Son Nathaniel within two years after my Decease,

I also Give to my two Daughters, Jemima & Cyntha, in Case they or either of them Shall Live Single & unmarried (after the Improvement of sd wife shall Cease,) the use & Improvement of my East Room in the House, & a Prevelidge of Washing Baking &c in the Kitchen & Cellar—Room Sufficient for their use, they to use & improve the same so long as they or either of them Shall live Single & unmarried as aforesaid.

And my Will further is that if I Should Die befor sd Two Daughters Jemima & Cyntha Shall Marry, then in that Case All my Indoor movables

not disposed in this Will I Give to them to be equally Divided, and if one of them Shall be married & the other Single at the Time of my Decease, that which shall be so unmarried to have one half of sd movables not disposed of, the other to be equally Divided among all my Daughters.

I also Give Said Son Nathaniel, after the Term of my said wife's Improvement The home Lot of Land. Containing about Eighteen Acres. and one half the pasture lying on ye Westerly side of the Road leading from my House to Zephaniah Leonards Esqr. and half ye Plain Land on the Fowling Pond Plain, & Pine Swamp thereto adjoining, and also the Buildings which I have given sd Wife to Improve, only reserving the prevelidge for my Daughters as aforesd in sd House, which Lands & Buildings here above mentioned is the same that is given sd wife to Improve.

My will is & I hereby order, & direct that if my sd Daughters Jemima & Cynthia or either of them Shall Continue to Live Single & unmarried after my Decease my Son Nathaniel Shall Keep for their use one Cow well Winter & Summer, to find Sufficient fire Wood Suitably Cut at the Door to Support one fire, and also to provid for them Sixteen Bushels of Good Indian Corn, & four Bushels of Rye yearly & every year during their so Living Single but if only one of them Shall so live Single only one half the Grain above mentioned to be provided, and if said Jemima and Cynthia shall be unmarried at the Time of my Decease I Give them one Cow each, or to that one that shall be single, if the other shall be married at that time.

my Pew in ye Meeting House I give to my Son Nathaniel & Such of my Children as shall live in my now Dwelling House,—

My Wareing Apparel I give to be equally Divided between my Two Sons, Said Son Nathaniel to have my Desk,

All all the movable Estate that I Shall die Seized of, not herein disposed of, after Debts & Charges are paid, to be equally Divided among all my Children.

And I do hereby Appoint my sd Wife Weightstill, & Son Nathaniel Executors of this Will, they to receive my Credits & pay Debts and Charges And do hereby revoke & make Void all former Willis by me made In Testimony whereof I do hereunto Set my Hand & Seal this Fifteenth Day of May in the year of our Lord one Thousand Seven Hundred & Eighty Seven.

Signed Sealed, published pronounced &
Declared to be the last Will and
Testiment of Simeon Williams in
presence of us

John Godfrey
Richard Godfrey Junr
James Williams,

Simeon Williams

Seal

Know all Men that whereas I Simeon Williams of Taunton in ye County of Bristol Gentn did on the fifteenth Day of May in the year one Thousand Seven hundred & Eighty Seven make, Sign Seal Deliver, & Declare, this before written Instrument, as my last Will & Testament, which will I hereby ratify & Confirm, Excepting as follows, whereas I in sd Will gave my Granddaughter Weightstill Hodges thirty pounds, to be paid by my son Nathaniel Williams, my will is and I hereby order that said Sum of Thirty Pounds shall be paid her in Good Iron hollow ware, or in live neat Cattle, at ye Common price, by sd Nathaniel within two years after my Decease,

My will further is, and I hereby Give to my two Daughters, viz, Jemima & Cynthia my meadow & upland at Scadings so called, Containing Eight Acres more or less, they to have & hold ye same in equal halves, their heirs & assigns forever. In Witness & Confirmation of all which I do hereunto Set my hand & seal this Fourteenth Day of August in the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred & Eighty Nine

Simeon Williams

Seal

Signed, Sealed, Delivered pronounced

& Declared in presence of us

Job Godfrey

James Dean

James Williams

12—REVEREND SIMEON WILLIAMS eldest son of Captain Simeon and Zipporah (Crane) Williams was born in Easton, Mass. June 19, 1743 and died in Weymouth, Mass. May 31, 1819. He married September 1, 1770 Anna Crocker of Eastham, Mass., daughter of Reverend Joseph and Reliance (Allen) Crocker who died in Easton August 10, 1823 in her 75th year. He graduated from the New Jersey College in 1765 and was ordained October 26, 1768 and remained pastor of the South Church in Weymouth for fifty-one years. He and his wife are buried in Weymouth in the cemetery on the Main St. and the inscription on his stone reads:—

“Though earthly shepherds dwell in dust
The aged and the young
The watchful eye in darkness closed
And mute the instructor's tongue
The eternal Shepherd still survives
New comfort to impart
His eyes still guide us and his voice
Still animates our heart.”

They were the parents of eight children, namely:—Anna, born August 31, 1771; Sophia, born December 29, 1772, died young; Sophia, born October 7, 1776; Simeon, born 1778; Betsey, born July 16, 1780; Joseph Crocker, born October 26, 1783; Thomas, born March 11, 1787; Lucy Tufts, born January 18, 1792, baptized March 4, 1792.

The portraits, copies of which are reproduced in this book, of Rev. Simeon and Anna (Crocker) Williams are owned by their granddaughter Isabella M. Knowlton. She also has one of Anna Crocker's wedding slippers and a piece of her wedding dress and white satin petticoat.

Although they were married in 1770 Anna the wife of Rev. Simeon Williams was still listed as a member of the church in Eastham (now Orleans) in 1774 and did not take a letter to her husband's church in Weymouth until October 11, 1795.

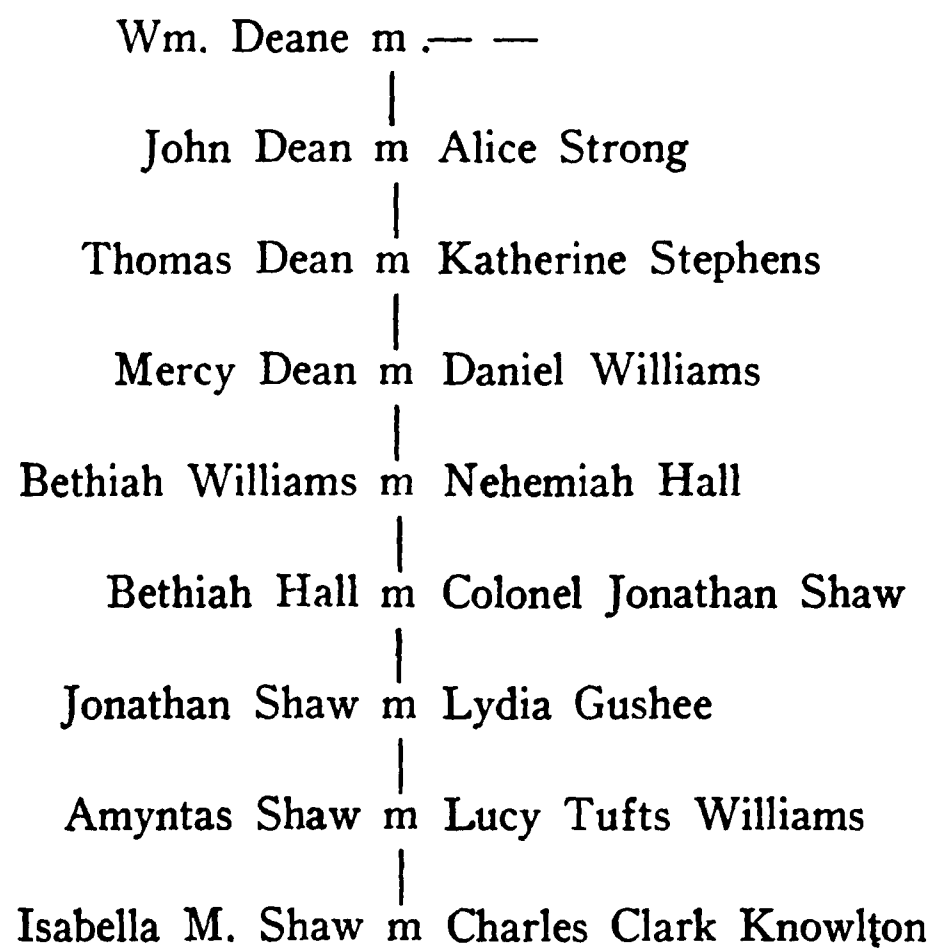
13—LUCY TUFTS WILLIAMS, youngest child of Reverend Simeon and Anna (Crocker) Williams of Weymouth, Mass., was born there January 18, 1792 and baptized in her father's church March 4, 1792 and married in 1812 Amyntas Shaw, son of Jonathan and Lydia (Gushee) Shaw of Raynham, Mass., born September 25, 1785, died June 16, 1859. She died April 11, 1885. They are both buried in the private Shaw cemetery at Raynham.

When Lucy Tufts Williams was a child of seven years she went to Boston to visit and while there she heard the bells toll for the death of Washington and on her return to Weymouth two weeks later she brought to that town the first news of his death.

(See SHAW)

References:—New England Register; Vols. 5, p. 414-4; 17, p. 232; 45, p. 303; 51, pp. 210, 211, 212; 52, pp. 22, 54; 54, p. 16; 62, p. 235; 63, p. 331; 64, p. 32; Probate Records at Taunton, Mass., Liber 1, pp. 79, 199, 223; Liber 2, p. 284; Liber 19, p. 427; Colonial Dames of New York, p. 416; History of Bristol Co., Mass.; Collections of the Old Colony Historical Society; Vol. 6, p. 33; History of Taunton, Mass., pp. 329, 330, 336, 373, 742; California Society of the Mayflower for 1917, p. 16; Williams Mss. owned by Old Colony Historical Society of Taunton; Plymouth Records, 1678-1691, pp. 205, 206, 241; Second Book of Marriages at Taunton, p. 255; Mayflower Magazine, Vol. 10, p. 168; 15, p. 16; 21, p. 57; First Book of Vital Records, City Hall, Taunton, pp. 84, 162; Deacon Reed's Cemetery Inscription of Taunton; Hodges Genealogy, p. 115; Southeastern Mass., p. 587; Weymouth Vitals; History of Easton, Mass., p. 713; History of Weymouth, p. 179; Vital Records of Raynham, Mass.

DEANE



1—WILLIAM DEANE of Southchard, Somerset, England made his will there July 22, 1634 stating that he resided in the Parish of Chard and left to the poor in that place the sum of twenty shillings and to his son John he bequeathed a chest "standing in the hall" and a number of leases and forty shillings in money; mentions his son Walter but as no wife is mentioned she probably predeceased its making. The Deanes according to an article written on the family in 1849 had resided in the vicinity of Taunton, Somersetshire, England, for centuries.

2—JOHN DEAN son of William Deane, with his brother Walter came to New England in 1637, arriving at Boston, stopped nearly a year at Dorchester and then became settlers at Taunton, Massachusetts where they took up their farms on the west bank of the river about one mile from the present center of the place. Houses in 1849, occupying the same lots as their first homes and nearly the exact sites were owned and inhabited by each of their descendants. They took the freeman's oath at Plymouth, December 4, 1638 and by a list of the proprietors of Taunton taken in 1659 we know that John's family consisted of eight persons.

John Dean was born about 1600 and died between April 25 and June 7, 1660 "aged 60 years or thereabouts". He married Alice Strong who survived him and was living as late as 1668 as she is mentioned in a grant of the Plymouth Court June 1st of that year. An interesting item in his will reads:—"My Will is that these my Overseers with the Consent of my wife shall in case heer by no settled Ministry in Taunton; they shall have full power to sell either the whole or a parte of these my housings and lands, soe as my children and Posteritie may remove elsewhere, where they may enjoy God in his Ordinances."

An anecdote has been preserved by tradition in his family that at one time he came nearly losing his life as he was hunting alone in the woods. He perceived through some bushes several Indians cautiously approaching evidently with the intention of either killing or capturing him, and the thought suddenly came to him that he would make it appear as though he was in company with a number of others. This he did by exclaiming loudly "Rush on boys and we'll have them" at the same time firing his gun and rushing forward. The stratagem succeeded and the Indians scattered permitting him to return home unmolested. Their son John is said to have been the first white child born in the settlement at Taunton.

3—THOMAS DEAN son of John and Alice (Strong) Dean married in Taunton, Massachusetts, January 5, 1669/70 Katherine Stephens who survived him. In 1849 a book belonging to her was in the possession of one of their descendants. He made his will August 7, 1690 and it was proven July 21, 1697, wherein he made his wife sole executrix and left her all of his estate as long as she was his widow that she might bring up his female children. He had an only son Thomas who was to have after her death his share in the iron works and most of his land. Among his daughters he mentions Mercy.

4—MERCY DEAN daughter of Thomas and Katherine (Stephens) Dean married in Taunton, Massachusetts, February 1, 1710/11 Daniel Williams and died there January 10, 1766.

(See WILLIAMS)

References: New England Register, Vol. 3, pages 375-384; Vol. 9, page 315; Vol. 51, page 432; Vol. 63, page 232; History of Taunton, page 36.

RICHMOND

John Richmond	m	— —
John Richmond	m	— —
Mary Richmond	m	Richard Godfrey, Jr.
Alice Godfrey	m	David Gushee
Abraham Gushee	m	Hannah Staples
Lydia Gushee	m	Jonathan Shaw
Amyntas Shaw	m	Lucy Tufts Williams
Isabella M. Shaw	m	Charles Clark Knowlton

1—JOHN RICHMOND, born 1594, was from Ashton, Keynes Wiltshire, England, and was one of the pioneers of Taunton, Massachusetts in 1637, dying there March 20, 1664. In 1656 he was one of a Commission from Newport, Rhode Island, although he owned six shares of the original purchase of Taunton, where he took the oath of fidelity in 1640. His family were large owners of land in the eastern part of the town and gave the name Richmondtown to a village in that section. His will, dated December 14, 1663, was proven October 29, 1669, in which he mentions his son John, to whom he leaves all his writings which were to be found in a chest in the home of his son-in-law, Edward Rew. The name of his wife is not known.

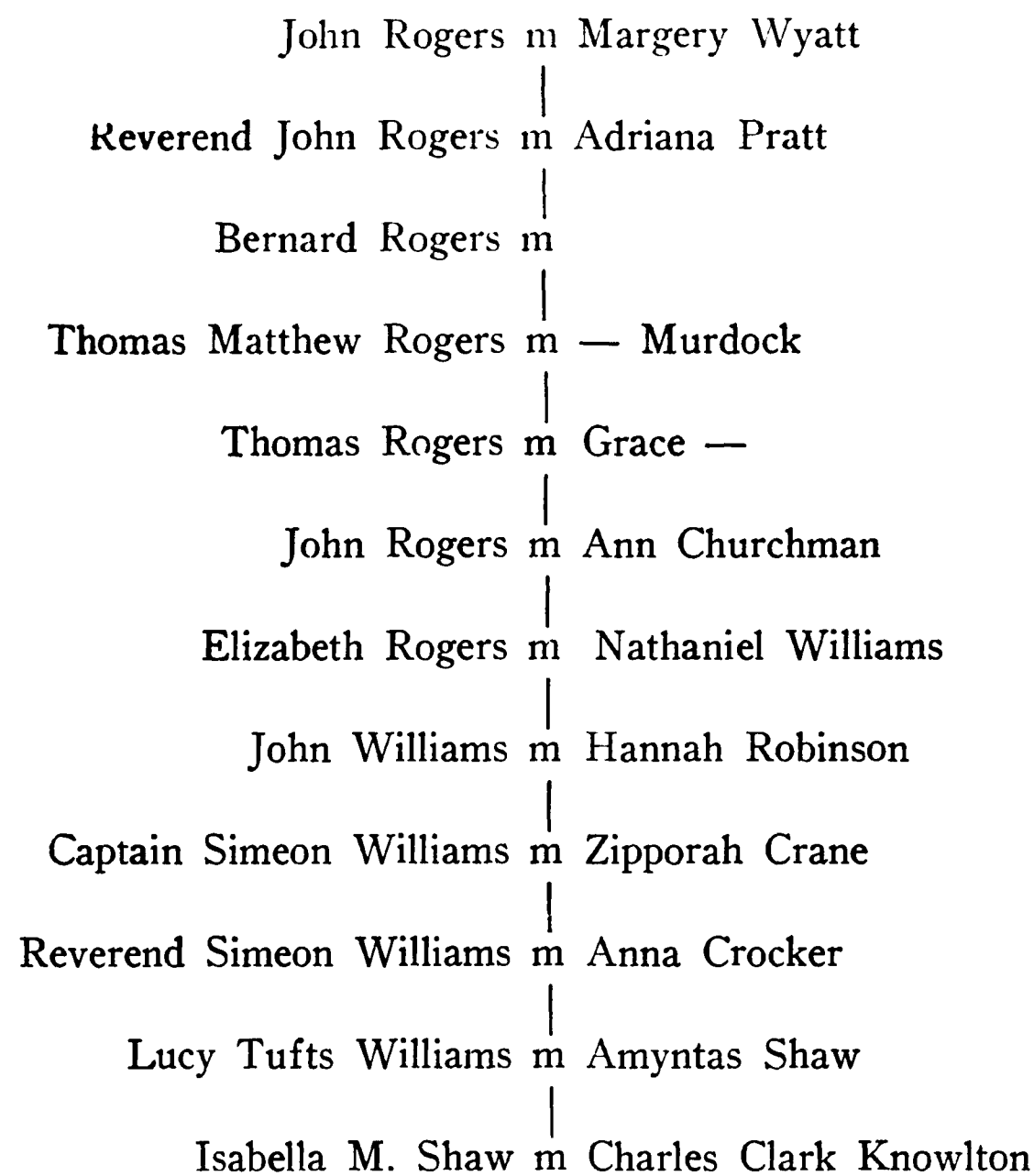
2—JOHN RICHMOND, son of John Richmond, was born about 1627 in England and married twice. The name of his first wife has not been ascertained, but she died in 1662 and he married second Abigail, daughter of John Rogers, of Duxbury, Massachusetts. They are both buried in the Neck of Land Cemetery in Taunton, and their grave stones are in an excellent state of preservation. He died October 7, 1715, aged 88 years, and his wife Abigail died August 7, 1727, aged 81 years.

He was a member of the Town Council of Taunton in 1675, 1676 and 1690 and served the town as Constable, Commissioner and Surveyor at various periods. His residence was at Neck of Land, three-quarters of a mile from the Green where he and his wife lie buried. He was also a member of every important committee in Taunton for the purchase, division and settlement of land and other matters of public interest.

3—MARY RICHMOND, daughter of John Richmond and his first wife, was born in Bridgewater, Massachusetts, June 2, 1654, and died in Taunton, November 5, 1732, as the wife of Richard Godfrey, Jr., whom she married January 1, 1679-80, in Taunton. On March 17, 1680-81, John Richmond of Taunton, for love and good will for his eldest daughter Mary, wife of Richard Godfrey, Jr., of Taunton, with consent of his wife Abigail, deeds her six acres of land at the east end of the common.

(See GODFREY)

References: Plymouth Colony Records, 1633-1689, page 230; Richmond Genealogy; City Hall, Taunton, Book 1, pages 74, 81; Taunton Deeds, Liber 5, page 5.

ROGERS

1—REVEREND JOHN ROGERS was born in 1507 near Birmingham, England and was educated at Cambridge, receiving the degree of B.A. in 1525. He was chosen to the Cardinal's College at Oxford and soon thereafter went into holy orders in the Roman Catholic Church. On December 26, 1532 he was Rector of Holy Trinity the Less in London and served two years, resigning in 1534 and was afterwards called by a company of English merchants to be one of its chaplains at Antwerp, Brabant and he served there several years.

While there he formed an ardent friendship for William Tyndale and Miles Coverdale (afterwards Bishop of Exeter) and his opinion regulating church government began to change, and owing to a great knowledge of the Gospel he cast off popery, the faith in which he had been reared. He married there in 1536, Adriana Pratt, neice of Jacob Von Meteren, who was more richly endowed with virtue and soberness than with worldly treasure, and by her he had eleven children. On his conversion he decided to publish the Bible in English and translated the whole Book and published it in 1537, it being printed at Antwerp by his father-in-law and there exists today, in the British Museum, three copies of it. He did this work under the name of Thomas Matthew, and the Book is known as the Matthew Bible. He resigned his

chaplainship and removed to Wittenberg, Saxony, and took charge of a Protestant congregation there, remaining eleven years. On the accession to the throne of England of King Edward the Sixth and the establishment of Protestantism in England, he returned there in 1548 and in 1550 became Rector of St. Margaret Moyses. On August 24, 1551 he had bestowed upon him the valuable Prebend of St. Pancras in the Cathedral of St. Paul, London where shortly after he became "Divinity Reader." In April 1552 his family under a special act of Parliament were naturalized.

He labored diligently in the work of the church until Queen Mary ascended the throne, when on Sunday, her entry into London July 16, 1553 he preached a sermon at St. Paul's Cross when he exhorted the people to adhere to the doctrine taught under King Edward and to resist the forms and dogmas of Catholicism. For this he was summoned before the Privy Council and described himself as John Rogers, alias Matthew, defending himself nobly, and was discharged, but he never preached again, for on August 16, 1553 he was commanded by the Council to remain within his house.

On January 22, 1554-5 he and other Protestants were brought to trial and six days later he was, through the Privy Council and Gardiner Bishop of Winchester, condemned and sentenced as an excommunicated heretic to be burned to death at the stake which sentence was carried out on Monday February 4, 1554-5. He asked to see his wife and children which request was refused. He was taken before Bishop Bonner and degraded from the Priesthood according to Romish ceremony and again asked to see his family which was again refused and he was then taken to the stake at Smithfield and chained where he exhorted the people to abide faithfully to their true doctrine. His pardon was offered if he would give up the Protestant faith but he utterly scorned the suggestion and he died a martyr to free religion. He was a saintly type of man whose burning will ever be a blight on Queen Mary and the Roman Catholic Church. He was the son of John (Thos. and Catherine de Courtenay (Pomeroy)) born 1485 and Margery (Wyatt) Rogers said Margery being daughter of Sir Henry Wyatt.

2—BERNARD ROGERS son of Reverend John and Adriana (Pratt) Rogers was born in 1543 at Wittenberg, Saxony and who after being educated in Germany and reached his maturity returned to England and married in Scotland about 1564, the name of his wife not being known.

3—THOMAS MATTHEW ROGERS son of Bernard Rogers was born about 1565 in the north of England or in southern Scotland and married in 1586 a Murdock, her Christian name not being preserved.

4—THOMAS ROGERS son of Thomas Matthew and (Murdock) Rogers was born in 1586-7 married in England about 1606 Grace, whose maiden name is not known. He with his son Joseph came to America in the ship Mayflower and he died in the first sickness. Bradford in his wonderful history states that the rest of his children came over later and married

here and had many children. His widow, Grace, married second William Rogers her brother-in-law and third Roger Porter of England.

5—JOHN ROGERS son of Thomas and Grace Rogers was born in England in 1611 and came to New England in 1631 being taxed at Duxbury, Massachusetts in 1632. He married there April 16, 1639 Ann Churchman supposed to be the daughter of Hugh Churchman of Lynn but it has never been proven. He died in Duxbury between August 26, 1691 and September 20, 1692 the dates of the making and proving of his will, in which he mentions his daughter Elizabeth Williams. His daughter Abigail became the second wife of John Richmond of Taunton. On June 5, 1644 he was made Surveyor of Duxbury and on June 3, 1657 its Deputy to the General Court at Plymouth and on June 5, 1666 he was made Constable and he was holding that office in the years of 1681 and 1683. He died in Scituate, Massachusetts.

On July 4, 1673 the court granted him one hundred acres of land between Taunton and Teticut on the northeast side of Taunton.

6—ELIZABETH ROGERS daughter of John and Ann (Churchman) Rogers was probably born in Duxbury, Massachusetts married November 17, 1668 Nathaniel son of Richard Williams of Taunton, Massachusetts baptized in Taunton February 7, 1641 died there August 16, 1692.

(See WILLIAMS)

References: New England Register, Vol. 5, page 414-4; Vol. 17, page 232; Vol. 52, page 54; The John Rogers Family of Plymouth and Vicinity, pages 15 to 20; Mayflower Magazine, Vol. 5, page 205; Lineage of the Rogers Family in England, by John Cox Underwood, compiled for H. H. Rogers, of New York City.

RICHARDS

Thomas Richards m Welthian Loring

Mary Richards m Governor Thomas Hinckley

Melatiah Hinckley m Josiah Crocker

Thomas Crocker m Hannah Green

Reverend Joseph Crocker m Reliance Allen

Anna Crocker m Reverend Simeon Williams

Lucy Tufts Williams m Amyntas Shaw

Isabella M. Shaw m Charles Clark Knowlton

1—THOMAS RICHARDS was a member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Boston in 1648 and died December 17, 1650. His home was in Weymouth, Massachusetts. He made his will 17th of 10mo 1650 in the town of Hull at the home of Thomas Loring his brother-in-law which was

proven 28th of 11mo 1650, in which he mentions his son John who is in England, sons James, Samuel, Joseph and Benjamin and his daughters Mary, Ann, Alice and Hannah, and his wife Welthian. The daughter Alice married William the son of Govr. Bradford.

Thomas Richards was a merchant of much respectability and held the high esteem of Plymouth Colony, being honored with the title of "Mr."

Welthian Richards, widow of Boston made her will July 3, 1679 and mentions in it "Melatiah Crocker, daughter of Thomas Hinckly of Plymouth Colony and my daughter Mary, deceased."

2—MARY RICHARDS daughter of Thomas and Welthian (Loring) Richards was born in England and died June 24, 1659 as the wife of Governor Thomas Hinckley whom she married December 4, 1641 in Barnstable, Mass. (See HINCKLEY)

References: New England Register, Vol. 7, page 232; Vol. 23, page 29; Mayflower Magazine, Vol. 9, pages 90, 91; Plymouth Colony Records, 1633-1689, page 248.

HALL

George Hall m Mary —

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Joseph Hall m Mary Bell

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Nehemiah Hall m Bethia Williams

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Bethia Hall m Colonel Jonathan Shaw

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Jonathan Shaw m Lydia Gushee

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Amyntas Shaw m Lucy Tufts Williams

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Isabella M. Shaw m Charles Clark Knowlton

1—GEORGE HALL with wife Mary, maiden name not known, came from Devonshire, England before 1636 having had land granted to him that year in Duxbury, Massachusetts. He was one of the forty-six original proprietors of the first purchase from the Indian Sachem, Massasoit which included a tract of eight miles of what is now Taunton, Berkley and Raynham. He was one of the founders of Taunton in 1639 and Constable there in 1645; member of the Board of the Supervising Council in 1657; chairman of the Board of Selectmen from 1666 to 1669; one of the founders of the Pilgrim Congregational Church at Taunton and also one of the stock proprietors of the first iron "bloomery" established in this region upon the site of the present "old forge" now in Raynham (1883). He was the first clerk in Taunton 1656, and one of the largest land owners of that place. He died October 30, 1669 aged about 60 years. In 1889 one of his descendants Mrs. Mary B. Washburn was living on the site of his old home at 128 Dean street.

The will of George Hall was dated Oct. 16, 1669 and proven March 11, 1670 and is filed in Taunton, Mass. and partially published in the Mayflower Magazine Vol. 18 page 250 in which he leaves forty shillings to the church in Taunton to buy cups. His wife is not mentioned.

2—JOSEPH HALL son of George and Mary Hall was born in 1642 and married July 19, 1693 in Boston, Mary the daughter of James Bell, born July 7, 1669. He died April 17, 1705. He was a tailor and resided on the home place on Dean St. Taunton, which he inherited from his father, located "by the Great River". From 1667 to 1680 he was Constable and Surveyor, a promoter of the Pilgrim Church and a share owner in the iron works of the town. His will filed in Taunton Liber 2p. 132 mentions his wife Mary and all his children as young naming his oldest son as Joseph and leaving him land on both north and south sides of the Great River; gives his Book of Martyrs to his son Nathaniel and his great Bible to his son Nehemiah. He also mentions three daughters Mary, Mehettabell and Abigail. The will is dated April 14, 1705 and was proven July 10th of that year. He made cloth and knapsacks for the soldiers in the Canadian expedition of 1690, and was a drummer in the Military Co. of Taunton in 1700. He is buried in the Neck of Land Cemetery.

3—NEHEMIAH HALL son of Joseph and Mary (Bell) Hall was their youngest son born January 26, 1705 and with his brother Nathaniel settled in North Raynham near each other and were large owners of land in that district. He died October 31, 1775 in his 71st year. He married Bethia, born Taunton, October 28, 1711, died there February 18, 1739 in her 28th year daughter of Daniel Williams of that place.

On September 3, 1773 for love and affection he bore Jonathan Shaw and his wife Bethia he deeded them one-third of his purchase right in the old township of Taunton which was originally in the right of George Hall "with all the lands which may become due on said right." (Liber 55 page 320 of Taunton Deeds). On January 16, 1771, Joseph Hall of Taunton, gentleman. Nathaniel and Nehemiah Hall, yeomen of Raynham were equally interested in a lot of Cedar Swamp lying at Little Island in Taunton containing about ten acres, which they divided equally—(Liber 53 page 346 of Deeds at Taunton.) They are both buried in the cemetery at North Raynham.

4—BETHIA HALL, only daughter of Nehemiah and Bethia (Williams) Hall born April 19, 1735, baptized March 4, 1739/40 shortly after her mother's death, married in Raynham, Massachusetts, November 17, 1757 by Reverend John Wales, Jonathan Shaw, known later in life as Colonel Jonathan Shaw, Jr. She died Tuesday, April 17, 1781 and is buried in the old cemetery at North Raynham.

(See SHAW)

References: Hall Family Records, page 571; Taunton Wills, Liber 2, page 132; Mayflower Magazine, Vol. 18, page 250; City Hall, Taunton, Mass., Book 1, page 161; Williams Genealogy, Manuscript, Old Colony Historical Society, Taunton, Mass.; Vital Records, Raynham, Vol. 1, pages 47, 61; History of Taunton, Mass., pages 49, 353, 395.

CROCKER

Deacon William Crocker m Alice —

Josiah Crocker m Melatiah Hinckley

Thomas Crocker m Hannah Green

Rev. Joseph Crocker m Reliance Allen

Anna Crocker m Rev. Simeon Williams

Lucy Tufts Williams m Amyntas Shaw

Isabella M. Shaw m Charles Clark Knowlton

CROCKER

Deacon William Crocker m Alice —

Deacon Job Crocker m Hannah Taylor

Elizabeth Crocker m Rev. Benjamin Allen

Reliance Allen m Rev. Joseph Crocker

Anna Crocker m Rev. Simeon Williams

Lucy Tufts Williams m Amyntas Shaw

Isabella M. Shaw m Charles Clark Knowlton

1—WILLIAM CROCKER known as Deacon Crocker joined the church in Scituate Massachusetts December 25, 1636; removed to Barnstable and was made Constable there in 1644, Selectman in 1668 and Deputy in the years of 1670, 1671 and 1674. He owned a large estate and for many years was the richest man in town. He married first in 1636, Alice whose maiden name is not known nor when she died but she was living in 1683 and was the mother of all his children. He married second Patience widow of Robert Parker and daughter of Elder Henry Cobb. He was many years Deacon of the Barnstable Church. His will is dated September 6, 1692 and was proven October 19th of that same year wherein he mentions his son Josiah and Josiah's son Thomas, and his own son Job. He also leaves a negro boy to Mr. Thomas Hinckley if the latter will pay fourteen pounds for him.

2—JOB CROCKER son of Deacon William and Alice Crocker was also known as Deacon Crocker and was bapt. in Barnstable, Massachusetts March 9,

1644 and married first in November 1668 Mary daughter of Reverend Thomas Walley; he married second July 19, 1680 Hannah Taylor daughter of Richard Taylor, who died May 14, 1743 aged 85 years. Deacon Job Crocker was ordained a deacon in 1684 and died March 20, 1718/19.

2—JOSIAH CROCKER son of Deacon William and Alice Crocker was born in Barnstable, Massachusetts, September 19, 1647. He was a substantial farmer of that place and resided in the stone house which was built by his father. He did not appear much in public life the only record being found of active service was in 1682 when he is listed as a Surveyor of Highways. He married October 23, 1668 Melatiah Hinckley, daughter of Governor Thomas Hinckley and died February 2, 1698/9 aged 51 years. She died February 2, 1714/15. In her will she mentions her son Thomas and his wife Hannah.

3—ELIZABETH CROCKER daughter of Deacon Job and Hannah (Taylor) Crocker was born May 15, 1688 and married April 5, 1712 Reverend Benjamin Allen. She was living in 1754 at the time of his death in Maine.

(See ALLEN)

3—THOMAS CROCKER son of Josiah and Melatiah (Hinckley) Crocker was born in Barnstable, Massachusetts May 28, 1671 and married March 25, 1696 Hannah Green of Boston. He died April—1728 in his 57th year and is buried in West Barnstable. He resided in the ancient stone house of his grandfather. His wife died January 23, 1728/9 in her 53rd year.

4—JOSEPH CROCKER son of Thomas and Hannah (Green) Crocker was born in Barnstable in 1715; graduated from Harvard College in 1734 and in 1739 was called to the pastorate of the South Precinct at Barnstable, now Eastham, Massachusetts and was ordained September 12th of that year. He lived about thirty rods south of the Congregational Meeting House in Orleans on the north side of the road from the Main road and the old house was demolished in 1894. He married first, Reliance Allen of Falmouth, Maine, now Portland. Their marriage intentions is dated September 13, 1739. She died June 30, 1762 aged 44 years and is buried in Orleans; he married second in 1766, Mrs. Mary Hatch widow of James Hatch of Boston who died December 25, 1807 aged 80 years and is buried in Brewster. He died March 2, 1772 and is buried by his first wife and the inscription on his stone is as follows: "Here lies all that was mortal of the Reverend Joseph Crocker, the pious, faithful and respectable pastor of the church in this town who willing rather to be absent from the body and present with the Lord, died March 2, 1772 in the 58th year of his age." By his first wife he had three children, Josiah who became pastor of the church in Taunton, Massachusetts; Lucy who married Reverend William Shaw and became the mother of Reverend Philander Shaw; Anna who married Reverend Simeon Williams of Weymouth. He was a Calvinist, a hard student and a well read theologian.

5—ANNA CROCKER daughter of Reverend Joseph and Reliance (Allen) Crocker was born in 1748 and died August 10, 1823; married September 1, 1770 Reverend Simeon Williams of Weymouth, Massachusetts. In the records

of the First Church of Orleans which used to be part of Eastham prior to 1797 she is listed among its members in 1774 "whose husbands are not of this church" and her name reads "Anna wife of Reverend Simeon Williams". She did not withdraw from this church until October 11, 1795 when she was recommended to the church at Weymouth where she had resided for many years. One of her wedding shoes is owned by her granddaughter Isabella M. Knowlton. It is of brockaded satin, hand made and a work of art.

Mrs. Knowlton recalls her mother (Lucy T. Williams Shaw) telling that her mother Anna (Crocker) Williams and her aunt (her mother's sister Lucy, (Crocker) Shaw) went from Weymouth on horseback to visit their father Joseph Crocker in Barnstable, and it was the last time they ever saw him so probably was in the summer of 1771. He gave Lucy a silver porringer and Anna a silver pepper box. The latter is now owned by Mrs. Charles C. Knowlton his great-granddaughter. (See WILLIAMS)

References: Library of Cape Cod History and Genealogy, No. 13; Mayflower Magazine, Vol. 10, page 167; Vol. 15, page 16; History of Martha's Vineyard under Tisbury, page 67; History of Barnstable, Mass., Vol. 2, pages 392, 396, 397; Hinckley Family, page 2; Barnstable Families, pages 204, 209, 242; History of Cape Cod, Vol. 1, page 563; Vol. 2, page 288; Plymouth Colony Records, 1633-1689, page 222. New England Register, Vol. 9 p. 283.

BELL

James Bell m Esther Lugg
|
Mary Bell m Joseph Hall
|
Nehemiah Hall m Bethia Williams
|
Bethia Hall m Col. Jonathan Shaw
|
Jonathan Shaw m Lydia Gushee
|
Amyntas Shaw m Lucy Tufts Williams
|
Isabella M. Shaw m Charles Clark Knowlton

1—JAMES BELL is first mentioned in America when he took the oath of allegiance in New Haven, Connecticut during 1644. He removed to Massachusetts but just when is not known, and married Esther daughter of John and Jane (Dighton) Lugg who was born in England 1642 and married for her second husband February 11, 1676/7 Richard Marshall.

James Bell was living 16. 2. 1660 at Pulling Point within the bounds of Boston for on that day he was made overseer of the will of Wm. Burnell but he removed to Taunton shortly after.

James Bell lost his life during the period of King Philips War and Dr. Fobes in his History of Raynham published in 1793 states that Deacon Nathaniel

Williams with some others, among them James Bell were at work in a field when the Indians opened fire upon them and that James Bell was wounded and died after being carried to the house of Peleg Sanford. This happened in a place called "Squabette" near the Great River and in 1830 Baylies writes that the graves of these men who lost their lives at that time were still visible but in 1883 although the place was still pointed out there was a growth of white birch and underbrush covering that locality which is now in Raynham.

2—MARY BELL daughter of James and Esther (Lugg) Bell was born July 7, 1669 and married in Boston, Massachusetts, July 19, 1693 Joseph Hall of Taunton. The date of her death is not known but she survived her husband many years as she was living in 1725 and he died in 1705.

(See HALL)

References: Bell Family in America, page 9; History of Bristol County, Mass., page 744; New England Register, Vol. 16, pages 327, 328; Vol. 17, page 263; Records in City Hall, Taunton, Mass., Book 1, page 82; New England Register, Vol. 9, page 230; Vol. 16, page 328; Vol. 46, page 47; Mayflower Magazine, Vol. 18, page 170.

PHILLIPS

Deacon Nicholas Phillips m Elizabeth

Alice Phillips m John Shaw

Benjamin Shaw m Hannah Bicknell

Deacon Jonathan Shaw m Mercy Mason

Colonel Jonathan Shaw m Bethia Hall

Jonathan Shaw m Lydia Gushee

Amyntas Shaw m Lucy Tufts Williams

Isabella M. Shaw m Charles Clark Knowlton

1—NICHOLAS PHILLIPS signed the covenant at Dedham, Massachusetts in 1636 and was one of the men to govern the town in that year and also in 1637, 1638, 1639.

On the 6th of 2mo. 1638 he gave Dedham its first burial ground. On Nov. 23rd of that year he was granted by the town a plot of ground on the hill between the "highway and Jonas Humphrey."

He is not mentioned in the Dedham records after 1650, having removed prior to that year to Weymouth, Massachusetts where on the "11th day of the 6th month 1651 Elizabeth Phillips wife of Nicholas" gives her consent to her husband's sale of a house and several parcels of land to Francis Smyth of Hingham. He was known in Weymouth as Deacon Phillips and made his

will June 2, 1671, which was proven October 2, 1672, having died late in September, wherein he mentions his daughter Alice Shaw.

2—ALICE PHILLIPS daughter of Deacon Nicholas and Elizabeth Phillips became the wife of John Shaw of Dedham, Massachusetts. She was living in 1671.

(See SHAW)

References: New England Register, Vol. 46, page 187; Vol. 63, page 298; Vol. 1 of Town Records of Weymouth, page 195; Boston Transcript, No. 6921 under February 3, 1904; Dedham, Mass., Town Records, pages 3, 20, 29, 42, 44, 50, 53, 163; Phillips Genealogy, page 188.

HINCKLEY

John Henkle m — —
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John Hynckleye m Johane —
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Robert Hinckley m Katherine Leese, widow
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Samuel Hinckley m Sarah —
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Govr. Thomas Hinckley m Mary Richards
|
Melatiah Hinckley m Josiah Crocker
|
Thomas Crocker m Hannah Green
|
Reverend Joseph Crocker m Reliance Allen
|
Anna Crocker m Reverend Simeon Williams
|
Lucy Tufts Williams m Amyntas Shaw
|
Isabella M. Shaw m Charles Clark Knowlton

1—JOHN HENKLE of Lenham, County Kent, England, was overseer of the will of his brother Robert who died in 1522. The baptismal entries of this family may be found in the Parish Registers and Bishop's Transcripts at Harrietsham, which town lies next to Lenham and seven miles southeast of Maidstone. It contains a very ancient church, the earliest part of which is said to date from 1150. The old font, in which doubtless the Hinckley children were baptized was still in existence in 1911. He died in 1577 and was buried in Harrietsham on June 25 of that year.

2—JOHN HYNCKLEYE of Harrietsham, England son of John Henckle married for his first wife Johane, maiden name not known, who was buried at Harrietsham, January 23, 1563/4; he married second July 3, 1570 Aves Elles who survived him.

3—ROBERT HINCKLEY of Harrietsham, England son of John and Johane Hynckleye, was buried there March 27, 1606. He married for his second

wife February 10, 1574/5 Katherine Leese, widow. She probably predeceased her husband as she is not mentioned in his will made in 1605.

4—SAMUEL HINCKLEY of Tenderden, County of Kent, England came to New England in the ship Hercules of Sandwich, which sailed about March 1634. He brought with him his wife Sarah, maiden name not known and four children. He first settled at Scituate and his wife joined the church there August 16, 1635. In 1639 he removed with his family to Barnstable where his wife died August 18, 1656 and he married second, December 15, 1657 Bridget Bodfish. He died at Barnstable October 31, 1662. He was a member of Lt. Thomas Dymoke's Military Company at Barnstable in 1643. Freeman, in his History of Cape Cod states that he was a very prominent man in all public affairs. In his will dated October 8, 1662 he leaves the use of his house and garden and some land to his widow and also gives her all the household stuff she brought with her and his two cows named Prosper and Thrivewell but his landed property and other live stock which appears considerable he divided between his three sons, leaving his daughters and each of their children the nominal sum of one shilling.

5—GOVERNOR THOMAS HINCKLEY son of Samuel and Sarah Hinckley was born in England about 1618 and came to America with his parents and soon became very prominent in Colony affairs. He was made Deputy as early as 1645 from Barnstable to the General Court and from 1658 to 1680 was Magistrate and Assistant; in 1675 and 1676 he was Commissioner of Plymouth Colony and saw active service in the Great Swamp Fight during King Phillip's War. He served as Deputy-Governor in 1680 and became Governor in 1681 continuing in office, except during the interruption by Andros, until the union with the Massachusetts Colony in 1692. He was also a Commissioner in the General Board of the two colonies from 1678 until 1692. His death on April 25, 1706 at the age of 87 years is noticed in Freeman's History of Cape Cod as follows:—"In 1706, April 25, died suddenly in Barnstable Governor Thomas Hinckley at an advanced age, a gentleman of distinguished reputation and of great energy of character who as we have seen, filled a large space in the WORLD'S history. He had stood by the cradle of the Colony in its infancy and had been from first to last, the associate in weal or woe of its great and good men and had lived, himself chief among the surviving, to see the last chapter written in its immortal annals."

He married first Mary Richards on December 4, 1641 daughter of Thomas and Wealthian Richards of Weymouth. She died June 24, 1659 and he married second March 16, 1660 Mary widow of Nathaniel Glover. Upon her death he wrote a very long poem which may be seen in the New England Register, Vol. 1 page 92 the original of which in 1847 was owned by Rev. Chandler Robbins of Boston, Massachusetts.

6—MELATIAH HINCKLEY daughter of Governor Thomas and Mary (Richards) Hinckley was born in Barnstable, Massachusetts, November 24, 1648 and died there February 2, 1714/15 as the widow of Josiah Crocker whom she married October 23, 1668.

(See CROCKER)

References: Barnstable Families, Vol. 2, page 35; New England Register, Vol. 2, page 194; Vol. 9, page 284; Vol. 13, pages 208, 209; Vol. 65, page 316; Colonial Wars, 1899-1902, page 665.

STEPHENS

Thomas Stephens m — —
 |
 Katherine Stephens m Thomas Deane
 |
 Mercy Dean m Daniel Williams
 |
 Bethia Williams m Nehemiah Hall
 |
 Bethia Hall m Col. Jonathan Shaw
 |
 Jonathan Shaw m Lydia Gushee
 |
 Amyntas Shaw m Lucy Tufts Williams
 |
 Isabella M. Shaw m Charles Clark Knowlton

1—THOMAS STEPHENS came from England and settled in Taunton, Massachusetts bringing his daughter Katherine with him. The date of his arrival has not been ascertained nor the name of his wife. As his son Richard was residing in Taunton before his arrival there it is fair to assume that his wife died prior to his immigration to America.

2—KATHERINE STEPHENS daughter of Thomas Stephens was born in England and married after her arrival in Taunton, Massachusetts, Thomas Deane the marriage taking place on January 5, 1669/70. She made her will the 14th of March 1725/6 which was proven Jan. 12, 1726 in which she mentions her daughter Mercy the wife of Daniel Williams and leaves her ten pounds; she mentions land in Norton but no record of it could be found.

(See DEANE)

References: Wills at Taunton, Mass., Liber 5, page 346; Liber 1, page 183; Stephens-Stevens Genealogy, pages 13, 14; History of Taunton, Mass., page 36.

GUSHEE

David Gaschit m Alice Godfrey
 |
 Abraham Gushe m Hannah Staples
 |
 Lydia Gushee m Jonathan Shaw
 |
 Amyntas Shaw m Lucy Tufts Williams
 |
 Isabella M. Shaw m Charles Clark Knowlton

1—DAVID GASCHIT with his brother Henry came to America from France, sometime after 1685 as French Huguenots, fleeing from religious persecution and settled in Bristol County, Massachusetts. The date of their arrival is uncertain but the first authentic record is found in a Session of Court held at Taunton, Massachusetts January 1699/1700 where Henry Gashett brought action for wages due him and his brother David for work performed in May 1696/7. Henry also brought action for wages due him for work on a vessel. In 1700 David Gashett was a member of the first military company of Taunton. The name in the records is spelled many ways but the pronunciation remains about the same. The descendants of David are known today under the name of "Gushee" but his son Abraham spelled it with one "e".

David Gaishet was married in Taunton, Massachusetts, June 12, 1705 to Alice Godfrey, daughter of Richard and Mary (Richmond) Godfrey of that place, the ceremony being performed by Thomas Leonard, Justice of the Peace.

On July 22, 1706 David Gashett purchased from John Macumber, Sr., 24 and $\frac{1}{2}$ acres of land east of the Great River said land lying next to that of his brother Henry. This deed was witnessed by Henry Gashett and Samuel Danforth.

The burial place of David and his wife have not been found nor the dates of their death but she was living in 1722. The town records of Taunton were destroyed by fire in 1838 and valuable material on its early families is forever lost.

2—ABRAHAM GUSHE son of David and Alice (Godfrey) Gaschit died August 6, 1783 in his 71st year. He was married by James Williams, Justice of the Peace of Taunton, July 23, 1741 to Hannah Staples who died in 1815 in her 94th year. His grave stone may be seen in a good state of preservation in the cemetery at Raynham Center, Massachusetts. Her stone, close by is mostly destroyed but the foot stone is clearly marked. (See pictures.) Her will is filed in Taunton, Massachusetts and reads as follows:

Taking into consideration the uncertainty of human life, I Hannah Gushee of Raynham in the County of Bristol, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, widow of Mr. Abraham Gushee late of Raynham, deceased, being advanced in age though of sound memory and judgment through God's goodness do make this my last will and testament.

First, I would recommend my soul to God who gave it and my body I do bequeath to the earth to be interred in decent Christian burial at the discretion of my executors hereafter to be named expecting to receive the same again at the resurrection of the just by the mighty power of God. And touching the temporal estate which God hath pleased to bless me with in my natural life I dispose of the same in the manner and form following: First, I give to my two daughters Sarah Dean and Lydia Shaw my two best calico gowns, my red quilt and my black silk gown my silver shoe buckles and my stone sleeve buttons to be equally divided between them. Second, I give my gold necklace to my daughter Lydia Shaw. Third, I give my cow to my son Samuel Gushee

and my daughter Lydia Shaw to be equally divided between them. Fourth, I give all my remaining goods not disposed of to my three daughters, Hannah Robinson, Sarah Dean and Lydia Shaw. Finally I appoint my son Samuel Gushee to be the executor of this my last will and testament, in witness whereof I have hereunto put my hand and affixed my seal this 16th day of July, 1796 and the 21st year of the Independence of America.

Signed sealed and published and declared to be the last will and testament of Hannah Gushee of Raynham in presence of Eleazur Lewis, Mary Lewis and Myron Hall.

Hannah Staple the wife of Abraham Gushe, was the daughter of Deacon Seth and Hannah (Standish) Staple.

3—LYDIA GUSHEE daughter of Abraham and Hannah (Staple) Gushee, died September 12, 1826 aged 68 years. She married December 8, 1778 Jonathan Shaw, son of Colonel Jonathan and Bethia (Hall) Shaw.

(See SHAW)

References: Cemetery at Raynham Center, Mass.; Reed's Cemetery Inscriptions in the custody of The Old Colony Historical Society at Taunton, Mass.; History of Taunton, pages 41, 44; Book of Sessions in office of Clerk of the Court at Taunton, Vol. 2; Taunton Deeds, Liber 5, page 315; Taunton Wills; Raynham Town Records, page 247; New England Register, Vol. 1, page 344.

HOLMAN

Henry Holman m Joan Joliffe
 |
 Morgan Holman m Alice Odberre
 |
 John Holman m Anne —
 |
 Mary Holman m Samuel Mason
 |
 Lt. John Mason m Mercy Merrick
 |
 Mercy Mason m Jonathan Shaw
 |
 Col. Jonathan Shaw m Bethia Hall
 |
 Jonathan Shaw m Lydia Gushee
 |
 Amyntas Shaw m Lucy Tufts Williams
 |
 Isabella M. Shaw m Charles Clark Knowlton

1—HENRY HOLMAN of Swyre, County Dorset, England is the earliest ancestor of the New England family from whom descent has been proved and was dead in 1587. He married Joan Joliffe who was buried in the church of Swyre June 28, 1604, daughter of William Joliffe of Martinstown, Winterbourne St. Martin, County Dorset.

2—MORGAN HOLMAN son of Henry and Joan (Joliffe) Holman was born in the Parish of Swyre, County Dorset, England about 1563 and was buried there July 1, 1614. He married there October 24, 1596, Alice Odberre who was living June 19, 1614. He was church warden at Swyre in 1607 and overseer in 1608 and 1611. In 1614 he contributed for the relief of the poor twelve shillings the largest amount given by any one person. He held from the Earl of Berwick, by lease dated November 1, 1606 for the term of ninety-nine years a farm at Berwick in the Parish of Swyre and distinct traces of the old house that must have been in existence over three hundred years ago may now be seen in the present enlarged house.

He made his will June 6, 1614 and the original written on two sheets of paper is on file at Somerset House, London and may still be seen in a good state of preservation.

3—JOHN HOLMAN son of Morgan and Alice (Odberre) Holman was baptized at Swyre, England January 27, 1602/3 and died at Dorchester, Massachusetts between June 10, 1652 the date of his will and March 18, 1652/3 the date of his inventory. He married first Anne, whose maiden name is not known but she was admitted to the church in Dorchester November 4, 1639 and died there December 1 of that year. He married second in 1640 Anne Bishop who after his death became the wife of Rev. Henry Butler, A. B. the schoolmaster of Dorchester and returned to England with him. Just what year he came to New England is not known but it was about 1630. He is mentioned in the Boston records in 1632 and in the Pyncheon papers is mentioned as a collector of furs at Dorchester in 1633.

He was a landholder at Dorchester and is mentioned often in the town records at that place. On September 1, 1634 Bray Clarke and John Allen were ordered to build a house "upon the rocke by John Holman." His farm was in that part of Dorchester which was set off in 1662 as the town of Milton. He was a Selectman of Dorchester in 1636, 1637 and 1642 and was chosen by the General Court March 9, 1636/7 ensign for Dorchester. He was member of the Jury of Life and Death at a Quarter Court held at Boston and Newtown September 19, 1637 and was the nineteenth signer of the original roll of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Boston in 1637.

His will is dated June 10, 1652 and in it he mentions the disobedience of his eldest son and deprives him of his double share of the estate. The son tried to break the will but was not successful.

4—MARY HOLMAN daughter of John and Ann Holman was born about 1639 and died after August 5, 1700. She married in Boston, May 29, 1662, Governor John Endicott officiating, Samuel Mason born in England about 1632, died in Boston, September 20, 1691 son of Ralph and Anne of Boston.

(See MASON)

References: New England Register, Vol. 72, pages 185 to 194.

BANGS

Capt. Edward Bangs m Lydia Hicks
 |
 Mercy Bangs m Stephen Merrick
 |
 Mercy Merrick m Lt. John Mason
 |
 Mercy Mason m Jonathan Shaw
 |
 Col. Jonathan Shaw m Bethia Hall
 |
 Jonathan Shaw m Lydia Gushee
 |
 Amyntas Shaw m Lucy Tufts Williams
 |
 Isabella M. Shaw m Charles Clark Knowlton

1—EDWARD BANGS was born in England about 1592 and came to Plymouth, Massachusetts in the ship Anne, July 1623 where he was granted four acres of land on the "other side of Eeel River in 1623". In 1634, 1635 and 1636 he was the Assessor for the Plymouth Colony and in 1647, 1650 and 1663 one of the Deputies to the General Court from Nansett now Eastham, Massachusetts. He married Lydia the daughter of Robert Hicks and died in Eastham in 1677/8 aged 86 years. A tablet erected to his memory bears the following inscription:—"Edward Bangs one of the original purchasers and first settler of Nanset 1644 and an incorporator of the town renamed Eastham in 1651. The First Treasurer of the town holding the office continuously from 1646 until 1665; chosen Deputy to the General Court and elected Selectman in 1665 for two years. He came to Plymouth in the Anne 1623 and was the founder of the American branch of the Bangs family. He died in Eastham in 1677 or 1678 aged 86 years. His life work is known by the record of his forty years service in Plymouth Colony. In appreciation of his character, his faithfulness to every trust and his high conception of duty as a member of the church and a citizen of the Colony this memorial is erected by The Edward Bangs Decendants, August 1916."

2—MERCY BANGS daughter of Edward and Lydia (Hicks) Bangs was born in Eastham, Massachusetts, October 15, 1651 and married December 28, 1670, Stephen Merrick according to the Plymouth records but when they took up their residence in Norwich, Connecticut they recorded their marriage there as December 28, 1671.

(See MERRICK)

References: Bangs Family; History of Eastham, Mass., page 19; Mayflower Magazine, Vol. 17, page 70.

LUGG

John Lugg m Jane Dighton
 |
 Esther Lugg m James Bell
 |
 Mary Bell m Joseph Hall
 |
 Nehemiah Hall m Bethia Williams
 |
 Bethia Hall m Col. Jonathan Shaw
 |
 Jonathan Shaw m Lydia Gushee
 |
 Amyntas Shaw m Lucy Tufts Williams
 |
 Isabella M. Shaw m Charles Clark Knowlton

1—JOHN LUGG with wife Jane Dighton came from Gloucester, England and settled in Boston, Massachusetts where he had land on the south side of School Street on or near the east end of where the Parker house now stands. She was admitted to the First Church there February 10, 1638/9.

He died before October 27, 1647 for on that date she married second Jonathan Negus who was granted the inheritance of the house and ground of John Lugg to the value of twenty pounds that he might dispose of the same towards bringing up his five children. (Mass. Col. Rec. Vol. 2, p. 198.)

2—ESTHER LUGG daughter of John and Jane (Dighton) Lugg was born in England 1642 and married first James Bell who was killed by the Indians in 1676; she married second, February 11, 1676/7 Richard Marshall and a deed dated February 11, 1713/14 recorded in Bristol County, Massachusetts made by her says she was a widow of four score years living in Norton and states that she was a daughter of John and Jane Lugg who lived near the city of Gloucester, in Great Britain and in consequence of the care which had been given her by her son-in-law John Hall who had married her daughter Esther, of said Norton, she wished him to have all her rights in the estate of her honored father and mother deceased, which she might fall heir to in Great Britain and New England and she appointed him her attorney.

The above mentioned John Hall was brother to Joseph Hall who married her daughter Mary Bell.

(See BELL)

References: New England Register, Vol. 16, pages 327, 328; Vol. 46, page 46; Massachusetts Colonial Records, Vol. 2, page 198.

DIGHTON

John Dighton m Jane Bassett
 |
 Frances Dighton m Richard Williams
 |
 Nathaniel Williams m Elizabeth Rogers
 |
 John Williams m Hannah Robinson
 |
 Capt. Simeon Williams m Zipporah Crane
 |
 Rev. Simeon Williams m Anna Crocker
 |
 Lucy Tufts Williams m Amyntas Shaw
 |
 Isabella M. Shaw m Charles Clark Knowlton

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John Dighton m Jane Bassett
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 |
 Nehemiah Hall m Bethia Williams
 |
 Bethia Hall m Col. Jonathan Shaw
 |
 Jonathan Shaw m Lydia Gushee
 |
 Amyntas Shaw m Lucy Tufts Williams
 |
 Isabella M. Shaw m Charles Clark Knowlton

1—JOHN DIGHTON lived and died in Gloucester, England. He married Jane the daughter of Edward Bassett of Uley and in St. Nicholas Church at Gloucester may still be seen the following inscription: "Here lies interred the bodies of John Dighton of this city, gentleman and Jane his wife the daughter of Edward Bassett of Uley by whom he had issue three sons and four daughters. He spent all his time in the study of chirurgery and attained great knowledge therein. He died May 16, 1640 and she died April 23, 1631." His will is dated Jan. 31, 1639 and was proven May 21, 1640 wherein he mentions his eldest son John, his eldest

daughter Jane, daughter Frances Williams, daughter Katherine Haigburne and daughter Damaris whom he made residuary legatee.

2—FRANCES DIGHTON daughter of John and Jane (Bassett) Dighton was baptized in St. Nicholas Church, Gloucester, England March 1, 1611 and married February 11, 1632 in the parish of Witcombe Magna, Richard Williams.

(See WILLIAMS)

2—JANE DIGHTON daughter of John and Jane (Bassett) Dighton married John Lugg and resided in Boston.

(See LUGG)

Note—Katherine Dighton sister of the above Frances and Jane was baptized in St. Nicholas Church at Gloucester, England January 16, 1614/15 and married Samuel Haigburne, emigrated to America and settled in Roxbury, Massachusetts where he died January 24, 1643 and she married second in 1644 Governor Thomas Dudley who died in 1653 and she married third that same year Reverend Benjamin Allen of Dedham who died August 26, 1671 and she died three days later. One Samuel Haigburne died November 14, 1725 in his 88th year; made his will in Taunton, Massachusetts September 24, 1723 which was proven January 12, 1725/6 in which he leaves his household goods to Mary widow of Joseph Hall said will being witnessed by William Robinson, Jonathan Shaw and John Hall.

References: New England Register, Vol. 46, page 46; Vol. 45, page 303; Maine Historical and Genealogical Register, page 364.

MERRICK

Lieutenant William Merrick m Rebecca Tracy

Stephen Merrick m Mercy Bangs

Mercy Merrick m Lieutenant John Mason

Mercy Mason m Deacon Jonathan Shaw

Colonel Jonathan Shaw m Bethia Hall

Jonathan Shaw m Lydia Gushee

Amyntas Shaw m Lucy Tufts Williams

Isabella M. Shaw m Charles Clark Knowlton

1—WILLIAM MERRICK known in early Plymouth records as Lieutenant Merrick came to Charlestown, Massachusetts on the boat James in 1636 and was born in Wales in 1600. He served in the Plymouth Militia under Capt Myles Standish for six years. He resided in Eastham and Duxbury and was one of the original proprietors of Bridgewater. He married Rebecca, daughter of

Stephen Tracy probably in Eastham altho he did not become a legal voter there until May 22, 1655.

His will made in Eastham Dec. 3, 1686, proven March 6, 1688/9 states he is about 86 years of age and mentions his wife Rebecca and son Stephen.

2—STEPHEN MERRICK son of Lt. William and Rebbeca (Tracy) Merrick was born in Eastham, Mass. May 12, 1646 and married there December 28, 1670 or 1671, Mercy born October 15, 1651 daughter of Captain Edward Bangs. A year after he married he left with others and settled in New London, Connecticut and later at Norwich, Connecticut where he purchased a plantation, his home being situated on Bean Hill. He became Constable of Norwich in 1681 and the County Marshall in 1685. He married second, Anna Wilbore of Taunton, Massachusetts to which place he had removed and became a leading man of that place, dying there in 1707. His will made in 1696 says that he "was purposing to goe forth to walk in the present expedition on foot, against the Indian enemy." His marriage to Mercy Bangs is recorded several places and when he removed to Norwich he recorded it again saying he was 25 years of age and she 20. The date of her death is not known.

3—MERCY MERRICK daughter of Stephen and Mercy (Bangs) Merrick was born in Norwich, Conn. in October 1674 and died in Taunton, Massachusetts November 16, 1754 in her 81st year as the wife of Lt. John Mason of that place. The Bangs Genealogy claims she had large bequests of land in Norwich from her father.

(See MASON)

References: Mayflower Magazine, Vol. 5, page 23; Vol. 10, page 7; Vol. 19, page 111; Bangs Genealogy, page 9; Plymouth Colony Records, 1633-1689, page 241; History of Norwich, Conn., pages 83, 99, 236; First Settlers of Eastham, Mass., in New England Register, Vol. 6, page 169.

PENNIMAN

James Penniman m Lydia Eliot
 |
 Sarah Penniman m Increase Robinson
 |
 Hannah Robinson m John Williams
 |
 Capt. Simeon Williams m Zipporah Crane
 |
 Rev. Simeon Williams m Anna Crocker
 |
 Lucy Tufts Williams m Amyntas Shaw
 |
 Isabella M. Shaw m Charles Clark Knowlton

1—JAMES PENNIMAN came to America in the ship Lion in 1631 with wife Lydia Eliot sister of the noted Indian Apostle John Eliot. They brought with them one son William. After residing in Boston for a very short period

they located in Braintree where in 1640 he was chosen Deputy for town affairs and elected Selectman for the years of 1646, 1652, 1653. He died in Braintree 10m 26th day, 1664 and she married second Thomas Wight of the Isle of Wight and Medford, Massachusetts and died in 1676 her will being proved of September 27th of that year. His will dated 18th of 10th month 1664 is filed in Suffolk County, Massachusetts and was proven January 31, 1664/5. His wife Lydia was made executrix and his inventory amounting to five hundred and five pounds and a little over was very large for those times. In it is mentioned "his part of his lease of Mr. Hoffes Neck", dwelling house, barn, stables, old house and orchard, thirty acres of land near the Mill Pond; fifteen near Knight's Neck and eighteen acres near Weymouth Ferry and three acres by Goodman Parmenters.

2—SARAH PENNIMAN daughter of James and Lydia (Eliot) Penniman was born in Braintree, Massachusetts, May 6, 1641 and married as per Dorchester Records, 19th of 11m, 1663 Increase Robinson who was baptized January 1, 1642 and died in 1699.

(See ROBINSON)

References:—New England Register, Vol. 3, pages 91, 247; Vol. 13, page 151; Vol. 37, page 168; Vol. 42 page 91; Vol. 46, page 217; Savage; Vital Records of Braintree, Mass.

ELIOT

Bennet Eliot m Lettese Aggar

Lydia Eliot m James Penniman

Sarah Penniman m Increase Robinson

Hannah Robinson m John Williams

Capt. Simeon Williams m Zipporah Crane

Rev. Simeon Williams m Anna Crocker

Lucy Tufts Williams m Amyntas Shaw

Isabella M. Shaw m Charles Clark Knowlton

1—BENNET ELIOT and Lettese Aggar were married October 30, 1598 in the Parish of St. John the Baptist at Widford, Hertfordshire, England. Between 1606 and 1610 they removed from that place to Nazing. Their son known in America as "Apostle John Eliott" was baptized before their removal to the latter place and the old registers containing the record of his baptism are still in existence. In 1894 Dr. Ellsworth Eliot of New York City was making arrangements with the rector at Widford to have a memorial window placed in the church wherein he was baptized.

Bennet Eliot was buried in Nazing November 21, 1621 and his wife March

16, 1620. The old parish church where the family worshipped in Nazing is situated on the side of a hill overlooking parts of Hertfordshire and Middlesex and has undergone but little change since the days of King Henry the Eighth. The old oak seats carved at the ends with a variety of grotesque characters were all cleaned out in 1874 with the exception of five of them which have been refixed at the east end of the side aisles. They date back to the time of James the First and the church register of baptisms commences in 1559.

The will of Bennet Eliot was dated November 5, 1621 and proven March 28, 1628 in which he bequeaths all his rents and profits of all lands and tenements in the parishes of Ware, Widford, Hunsdon and Estweeks in the Co. of "Harford" unto three men for the space of eight years from the time of his decease and they to pay quarterly unto his son John eight pounds of lawful money towards his education at the University of Cambridge "where he is now a scholar" and the residue was to be used for the bringing up of his youngest children, Jacob, Mary and Lydia the latter to have the chest in the yellow chamber.

In 1631 the ship Lion left the shores of England with the first group of Nazing pilgrims for their new home in America and among them was John the above student who became the noted Indian Apostle and his sister Lydia the wife of James Penniman.

2—LYDIA ELIOT daughter of Bennet and Lettese (Aggar) Eliot was baptized in the Parish Church at Nazing, England July 1, 1610 and married James Penniman before sailing for America. He died in Braintree, Massachusetts December 26, 1664 and she became the wife of Thomas Wight of Medford. The exact date of her death is not known but her will was proven September 27, 1676. (See PENNIMAN)

References:—Descendants of John Eliot page 6; New England Register Vol. 28, pages 140, 145; 396, 403 in Vol. 48 also page 80; Vol. 39 page 365.

WHELDEN

Gabriel Whelden m — —
 |
 Ruth Whelden m Richard Taylor
 |
 Hannah Taylor m Job Crocker
 |
 Elizabeth Crocker m Rev. Benjamin Allen
 |
 Reliance Allen m Rev. Joseph Crocker
 |
 Anna Crocker m Rev. Simeon Williams
 |
 Lucy Tufts Williams m Amyntas Shaw
 |
 Isabella M. Shaw m Charles Clark Knowlton

1—GABRIEL WHELDEN was born in England but was of Plymouth Colony in 1638 and died in 1654. The name of his wife is not known that is the mother of his children. She died in Nottinghamshire, England prior to his coming to New England. He went to Yarmouth in 1639 and had with him a family of grown children. About 1648 he removed to Lynn and from there to Malden where he died between February 11, 1653/4 and April 4, 1654, dates of making and proving of his will, in which he left practically everything he had to his second wife Margaret.

Deeds show that on October 21, 1653 he and his son sold land in Arnold, Nottinghamshire, England thus furnishing to his descendants the name of the town which was without doubt his English home.

2—RUTH WHELDEN daughter of Gabriel Whelden and his first wife married Richard Taylor as the records state that on October 27, 1646 her father gave his consent to said marriage. She died shortly before December 4, 1673 as having been drowned, her body was found on that date.

(See TAYLOR)

References:—Cape Cod Historical and Genealogical Library No. 43.

ALDEN

John Alden m Priscilla Mullines
|
Sarah Alden m Alexander Standish
|
Ebenezer Standish m Hannah Sturtevant
|
Hannah Standish m Seth Staples
|
Hannah Staples m Abraham Gushee
|
Lydia Gushee m Jonathan Shaw
|
Amyntas Shaw m Lucy Tufts Williams
|
Isabella M. Shaw m Charles Clark Knowlton

1—JOHN ALDEN while a passenger in the Mayflower in 1620 was not of the Leyden Congregation for Bradford states that "John Alden was hired for a cooper at South Hampton where the ship victualled; and being a hopeful young man was much desired but left to his own liking to go or stay when he came here; but he stayed and married here."

Notwithstanding the prominence he attained in his deeds of sale or gift he almost invariably describes himself as a cooper, occasionally as yeoman and only once as a gentleman. His education was above the average and tradition tells us that he was the tallest man in the community and of a fine Saxon type. He was the youngest signer of the Mayflower Compact.

John Alden was born in 1599 and died September 12, 1687 the last male

survivor of those who signed the above Compact. Davis, in his Landmarks of Plymouth states that the earliest records indicate that all the land at Plymouth between Burial Hill and Main Street once belonged to John Alden and William Bradford.

The land that John Alden owned there covered the site of the old school house and it is quite probable before his removal to Duxbury in 1627 that he lived there. His home in the latter place was destroyed accidentally by fire but as late as 1897 the old cellar could be seen.

When he removed to Duxbury he settled on the land which had been granted to him on the south side of Blue Fish River. He built his house on a rise of land near Eagle Tree Pond and the site is identified to the eastward of the present building, near the dyke and here was his well. His second house stood a little further to the west and the present house built by his grandson Col. John Alden stands still further to the west. The original grant contained one hundred and nine acres.

In 1633 he was chosen a member of the Board of Assistants to the Governor and continued with few interruptions until his death.

From 1640 to 1650 he was Deputy from Duxbury. From 1666 to 1687 he was first on the Board of Assistants and was styled Deputy Governor and on him devolved the duty of presiding in the absence of the Governor on which occasions according to the records he ruled with dignity and perseverance. Holding offices of the highest trust no important measure was proposed or any responsible agency ordered in which he had not a part. He was often one of the Council of War, many times an arbitrator, a Surveyor of lands for the government and on several important occasions was authorized to act as Agent or Attorney for the Colony. He was chosen Treasurer of the Colony in 1656 and held that office for three successive years.

He divided his estate between his children before he died and spent his last days with his son Jonathan. He married in the early part of the Spring of 1622, Priscilla the daughter of William Mullines both of whom were his fellow passengers on the Mayflower. This marriage has been immortalized by the poet Longfellow.

2—SARAH ALDEN daughter of John and Priscilla (Mullines) Alden was born in Plymouth, Massachusetts in 1629 and died before 1688 as the wife of Alexander Standish son of Captain Myles Standish and his second wife Barbara.

(See Standish)

References:—The Bradford History; New England Register, Vol. 51, pages 429, 430, 431; Vol. 52, pages 363, 364.

TRACY

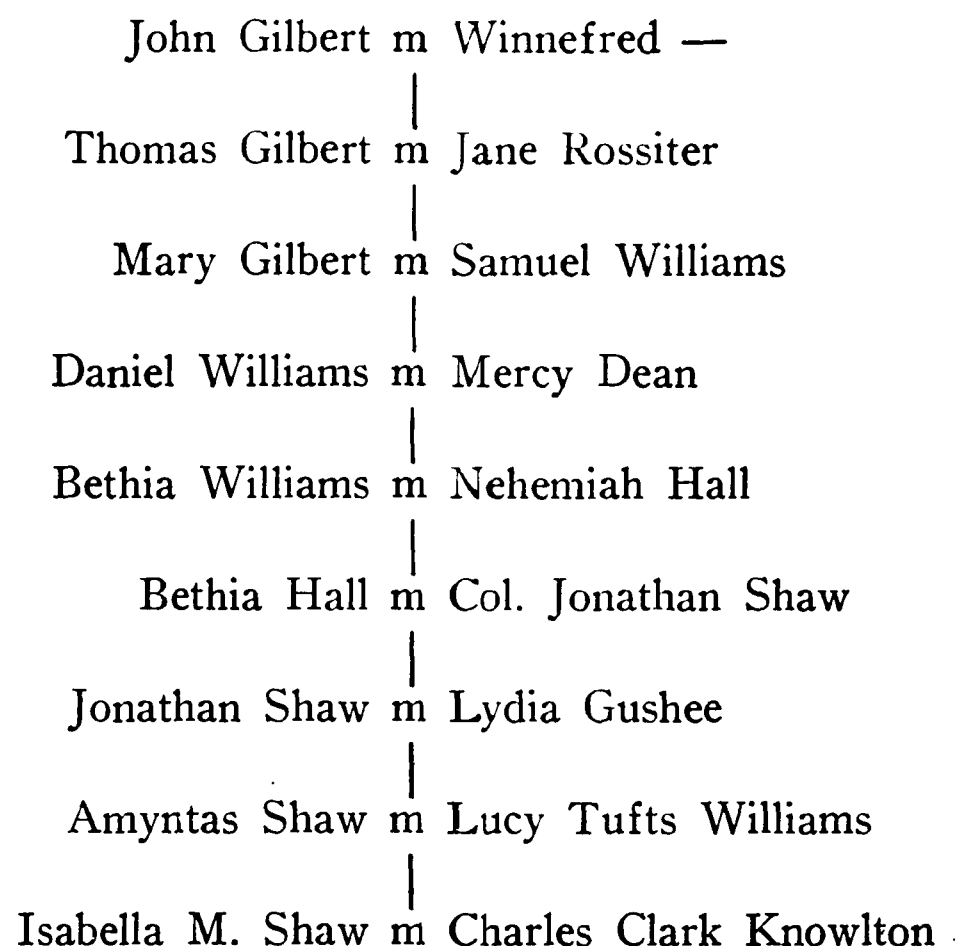
Stephen Tracy m Tryphosa Le —
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 Rebecca Tracy m Lt. William Merrick
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 Stephen Merrick m Mercy Bangs
 |
 Mercy Merrick m Lt. John Mason
 |
 Mercy Mason m Deacon Jonathan Shaw
 |
 Col. Jonathan Shaw m Bethia Hall
 |
 Jonathan Shaw m Lydia Gushee
 |
 Amyntas Shaw m Lucy Tufts Williams
 |
 Isabella M. Shaw m Charles Clark Knowlton

1—STEPHEN TRACY is listed in the marriage records of Leyden, Holland as a “say-maker, young man from England” and his marriage is recorded in Leyden to Tryphosa Le—a maid from England as taking place December 18, 1621. They emigrated to Plymouth Colony, arriving on the ship Ann in 1623 bringing with them one child named Sarah, the three being mentioned in the division of land there the next spring and also in the division of cattle. In 1627 their daughter Rebecca was included thus showing she was born between those two years.

He was a freeman of Plymouth in 1633 and of Duxbury in 1645 but returned to England about 1650 and on March 29, 1655 being at Great Yarmouth, England he gave power to John Winslow to divide all his belongings in America between his son John and his other four children in Duxbury which was done. No death dates appear in this country and he and his wife probably died in their above English home.

2—REBECCA TRACY daughter of Stephen and Tryphosa (Le —) Tracy was born in Plymouth between 1623 and 1627 and married Lt. William Merrick.
 (See MERRICK)

References: New England Register, Vol. 6, page 169; Vol. 15, page 30; Vol. 46, page 109; Plymouth Colony Records; Boston Manuscript, No. 3902 date, April 9, 1914.

GILBERT

1—MR. JOHN GILBERT “a brave honest gentleman” was at Dorchester, Massachusetts with his family in 163—; removed to Taunton after 1636 and was the first Deputy from that place to the General Court of New Plymouth in 1639. He died before 1654 survived by wife Winnefred, maiden name not known.

2—THOMAS GILBERT son of John and Winnefred Gilbert was born in England and emigrated to America with his parents. He was a member of Captain Pool’s Military Company in Taunton in 1643.

He married in that place March 23, 1639 Jane Rossiter and this is claimed to have been the first marriage in Taunton. She died June 1, 1691 age 77 years.

Thomas Gilbert’s inventory was sworn to July 5, 1677 and it stated that he “was dead beyond the seas.” His will named his daughter Mary Williams and he mentions his estate in the hands of Mistress Jane Gilbert showing that she had not gone back to the old country with him.

3—MARY GILBERT daughter of Thomas and Jane (Rossiter) Gilbert became the wife of Samuel Williams of Taunton, Mass, who died in 1697.

(See WILLIAMS)

References: New England Register, Vol. 4, page 343; Vol. 52, page 22; History of Bristol County, Mass., page 737; Vital Records, City Hall, Taunton, Vol. 1, page 92; Plymouth Records, Vol. 1, page 134; Plymouth Colony Wills, Vol. 3, part, 2, No. 78 of copy in Massachusetts State Archives.

HICKS

Robert Hicks m Margaret Winslow
 |
 Lydia Hicks m Capt. Edward Bangs
 |
 Mercy Bangs m Stephen Merrick
 |
 Mercy Merrick m Lt. John Mason
 |
 Mercy Mason m Deacon Jonathan Shaw
 |
 Col. Jonathan Shaw m Bethia Hall
 |
 Jonathan Shaw m Lydia Gushee
 |
 Amyntas Shaw m Lucy Tufts Williams
 |
 Isabella M. Shaw m Charles Clark Knowlton

1—ROBERT HICKS a leather dresser of London, England and ancestor of the Hicks family in America is said to have descended from Sir Ellis Hicks who was knighted by Edward, the Black Prince, on the battlefield of Poitiers, September 9, 1356, for bravery in capturing a set of colors from the French, through his son John, who had Thomas, who had Baptist who had James the father of Robert.

Robert Hicks arrived in Plymouth, Massachusetts on the ship Fortune, November 11, 1621, which brought over parts of the families left behind the year before by the Mayflower. He married first in 1610 in England Elizabeth Morgan but before sailing for America he married second Margaret Winslow who came over with their children, Samuel, Ephraim, Lydia and Phebe in the ship Ann during 1622 in the month of June. Just which Margaret in the Winslow family she was has not been ascertained but there can be no doubt but what she was of the early noted Winslow family for one John Winslow came with Robert Hicks on the ship Fortune and in the will of Samuel Fuller made in 1633 Robert Hicks and John Winslow are mentioned together showing close association with the Winslow family on this side of the water.

His will was made in Plymouth, Massachusetts where he died March 24, 1647 his inventory being taken on July 5th of that year. He said he was formerly of Duxbury and the will is dated May 28, 1645. He gave his son Ephraim his house at Plymouth and "land lately purchased of John Alden" and also land at Island Creek on the Duxbury side; he mentions his oldest son Samuel and his wife Margaret was to have three rooms in his house during her lifetime and to be executrix of his will. He mentions his grandson John Bangs and remembers John son of Reverend John Reyner, John Watson and "the younger of Mr. Charles Chauncey's sons which his wife had at one birth when

hee dwelt at Plymouth." He also left the town of Plymouth a "cow calfe" and bequeathed Wm. Pontus, Phineas Pratt, John Faunce, Nathaniel Morton, Thomas Cushman twenty shillings each and gave Joshua Prat and Samuel Eddy a suit of clothes. He made John Howland, Manasseh Kempton and Thomas Cushman his Overseers and Nathaniel Souther witnessed the will. Margaret Hicks died before 1694.

2—LYDIA HICKS daughter of Robert and Margaret (Winslow) Hicks was born in England and became the wife of Captain Edward Bangs after she came to America but just when is not known.

(See BANGS)

References: New England Register, Vol. 2, page 244; Vol. 4, pages 33, 282; Frost Genealogy, page 343.

MULLINES

William Mullines m Alice —
 |
 Priscilla Mullines m John Alden
 |
 Sarah Alden m Alexander Standish
 |
 Ebenezer Standish m Hannah Sturtevant
 |
 Hannah Standish m Seth Staples
 |
 Hannah Staples m Abraham Gushee
 |
 Lydia Gushee m Jonathan Shaw
 |
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1—WILLIAM MULLINES, his wife and two children Joseph and Priscilla and a servant named Robert Carter were passengers on the Mayflower as listed by Bradford in his History. Thirty years after the landing Bradford writes "Mr. Molines and his wife, his sone and his servant dyed the first winter. Only his daughter Priscilla survived and married with John Alden, who are both living and have 11 children and their eldest daughter is married and hath five children."

In Baird's History of Huguenot Emigration to America he states "William Molines and his daughter Priscilla afterwards the wife of John Alden and Philip De la Noye and others remained in Leyden" referring to the emigration to Guiana. It is not generally believed that William Mullines and his wife Alice were French for after this they went to England and embarked in the Speedwell which ship sailed with the Mayflower but becoming unseaworthy,

they put back and in the re-adjustment of the passengers they became passengers on the Mayflower.

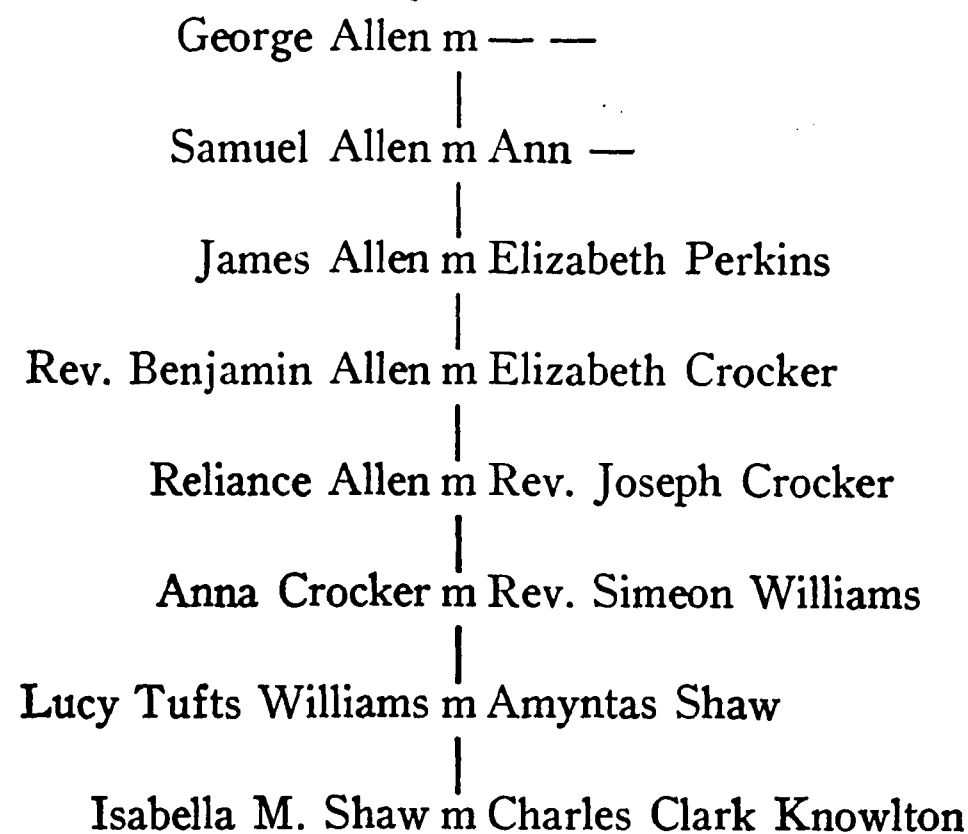
The maiden name of his wife is not known. He made his will evidently at Plymouth and died there March 3, 1621. His will was proved in Dorking, County Surrey, England which seems quite conclusive evidence that he must have been an Englishman. It was certified to April 2, 1621. The date of his death, Old Style was February 21, 1620/1.

His will reads as follows:—"In the name of God Amen: I comit my soule to God that gave it and my bodie to the earth from whence it came. Alsoe I give my goodes as followeth That fforty poundes in the hands of goodman Woodes I give my wife tenn poundes, my sonne Joseph tenn poundes, my daughter Priscilla tenn poundes and my eldest sonne tenn poundes. Alsoe I give to my eldest sonne all my debts, bonds, bills (onelye yt forty poundes excepted in the handes of goodman Wood) given as aforesaid with all the stock in his owne handes. To my eldest daughter I give ten shillings to be paid out of my sonnes stock. Furthermore that goodes I have in Virginia (Plymouth then considered part of Va.) as followeth: To my wife Alice halfe my goodes and to Joseph and Priscilla the other halfe equallie to be devided betweene them. Alsoe I have xxj dozen of shoes and thirteene paire of bootes wch I give into the Companies handes for forty poundes at seaven years and if they like them at that rate. If it be thought to deare as my Overseers shall thinck good. And if they like them at that rate at the dividend I shall have nyne shares whereof I give as followeth, twoe to my wife, twoe to my sonne William, twoe to my sonne Joseph, twoe to my daughter Priscilla and one to the Companie. Allsoe if my sonne William will come to Virginia I give him my share of land furthermore I give to my twoe Overseers, Mr. John Carver and Mr. Williamson, twentye shillings apeece to see this my will performed desiringe them that he would have an eye over my wife and children to be as fathers and freindes to them: Allsoe to have a speciall eye to my man Robert wch hathe not so approved himselfe as I would he should have done."

2—PRISCILLA MULLINES daughter of William and Alice Mullines came in the Mayflower with her parents. The date of her birth and the date of her death are not known. She married John Alden and was living in 1680 for at the funeral of Josiah Winslow in that year "the venerable Jonh Alden with Priscilla on his arm" are named among those of note attending.

(See ALDEN)

References:—Bradford's History; New England Register Vol. 42, page 62; Vol 47 page 91; Vol. 51, pages 427, 248, 429.

ALLEN

1—GEORGE ALLEN sailed for New England March 20, 1635 from Weymouth, England. He was son of Ralph Allen of Thurcaston, Leicester County, England and was born about 1568. He resided a short time at Lynn, Massachusetts, removing to Sandwich where on June 30, 1638 he was elected Constable and in 1640 Surveyor. He resided for a short time at Newport, Rhode Island where he was Deputy to the General Court at Plymouth from 1641 to 1644. His burial is recorded as taking place May 2, 1648. He left widow Catharine, but probably not the mother of his children. She married second John Collins of Boston.

2—SAMUEL ALLEN son of George Allen was born in England and in this country before his father, arriving with the first settlers of Boston in 1628. He located in Braintree, Massachusetts where he was Town Clerk for many years. His wife Ann, maiden name not known, died there September 26, 1641 and he 6th month, 5th day, 1669.

3—JAMES ALLEN son of Samuel and Ann Allen was born in Braintree, Massachusetts in 1636 and with wife Elizabeth Perkins, born 1644, died August 7, 1722 became the ancestors of that part of the Allen family known as the Vineyard Allens, now scattered over the land from Maine to California. He married in 1662 and removed to Sandwich where the births of three of his children are recorded between 1663 and 1667. Just when he removed to Martha's Vineyard is not known but in 1669 he was one of the leading spirits of Tisbury and Chilmark and one of the largest land holders. At one time or another he owned seven of the original home lots on the west side of Old Mill Brook besides all the dividends accruing from them.

His home there in 1911 was owned by Everett Allen Davis, Esq. He resided there for twenty years before removing to Chilmark in 1692, where he had a farm of 250 acres which he left to his sons by will.

In 1675 he was made Assistant under the Mayhew regime and after the

Island came under the jurisdiction of Massachusetts he was one of the first three Justices of the Peace; became Selectman of Chilmark in 1704. He refused many important offices but wielded tremendous influence and had the honor of being the first one to hold an office on the Island who was not related by blood or marriage with the all powerful Mayhew family.

In 1701 he gave Tisbury its first "God's Acre" for a burial place and as a new location for a new meeting house and within its enclosure lies his body marked with a well preserved slate stone. He died July 25, 1714 aged 78 years.

4—BENJAMIN ALLEN son of James and Elizabeth (Perkins) Allen was born in Tisbury, Martha's Vineyard in 1689 as their youngest child and was the first college graduate of that place. He studied theology with Reverend Jonathan Russell and went to Yale where he graduated in 1708 and received his degree of Bachelor of Arts when 19 years of age. In 1710 he preached a short time at Chatham and appears to have been at Barnstable though not in a ministerial capacity but he married there April 5, 1712, Elizabeth, the daughter of Job and Hannah (Taylor) Crocker who was born May 15, 1688 and with her appeared next at the re-settlement of Worcester in 1715 where he preached two years, removing to Bridgewater where on August 17, 1717 he preached the first time in the newly incorporated South Parish in that place and on July 9, 1718 was ordained its pastor. He built his home on Central Square owned and occupied in 1884 by Mrs. Nahum Washburn. He preached his last sermon there October 11, 1730. His next field of labor was in Falmouth, Maine now Portland where a new Second Parish was being formed at Cape Elizabeth and he was installed there November 10, 1734 and resided there until his death on May 6, 1754.

The Boston Gazette of June 25, 1754 says: "God sent him to us in the height of his powers and usefulness and continued him a blessing for upwards of twenty years. He was justly accounted a person of superior intellectual powers and withal a good Christian and Minister of Jesus Christ well accomplished for the sacred office and faithful discharge of the Trust given him as well as in pastoral visits as Public Administrations thereby making full proof of his Ministry and being an example to his flock. His discourses were solid, his methods clear and natural, his delivery grave, serious and pathetic, more adapted to reach the hearers hearts and consciences than with words and phrases to gratify the fancies of the curious. He was of a healthy strong constitution, his eye never dimmed while he lived and though he used a strong voice yet it was easy and without straining and seemed not to spend for most of his days. He was in some of his last years much impaired by lethargick and repeated shocks of paralytick disorders yet continued in his Lord's work till they with a fever returned in greater force and nature could no longer bear up. After being seized he continued to the 10th day but scarce speaking a word, much disordered in his senses and taking little notice of anything. He was exemplary in every relation, a kind husband, a tender father, a wise counselor and an affectionate faithful friend. His conversation was agreeable and enter-

taining and though so well accomplished a person he was withal affable, condescending, humble and modest, never that I could observe or hear elated with pride upon any occasion. His disconsolate yokefellow continues struggling with her infirmities waiting for her change. He had nine children of whom one son and five daughters survive."

5—RELIANCE ALLEN daughter of Reverend Benjamin and Elizabeth (Crocker) Allen was born in 1718, died June 30, 1762 as the wife of Reverend Joseph Crocker, pastor of the South Parish of Eastham, Massachusetts, now Orleans.

(See CROCKER)

References: Vital Records of Braintree, Massachusetts, page 639; George and Ralph Allen by Thompson page 6, 24; Genealogy of Allen Family by Hon. William Allen page 5; Martha's Vineyard Vol. 1, page 508; Vol. 2, page 7, 18, 25, 27, 266, 65. History of Plymouth Colony page 775.

TAYLOR

Richard Taylor m Ruth Whelden

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Hannah Taylor m Job Crocker

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Elizabeth Crocker m Rev. Benjamin Allen

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Reliance Allen m Rev. Joseph Crocker

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Anna Crocker m Rev. Simeon Williams

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Lucy Tufts Williams m Amyntas Shaw

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Isabella M. Shaw m Charles Clark Knowlton

1—RICHARD TAYLOR was an Englishman and resided in Yarmouth, Massachusetts in the northwest part of the town. He is first mentioned in the Colony Records among the men between the ages of 16 and 60 years capable of bearing arms. On June 7, 1648 he was elected Surveyor of Highways; June 3, 1656 Constable of Yarmouth. June 4, 1661 the Court enacted that a "sufficient" man be appointed in every town to take up the excise tax and he was appointed for Yarmouth. June 3, 1668 he was again elected Constable a position of great dignity in those days. He married Ruth daughter of Gabriel Whelden about October 27, 1646, the date when her father gave consent to the marriage. She perished in the wreck of a boat plying between Yarmouth and Plymouth and her body was found December 4, 1673. He was dead by December 13th of the same year the records saying that his death was hastened by her tragic end.

2—HANNAH TAYLOR daughter of Richard and Ruth (Whelden) Taylor was born in 1658 and died May 14, 1743 as the second wife of Deacon Job Crocker whom she married July 19, 1680.

(See CROCKER)

References:—Library of Cape Cod History and Genealogy No. 48; Savage.

ROSSITER

Hugh Rossiter m — —

Jane Rossiter m Thomas Gilbert

Mary Gilbert m Samuel Williams

Daniel Williams m Mercy Dean

Bethia Williams m Col. Jonathan Shaw

Jonathan Shaw m Lydia Gushee

Amyntas Shaw m Lucy Tufts Williams

Isabella M. Shaw m Charles Clark Knowlton

1—HUGH ROSSITER was one of the first of "ye ancient purchasers" of Taunton, Massachusetts in 1637 but was early of Dorchester being granted land there in 1635 although he is listed as the owner of four cows in that place in 1633. Authorities differ as to what became of him. Savage thinks that he returned to England while other authorities claim that he sold out his belongings in Taunton before 1675 and went to Connecticut. Whom he married or when he died research has failed to discover.

2—JANE ROSSITER daughter of Hugh Rossiter married in Taunton, Massachusetts March 23, 1639 Thomas Gilbert and it is claimed that this was the first marriage in that town. She died June 1, 1691 aged 77 years.

(See GILBERT)

References:—Baylis History of Plymouth, Vol. page 286; History of Taunton Massachusetts, page 74; Savage; New England Register, Vol. 4, page 342; Vol. 21, page 166; Vol. 33 page 242.

CRANE

Henry Crane m Tabitha Kingsley

Ensign John Crane m Hannah Leonard

Henry Crane m — —

Zipporah Crane m Capt. Simeon Williams

Rev. Simeon Williams m Anna Crocker

Lucy Tufts Williams m Amyntas Shaw

Isabella M. Shaw m Charles Clark Knowlton

1—HENRY CRANE was born about 1624 in England and married Tabitha dau. of Stephen Kinsley (Kingsley). He purchased a farm of one hundred and twenty acres and the selectmen's records of Dorchester in 1654 give us a faint idea of its location, showing that it was on the first road over Milton Hill which was laid out from Braintree, now Quincy. The date of his marriage is not known and the first birth recorded of his children is that of his third child.

In the Massachusetts Archives Vol. 30, p. 239 there is an autograph letter of Henry Crane, dated May 7, 1677. It is written in fine, clear, flowing lines and both composition and spelling show that he must have received scholarly training. It was a reply to an order from the General Court regarding three Indians he had in his home as servants. He was a Selectman of Milton in 1679, 1680, 1681 and was one of the trustees of the First Meeting House there. He was chiefly a husbandman with a tendency to land speculation.

His wife died at Milton October 23, 1682 and he on March 21, 1710 aged 85 years.

2—ENSIGN JOHN CRANE son of Henry and Tabitha (Kingsley) Crane was born in Dorchester, Mass., 30 of 11m. 1658 and died August 5, 1718 aged 59 years and 7 months. He married December 13, 1686 Hannah daughter of James and Hannah Leonard of Taunton, born October 2, 1671 died October 24, 1760 aged 89 years. They are buried in the Lower Burying Ground at Berkely, Mass.

He served in King Philips War and in 1680 and 1681 he was a trustee of the First Meeting House in Milton and in 1679 was a Selectman of that place.

He made his will when residing in Dighton, July 22, 1718 and it was proven February 2, 1718/19 in which he mentions his wife Hannah, son Gershom, son John and his brother Benjamin, the son John not being of age at that time. He also mentions two daughters, Zipporah Allen and Tabitha Crane. He does not mention his son Henry evidently because of the clause which closely follows the will wherein Henry Crane of Taunton quit claimed November 1, 1716 on the estate of his father John of Dighton. This was acknowledged by Henry August 28, 1718 stating his father John was then deceased. The deed above is filed in Taunton and states that John of Dighton for love and affection deeds several tracts of land in Taunton to his son Henry, November 1, 1716.

3—HENRY CRANE son of Ensign John and Hannah (Leonard) Crane received the above land from his father as stated but after Raynham was set off from Taunton in 1731 it was in that place and he added many acres to it for on November 12, 1728 he purchased of John and Samuel White; May 9, 1729 of Thomas Crossman land lying between that of Joseph Hall and Seth Leonard; May 31, 1731 of Seth and Dorcas Leonard of Raynham two shares in the dead swamp and on January 24, 1739 land in Raynham of Joseph and Jacob Hall.

He married 2nd in 1744 in Rehoboth, Mass. Bathsheba Tiffany who died in

Raynham January 3, 1807 aged 98 years. His death is not recorded there but the records show that he had by his first wife, name not known, Henry who married Judith —; Lydia who married in 1737 Edmund Williams and Zipporah who married Simeon Williams.

Bathsheba Tiffany was probably the daughter of Thomas and Hannah who had five children baptized in Bristol Mass., now in Rhode Island, on Jan. 20, 1705/6 and she was baptized there in April 1723 as an adult.

4—ZIPPORAH CRANE, daughter of Henry Crane and his first wife was married August 26, 1742 by Rev. John Wales, to Simeon Williams of Easton and she is called of Raynham. This marriage is recorded in Raynham and also in Taunton. She died May 21, 1748 in her 25th year and is buried by her husband.

(See WILLIAMS)

References:—First Church of Bristol, R. I. pp. 180, 181; Vital Records of Milton, Mass., pp. 106, 214; History of Milton, Mass., p. 107; Deacon Reed's Cemetery Inscriptions in Taunton; New England Register, Vols. 13, p. 255; 16, p. 80; 34 pp. 137, 263; 46, p. 217; Wills at Taunton, Libers. 3, pp. 487, 503; 14, p. 369; Deeds at Taunton, Libers, 19, pp. 183, 267, 468; 21, p. 504; 28, p. 434; Raynham Town Records, Vol. 1, pp. 38, 84, 115; Clerk of the Court Marriages, Taunton, Vol. 2, p. 4; Boston Transcript No. 649, November 16, 1904.

LEONARD

Captain James Leonard m — —

Captain James Leonard m Hannah —

Hannah Leonard m Ensign John Crane

Henry Crane m — —

Zipporah Crane m Capt. Simeon Williams

Rev. Simeon Williams m Anna Crocker

Lucy Tufts Williams m Amyntas Shaw

Isabella M. Shaw m Charles Clark Knowlton

1—JAMES LEONARD son of Thomas of England was the progenitor of the Leonard family of Taunton, Raynham and Norton. In 1651 the account books of the Iron Company of Lynn, Mass. state that he was allowed two pounds for bringing his goods from Providence and other items show he was connected with the iron works of Lynn during that period, but in 1652 he removed to Braintree and late in that year he and his brother Henry erected the first forge in Plymouth Colony at Taunton, now in that part known as Raynham which was set off from Taunton in 1731. In the old town book of Taunton under date of October 21, 1652 is a statement that the town had granted Henry Leonard and his brother James with Ralph Russell, free consent to "come

hither" and with certain inhabitants set up a Bloomery on the Two Mile River. This forge was the great joint stock company of the vicinity and for several generations are found on the probate and other records "my share" or "shares in the iron works" as transmitted from father to son or other heirs of succeeding generations. The old statement that "where you can find Iron Works there you will find a Leonard" has been almost literally verified. This old forge, tho' several times remodeled was in constant use for two hundred years and in 1851 was at its full tide of successful operation, when it was owned by Theodore Dean.

The old Leonard House which stood but a few rods from the forge was pulled down in the early 1850's. Part of it was probably built as early as 1670 although the vane had cut in to it the year 1700. It had been occupied by the family for seven generations and the spot today (1858) with more modern dwellings is owned and occupied by the eighth. The old house with another was kept constantly garrisoned during King Phillip's War and in its cellar was deposited for a considerable period his head as he suffered the usual fate of kings. Under the door step were buried two young women who were shot by the Indians.

James Leonard was born in 1621 and died in 1691. He probably received his title as Captain in the defence of his garrison house in 1675 during King Phillip's War. He left a wife Margaret when he died but she was not the mother of his children and the name of his first wife is not known.

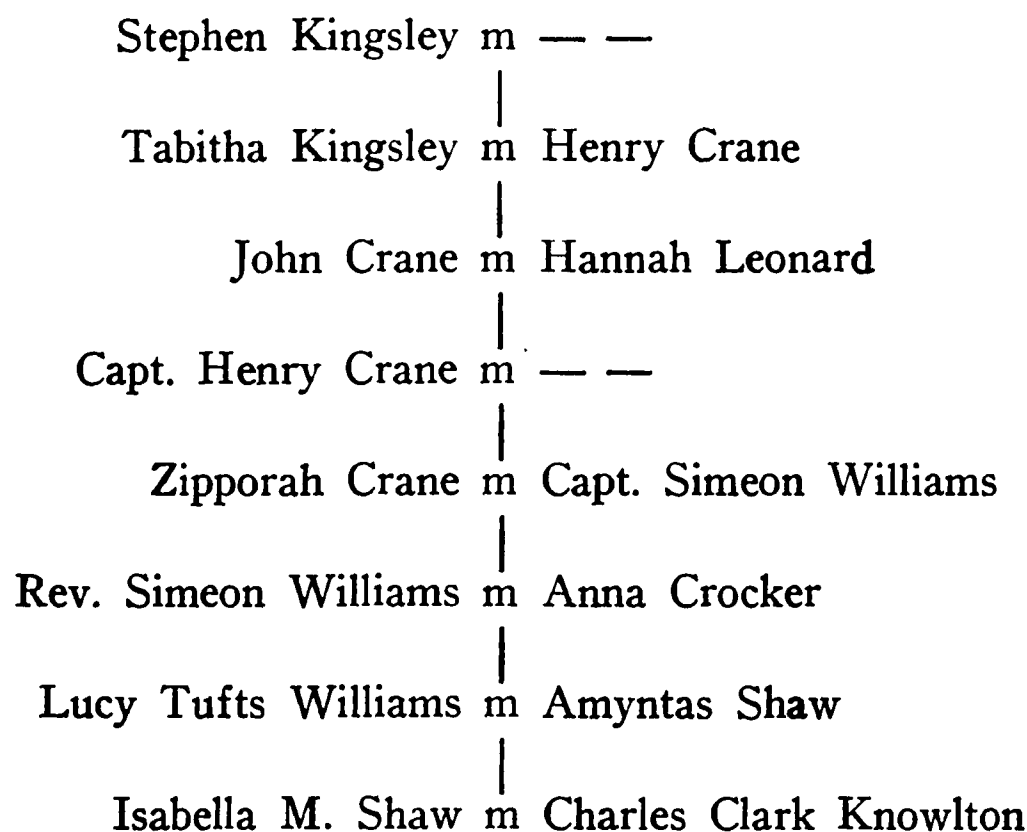
2—JAMES LEONARD son of Captain James Leonard was born about 1643 and died November 1, 1726. He married three times, his first wife being Hannah, parentage unknown, who died February 25, 1674. He evidently resided at Braintree until after 1671 as his children were born there prior to that date.

In the division of his father's property in 1691 by agreement among the heirs he received some tracts of land, the old home lot, and his father's one-half share in the Taunton Iron Works. Also four pounds and nine shillings. He and his brother Thomas in 1695 found ore in Taunton North Purchase and set up a forge there believing it would promote the settlement of that territory and accordingly were granted two lots of one hundred acres each with the privilege of digging for ore at one shilling per ton, anywhere in the vicinity. The iron works were built there in 1696/7 and Capt. James had charge of the manufacturing of bar iron. In 1707 he sold his half to his rephew George Leonard. This enterprise was the origin of the noted Leonard Iron Works of Norton.

3—HANNAH LEONARD daughter of Captain James and Hannah Leonard was born in Braintree, Mass. October 2, 1671 and died as the wife of Ensign John Crane, son of Henry.

(See CRANE)

References:—New England Register. Vols. 5, pp. 407, 414-4; 16, p. 325; 38, p. 273; History of Plymouth Colony, Vol. 2, p. 268; Colonial Wars, 1899-1902; Henry Crane of Milton, pp. 3, 4.

KINGSLEY

1—STEPHEN KINGSLEY was early of Dorchester, Mass., but soon removed to Braintree where he was admitted freeman in 1640 and appointed that year to administer the town's affairs. On October 25, 1653 he was ordained as Ruling Elder of the church which office he retained until his removal to Milton, which place he represented in 1666 and died there June 4 1673. In 1654 he was called of Mt. Wollaston, which was a part of Dorchester later known as Milton. In the settlement of his estate is mentioned his son-in-law Henry Crane. The name of his wife has not been preserved but she died in Milton, January 10, 1668.

2—TABITHA KINGSLEY daughter of Stephen Kingsley became the wife of Henry Crane of Braintree and died at Milton, Mass. October 23, 1682.

(See CRANE)

References:—Savage:—Farmer; New England Register, Vol. 46, pp. 216, 217; Vital Records of Milton, Mass., p. 233.

STURTEVANT

Samuel Sturtevant m — —

Samuel Sturtevant m Mercy —

Hannah Sturtevant m Ebenezer Standish

Hannah Standish m Deacon Seth Staples

Hannah Staples m Abraham Gushee

Lydia Gushee m Jonathan Shaw

Amyntas Shaw m Lucy Tufts Williams

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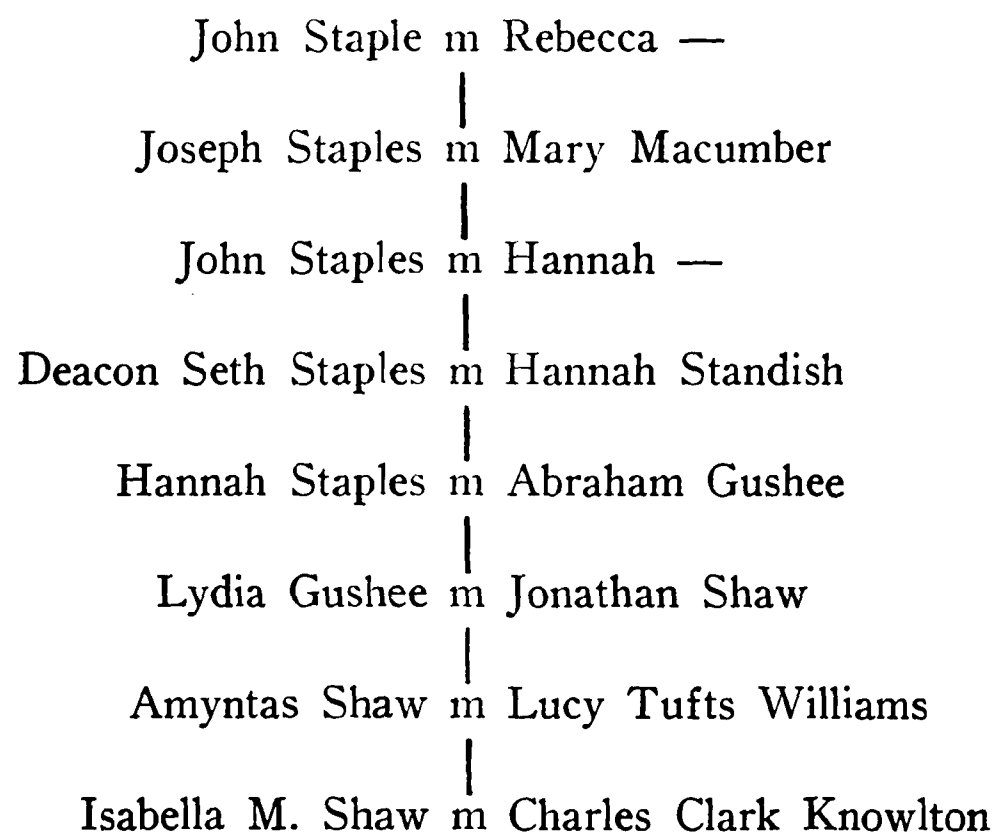
1—SAMUEL STURTEVANT was of Plymouth as early as 1643 when he was listed as able to bear arms and died there in October 1669. He made his will August 1, 1669 in which he mentions his wife without naming her and among other children states that he has a son Samuel. The will was probated October 29, 1669.

2—SAMUEL STURTEVANT son of Samuel Sturtevant was known as Deacon Sturtevant and was born in Plymouth April 19, 1654 and died in Halifax, Mass. April 21, 1736. He was a surveyor of highways and later a constable in Plymouth; removed to Plympton and then to Halifax. He married first Mercy, parentage unknown, and she died while they were living in Plympton, on August 4, 1714 aged 60 years. He married second Elizabeth, maiden name not known, but Mercy was the mother of all his children.

3—HANNAH STURTEVANT daughter of Deacon Samuel and Mercy Sturtevant was born June 8, 1679 and died January 23, 1759 as the wife of Ebenezer Standish.

(See STANDISH)

References:—New England Register, Vols. 4, p. 255;—6, p. 211; 7, p. 180; 9, p. 316; Savage; Plymouth Colony Records, 1633-1689, p. 251; Mayflower Magazine, Vols. 2, p. 140; 18, pp. 180, 188.

STAPLES

1—JOHN STAPLE of Weymouth, Mass. first appears on the records there in 1636 but did not become a freeman of the Colony until May 10, 1648. He removed to Dorchester and died there July 4, 1683. He married Rebecca whose maiden name has not been preserved nor her date of death ascertained.

2—JOSEPH STAPLES son of John and Rebecca Staple was born in Weymouth 19th of 12 month 1641 but Savage states it as February 19, 1642. He died before 1693 and was married about 1669 to Mary Macumber daughter of John of Weymouth, who was living in 1723. They were the parents of seven children all born in Taunton between 1670 and 1685. The destruction of valuable records at Taunton by fire in 1838 makes the completion of many of the old families impossible and unless grave stones were erected or preserved from disintegration dates may never be secured.

In a deed at Taunton dated March 7, 1721/2 Mary Staples of Taunton, that she be comfortably provided for with all the necessities of life by her son John of Taunton deeds him her portion and share of goods which did belong to her father John Macomber's estate, late of Taunton, deceased and all her rights in her husband's estate, Joseph Staples, late of Taunton, deceased, excepting 29 acres for her son Joseph where he was then living on "Schunk Hill" in Taunton and 23 acres for her son Nathaniel adjoining that of son Joseph. She gave her son John four pounds in money and the same to her daughters, Amy, Mary, Hannah and Sarah. This deed was recorded April 2, 1722.

3—JOHN STAPLES son of Joseph and Mary (Macumber) Staples was born in Taunton, Mass. January 28, 1670/1, and married Hannah of undiscovered parentage, supposed by some to have been Hannah King but without evidence to sustain it. He and his mother Mary sold Stephen Merrick land in Taunton, March 28, 1692/3, east of the Meeting House on the east side of the Great River, containing about six acres. This deed was acknowledged

July 31, 1696, but not recorded until February 22, 1699 but it shows his father was deceased prior to 1693.

On August 20, 1699 John sold Nicholas Smith land in the Rumford Division which formerly belonged to Richard Storey which indicated some connection with that family which has not been made clear.

On May 9, 1712 John sold Richard Godfrey his share of Cedar Swamp in Taunton North Purchase which he held in partnership with John Macumber, Jr.

John Staples was a deacon of the First Church of Taunton as was also his son Seth. He later became the first deacon of the church in Raynham, being one of its original members.

In 1731 he was a selectman of Raynham. He made his will November 17, 1748 which was proven the February following. He bequeathed his wife Hannah his house in Raynham and land in Bridgewater but not his Cedar Swamp land in Raynham. As he had already given his son Seth land in Taunton by deed, he now gave him the Cedar Swamp land. He mentions his son Job, daughter Ruth and two grandchildren Abigail and Mercy Leach.

Hannah wife of John Staples in her will made May 4, 1757, proven June 15, 1757 states that she has been "preserved to old age" and mentions her daughter Ruth wife of Ichabod Bryant (they were the great-grandparents of William Cullen Bryant,) of Bridgewater and her two granddaughters children of her deceased daughter Mercy Leach. She stated that one of them married Benjamin Keith and the other a Latham. She only gave them a shilling each and left the residue of her estate to her son Seth.

4—DEACON SETH STAPLES son of John and Hannah Staples was born at Taunton, Mass. in 1699 and died March 20, 1778 of small pox. He married in Plympton, Mass., January 4, 1721/2 Hannah Standish, daughter of Ebenezer and Hannah (Sturtevant) Standish. She died April 5, 1774 aged 70 years and her gravestone may still be seen in the Neck of Land Cemetery in Taunton. There is none erected to his memory. They had six children named in his will as Hannah, Sarah, Susanna, Mary, Zerviah and Ruth.

5—HANNAH STAPLES daughter of Deacon Seth and Hannah (Standish) Staples died in 1815 in her 94th year as the wife of Abraham Gushee whom she married July 23, 1741, James Williams, Justice of the Peace, officiating and they were called both of Taunton. The accompanying pictures will show the condition of their gravestones in the old cemetery at Raynham Center in 1920.

References:—New England Register, Vol. 8, p. 349; Vol. 9, p. 172; Vol. 16, p. 326; Vol. 24, p. 316; Vol. 46, p. 188; Vol. 59, p. 161; Dorchester Vitals, p. 31; Taunton Vitals, Vol. 1, pp. 79, 151, 163; Vol. 2, p. 142; History of Taunton, p. 8 of Supplement; Plymouth Colony Records, 1633-1689, p. 250; Savage; Farmer; Taunton Deeds, Libers 3, p. 70; 4, p. 223; 8, p. 574; 11, p. 354; 14, p. 182; Taunton Wills, Libers, 11, p. 636; 15, p. 386; Mayflower Magazine, Vols. 2, p. 138; 5, p. 184; 18, p. 170; 19, p. 34, 35; 21, p. 61; History of Bristol Co., p. 715.

STANDISH

Capt. Myles Standish m Barbara —

Alexander Standish m Sarah Alden

Ebenezer Standish m Hannah Sturtevant

Hannah Standish m Deacon Seth Staples

Hannah Staples m Abraham Gushee

Lydia Gushee m Jonathan Shaw

Amyntas Shaw m Lucy Tufts Williams

Isabella M. Shaw m Charles Clark Knowlton

1—CAPTAIN MYLES STANDISH was born in England in 1584 and died at Duxbury, Mass., October 3 or 13, 1656. He married first Rose whose parentage is not known but she came to New England on the Mayflower with him and died in Plymouth January 29, 1620/1 or according to the New Style, February 8, 1621. He married second, Barbara, whose parentage is also unknown but tradition states that she was a sister of his first wife. She came to New England on the ship Ann in 1623 and died October 16, 1659.

A letter written by Mrs. Clarence L. Westcott and published in 1916 reads: "I have visited in Lancashire, both Standish and Duxbury Hall, where the present owners have shown me much of historic family interest. Sir Henry Standish the present proprietor of Standish Hall, married a daughter of the Duc de Cars and resides permanently in Paris. Duxbury Park has passed out of the family but in England, its title is not considered clear, while there are still living lineal descendants of Myles Standish. I have been shown the much discussed parish records and have been given a photograph of the mutilated page. Standish Hall was the seat of the family before the Reformation caused the split that settled the Protestant branch at Duxbury Hall. It was at Standish that the famous Lancashire plot was hatched and from Standish Hall went forth Ralph Standish to fight for Henry V at Agincourt. The hall has undergone some changes since the time of Queen Elizabeth but the old family chapel attached stands as it was and is still controlled by the Church of Rome, the present owner being a Roman Catholic. Four little sycamore trees have been sent to me direct from Standish Hall, with the request that one should be placed by the grave of Capt. Myles Standish and this I shall have done when in 1920 the Tercentenary of the Pilgrims is to be observed."

Capt. Myles Standish held a commission from Queen Elizabeth, in the English Army before 1603 and served in the Netherlands against the Spaniards, and after the truce in that war he remained in Leyden, Holland, where he

became acquainted with the Pilgrims and came to New England with them on the Mayflower and was the sixth signer of the Mayflower compact. He was the first commissioned Military Officer of New England as the Pilgrims made him Commander-in-chief and that post he held until his death. He led the first exploring expedition from the Mayflower on November 14, 1620. He was also Treasurer of the Plymouth Colony and as late as 1654 he was appointed Commander-in-chief of troops sent to subdue the Dutch in Manhattan. As Military Commander he had more power than the Governor and as Captain and Magistrate, as Engineer and Explorer, as Interpreter and Merchant, as a tender nurse in pestilence, a physician at all times and as the Cincinnatus of his Colony, he showed wonderful versatility of talent and the highest nobility of character. It is very evident that the legal proof of his birth and descent has been destroyed to secure a fraudulent transfer of his inheritance, which is mentioned in his will.

He resided at Plymouth, Mass. until about 1630-32 when he removed to Duxbury, which town received its name out of respect for him as his ancestral family seat was Duxbury Hall, Duxbury, Lancashire, England.

He was an Assistant of Plymouth Colony in 1633, 1637 to 1642 and from 1645 to 1656 and Deputy Governor in 1653.

His will is dated March 7, 1655 at Duxbury and his inventory was presented to the Court at Plymouth by his widow Barbara May 4, 1657. The last paragraph of it is one of interest, being:—"I give unto my son and heir aparent, Alexander Standish all my lands as heire apparrent by lawful decent in Ormistick Bousconge Wrightington Maudsley Newburrow Cranston and in the Isle of Man, and given to mee as right heire by lawful decent, but surreptitiously detained from me my great grandfather being a 2nd younger brother from the house of Standish of Standish."

The inventory of his estate is of the usual sort, but his books are of interest and are mentioned as:—The History of the World and the Turkish History; A chronicle of England and the Countrey ffarmer; The History of Queen Elizabeth and the state of Europe; Dr. Hale's Workes; Calvin Institutions; Wilcox's Workes and Mayor's; Rogers's Seaven Treatices and the French Akademy; Ceser's Comentaryes; Bariff's Artillery; Preston's Sermons; Burroughe's Christ in Contentment; Gospel Conversion; Passions of the Mind; The phisions practice; Earthly Mindedness; Ball of Faith, Brindey's Watch; Dod on the Lord's Supper; Sparke against Herisye; A Reply to Dr. Cotten on Baptism and a number of others of the same class.

2—ALEXANDER STANDISH son of Capt. Myles and Barbara Standish was born at Plymouth about 1625 and died at Duxbury, Mass., July 6, 1702. He married Sarah Alden, born 1629, died before September 12, 1687, daughter of John and Priscilla (Mullines) Alden. He married twice after her death. He was made freeman of Duxbury June 7, 1648 and was a member of the Grand Inquest there in 1658 and from 1695 to 1700 he was the Town Clerk. He fell heir to his father's estate in England as stated above.

3—EBENEZER STANDISH son of Alexander and Sarah (Alden) Standish was born in Duxbury, Mass., in 1672 and died March 19, 1755 at Plympton, Mass., being buried in the old burying ground there. He married Hannah Sturtevant born 1670, died January 23, 1759 who was buried by his side, daughter of Samuel and Mercy Sturtevant of Plymouth.

4—HANNAH STANDISH, daughter of Ebenezer and Hannah (Sturtevant) Standish was born at Plympton, March 6, 1703/4 and died at Taunton, Mass., April 5, 1774 as the wife of Deacon Seth Staples, whom she married in Plympton January 4, 1721/2, Mr. Isaac Cushman officiating.

(See STAPLES)

References:—New York Genealogical Record, Vol. 47, pp. 282, 312; New England Register, Vol. 5, p. 336; 63, p. 339; History of Duxbury, p. 82; Mayflower Magazine, Vol. 5, p. 184; 19, p. 34, 35; 11, p. 163.

MASON

Ralph Mason m Ann —

Samuel Mason m Mary Holman

Lt. John Mason m Mercy Merrick

Mercy Mason m Deacon Jonathan Shaw

Col. Jonathan Shaw m Bethia Hall

Jonathan Shaw m Lydia Gushee

Amyntas Shaw m Lucy Tufts Williams

Isabella M. Shaw m Charles Clark Knowlton

1—RALPH MASON sailed in the Abigail from London, England July 4, 1635 with certificate from the minister and Justices of the Peace of St. Olliver, Southwark. He is listed as a joiner and his age is recorded as 35 years. He brought with him his wife Anne, aged 35 years and three children, Richard, aged 5 years, Samuel aged 3 years and Susan aged 1 year. They located in Boston, but dates of death have not been found.

2—SAMUEL MASON son of Ralph and Anne Mason was born in England in 1632 and died in Boston, Mass., September 20, 1691. He was married there May 29, 1662 by Governor John Endicott, to Mary the daughter of "the late John Holman" who died after August 5, 1700.

3—LIEUTENANT JOHN MASON son of Samuel and Mary (Holman) Mason was born in Boston, January 29, 1673/4 and died in Taunton, Mass., November 3, 1736 in his 62nd year. He married Mercy, daughter of Stephen and Mercy (Bangs) Merrick who died November 16, 1754 in her 81st year. They are buried in the North Burying Ground at Taunton, Mass. Just where

and how he received his titles of Ensign and Lieutenant is not clear, but in 1700 he was a member of the first military company of Taunton and resided at the west end of the town. He was one of the selectmen there in 1718, 1719, 1723 to 1726, 1729 to 1731, 1733 and 1734. The History of Taunton states that he was ordered to impress soldiers into Queen Ann's War.

His will is dated February 24, 1735 but was not proven until June 21, 1737 in which he mentions his wife Mercy, and his daughter Mary wife of Benjamin Cobb of Norton, his daughter Rebecca wife of Samuel Sumner of Taunton and his daughter Mercy wife of Jonathan Shaw of Raynham to whom he leaves his large Bible. He bequeaths his grandsons, John Cobb and Jonathan Shaw, his sword, belt, cane, silver buttons and paulets—and one-third of the residue of his estate after the death of his wife to his daughter Mercy Shaw. He made his wife Mercy and his son-in-law, Jonathan Shaw his executors and his will was witnessed by Samuel Williams, Ezra Dean and Thomas Clapp.

He and Mercy sold twenty-four acres of land in Taunton bounded on the north by the highway from Ware Bridge to the grist mill July 1, 1724. Prior to that on June 17, 1708 they sold land to Robert Crossman. There was another John Mason contemporary with this John who lived in Taunton and belonged to the Rehoboth family, said John being a cordwainer and son of Noah Mason.

On November 5, 1753 Benjamin Cobb, gentleman and Jonathan Shaw, yeoman were made the guardians of Mercy Mason because of the infirmities of old age. Her estate was inventoried March 8, 1755 and is given below to show the average estate of that day and of the articles necessary for the times by the "well-to-do" residents:

	Pounds	Shillings	Pence
Silver money	2	12	2
Coppers .....	.....	4	4
Rhode Island Bills of Public Credit, Old Tenor.....	52	8	0
Bonds and Notes	17	7	5
Riding Hood .....	.....	12	.....
Chinese Gown	1	4	.....
Silk Crepe Gown	0	18	.....
Russell Gown	1	.....	.....
Dark Russell Gown .....	.....	15	.....
Flowered flannel coat .....	.....	3	.....
Pair of stays and Chinc cloak .....	.....	3	.....
2 fine shifts .....	.....	5	6
2 linen shifts .....	.....	6	.....
4 old shifts .....	.....	5	.....
4 Holland handkerchiefs .....	.....	7	6
A muffing apron, 2 Holland aprons and a checked Holland apron.....	.....	12	6
3 striped aprons and a mixed flannel blanket .....	.....	5	6
Quilted coat, gown and striped undercoat .....	.....	8	6
Checked cotton handkerchief .....	.....	2	.....
16 caps, 1 pair gloves	1	2	3
1 pair gloves, 1 pair sleeves, 1 velvet hood .....	.....	8	.....

	Pounds	Shillings	Pence
2 black handkerchiefs, 6 pr. stockings .....	.....	8	—
1 girdle, 1 quilted coat, 1 bonnet, 1 muffler .....	.....	5	—
1 riding hood .....	.....	—	6
1 gold necklace	2	10	0
2 silver spoons .....	.....	7	—
11 yards of thick dyed cloth .....	.....	7	—
7 yards of dyed crepe and 2 yards white flannel	2	5	0
4 yards of striped crepe	1	2	9
Best bed and under bed, 2 sheets and 2 blankets	1	2	9
2 coverlids, bolster, 2 pillows, bedsted and cord, Valliance curtains and rods	9	1	3
The poorest feather bed	5	1	4
1 black bed and bedsted	2	—	—
2 hogsheads, brake and a plow	—	12	8
Flax, hay and oats	6	9	4
Cart and wheels	4	—	—
Corn and rye and old grind stone, tub and wheelbarrow	2	13	8
1 horse, 2 cows, 1 heifer, 1 calf	11	6	8
7 cotton and linen sheets and 3 other sheets and two small table cloths, 4 pillow beers, 6 towels, 1 large table cloth	3	18	6
3 flannel sheets, 2 night waist cloths	1	0	0
1 great table and 1 small table	0	8	6
A box, sugar box and plain chest and 1 chest	0	8	6
Chest of drawers	1	2	6
3 pictures, glass case and small trunk	0	6	6
1 case bottles, small chest, looking glass	0	7	0
2 small cups, 11 chairs	0	18	1
Box, iron heater and handirons, warming pan	0	11	16
Pair bellows, pr. of shears	0	3	0
2 trammells, caps and pin and 2 glass bottles, beaker glass, 3 phials and some galley pots	0	19	10
Fire shovel and tongs	0	4	0
30 wt. of Flax, 28 yds. of linen yarn	1	3	11
6 pewter platters, 4 plates, 2 basins	1	5	0
A tankard, a pint pot, a quart pot, beaker cup and small beaker cup	0	9	9
20 pewter spoons, earthern ware, stone jug, great iron kettle and small one	1	14	10
Small and great pots and frying pan and spit	0	16	0
Brass kettle, small kettle, chopping knife, small basin	0	15	0
1 churn, 3 sheep hoops	0	2	6
2 ways, 2 milk pails, tin funnel	0	3	5
2 small tubs, chest, 1-2 bushel malt, 1 great wheel	0	8	6
Gridiron, steelyards, plain chest	0	7	6
Meat tub, salt, mortar, meat barrel	0	7	0
2 seives, 2 axes, 6 knives and forks, post axe	0	12	3
A narrow hoe, spade, stone hammer, hatchet	0	13	6
Pinchees (?) wheel, 13 pounds wool, 3 pounds worsted.....	1	1	11
A Pillion and cloth, old panel, old collar.....	0	15	6
4—? 2 sheep skins tanned, a scythe, tackling.....	0	11	0
Old nails, 2 baskets, old scythe, 2 bushel of beans.....	0	11	8
— logwood, small chest, bushel of salt.....	0	3	6
2 small baskets, corn and old saddle, barrel of cider.....	8	12	6

	Pounds	Shillings	Pence
3 hogs, 1 barrel, 1 beer barrel.....	0	7	0
Meat trough	0	7	0
2 funnels, old cask, turnips, buttertub and butter.....	0	7	9
Wash tub, 2 water pails, 2 wooden dishes.....	0	3	4
1 great Bible, 1 small Bible and Erskine's Work	0	18	6
Geo. Whitfield's Works, Bunyan on the Covenant	0	2	0
Psalm Book, New England Memorial of Husbandry Spiritualized..	0	3	0
Perpetual Almanac, Allen Alarm and several other books	0	5	2
37 Pork	4	13	0
3 sheep	0	13	8
1 negro man and his clothing	43	0	0
2 pieces of sole leather	0	1	0
1 pitchfork	0	2	0
Broad Plow	0	2	0
Pair of iron tatters (?)	0	4	0
Soap Fat	0	1	6
3 pieces of blue grey yarn	0	5	4
3 calves skins and 1 sheep skin	0	12	0

The above inventory was taken by Robert Luscombe, Josiah Haskins and Jonathan Carver.

When the estate was settled March 27, 1755 the Rhode Island bills of credit were found to be counterfeit and showed that from March 20, 1754 to October 20, 1754 she was living with James Pershove as he was paid for her care during that time.

4—MERCY MASON, daughter of Lt. John and Mercy (Merrick) Mason died January 8, 1749 aged 44 years as the wife of Deacon Jonathan Shaw who died October 1, 1768 in his 69th year. They are buried in the old Shaw cemetery at Raynham, Mass.

(See SHAW)

References:—Deacon Reed's Cemetery Inscriptions; New England Register, Vol. 14, p. 319; Vol. 72, p. 194; Boston Vital Records, pp. 86, 129, 199; History of Taunton, pp. 353, 374, 410; Probate Records at Taunton, Liber. 13, pp. 313, 488; Liber 14 p. 155; Taunton Deeds Liber 7, p. 183; Liber 17, p. 144.

BASSETT

Edward Bassett m — —
 |
 Jane Bassett m John Dighton
 |
 Frances Dighton m Richard Williams
 |
 Nathaniel Williams m Elizabeth Rogers
 |
 John Williams m Hannah Robinson
 |
 Capt. Simeon Williams m Zipporah Crane
 |
 Rev. Simeon Williams m Anna Crocker
 |
 Lucy Tufts Williams m Amyntas Shaw
 |
 Isabella M. Shaw m Charles Clark Knowlton

BASSETT

Edward Bassett m Isabelle Ligon or Ligons — see E 7. Bk 57-Berkely
 Vol I, page 121
 |
 Jane Bassett m John Dighton
 |
 Jane Dighton m John Lugg
 |
 Esther Lugg m James Bell
 |
 Mary Bell m Joseph Hall
 |
 Nehemiah Hall m Bethia Williams
 |
 Bethia Hall m Col. Jonathan Shaw
 |
 Jonathan Shaw m Lydia Gushee
 |
 Amyntas Shaw m Lucy Tufts Williams
 |
 Isabella M. Shaw m Charles Clark Knowlton

1—EDWARD BASSETT as far as known never came to New England and the only knowledge of him is contained in the inscription found in St. Nicholas Church, Gloucester, England on the stone of John Dighton which states that he was of Uley.

Edward Bassett was a descendant of a long line of Bassetts and of the Barons of Berkeley in Gloucestershire. His wife was derived from the families of Ligon, Denny, and also the Barons of Berkeley, running back to the Lord Bohuns, Lord Howbrays, De Veres, Earls of Oxford, Earls of Arundel, and other nobility; and to Kings of England, France and Spain and Emperors of the Eastern and Western Roman Empires. See Smyth's "Lives of the Berkeleys".

2—JANE BASSETT daughter of Edward Bassett of Uley married John Dighton who died May 16, 1640. She died April 23, 1631 and they are buried in the above church. (See DIGHTON)

References :—New England Register, Vol. 45, p. 303.

CROMWELL

Alden de Cromwell m — —

Hugh Cromwell m — —

Note :—For six generations from Hugh was Ralph son of Ralph.

The 7th Ralph Cromwell m Amicia Berer

Ulker Cromwell m — —

Richard Cromwell m — —

John Cromwell m — —

Robert Cromwell m — —

Margaret Cromwell m William Smyth

Richard Smyth m Isabella —

Margaret Smyth m John Williams

Note :—For continuation, see Williams Charts.

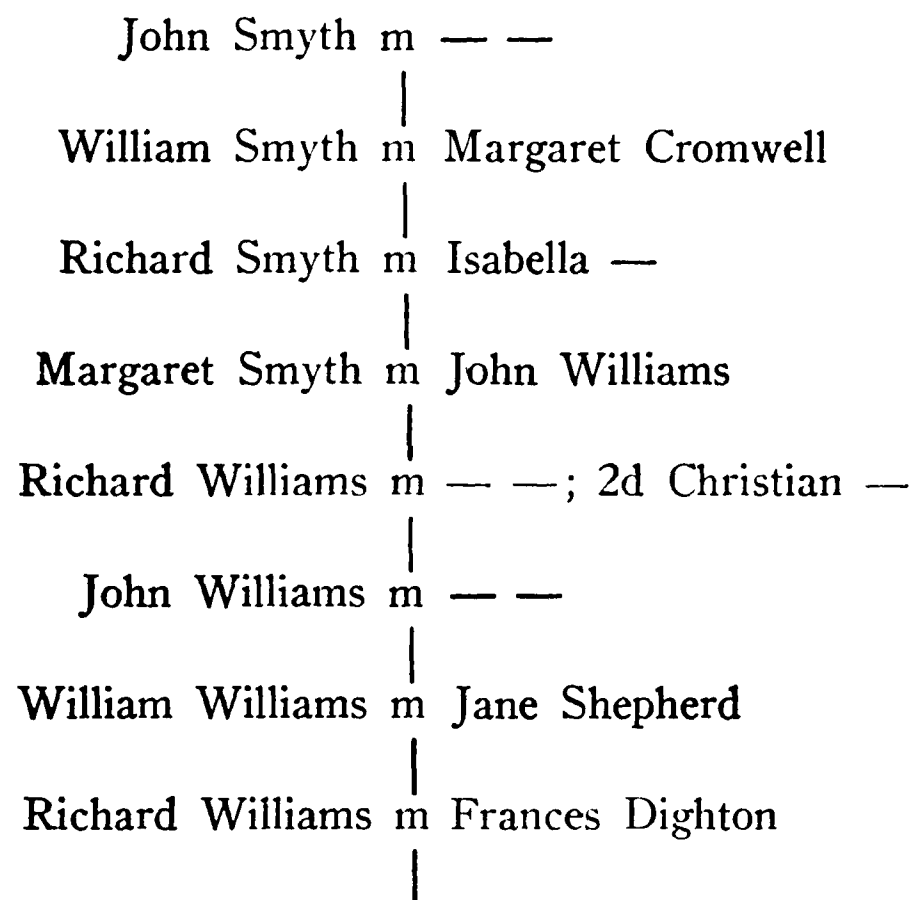
The Cromwell line dates from Alden de Cromwell, who lived in the time of William the Conqueror. His son was Hugh Cromwell and from him descended ten Ralph de Cromwell's in as many successive generations. The seventh Ralph married in 1351 Amicia daughter of Robert Berer, M. P. for Notts. They had a son Ulker of Hucknall, Torkard, Notts and he had a son Richard whose son John of Cromwell House, Carleton upon Trent, Notts, had the following son Robert.

1—ROBERT CROMWELL son of John Cromwell was a Lancastrian and was killed at the battle of Towton in 1461. His lease of Cromwell House was seized by Sir Humphrey Bouchier, Yorkist, who was the husband of Joan Stanhope the granddaughter of the ninth Ralph Cromwell through his daughter Matilda Cromwell wife of Sir Richard Stanhope. Robert Cromwell through his son William and daughter Margaret was the ancestor of both Oliver Cromwell "The Lord Protector" and Richard Williams of Taunton, Mass.

2—MARGARET CROMWELL daughter of Robert Cromwell married William son of John Smyth. (See SMYTH)

References ;—New England Register, Vol. 51, pp. 210, 211, 212.

SHAW-WILLIAMS GENEALOGY

SMYTH

NOTE:—See Williams charts for the two lines descending from this Richard Williams to Isabella M. (Shaw) Knowlton.

1—JOHN SMYTH was of Norwalk, Notts, England.

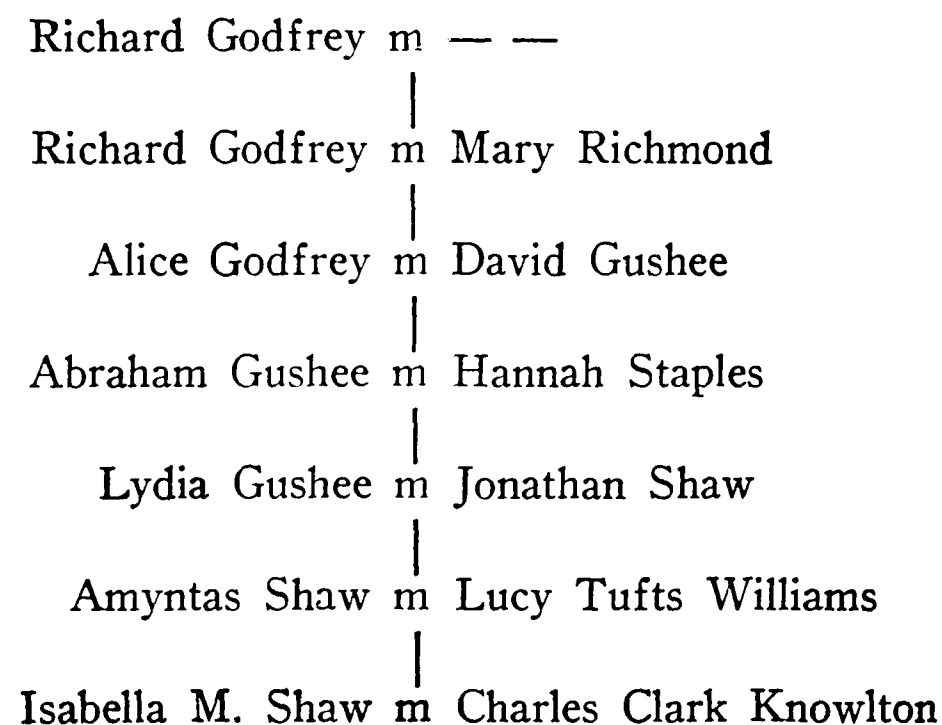
2—WILLIAM SMYTH son of John Smyth married Margaret daughter of Robert Cromwell No. 1 of that family the ancestor of Oliver Cromwell.

3—RICHARD SMYTH son of William and Margaret (Cromwell) Smyth was of Rockhampton, Putney and married Isabella whose maiden name is not known.

4—MARGARET SMYTH daughter of Richard and Isabella Smyth married John Williams No. 4 of that family.

(See WILLIAMS)

References:—New England Register, Vol. 51, pp. 210, 211, 212.

GODFREY

SHAW-WILLIAMS GENEALOGY

1—RICHARD GODFREY was early of Taunton, Mass., and married there Jane, daughter of John Turner of that place. He married in 1684 the widow, Mary Philips according to the records in the City Hall at Taunton and the Neck of Land Cemetery inscriptions show that she died November 5, 1732 in her 78th year.

It is claimed by some students that Jane Turner was his second wife and that he married first a daughter of Thomas Jones who died shortly after giving birth to his son Richard. Continued research has not solved the above problems.

He made his will October 4, 1691 which was proven November 17, 1691 wherein he mentioned sons, Robert, Richard and John; wife Mary and daughters, Jane wife of John Cobb, Alice wife of Peter Holbrook and Susanna wife of Edward Kettle. He was a Member of the Military Co. of Taunton in 1682 as was his son Richard. His home was near the Old Forge now located in Raynham.

2—RICHARD GODFREY son of Richard Godfrey died in Taunton, Mass. August 14, 1725 aged 74 yrs and is buried there in the Neck of Land Cemetery. He married there January 1, 1679/80 Mary Richmond who died November 5, 1732. He made his will January 26, 1722 and it was proven October 17, 1725 wherein he mentioned his children as Alice Gashit, Mary Smith, Abigail Hopkins, Joannah Burt, Sarah Walker and Richard Godfrey, John and Joseph Godfrey, and wife Mary.

3—ALICE GODFREY daughter of Richard & Mary (Richmond) Godfrey was born in Taunton, August 20, 1680 and married there June 12, 1705 David Gashit (Gushee). She was living in 1722 but her date of death has not been found.
(See GUSHEE)

References:—Savage; History Bristol Co. Mass., p. 781; City Hall Records, Taunton, Vol. 1, pp. 74, 85, 161; Taunton Wills, Vols. 1, p. 48; 5, p. 181; Boston Transcript No. 1470 under May 5, May 14, 1913 and June 25, October 1, 1913; History of Taunton, pp. 329, 330; Contributions, Biographical, Genealogical and Historical by Pierce, p. 52.

TURNER

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John Turner m — —
      |
Jane Turner m Richard Godfrey
      |
Richard Godfrey m Mary Richmond
      |
Alice Godfrey m David Gushee
      |
Abraham Gushee m Hannah Staples
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Lydia Gushee m Jonathan Shaw
      |
Amyntas Shaw m Lucy Tufts Williams
      |
Isabella M. Shaw m Charles Clark Knowlton

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1—JOHN TURNER was foreman of the Forge in Taunton, Mass. in 1656 and his name appears on the records of the ironworks there up to June 13, 1690. No positive evidence has been found regarding his parentage nor has the name of his wife been preserved, probably being forever lost because of the destruction of the Taunton records by fire.

2—JANE TURNER daughter of John Turner married Richard Godfrey and her sister Mary became the wife of Governor Benedict Arnold of Rhode Island, according to some students of the family.

(See GODFREY)

References:—History of Taunton, Mass., p. 92; Savage.

MACUMBER

John Macumber m	— —
Mary Macumber m	Joseph Staples
John Staples m	Hannah —
Deacon Seth Staples m	Hannah Standish
Hannah Staples m	Abraham Gushee
Lydia Gushee m	Jonathan Shaw
Amyntas Shaw m	Lucy Tufts Williams
Isabella M. Shaw m	Charles Clark Knowlton

1—JOHN MACUMBER was of Taunton, Mass. in 1643 when he was listed as able to bear arms and died there prior to March 31, 1694. A deed filed in Taunton, Liber 5, page 484 states that Thomas Macumber of Marshfield, Mass. for brotherly love and affection deeded ten acres of land in Taunton, to John, which had been granted him by that town, and six acres of plain which the town had also granted.

In the Wills filed at Taunton, Liber 4, page 223 under date of April 2, 1723, recorded October 30, 1723 is the statement that John Macumber Sr. of Taunton, deceased, left a certain writing regarding his estate which was attested to by John and Abigail Richmond and Ann Marick on March 31, 1694 in which his property was to be divided between his son John and his daughter Mary Staple whose son John Staple had the power to act for her. This will mentions land in Thornhill and Rumford besides property in the North and South Purchase—and states that "Thomas Macomber now dwells in the homestead that was his grandfather's and it shall belong to John Macomber" and the

ten acres of land where Mary Staple resides is to be hers and her sons, said Mary being a widow. This was witnessed by Thos. Macumber and John Smith.

Considerable effort has been made to discover whom the grandfather was mentioned above but it has been unsuccessful. The History of Marshfield together with the above deed offers the suggestion at least that John and Thomas were sons of William of Marshfield although not so acknowledged by other students of the family but certainly Thomas born 1679 as son of John Sr. could not have been mentioned as occupying his grandfather's homestead before 1694.

John Macumber Sr. purchased land in Taunton July 3, 1684 from Edward and Abigail Bobit. When his first wife died, name not known, has not been preserved but he married second January 7, 1685/6 Mary Badcock.

3—MARY MACUMBER daughter of John Macumber Sr. of Taunton and his first wife was living as late as 1723 as proven by above deeds and will and married Joseph Staples son of John.

(See STAPLES)

References:—New England Register, Vols. 7, p. 180; 4, p. 259; 13, p. 251; History of Marshfield, Mass., Vol. 2, pp. 48, 49; Savage; Taunton Deeds, Liber 4, p. 374.

ROBINSON

William Robinson	m	Margaret
Increase Robinson	m	Sarah Penniman
Hannah Robinson	m	John Williams
Capt. Simeon Williams	m	Zipporah Crane
Rev. Simeon Williams	m	Anna Crocker
Lucy Tufts Williams	m	Amyntas Shaw
Isabella M. Shaw	m	Charles Clark Knowlton

1—WILLIAM ROBINSON parentage unknown, was of Dorchester, Massachusetts in 1636 when he purchased a tide mill now known as Tileston's Mill on Smelt Brook Creek. He joined the Ancient and Honorable Artillery of Boston in 1643 and the following year went to England returning to New England after a short period. He was killed July 6, 1668 by a cogwheel of his own mill. He left a widow Margaret, maiden name not known who in 1673 married Griffin Crafts of Roxbury for her fourth and last husband.

2—INCREASE ROBINSON son of William and Margaret Robinson was baptized in Dorchester, Massachusetts January 1, 1642 and died in Taunton between November 5th and December 18, 1699 the date of the making and probating of his will. He married in Dorchester, 19 of 11 m 1633 Sarah born Braintree, Mass. May 6, 1641 daughter of James and Lydia (Eliot) Penniman. In 1682 he was a member of the First Squadron of Militia in Taunton. His

home bordered on Nippenicket Pond, probably on the road leading from Raynham Center to Bridgewater. It was sold in 1725 to John Staples. The Plymouth Records 1678-1691 pp. 85, 116, 166, show that he was Constable of Bristol Co. in 1681 and 1682.

3—HANNAH ROBINSON daughter of Increase and Sarah (Penniman) Robinson died December 2, 1757 aged 89 years as the wife of John Williams of Taunton, son of Nathaniel and Elizabeth (Rogers) Williams.

(See WILLIAMS)

References:—Ancient and Honorable Artillery, Vol. 1, p. 133; William and Anne Robinson of Dorchester by Harris, p. 6; Dorchester Records, p. 21; Robinson's and their Kin Folks, pp. 15, 19, 25.

PORTER

Richard Porter m Ruth —
 |
 Mary Porter m John Bicknell
 |
 Hannah Bicknell m Benjamin Shaw
 |
 Deacon Jonathan Shaw m Mercy Mason
 |
 Colonel Jonathan Shaw m Bethia Hall
 |
 Jonathan Shaw m Lydia Gushee
 |
 Amyntas Shaw m Lucy Tufts Williams
 |
 Isabella M. Shaw m Charles Clark Knowlton

1—RICHARD PORTER left Weymouth, England, March 20, 1635 with Reverend Joseph Hull and others. In 1654, 1661, 1663 and 1668 he was granted land in Weymouth, Massachusetts.

He married Ruth, maiden name not known, and made his will December 25, 1688 which was proven on March 9 the following year, in which he mentioned his daughter Mary the wife of John Bicknell, leaving her ten pounds. His inventory mentions, one purse and wearing apparel; one feather bed and bedding, one chest and five chairs; a dwelling house and barn with ten acres adjoining, two acres of land in King Oak Hill, nine acres in pasture, one piece of salt meadow on Back River, one lot of land in the second division, one broad ax and an adz.

2—MARY PORTER daughter of Richard and Ruth Porter, married 2 of 10 m. 1658/9 as his second wife John Bicknell of Weymouth.

(See BICKNELL)

References:—Descendants of Richard Porter, page 7; Bicknell Genealogy, page 4; Farmer; New England Register, Vol. 46, page 185.

BICKNELL

Zachary Bicknell m Agnes —
 |
 John Bicknell m Mary Porter
 |
 Hannah Bicknell m Benjamin Shaw
 |
 Deacon Jonathan Shaw m Mercy Mason
 |
 Colonel Jonathan Shaw m Bethia Hall
 |
 Jonathan Shaw m Lydia Gushee
 |
 Amyntas Shaw m Lucy Tufts Williams
 |
 Isabella M. Shaw m Charles Clark Knowlton

1—ZACHARY BICKNELL sailed from Weymouth, England March 20, 1634/5, with one hundred and six other emigrants under the guidance of Reverend Joseph Hull their minister. After being at sea for forty-six days they entered Massachusetts Bay May 6, 1635. He is listed as being 45 years of age; his wife as 37 and his son John as 11. He located in Weymouth, Massachusetts where he died in 1636. His widow Agnes, maiden name not known, married the following year Richard Rocket and died in Braintree, Massachusetts July 9, 1643 aged 45 years. She is supposed to have been Agnes Lovell but no proof of it has been found.

2—JOHN BICKNELL only child of Zachary and Agnes Bicknell was born in Barrington, England in 1624 and came to New England with his parents. He was Selectman of Weymouth, Massachusetts for many years and Deputy to the General Court in 1677 and 1678. His will was dated November 6, 1678 and proven the January 20th following. He married for his first wife, Mary the daughter of Abraham and Bridget (Best) Shaw who died before 2nd of 10 m 1658/9 for on that day he married second Mary, daughter of Richard and Ruth Porter of Weymouth. He became an extensive land owner in Weymouth and a strong supporter of the Congregational Church.

3—HANNAH BICKNELL daughter of John and Mary (Porter) Bicknell was born in Weymouth, Massachusetts, November 15, 1675 and died in that part of Taunton, now Raynham, May 26, 1724 as the widow of Benjamin Shaw.

(See SHAW)

References:—Descendants of Richard Porter, page 7; Bicknell Genealogy, pages 1, 4; Savage; Farmer; New England Register, Vol. 46, page 185.

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