

THE
GENEALOGY
OF
THE SPRAGUE'S IN HINGHAM,
ARRANGED IN
CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER,
To the Fourth Generation,
COUNTING FROM
WILLIAM SPRAGUE,
ONE OF THE
FIRST PLANTERS IN MASSACHUSETTS:
Who arrived at NAUMKEAG from England,
IN THE YEAR
1628.

*To which is prefixed a short account of the first settlement of
this country before the arrival of the OLD Charter in 1630.*

HINGHAM :

PUBLISHED BY Moses Sprague,

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1166.

September 28. WILLIAM, a son of the Duke of Normandy, lands in Sussex, in England, and conquers England, and is made king—sometimes called *William the first*, and sometimes *William the conqueror*.

1172.

Henry the Second, king of England, (*and the first of the Plantagenets*) takes possession of Ireland; which from that period, has been governed by an English viceroy, or *Lord Lieutenant*.

1482.

Richard Third, king of England, *and last of the Plantagenets*, is defeated and killed at the battle of *Bosworth*, by Henry (*Tudor*) the Seventh, which puts an end to the *civil wars*, between the Houses of *York* and *Lancaster*.

1588.

Henry the Fourth passes the *Edict of Nantes*, tolerating the Protestants.

1603.

Queen Elizabeth, (*the last of the Tudors*), dies, and nominates James the Sixth of Scotland, (*and first of the Stewarts*), as a successor; which unites both kingdoms under the name of *Great Britain*.

1685.

The *Edict of Nantes* infamously revoked by *Leis* the Fourteenth, and the Protestants cruelly persecuted.

1622. March 4. The Charter of the Massachusetts Colony granted by King Charles I.

1625. Charles I. king of Great Britain.

1635. The French Academy instituted.

1649. King Charles I. beheaded.

1660. Charles II. king of England.

1663. The French *Academy of Inscriptions* instituted.

1685. James II. king of Great Britain.

1688. Dec. 23d, King James abdicates the throne.

1692. May 14. The new Charter arrived at Boston.

Settlement of Massachusetts.

1622.

MR. WESTON obtained the first grant within the bounds of *Massachusetts*, and in the summer of 1622, sent over two Ships with 50 or 60 men, to begin a *Plantation* at *Wissegusset*, (*Weymouth*.)

They were sickly when they arrived, and received necessities and refreshments from their neighbours at *Plymouth*.

They were a *dissolute crew*, and soon brought themselves to poverty, and then *robbed the Indians*, and offered other abuses to them.

The *Indians* made their complaint to the colony of *Plymouth*; but the abuse continuing, the next year they laid a Plot for the destruction of all *Weston's company*.

The Plot was discovered to the *Plymouth people*, who sent some of their men and prevented the execution of it, by the surprisal of those who were to be the principal actors.

Mr. *Weston*, in coming over to visit his plantation, was cast away in *Ipswich Bay*, and stripped by the *Indians* of every thing but his shirt.

Being thus rendered incapable of affording any relief to his colony, it came to an end, after one year's continuance.

December 13. Capt. *Robert Gorges* obtained a patent, of lands on the north east side of *Massachusetts Bay*.—He made some attempts to revive *Weston's plantation*, but returned home the year after, without success.

1624.

Lyford, the minister of *Plymouth*, and one *John Oldham*, stirred up a faction there and were banished that colony. They began a settlement at *Nantasket*.

The same year some persons, belonging to *Dorchester* in *England*, sent over fishermen and made necessary provision for a fishery at *Cape Ann*, and *Roger Conant*, who had left *Plymouth* with *John Oldham*, and removed with the rest to *Nantasket*, was appointed their overseer.

A grant was made by one of the *Gorges* to *Oldham*, and others, of part of *Massachusetts Bay*.

1625.

One Captain *Wallaston*, with about 30 persons, began a *Plantation* near *Weston's*. They gave it the name of *Mount Wallaston*, now a part of *Braintree*. One *Thomas Morton* was of this company. This *Morton* was a kind of pettifogger before he left England. He was not left in command, but contrived to make himself Chief, and lived a life of dissipation, until all the stock intended for trade was consumed. He was charged with furnishing the *Indians* with guns and ammunition, and teaching them the use of them. At length, he made himself so obnoxious to the Planters in all parts, that at the general desire, the people of Plymouth seized him by an armed force, and confined him until they had an opportunity of sending him to England.

1626.

In the fall of 1626, *Conant*, and some of his company, removed from *Cape Ann* to a neck of land upon *Naumkeag River*.

This is all the account we have of any settlements, or attempts for settlements in the *Massachusetts Bay*, until the year 1627.

1627.

March 19. The Council of *Plymouth*, in England, sold to Sir *Henry Roswell*, Sir *John Young*, *Thomas Southcott*, *John Humphrey*, *John Endicot*, and *Simon Whelcombe*, who lived about *Dorchester* in England, all that part of New-England, three miles south of *Charles River*, and three miles north of *Merimack River*, from the *Atlantic* to the *South Sea*.

A Charter was obtained from King *Charles I.*

1628.

March 4. The *Patentees* were constituted a corporation or body politic, entitled to all the privileges of any other corporation in England, under the name of "The Governor and Company of the *Massachusetts Bay* in New-England."

The same summer Mr. *Endicot* was sent over to *Naumkeag*, (*Salem*,) with planters, and all the affairs of the colony committed to his care.

Mr. *Cradock* was the first governor, and Mr. *Goff*, deputy governor, in England.

At the first court, held the 13th of May 1628, in England, it was determined, that every one of the company, who had subscribed *fifty pounds*, should have 200 acres of land assigned, and in proportion for a greater or lesser sum, as the first dividend.

The names of all the adventurers and sums subscribed, were sent over to Mr. *Endicot*, who was appointed their governor in the Plantation.

The members of the corporation, which remained in England, were to retain a share in the *trading stock* and profits of it, for the term of seven years.

[From *Histories of Massachusetts*.

June 20. Capt. *John Endicot*, with his *Wife* and *Company*, *This Day* sails in the Ship *Abigail*, *Henry Gauden* Master, from *Weymouth* in *England*, for *Naumkeak* in *New England*, being sent by the *Massachusetts Patentees* at *London*, to carry on the Plantation There, make way for the settling a Colony, and be their Agent to order all Affairs, till the *Patentees* themselves come over.

September 13. Mr. *Endicot* writes of his safe Arrival at *Naumbeak*, to Mr. *Matthew Cradock*, one of the *Massachusetts Company* in *London*, which Mr. *Cradock* receives on Feb. 13 following. With Mr. *Endicot* come Mr. *Gott*, *Brackenbury*, *Darenport*, Capt. *Trask* and others : who go on comfortably in Preparing for a new Colony.

Among those who arrive at *Naumkeak*, are *Ralph Sprague* with his Brethren *Richard* and *William* ; who with 3 or 4 more, by Governor *Endicot*'s consent, undertake a Journey, and travel the Woods above 12 Miles Westward, light on a Neck of Land call'd *Mishawum*, between *Mistic* and *Charles Rivers*, full of Indians, named *Aberginians*. Their old *Sachem* being Dead, his Eldest Son call'd by the *English* *JOHN SAGAMORE* is Chief ; a Man of a gentle & good Disposition : by whose free Consent they settle Here ; where they find but one *English House*, thatch'd and palizado'd, possess'd by *Thomas Wulford* a *Smith*.

That worthy Gentleman Mr. *Endicot* coming over, &c.

[From *Prince's Chronology*.

1629.

February 16. Mr. Cradock, at London, in his Letter to Capt. Endicot at Naumkeak says, "We are thoro'ly inform'd of the safe Arrival of your self, your Wife and the rest of your good Company in our Plantation, by your letters, of September 13, which came to hand the 13th Instant."—Prince.

Five ships were provided for the second embarkation of Planters. Mr. Francis Higginson, one of the four Ministers, who then came over, says in his Journal, that "they arrived at Cape Ann the 27th of June 1629, and at Naumkeag the 29th. They found at Naumkeag about 100 Planters, eight houses, besides a fair house built for Mr. Endicot. The old and new Planters were about 300, of which 100 removed to Charlestown, where there was a house built; the rest remained at Salem. Mr. Endicot had corresponded with the settlers at Plymouth, who satisfied him that they were right in their judgments of the outward worship, being much like to that of the reformed churches in France, &c. On the 20th of July, Mr. Higginson and Mr. Skelton, after fasting and prayer, were first elected by the Company for their ministers, the first teacher, the other pastor; each of them, together with three or four grave members, laying their hands on the other, with solemn prayer. On the 6th of August, the day appointed for the choice and ordination of elders and deacons, thirty persons entered into a covenant in writing which is said to be the beginning of the Church, and that the ministers were ordained or instituted anew. Messengers, or delegates, from the church of Plymouth, were expected to join with them, but contrary winds hindered them in their passage, so they did not arrive till the afternoon, but time enough to give the right hand of fellowship.

Two of the Company, John and Samuel Brown, one a Lawyer, the other a Merchant, both men of good estates, and of the first Patentes, and of the council, were dissatisfied; they did not like that the common prayer and service of the Church of England should be laid aside, and therefore drew off, with as many as were of their sentiments, from the rest, and set up a separate society.

This offended the *Governor*, who caused the two members of his *council* to be brought before him, and judging that this practice, together with some *speeches* they had uttered, tended to *sedition*, he sent them back to *England*. The heads of the party being removed, the opposition ceased.

These transactions were going forward while the Company in *England* were projecting the transfer of the corporation to *New England*.

[“ In the year 1628, the Company of Massachusetts Bay in *England* began a Plantation. It was their decree, that none but honest and godly men should go over to settle.”]

“ This year (1624) Mr. Henry Jacob, who had set up an *Independent Church* in *England*, in 1616, with the consent of his Church, goes to *Virginia*, where soon after he dies.”

[From *Histories of Massachusetts*.

I have thought it would be a satisfaction to some of my readers to know what names their name was associated with, in the early settlement of this country. I have therefore extrated the following

From the Massachusetts Colony Records.

“ At a General Court, holden at Boston, October the 19th 1630. Ralfe Sprague is chosen Constable of Charlestown.

18th day of May (at a general Court) Ralph and Richard Sprague were among those who took the *Freeman's Oath*.

1639. 22d of 3d month Ralph Sprague was one of the Deputies, and in 1641.

Septemper 23, 1630. A Jury impannelled, &c.

Rich : Browne,—William Aspinwall,—Abraham Palmer,—Richard Stower,—Peter Palfrey,—Roger Williams, William Bumell, or Burrell,—Rich : Upsal,—John Johnson,—Ralfe Sprague,—Giles Septon,—Abraham Pratt,—Francis Smith,—George Dyer.”

This seems to be the first Jury in Massachusetts.

Names of Ships which brought over the Plymouth settlers.

November 9, 1621, Ship *Fortune*, 55 Tons, arrived with 35 persons.

June, or July, 1622, Ship *Charity*, 100 Tons, and the *Swan*, of 30, to settle at Weymouth, Mr. Weston's Ships.

August, Ship *Sparrow*, and the Ship *Discovery*, Capt. Jones, commander, these are Weston's Ships.

July, 1623, *Ann*, of 140 Tons, 60 passengers, Mr. William Pierce Master : and the *Pinnace*, 44 Tons, called the *James*, Mr. Bridges master.

Names of Ships which brought over the Massachusetts settlers.

1628. June 20. Ship *Abigail*, Capt. Gauden, sailed from Weymouth, in England.

1629. May 4. The Ship *George Bonaventure*, sails from the Isle of Wight.

May 11. The Ship *Lion's Whelp*, and the Ship *Talbot*, the Planters in these vessels go from Somerset, and Dorset.

1629. In June, Ship *May-Flower*, *Four Sisters*, and the *Pilgrim*.

1630. March 20. The Ship *Mary & John*, 400 Tons sailed for Massachusetts, one Squeb, master, and May 30th arrived at Nantasket, Capt. Squeb put Mr. Warham Maverick, Rositer and Ludlow on shore at Nantasket point, and left them to shift for themselves.

This Ship sailed from *Weymouth* in *England*—the people in this Ship came from the *west country*.

1. Ship *Arabella*, 28 guns, 350 tons, and 52 seamen. 2. The *Talbot*. 3. *Ambrose*. 4. *Jewel*. 5. *May-Flower*. 6. The *Whale*. 7. Ship *William & Francis*. 8. The *Tryal*. 9. *Charles*. 10. Ship *Success*. 11. The *Hope-well*. These all came in the summer of 1630.

The *Arabella*, and the rest of the fleet cleared the British Channel on the 12th of April, 1630.

In May, 1630. Ship *Lyon*, Wm. Pierce Master, arrived in Salem harbour.

"June 12, (Saturday) 1630, at 2 o'clock in the morning, the *Arabella*, Admiral of the New-England Fleet, finding her Port near, shoots off 2 Pieces of Ordnance."

[*Prince's Chronology*.

SPRAGUE'S GENEALOGY.

First Generation.

The children of William Sprague, the first settler.

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| 1. ANTHONY, | 7. JONATHAN, |
| 2. JOHN, | 8. JONATHAN. |
| 3. SAMUEL, | 9. WILLIAM, |
| 4. ELIZABETH, | 10. MARY, |
| 5. PERSES, | 11. HANNAH. |
| 6. JOANNA, | |
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Second Generation.

Anthony Sprague's children.

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| 1. ANTHONY, | 7. JAMES, |
| 2. BENJAMIN, | 8. JOSIAH, |
| 3. JOHN, | 9. JEREMIAH, |
| 4. ELIZABETH, | 10. RICHARD, |
| 5. SAMUEL, | 11. MATTHEW |
| 6. SARAH, | |

John Sprague's children.

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| 1. JOHN, | 4. PERSES, |
| 2. JOHN, | 5. Daniel, |
| 3. WILLIAM, | 6. David, |

William Spragues' children.

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| 1. WILLIAM, | 5. ABIAH, |
| 2. JOANNA, | 6. JOHN, |
| 3. DEBORAH, | 7. BENJAMIN. |
| 4. JONATHAN, | |

Third Generation.

Samuel Sprague's daughter.

1. RUTH,

James Sprague's children.

1. ELIZABETH, 3. JERUSHA.

2. a son,

Jeremiah Sprague's children.

1. KNIGHT,	6. JOHN,
2. PRISCILLA,	7. ELIZABETH,
3. JEREMIAH,	8. NEHEMIAH,
4. SUSANNAH,	9. JACOB.
5. MARY,	

William Spragues' children.

1. SILENCE,	3. JEDIDIAH.
2. WILLIAM,	

Matthew Sprague's children.

1. SARAH,	4. ISRAEL,
2. MARGARET,	5. NOAH.
3. LYDIA,	

Josiah Sprague's children.

1. JOSIAH,	5. EPHRAIM,
2. BENJAMIN,	6. DANIEL,
3. ISAAC,	7. ELISHA.
4. HANNAH,	

Daniel Sprague's son.

1. DANIEL.

David Sprague's daughter.

1. SARAH.

FOURTH GENERATION.

Knight Sprague's children.

1. MARY,	1736	7. ASA,	1748
2. SARAH,	1738	8. JAMES,	1750
3. KNIGHT,	1740	9. THOMAS,	1752
4. ANTHONY,	1742	10. CALEB,	1755
5. OLIVE,	1744	11. LUCY.	1761
6. THOMAS,	1746		

Jacob Sprague's children.

1. MARY,	1736	5. ABAGIAL,	1743
2. JACOB,	1737	6. SETH,	1745
3. RACHEL,	1739	7. REUBEN.	1749
4. PRISCILLA,	1741		

Benjamin Sprague's children.

1. BENJAMIN,		5. ABNER,	1743
2. ELIZABETH,	1737	6. JESSE,	1745
3. JOSEPH,	1739	7. PERSES,	
4. DEBORAH,		8 ASHER.	

Isaac Sprague's children.

1. LEAH,	1738	6. AMOS,	1747
2. BETHIAH,	1739	7. MOSES,	1749
3. TAMAR,	1741	8. RACHEL,	1754
4. ISAAC,	1743	9. DAVID.	1754
5. REBECCA,	1745		

Jeremiah Sprague's children.

1. SUSANNAH,		6. SAMUEL,	1753
2. LYDIA,	1741	7. JOANNA,	
3. LYDIA,	1742	8. ELIZABETH,	
4. JEREMIAH,	1746	9. MILES.	1762
5. EBED,	1749		

Nehemiah Sprague's Son.

1. LABAN.

John Sprague's children.

1. LUCY,	1743		5. JOSEPH,	1754
2. MARGARET,	1744		6. ELIJAH,	1758
3. WEBB,	1748		7. THOMAS,	1761
4. JOHN,	1750		8. GRACE.	1764

Daniel Sprague's children.

1. DANIEL,	1760		2. JOSIAH.	1762
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Fifth Generation.

Isaac's children,—1 Hannah—2 Isaac—3 Leah—
 4 Peter—5 Joshua—6 Hosea—7 Isaac—8 Blossom.
Amos's children,—1 Desire—2 Amos—3 Lucy—
 4 Martin—5 Perez—6 Tamar—7 Cloe—8 Jerome.
Moses's children,—1 Moses—2 Levi—3 Jairus—
 4 Mary.
David's children,—1 David—2 Matthew—3 Adna—
 4 Charles.
Benjamin's children,—1 Bela—2 Ruth—3 Perses—
 4 Zenas—5 Laban.
Jesses' children,—1 Jesse—2 Elizabeth—3 Samuel—
 4 Thankful—5 Elijah—6 Caleb—7 Deborah.
Josiah's children,—1 Ann—2 Josiah—3 Elizabeth—
 4 Edmond—5 Marble—6 Luther—7 Daniel—8 Mar-
 tin—9 Leonard—10 Henry.

Sixth Generation.

BELA'S CHILDREN, 1 Bela, 2 Sophronia and 1 more.
 JESSE'S CHILDREN, 1 Leavitt, 2 Mary, 3 Nancy,
 4 Deborah.
Peters's children,—1 Peter—2 Mary—3 Thomas—
Isaac's children,—1 Isaac—2 Rachel—3 Lincoln—
 4 Leah.
Blossom's children,—1 Sarah—2 William—3 Hannah—
 4 Joseph—5 Clarisa.
Moses' children,—1 John—2 Ebed.
 SAMUELS' CHILDREN, 1 Isaac G. Sarah and Samuel.
 CALEB'S CHILDREN, 1 Mehitable, 2 Caleb. 3 Joseph
 4 William, 5 Anthony, 6 Thomas G.
 DAVID'S children,—1 Jane—2 SIDNEY.
 CAPT. JAIRUS SPRAGUE'S SON Jairus, is one of the 6th
 generation, of Sprague's in Hingham.

1628.

WILLIAM SPRAGUE,

THE first Planter in Hingham, on the Plain, was the youngest of three brothers who arrived at Salem in September 1628, from England, and were immediately employed by Governor ENDICOT to explore and take possession of the country westward.

They travelled through the woods to Charlestown, and made Peace with Indians there. They found a blacksmith manufacturing contrabands of war for the Indians.

1629.

He came to Hingham, this year, (1629,) in a boat, and landed on the east side of the Core, near Burr's Salt-works, and Barnes' Rocks, on a lot of ground which was afterwards legally granted to him by the inhabitants of the town. Anthony Eames and Thomas Hammond were with him. The Plain settlers used to land on the east side of the Core and travel on the east side of the salt meadows through the Plain Neck, to the Plain to select their House Lots. William Sprague's House Lot, was the pleasantest lot in Hingham, it was about 2 miles north of the Patent Line, which formerly divided the old Massachusetts Colony from the Plymouth Colony. Anthony Eames' House Lot was on the east side of William Sprague's and Thomas Hammond's west. There is no house on the lot that was William Sprague's, nothing but one very old apple-tree which he planted. The lot is now improved by Mr. Ripley. It is on the east side of Pleasant-Street, as we go to Scituate.

He died the 26 day of October, 1675, but "not a stone tells where he lies."

The Tomb Stone of Lieutenant Ralph and Captain Richard Sprague, the first settlers in Charlestown, remains to this day, the Inscription, however, is almost obliterated by the "dropping of water." These were two brothers of William Sprague, who settled here. In the summer of 1828, I went to Charlestown on purpose to see it.

There is no doubt but William Sprague was a Planter in this place, as well as Robert Jones, and John Parker, on the Plain, and occupied the Lots which were afterwards legally granted to them by a vote of the inhabitants of Hingham, several years before 1635.

In looking over the Old Colony Records, I find, that on the 2d of September 1635, At a general Court, it was ORDERED, that the Name of Bear Core should be changed to Hingham.

The first account I can find of William Sprague in the Hingham Records, is the following, from the

OLD GRANT BOOK,

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1636.

" The severall parcels of Land and Meadow legally given unto WILLIAM SPRAGUE, by the Town of Hingham.

Given unto William Sprague, by the Town, for a house Lot, four acres of Land, butting upon the Playne, northward ; and upon the Land of Thomas Hammond, westward : bounded with the Land of Anthony Eames, eastward.

Given unto William Sprague, by the Town, for a Planting Lot, six acres of Land, lying and being in the Playne Neck, bounded with the Land of John Parker, southward ; and with the Land of George Strange, northward ; butting upon the Sea, westward ; and upon the common eastward.

Given unto William Sprague, by the Town, for a great Lot, fourteen acres of Land, lying to the southward of the Playne home lots : bounded with the land of Thomas Minor, northward ; and with the Towns Land, southward and westward ;—and with Rocky Meadow River and the Meadow of Mark Eames, eastward.

One acre of Fresh Meadow, at the eastward of the Playne home Lots.

One acre and a quarter of Fresh Meadow, at Crooked Meadow.

Two acres and a half salt meadow at Lyford's liking.

1637.

Half an acre at Rocky Meadow.

1644.

A parcel of about 8 acres, in the *rear neck*, southward of Thomas Minor's meadow.

A small parcel of Fresh meadow—half an acre—with the meadow of Anthony Eames, southward.

1647.

Given unto William Sprague, by the Town, two acres and a half of salt marsh : it's the 22 lot in the *third division*, Coney Hassett, bounded with the meadow of Stephen Gates, westward ; with the Towns Land, southward ;—and with the Creek northward.”

William Sprague had several Lots assigned to him in the Third Division, Cohasset uplands, and 4th Division, but I have not time to look over the old books to find them.

1636. “ Given unto Anthony Eames, by the Town, for a House Lot—eight acres of Land, butting upon the *high way* leading to the Playne, northward ; and upon the Meadow of William Sprague, southward ;—bounded with the land of Willam Sprague westward ;—and with the Fresh Meadow eastward.”

This seems as if there had been settlers here more than six months. A high way from Jacob Cushing's to the Plain at this early period !

1637. “ Given unto Thomas Hammond, by the Town for a House Lot, five acres of Land, butting upon the Playne, northward ; and upon his own meadow southward ;—bounded with the land of William Sprague eastward—and with the land of Robert Jones, westward.”

Eames' and Jones' Grants are not exactly in chronological order, they are inserted here to shew who William Sprague's neighbours were—but the dates are correct

Before 1640,

William Sprague was one of the Planters on the Plain who opposed the Hubbard's carting the frame of the first meeting House *off the Plain*, **IN THE NIGHT**, after a majority of the inhabitants had *voted* to set it there.

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 “ *This 30th of January, 1645.*

It is ordered at a Town Meeting, that the 7 or 9 men, chosen to order the prudential affairs of the town, shall be chosen out of the *body of the Town*, as well non Freemen as Freemen.

THOMAS JOSSELYN,
 GEORGE MARSH,
 THOMAS GILL,
 JOHN TOWER,
 JOHN SMITH,
 JOHN FOULSHAM,
 WILLIAM SPRAGUE.”

1646.

“ *April 25, 1646.* An agreement betwixt John Parker Anthony Eames, Thomas Thaxter, William Sprague, Thomas Hammond, John Leavitt and Nicholas Jacob, to fence several parcels of meadow lying betwixt Lyfords liking, to *Straits Pond*.”

[*From a small book among the Hingham Records.*

1660.

January 1, William Sprague was one of those men who had the honesty to come forward in a town-meeting to have his dissent recorded from having Capt. Joshua Hubbard freed from paying his *Rates* to the public charge of the town for the maintenance of the *Ministry*.

1661.

The first of January 1661.

“ Select men chosen by the inhabitants of the Town of Hingham for the year ensuing.

JOHN LEAVITT,
 NATHANIEL BAKER,
 EDMUND HUBBARD,
 MATTHEW CUSHING,
 JOHN FERING.

Disbursements paid out of the Town Rate for the Towns use by WILLIAM SPRAGUE, Constable of Hingham as followeth—in the year One Thousand Six Hundred and Sixty Two, which Rate did amount to £32 00 02

<i>Imprimus—To Lieutenant Hudson, for Mr. Hubbard's expenses at the Synod,</i>	2	14	10
<i>To Lieutenant Hudson, for our deputy's dyet for two sessions in the year 1662</i>	5	10	00
<i>To Joshua Beal, for maintaining the Drum, 10 shillings and 4 pence by Goodm : Sprague, and 9 and 8 pence by the troop,</i>	1	00	00
<i>To Stephen Lincoln, for maintaining the Drum,</i>	0	10	00
<i>To Mr. Peter Hubbard, for what his rate fell short for this present year,</i>	2	05	00
<i>To Captain Hubbard, for his time at the Court,</i>	3	00	00
<i>To John Stodder and Joseph Church, for work done about the School House,</i>	1	11	00
<i>To John Prince, for Nayles to mend the Pound,</i>	0	05	00
<i>To Daniel Cushin, for expenses this present year,</i>	2	00	00
<i>To Edward Wilder, for a journey to Marsh field,</i>	00	03	00
<i>To Goodm : Chamberlain, for his wife's labor to Goody Prince,</i>	00	06	00
<i>To Goodm : Prince, for wood and labor about Goody Prince,</i>	00	14	00
<i>To Rich : Wood, in part pay for the work about the Pulpit,</i>	00	05	09
<i>To William Hersy, for his charges and to balance the account of the Rate in the year 61,</i>	03	10	00

These disbursements above written are discharged, and to be discharged, out of the Towns Rate, by WILLIAM SPRAGUE, and there rested due to the Town, from William Sprague,

The nine shillings William Sprague is to pay to Josiah Hubbard,

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To Goodman Pitts, for ringing the Bell and sweeping the Meeting House,	£2	00	00
Paid to Goody Martin,	2	13	11
Paid to Deazon Leavitt, for charges for Provisions for Goody Prince, and for money in part pay for a town book,	0	08	09
Paid to Goodm : Baker, for a journey to Marshfield, for goody Prince, and for Provisions for her, and for a journey to Boston, and for money for part of pay for a <i>town book</i> ,	0	13	03
Paid to John Fering, for provisions for Goody Prince, and for carrying her to the Boat, and for a journey to Boston, to carry the votes for nomination of Magis- trate,	0	12	03
Paid to Matthew Cushin, for provisions for Goody Prince, and for a journey to Bos- ton to make arrangements about her, and for money in part of pay for a BOOK,	0	13	05
Paid to John Low, for carrying Goody Prince to Boston, and for running the line between Weymouth and Hingham,	0	09	03
Paid to John Jacob, for clearing the way to <i>Scituate</i> , and making a bridge over the river,	0	12	07
Paid to Goodman Sprague, for gathering up the Town Rate,	1	00	00
Paid to William Woodcock, for time when he was prepar'd for a Soldier,	0	05	00
Paid to Goodm : Hersy, for Constables charges,	0	11	06
Paid to William Sprague for Constables charges, and for a journey to Boston,	0	05	00
Paid to Goodm : Sprague for warning two meetings and a half,	0	03	00
Paid Goodm : Sprague, for <i>wheat</i> and <i>but-</i> <i>ter</i> for Goody Prince,	0	02	04
Paid to Goodm : Hubbard, for money laid out in part pay for a <i>Town Book</i> , and for surveying between the town and propri- ety,	0	02	00

Paid to Ensign Thaxter, for a journey to Boston, to carrying up the estate of the Town in a Rate,	0	05	00
Paid to Josiah Hubbard, for a journey to Boston, in the year 61, and also, for setting out the way as we go to Scituate, in the same year,	0	10	00
Paid to Daniel Cushin, for expenses this present year,	0	11	00
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	£11	19	01

1662.

From the Select men's first Book of Records.

AGAINST ENTERTAINING STRANGERS.

☞ SELECT MEN IN 1662—JOSHUA HUBBARD, JOHN THAXTER, AND JOHN JACOB.

"It is ordered by the aforesaid select men, that noe, person, or persons, within this towne, shall entertayne any stranger, or strangers into his or their family, or families, upon the penalty of paying *twenty shillings*, for every such offence, in case he, or they entertain him, or them, more than three weeks, or suffer their being already entertayned, to remain in his or their house above three weeks after the publication of this *Order*, excepting only such as shall cum to the *select men* and give them security to their content, to save the towne from charge, or damage that may come thereby."

1666-7—William Sprague was one of the viewers of the fences for the Playne, *appointed by the select men*.

1668—The town received of William Sprague 2 shillings for hoop poles.

1672—To William Sprague, for his journey to Marshfield, 7s 1d.

1672—For his journey to Plymouth, 6s.

1673—Paid to William Sprague, a debt, due to him as appears by the select men's book, 2s.

[*Select men's first book.*]

From William Sprague's old *DEED*, done
February 21, 1673.

"For six and thirty pounds of lawful money of New England and nine pounds in merchantable corn," William Sprague senior, sold to his eldest son Anthony,

"All that six acres of planting land, lying and being in Hingham, in the field called the *Plaine Neck*, which the said William Sprague purchased of Robert Jones, which said six acres of land is bounded with the land of John Smith, formerly the land of Thomas Hammond southward; and with the land now in the occupation of John Lazell, formerly the Land of Samuel Ward, northward; and with the Sea westward; and with a parcel of the common land given by the Town to Mark Eames, and Michael Pearse, eastward—

Also—his lot in the first division of Conahasset upland, in Hingham, it's the fourth lot in the said division, which said lot containeth seventeen acres and a half, and twenty six rods of land, and was lately granted by the inhabitants of the Town of Hingham to the said William Sprague—

Also—his lot of salt marsh in the third division of Conahasset marshes in Hingham, near gulph Island, it is the two and twenty lot, in the said division granted by the inhabitants of Hingham to the said William Sprague, the said lot of marsh is two acres and a half, and is bounded with the marsh of Stephen Gates westward; and with the Towns land southward, and with the creek northward,

Also—Three of his shares of the common lands in Hingham, lately granted to him by the inhabitants of the Town of Hingham, (*viz.*) three shares of the lands in Hingham that are agreed and ORDERED by the Town to lye *perpetually* for common—And

Also—his proportion in a fourth division of land in Hingham, agreed upon by the Town to be laid out next Weymouth line; his proportion in the said division to be according to the nine shares granted him by the Town, Together with all woods, trees, timber, lying, being and growing upon the said bargained premises, with all and singular th'appurtenances and privileges unto the said premises, or any part of them belonging, or any ways appertaining."

WILLIAM SPRAGUE'S WILL.

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN. *The nineteenth day of October, in the year of our Lord God, One thousand, six hundred, seventy & five, I, William Sprague, senior, of Hingham, in New-England, being sick in body, but yet of perfect memory ; praised be almighty God ! do make and declare this my last will and testament, in manner and form following : Revoking, and, by these presents, making void, and of no force, all and every will and wills heretofore by me made and declared, either by word or writing, and this to be taken only, for my last will, and none other.*

First and principally, I commit and commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God, and my body to the earth, to be decently buried, at the discretion of my Executor hereafter mentioned, hoping of salvation, both of soul and body, by the mercies of God in the merits of my Saviour Jesus Christ. And as for such temporal estate as it hath pleased God to bestow upon me, I do order, give and dispose the same in manner and form as followeth—that is to say :

First—I will that all those just debts and dutys that I owe in right and conscience to any person whatsoever, shall be well and truly contented and paid by my Executor hereafter named out of my Estate, with my funeral charges, which I will shall be first paid.

Item.—I give and bequeath unto Millesaint Sprague, my loving wife, the sum of Ten Pounds in money, and one Cow and one Horse.

Item.—I give unto the said Millesaint, my wife, ten pounds per annum during the term of her natural life (to be paid to her by my son William Sprague, which I have reserved for her, as may fully appear by a deed of gift under my hand and seal to my said son William of my house and several lands and commons, as is there-

in expressed,) and the summering and wintering of one cow and one horse, and the use of one half of my dwelling house, and half the orchard, according as I have reserved upon the said deed of gift.

Item.—I give unto Millesaint, my said wife, thirty & five pounds, which is due from me by my son Anthony Sprague, to be paid five pounds a year till the whole be paid : that is to say, in case my said wife live till all the said payments be made to her : but if my wife decease, before all the said payments of thirty & five pounds be made, then my mind and Will is, that what is remaining unpaid of the said thirty & five pounds at my wife's decease, shall be divided equally amongst all my children hereafter named, that is to say : my son Anthony Sprague, my son Samuel Sprague, my son William Sprague, my daughter Perses Doggett, the wife of John Doggett, Joanna Church, the wife of Caleb Church, and Mary King, the wife of Thomas King, every one of them to have part and part alike.

Item.—I give unto Millesaint, my said wife, all my household stuff and furniture, linen, woolen, and utensils of household whatsoever, for and during the term of her natural life : and after my wife's decease my mind and will is, that it shall be divided amongst all my aforesaid children, every one of them to have part and part alike. And all my cattle not before given in this my will, to be immediately after my decease, disposed of, by my Executor, as followeth ; that is to say : to my son William Sprague two steers three years old and the and one cow ; and all the rest of my cattle to be equally divided among the rest of my children aforementioned, every one of them to have part and part alike.

Item.—I give and bequeath unto Anthony Sprague, my Sworn, which was my brother Richard Sprague's, and one of my biggest *peeler platters*, and twenty shillings in money ; which, with what I have given him before, in Land and other things, and his part of my household stuff

and cattle, after the decease of myself and my wife, as is afore expressed, I judge a sufficient portion for him.

Item.—I give unto my son John Sprague, a piece of salt marsh, lying at Lyford's liking river, in Hingham, containing two acres and a half, be it more or less, which was given me by the town of Hingham, to enjoy to him, and his heirs and assigns forever. And I do give unto my son John Sprague my searge suit of apparel, which with a Neck of Upland, called Sprague's Island, lying by the aforesaid meadow which I formerly gave to him, I judge a sufficient portion for him.

Item.—I give unto my son Samuel Sprague my cloth coat, which was my brother's, and one of my biggest pewter platters.

Item.—I give and bequeath unto my son Jonathan Sprague, threescore acres of Land, lying in the bounds of the township of Providence, in New-England, which I lately purchased of John Dexter of the said Providence; which said threescore acres of Land, I do give to my said son Jonathan during the term of his natural life; and after his decease unto his heirs male, lawfully begotten of his body, lawfully begotten or to be begotten: and for want of such heirs, the said threescore acres of Land to return to the next heirs of the Spragues descended from me. Also, I give unto my said son Jonathan Sprague my best cloth suit of apparel.

Item.—I give unto William Sprague one feather bed, which he used to lodge upon when he lived with me, and one of my biggest pewter platters.

Item.—I do make and ordain Millesaint Sprague, my loving wife, my full and sole executrix of this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof, I the said William Sprague have herunto set my hand and seal, the day above written.

MEMORANDUM. That the (rase) in the ninth line, and the words (hereafter named) & the word (Samuel) between the 26th and 27 lines, and rases in the seven & twenty line and a (rase) in the eight & twenty line, and the word (equally) between the 35th and 36th lines, and a (rase) in six and forty line, and those words (return to) between the first and second lines of the second page were all rased & interlined before the signing hereof in the presence of the same witnesses.

WILLIAM SPRAGUE, *and a
scal.*

Signed, sealed, published and delivered by the above said William Sprague, senior, to be his last will and testament, in presence of us witnesses.

Daniel Cushing, sen.

Matthae Cushing.

Daniel Cushing, sen. and Daniel Cushing, Jr. appeared before JOHN LEVERETT, Esq. Governor, &c.

A true copy.

Attest,



[As a book of reference, for correcting my dates, I have made use of the History of Hingham, a book of 180 pages, arranged in very ingenious order, by Solomon Lincoln, and neatly printed by Farmer and Brown, in Hingham.]

Old STYLE and New.

In reckoning the dates of births and deaths, which took place previous to September 14, 1752, 11 days must be added, to agree with the *Style* now in use.

In Franklin's Almanack, of 1752, *September* stands

<i>Tuesday</i>	1	
<i>Wednesday</i>	2	
<i>Thursday</i>	14	
<i>Friday</i>	15	and so on

1635.

No. 1.

ANTHONY SPRAGUE,

Was born before the 2d of September 1635, when the General Court *ordered* the name of Hingham to be given to this place. He was the oldest son of William Sprague, one of the *first Planters* on the Plain, whose house stood in (Union Street) the road that leads *over the river*, on the east side. Mr. Ripley owns the lot. On the west side of the road is an ancient well of pure fresh water, of which our forefathers drank.

In 1664, He was married to Elizabeth Bartlett, daughter of Robert Bartlett, of Plymouth.

In 1676: April 19th. Anthony Sprague's House was burnt by the Indians. It stood *over the river* where Mr. Gilbert's house now stands.

In 1683, Nov. 30, For £3, current money of New-England, Anthony Sprague bought of William Sprague Cooper, half an acre of fresh meadow, at Rocky Meadow.

In 1684, January 14th. For £4, Anthony Sprague, bought of Robert Jones, *Planter*, "all that my lot given me by the town of Hingham, that is to say five shares, containing ten acres, be it more or less, lying and being in the Fourth Division, being the twelfth lot, in said division, bounded with the land of John Tucker, northward—and the land of Anthony Sprague, southward—in said division, and bounded with the line of Weymouth, westward."

In 1684, March 5th. For £16 Anthony Sprague, bought of Thomas Lincoln, *husbandman*, Joshua Lincoln and Caleb Lincoln, "all that, their seventeen shares of land, lying in Hingham, in the Third Division, as well in that part of said third division that is not yet lay'd out, as in that which is lay'd out—fifteen of said shares being the forty-seventh lot in said division, and was drawn in the name of the said Thomas Lincoln, ten shares thereof belonging to the said Thomas Lincoln—the other five shares unto the said Joshua Lincoln; the other two shares the said Caleb Lincoln purchased of Jacob Beal, and is the

forty eighth lot in said division, all the demised seventeen shares of land as lying together, are bounded northward with the land of the said Sprague, and with the land of Thomas Gill, sen'r. and northward with the Town's common."

In 1685, April 20th, For *Fifty Shillings*, Anthony Sprague bought of William Woodcock, of Hingham, "all that lot of land in the Third Division of Conihassitt upland, both that part of said lot lay'd out already, and that part not yet lay'd out—and being the five & fortieth lot in said third division, bounded with the land of Israel Fering, northward; and with the land of said Sprague, southward; and with the towns common westward."

In 1685, May 17th, For £5, Anthony Sprague bought of Nathaniel Beal, senior, "all that his Third Division of Conahassett lands, so called, being eight shares, and the forty second lot, and lyeth next to the lot which is Joseph Church's, being the forty fifth lot and on the other lot against the lot which is Capt. Thaxter, being the forty third lot—all the said forty second lot, being eight shares—lying and being in the township of Hingham, and as granted & given by the said town, be it more or less.

In 1686, May 22d, For £24, sixteen pounds in money and *eight pounds* in cattle, Anthony Sprague bought of William Woodcock, of Rehoboth, in Plymouth Colony, *Planter*, "three acres of marsh, which the said William Woodcock formerly purchased of Jonas Austin, heretofore of Hingham, which said lot of marsh is lying & being at a place called *Conihassit* over the river, (to witt) on the southward side of the river—and is a part of the three score acres of marsh that belong to the town of Hingham on that side of the river—the said bargained, lot of marsh is the forty eight lot of the Third Division of Conihassett marshes which were divided by the inhabitants of the said town of Hingham, and is the first lot of them lots that happened to fall out on the said southward side of the said river—and the said lot of marsh is bounded with the marsh that was lay'd out to Thomas Barnes eastward; and with the marsh that was granted to Vinton Druce, westward; and with the Cove and Scituate Line, southward; and with the Island of John Williams, northward."

In 1686, October 15th, For *a lot* in the Second Division, Anthony Sprague bought of Israel Fearing, three shares in the second division at Conahassett, in Hingham.

In 1687, Last day of November, For £5, in current money, Anthony Sprague bought of Thomas Gill, in the Third Division of Conahassett, nine shares—the forty-ninth lot.

In 1688, May 21, Anthony Sprague was chosen one of the select men of Hingham, and May 2d, 1692, he was chosen again.

In 1689, January 3d, Anthony Sprague was one of the committee then chosen "to give Captain John Smith satisfaction for a little piece of land through which a country road lyeth, in the Playne Neck, near the Fresh River."

In 1690-1, January 16, For £11, Anthony Sprague bought of Samuel Thaxter, "sixteen shares and a half shares of the forty-third lot, in the Third Division."

In 1692, December 16th, For £4, current money Anthony Sprague bought of Purthe Mackfarlin, "all that his Lot of land in Hingham, lying in the First Division of Conahassett upland, and is the fifth lot in number, and is four shares of land, and contains *seven acres* and three *roods* and 16 rods of land, and said lot was drawn by John Langlee, and granted by the town to said John Langle and Purthe Mackfarlin, and is now all in the possession of said Purthe Mackfarlin, and said fifth lot is bounded southward with the fourth lot of land granted by the town to William Sprague, and with the sixth lot of land on the northerly side, that was granted by said town to Nicholas Baker."

1700, March 18, "At a legal town meeting" Anthony Sprague was one of the select men then chosen.

Anthony Sprague Died September 3d 1719, aged 84.

He was buried over the river, on the east side of the house where Mr. Gilbert lives, about 150 feet, by a wall.

Before his death, he gave commandment that six of his sons should carry him out and bury him—which they did.

Every one of his sons weighed over 200 pounds apiece.

ANTHONY SPRAGUE'S WILL.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN, This Twenty first day of July, Annoq Domini One Thousand Seven hundred and Sixteen, I, Anthony Sprague of Hingham, in the County of Suffolk, in New-England, Yeoman being weak of Body, but of sound disposing mind, Do make this my *Last Will and Testament*—in manner following—

First, and principally, I commit my soul into the hands of God who gave it, hoping for a full pardon of all my Sins through the alone merits of Jesus Christ my only Redeemer, and my Body to the Earth, to be buried in such decent manner as to my Executors hereafter named, shall be thought meet.—And as touching the outward estate the Lord hath lent me, my mind and Will is the same—shall be imployed and bestowed, as in, and by this my last Will is expressed.

Imprimus—I will that all my just Debts and Funeral Charges shall be well and truly paid in convenient season after my decease.

Item—after my just Debts and Funeral Charges are satisfied and paid—I give to my Son Anthony Sprague, my best suit of apparel to complete his portion, I having done for him formerly.

Item—I give to my Grandson Anthony Sprague, son of my said son Anthony Sprague, my Horse, Saddle and Bridle.

Item—I give to my son Richard Sprague, two Cows, to complete his portion, I having done for him formerly.

Item—I give devise and bequeath to my son James Sprague, to him, his heirs, or assigns forever, all the House that he now dwells in and all the Land on the west side of the *cart way* that leadeth from my House to the Town, so far as it comes to a ditch about twenty rods above the Bridge that lyeth across the River (excepting the Barn and Barn-yard and the land the Barn stands on, as it is now fenced in.)

Item—I give devise and bequeath to my sons Samuel and Matthew Sprague, to them, their heirs and assigns,

forever, my dwelling House, barn, and barn-yard, and land the barn stand on, my orchard, and all my land on the north-east side of the cart-way abovesaid, until it comes to the ditch abovesaid.

Item—I give, devise and bequeath to my sons James Sprague, Samuel Sprague, and Matthew Sprague, to them, their heirs, or assigns forever, all my salt marsh, lying in the township of Hull, to be equally divided between them.

Item—I give, devise, and bequeath to my said two sons Samuel Sprague and Matthew Sprague, to them, their heir, or assigns forever, all that my piece or parcel of meadow called *Briery Meadow*, to be equally divided between them.

Item—I give, devise and bequeath to my son Josiah Sprague, to him, his heirs or assigns forever, the House and Barn where he now dwells, *also*, the one half part of all my land and meadow called the Old Pasture, being part of the *Third Division* of Coney Hasset upland, and he shall have it on the south side thereof—*also*, all that my piece of Salt Marsh at a place called Gulf Island.

Item—I give, devise and bequeath to my son Jeremiah Sprague, to him, his heirs and assigns forever, the one half of my Fresh Meadow, lying on the south side of the *Fresh River*, that divides the *Third Division* from the common land, and he shall have it on the east side thereof—*also*, all that lot in the *Third Division*, that I purchased of *Stephen Stodder*—*also*, the House where he now dwells, with the land adjoining, containing by estimation, *Ten Acres*.

Item—I give, devise and bequeath to my sons, *namely*, Samuel, James, Josiah, Jeremiah and Matthew Sprague, to them, their heirs and assigns, forever, *All* the remainder of my lands in the *Third Division* abovesaid—*also*, all my land in the undivided commons in *Hingham*, aforesaid, to be equally divided between them.

Item—I give to my daughter SARAH BATE, *Five Pounds* in Bills of Credit of this Province, to be paid her by my Executors out of my moveable estate.

Item—I give to my son Samuel *Fifteen Pounds* to be paid him out of my moveable estate by my Executors.

Item—My mind and Will is, that my sons abovesaid, that I have given my *Home Lands* and *Third Division* to, shall have free liberty to pass and repass at all times hereafter for them and their heirs, or assigns, through the home lands, as the way now goeth, with Carts, or otherways, as they shall have occasion, as, also, through the *Third Division* where the way now is.

Item—I give, devise and bequeath the Residue and Remainder of my estate not heretofore in this my last Will disposed of unto my seven sons, to them, their heirs, or assigns forever.

Item—I do hereby nominate and appoint my two sons namely, Samuel Sprague and Josiah Sprague Executors of this my last Will and Testament.

In Witness whereof, I, the said Anthony Sprague have hereunto set my hand and seal, the day and year above written.

ANTHONY SPRAGUE.
and a seal.

Signed, sealed, and published, by the said
Anthony Sprague to be his last Will and
Testament, In presence of us, witnesses

Samuel Thaxter,
Israel Fearing,
Samuel Thaxter, jun'r.

Concordat cum. Originali.
JOHN BOYDELL, Reg'r.

1638.

No. 2.

JOHN SPRAGUE,

A son of William Sprague, was baptiz'd in *April*—1638 was married to *Elizabeth Holbrook*, December 13, 1666, by Capt. *William Torry*.—He had a parcel of land given him by his father at *Lyford's liking river*, called *Sprague's Island*, in *Hingham*, in 1675, (*Ware-river*.)

1640.

No. 3.

SAMUEL SPRAGUE,

a son of *William Sprague* and brother of *Anthony*, was baptiz'd *May* 24, 1640. He removed to *Plymouth*, where he was *Secretary of the Colony, and Register of Deeds*; before 1692.

☞ There was a *Francis Sprague* among the *Plymouth* settlers in 1623, but he had no sons. *How he was related to the Hingham Spragues I do not know*—but must keep to the *Genealogy of the Spragues in Hingham*, as first proposed.

1641.

No. 4.

ELIZABETH SPRAGUE,

was a daughter of *William Sprague*, and was baptiz'd *May* 2d, 1641.

1642.

No. 5.

JONATHAN SPRAGUE,

was a son of *William Sprague*, and was baptized *March* 20th, 1642, and died *July* 4, 1647.

1643.

No. 6.

PERSES SPRAGUE,

was a daughter of *William Sprague*, and was baptiz'd the 12th of *November*, 1643. She married *John Dogget*.

1644.

No. 7.

JOANNA SPRR GUE,

was a daughter of William Sprague, and was baptized in *December 1644*,—was married to *Caleb Church*, *December 16, 1667*, by *Capt. Joshua Hubbard*.

1648.

No. 8.

JONATHAN SPRAGUE,

a son of *William Sprague*, was born *May 28th, 1648*. *He went to Rhode Island*, where he had 60 acres of land given him by his father.

1650.

No. 9.

WILLIAM SPRAGUE,

was the youngest son of *William Sprague*, and was baptized *July 2, 1650*. He was married to *Deborah Lane*, daughter of *Andrew Lane*, *December 30, 1674*. He had land given him by his father which he sold to *Jacob Cushing*, "*beyond Pages Bridge*," about the *Saw mill*. He lived in the house his father left—in *Union Street*.

He was one of the select men chosen in 1690, in 1699 and again in 1708.—*He removed to Bridgewater*.

The road over the river was not laid out till 1735.

1652.

No. 10.

MARY SPRAGUE,

was one of the daughters of *William Sprague*, and was baptized *May 25, 1652*. She married *Thomas King*.

1655.

No. 11.

HANNAH SPRAGUE,

was a daughter of *William Sprague*, and was baptized *February 26th 1655*.—Died *March 31, 1658*.

1665.

No. 12.

ANTHONY SPRAGUE,

son of Anthony, was born August 18, 1665, and baptized June 10th, 1666. *He went to Providence.*

No. 13.

BENJAMIN SPRAGUE,

was a son of Anthony, and Elizabeth, and was born August 16, 1665, was baptized June 10, 1666. He died September 27, 1690.

1667.

No. 14.

JOHN SPRAGUE,

was a son of Anthony and Elizabeth, born September 30 1667—died the 23d of the 8th month (October) 1690,

1669.

No. 15.

JOHN SPRAGUE,

son of John and Elizabeth, was born July 20, 1669, and died August 11.

No. 16.

ELIZABETH SPRAGUE,

was a daughter of Anthony and Elizabeth, was born the 5th of September, and died October 11th, 1690.

1671.

No. 17.

SAMUEL SPRAGUE,

a son Anthony and Elizabeth, was born March 8, 1671. In 1717, he had 10 pounds paid him by the town for keeping the widow Hewet.

1674.

No. 18.

SARAH SPRAGUE,

was a daughter of Anthony and Elizabeth, born May 23d 1674. She married Caleb Bate.

1675.

No. 19.

WILLIAM SPRAGUE,

son of William and Deborah, was born December 24th, 1675,—married Silence Tower, April 23d, 1707.

1676.

No. 20.

JOHN SPRAGUE,

was a son of John and Elizabeth, born January 20, 1676.

1677.

No. 21.

JAMES SPRAGUE,

a son of Anthony and Elizabeth, was born January 23d, 1677. Liv'd over the river,—was collector of taxes and constable in 1720,—and had one pound and two shillings for his services.

1678.

No. 22.

DEBORAH SPRAGUE,

was a daughter of William and Deborah, and was born May 24th, 1678. Married James Hobart, Dec. 25, 1750

1679.

No. 23.

WILLIAM SPRAGUE,

a son of John and Elizabeth, born June 13, 1679.——

1679—80.

No. 24.

JOANNA SPRAGUE,

was a daughter of William and Deborah, born February 15th, 1679. Married Joseph Barnes, Jan. 23d 1749.

1680.

No. 25.

JOSIAH SPRAGUE,

was a son of Anthony and Elizabeth, born April 23, 1680—was married to Elizabeth Wilder, May 17, 1705—by Mr. John Norton, pastor of the Church,—was executor to his father's will in 1719. He died March 23d, 1760, aged 80.

He lived where Bela Sprague now lives.

[In 1733. He was one of the collectors of taxes and constable, and had 1 pound and 15 shillings for his services—and in 1749–50, he had £5 5s. 0d.—for keeping *Betty Bull*. They used to begin the new year the first of March, before the introduction of the *new style* in 1752.]

1681.

No. 26.

PERSES SPRAGUE,

a daughter of John and Elizabeth, born June, 13, 1681.

1682.

No. 27.

JEREMIAH SPRAGUE,

was a son of Anthony and Elizabeth, born July 24, 1682 Married Priscilla Knight. Liv'd over the river. He died March 7, 1759,—aged 78.

1685.

No. 28.

RICHARD SPRAGUE,

was a son of Anthony and Elizabeth, born April 10, 1685

1686.

No. 29.

JONATHAN SPRAGUE,

a son of William and Deborah, born, July 24th, 1686,—was married to Lydia Leavit May 23d, 1712. Removed to Bridgwater.

1688.

No. 30.

MATTHEW SPRAGUE,

was the youngest son of Anthony and Elizabeth, born March 27th, 1688,—was married to Sarah Fearing September 13, 1716.—In 1735, Matthew Sprague had £60-3 shillings and 11 pence allowed him by the town, For Land, Fence and Damage for the way over the river. He died June 16, 1783, aged 96.

Before the year 1735, the way over the river was by Jacob Cushing's over the bridge, which was called *Pages* bridge in 1692.

No. 31.

ABIAH SPRAGUE,

daughter of William and Deborah, was born January 27, 1688.

1692.

No. 32.

JOHN SPRAGUE,

was a son of William and Deborah, born September 13, 1692.

1694—5.

No. 33.

BENJAMIN SPRAGUE,

son of William and Deborah, born January 3d, 1694—5.

No. 34.

DANIEL SPRAGUE,

No. 35.

DAVID SPRAGUE,

1695—6.

MILLESANT SPRAGUE, *widow,*
died February 8th, 1695—6.

1704.

No. 36. ELIZABETH SPRAGUE,

was a daughter of James and Elizabeth—was born the 15th of August, 1704.—Married Bartholomew Doyle, January 1st, 1728.

1706.

No. 37. JOSIAH SPRAGUE,

was a great-grand-son of William Sprague the first settler on the Plain, and the oldest son of Josiah. He was born July 31, 1706. He liv'd over the river. He used to keep school at Cohasset, winters. He made slays, (reeds for weavers,) very good ones. He died January 23d, 1778,—aged 72.

1707.

No. 38. DANIEL SPRAGUE,

son of Daniel (No. 34) was born April 12th, 1707. He mov'd out of Hingham.

No. 39. BENJAMIN SPRAGUE

was a son of Josiah Sprague, and was born November 22d, 1707. Married Deborah Corthell, Dec. 18, 1735.

1708.

No. 40. SILENCE SPRAGUE,

was a daughter of William and Silence—born September 7th, 1708.

1708.

No. 41. SARAH SPRAGUE,

daughter of David (No. 35.) born September 14, 1708.

No. 42.

A SON OF JAMES, born November 30, and died the 23d of December, 1708.

1709.

No. 43. ISAAC SPRAGUE,

was a son of Josiah.—was married to Leah Stodder, a daughter of Simon Stodder, December 15, 1737.

In 1744, December 13th—He bought of Daniel Beal, Carpenter, “For £110 : 10s—*Dwelling House and Barn, and the Orchard adjoining, the Land containing Five Acres lying adjoining the Training Field, in Hingham—is butted and bounded easterly with said Training Field; southerly with the land of Peter Ripley, westerly with the Land of Daniel Beal—northerly with the land of John Fearing.*”

[Now owned by JOSHUA SPRAGUE.]

He was admitted to full communion in the first Church in Hingham, September 1, 1754.

In 1757, he was executor to Simon Stoddard's Will.

He died December 13, 1789, aged 80.

No. 44. NEHEMIAH SPRAGUE,

was a son of Jeremiah and Priscilla : liv'd at great Plain.

No. 45. JACOB SPRAGUE,

was a son of Jeremiah and Priscilla; married Sarah Stodder, February 18, 1735. He liv'd at great Plain.

1710.

No. 46. WILLIAM SPRAGUE,

was a son of William and Silence, born January 29, 1710.

1711.

No. 47. KNIGHT SPRAGUE;

was a son of Jeremiah and Priscilla; born October 12th 1711. Married Mary Lewis, May 26, 1735.

1711—12

No. 48. HANNAH SPRAGUE,

was a daughter of Josiah and Elizabeth; born February 26, 1711—12. She died in October, 1808, aged 96.

1712.

No. 49. JERUSHA SPRAGUE,

was a daughter of James and Elizabeth; born Dec. 1,

ELIZABETH SPRAGUE, wife of Anthony, died February 7th 1712—13.

She was a Bartlett from Plymouth, her mother was a Warren.

1712—13.

No. 50. JEDIDIAH SPRAGUE,

was a son of William and Silence, born March 18, 1713

1713.

No. 51. PRISCILLA SPRAGUE,

a daughter of Jeremiah and Priscilla, was born March 22d, 1713,—married Michael Hatch, March 27, 1733.

1714.

No. 52. EPHRAIM SPRAGUE,

a son of Josiah and Elizabeth, was born October 28th, 1714, married Mary Humphry, April 21, 1774.

In 1769, He was paid £1 by the town for the house-rent of Thomas Berry. Ephraim liv'd on the Plain.

No. 53. JEREMIAH SPRAGUE,

was a son of Jeremiah and Priscilla, born December 18, 1714. He was married to Elizabeth Whiton, December 19, 1739.

In 1772. He was paid £14:18s.:01d. for keeping H. Joy, 52 weeks, by the town.

He liv'd over the river.

1716.

No. 54. SUSANNAH SPRAGUE,

daughter of Jeremiah and Priscilla, was born April 11th, 1716, and married to Caleb Marsh, September 17, 1735.

1717.

- No. 55. SARAH SPRAGUE,
daughter of Matthew and Sarah, was born July 16, 1717,
and was married to Samuel Gilbert, Dec. 25, 1739.

- No. 56. DANIEL SPRAGUE,
was a son of Josiah and Elizabeth—born December 21,
1717,—married Ann Whiton, Nov. 9, 1758.

1717—18.

- No. 57. MARY SPRAGUE,
daughter of Jeremiah and Priscilla, was born February
——1717—18.

1718.

- No. 58. RUTH SPRAGUE,
a daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth, born April 2, 1718.

- No. 59. ISRAEL SPRAGUE,
was a son of Matthew and Sarah—died in 1730, aged 12.

1720.

- No. 60. JOHN SPRAGUE,
was a son of Jeremiah, born March 1, 1720. He was
married to Margaret Webb, May 24, 1742.

1721.

- No. 61. ELISHA SPRAGUE,
was a son of Josiah and Elizabeth, born August 10, 1721.

1722.

- No. 62. MARGARET SPRAGUE,
daughter of Matthew and Sarah, born February 22, 1722,
married Isaiah Hearsy, December 14, 1743.

1723.

No. 63. **LYDIA SPRAGUE,**

daughter of Matthew and Sarah, born October 9th, 1723,
married Stephen Stowel, January 1, 1747.

1724.

No. 64. **ELIZABETH SPRAGUE,**

daughter of Jeremiah and Priscilla, born March 10, 1724
married Nathaniel Stodder, Dec. 21, 1747.

1728.

No. 65. **NOAH SPRAGUE,**

was a son of Matthew and Sarah, born February 17, 1728.
He was married to Ann Hatch, Oct. 9, 1777. *He was
the youngest of the 3d generation of Spragues in Hingham.*
He liv'd over the river.



1736.

No. 66. *Mary Sprague,*

was a daughter of Knight and Mary born May 27th 1736,
Married John Gross, August 24th, 1755.

No. 67. *Mary Sprague,*

daughter of Jacob, was born in September 1736, married
Lewis—mov'd away to the westward, and died in 1804.

No. 68. *Benjamin Sprague,*

was a son of Benjamin and Deborah, was born October
10, 1736. He married a Stodder.

1737.

No. 69. *Elizabeth Sprague,*

daughter of Benjamin and Deborah, was born March 16,
1737. Died in 1825.

1737.

No. 70. *Jacob Sprague*,
was a son of Jacob, born in June 1737.—In the time of the Revolution he went on board a privateer with Capt. Hatch,—was taken by the British and carried to Halifax, put on board their guard ship, where he died, in 1778.

1738.

No. 71. *Sarah Sprague*,
was a daughter of Knight and Mary, born April 2d, 1738.

No. 72. *Leah Sprague*,
was a daughter of Isaac and Leah, born November 14th, 1733. She married to Benjamin Jones, Nov. 25, 1761.

1739.

No. 73. *Rachel Sprague*,
daughter of Jacob and Sarah, was born July 20th, 1739. She died in 1816.

No. 74. *Joseph Sprague*,
was a son of Benjamin and Deborah, born October 21, 1739. He mov'd away to the westward. Died in 1828.

1740.

No. 75. *Bethiah Sprague*,
daughter of Isaac and Leah Sprague, was born March 2, 1740. Was married to Benjamin Joy, March 4, 1762. Is living in Boston.

No. 76. *Knight Sprague*,
son of Knight, born May 25th, 1740. Married Rhoda Marsh, May 13th, 1767. Mov'd to the westward, and is yet living.

No 77 *Lydia Sprague*,
daughter of Jeremiah and Elizabeth, was born January 16th, 1740—41. Died February 24th 1740—41.

1741.

No. 78. *Perses Sprague*,
was a daughter of Benjamin and Deborah, born August
11th 1741. Married Seth Stodder, March 13, 1765.

No. 79. *Priscilla Sprague*,
a daughter of Jacob, was born August 20, 1741. She
married Israel Hersey.

No. 80. *Tamar Sprague*,
daughter of Isaac and Leah, was born December 9th,
1741. Married Joshua Lincoln, December 23d, 1763.

1742.

No. 81. *Lydia Sprague*,
was a daughter of Jeremiah and Elizabeth, born May, 7,
1742.

No. 82. *Anthony Sprague*,
son of Knight, was born July 4, 1742. Mov'd away.

1743.

No. 83. *Lucy Sprague*,
was a daughter of John, born April 17, 1743. Married
Knight Sprague, February 26, 1761.

No. 84, *Abner Sprague*,
son of Benjamin, born May 29th, 1743, [Town records,

No. 85, *Asher Sprague*,
was a son of Benjamin, born June 12, 1743,—mov'd to
Scituate,—[Dr. Gay's Record,]

No. 86, *Abigail Sprague*,
was a daughter of Jacob, born in August, 1743,—married
Bates, of Weymouth,—she died in Hingham, in 1806,

1743.

No, 87, *Isaac Sprague*,
was a son of Isaac, born October 2d, 1743,—was married
to Hannah Jacob,—died March 16, 1800,—aged 56,

1744.

No, 88, *Olive Sprague*,
daughter of Knight, born July 24, 1744,

No, 89, *Susannah Sprague*,
was a daughter of Jeremiah, born November 11th, 1744,
married James Beal, in 1777,

No, 90, *Margaret Sprague*,
was a daughter of John Sprague, born December 2, 1744

1745.

No, 91, *Jesse Sprague*,
a son of Benjamin, was born July 28th, 1745,—married
Elezabeth Joy, September 7th, 1769,—died March 1818

No, 92, *Rebecca Sprague*,
was a daughter Isaac, born August 18, 1745,—married
Isaiah Hersey, in 1766,—is living, at Passamaquoddy,

No, 93, *Seth Sprague*,
was a son Jacob, born October 17, 1745,

1746.

No, 94, *Thomas Sprague*,
a son of Knight, born August 3d, 1746,

No, 95, *Jeremiah Sprague*,
was a son of Jeremiah, born October 5th, 1746,

1747.

No, 96, *Amos Sprague*,
son of Isaac, was born July 21, 1747,—married a *Stodder*.

No, 97, *Deborah Sprague*,
daughter of Benjamin, was born June 23th, 1747,

1748.

No, 98, *Webb Sprague*,
was a son of John, born April 10, 1748,

No, 99, *Asa Sprague*,
a son of Knight, born July 24, 1748,

1749.

No, 100 *Ebed Sprague*,
was a son of Jeremiah, born January 8, 1749,

No, 101, MOSES SPRAGUE, was a son of Isaac,
born April 30, 1749, Died October 3d, 1828,

No. 102, REUBEN SPRAGUE, son of Jacob, was
born March 20, 1749,—died in 1822,

1750.

No. 103. *James Sprague*, a son of Knight,
was born March 4, 1750,

No. 104. John Sprague, was a son of John,
born September 9, 1750,

No. 105. *Rachel Sprague*, a daughter of
Isaac, born February 2d, 1752,

No. 106. Thomas Sprague, son of Knight,
was born April 26, 1752,

1752.

No. 107. *Mary Sprague, daughter of ———*
was born May 12, 1752,

No. 108. *LABAN SPRAGUE, was a son*
of Nehemiah, born November 18, 1752,

1753.

No. 109. *SAMUEL SPRAGUE, a son of*
Jeremiah, born December 30, 1753,

1754.

No. 110. *David Sprague, a son of Isaac,*
was born May 19, 1754.

No. 111. *JOSEPH SPRAGUE, a son of John*
was born June 30, 1754. Married Cloc Lane, May
10, 1779. He died in Boston.

1755.

No. 112. *Caleb Sprague, a son of Knight,*
was born in Hingham, July 20, 1755.

1758.

No. 113. *Elijah Sprague, was a son of John*
born August 13, 1758.

1760.

No. 114. *Daniel Sprague, was a son of*
Daniel, born January 27th, 1760. mov'd to the westward.

No. 115. *THOMAS SPRAGUE, a son of John*
was born June 15, 1761.

1761.

No. 116. *Lucy Sprague, daughter of Knight*
was born October 4, 1761.

No. 117. JOSIAH SPRAGUE, *a son of Daniel*
was born November 5, 1761.

No. 118. *Miles Sprague, son of Jeremiah,*
and grand-son of Jeremiah, was born February 14th,
1762,—mov'd out of Hingham.

1764.

No. 119. GRACE SPRAGUE, *daughter*
of John, was born January 8, 1764,—married Souther.

ERRATA.

The pages of this little book will be best understood by those persons who have been used to living on the Plain and over the River, in Hingham.

In printing some names of the 5th and 6th generations, in the 12th page, two or three mistakes were made, which the 7th generation are requested to correct.

The Spragues, the first settlers in Charlestown and in Hingham, emigrated from England, but they were never true Brittons.

In making extracts from ancient Records, I have been careful to spell the names of men and places as they were spelt there : I have no authority for altering ancient Records.

HOSEA SPRAGUE.

*Hingham, on the Plain,
November 1, 1828.*

The following is essentially a description of the northerly part of Hingham, as copied from the Town's Records, written by Matthew Hawke, who was Town Clerk, before 1669. He was honest. He lived on the Plain. His house stood on the same ground where Mr. Hawkes Fearing's now stands. It was built in the Gothic Style—was torn down 45 years ago by Hawkes Fearing, Esq.—It shews where our first planters commenced their work, in Hingham; and, also, shews the style and manner of Mr. Hawke in writing the records.

1635. "Given unto Richard Ibrook by the town for a planting lot, six acres of land at Nantasket, bounded with the salt meadow northward, and with the land of William Cockrum southward, and with the sea eastward."

1635. "Given unto John Tucker, by the town, for a planting lot, six acres of land lying upon the World's end hill, bounded with the land of Thomas Chaffe, and the land of John Prince southward, and with the land of Ralph Woodward northward—butting upon the sea eastward and westward."

1635. June 1. "Given unto Richard Betscomb, by the town, for a planting lot, six acres of land, lying upon the *Old Planter's Hill*, in the Playne Neck, bounded with the land of Thomas Loaring westward—and with the land of David Phippany and the land of Thomas Loaring eastward—butting upon the land of Thomas Lincoln, miller, southward, and upon the sea northward."

1635. September 18. "Given unto Abraham Martin by the town for a planting lot, four acres of land lying in the Playne Neck, bounded with the sea and the creek westward, having a little piece of salt marsh in it, between the upland and the creek—and bounded with the river called *Lyford's Liking river*, and the salt marsh of Thomas Lincoln, miller—and with the marsh of Jarvice Gould and with the marsh of Thomas Johnson eastward—and with the land of John Stodder, senior, and with the field way leading unto the "old planter's hill," southward; and with the marsh northward."

1636. "Given unto Joseph Hull, by the town, for a house lot, five acres of land; butting upon the Playne, and upon the highway leading into the playne-neck, eastward: and upon the land of William Walton, northward: and upon the land of Nicholas Jacob, westward."—*This lot is near Joseph Cushing's and Theophilus Burr's houses.*

1636. April 3. "Given unto Jonathan Bozworth by the town, one acre of fresh meadow lying in a little mead-

ow as you go to Weymouth mill, bounded with the meadow of Joseph Andrews, westward : and with the common eastward and southward."

1637. " Given unto Thomas Shave by the town, for a planting lot, three acres of land, lying upon the old planters hill, bounded with the land of Joseph Andrews, southward and with the sea westward—and with the land of Thomas Wakely, eastward."

1638. " Given unto Thomas Cooper, by the town, one acre and a half of salt marsh at Nantasket, to the northward of Skull-head, against the pine trees : and one acre and a half of fresh meadow at Nantasket, to the northward of Skull-head as you go to the plumb-bushes."

1638. " Given unto James Burke, by the town for a house lot four acres of land—butting upon the playne eastward, and upon the common westward : bounded with the land of Philip James northward, and with the land of John Fulsham southward."

1638. " Given unto John Foulsham by the town of Hingham, four acres of Land butting upon the Playne eastward and upon the Common westward ; bounded with the land of William Ripley southward and with the land of James Burke, Northward."

The house standing on this lot, was built by Foulsham before Daniel Cushing was Town Clerk—the frame is of sawed oak timber. Foulsham removed to New-Hampshire, before 1669, my grandfather bought it in 1744, of Daniel Beal—my father left it in 1800. The Sprague's own it at present.

1639. " Given unto Stephen Payne by the town, three acres of fresh meadow and three acres of salt meadow at Nantasket."—

1647. " Given unto Richard Ibrook, a small Island called by the name of Mr. Ibrook's Island—it is the first Island northward as you come from Nantasket, to the west of the old planter's hill, and to the east of Crowpoint.

The 16th of the 10th month, 1649. " Goodman Hawke, I pray record my great lot to Nathaniel Baker and my meadow at cony Hasset, for Nathaniel Baker hath bought them of me, and I, Henry Chamberlain give up all my right to Nathaniel Baker in them. HENRY CHAMBERLAIN."

1653. June 1. " It is ordered, and agreed upon by the town that Captain Joshua Hubbard, and John Foulsham shall have liberty of the two rivers, Rocky Meadow River and Bound Brook River, so far as the town hath property, to build and maintayne a Saw-Mill, or mills,

without interruption to them and their heirs or assigns."

1654. *Jan. 8.* "Given unto Joshua Hubbard by the town *three hundred acres* of land beyond the great lots upon the great plain, to the southward of the Playne, and he may choose it where he likes it best, soe it be not within foure miles of the meeting-house."

"Given unto goodman Cushing, the land from Rocky-hill and goodman Chamberlain's swamp till he meets with John Winchester's and Edward Gould's lot, and the swamp till he comes at the upper end of Thomas Hammond's lot, what was common there, at twelve acres, and to fence accordingly—These several parcels of land were given not by measure, but by lump, being rocky waste land, after all the planting ground was given out, looked at to be but little worth, but were given out to those that would accept of it to fence for it, and one reason why it was given out because there should be no common land left there that such men as had noe land there, might put in no cattle to feed in the neck after the corn was in, under pretence of common land, therefore we gave out all the land that we understood to be common to those that would fence for it.

By me, THOMAS HAMMOND."

Cambridge, 11th, 11th month, 1655.

Sworn in court January 25th 1655.



1669. *May 17.* "Whereas Mr. Peter Hubbard our pastor did demand of the town, satisfaction for his house-lot, which was given him by the town, which said house lot was taken from him by Law, and also demanding satisfaction of the town for his rights from the town in reference to Anthony Cooper, and his children and his estate. The town taking it into consideration, did upon the seventeenth day of May, in the year one thousand six hundred and sixty nine, by a joynt consent, and general vote grant unto Mr. Peter Hubbard for satisfaction for his aforesaid demands fifty acres of lands lying upon the great plain—and he is to have it next unto the fifty acres which the town formerly gave unto Mr. Hubbard, which is now his son Israel's land—And also, the town granted unto Mr. Hubbard privilege of common for ten acres as other house lots of ten acres have, which said grants Mr. Hubbard did except of, for himself and his heirs in full satisfaction for his house lot the town gave him, and was taken

from him by Law : and also for all his rights which he hath or might have from the town in reference to Anthony Cooper, or his children, or his estate. Edmund Hubbard Lieutenant Smith, Matthew Cushing, and W. Hersye, are chosen to lay out his fifty acres of land, which said last fifty acres of land granted to Mr. Peter Hubbard, the said committe have laid out according to the abovesaid grant of the town."—[Entered, and Recorded by Daniel Cushing, town clerk," page 38 "Proprietor's Grant book."

I doubt the legality of this grant as there was four on the Committee.

16 lots of land granted old William Sprague.

1636. 4 acres butting upon the Playne northward, and upon the land of Thomas Hammond southward—with the land of Anthony Eames eastward, with the land of Thomas Hammond westward.—6 acres for a planting lot, in the playne neck, bounded with the land of John Parker southward, and with the land of George Strange, northward, butting upon the sea westward, and upon the common eastward.—14 acres lying to the southward of the playne home lots, bounded with the land of Thomas Minor northward—and with the town's land southward and westward and with rocky meadow river, and the meadow of Mark Eames, eastward.—1 acre of fresh meadow to the southward of the playne home lots, bounded with the meadow of Anthony Eames northeast and with the meadow of Thomas Hammond southeast, with the river southeast, and the upland of Anthony Eames, northwest.—1 acre and a quarter of fresh meadow lying in crooked meadow, bounded with the meadow of Samuel Ward northward, and with the meadow of Thomas Underwood, and with the meadow of Thomas Hammond eastward, and with the common southward, and his parcel of meadow lyeth on both sides of the river.—2 acres and a half of salt marsh lying at Lyford's liking meadow, as you go to straits pond, bounded with the meadow of Thomas Minor southward, and with the land of the said William Sprague southeastward, and with the river northward.—[*By this it seems he owned land here before.*]

1637. Half an acre of fresh meadow lying in Rocky meadow, bounded with the meadow of Thomas Underwood westward, and with the town's land northward, southward and eastward.

1644. A parcel of land lying in the Ware Neck, containing about eight acres, bounded with the meadow of Thomas Hammond eastward, and with salt river and his own meadow northward—with the meadow of Thomas Minor southwest and the towns land southward.—Half an acre of fresh meadow bounded with the meadow of Anthony Eames southward, and with the meadow of Mark Eames, northward, with the river eastward and with the common westward.

1647. 2 acres and a half of salt marsh at conye Hasset it's the 22 lot in the 3d division, bounded with the meadow of Stephen Gates westward, with the town's land southward and with the creek northward.

"All the aforesaid parcels of land and meadow given unto William Sprague were given unto him and his heirs for ever, be they more or less, as they were measured."

"At a town meeting held at Hingham, the 17th day of January 1669—the town granted to William Sprague senior, nine shares of all the common Lands in Hingham, to him, his heirs, and assigns forever."

At the same town meeting Anthony had three shares granted.

"At a legal town meeting holded at Hingham in the county of Suffolk, in New-England, on the 1st day of December 1670—the inhabitants of the said town of Hingham who are the proprietors of the undivided lands in Hingham, granted to William Sprague senior, and to his heirs and assigns forever—the fourth lot, in the First Division of Conahasset upland in Hingham aforesaid, which said lot contains seventeen acres and half an acre and twenty-six rods of land, be it more or less, as it was laid out by the surveyor, and it is bounded with the land of John Leavitt, near to the southeast and with the second part of the third division near to the southwest, and with the land of John Langly, near to the northwest, and with the town's common lands, near to the northeast."—*"the Fifty Ninth Lot in the Third Division of Conahasset upland in Hingham, the said lot containing Twenty and Five acres, and three quarters of an acre, and thirty-eight rods of land, be it more or less, as it was laid out and measured by the surveyor, and the said lot is bounded with the high way that lyeth between the first and second divisions, near to the northeast, and with another*

high way that lyeth between the second and third divisions near to the northeast, and with the land of John Beal, near to the northwest, and with the land of Joseph Church for the heirs of Richard Church, his father deceased, near to the southeast."

¶ Daniel Cushing is so long describing lots in the Third and Fourth Divisions, that I must leave him in the woods.

Where is Hingham? Hingham was the southeasternmost town in the old Massachusetts Colony. It included the Cohasset lands and Nantasket. It is bounded on the south by Scituate, on the west by Weymouth, on the north by the sea, and on the east by the sea. The Patent line between the Old Plymouth colony and Massachusetts was settled in 1630. The Indians were the original proprietors of the soil. *Hingham was in the county of Suffolk before 1803.*

The first court of Assistants was held at Charlestown the 23d of August 1630, on board the ship *ARABELLA*. At the second Court of Assistants which was held the 7th of September, 1630,

"ORDERED that no person shall plant in any place within the Limits of this Patent, without leave from the Governor and Assistants, or, a major part of them :"—

The first general Court was held at Boston, the 19th of October, 1630. "The first form of their government was, that of governor, and assistants; the patentees with their heirs, assigns, and associates being FREEMEN, But in this general Court, they agreed on a 2d form as follows : *The freemen to have the power of choosing assistants, when they are to be chosen; and the Assistants from among themselves to choose the governor and deputy governor, who with the assistants were to have the power of making laws, and choosing officers to execute the same.* This was fully assented to by the voice of the people. A list of freemen amounting to 103 desired to be made freemen, —HENRY SMITH, JOHN PAGE, FRANCIS SMITH, &c."

John Oldham was killed by the Indians on Block Island in August 1636—in the time of the Pequod war.

John Lyford, who was at Nantasket in 1624 went to *Virginia*, and soon after died.

Thomas Morton, "of mount Wallaston," died at Pascataqua after the year 1643.

The first comers.

Morton says, *the ship which brought over the Plymouth settlers in 1620*, was “ of the burthen of nine score, called the Mayflower.”

Johnson says, “ the town of *Hull*, which is a small port-town, peopled by fishermen, and lies at the Bay’s mouth.”—*Nantasket*.

Prince says, “ August 1, 1630, *an hundred*, seeing no other means than by their labour to feed themselves return’d back :”——

Francis Sprague among the first settlers at Plymouth probably came over in the ship ANN, in 1623, he left a son *whose name was John* and whose posterity are settled at the mouth of the Kennebeck river in the state of Maine and in the southern parts of Massachusetts.

Ralph Sprague, one of the first comers to Charlestown in 1628 left no posterity. ?.

Richard Sprague, was a captain, and was one of the first settlers of Charlestown, his posterity are in Malden and Salem—his Sword, which is mentioned in old William Sprague’s will is preserved in one of the old Sprague’s houses in Hingham.

William Sprague, the youngest of the first comers to Massachusetts—look at his Will, in page 21.

Old William Sprague’s 5 sons.

Anthony, the first son of old William had 9 sons and 2 daughters, who lived to be more than 20 years old—their names are printed in the 9th page.

John, the 2d son of old William was settled at a place called Lyford’s liking river, which runs between Nantasket and Hingham, on a small neck of land which old William Sprague calls in his will “ Sprague’s Island.” In 1682, he sold his Island to Peter Barnes, and removed to Mendon, where he died in 1690.—The names of his children may be found in the Index at the end.

Samuel, the 3d, son of old William, removed to Marshfield, where he died in 1709. He probably went there with Anthony Eames who was supposed to have been his grandfather. He was great-grandfather of the Honorable Seth Sprague of Duxbury.

Jonathan, the 4th son of old William, mentioned in his Will, left no posterity, he seems to have been a *blacksmith*, as the Hingham Record says, “ 1671, Due to Johathan Sprague for Nayles for the school-House, 3s. 5d.”

William, the 5th son of old William seems to have lived in Hingham and in Providence at the same time, as in 1711, he made a deed of gift to his son Jonathan of his land here, which this Jonathan sold to Cushing. None of this William's posterity are in Hingham—they removed to Abington, Bridgewater and Providence. He had 2 wives, and 10 children, whose name are printed in the Index as they were copied from the Hingham Records.

The following Alphabetical list of Sprague's names have the greater part of them been printed twice over in the former pages, but are printed a third time for the purpose of correcting several mistakes in the dates of births. The names of Sprague's to the 7th generation may be found in this list.

Abigail Sprague, was a daughter of the 1st Jacob in Hingham,
 Abigail, daughter of the 2d Jacob,
 Abiah, daughter of the 2d William,
 Adeline, daughter of Martin and grand daughter of the 1st Amos,
 Adna, son of David and grandson of the 1st Isaac,
 Amelia, daughter of the 1st Martin,
 Amos, son of the 1st Isaac, is 82 years old,
 Amos, son of the first Amos, mov'd to the north part of the state,
 Amos, son of the 2d Amos,
 Ann, daughter of Josiah, and grand daughter of Daniel,
 Anthony, son of old William, died in 1719, aged 84,
 Anthony, son of the 1st Anthony, went to Providence,
 Anthony, son of the 1st Knight,
 Anthony, son of Caleb, and grand son of the 1st Jesse,
 Asa, son of the 2d Jacob, went to the eastward,
 Asher, son of Benjamin, and grand son of the 1st Josiah,
 Bela, son of Benjamin and great grand son of the 1st Josiah,
 Bela, son of the 1st Bela,
 Benjamin, son of the 1st Anthony, died in 1690,
 Benjamin, son of the 2d William, went to Providenc,
 Benjamin, son of the 1st Josiah,
 Benjamin, son of Benjamin and grand son of the 1st Josiah,
 Bethiah, daughter of the 1st Isaac, is 90 years old, lives in Boston,
 Blossom, son of the 2d Isaac,
 Caleb, son John and grandson of the 1st Jeremiah,
 Caleb, son of the 1st Jesse, died in 1325.
 Caleb, son of Caleb, and grand son of the 1st Jesse,
 Charles, son of David and grand son of the 1st Isaac,
 Charlotte, daughter of the 1st Martin,
 Cloc, daughter of the 1st Amos,
 Clarissa, daughter of Blossom is one of the 6th generation,
 Charles, son of the 3d Jeremiah was a painter in Boston, is dead.

Daniel, of the 2d generation, *is not in the Hingham Records*,
 Daniel, son of the above Daniel, born April, 12, 1707.
 Daniel, son of the 1st Josiah, and grandson of the 1st Anthony,
 Daniel, son of Daniel, and grandson of the 1st Josiah,
 Daniel, son of Josiah and grandson of Daniel, is a *Currier*,
 David, of the 2d generation, [*I know nothing about him.*]
 David, son of the 1st Isaac and great grand son of the 1st Anthony
 David, son of David and grandson of the 1st Isaac,
 Deborah, was the name of the 2d William's 1st wife, died in 1707,
 Deborah, daughter of the 2d William, —
 Deborah, daughter of the 1st Jeremiah, married James Hobart,
 Deborah, daughter of Benjamin, and grand daughter of 1st Josiah,
 Deborah, daughter of the 1st Jesse,
 Deborah, daughter of the 2d Jesse,
 Desire, daughter of the 1st Amos,
 Ebed, son of the 2d Jeremiah,
 Ebed, son of the 2d Moses, and great grand son of the 1st Isaac,
 Ebenezer, son of the 1st John, mov'd out of Hingham,
 Edmund, son of Josiah, and grandson of Daniel,
 Elijah, son of John, and grandson of the 1st Jeremiah,
 Elijah, son of the 1st Jesse, is a *Trader*,
 Elisha, son of the 1st Josiah,
 Elizabeth, daughter of old William,
 Elizabeth, daughter of Anthony, died in 1690,
 Elizabeth, was the name of Anthony's wife—she died Feb. 7, 1713,
 Elizabeth, daughter of the 1st John,
 Elizabeth, daughter of James,
 Elizabeth, daughter of the 1st Jeremiah, married Nathaniel Stodder
 Elizabeth, daughter of Benjamin, and grand daughter of 1st Josiah,
 Elizabeth, daughter of the 1st Jesse,
 Elizabeth, daughter of Josiah,
 Emma, daughter of the 1st Bela,
 Ephraim, son of the 1st Josiah, left no posterity.
 Ezra, son of the 1st Amos, was killed at the saw-mill in 1806.
 George, son of the 1st Martin,
 Grace, daughter of John, was born the 2d of January, 1764.
 Hannah, daughter of old William,
 Hannah, daughter of the 1st John,
 Hannah, daughter of the 1st Josiah, died in 1808, aged 96,
 Hannah, daughter of the 2d Isaac, married Ezekiel Hearsy,
 Hannah, daughter of Blossom,
 Harriet, daughter of the 1st Martin,
 Henry, son of Josiah, and grandson of Daniel,
 Hosea, son of the 2d Isaac—printed this book,
 Henry, son of the 3d Jeremiah, went to Boston—
 Isaac, son of the 1st Josiah, died December 13, 1789, aged 80,
 Isaac, son of the 1st Isaac, died March 16, 1800,
 Isaac, son of the 2d Isaac, died August 26, 1826, aged 44,
 Isaac, son of the 3d Isaac is a *Painter*,
 Isaac G. son of Samuel and grandson of the 1st Jesse,

srael, son of Matthew, died in 1730,
 srael, son of Reuben and grand son of the 1st Jacob,
 Jacob, son of the 1st Jeremiah, and grand son of Anthony,
 Jacob, son of the 1st Jacob, died in the time of the revolution,
 Jacob, son of the 2d Jacob, was a mason,
 Jacob, son of the 1st Reuben,
 Joanna, daughter of old William—married Caleb Church, in 1667,
 Joanna, daughter of the 2d William—married Josepn Barnes,
 James, son of the 1st Anthony,
 ——— son of James died in infancy,
 Jairus, son of the 1st Moses,
 Jairus, son of the 1st Jairus, and grandson of the 1st Moses,
 Jeremiah, son of Anthony, died in 1759, aged 78,
 Jeremiah, son of the 1st Jeremiah,
 Jeremiah, son of the 2d Jeremiah died in Boston,
 Jeremiah, son of the 3d Jeremiah died at the southward,
 Jerome, son of the 1st Amos lives in Pennsylvania,
 Jesse, son of Benjamin, died in 1818,
 Jesse, son of the 1st Jesse, was lost at sea,
 Jane, daughter of David, this is one of the 6th generation,
 Jedidiah, son of the 2d William—born March 18, 1713,
 Jonathan, son of old William, *left no posterity*,
 Jonathan, son of the 2d William, mov'd to Bridgewater,
 John, son of old William, died at Mendon, in 1690,
 John, son of the 1st John, and grandson of old William,
 John, son of the 2d William,
 John, son of Anthony, died in 1690,
 John, son of the 1st Jeremiah, and grandson of Anthony,
 John, son of John, and grand son of the 1st Jeremiah,
 John, son of the 2d Moses,
 Joshux, son of the 2d Isaac,
 Josiah, son of Anthony, died in 1760, aged 80,
 Josiah, son of the 1st Josiah, died in 1778—*he was a bachelor*,
 Josiah, son of Daniel, and grand son of the 1st Josiah,
 Josiah, son of Josiah, and grand son of Daniel, mov'd to Maine,
 Jerusha, daughter of James—married Joshua Tower,
 Joseph, son of Benjamin, mov'd to the westward and died in 1828,
 Joseph, son of John, and grandson of the 1st Jeremiah,
 Joseph B. son of the 1st Martin,
 Knight, son of the 1st Jeremiah,
 Knight, son of the 1st Knight, is 89 years old and lives in Leicester,
 Laban, son of Nehemiah, and grand son of the 1st Jeremiah,
 Laban, son of Benjamin, and great grand son of the 1st Josiah,
 Leah, daughter of the 1st Isaac, married Benjamin Jones,
 Leah, daughter of the 2d Isaac,
 Leah, daughter of the 3d Isaac,
 Leavitt, son of the 2d Jesse,
 Leonard, son of Josiah, is a blacksmith,
 Levi, son of the 1st Moses, lives at Northfield,
 Lucy, daughter of the 1st Amos,
 Lucy, daughter of John, and grand daughter of the 1st Jeremiah.

Lucy, daughter of the 1st Knight,
 Luther, son of Josiah, is a blacksmith,
 Lydia, daughter of Matthew—married Stephen Stowel,
 Lydia, daughter of the 2d Jeremiah,
 Lincoln, son of the 3d Isaac,
 Martin, son of the 1st Amos,
 Martin, son of Josiah, and great grand son of the 1st Josiah,
 Margaret, daughter of Matthew—married Isaiah Hearsy,
 Margaret, daughter of John and grand daughter of the 1st Jerem-
 Marble, son of Josiah, mov'd to the state of Maine,
 Mary, daughter of old William—married Thomas King, of Scituate,
 Mary, daughter of the 1st Jeremiah,
 Mary, daughter of Knight,
 Mary, daughter of the 1st Jacob,
 Mary, daughter of the 1st Moses, married Joseph Cushing,
 Mary, daughter of the 2d Jesse,
 Mary, daughter of the 1st Peter—married Elijah Burr,
 Mary, daughter of — —
 Matthew, son of David, and grand son of the 1st Isaac,
 Matthew, son of Anthony, died in 1783, aged 96,
 Mehitabel, daughter of Caleb and grand daughter of the 1st Jesse,
 Miles, son of the 2d Jeremiah, and grand son of the 1st Jeremiah,
 Millesaint, was the name of old William's wife—died Feb. 8, 1696,
 Millesaint, daughter of the 1st John,
 Moses, son of the 1st Isaac, died Oct. 3d, 1828,
 Moses, son of the 1st Moses,
 Moses, son of Jairus, and grand son of the 1st Moses,
 Nancy, daughter of the 2d Jesse,
 Nehemiah, son of the 1st Jeremiah,
 Noah, son of Matthew, left no posterity,
 Olive, daughter of Knight,
 Peter, son of the 2d Isaac,
 Peter, son of the 1st Peter, and grand son of the 2d Isaac,
 Peter, son of the 2d Peter, (this is one of the 7th generation,)
 Perez, son of the 1st Amos,
 Perses, daughter of old William, married John Dogget of Rehoboth,
 Perses, daughter of the 1st John,
 Perses, daughter of Benjamin, married Elisha Burr,
 Priscilla, daughter of the 1st Jeremiah,
 Priscilla, daughter of Jacob—married Israel Hearsy,
 Rachel, daughter of the 1st Isaac,
 Rachel, daughter of the 1st Jacob,
 Rachel, daughter of the 3d Isaac,
 Reuben, son of the 1st Jacob,
 Reuben, son of the 1st Reuben,
 Ruth, daughter of Benjamin, married Thomas Cushing,
 Ruth, daughter of Samuel, and grand daughter of Anthony,
 Rebecca, daughter of the 1st Isaac, married Isaiah Hearsy,
 Richard, son of Anthony, probably mov'd to Providence,

Sally, daughter of the 1st Martin,
 Samuel, son of old William, removed to Marshfield—died in 1709,
 Samuel, son of Anthony,
 Samuel, son of the 2d Jeremiah lives in Boston,
 Samuel, son of the 1st Jesse,
 Samuel, son of Samuel, and grand son of the 1st Jesse,
 Sarah, daughter of Anthony—married Caleb Bate,
 Sarah, daughter of David, (See the Town Record,)
 Sarah, daughter of Matthew—married Samuel Gilbert,
 Sarah, daughter of Knight,
 Sarah, daughter of the 2d Jacob,
 Sarah, daughter of Blossom, and grand daughter of the 2d Isaac,
 Sarah, daughter, of Samuel, and grand daughter of the 1st Jesse,
 Silence, (widow Tower,) was the name of the 2d William's 2d wife,
 Silence, daughter of the 2d William,
 Seth, son of the 1st Jacob,
 Susannah, daughter of the 1st Jeremiah,
 Susannah, daughter of the 2d Jeremiah,
 Sidney, son of David,
 Tamar, daughter of the 1st Isaac, married Joshua Lincoln,
 Tamar, daughter of the 1st Amos,
 Thomas, son of the 1st Knight,
 Thomas, son of John, and grandson of the 1st Jeremiah,
 Thomas, son of the 1st Peter,
 Thomas G. son of Caleb, and grandson of the 1st Jesse,
 Wallace, son of the 1st Martin,
 Webb, son of John, and grandson of the first Jeremiah,
 William, one of the First settlers in Massachusetts,
 William, youngest son of old William, mov'd to Providence in 1713
 William, son the 2d William by his 1st wife,
 William, son of the 2 William by his 2d wife, (see Town Records,)
 William, son of the first John,
 William, son of the 3d Jeremiah, was a baker in Boston,
 William, son of Caleb, and grand son of the first Jesse,
 William, son of Blossom,
 Zenas, was a son of Benjamin, and brother of Bela, died young.

Hingham, May 1, 1829.

RALPH SPRAGUE,

IN CHARLESTOWN IN 1628,

And his four sons,

JOHN, RICHARD, PHINEHAS, and SAMUEL,

and his daughter

MARY.

* Nahum Mitchells' letter to Hosea Sprague, dated East-Bridgwater, January 24, 1829, says, "I have not the pleasure of a personal acquaintance with you, and indeed none, but what I derive from a small pamphlet containing the pedigree of your family, to which your name is affixed, and which has been forwarded to me through the Mail by your kindness or that of some other friend, and which I have examined with much pleasure. It would be desirable that some descendant of each of our *old* families would follow your example and make out a genealogy of them while it can be done with some accuracy. Having attended to these subjects generally, I have gathered some information respecting many of our ancient families, and of yours among others. It may not be unacceptable to you to receive the few following remarks.

1st. I have understood, that the 3 brethren Ralph, Richard, and William Sprague came from the *Isle of Wight*, and that one of the 3 (Ralph or Richard at Charlestown) left no posterity.

2d. JOHN, removed to Mendon and there died 1690—his will bearing date 1683—his children mentioned in his will were John, William, Ebenezer, Elizabeth, Hannah, Millesaint, Persis—he had 2 sons by the name of John, and 2 by the name of William; the first of each name died in infancy—he sold his place in Hingham to Peter Barnes, 1682—he appointed his father William Holbrook and his uncle John Jacob to assist his wife in settling his estate—I always supposed *old* William's wife, Millesaint, was daughter of Anthony Eames, as his first son was named *Anthony*, but she might have been a JACOB as John Sprague called John Jacob his uncle. but he might have been his wife's uncle, *old* Holbrooks' wife might have been a Jacob.

3d. Samuel Sprague removed to Marshfield (not to Plymouth) He had 2 wives, Rebecca and Sarah—his sons were Samuel, Nathan, John, and James. His daughters were Sarah wife of Joseph Holmes, Hannah wife of John Rogers, Mary wife of Nathan Williamson, and Joanna wife of John Holmes. He was great-grandfather to the Hon. Seth Sprague,—if Anthony Eames was his grand-father, as I have supposed, it will partly account for his removal to Marshfield, as Eames also removed into the same neighbourhood.

4th. William Sprague, the 2d, went to Providence (not to Bridgwater,) he made a deed of gift to his son Jonathan in 1711, and in the acknowledgment of it, which was done at Providence, he is *called* of Providence. His 2d wife was Widow Tower. There is a William Sprague now in Abington 74 years old, who reckons his descent through Ancestors, all of whom in a right line bore the name of William from the first settler in Hingham. Jonathan Sprague, as you have noted, came to Bridgwater, and was the Ancestor of the Sprague's here.

Francis Sprague, among the forefathers at Plymouth, I believe, *did* leave a son, John, who married Ruth Bassett. 1655, and whose sons were John, William and Samuel—and William had 4 children, viz. Jethro, Terah, Ruth and Zerviah, and the sons may also have left families—this family of Sprague's spread away upon the south-shore into Rochester, Fairhaven, &c. and had no known connexion with your family.

The Coat of Arms for the name of Sprague was granted to one Hugh Sprague in England 3 centuries ago.

I hope these remarks may not be altogether uninteresting to you, but perhaps they may contain nothing but what was known to you before.

Your obed't. and obliged serv't.

NAHUM MITCHELL."

OLD PAPERS.

“Received off John Sprague off Malden the Summe
off Sixty-Five pounds, which is In full Satisfaction for
a parcell of Land, Containing sixty seven Acres off plow-
ing and Meadow Land, I say, Received by me,
RICHARD SPRAGUE,”

Charlestown, Jan. 21, 1661.

July 7, '17.

“Isaac Wheeler and we went to Spot-pond upon
Sprague's desire to view the way which lay against the
said pond and we found the way dug away in many
places.
EDWARD SPRAGUE.”

On one of the old papers found in the house of William Sprague of Leicester is written an account of a long controversy between Job Laine of Billerica and Samuel Sprague of Malden which was finally settled at Charlestown, April 6, 1675, wherein it is stated “that all differences from the beginning of the world unto this day are issued and ended between Job Laine and Samuel Sprague,”—and witnessed by JOHN SPRAGUE, and PHINEAS SPRAGUE and William Green, and signed by “JOB LAINE” & “SAMUEL SPRAGUE.”

Further particulars about Ralph Sprague's descendants may be found in the probate offices in the counties of Middlesex and Norfolk and in most of the town Records in this state, to the westward of Charles River.

Particulars about Francis Sprague at Plymouth may be found in Thachers' History.

The Spragues were not in very high estimation among the forefathers at Plymouth—they were not among the numerous company of puritans who came over with governor Winthrop in 1630, and who have been so much commended for their wealth, piety, and learning, by the early biographers of Massachusetts but they were among that small company who came over two years before, who the historians say, were “sent to make way for the settling a colony.” They came to work for the Massachusetts Company, not against it.

James S. Lewis the Town-Clerk of Hingham owns the well which was old William Spragues nearly 200 years ago, and draws water from it: the water is as clear as crystal, the smallest stone may be seen on the bottom when the water is four feet deep. The lot of land which was granted to old William Sprague in 1636 is owned by Spragues to this day; It is at the corner of the Lane as you go over the River; the Record says, “next to Anthony Eames his father in law.” “The truth lies at the bottom of the Well.”

OLD PARCHMENTS.

Tenore pretium Nos **Georgius** providentia divina *Cant.* Archiepus totius Angliæ Primas et Metropolitanus notum facimus vind'ss Quod Decime tertio die mensis Octobrio Anno die millesimo Sexcentesimo Decimo Quarto apud *London* coram venerabili viro **Dus JOHANNE BENET** milite et legum doctore Curie ure Prerogative Cantaur neagro Castode sive Commissario clime constituti Probatim approbatim et insinuatie fuit Testamento **EDWARDI SPRAGUE**, nuper, de *Upwaie*, in con. *Dorset*, diocess *Bristol*, nostrea Cantuar provincie Defuncti pretibus anex) habentis dum vixit et mortis sine tempore bona jura sive credita in Dinens's diocess sine jurisdictionibus peculiaribus Onius obtentu ipsius Testamenti apprbatos et insinuato administrationisq omnie et singulare bonore jurie et creditore suorum Commissio Notum Computi Calculi sive Racocimii administratonis hujus modi audito finalisq liberato sine Dimissio ab eadem ad nos solum et insolidam et non ad alium nobis inferiorem Judicem noterie Dinoscuntur p timere (et Commissio fuit Administrado omnie et singulare bonore jarum et creditore Dictum Defunctum et dius Testamento qualacunq concernen **CHRISTIANÆ SPRAGUE**, relicte dicti defuncti et executrici burie in hunc Testamento nominat prunibus de bene et fidelite administrado eadem At de plano et vero Inventario omnie et singulare bonore jurie et cred prect defunct conñcient illudii in Curiam nostræ Prerogat *Cant.* secundo die post festum Sancti Oblasi Episcopi prex) futur exhibient Necuon de plano et vero Computo Calculo sine Racocimo inde reddendi Ad sancta die Evangelia vigore Commisisonis Jurat Dat dimens's Anno Die et lore suprascripti et nostræ Translationis Anno Quarto.

EDMUNDUS WOODHALL,

Registrarius.

The Inventory is written on a narrow strip of parchment 25 inches long and 5 wide—at the bottom of it is written

“Textum erat huros Juventarius Decimo novo die mensis Octobris Ano. Dius. 1614, per annue humfride Hoyt notarius pub'cus nomine procurio execut xt. pro vero et pleno juventario xt. sub protestacones sacra De reddedo xt. qe st xs.

Edmundus Woodhall, R's'rius.”

We are indebted to one of the descendants * of the Sprague family who settled in Malden, for the loan of the following Will of Edward Sprague, the father of the Spragues, who came to Salem in 1628. The writing is distinct, and the parchment in fine preservation. In settling the estate of the late Capt. William Sprague, of Leicester, who died last year, it was found by the executrix of his Will, among many other papers, dated in Malden, and Charlestown, from 1628 to 1675. This curiosity was never discovered by Capt. Sprague, and is highly valued by his children. His father's name was Joseph, who moved from Malden to Leicester. His grandfather's name was William, his great grandfather Edward.

Friend Sprague,—If the above WILL, will aid you in publishing a second edition of Sprague's Genealogy, it is at your service. Yours, &c.

THOMAS EDMANDS.

Boston, April 29, 1833.

* Mr. Edmands descended from the Sprague's of Malden, married the daughter of Capt. Sprague of Leicester, and is a descendant of Daniel Edmands, mentioned in Joseph E. Sprague's letter, of Salem.

A true and perfect Inventory Indented of all and singular the goods rightes, chattles and detts of Edward Sprague late of Upway in the county of Dorset, fuller, deceased, made the sixth day of June, and appriced and valued by Thomas Leball, John Sellar, Willia Bryar and Francis George, as followeth, viz. 1614.

	£	s.
Emprimus, his wearing apparrell, -	iii	
Item, a piece of Russet cloth, - - - - -	i	
Item, two beds furnished, - - - - -	iii	
Item, one covered and a carpet, - - - - -	i	
Item, ten pair of sheets, board cloths, with two pair of } pillow byes, and six table napkins, - - - - - }	iiii	
Item, thirteen silver spoons, - - - - -	ii	x
Item, one cupboard, nineteen pewter vessels, three candle } sticks, and three salts, - - - - - }	ii	x
Item, four coffers, one chest, two chairs and a flasket, -		xvi
Item, a sword and dagger, - - - - -		vii
Item, two other beds furnished, - - - - -	ii	
Item, Mill, - - - - -	i	x
Item, a sack of wheat and a sack of malt, - - - - -	i	x
Item, iron ropes, with other old yron [iron] - - - - -	i	
Item, one willow, four old tubs with a hedlop, - - - - -		vi
Item, one table, board and cupboard, - - - - -		x
Item, five barreils, with other timber vessels, - - - - -	ii	
Item, two frying pans, one spit, two Andyrans, three pair of } pothooks, with other kytehin stuff, - - - - - }		x
Item, one and twenty brass vessels, - - - - -	viii	
Item, butter and cheese, - - - - -	i	vi
Item, a cheese press, a ladder tread, with other small imple- } ments, - - - - - }	ii	
Item, four payer [pair] of Fuller's shears with the shearbords } and iron bar, beams, and scales and weights with oth- } er things at the mill, - - - - - }	iiii	
Item, three saddles, - - - - -		xv
Item, one pyge, [pig.] - - - - -	i	
Item, seven kyne, with three yearlings, - - - - -	xx	
Item, one horse, - - - - -	iii	
Item, four score sheep and forty two lambs, - - - - -	40	
Item, four acres and a half of corn, - - - - -	viii	
Item, due unto the administratrix without specially, - - - - -	xvi	x
Item, due upon bond, - - - - -	131	vi
Suma totalissimus Inventury,	£ccviii	vi

THE Vith day of June in the year of our Lord
 God, 1614. In the name of God Amen. I,
 Edward Sprague of Upway in the County of Dorset, fuller,
 being sick and weak of body, but well and perfect in mind,
 thanks be given unto Almighty God, do ordain and appoint
 this my last Will and Testament to be made in manner and
 form following. That is to say, first of all, I do bequeath
 my soul unto Almighty God my saviour and redeemer, and
 my body to be buried within the church yard. As for such
 temporal goods as God hath blessed me withall, I give and
 bequeath as hereafter follows : viz. I give unto the parish
 church of Upway ten shillings. Item—I give unto the poor
 of the said parish of Upway ten shillings. Item—I give
 unto Ralph Sprague my eldest son one of the oldest pair of
 shears in my shop and one lesser pair called the quarrell.
 Item—I give and bequeath unto my oldest daughter Alice
 Sprague fifty pounds, to be paid within one year after my
 decease. Item—I give and bequeath unto Edward Sprague
 my second son, two pair of shears and twenty pounds to be
 paid likewise within one year after my decease. Item—I
 give and bequeath unto Richard Sprague my third son
 twenty pounds to be paid when he shall be one and twenty
 years of age.—Item—I give and bequeath unto Christopher
 Sprague my fourth son twenty pounds to be paid when he
 shall be of the age of one and twenty years. Item—I give
 and bequeath unto William Sprague my youngest son twenty
 pounds to be paid when he shall be of the age of one and
 twenty years. All the rest of my goods moveable and un-
 moveable I give and bequeath unto Christian Sprague my
 wife whom I do make my whole executrix of this my last Will
 and Testament. **Memorand:** that if Richard Sprague
 Christopher Sprague or William Sprague shall happen to
 die either of them before they shall be of the age of one and
 twenty years that then his legacy to be divided between the
 other two, or if two of them shall happen to die before they
 shall be of the age of one and twenty years, that then their
 legacies to remain to the other then living. Finally, I do
 appoint Henry Samways and Willia Bryar overseers of this
 my Will and Testament, in the presence of those whose names
 are underwritten—John Bishoppe.—John Tayler, his mark.
Memorand:—that whereas, the living of the abovesaid Ed-
 ward Sprague doth fall unto his son Ralph Sprague after
 his decease, the said Ralph Sprague doth upon his fathers
 request promise that his mother Christian Sprague shall
 quietly enjoy the said living until he shall be one and twenty
 years of age.

[On the back of the parchment containing the copy of the Will is written,
 by different hands:—“Edward Sprague’s will.”—“Made in Dorset
 county, in England, 1621. and proved before the Arch Bishop of England
 &c. &c. &c. &c.”]

SPRAGUES FAMILY RECORD.

Among the parchments furnished by Thomas Edmands of Boston, I have been able to trace the genealogy of the Spragues back 219 years—as far east as the county of Dorset, in England which is upon the south shore of the Island of Great Britain, about half way up the British channel. One of the parchments is in Latin, relating probably to the execution of Edward Sprague's Will, but is omitted here, being unacquainted with the language and too old to learn.

I have copied the Will and the Inventory except I have made use of the modern manner of spelling.

It is difficult to trace the genealogy of any family further back than 1066 when sir names were introduced into England by William the 1st.

The Spragues are certainly not of the lineage of the Plantagenets, for the English historians say that Richard third, the last of the Plantagenets, was defeated and slain at the battle of Bosworth in the year 1452.

HOSEA SPRAGUE,
one of the 6th generation descended from Edward.

JEDIDIAH FARMER, publisher of the Hingham Gazette, in 1833.

Joseph E. Sprague's letter to Hosea Sprague.

Salem, Oct. 28, 1829.

My dear Sir,

I take this opportunity to thank you for the History of the Spragues of Hingham with which you favoured me by the hands of Mr. Lincoln. You have deserved well of the family for your labours in tracing them. I also have of late done much in this way, and if you have any desire to know the results, I will furnish you with them when I shall have finished them: which I expect will be in the course of next winter, and you can make such use of them as you please. I hope in some future edition you will give the whole family—Francis as well as the 3 Charlestown brothers.—Do you know from whom W. B. Sprague, late of Springfield, now of Albany descended? What do you mean by saying the Spragues were never true Britons? Do you know from what part of England they came?

I will now state to you my genealogy and correct a few of the errors which I have discovered in your book.

RAI.L'H was about 25 when he came to this country. He left four sons, John, Richard, Samuel, Phinehas, and Mary, who married Daniel Edmands,—John and Richard the two eldest were born in England. Samuel, the third son my ancestor was born 1631.

SAMUEL, son of Ralph left two sons, John and Samuel, and two daughters—Rebecca who married Ebenezer Austin, and were I believe the ancestor of Benjamin Austin and that family in Boston, and Sheriff Austin's family in Charlestown—And Winifred who married John Dexter, from whom, or his brother descended Samuel Dexter, Timothy Dexter and Dr. Treadwell of Salem.

—Samuel son of Samuel, was my ancestor, and was born in 1666.

SAMUEL left three sons, Samuel, John and *Richard* and six daughters,—Richard was my ancestor and lived in Medford,—his father Samuel and his grandfather Samuel had lived in Malden.

RICHARD left two sons, Joseph and Ebenezer, and two daughters.

Joseph lived in Salem, and left one son, JOSEPH, and one daughter, *Sarah White*, who married Doct. Wm. Stearns.

SARAH WHITE STEARNS has five sons and four daughters—the eldest, Joseph E. Sprague,—having always lived with my grandfather Joseph Sprague, I took his name by act of legislature, in 1800.

You suppose you saw the tomb of Ralph and Richard Sprague in Charlestown,—Dr. Bartlett in his history of Charlestown says the same thing : But I have examined the tombs, and I believe the tomb you saw was Parson Morton's, who died about 1696, or 8, and in which Capt. Richard Sprague son of Ralph who died 1703, aged 78 and Eunice, his wife, were buried. This second Richard you observe must have been born in 1625, consequently three years before his father Ralph came to this country.

You say that Ralph had no children—all the Spragues of our branch descended from Ralph,—Richard had no children nor had the second Richard son of Ralph.

You suppose your ancestor William removed immediately to Hingham, he remained in Charlestown until 1636. 8 years,—His name is mentioned in all the Town meetings of Charlestown as a citizen thereof until January 1635. His wife Millesaint was admitted into the Church in Charlestown, 1635, and his eldest son Anthony was baptized there May 23, 1636.

Believe me, with great respect,
your kinsman,

JOSEPH E. SPRAGUE

Charles Sprague, the Cashier of the Globe Bank at Boston, is one of the 4th generation descended from Anthony of Hingham.
