

THE
VASSALLS OF NEW ENGLAND
AND
THEIR IMMEDIATE DESCENDANTS.

A GENEALOGICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH COMPILED
FROM CHURCH AND TOWN RECORDS.

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TO

MRS. TITUS WELLES OF BOSTON

AND TO HER SISTERS

THE MISSES SIMPSON,

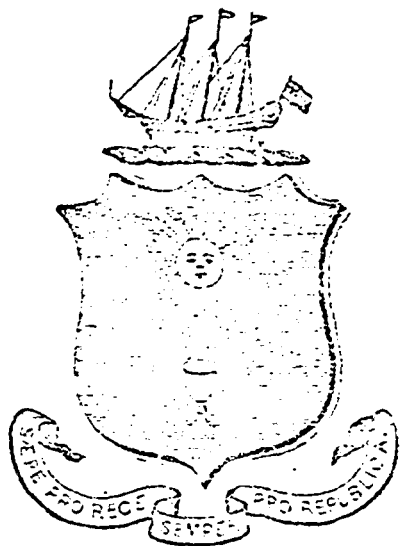
DESCENDANTS OF

COLONEL LEONARD VASSALL,

THE FOLLOWING PAGES ARE

RESPECTFULLY DEDICATED.

THE VASSALLS OF NEW ENGLAND.



Arms.—Az. in chief a sun, in base a cha ice, or.

Crest.—A ship with masts and shrouds ppr.

Motto.—Sempe pro rege, semper pro republica.

It has been the intention to embody in the following communication, all the important information that is upon record in New England concerning the Vassall family. Where any discrepancies in dates or facts on record have been detected, both authorities are generally given, and no errors in previously published sketches of the family have been corrected without unquestionable authority from one or more sources. To present anything like a complete or perfect genealogy of the family with the resources at our command, is simply an impossibility. Some individuals, notwithstanding all efforts to the contrary, have been entirely lost sight of, but to compensate in a measure for this, the writer has the satisfaction of presenting much that is new and interesting concerning others of whom nothing has been heretofore published. It is to be hoped that the subject may receive further attention from descendants in England and the West Indies, that the work thus begun may, in time, be satisfactorily concluded.

1. JOHN VASSALL, the first of his name of whom we have any definite information, was an alderman of London, and in 1588 fitted out and commanded two ships of war, with which he joined the royal navy to oppose the Spanish armada. He was the descendant of an ancient French family, traced back, it is claimed, to the eleventh century, of the house of Du Vassall, Barons de Guerden, in Querci, Perigord. He had sons: 2, *Samuel*; and 3, *William*.

(1.) 2. SAMUEL VASSALL was one of the original patentees of lands in Massachusetts in 1628, and an officer in the Company; was an alderman of London, and M. P., in 1640–41; took the covenant in 1643; in 1646 was appointed commissioner for the kingdom of England for the conservation of peace with Scotland. His monument in King's chapel, Boston, New England, erected by Florentius Vassall in 1766, sets forth that he was "a steady and undaunted asserter of the liberties of England in 1628: he was the first who boldly refused to submit to the tax of tonnage and poundage, an unconstitutional claim of the crown arbitrarily imposed; for which (to the ruin of his family), his goods were seized and his person imprisoned by the star chamber court. . . . The parliament in July, 1641, voted him £10,445 : 12 : 2, for his damages, and resolved that he should be further considered for his personal sufferings." Failing, however,

to recover the amount of his damages, he petitioned parliament, January 23, 1657, showing that he had endured imprisonment for about sixteen years, and been stripped of his goods; that despite the vote of parliament "he had not received one penny;" that £2,591 : 17 : 6 had been lent to the parliament by him in Ireland "in their great straits;" that £3,328 : 2 : 7 were due for the service of one of his ships; and besides all this, another vessel—the Mayflower, had when laden and manned, been taken and made use of against the enemy "to the overthrow of his voyage and his great losse." His name headed the subscription list to raise money against the rebels in Ireland, and his whole life was indicative of the energy and liberality which characterized many of his descendants. He had one son: 4, *John*.

(1.) 3. WILLIAM VASSALL, born about 1590, the first of his name who came to this country, was an Assistant in the Massachusetts Bay Company, and one of the original patentees of New England lands. At a formal meeting of the Governor and Company held October 15, 1629, he, with others, was appointed "to go over," and in the next year he arrived in this country, but returned after a short stay, in the ship *Lyon*. In June, 1635, he embarked with wife and six children on board the *Blessing*, for New England. Upon his arrival here it would seem that he settled first in Roxbury; for we find in the Church Records of that town the following entry, made by the Rev. John Eliot in his account of the church members: "Mrs. Anna Vassaile, the wife of Mr. Willia Vassaile. Her husband brought five children to this land, Judith, Frances, John, Margaret, Mary."* How long he remained at Roxbury we do not know, but, November 28, 1636, we find him connected with the church at Scituate, in which town Deane says he erected a house in 1635, on land laid out to him by order of the Court, and which he called West Newland. He took the oath of fidelity at Scituate, February 1, 1638. In December, 1639, license was granted him "to make an oyster bed in North River," before his house. In 1642 he was chosen one of a council of war, aggressions having been threatened by the Narragansetts, and in 1643 his name appears on the militia roll. In 1644-5 he was prominently concerned in the division of the church at Scituate, and the settlement of Mr. Witherell over the disaffected portion, against the advice and protestations of the churches at Plymouth and Marshfield. The separation of the churches arose partially from the views held by its pastor, the Rev. Charles Chauncy, upon the ordinance of baptism, with whom Mr. Vassall had early disputed on doctrinal points.† In 1646 he sailed for England, in the *Supply*, in aid of a petition for the redress of wrongs in the government, and never returned, but in 1648 removed to Barbadoes, and there died in 1655, aged 65 years. His will is dated at Barbadoes, July 13, 1655. He bequeathed to his son John one-third of all his estates, and the remainder to his daughters Judith, Frances, Ann, Margaret and Mary. His son was appointed executor, and in his absence Nicolas Ware, who appointed, May 8, 1656, Capt. Joshua

* And one other, Ann, afterwards married to Nicolas Ware.

† For an interesting discussion of the subject see Deane's *Scituate*.

Hubbard of Hingham, his attorney for the sale of the Scituate estate, by virtue of two writings, one signed by Resolved White and James Adams, February 18, 1656, and the other by Margaret and Mary Vassall, March 3, 1655-6. The estate was conveyed by Joshua Hubbard to John Cushen and Mathyas Briggs, for £120, and consisted of about 120 acres, with house and barns. The deed was signed by Joshua Hubbard, Resolved White and Judith his wife, and James Adams, July 18, 1657. By his wife Ann, born about 1590, he had issue: 5, *Judith*; 6, *Frances*; 7, *John*; 8, *Ann*; 9, *Margaret*; 10, *Mary*.

(2.) 4. JOHN VASSALL, married Anna, the daughter of John Lewis, an English resident of Genoa. He early settled at Jamaica, West Indies, and there died. His widow survived him and died between 1723 and 1725. He had at least two sons: 11, *William*; and 12, *Leonard*; from whom descended all of the name of whom we have any subsequent record.*

(3.) 5. JUDITH VASSALL, born about 1619; joined the church at Scituate, May 14, 1637; married Resolved† White, at Scituate, April 8, 1640, and died about 1670. Children were: *William*, b. 1642; *John*, b. 1644; *Samuel*, b. 1646; *Resolved*, b. 1648; *Anna*, b. 1649; *Elizabeth*, b. 1652; *Josiah*, b. 1654; *Susannah*, b. 1656.

(3.) 6. FRANCES VASSALL, born about 1623; married James‡ Adams, at Marshfield, July 16, 1646. Children were: *William*, b. 1647; *Anna*, b. 1649; *Richard*, b. 1651; *Mary*, b. 1653; *Margaret*, b. 1654.

(3.) 7. JOHN VASSALL, born about 1625. In 1643 his name is on the militia roll of Scituate; freeholder in 1647; lieutenant under Cudworth in 1652; and later, bore the rank of captain. December 16, 1652, he sold his house in Boston, with land attached, to Mark Hands, "Naylor," for £59. In 1661 he sold his Scituate estates and removed, it is supposed, to the West Indies, but later, according to Savage, "was engaged in the settlement at Cape Fear, N. C., and in 1657 applied for relief here to be sent to himself and followers."

(3.) 8. ANN VASSALL, born about 1629; married previous to July, 1655, Nicolas Ware of Virginia, and settled, probably, at Barbadoes.

(3.) 9. MARGARET VASSALL, born about 1633; married after March, 1656, Joshua§ Hubbard. The deed of sale of her father's estate in

* There was a Samuel Vassall graduated at Harvard College in 1695, of whom there is no further record, save that he bore the title of major, and was called "of Boston." He was, perhaps, an elder brother of William and Leonard.

† Son of William and Susannah, and elder brother of Peregrine White. He removed from Scituate to Marshfield in 1662, where he remained until 1670. Deane says that none of his children settled at Scituate, their posterity being found in Plymouth and Bristol counties, and some removed to Barbadoes.

‡ Son of John, who came to New England in ship Fortune, 1621. Farmer states that he died 1651, but his name was attached to a deed as late as 1657.

§ There seems to be some uncertainty in regard to him. In the MS. of President Styles, it is stated that Rev. Joshua Hobart, H. C., 1659, son of Peter, sailed for Barbadoes, July 16, 1655; married there April 16, 1656, Margaret Vassall; sailed from thence to London, where he arrived July 5, 1656; returned to New England, where he arrived September 5, 1660; and where his wife died "four days after." He was married second, to Mary Rainsford of Boston, and removed to Southold, Susan Is., where he died in winter of 1716-17. By his wife Margaret he had three (?) children. How to reconcile this statement with the wording of the deed of sale of her father's Scituate estate, we are at a loss to know, and are content to

Seitnate was signed by Joshua Hubbard, in behalf of *his late wife*, July 18, 1657. In the settlement of the estate of Comfort Starr, physician, in 1659, the name of Margaret Vassall occurs as debtor.

(3.) 10. MARY VASSALL, born about 1634, was alive and unmarried at Barbadoes in July, 1655.

(4.) 11. WILLIAM VASSALL, born in Jamaica, W. I., and left one son: 13, *Florentius*.

(4.) 12. LEONARD VASSALL (Major), born in Jamaica, W. I., June 10, 1678; was twice married: 1, to Ruth Gale of Jamaica, born September 30, 1685, by whom he had seventeen children; she died in Boston, and was buried March 14, 1733-4; 2, to widow Phebe* Gross, April 16, 1734, by whom he had one daughter. He died in Boston, June 20, 1737, and was buried June 23. His widow survived him, and married at Braintree, Hon. Thomas† Greaves of Charlestown, February 11, 1738, and afterwards, Francis Borland of Boston. He removed to Boston before July 24, 1723, on which day his daughter Mary was baptized at King's Chapel. He was early connected with Christ‡ Church, and was elected warden April 3, 1727; here he continued to worship, at intervals at least, for the remainder of his lifetime. In 1730-33 he was instrumental in founding Trinity Church, Boston. The original building was erected on land conveyed by him in 1730 to John Barnes, John Gibbin and William Speakman, for the sum of £514:7:2, which land, with tenement thereon, he had purchased of William Speakman, baker, April 25, 1728, for £450. The lot, now covered by the present church, was bounded 86 feet on Seven-starr lane (Summer street), and 169 feet on Bishop's lane (Hawley street), and is nearly opposite the estate which he had purchased in April 24, 1727, of Simeon Stoddard, and where he resided until his death. His estates in Braintree were large and valuable, consisting of 2½ acres of orchard purchased of Benj. Veasey, yeoman, March, 1730, for £100; 24 acres of upland and meadow, and 2 acres salt marsh purchased of Edmund Wilson, yeoman, same date, for £468; three lots of 15, 11 and 5 acres respectively, purchased of Thomas Crosbey, innholder, same date, for £725; one half of 56 acres farm land, with one-fourth of house and barn, together with one-half of 16 acres of wood land and swamp,

relinquish the matter to some more persevering enquirer. Joshua Hubbard, the husband of Margaret Vassall, was evidently a different individual from the captain of the same name who acted attorney for the sale of William Vassall's estate.

*She was daughter of Samuel Penhallow of Portsmouth, N. H., by Mary [Cutt] his wife. He was born at St. Mabon, England, July 2, 1665; died at Portsmouth, December 2, 1726. His wife was the daughter of President John Cutt, by Hannah his wife. She was born November 17, 1669, and died February 8, 1713. Their remains are interred in the family burying ground at Portsmouth.

† Thomas Greaves, H. C., 1703, died in his sleep June 19, 1747, aged 63, and was buried in Charlestown. His widow married at Boston, Francis Borland, March 21, 1749-50, and died a widow April 3, 1775, aged 80. John Borland who married her daughter by Leonard Vassall, was her last husband's son and heir.

‡ Christ Church on Salem street, Boston, is one of the oldest church edifices in the city, having been erected in 1723. Rev. Timothy Cutler, D. D., was the first rector. He was the son of Major John Cutler, graduated at Harvard 1701; rector of Stratford, Conn., 1709-1719; president of Yale College, 1719-1722; settled over Christ Church in 1723, and died its rector, August 17, 1765, aged 82.

purchased of Obed Hussey, mariner, of Nantucket, October, 1733, for £525 (this last property was conveyed by deed of gift to his son-in-law Benj. Stedman, June 6, 1734, and reconveyed to Obed Hussey for the original sum of £525, on July 3, 1735); 5 acres of wood land purchased of Benj. Owen, cordwainer, May 13, 1734; 8 acres purchased of Mehetabel Fisher of Dedham, May 28, 1736, for £200 bills of credit; 7 acres of wood land purchased of Ebenezer Field, house-wright, May 1732, for £33 : 15; and 10 acres of wood land purchased of William Field, house-wright, May, 1737, for £100. His will, entered upon Suffolk Probate, is dated June 10, 1737; we have space here but for a few brief extracts. To his daughter Ruth he gave 5^s in addition to the marriage portion already given her. To his daughters Elizabeth and Mary, respectively, he gave £1000, to be paid out of the rents and profits of his "Plantation and Sugarwork in Luana, in the parish of St. Elizabeth's in Jamaica." To his daughter Susanna he gave a like amount, together with certain plate he had purchased from Samuel Smith and wife Anna (one of the granddaughters and heirs of his mother Ann Vassall), so that she might have an equal share with her sisters in their grandmother's plate. After the statement of certain conditions relating to the above bequests, the will proceeds: "Whereas the Land and Soil of my before mentioned Plantation and Sugarwork at Luana is Entailed upon my son Lewis, after my Decease, but the Negroes, Cattle, Utensils and Stock thereon, and all the appurces thereunto belonging, as likewise my Land, Negroes, Cattle, Utensils and appurces at New Savanna, as also sixty acres of Land in Luana near the Middle Quarter Road, and joyning the Estate formerly Col. Cames, were purchased by me. . . . I give and bequeath the use of all my Negroes, Cattle, Utensils and Stock w^{ch} shall be on the said plantations . . . unto my s^d son Lewis." "Item, whereas there was a certain agreement between my Hon^d mother Anna Vassall deced. and myself that so much of her Estate that she should be pleased to give unto Me at her decease should instead thereof be by her given unto my beloved son John; and whereas I have by one certain Deed by me duly executed, made a further provision for my s^d son and his Heirs, I do therefore, in consideration thereof, hereby only give and devise unto my said son John the sum of five shillings." "Item, I give and bequeath unto my beloved son William and his Heirs forever, all my Right, Estate, Title and Interest which I now have in a certain Sugar Plantation, Works and Buildings thereon, together with the Stock, Negroes and other Implements w^{ch} shall be thereon at the time of my Decease, and w^{ch} I lately possessed in Partnership with Dugal Campbell, Gent^l, and is situate on Green Island River, near Orange Bay in the Parish of Hannover, at the West End of Jamaica and Joyning the Plantation I have given by Deed unto my Son John and his Heirs as is aforesaid; I also give unto my said Son William and his Heirs forever, the one-half of three hundred acres of mountain Land situate in the said Parish of Hannover and Joyning to the Estate of my said Son John, the other half whereof I have already given my said Son William by a Deed of Gift, which said several Devises are upon this Special Proviso and Condition . . . that he go before two Magistrates either during my Life or immediately after my Decease,

and before them solemnly make oath that for the future he will not play any Game whatsoever to the value of Twenty shillings at any one time." To his wife Phebe, he gave the use of his house and estates at Braintree, so long as she continued his widow, "and a profess'd member of the Episcopal Church of England," and no longer; and this in addition to £3000 given "unto her forever." The estate on Summer street, Boston, was sold by the executors, December 8, 1737, to Thomas Hubbard, for £600; it was bounded 68 feet on the street, southeast 268 feet on land late of Hollingshead, "now of Church of Christ," southwest 67 feet on Dyer, and northwest 268 feet on Sewall, Plantins and Moss. Children were: 14, *Samuel*, b. Nov. 5, 1701; d. March 1, 170 $\frac{3}{4}$: 15, *Lewis*, b. May 29, 1703; d. Sept. 3, 1703: 16, *Mary*, b. Nov. 12, 1704; d. Aug. 11, 1708: 17, *Anna*, b. Jan. 20, 170 $\frac{6}{7}$; d. young: 18, *Boardo*, b. July 9, 1708; d. young: 19, *Lewis*, b. Aug. 10, 1709: 20, a son, b. Aug. 2, 1711; d. Sept. 20, 1711: 21, *Ruth*, b. Aug. 17, 1712: 22, *John*, b. Sept. 7, 1713: 23, *William*, b. Nov. 23, 1715: 24, *Elizabeth*, b. July 16, 1717: 25, a dau., still-born, Jan., 171 $\frac{5}{8}$: 26, *Sarah*, b. Jan. 171 $\frac{5}{8}$; d. young: 27, *Henry*, b. Dec. 25, 1721: 28, *Mary*, b. June 25, 1723: 29, *Susanna*, b. Nov. 20, 172 $\frac{5}{8}$: 30, a son, still-born, Oct. 15, 1729: and by his second wife, 31, *Anna*, b. April 29, 1735.

(11) 13. FLORENTIUS VASSALL, born in Jamaica, W. I.; married Elizabeth —, died in London, England, 1778.

Though never a resident of New England, he was the owner of a large tract of land on the banks of the Kennebec, Me. His will, recorded in Canterbury Court, London, is dated September 20, 1776. He therein styles himself "late of Jamaica, now of Wimpole street, Parish of St. Mary-le-bone, co. Middlesex, Great Britain." His remains he ordered to be placed in the vault he had lately caused to be made in the churchyard in that parish, wherein his late wife had been buried. His several plantations in the parish of Westmoreland, Jamaica, known as Friendship, Greenwich and Sweet River, and also his New England lands, he left in trust to the use of his son Richard, devising them in entail to his issue. Life annuities were to be paid to his daughter Elizabeth, widow of the Hon. Maj. Gen. John Barrington; to Hester Deere, his wife's sister; to his daughter Anna Maria Russell and her husband William Henry Russell; and Phoenix Felton, a youth then in the Foundation of Westminster School. His lands in St. Elizabeth, Jamaica, he gave to his brother-in-law, John Foster Barham; and sons of his late brothers-in-law, William and Samuel Foster. In default of issue, a portion of his property was entailed upon his nephew Rose Herring May, and issue, and in default thereof, to the use of the minister and wardens of the parish of Westmoreland, Jamaica, for the establishment of a charity school upon his estate there. And finally, he ordered that every person who should come into possession of his estates should take the surname of Vassall. The will was proved September 10, 1778. The bulk of his property passed eventually into the hands of his granddaughter, Elizabeth Vassall [Holland], except the Maine lands, which, after a protracted law suit, finally decided in 1851, were lost to the heirs and reverted to the settlers. Children were: 32, *Elizabeth*; and 33, *Richard*.

(12.) 19. LEWIS VASSALL, born in West Indies, Aug. 10, 1709; H. C. 1728; married Dorothy Macqueen of Boston, Sept. 6, 1739; he died at Braintree, Mass., Sept. 15, 1743; she died Aug. 10, 1746, aged 28 years 9 months. They were both buried in the Episcopal graveyard at Braintree, where stones to their memory are yet standing. He early settled at Braintree, and purchased, Aug. 17, 1742, of Thomas Hubbard, $2\frac{1}{2}$ acres there, with house and barn, the quit-claim being signed July 27, 1749, when the estate was conveyed to James Virchild of Island of St. Christophers. Feb. 26, 1742, he purchased of Benjamin Stedman, for £3000 old tenor, 10 acres, with house and barn, together with two separate lots of 43 acres, all of which was secured by mortgage; the quit-claim was signed July 27, 1749, when the property was included in that purchased by James Virchild, for £4400 old tenor. He was church warden at the time of his death, having been elected on Easter Monday, 1743. His will, registered at the Suffolk Probate, was made Sept. 4, 1743. To his daughter Anna he bequeathed £2000, to his wife £300 yearly, and the residue of his estates to his son Lewis. He also provided in his will for the last payment of the purchase money on the Hubbard estate, and bequeathed this, likewise, to his son. Richard Bill and Jacob Holyoake of Boston, and *his cousin* John Gale of Jam. were appointed executors. Children were: 34, *Anna*, b. July 13, 1740: 35, *Lewis*, b. Sept. 16, 1741: 36, *Elizabeth*, b. Nov. 11, 1742; bap. at Bridgewater, Nov. 23, 1742, and d. young.

(12.) 21. RUTH VASSALL, born in West Indies, Aug. 17, 1712; married Benj. Stedman of Milton, Mass., a physician, June 5, 1734; he died previous to Nov. 26, 1751; she died a widow at Braintree, Nov. 10, 1770, and was buried Nov. 14. Elisha Niles was appointed administrator of his estate, November, 1751; the inventories returned March 16 and Oct. 26, 1753, appraised his property at £329:13:7; division in thirds was made March 29, 1754. Her name occurs in the list of communicants of Christ church (Episcopal), Braintree, in 1764, where all her children were baptized. Children were: *Leonard*, b. March 25, 1735; May 19, 1758, was assigned the real estate of his father in Milton, by judge of probate; Jan. 14, 1760, appointed Wm. Vassall attorney for the conveyance of the same; he d. abroad prior to June 27, 1761, styled "painter and stainer, formerly of Boston, late of Jamaica;" *John*, b. July 21, 1736; Oct. 2, 1753, was "out of the Province;" was alive July 29, 1757, and d. previous to May 19, 1758: *Ruth*, b. March 21, 1737; m. Jonathan Mills at Braintree, May 7, 1754, and May 19, 1758, was the wife of Benj. Cleverly, Jr., of B.: *Benjamin*, b. Oct. 18, 1739; June 26, 1761, was appointed administrator of his brother Leonard's estate, then styled "mariner" of Boston: *Sarah*, bap. Aug. 15, 1742; d. before Oct. 2, 1753: *Mary*, bap. Oct. 13, 1745; d. before Oct. 2, 1753.

(12.) 22. JOHN VASSALL (colonel), born in West Indies, Sept. 7, 1713; H. C. 1732; was twice married; 1, to Elizabeth, daughter of Lt. Gov. Spencer Phips, at Boston, Oct. 10, 1734, by whom he had three children; she died Sept. 22, 1739, aged 23, and was buried at Cambridge, Sept. 25; 2, to Lucy, only daughter of Jonathan Barran of Chelmsford, by whom he had one daughter; he died at Cambridge,

Nov. 27, 1747, and was buried* Dec. 2. His widow survived him, married Benjamin Ellery, Nov. 22, 1749, and died Oct. 19, 1752. Nov. 11, 1734, he with his wife conveyed to Ephraim Hutchinson, one-third of an estate near Milk street, Boston, bounded N. on Winslow and Phips, S. on Palmer, E. on Daniel Oliver. July 26, 1736, he purchased of Mercy Frizell, widow of Boston, for £1000, 7 acres in Cambridge, with house, barn, etc., bounded N. E. on Samuel Bull and Watertown road (Brattle street), N. W. on Patten, S. E. on Bull and "highway to the brick wharf" (Ash street). In this deed he is called "of Watertown." Rev. L. R. Paige says that he erected the house now standing upon the estate and occupied by Samuel Batchelder, Esq. This property he sold Dec. 30, 1741, to his brother Henry, for £9050 old tenor, with all the furniture, "a chariot," "four wheel chaise," and four horses, together with 30 acres now in Brighton, bounded N. on Charles river, and E. on "King's highway, leading from Cambridge to Boston," which he purchased Nov. 12, 1736, of John Hovey, clerk of York. Nov. 22, 1736, he bought of Joshua Gamage, yeoman, for £120, three-fourths of an acre, in Cambridge, with house and barn, bounded S. "on the common," W. on Rev. Thomas Foxcroft. July 13, 1737, he purchased of Rebecca Patten, widow, for £100, 1½ acres adjoining his estate on the Watertown road, a part of which he gave his brother Henry, Dec. 5, 1746. Aug. 15, 1741, he purchased of Moses Penniman of Braintree, cordwainer, for £1000, lands in Peterboro,' and 200 acres in Townsend and Lunenburg, which last he sold in March, 1742, to John Thomas of Braintree, and in November, 1742, purchased of him, other lands in Peterboro' for £550. Nov. 27, 1741, he bought of Ebenezer Wyeth, the "Samuel Bull estate" in Cambridge, for £260, consisting of half an acre with house, adjacent to his brother Henry's estate, and which he sold to him March 31, 1747, for £700 old tenor. Jan. 17, 1746, he purchased of Amos Marrett 6½ acres on north side of Watertown road in Cambridge, and Oct. 8, 1746, 50 acres on the opposite side of the road, a portion of it being in Watertown. On this estate he erected a house and there lived until his death. His will, registered at Middlesex, was made Nov. 26, 1747. To his wife he gave £200 per annum, for her life; to each of his daughters, Ruth, Elizabeth and Lucy, £1000; to his

* Probably in the tomb which he had erected in the graveyard there. The monument over it is a massive free stone slab resting upon five columns; it bears no inscription, only the heraldic emblems of the family—the vase and sun—and forms one of the most conspicuous features in the cemetery. It passed with the estate into the hands of Andrew Craigie, Esq. and is now owned by his heirs. An examination was made June 24, 1862. Twenty-five interments have been made in the vault, and in almost every case the coffin was found to be entire. Those which from their position at the farthest end of the vault were supposed to contain the remains of Col. Vassall and his first wife, were in fine preservation. Upon these two were placed three small coffins, one marked "T. A. B. 1767." and another "E. V." The third was in ruins. Besides these, the tomb is known to contain the remains of John Foster, died Nov. 1, 1836, aged 52; Andrew Foster, M. D., died May 17, 1851, aged 50; Thomas Foster, M. D., died February, 1831, aged 46; James and George Foster, died 1817; Elizabeth C. Haven, died Feb. 10, 1826; Mrs. Lydia B. Haven, died 1836, and Andrew Craigie, Esq.

sister, Elizabeth Miller, £20 per annum. The residue of his property he left to his son John, providing for the payment of the above sums out of the rents of his Jamaica estates. In a codicil, dated Nov. 27, he left his brothers-in-law, Ruggles and Prescott, £100 each. Relinquishment of her third of estate was signed by his widow Nov. 13, 1749. In the inventory, his N. E. property was appraised at £8050:5 old tenor. It included 6 acres with "dwelling house, wood house and little house thereon," and 50 acres opposite, lying in Cambridge, and valued at £3300; a "landaret, so called," £400; six horses £411, and two negro men "Sicros and Sezer," £500. Mention is also made of lands in Peterboro' and in Hampshire county, of value unknown to the appraisers. Col. Vassall was representative from Cambridge to the legislature in 1740 and '47, and details of two petty law suits in which he was involved at the time, are on record. Children* were: 37, *Ruth*, b. July 14, 1737; 38, *John*, b. June 12, 1738; 39, *Elizabeth*, b. Sept. 12, 1739: and by his second wife—40, *Lucy*, b. Nov. 15, 1747.

(12.) 23. WILLIAM VASSALL, born in West Indies, Nov. 23, 1715; H. C. 1733; was twice married; 1, to Ann Davis, by whom he had eleven children; she died Jan. 26, 1760, aged 40, and was buried at Boston, Jan. 28; 2, to Margaret† Hubbard; he died at Battersea Rise, Surrey, Eng., May 8, 1800, aged 85; he was temporarily a resident of Jamaica in 1747, '48, and afterwards resided at Cambridge, for a short time, occupying the house now owned by the widow of the late Dr. Benjamin Waterhouse; he was afterwards the possessor of a magnificent estate near Bristol, R. I. Although styled "of Boston," he was not, we believe, the owner of any real estate there until 1758, when by a deed, dated Sept. 11, he purchased for £1250 the Cooper estate on Pemberton hill; it comprised within its limits the tract known as "Valley Achor," and had a frontage on Tremont street of 163 feet. At the date of the purchase he was occupying the dwelling house upon the estate. March 16, 1774, he purchased of Joseph Ruggles for £300, a house and land in Boston, on Queen street, near the site of "Scollay's Buildings." The Cooper estate, where he lived

* Inasmuch as the baptisms of the elder children as well as the second marriage of Col Vassall are not recorded in Boston or vicinity Church Records, it would lead to the supposition that there might have been a Chaplain of the English Church attached at that period to the family of some one of the wealthy churchmen of Cambridge. The church there was not established until 1760. The writer is strengthened in his opinion from the fact that several of the marriages and baptisms that must have taken place about the year 1740 are nowhere recorded; nor does the existence of such a chaplain seem improbable, as there were churchmen enough in Cambridge residing upon what is now called Brattle street, to give the street a name by which it was long known among the dissenting part of the populace—that of "Church Row."

† The writer has been unable to find records of either of these marriages, nor were the banns published in Boston although it was his place of residence. For the family names of his wives, as well as for the dates of births of most of his children, he is indebted to the Rev. William Vassall of Hardington, and to his brother Robert L. G. Vassall Esq., of Bristol, Eng. (the oldest living male descendants of William V. of Boston), whose valued assistance and most kindly interest in this work, he takes this opportunity to acknowledge.

until the Revolution, he conveyed through Dr. James Lloyd to Leonard V. Borland, for the sum of £4000, the deed signed March 23, 1787, who sold it April 17, 1790, to Patrick Jeffrey, then the occupant of the premises. The Queen street property was conveyed through Lloyd to Jeffrey, Oct. 16, 1791, for £160.

William Vassall was one of the most prominent of his name in this country. He was high sheriff for Middlesex, says the historian of Quincy,* and was appointed mandamus counsellor in 1774. He was for many years connected with King's chapel, Boston, and in 1785, protested by proxy against the change in the liturgy and the unauthorized ordination of James Freeman. The elder Adams speaks of him in his writings in the warmest praise, and mentions as his only fault, his excessive garrulity. This failing seems to have led him into trouble on one occasion. The details of the case of Fletcher v. Vassall, for slander and defamation of character, were printed at the time and circulated to some extent. A prominent man among the loyalists in Boston, he was early singled out as an enemy to the popular cause, and was obliged to flee with his family to England. He was banished by the legislature in 1778, and never returned. His Bristol estate was confiscated by the government, we believe.† In March, 1787, he styled himself "of Battersea Rise," and in Oct. 1791, "of Chapham Corner." Notwithstanding his early predilection to gaming as implied in his father's will, he wrought out for himself an honorable and unblemished reputation, and church and society lost in him an eager, zealous advocate, an upright Christian, and a generous, loving friend. Children were: 41, *Sarah*, b. June 17, 1739: 42, son stillborn Feb. 3, 1741: 43, *William*, b. Jan. 12, 1743; d. June 15, 1743; bur. June 16: 44, *William*, b. March 3, 1744; d. Nov. 6, 1744: 45, *William*, b. March 2, 1747; bap. at Braintree, March 5; d. March 15; bur. March 16, 1747: 46, *Fanny*, b. Aug. 2, 1748; bap. at Boston, Sept. 6, 1748; d. Feb. 24, 1751; bur. Feb. 27: 47, *Lucretia Frances*: and 48, *Fanny*, twins, b. Sept. 24, 1751; bap. Sept. 28, 1751: 49, *William*, b. Jan. 31, 1753: 50, *Henry*, b. March 23, 1755: 51, *Catherine*, b. Aug. 4, 1757; bap. Aug. 12, 1757, and d. unm. in England: by his second wife—52, *Margaret*, b. March 31, 1761; d. unm. in England: 53, *Ann*, b. April 14, 1762; d. unm. in England, Dec. 20, 1850: and 54, *Charlotte*, twins, d. unm. in England: 55, *Leonard*, b. March 28, 1764: 56, *Nathaniel*, b. June 18, 1768.

(12.) 24. ELIZABETH VASSALL, born in West Indies, July 16, 1717; married John Miller of Milton, Mass., Aug. 21, 1738; he was, perhaps, buried at Milton, Aug. 17, 1765, aged 47; she died a widow, Feb. 11, 1772. They, in common with most of her family, were Episcopalians, and were connected with Christ church, Quincy, by the rector

* Whitney, p. 61.

† In a sketch of the family prepared by Lorenzo Sabine, Esq., for insertion in the forthcoming edition of the *Loyalists*, the manuscript of which he very kindly placed in the author's hands for use, it is stated that "the confiscation of his (Wm. V.'s) estate gave rise to a singular suit. As the Federal Constitution was adopted a state could be sued, and at his instance, Massachusetts, in the person of Hancock her Chief Magistrate, was summoned to the bar of the Supreme Court of the United States."

of which, the Rev. Dr. Miller, all of their children were baptized. Children were: *Lewis*, b. July 31, 1739: *Rebecca*, b. April 12, 1741; m. Giles Church of Bridgewater, Nov. 3, 1766: *John*, bap. May 23, 1742: *Leonard*, b. Dec. 10, 1743, and m. Celia Wadsworth of Killingly, Conn. (?): *Henry*, b. Jan. 25, 1745: *Susanna*, bap. June 5, 1748: *Elizabeth* and *Mary*, twins, b. June 5 and 6, 1750: *Penelope*, bap. between July 12 and Aug. 28, 1752.

(12.) 27. HENRY VASSALL (colonel), born in West Indies, Dec. 25, 1721; married Penelope, daughter of Isaac* Royall, Jan. 28, 1742; he died in Cambridge, March 17, 1769, and was buried in his vault beneath Christ church in that city;† she died in Boston, Nov. 19, 1800, aged 76. Dec. 30, 1741, he purchased of his brother John, the estate of 7 acres, with house, etc., on the Watertown road in Cambridge, together with 30 acres of pasture land on the south bank of Charles river, for his bond to the amount of £9050. In this deed he is styled "Planter . . . late of Jamaica, but now of Boston." March 31, 1747, he bought of his brother for £700 old tenor, the Samuel Bull estate, adjoining his own, and forming together with that and

* The Hon. Isaac Royall of Antigua, born 1672, died in Charlestown, Mass., June 7, 1739, aged 67; married Elizabeth ———, and had Isaac,† born 1719, died a refugee in England (in 1781?). He was the son of William of North Yarmouth, Province of Maine, who died Nov. 7, 1724, aged 84. Isaac Royall was forty years a resident of Antigua, and returned to New England July 27, 1737.—*Hist. and Gen. Reg.*, vol. v.

† The tomb of Henry Vassall is the only one beneath the church. It is a small, brick arched structure, sunk below the level of the cellar floor, the entrance to which is by a flight of stone steps at the west end. Their position is marked by a flat stone, lately erected, bearing the name of "Henry Vassall." The last interment took place Oct. 15, 1861, the one hundredth anniversary of the dedication of the church, and was of the body of Darby, an old colored servant whose father, Anthony, had been Col. John Vassall's coachman. "Tony," as he was familiarly called, lived to a great age, and is still remembered by a few of the oldest residents of Cambridge. He was brought from Jamaica when a boy by some member of the family, and remained in their service until the Revolution. Darby, one of several children, married Lucy Holland, April 4, 1802, and died Oct. 12, 1861, at the advanced age of 92 years. At the time of his burial the vault contained nine coffins. The upper one of a row of three on the north side contained as indicated by the plate, the remains of Catharine Graves Russell, died Sept. 5, 1847. The one below it, somewhat decayed, contained the remains of a woman, supposed to be the wife of Col. V., died in 1800. The lower coffin held the remains of a man, doubtless Col. Vassall, its appearance and position seeming to indicate its priority in the vault. On the south side were the coffins of four young children and two adults. Of the four, all were considerably broken and decayed. Scarcely any remains were perceivable—merely a few detached bones. The largest might have been that of a child two years old, and was in the best preservation. The one that seemed to be the oldest was marked with nail heads "E. R., BORN & DIED JAN. 27, 1770" (and we notice here that two small coffins found in the John Vassall tomb were marked in the same manner, "P. A. B., 1767," and "E. V." an infant daughter of John V., who died, 1768, all three within a short interval, and the only ones of advanced age retaining any semblance to inscriptions). In this coffin were noticed a number of cherry stones, the kernels eaten out by some mouse which had carried them thither, secure of a safe retreat. The upper of the two large coffins on which these small ones rested, contained the bones of a man over forty-five years of age. The lower limbs were covered thick with hay, seeming to indicate transportation. No clue was obtained to the person of the occupant. The remains in the lower coffin were supposed to be those of Mrs. Russell, wife of Dr. Charles R., died in 1802.

1 acre upon the westerly side given him by his brother, the noble grounds now owned by Samuel Batchelder, Esq., on the corner of Brattle and Ash streets. Dec. 11, 1748, he mortgaged to Jas. Pitts, merchant of Boston, for £779:12:6, all the above estates: Dec. 17, 1748, he signed an indenture with Isaac Royal of Charlestown, relating to the joint possession of certain negroes, cattle &c., which they had placed upon plantations in Popeshead, Antigua. How long he retained this last named property we have no means of knowing, though it would seem probable that it remained to his family after his death. Oct. 21, 1765, he sold to Ebenezer Bradish, glazier, for £506, the Brighton property of 30 acres, now owned by Mr. Emery Willard. Sept. 30, 1767, he mortgaged his Cambridge estate to Michael Trollet for £225; the deed was purchased by his widow, Nov. 10, 1770, for £266:13:4. Feb. 20, 1769, he gave a second mortgage on the estate to Dr. Russell, his son-in-law, for £964:7:4. the bond bearing date Dec. 10, 1764. The estates, we believe, eventually passed into the hands of Mrs. Russell. He died intestate, and his widow and Dr. Russell were appointed administrators. She was possessed, in her own right, of considerable property by will of her mother, dated April 4, 1747. After her husband's death, she went with her daughter to Antigua, but returned after the decease of Dr. Russell. By a deed of gift, signed July 15, 1782, she received from her cousin, Joseph Royall of London, a refugee, his real estate of 30 acres in Dorchester and Milton. Portions of this she sold at various times to Ezra and Stephen Badlam and Desire Tolman. Administration on her estate was granted Oct. 26, 1807, to her grandchildren.

Col. Vassall was one of the earliest benefactors of Christ church, and his name headed the petition to the London Society for Propagating the Gospel in Foreign Parts, for aid in its erection. He was chosen on the building committee in Boston, Sept. 29, 1759, and was, until his death, a faithful adherent to its communion.* A deed upon record in Middlesex, dated Nov. 20, 1761, deserves notice in this connection. It is the conveyance of his pew in the "meeting-house" at Cambridge, to the President and Overseers of the College, for the sum of £20, seeming to indicate that prior to the erection of the church, he attended the only place of worship in the neighborhood, though he ever preserved his alliance to the mother church. Children were: 57, *Elizabeth*, b. 1742; 58, *Penelope*, d. at the age of 2 years.

(12.) 28. MARY VASSALL, born June 25, 1723; bap. in Boston, July 24, 1723; married Jonathan Prescott of Boston, March 10, 1747. It

* Christ church, erected in 1761, although now somewhat enlarged, preserves much of its original appearance. The designs were prepared by Harrison of Newport, R. I., architect of King's chapel, Boston, and the edifice has always been regarded as "a model of architectural symmetry and beauty." Within a few years it has been thoroughly repaired, and a chime of thirteen bells placed in its tower. The interior of the church, with its semi-circular chancel lighted by an elaborate stained glass window, and its rows of Ionic columns separating nave from aisles, is singularly pleasing to the beholder. It is to be hoped that before another year elapses, its time honored walls may be further enriched by some fitting monument to the memory of those who labored so well and so successfully for their erection, and whose names are rapidly fading from the memory of those who are now reaping the benefit of their toils.

is probable that they were not residents of Boston, though attendants at King's chapel, in that city.* Children were: *Jonathan*, bap. March 20, 1748; *William*, bap. June 17, 1750; bur. Nov. 4, 1751, aged 17 months; *William*, bap. Nov. 24, 1751; bur. Feb. 3, 1752, aged 2 months.

(12.) 29. SUSANNA VASSALL, born Nov. 20, 1725; married Capt. Geo. Ruggles of Jamaica, the banns being published in Boston, Dec. 24, 1742. Soon after his marriage he purchased an estate in Cambridge, which he occupied until June 17, 1772, when Gilbert Harrison and John Barnard of London conveyed the property to John Vassall, Thomas Oliver and John Foxcroft of Cambridge, for £1350, it having been attached in Boston, August, 1771. At that time it consisted of 45 acres with house thereon, bounded W. on Thatcher, N. on road to Fresh Pond, E. on Joseph Lee, S. on road to Watertown, and S. W. on a private way to Thatcher's estate; 7 acres of meadow bounded W. on "a way by Fresh Pond," N. W. on "Fresh Pond brook," N. and N. W. on Abraham Watson, and S. on William Brattle; 3 acres of Saltmarsh bounded S. E. on Charles river, S. W. on Thomas Oliver, N. W. on Thatcher and the highway, and N. E. on Seth Hastings; and 1½ acres of orchard bounded N. E. on a private way, E. on Watertown road, and S. and W. on Oliver. It was reconveyed to him by the purchasers, Sept. 10, 1774, for £100, and Oct. 31, he sold it to Thomas Fayerweather for £2000. The mansion and adjoining grounds were purchased afterwards by the late Mr. William Wells, and is still owned and occupied by his family. At the time of the Revolution, Ruggles disappeared, and is supposed to have followed the army to Halifax. Children were: *George*, bur. Oct. 27, 1747, aged 17 months; *Susanna*, bap. an infant July 26, 1747; m. Ezekiel Lewis, merchant of Boston, and resident with his father-in-law at Cambridge; he died in or before 1779.†

(12.) 31. ANNA VASSALL, born April 29, 1735, was twice married: 1, to John, son of Francis and Jane Borland of Boston, Feb. 20, 1749-50, by whom she had twelve children; he died June 5, 1775, aged 46, and was buried June 7, in the family tomb in the Granary grounds, Boston;‡ 2, to William Knight of Portsmouth, N. H., April 27, 1784. She died a widow at Boston, June 20, 1823, and was buried June 21,

* The accompanying is all the information we have been able to gather concerning this branch. There is a possibility that by early removing from Boston they escaped, if they indeed were living at that time, the fate of so many of their family at the period of the Revolution, and their descendants may even now be in our midst.

† See *Amer. Quart. Reg.*, xiv, p. 167.

‡ The slab over the vault is inscribed as follows: "Here lies the Remains of John Borland, Esqr., who Departed this Life the 30th of March, 1727, in the 67th Year of his Age. Also Mrs. Sarah Borland, the wife of John Borland, Esqr., who Departed this Life in September, 1727, in the 65th Year of her Age. Mrs. Jane Borland the wife of Frances Borland, Esqr., who Departed this Life the 22d of June, 1749, Aged 42 Years. Frances Borland, Esqr., who Departed this Life Sept. 16, 1763, in the 72d Year of his Age. Mrs. Phoebe Borland, wife of Frances Borland, Esq., who departed this life 3d April A. D., 1775, in the 80th Year of her Age. John Borland, Esqr., who departed this life 5th June A. D., 1775, in the 47th Year of his Age. Sarah Lloyd Borland who departed this Life 29th September A. D., 1786, aged 3 Months."

in the Borland tomb in the Granary grounds. The property inherited from her father was invested in real estate in Boston. Her husband, John Borland, owned and occupied the beautiful mansion house erected in Cambridge by the Rev. East Apthorp, D. D.,* the first rector of Christ church, and which passed into the hands of his son-in-law, Jonathan Simpson, Esq. It is now occupied by Dr. S. Plympton and Mrs. E. B. Manning, and with the exception of a third story subsequently added, retains much of its original appearance. His death was caused from injuries received by a mis-step in descending stairs, after his removal to Boston. Children were: *Phæbe*, b. Oct. 27, 1751; m. George Spooner of Boston, and had issue: *John Lindall*, b. Aug. 18, 1753; H. C. 1772; espoused the royal cause in the Revolution, entered the army, and d. in England, Nov. 16, 1825, bearing the rank of lieutenant colonel: *Francis*, b. April 11, 1756; H. C. 1774; m. Hannah, dau. of Col. Jerathmel Bowers of Swansey, in 1783; practiced as physician at Portsmouth, N. H., a few years; removed to Somerset, Mass., and d. 1826, leaving male issue: *Jane*, b. Oct. 26, 1757; m. Jonathan Simpson, and had issue: *Leonard Vassall*, b. July 1, 1759; m. Sarah dau. of Dr. James Lloyd, Feb. 8, 1785; d. on board ship John Jay, from Batavia, June, 1801, and had issue—his widow d. at Boston, March 27, 1836, aged 73: *James*, b. May 26, 1761; entered H. C. but did not graduate, and d. unm. soon after 1783: *William*, bap. March 23, 1764, d. young; *Samuel*, b. Dec. 22, 1765; H. C. 1786, m. at the island of Demarara, d. at Hudson, N. Y., and had issue: *Anna*, d. young: *Elizabeth Poole*, d. young: *Thomas Alleyne*, b. March 1, 1767; d. Sept. 29, 1767, and was bur. in the Vassall tomb at Cambridge: *Sarah*, d. young.

(13.) 32. ELIZABETH VASSALL, married Maj. Gen. (the Hon.) John Barrington, and had issue: *William*, *Richard* and *George*. The latter was b. July 16, 1761, and was the Rt. Hon. and Rev. George B., fifth Viscount Barrington of Ardeglass, co. Down, and Baron Barrington of Newcastle, co. Dublin; M. A. Prebendary of Durham and Rector of Sedgfield in that bishopric: he d. at Rome, March 5, 1829, a. 68.

(13.) 33. RICHARD VASSALL, died in Golden Square, London, Feb. 28, 1795, aged 63; his widow married Sir Gilbert Afleck, Bart. of Dulham Hall, Suffolk, at St. George's, Hanover Square, London, July 18, 1796. Only child was: 59, *Elizabeth*.

(19.) 34. ANNA VASSALL, born at Braintree, Mass., July 13, 1740; bap. Aug. 1, 1742. Richard Bill of Boston was appointed guardian Nov. 20, 1751, and Henry Vassall, Oct. 28, 1757. She perhaps left the country with her brother.

(19.) 35. LEWIS VASSALL, born at Braintree, Sept. 16, 1741; bap. Aug. 1, 1742; H. C., 1760; he is supposed to have left the country

*For a highly interesting sketch of Dr. Apthorp's life, as well as of the church over which he ministered at Cambridge, we refer the reader to the sermon preached by the present rector, Dr. Nicholas Hoppin, at the re-opening of the edifice, Nov. 22, 1857. The historical notice of the church published in connection therewith is full of interest, and has been compiled with much care and fidelity. The information contained in it has been freely used in the prosecution of this work and, together with the manuscript records of the church, kindly placed at the writer's service by Dr. Hoppin, have formed invaluable aids in many cases.

soon afterwards, perhaps for the West Indies, where his estates were situated; he is asterized as dead in the H. C. Cat., as early as 1785.

(22.) 37. RUTH VASSALL, born at Cambridge, Mass., July 14, 1737; married Edward* Davis, May 20, 1756; she died at Boston, Jan. 23, 1774, and was buried in Wm. Vassall's tomb under King's chapel, but was afterwards removed to the Davis tomb, in the Chapel grounds; he died April 16, 1811, and was buried April 20. After her father's death, she was boarded with one Mrs. Sarah Gerrish of Cambridge, until 1752; an item in the account of her guardian, Hon. Spencer Phips, is the amount of £9, paid Dec. 8, 1751, to Sarah Gerrish, Jr., "for instructing the said Ruth to play upon the spinnet." By a deed of gift signed Oct. 29, 1765, her brother John conveyed to her through Thomas Oliver, as her trustee, a brick house on King street (State street), purchased of Joshua Winslow and others, Nov. 27, 1759. It was bounded N. 26 feet on King street, E. 120 feet on Lemuel Gowen, S. 27 feet on an alley leading into Leverett's lane (Congress street), W. 120 feet on Francis Holmes. At her death the property was to revert to her husband; and then to their joint heirs. At his death the court adjudged the property to John, the only surviving son, by whom it was conveyed to the Tremont Bank Corporation. The estate of Edward Davis, at his death, was appraised at \$15,777.25. Children were: *Edward*, b. Feb. 26, 1757, d. at Boston, Oct. 1, 1757; *Elizabeth*, b. Oct. 11, 1758, d. unm. in Augusta, Me., 1817-18; she was the "Miss Davis" mentioned in Curwen's Letters as being in England with Col. John Vassall: *Hannah*, b. Dec. 15, 1759, d. unm. at Boston, May 11, 1841; *Ruth*, b. Jan. 24, 1761; d. Nov. 15, 1772: a dau. unbap. and d. four hours after birth, April 26, 1762; *Edward*, b. July 26, 1763; d. March 25, 1764; *Lucy*, b. Oct. 9, 1765; m. Oct. 11, 1792, William Hayden; d. at Lincoln, April 17, 1830; of her eight children, three were living in 1862, Mr. William Hayden of Boston, Miss Charlotte F. Hayden and Mr. Frederic A. Hayden: *Charlotte*, b. Nov. 6, 1766; m. Oct. 29, 1793, Joseph Fosdick of Boston, d. at B. May 9, 1799—issue, one son, Joseph, d. unm. abroad: *Frances*, b. Nov. 6, 1766; m. May 21, 1793, Samuel Prince of Boston, d. Dec. 22, 1799, he d. Jan. 21, 1820, leaving male issue: *John*, b. June 14, 1768; he contested several cases in the state of Maine concerning the lands of the "Florentius Vassall claim" there, upon the ground of heirship thereto, but was defeated in all, and d. at Washington city, D. C., leaving male issue, having been m. in Augusta, Me., to Ann Page: *Edward*, b. June 29, 1769, d. unm. of yellow fever at Boston, Sept. 20, 1798; *William*, b. July 21, 1770, d. Sept. 13, 1771: a son, stillborn Feb. 11, 1773.

(22.) 38. JOHN VASSALL, born at Cambridge, Mass., June 12, 1738; H. C. 1757; married Elizabeth, sister of Lt.-Gov. Thomas Oliver,

* Edward Davis was the third son of Dr. William Davis (who was the only son of Major Benjamin Davis), by his wife Hannah, the eldest daughter of Col. Edward Winslow, all of Boston. He was born Aug. 21, 1730, married 2. Mehitable Prentiss, by whom he had six children: the eldest, *Spencer*, was born Dec. 18, 1775; the youngest daughter, *Caroline Augusta*, married Mr. Titus Welles of Boston, who afterwards married Henrietta, daughter of Jonathan Simpson, and granddaughter of Col. Anna Vassall.

Jan. 12, 1761; he died Oct. 2, 1797, at Clifton, Eng.; she died at Clifton in her 32d year, March 31, 1807. At his father's death, Hon. Spencer Phips was appointed guardian. In his account several curious items occur, viz: "To John Morse for a wigg and shaving said Minor's head two quarters, £11." "To John Warland for a perriwigg £10." He boarded with his guardian until May 5, 1752, "when he went to live in Boston," but seems to have been with him again from Aug. 8, 1753 to July 22, 1754. After his graduation at Harvard, he is supposed to have lived at Cambridge until July 28, 1759, when he purchased of Edward Marrett, taylor, for £200 $1\frac{1}{2}$ acres bounded E. on his own estate, S. on Watertown road, W. on Jonathan Hastings and N. on John Hunt; also 6 acres bounded S. on the same road, W. on "the town way," N. and E. on Jacob Hill and E. on Hastings; also 1 acre opposite, bounded S. on Charles river, W. on his own marsh, N. and E. on Henry Vassall. On the estate originally inherited from his father and by these purchases greatly enlarged, he erected the splendid mansion which he occupied until driven from it by the rage of the times. Nov. 27, 1759, he purchased from Joshua, John and Isaac Winslow, Hannah Davis, Richard Clark and wife Elizabeth, for £600, an estate on King street, Boston, with the brick house thereon, which in 1765 he gave to his sister Ruth. April 11, 1760, he purchased of Benjamin Fanueil, Jr., for £1333:6:8 an estate in Boston with brick house and barn, bounded W. 39.6 on Marlboro (Washington) street, E. 66 feet on Bishop lane (Hawley street), N. 295 feet on Brightman, S. on Walker. This estate he sold March 30, 1763, to John Spooner for £1200. Oct. 2, 1762, he sold in company with Thomas and Elizabeth Oliver, and Edward and Ruth Davis to Richard Lechmere of Cambridge for £726:13:4, 45 acres on Cambridge "neck" bounded S. E. on "the great cove," with "a large house" thereon, being the share of the estate of Lt.-Gov. Phips, set off to their mother Elizabeth Vassall. Nov. 30, 1763, he purchased of Thomas Oliver for £1000 his undivided share in his father's estate consisting mainly of lands in the western part of the state. Dec. 20, 1768, he purchased of John Hunt and his wife Ruth of Watertown, for £26:13:4 a small piece of land in Cambridge (being part of a lot called "the pickle,") bounded N. W. on Jonathan Wyeth and adjoining his own estate. April 4, 1771, he purchased of Ezekiel Lewis of Cambridge, for £250, $3\frac{1}{2}$ acres with barn in Dorchester, bounded S. and W. on a high road, N. on Ebenezer and Lemuel Clap, E. on Zebadiah Williams; also a half acre lot there, bounded E. on Jeffries and N., W. and S. on high roads. Sept. 19, 1771, he bought of Charles Ward Apthorp of New York, for £400, 47 acres on Fresh pond, in Watertown. Jan. 1, 1772, he purchased of Abraham Frost, yeoman of Charlestown, for £133:6:8, 12 acres of woodland in Cambridge at a place called "the rocks," bounded S. W. on Rev. Nathaniel Appleton, N. E. on Winship and Withington, N. W. on Carter, S. E. on Cooper, Swan, Hill and Prentice. March 10, 1772, he purchased of Margaret Fessenden, "seamstriss" of Cambridge, for £7:4, a triangular lot bounded 48 feet S. W. on highways, 70 feet N. E. on James Munroe, 50 feet N. W. on Abraham Hasey with well privilege. April 15, 1772, he purchased of Jonathan Hill three-fourths of an acre with house and barn thereon, bounded S. and W. on his own land, N. on

Prentice, E. on town road leading to brick-kilns. Oct. 13, 1772, he bought of widow Mary Ann Jones for £1800 the estate in Boston, with mansion house, barns and stables attached, bounded E. 140 feet on Tremont street, 321 feet S. on Jeffries, 120 feet W. on Allen, William Vassall and Sherburne, and 378 feet N. on Vassall and land of the "old brick church." Here he lived during the winter months until forced to abandon the country. The estate was confiscated by the government and sold to Isaiah Doane, merchant of Boston, for £2400, Dec. 15, 1783. April 6, 1774, he purchased of Jonathan Hastings of Cambridge for £266:13:4 about 4 acres bounded S. W. on Watertown road, and by his own land on other sides. May 9, 1774, he purchased of Jonathan Wyeth other lands adjoining his own homestead. May 17, 1774, he purchased of Thomas Goddard of Cambridge, blacksmith, for £155:3:10, 9 acres in the "West field" bounded N. E. on the "proprietors way," N. W. on Jonathan Hill; S. W. on Rev. Thomas Prentice, S. E. on Sewell and Wyeth. It was in the summer of this year that he was compelled to remove with his family to Boston for protection, and in that city he continued to dwell upon the estate adjoining that of his uncle William Vassall on Pemberton Hill, until 1776, when he accompanied the British army to Halifax, and from there sailed for England. He was exiled by the act of 1778. Sabine says of him, "he was passenger in one of the six vessels that arrived at London from Halifax prior to June 10, laden with loyalists and their families. In July of that year he designed to take a house "at the Court end of the Metropolis and enjoy the comforts of a plentiful fortune." In 1780 he seems to have lived at Bristol; other refugees from Massachusetts were at Birmingham, but he disliked the place and said it was a "dirty ill-built hole." Later he resided alternately at Chatley Lodge in the county of Wilts and the city of Bath." He died at Clifton almost instantaneously after eating a hearty dinner. An obituary published in the *Gentleman's Magazine*, said of him, "he had a very considerable property in America, where he lived in princely style. Some time after the disturbances took place, having taken a very active part and spared no expense to support the royal cause, he left his possessions there to the ravagers, and having fortunately, very large estates in Jamaica, he came with his family to England. He carried his loyalty so far as not to use the family motto "*sape pro rege, semper pro republica*." By an act of the general court of 1780, his real estate in Dorchester, in two pieces, was sold by the government to John Williams of Boston, for £325, on June 12, 1781. The sales of most of his remaining property followed in quick succession. June 28, his splendid estate in Cambridge of 47 acres, bounded S. W. on Watertown road, E. on Deacon Aaron Hill and Wyeth, N. E. on Prentice and Wyeth and on the highway, N. on Prentice and W. on "the town way," together with 40 acres on the opposite side of the Watertown road, bounded W. on Sewell and Joseph Lee, S. on Lee and Charles river, and E. on heirs of Henry Vassall, and also the "West field" lot, bought in 1774, together with 20 acres on Fresh pond were sold by the Commonwealth to Nathaniel Tracey of Newburyport, for the sum of £4264. A portion of this property, including the mansion house (occupied by Washington as his headquarters

during the Revolution) and lands immediately adjoining, became soon after the property of Andrew Craigie, Esq., and is now the residence of Prof. Henry W. Longfellow, remaining in appearance very much as when deserted by its original occupant. June 4, 1782, 20 acres on Fresh pond were sold to John Richardson for £165. A small portion of his Boston property escaped the notice of the authorities and was conveyed by him to Edward Brinley of Boston, through his brother-in-law, Edward Davis, April 8, 1794. It consisted of land and a wharf situated "near the draw bridge," bounded N. W. on an alley to "Wentworth's wharf;" the land and wharf near the above, bounded S. W. on "Mill creek," and a smaller piece of about thirteen feet square, all of which was sold for £18. Children were: 60, *John*, b. May 7, 1762: 61, *Spencer Thomas*, b. April 7, 1764: 62, *Thomas Oliver*, b. April 12, 1766: 63, *Elizabeth*, bapt. at Cambridge, July 5, 1767; d. Jan. 5, 1768, and was bur. in the family tomb in that city: 64, *Robert Oliver*, b. May 28, 1769: 65, *Elizabeth*, b. May 5, 1771: 66, *Leonard*, b. 1773, d. at Boston, Nov. 7, 1775: 67, *Mary*, b. at London, Eng., Mar. 26, 1777.*

(22.) 39. ELIZABETH VASSALL, born at Cambridge, Sept. 12, 1739; married Thomas† Oliver of Dorchester, June 11, 1760. She died in England previous to 1808. He died Nov. 29, 1815, aged 82. Lt. Gov. Phips was appointed her guardian Sept. 16, 1747, and Edw. Davis, Sept. 11, 1759. Thomas Oliver was the last royal lieutenant governor and president of the Council appointed in 1774. Sept. 2 of same year, he was compelled by a mob of 4,000 persons, to resign his office, and he almost immediately vacated his beautiful estate in Cambridge (afterwards occupied by Gov. Gerry, and lately by Rev. Chas. Lowell, D. D.), and removed to Boston. Here he resided until '76, when, at the evacuation, he accompanied the royal army to Halifax, and from there to England. He was exiled by the Act of 1778, and his estate confiscated. The farm house in connection with his Cambridge mansion is standing distant a few hundred rods from the present estate in a S. E. direction upon the slope of a hill overlooking Charles river. Lt. Gov. Oliver was a quiet, reserved man, but little known in public life, though ever distinguished for his amiable and gentlemanly graces.

The following baptisms of children are found upon the records of Christ church, Cambridge: *Anne*, bapt. March 4, 1764; *Elizabeth*, bapt. Aug. 17, 1766; *Penelope*, bapt. Oct. 2, 1768.

(22.) 40. LUCY VASSALL, born at Cambridge, Nov. 15, 1747, bap. Dec. 27, 1747, married John Lavicount of Antigua, June 16, 1768. They disappeared from the country at the time of the Revolution. She was the only individual of the name of Vassall, who, to our knowledge, was bap. in New England by other than a minister of the Established Church. Her mother was, we believe, a dissenter, and

* Cambridge Records say *John*, b. May 17, 1762; *Spencer Thomas*, b. April 27, 1764; *Thomas Oliver*, b. April 13, 1766. We have adopted the dates furnished from the family record by Mrs. G. R. Johnson of Jam.

† He was the son of Robert O. of Dorchester, Mass., was born about 1733; H. C. 1753; married second wife, Harriet, daughter of — Freeman of Antigua. She died July 16, 1808, at Bristol, Eng.

this may account for the following entry found in the books of the First Parish (Congregational) of Cambridge. Bap. by the Rev. N. Appleton, "Dec. 27, 1747, Lucy, of Mrs. Lucy Vassall, widow of y^e late Col. John Vassall, y^e child abed twelve days old at y^e father's death." She returned, however, to the faith of her forefathers, the rector of Portsmouth (N. H.) church, Rev. Arthur Browne performing her marriage ceremony; the bap. of one child is recorded in the records of Cambridge Christ church: *John*, bap. June 11, 1769.

(23.) 41. SARAH VASSALL, b. at Boston, June 17, 1739, bap. Nov. 1, 1743, m. James Syme of London, Eng., Dec. 29, 1763, d. a widow in England, about 1827. They resided for some time in Boston, but removed to London, where he was for several years settled as a merchant. The bap. of one child is recorded on the records of Trinity church, Boston: *Sally* (Sarah), bap. Nov. 25, 1764.

(23.) 47. LUCRETIA FRANCES* VASSALL, born Sept. 24, 1751, bap. Sept. 28, 1751, married Richard Smith of Boston, April 22, 1772. They resided, for a time at least, in Boston, but it is probable that the Revolution drove them abroad, as July 17, 1781, William Frobisher of Boston, soap-boiler, was admitted agent of his estate as an absentee. Trinity church record contains the following: *Ann Eyre*, bap. June 6, 1773.

(23.) 49. WILLIAM VASSALL, born Jan. 31, 1753, H. C. 1771, married Anne Bent, died at Weston House near Totness, Eng., Dec. 2, 1843; she died without issue, Oct. 8, 1846, aged 75. He left New England in 1772, was asterized in H. C. Cat. of 1827 as dead, but lived to the extreme age of ninety years, one of the oldest survivors of his class.

(23.) 50. HENRY VASSALL, born at Boston, March 23, 1755; bap. April 1, 1755; married Margaret Groeme, and had but one child: 68, *William*, b. 1780.

(23.) 55. LEONARD VASSALL, born at Boston, March 28, 1764, bap. June 20, 1768, married Sarah, sister of Col. Fitch, R. A., died at Brook house, Old Sodbury, Gloucestershire, Eng., Nov. 19, 1860. She died at Brook House, May 20, 1851, aged 88. Children were: 69. *Laura Anna Matilda*, m. July 5, 1830, Robert Korr d'Esterre of Ireland, and d. soon after without issue; 70, *Margaret*, d. unm.

(23.) 56 NATHANIEL VASSALL, born at Boston, June 18, 1768, bap. June 20, 1768, died unmarried in England, Sept. 8, 1832, a captain in R. N.

(27.) 57. ELIZABETH VASSALL, born about 1742, bap. at Cambridge, Dec. 17, 1742, married Charles† Russell, M. D., Feb. 15, 1768; he died at Antigua, May 27, 1780; she died at Plymouth, Mass., Feb. 23, 1802. He sailed for Martinico in April, 1775, and his wife, if she did not

* Her twin sister 48. Fanny perhaps died young, nothing has been found concerning her after her baptism, Sept. 28, 1751.

† He was the son of James and Catharine Russell, born in Charlestown, Mass., Dec. 27, 1738, H. C., 1757, studied medicine with Dr. Ezekiel Hersey of Hingham, and afterwards in England, with Drs. Colin Mackenzie and William Hunter at St. Thomas' Hospital; took a degree of M. D. at Aberdeen, 1765, returned to New England and settled in Lincoln, Mass., where he had inherited an estate from his uncle Judge Chambers Russell.

accompany him, soon followed with her mother, then a widow. Dr. Russell was exiled by the act of 1778, and his property confiscated. Of their ten children, the births of but four are recorded in Mass. Some of the others were, perhaps, born in West Indies. Six were stillborn or died in infancy. Children were: *Penelope*, b. in Lincoln, March 17, 1769, bap. April 9, 1769, m. Nov. 7, 1808, Hon. Theodore Sedgwick of Stockbridge, Mass., and d. without issue in Boston, May 18, 1827; she was bur. in William Vassall's tomb under King's chapel. Judge Sedgwick was b. in Connecticut, was thrice m., d. in Boston Jan. 24, 1813, aged 67. *Elizabeth* (?), b. and d. Jan. 27, 1770; *Elizabeth Vassall*, b. Jan. 10, 1771, m. June 12, 1797, Charles Furlong Degen, and died in Marion county, Miss., Aug. 28, 1824; he was an English merchant of Leghorn, where several of their children were born. The eldest, Charles Russell, now of New York city, was bap. in Boston, July 11, 1798; *Rebecca*, b. in Lincoln, Feb. 20, 1773, was twice m; 1, to David Pearce of Gloucester, Mass., Nov. 6 or 7, 1793; 2, to Joseph Ruggles of Roxbury, in 1813; she d. Dec. 15, 1825, in Philadelphia, and was buried in that city; by David Pearce she had issue—Chas. Russell and others:* *Catherine Graves*, b. Jan. 9, 1772; d. unm. at Roxbury, Sept. 5, 1847, and was bur. beneath Christ's church, Cambridge.

(33.) 59. ELIZABETH VASSALL, born 1770, married Sir Godfrey Webster; divorced June 1797; m. Henry Richard Fox, third Lord Holland, July 9, 1797, and died a widow in London, Eng., Nov. 17, 1845. She was a woman of remarkable talents, brilliant, witty and endowed with many personal graces. The bulk of the immense fortune left by Florentinus V. came into her possession. In her will she left about £1500 per annum, to Lord John Russell, and £100 to Macaulay, the historian. In return for the many acts of kindness which she had bestowed upon him, Bonaparte left to her a gold snuff-box, which had been presented to him by Pope Pius VI, at the Peace of Tolentino, in 1797. It contained a card on which was written the words: "L' Empereur Napoleon to Lady Holland, temoigne de satisfaction et d'estime." Children by Sir Godfrey Webster, were: *Sir Godfrey Vassall Webster*, bart.: d. 1836; *Lt. Col. Sir Henry Vassall Webster*, Knight K. T. S.; d. London, 1847, aged 54; *Harriet*, m. Hon. Adm. Sir Fleetwood Broughton Reynolds, C. B., K. C. H., June 5, 1816; she d. Aug. 7, 1849. By Lord Holland, before marriage, she had: *Chas. Richard Fox*, colonel in the R. A., and aid-de-camp to the Queen, lieutenant general and receiver general of the Duchy of Lancaster, m. Mary Fitz Clarence, second dau. of William IV, June 19, 1824. By Lord Holland in wedlock, she had: *Stephen*, b. Jan. 18, 1799; d. Nov. 22, 1800: a son b. March 17, 1801; d. young: *Henry Edward Holland*, b. March 7, 1802; suc. Oct. 22, 1840; m. May 9, 1833, Lady Augusta Coventry: *Mary Elizabeth*, b. Feb. 19, 1806; m. Thomas Atherton Powys, Baron Lilford, May 24, 1830: *Georgianna Anne*, b. Nov. 7, 1809; d. Oct. 31, 1819: a dau. b. and d. June, 1812.

(38.) 60. JOHN VASSALL, born at Cambridge, Mass., May 7, 1762; bap. May 23, 1762; m. Elizabeth, youngest dau. of James Athill of Antigua, June 13, 1799, and d. at Lyndhurst, Eng., Oct. 17, 1800. Only child was: 71, *John*, d. without issue, March 23, 1827.

* See *Hist. and Gen. Reg.*, vi, 278.

(38.) 61. SPENCER THOMAS VASSALL, born at Cambridge, Mass., April 7, 1764; bap. May 27, 1764; married* June 30, 1795, Catherine Brandith Backhouse, daughter of Rev. Dr. Evans; died Feb. 5, 1807, at Monte Video, Uruguay, S. A.; his widow married July 11, 1816, Thomas Chetham Strode of Somerset, and died July 22, 1842. He entered the R. A. as ensign, at the age of 12 years. Oct. 29, 1806, was in command of an expedition against Maldonado, which place he captured at the head of 400 men, against a superior force. At the siege of Monte Video, Feb. 3, 1807, he was fatally wounded, at that time holding the rank of lieutenant colonel, 38th foot. His remains were buried in St. Paul's church, Bristol, where a monument is erected to his memory. Children were: 72, *Spencer Lambert Hunter*, b. May 17, 1799; knt., K. H. of Milford, co. Southampton, and of Newfound river, Jam.; m. May 9, 1844, at Paddington, Letitia Sarah, only dau. of Edward Berkeley Napier of Pennard house, Somerset, and widow of Rev. C. H. Pulsford of Wells; he d. s. p. in 1846; his widow is still living (1863); he was knighted† in 1838; promoted to captaincy in R. N., Jan. 11, 1837; was commander of the Harrier, Dec. 27, 1831: 73, *Rawdon John Popham* (lt. col. R. A.), m. Nov. 30, 1849, Margaret Emily, dau. of Sir Alex. Boswell, bart. of Auchinleck, and has no issue: 74, *Honora Mary Georgina*, m. Oct. 1, 1829, at Milford, Wilts, Rev. Edward P. Henslowe, and d. in 1834: 75, *Catherine Spencer Alicia Beresford*, m. Oct. 1, 1829, at Milford, Wilts, Thomas Le Marchant Saumarez, second son of Admiral Sir James S., bart.; and 2, Rev. Eardley Wilmot Michell: 76, an infant son, d. July 9, 1803.

(38.) 62. THOMAS OLIVER VASSALL, born at Cambridge, April 12, 1766; died unmar. at Wrexham, co. Denbigh, Eng., Oct. 8, 1807.

(38.) 64. ROBERT OLIVER VASSALL, born at Cambridge, May 28, 1769; m. March 26, 1794, Christian Bennett Tomlinson of Jamaica; and d. at Abingdon Hall, Jam., March 23, 1827; Member of Council, Honorable, etc. Children were: 77, *Elizabeth Oliver*, b. in Jam. July 20, 1796; mar. March 23, 1818, George Robert Johnson of Jamaica, and had issue: ELIZABETH CAMPBELL, b. March 10, 1819; mar. Sept. 26, 1837, Francis Severn Maxwell; GEORGE VASSALL, b. Sept. 21, 1822, mar. August 3, 1853, Emma Evans Page; WILLIAM CLARKE, b. June 21, 1824, d. Nov. 8, 1854, unmar.; GEORGIANA ELMIRA, b. Jan. 28, 1827, mar. Jan. 27, 1842, John Calder; JOHN VASSALL CAMPBELL, b. May 19, 1828, d. Oct. 28, 1851, unmar.; all born in Jamaica: 78, *John*, b. in England, Oct. 22, 1799, d. Oct. 15, 1833, unmar., in Jam.; 79, *Mary*, b. in Jamaica, Oct. 15, 1800; d. Sept. 3, 1842, unmar., in Jam.

(38.) 65. ELIZABETH VASSALL, b. May 5, 1771, married March 6, 1794, at Bath, Eng., John Gustavus Lemaistre, only son of Hon. C. T. Lemaistre, and d. at Cheltenham, Eng., July 27, 1856, s. p.

(38.) 67. MARY VASSALL, born at London, March 26, 1777, married June 16, 1800, at Bath, Eng., John Gytins Archer of Barbadoes, and

* Burke says, July 10, 1795, the above is from *Gents. Mag.* LXV, p. 614.

† For honorable augmentation, he bears on a fesse or, the breached bastions of a fortress, above which the words "Monte Video;" on a canton arg., the number 38th, within a branch of cypress and another of laurel, the stems united in saltier—Crest, on a mount, vert, a breached fortress, thereon hoisted a flag, gules, with the inscription "Monte Video" in letters of gold. Motto: Every bullet has its billet.

died at Clifton, Dec. 27, 1806; her only child, *John Vassall*, died at Clifton, Oct. 26, 1806.

(50.) 68. WILLIAM VASSALL, born 1781; married Anne, only daughter of Col. Samuel Oliver of Belgrave, before Dec. 2, 1817, and died at Oldbury court, England, March 13, 1845; his widow is still living (1863); he was a staff surgeon in the R. A. during the Peninsula war. Children were: 80, *William*, b. 1819; d. an infant: 81, *Elizabeth Margaret*, b. Oct. 14, 1821; m. at Bath, Eng., Jan. 15, 1848, Alfred Cox of Chipping, solicitor, and has issue: 82, *William*, b. March 21, 1824; m. 1857, Martha Ann Skelton of Bramley Grange, Yorkshire, and has issue, two sons and two daus.; he is rector of Hardington, Manderville, co. Somerset, Eng.: 83, *Mary Oliver*, b. Jan. 6, 1827; m. at Walcot, Bath, July 4, 1849, Robert Berkley Forrester, and has issue: 84, *Robert Lowe Grant*, b. Dec. 14, 1829; m. at Clifton, April 8, 1856, Matilda Paulina, second dau. of William Phillips of Witsston House, Monm., and Salisbury Lodge, Clifton, and has issue, three sons and one dau.

1. BENJAMIN VASSALL, born Sept. 18, 1742; was twice married: 1. To Lusanna, daughter of Capt. Jonah Stetson of Scituate, Mass., Sept. 15, 1782, by whom he had two children; she was born March 2, 1757, and died at Charlton, Mass., June 14, 1786. 2. To Caty Ryan, widow of — Mansfield; she died at Oxford, Mass., Feb. 10, 1826, aged 79, without issue. He died at Oxford Feb. 18, 1838. He was born, it is supposed, in Scituate, parentage not traced, was brought up in the family of a Mr. Vinal of S., and in early life learned the cabinet maker's trade. At the breaking out of the Revolution he took up arms in the service of the country, and served until the cessation of hostilities, holding successively the ranks of corporal, second and first lieutenants in the militia. At the close of the war, he married and took up his residence at Charlton, where he had removed in October, 1780. He removed to Auburn in 1805, and to Oxford in 1817. Stones to the memory of himself and second wife are standing in the old cemetery at Oxford. Children were: 2, *Benjamin*, b. Feb. 16, 1784; 3, *Jonas Stetson*, b. June 6, 1786.

(1.) 2. BENJAMIN VASSALL, born in Charlton, Feb. 16, 1784, was twice married: 1, to Polly, dau. of Uriah Stone; died at Oxford, May 28, 1830, aged 43, by whom he had one son: 2, Apr. 3, 1831, to Louisa Southworth. He died May 6, 1843, and was buried in the Oxford cemetery by the side of his first wife. His widow married, Sept. 12, 1844, John Fitts, and is living in Oxford (1863). Only child: 4, *Vester*, b. July 31, 1809.

(1.) 3. JONAS STETSON VASSALL, born in Charlton, June 6, 1786; died at Auburn, Mass., July 30, 1831, and was there buried; supposed to have been unmarried, and without issue.

(2.) 4. VESTER VASSALL, now resident at Washington, D. C., born July 31, 1809; married April 17, 1833, Sarah, daughter of Capt. Stephen Barton of Oxford; she was born March 21, 1811. They have issue: 5, *Bernard Barton*, b. at Oxford, Oct. 10, 1835, first lieutenant Massachusetts 15th regiment; 6, *Irving Stetson*, b. at O., Aug. 16, 1840.

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 Smith, Ann Eyre, 21.
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 Southworth, Louisa, 24.
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 Stedman, Benjamin, 9.
 John, 9.
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 Mary, 9.
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 Rawdon, John P., 23.
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 Sarah, 21.
 Spencer, L. H., 23.
 Spencer Thomas, 23.
 Susannah, 15.
 Thomas Oliver, 23.
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 Ware, Nicholas, 5.
 Webster, Sir Godfrey, 22.
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 Josiah, 5.
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 Samuel, 5.
 Susannah, 5.
 William, 5.
 Winslow, Edward, 17.
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If we mistake not, John Vassall (4) had a son Richard, who married Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Col. John Foster of Jamaica. Col. Foster died in Jamaica, August 30, 1731, aged 50. William Foster, his second son, married for his first wife, a daughter of John Vassall.