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Cambridge, and afterwards at Ipswich, in the County of Essex, where he left posterity, and he may perhaps have been your ancestor. But besides the Henry Adams of Mount Wollaston, there were among the first colonists of New England several others who were not known to have been related in blood to him, or to each other. Thomas Adams was one of the grantees named in the charter of Charles I. The names of Alexander, Charles, Christopher, Ferdinando, Jeremy, Nathaniel, Philip, Richard, and Robert Adams, are mentioned in Farmer's Register as among the earliest settlers of Massachusetts, none of them apparently of the family of the first Henry. There is in truth scarcely a county in England or Wales where the name of Adams is not familiar among the people. The surnames of modern times are said to have originated during the Crusades in Palestine, the baptismal name alone having been before that time in common use among Christians. The chieftains of the crusading expeditions then assumed the names of the places whence they came, or of the estates of which they were owners. The common soldiers added the christian names of their fathers as a patronymic to their own christian names, and hence the surnames composed of christian names, with the addition of *son*, are so numerous. The single letter *s* added to the baptismal name was merely a variety and abridgment of the same mark of filiation, and hence the surnames compounded of christian names with the additional *s* are also abundant. The artificers frequently assumed the names of their trades, which passed to their children and descended to their posterity, whether of the same or any other occupation. Among the artificers of the crusading armies there was no mechanic art in larger demand than that of the smith, and hence the multitudinous Smiths of modern times. It was the maiden name of my mother.

Elijah Adams, of Medfield, a first cousin of Hannah Adams,* the historian, and the author of the round robin genealogy of the family which is above mentioned, dedicated his work, of which he had a high opinion, to my father, then President of the United States. Elijah was a plain country farmer, with only a common school education, and who deemed it no inconsiderable illustration of the family that he himself had obtained the dignity of a Justice of the Peace. His knowledge of the world was not very extensive, but he had taken great pains, and made profound researches in the town and parish records of Medfield, Boston, Melway, Stoughton, Mendon, Sharon, Chelmsford and others, as well as Braintree, to gather the names of all the male progeny of the patriarch Henry. Among the rest he addressed himself for information concerning the family to *His Excellency*, Samuel, then Governor of the Commonwealth, who underrated all genealogies as much, perhaps, as Elijah over-valued them. He told Elijah that he knew nothing of his ancestors beyond his own father, that he had never made any inquiries concerning them for fear of finding that some of them had been perhaps *too much exalted*, with a significant gesture to explain that he meant the exaltation of the gallows. I shall never forget the astonishment with which Elijah more than once related this anecdote to me, without even adding a word of comment by himself upon the fact.

My father was not thus indifferent to his ancestry, nor distrustful of them. There was no reason for such distrust. They were in humble life, farmers

* Hannah² Adams, the historian, was a *quintessence* of Henry¹ Adams of Braintree, through Henry,² Henry,³ Thomas,⁴ Thomas,⁵ and Thomas,⁶ her father. If Elijah, the genealogist, was a first cousin of Hannah,² he must have been a grandson of Thomas⁵ of Medfield. Query, who was his father? Is his genealogical manuscript preserved?—EDITOR.

and mechanics, and whatever of memorial remained of them was blameless. They had all of them been members of the Congregational Church, first gathered at Mount Wollaston in 1639, of which he was himself many years a member, and of which I am a member at this day. Upon the copy of each of the three wills of his great-grandfather, his grandfather and his father, which he preserved, there is endorsed in his handwriting, under date of 29 April, 1774, a short notice of the testator and of the spot in the town where he lived, and the lines from Pope,

"What fortune had he, pray?—his own;
And better got than *Bestia's* from the throne."

Your occupation as a minister of the gospel and as a teacher of a seminary of learning, are of a higher order in the estimation of the world, than those of my ancestors, preceding my father, of his name—but I am well assured that you concur in the opinion of the same poet, that

"Honor and shame from no condition rise,"

and that all the honor consists in the fulfilment of the duties of life.

Should you visit the commonwealth of Massachusetts according to the purpose mentioned in your letter, and find it suit your convenience, I shall be happy to see you at my house.

I will make up and transmit with this letter a small parcel of pamphlets, of which I ask your acceptance.

With my best wishes for your health and happiness, subscribing myself, very respectfully,

Your Obed't Serv't,

JOHN QUINCY ADAMS.

THE GENEALOGY OF THOMAS WILLIAMS OF NEW HARTFORD, ONEIDA COUNTY, N. Y.,

INCLUDING BOTH MALE AND FEMALE LINES OF DESCENT, TOGETHER WITH A NOTICE OF HIS ANCESTORS.*

Compiled by GEORGE HUNTINGTON WILLIAMS, Esq., of Utica, N. Y.

1. ROBERT WILLIAMS, of Roxbury, Mass., was probably born in Norwich, Norfolk Co., England, about 1593. He came to America in 1637, and was admitted a freeman at Roxbury, Mass., May 2, 1638. He died at Roxbury, Sept. 1, 1693. He married Elizabeth Stratton, who was born 1594, died July 28, 1674, *æ.* 80 years. Children:

- i. MARY, b. in England; m. Nicholas Wood.
- ii. SAMUEL, b. in England, 1632; d. Sept. 28, 1698.
- iii. ISAAC, b. in Roxbury, Sept. 1, 1638.
2. iv. STEPHEN, b. in Roxbury, Nov. 8, 1640; d. Feb. 15, 1720.
- v. THOMAS, b. in Roxbury; d. young.

Robert Williams afterward married, Nov. 3, 1675, Margaret, widow of John Fearing, of Hingham. He also married (?) Martha Strong, who died Dec. 22, 1704, *æ.* 91 years.

* The names and dates of his direct ancestors, as far back as Robert Williams of Roxbury, have been taken from Stephen W. Williams's History and Genealogy of the Williams Family, making such corrections and additions to the list as have been obtained from other sources.

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Yours sincerely
Samuel G. Drake

Cove, and was decently interred the next day, Oct. 31, 1792. Help Lord."

He died at Lebanon, Nov. 14, 1745, and his funeral sermon was preached two days afterwards by Rev. Solomon Williams, from Gen. 47. 9.

By his will, bearing date May 18, 1739, it appears that he was possessed of a large estate. After giving very liberally to his son John, in lands and money, he gave to his son Ichabod, besides considerable in lands, £2000 in money. He also gave to his son last named his *Negro* man named Jack, and his silver tankard marked S. M. R., a silver porringer, horse, gun, &c. As a specimen to his daughters he gave to Althea, besides 400 pounds in money, his best tankard marked J. H. R., two silver porringers, a silver salt seller, two new silver spoons, and a guinea of gold. He gave his library to his two sons. By a will of later date the legacies were somewhat reduced.

His son *Ichabod* was a merchant, and m. first May 25, 1749, Mary Hide, who d. July 1, 1750; m. second, Jan. 16, 1752, Lydia Brown, and had six children. His third son John was a grad. of Y. C. 1780. *Betty* became the wife of Rev. Jacob Eliot. (See Reg. p. 9.) Faith m. Dec. 9, 1735, Jonathan Trumble, (now Trumbull,) a grad. of H. C. 1727. He was Governor of Conn. from 1769 till 1783. Of their children, *Joseph*, b. March 11, 1737, became the first Commissary General of the United States; to the duties and anxieties of the office he felt a sacrifice in 1778. *Jonathan*, b. March 26, 1740, grad. H. C. 1759; was successively Paymaster in the Army, First Aid to Gen. Washington, Member of Congress, Speaker of the House, U. S. Senator, and finally Gov. of Conn. 11 years to the time of his death. *Faith*, b. Jan. 25, 1742-3, became the wife of Gen. Jedediah Huntington. *Mary*, b. July 16, 1745, became the wife of Gen. Wm. Williams, the signer of the Dec. In. John, b. June, 1756, was aid to Gen. Lee. He subsequently became distinguished as a historical painter. He died in New York, Nov. 10, 1843.

WILLIAMS, REV. JOHN, of Deerfield, for six copies. There is extant, as the pages of the Register show, an account of the Williams family. No name among the subscribers to the great and important work of Prince, stands pledged to support the author by so large a subscription. The Williamses alone subscribed for *forty-one* copies. Of these, the subscription of the Rev. John, of Deerfield, was for *six*. This gentleman is extensively known in New England history. The following particulars of him and his family are the more valuable because they were published immediately after his death. They are from the *New England Weekly Journal*, of June 23d, 1729, and are as follows:—

"We are informed that on Wednesday the 11th inst. [June, 1729] Died the Rev. Mr. *John Williams*, Pastor at Deerfield, of a fit of the Apoplexy, in the 65th year of his Age. The Lord's Day preceding, he preached both parts of the Day to his People, though he felt himself something heavy and indisposed, being but a few days before returned from his journey to Boston; on Monday morning he was Speechless, and so continued, (except a word or two he spoke to his son the next day,) until Wednesday about midnight, when, notwithstanding all endeavors for his relief, (several Physicians being there,) He expired, to the great surprize and distress of his people, as well as his relations, to whom he was, on the best accounts, greatly endeared.

"He was the first Pastor settled in that town (*circa* Anno 1686,) and

continued laboring with them in all seasons, and the difficulties and troubles that attended such a frontier town, by the Indian Wars, till Feb. 29, 1703-4; When by an Army of (about 300) French and Indians, that Town was mostly Destroy'd and captivated. His wife was then kill'd; and 2 childⁿ and 2 servants, He himself, and the rest of his Family (except his eldest Son) carried to Canada. God wonderfully preserved both him and them, thro' the cold and hardships of the dreadful march of 300 miles thro' the Desert to Mont-royal. And afterwards he was sent to Quebeck. From whence thro' the good hand of God and the care of this Government, he was returned to Boston on Nov. 21, 1706, with 57 captives. As may be more largely seen in his book published after his retⁿ home.

"Not long after he Resettled with those few people who return'd from Canada, and those who yet remain'd at Deerfield. Since which God hath remarkably protected them, smiled upon them and built them up. Mr. *Williams* would sometimes say, 'It was a dangerous thing to be set in the Front of New England's Sins.'

"All the strong Temptations he met with (and sometimes Threatenings of Death, from the Salvage Indian by whom he was taken) had no influence upon him to make Shipwreck of Faith or of good Conscience.

"His Captivity, tho' it was a very distressing and sore Calamity, and attended with many difficulties, yet it was observable, That thro' the Natural Vivacity, Calmness and evenness of his Temper, and a gracious submission and resignation, his spirit was kept unbroken, thro' all his sore Trials. And thro' the gracious Presence of Christ, he came forth of the Furnace as Gold refined, and more fitted for his Master's use: Remembering and Imitating his Glorious Lord; and having learn'd Obedience by the things wh^h he suffered.

"He was heartily concerned for the Interest of Religⁿ and the best good of this Land, and a constant Intercessor at the Throne of Grace for the same.

"So that a very grievous breach is hereby made not only upon the Flock of Christ (and especially at this juncture when they were entering upon the great charge of erecting a new Meeting House) but also upon that Country and Neighborhood, so soon after the Death of the Rev. Mr. Stoddard of Northampton. Yea, it o't to be resented as a great and public Loss. As a fall of one of the Pillars of the Land.

"On the Friday Following, he was decently interr'd. The Rev. Mr. *Chancey* of Hadley, preach'd a Funeral Ser. on the occasion.

"It pleased God to bless him with 8 childⁿ, 4 sons and as many Daughters (yet living, tho' one of them in a doleful Captivity*—for whom may the Prayers of God's People be yet offer'd up to him)—Three of his sons are settled in the Ministry at Mansfield, Springfield (Long Meadow) and Watertown, in good repute. One at the College, who, it is to be desired, may meet with the kindness of Survivors for his Father's sake."

It is believed that there is in existence a portrait of Mr. Williams, which should long ere this have been engraved to accompany the excellent memoir of him by his accomplished descendant, Stephen W. Williams, M. D., of Deerfield.

In 1735, three of the sons (Eleazer, Stephen and Warham) of the

* This was Eunice, who never returned to reside in New England. She married an Indian, and left descendants, some of whom have frequently visited their relatives at Deerfield, up to the present time.—EDITOR.

Rev. John Williams (also Prince's subscribers) petitioned the General Court "for themselves and the rest of the children and heirs of their father, the late Rev. John Williams, of Deerfield, deceased, for a tract of land," &c., "in consideration of their sufferings occasioned by their captivity among the Indians," &c. The following year a tract of 700 acres was confirmed to them, "lying south and west of, and adjoining Northampton." *Journal General Court.*

ORIGINAL MEMBERS OF THE FIRST CHURCH IN MILFORD, Ct..

[I send you from my note book a list of the original members of the First Church in New Milford, Conn., which I copied at N. M. last summer. It may be interesting to some of your readers to see the same in print. L. M. B.]

"New Milford, Nov. 21, 1716.

An account of ye Brethren of ye Church at ye first Settlement of ye Ministry In New Milford.

Recommended ye Planters.

Dan ^d Bordman	John Bostwick	Samuel Brownson
Zachariah Ferris	Sam ^l Beebe	Sam ^l Hitchcock
John Wellar	Roger Brownson.	

Female Members.

Mary Noble widow
Sarah Hitchcock Recommended from Springfield: ye wife of Sam^l Hitchcock.

Hannah Beebe ye wife of Sam^l Beebe Recommended from Danbury.

Lydia Brownson ye wife of Sam^l Brownson.

Dorens Brownson ye wife of Roger Brownson.

Quickly after was added to ye Chh by admission and Recommendation to Chh Communion

Jonathan Buck
James Prime."

Mr. DRAKE,—The Boston town records show that *John Brookin* and *Elizabeth* his wife had children—*John*, born 11 May, 1659; *Elizabeth*, 26 May, 1660; *John*, 17 Feb. 1661–2; *Hannah*, 16 June, 1664; *Mary*, 20 Jan. 1669; *Abigail*, 8 Oct. 1671; *Mercy*, 15 Dec. 1676. John Brookin's will, made Oct. 27, 1682, in the presence of Timothy Thornton and his wife Experience, was proved in Suffolk, April 25, 1683. In it Brookin mentions his wife *Elizabeth*, his children, and requests his "loving brother Timothy Thornton, and cousin John Ballantine," to be "overseers."

Can some one of your readers give information about the parentage of *John Brookin*? His marriage to his wife *Elizabeth*? Her parentage? His and her brothers and sisters, and their marriages? How was *Timothy Thornton* his brother, and *John Ballantine* his "cousin" or nephew? *Timothy Thornton* and his wife *Experience* had children born in Boston from 1674 to 1690.

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LETTER OF THOMAS THACHER.

Pawtucket, 20th Feb., 1854.

Mr. S. G. DRAKE,—

Dear Sir,—I enclose a copy of a letter from Rev. Thomas Thacher to his son Peter, in London, afterwards minister of Milton. It was found with the Thachers of Attleboro', in possession of Deacon Peter Thatcher, now living in the house erected by his grandfather Rev. Peter, and then occupied by Dea. Peter his son, the father of the present Dea. Peter, whose son Peter, of Cleveland, Ohio, has the letter in a state of decay, which he conserves with great care in a case. He brought it to Boston last summer and I copied the same as read to me by him. A small part, you will observe by blanks in my copy, were obliterated, but nothing of essential importance is lost.

Very respectfully yours,

WILLIAM TYLER.

Boston, 16. 8. 1676.

My dear Son Peter,—

I have received four letters from you, whereby I have joyfully and I hope thankfully taken notice of the kindness of God, in your comfortable voyage to, and kind reception in England, by our friends; which has enlarged my desires to hear farther from you. I hope also you have long ere this received mine to you. At present you may understand that God hath utterly scattered, delivered up and subdued the heathen that first rose up against us, delivered up Phillip to death, cleared the coasts of Plymouth, Narragansett, Connecticut, Quaboag, &c., from those bloody and blasphemous heathen; but behold a new enemy is broken out to the east and northward who have laid waste the country, &c., slain my good friend Cap^t Lake, and many others, and this very day past woeful tidings is come of the taking in by surrender Mr. Scott's* garrison at Stony Point, he being but the last week come from the same to Boston, and leaving Esq. Joslin, as they call him, chief commander; what the particula^r circumstances are, is not yet certain amongst us: but this is certain that the place is taken, the garrison strong; two great pieces there, and many small arms, and good store of provisions. Such a spirit of fear and cowardice is poured out on the inhabitants of those parts, that it is exceeding ominous. The Indians carry all before them, by sea and land, on the main and on the islands in Casco, have taken several vessels, one with two great guns in it, &c. This part of the war is like to be the more difficult, because so far off from us; because so near the French, who are reported to be amongst the Indians. This day it was said that there were twenty in the exploit; but we have no certainty of it, and foolish jealousies may feign that fear makes scarecrows to affright the fearful; and a sluggard may say a lion is in the way. So many of those fearful persons may think to hide their shame by such suggestions. As for myself I at present enjoy a comfortable measure of health and strength, though laboring under some weakness gotten in my sickness. If you have not more than ordinary en-

* Capt. Joshua Scottow, probably.—EDITOR.

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Joseph Sewall.

After the war he removed to New Bedford, where he d. July 21, 1803. He had a family of fifteen children, of whom four sons were married, viz.: Daniel, of Quincy, who d. *s. p.*; John, of Quincy, who d. there March 24, 1848, leaving issue; James, who d. in Washington, D. C., Sept. 17, 1843, leaving two daughters; and Robert, of East Greenwich, who d. June 28, 1816, leaving two daughters. *Compiled from the Greenleaf Genealogy, by Rev. Jonathan Greenleaf; New York, 1854. w. n. w.*

WILLIAMS, REV. EBENEZER, of Pomfret, was descended from [I.] Robert Williams of Roxbury, who m. first, Elizabeth Stratton, and had Samuel, b. 1632; Isaac, b. 1638; Stephen, b. 1640; and Thomas, who d. young. His wife d. July 28, 1674, aged 80, and he is believed to have married Martha Strong, who d. in 1701. He d. Sept. 1, 1693.

[II.] Samuel Williams, his oldest son, m. Theoda, daughter of Deacon William Park of Roxbury, and d. Sept. 28, 1698. His widow m. Stephen Peck, and d. Aug. 26, 1718, aged 81. Issue, Elizabeth, b. Feb. 1, 1654, d. March 10, 1654; Samuel, of whom presently; Martha, b. April 29, 1657, d. Feb. 1660; Elizabeth, b. Feb. 11, 1659, m. Stephen Paine; Theoda, b. July 27, 1672, and d. 1678; John, b. Dec. 10, 1664, minister at Deerfield; Ebenezer, b. Dec. 6, 1666, of Stonington; Deborah, b. Nov. 20, 1668, who m. Joseph Warren, grandfather of the Patriot General Joseph Warren; Martha, b. May 19, 1671, m. Jonathan Hunt; Abigail, b. July 12, 1674, m. Experience Porter; Park, b. Jan. 11, 1676, of Lebanon.

[III.] Samuel Williams, Jr., son of the preceding, b. April 15, 1655, m. Feb. 24, 1679, Sarah May, who d. Dec. 29, 1712. He then m. April 28, 1720, Dorothy (Weld) Denison, and d. Aug. 8, 1735. His children were Samuel, b. April 6, 1681; Theoda, b. Dec. 8, 1682, m. Samuel Scarborough; John, b. Dec. 1, 1684; Sarah, b. May 19, 1688, m. John Polly; Ebenezer, of whom presently; Elizabeth, b. Jan. 13, 1692, m. Rev. Samuel Ruggles; Eleazer, b. Feb. 20, 1694; William, b. April 24, 1698; Martha, b. Aug. 10, 1701, m. Thomas Cotton.

[IV.] Rev. Eleazer Williams, of Pomfret, the subscriber, and son of the preceding, b. Aug. 12, 1690, grad. H. C. 1709, was ordained at Pomfret, Oct. 26, 1715, and d. March 28, 1753. He was a fine scholar, a sound and discriminating divine, and of great influence with the neighboring churches and clergymen. His children were, Samuel; Rev. Chester, of Hadley; Col. Ebenezer; Nehemiah; and Hannah, who m. Gen. Huntington, and had children, Generals Ebenezer and Zachariah Huntington. *Williams's Genealogy, pp. 27, 35, 125. w. n. w.*

WILLIAMS, REV. JOHN, of Deerfield, is sketched in the Register for April, 1854, but without his genealogy. He was the son of Samuel, [II.] and b. Dec. 10, 1664. He m. Eunice, daughter of Rev. Eleazer Mather of Northampton, by whom he had Eliakim, d. young; Eleazer, of whom presently; Samuel, b. Jan. 4, 1689, d. June 19, 1713; Esther, b. April 10, 1691, d. March 12, 1751; Stephen, of whom presently; Eunice, b. Sept. 16, 1696; Warham, of whom presently; John, b. Jan. 15, 1704, killed by the Indians, 1704; Eliakim, d. young.

The story of his captivity among the Indians is familiar to all. He d. June 12, 1729. His second wife was Abigail Allen of Windsor, a cousin of his first wife, by whom he had John, b. Nov. 23, 1709, d. June 11, 1714; Eliakim, b. Feb. 6, 1711; Elijah, b. Nov. 13, 1712, d. July 10, 1771; Abigail, b. Sept. 1708, d. Dec. 3, 1781; Sarah, b. Sept. 1716, d. Jan. 25, 1784. *Ibid. pp. 52-68. w. n. w.*

WILLIAMS, REV. STEPHEN, of Springfield, was son of the preceding, b. May 14, 1693, grad. H. C. 1713. He was chaplain to the army at Cape Breton, 1745, and Lake George, 1755-56. He received the honorary degree of D. D. from Yale, 1741, and Dartmouth, 1773. He published a Sermon at the ordination of John Keep, Sheffield, 1772. He m. Abigail Davenport of Stamford, and had, John, b. March 8, 1720, d. April, 1791; Rev. Stephen, b. Jan. 26, 1722, d. April, 1791; Eunice, b. Jan. 26, 1722, d. Oct. 31, 1805; Rev. Warham, b. Jan. 7, 1726, d. April, 1786; Samuel, b. May 31, 1729, d. July 29, 1807; Davenport, b. May 11, 1731, d. Oct. 18, 1758; Martha, b. May, 1733; Rev. Nathan, b. Oct. 28, 1735. His first wife, Abigail, d. Aug. 26, 1766, when he m. 2d. d. 1767, Sarah (Chapin) Burt, and d. June 10, 1782. His widow d. Nov. 10, 1790. *Ibid. p. 71. w. n. w.*

WILLIAMS, REV. ELEAZER, son of Rev. John W. of Deerfield, and brother of the preceding, was b. July 1, 1688, was of H. C. 1708, and was ordained Oct. 10, 1710. He m. Mary Hobart, (who d. 1766,) and d. Sept. 21, 1742. Children, Eunice, who m. Col. Shubal Conant; Sarah, m. Rev. Hobart Estabrook; Hannah, b. 1713, d. 1760; and Mary, m. Rev. Richard Salter. *Ibid. p. 68. w. n. w.*

WILLIAMS, REV. WILLIAM, of Watertown, brother of the last two, was b. Sept. 16, 1699, grad. H. C. 1719, ordained June 11, 1723. He m. Abigail Leonard, May 23, 1728. He was captured, with his father, by the Indians, and, being in captivity, lost the knowledge of his own language, and could speak only French. He was highly esteemed in his ministry, as his tombstone witnesses. He was struck, in the pulpit, with palsy, Feb. 18, and d. June 22, 1751. His children were, John, b. March 21, and d. March 24, 1728; Abigail, b. March 21, 1730, d. June 4, 1805; Ann, b. May 24, 1732, and m. Rev. Job Cushing; Eunice, b. 1753, d. 1843; Samuel, b. 1734, d. Feb. 27, 1742; Sarah, b. Sept. 20, 1737, d. 1800; Leonard, b. July 30, 1739, d. 1799; Eleazer, d. young; and Samuel, b. April, 1743, d. January, 1817. *Ibid. pp. 96-100. w. n. w.*

WILLIAMS, REV. WILLIAM, of Hatfield, was the son of Isaac, son of Robert Williams, the emigrant. He was born Feb. 2, 1665, grad. H. C. 1683, ordained at Hatfield, 1685, m. a daughter of Rev. Dr. Cotton, and had Rev. Solomon, b. June 4, 1700; Rev. William, of whom presently; Martha, b. Oct. 10, 1690, m. Edward Partridge; and Elisha, of whom presently. He m. secondly, ———, daughter of Rev. Solomon Stoddard of Northampton, and had, Dorothy, b. June 20, 1713, m. Rev. Jonathan Ashley; ———, m. Mr. Barnard of Salem; Elizabeth; Col. Israel, b. Nov. 30, 1709. "He was a person of uncommon natural abilities and distinguished learning, a great divine, of very comprehensive knowledge, and of a solid, accurate judgment; judiciousness and wisdom were eminently his character. * * * His presence and conversation did particularly command awe and respect, yet it was at the same time humble and condescending." *Ibid. 160. w. n. w.*

WILLIAMS, REV. WILLIAM, of Weston, also a subscriber, was the son of the preceding minister at Hatfield, b. May 11, 1688, grad. H. C. 1705, and ordained at Weston, 1709. He m. Miss Stoddard, older sister of his father's second wife, and had children, Col. William, b. 1713; Elizabeth, m. Mr. Crocker of Ipswich; Lucy, m. Mr. Buckminster; Mary, m. Rev. John Seccomb; Anne, m. Col. Oliver Partridge; Nathaniel; Esther, b. 1726, m. Dr. Thomas Williams, and Dr. Solomon. Rev.

William W. d. March 6, 1760. He was esteemed a scholar and a good preacher, and preached the Artillery Election Sermon, 1737, and the General Election Sermon in 1741. *Ibid.* p. 187. w. n. w.

WILLIAMS, Rev. ELISHA, Rector of Yale College, was brother of the preceding William W. of Weston, b. Aug. 24, 1694, grad. H. C. 1711. He was ordained at Newington, in Wethersfield, Conn. Oct. 22, 1722, where he m. Eunice Chester, and had children, Elisha, b. Jan. 31, 1718, d. May 30, 1784; Samuel, b. Aug. 16, 1720, d. 1740; William, b. Nov. 28, 1722, d. 1739; Eunice, b. Feb. 3, 1716, d. in 1741; Anna, b. April 30, 1732, d. in 1750; Mary, b. Aug. 5, 1735; and one other, name unknown. In 1726 he was chosen Rector of Yale College, which office he held until 1739, when he resigned on account of ill health, and, after being elected to the Legislature, was appointed Judge of the Superior Court. Afterwards he was Chaplain of the Connecticut Regiment at Cape Breton, and soon appointed to the command of a regiment. His wife dying in England, whither he had gone on military affairs, he married there Elizabeth, daughter of Rev. Thomas Scott of Norwich. He d. July 24, 1755, and his widow in June, 1776. *Ibid.* pp. 190-191. w. n. w.

WILLIAMS, Rev. SOLOMON, minister of Lebanon, Ct., was brother of the last two, b. June 4, 1700; grad. H. C. 1719. He was ordained Dec. 5, 1722, and d. either in 1769 or 1776. He was one of the distinguished men of his day. He published a sermon at the ordination of Jacob Elliot at Goshen, in 1730, as well as several other sermons and polemical pamphlets. He m. Mary Porter, and had, Rev. Eliphalet, b. Feb. 24, 1727, d. 1803; Ezekiel, b. May 4, 1729, d. Feb. 12, 1818; Mary, b. Feb. 11, 1733; Samuel, b. Dec. 5, 1741, d. January, 1742; Dr. Thomas, b. Nov. 12, 1735, d. Feb. 10, 1819; Moses, b. May 8, 1740, d. 1749; Eunice, b. May 22, 1745, d. June 14, 1836; Governor William, signer of the Declaration of Independence, b. March 18, 1731, d. Aug. 1811. *Ibid.* pp. 162-5. w. n. w.

WILLIAMS, Rev. NATHANIEL, I suppose to be the graduate of H. C. 1693, and of Barbadoes about 1698. He returned to Boston, and being an excellent classical scholar, was chosen successor to "Master Cheever." He continued in this office from 1703 to 1734, when his infirmities obliged him to resign to Mr. Lovell, his assistant.

He was a physician, and continued his practice while teaching school, and after leaving that occupation. He d. Jan. 10, 1738, aged 63. His name is to be found in connection with the "Inoculation" debates. *Ibid.* pp. 325-6, and 362. See HIST. AND ANTIQS. BOSTON, p. 604. w. n. w.

LAKE.—Stephen, bailiff of Exeter, 1219.—John, same office, 1401, '11, '14, 1407.—Peter, *id.* 1550. John, b. in Halifax, son of Thomas Lake, bapt. at H. 5 Dec. 1624. "Before he was complete 13 yrs. of age, he was put under ye care of ye famous Mr. Cleveland, whose Poems, Orations, Epistles, &c., he and his friend Dr. Drake, Vicar of Pontefract, collected into one vol., to which they prefixed his Life and Parentage, and dedicated them to Bishop Turner. 8vo. Lond. 1687. *Hist. Halifax*, 345-6. He d. 30 Aug. 1689. *Ib.* 350.

THE BANGS FAMILY.

Since the pedigree of this family was published in the Register, vol. viii. p. 368, the following corrections and additions have been made.

Mr. Edw. Bangs, the pilgrim, had a daughter Sarah, who m., in 1756, Capt. Thos. Howes, Jr., of Yarmouth, and d. the last of Feb. 1682-3. Capt. H. was bur. 20 Nov. 1676. They had children: Rebecca, b. Dec. 1657; Thos. b. 2 May, 1663; Jonathan, b. 25 Feb. 1669-70; and Sarah, b. 29 Oct. 1673. John Bangs, son of Mr. Edw. B., m. Hannah Smalley 23 Jan. 1660-1. His brother, Capt. Jonathan, m. for his second wife, "Sarah," who d. 11 June 1719, aged 78, and, 23 July 1720, published his intention to m., for his third wife, Mrs. Ruth Young, in 1720. He d. 9 Nov. 1728. Thomasine,* mother of his first wife, Mary, (Mayo), was daughter of Mr. Wm. Lumpkin and his wife Thomasine, original settlers of Yarmouth. Lieut. Joshua was m., (according to the Plymouth records,) 1 Dec. 1669, to Hannah Scudder, daughter of John S., of Yarmouth, she having been baptized 5 Oct. 1651; and they had a son Joshua, that d. young. Hannah survived her husband, and m., 2ndly, about 1700, the first Moses Hatch. Bethia, dau. of Mr. Edw. Bangs, m. Gershom Hall, who was b. 5 March, 1647, son of John H. of Barnstable and Yarmouth, and they had children: Samuel of Harwich, Jonathan of H., and Mary, m. Mr. Chase of H. Apphia, daughter of Mr. Edw. Bangs, m. Ist., Mr. John Knowles, son of Richard, 28 Dec. 1670, and 2ndly, Joseph Atwood. She had children by Knowles.—See Regr. vol. vi. p. 168. Her sister Lydia had children also.—See Regr. vi. 46. Hannah, another sister, m. Mr. John Doane, son of Dea. John, and had at least six children. The tradition about his living one hundred and ten years is incorrect.†—Rebecca, daughter of Mr. Edward B., m. Jonathan Sparrow, Esq., in Oct. 1654, probably the 26th day. She d. before 1677, after which Mr. Sparrow m. Sarah, widow of James Cobb, of Barnstable, and dau. of Geo. Lewis.‡

Capt. Jonathan Bangs, Jr., d. Feb. 1736-7. His will, dated 3 Feb. 1736-7, and proved 17 March following, mentions his wife Experience, as then living; so it must have been his father, that m. Mrs. Ruth Young in 1720. Experience was daughter of John Berry. Capt. Samuel Bangs' wife, Mary, was probably daughter of Mr. Sunderland. Capt. B's sister, Mercy, was not the lady who m. Benj. Hatch, and had a child b. in 1716. It was her niece. Lydia, another of his sisters, m. Shubael Hinckley in 1712, and had Sarah, b. 2 March, 1712-13, and Samuel b. 5 Jan. 1714-15, and died; after which Mr. H. m. Mary Snow, 7 Oct. 1718. Capt. Edward, and Ruth, Bangs had a daughter Ruth, b. 1699, and d. aged about three years. They had, also, a daughter Mercy, who m. Benj. Hatch, 11 Aug. 1715, by whom she had James, b. 1 May, 1716, Mary, b. 21 April, 1720, Benjamin, b. 11 May, 1724, and Ruth, b. 20 June, 1733. Capt. Edward, and Ruth B., were the parents of Dr. Jonathan, and Capt. Joshua, who m. Mehetabel Clark, 18 June, 1713, as stated in a foot note of the pedigree; and of Ebenezer, who m. Anna Sears, 18 Dec.

* This name is sometimes written Tamsen, Tamosin, &c.

† W. S. Russell, in his Recollections of the Pilgrims, says, on page 255, Deacon John Doane of Eastham, died in 1707, aged 110; but this must be a mistake, for he was b. about 1590, and d. 21 Feb. 1685-6, aged, according to a true record, 95 years.

‡ This information, with much more of the kind, comes from Amos Otis, Esq., of Yarmouth, a relative to the illustrious Revolutionary patriots of that name.