

10 SAMUEL NUTTING, m., 1772, SARAH LEARNED. [264.]

OCINGTON.—See Harrington, 52.

ODDLETON.—See Harris, 7.

ODLIN.—See Bright, 9.

OFLEY.—JOHN OFLEY, proprietor, 1642; no homestead.

OLDHAM.

It is not known to the writer in what year Mr. JOHN OLDHAM came to America; but it must have been prior to 1628: for in that year the Governor at Plymouth intrusted him with the charge of Morton, the Merry Mount rioter, and he went to England in 1628. It was in the same year that Mr. Oldham and John Dorrell obtained of John Gorges a lease of a tract of land which embraced most of the territory of the present cities of Charlestown, and Cambridge, and of Somerville, and probably a small part of Wat. [See Frothingham's Hist. of Charlestown, pp. 10, 11, 15, 17.] The above-mentioned lease was not valid, and perhaps it was in consequence thereof, that the General Court granted him a farm of 250 A. at Watertown, Ap. 1, 1634. This was long known as the "Oldham farm," and afterwards as the Dummer farm. June 2, 1641, after the decease of Oldham, the General Court ordered said land "to be laid out for Matthew Craddock," of London, to whom Oldham was indebted. This farm then passed successively into the possession of Simon Bradstul, of Ipswich, Thomas Mayhew, of Wat., and Richard Dummer, of Newbury. The town attempted to invalidate Mr. Dummer's title, but by a vote of the town, passed Oct. 24, 1659, which was accepted by the Court, his title was confirmed, and the controversy ended.

This farm was between Waltham Plain and Stoney Brook, bounded on the E. by Charles River, and it included Mount Feake. Dec. 2, 1661, Richard Dummer and wife Frances sold the N. E. half (250 A.) of the farm to Richard Gale, whose descendants have retained possession of a part of it to a very recent date. Dec. 21, 1684, Jeremie Dummer, of Boston, son of Richard, sold the other half (250 A.) of the farm to Robert Harrington for £90.

Mr. Oldham was adm. freeman May 18, 1631, and he was the first Rep. of Wat. in 1634. In 1632, he and Mr. John Masters were chosen by Wat. to advise with the Governor and assistants about the raising of public stock, &c. [Winthrop I., 74.] Aug. 1632, his house, near the weare, in Wat., was burnt. He was murdered on July, 1636, at Black Island, by the Pequod Indians, and this murder was the immediate cause of the exterminating Pequod war. [See Winthrop I., 189, and Harman, p. 58.]

ONGE (Ong).

Wid. FRANCES ONG was proprietor Feb., 1636-7, and was buried Nov. 12, 1670, aged 55. She was probably the mother of *Simon Ong*, b. 1624, of *Jacob*, and perhaps of *Mary Ong*, who embarked at Ipswich, Ap., 1634, aged 27. *Simon Ong* lived on the south side of Charles River, on land bought of John Fuller, who attempted to reclaim it, but without success. His inventory, dated Nov. 8, 1670, and his estate admin. by his brother *Jacob*, then of Wat., soon after of *Green Isaac Ong*, m., May 18, 1670, *Mary Underwood*. [See Farmer.]

ORBEAR.—Obear, Ober (? Hobart).

THOMAS and MARY ORBEAR had 1. SAMUEL, b. Aug. 8, 1640. 2. JUDITH, b. Mar. 15, 1642-3.

ORDWAY.—ABNER ORDWAY, of Wat., 1643. [Farmer.]

ORMES.

JOHN ORMES, m., Mar. 24, 1704-5, ELIZABETH PHILLIPS [16], settled at

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