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Daniel Sewall, of York, married Dorcas, daughter of John H. Bartlett, October 12, 1780.

Stephen Sewall, of Bath, married Abigail Bartlett, April 21, 1788.

SHAPLEIGH,—an unusual but ancient name in Devon and Cornwall, England.

Mr. Alexander Shapleigh, the common progenitor of all by that name who do, or have ever resided in Eliot, and perhaps in New England, was from Devonshire; born in 1583, perhaps a few years earlier.

He was a merchant, a ship owner, and greatly interested in the primitive plantations and trading establishments of Maine and New Hampshire, where he found a market for the goods sent over in his own ships.

He was an agent for Sir Ferdinando Gorges; and visited Maine earlier than 1635, at which date he sent his son-in-law, Treworgye, as supercargo. He was permanently settled here in 1640.

In 1635, he purchased, by the agency of his son-in-law, lands extending from the Piscataqua half-way to York River. These lands may be the same now possessed by his descendants. In 1638 he was possessed of 500 acres at Kittery Point. Between 1641 and 1646, these lands were conveyed by him to Treworgye; and by Treworgye to his brother-in-law, Maj. Nicholas Shapleigh.

Mr. Alexander Shapleigh died at Kittery Point. His estate was being settled July 5, 1650. His children:

Alexander, born 1606

Catherine, born 1608, m. James Treworgye

Maj. Nicholas, born 1610, wife Alice

Catherine 2, dau. of Alexander 1, born 1608, married James Treworgye, or Treworthy, or Trelawney. He bought lands at Piscataqua, as early as 1635. He died at Newfoundland, it is said, between 1642 and 1648. James and Catherine had three daughters: Joan, who married John Merideth; Lucy, who married Thomas Wills, of Kittery, and was the progenitor of a large branch of the Cutt family; and Elisabeth, who married Capt. John

Gilman, of Exeter. The late Gov. Gilman, of Exeter, was one of her descendants.

After James Treworgye's death, his widow Catherine, subsequent to 1654, married Edward Hilton, one of the Fathers of New Hampshire, who then resided at Exeter, where she died between 1676 and 1682.

Nicholas 2, son of Alexander 1, born 1610. His wife's name was Alice. He early became a distinguished man in Kittery and the province. The first we hear of him in public life is in 1644, when he was one of Gov. Vine's Council, which sat at Saco. He was one of the Provincial Council each year, with one exception, from 1644 to 1652; at which time the people of Kittery submitted to Massachusetts, he being at that time one of Gov. Godfrey's Council. With others of the Council he contended violently with the Massachusetts Commissioners in opposition to submitting to that province. Most of the people eventually submitted; and Godfrey, Shapleigh, and others of the Council, finally affixed their names, in 1652. Shapleigh was immediately appointed by the Massachusetts Commissioners to receive the submission of the people of the towns farther east.

The Massachusetts Commissioners (who were authorized to settle a government in the province,) appointed him a Collector; and directed him to make a report of his proceedings within one month; and in case of insufficiency collected to discharge the people's engagements, it was to be supplied by assessment or rate, according to their former custom. He was appointed the County Treasurer, an office filled subsequently, from year to year by the County Court; and he was one of the Commissioners to hold the first term of the County Court for Yorkshire, in June, 1653. All these trusts were conferred upon him by the Government of Massachusetts, notwithstanding he had been a zealous opposer of the people's submission to that Province, and was not favorably disposed to the Puritan faith, the then established religion of Massachusetts.

At the first regular organization of the Militia of York Co. Maine, into a regiment, by the General Court of