

Bosworth Genealogy

A History *of the* Descendants *of*
EDWARD BOSWORTH
who arrived in America
in the year
1634

With an Appendix Containing Other Lines *of*
American Bosworths

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SON OF STEPHEN STRONG BOSWORTH and wife MARY RAYMOND, born in Chesterfield, Essex county, New York, May 8, 1810; died at Batavia, New York, July 21, 1899, in his ninetieth year.

His father died when William was but seventeen and, being the eldest son in a family of ten children, he had to assist his mother rear and support the family. This gave little opportunity for education, but he was a diligent reader, always keeping abreast of the times, and throughout his long life he counted among his friends men of learning and culture. He was a successful farmer, actively engaging in this occupation until within the last few years of his life.

An elder and deacon of the Presbyterian church of Batavia for over fifty years, he was ever held in high esteem by all who knew him.

To My Father

William Raymond Bosworth

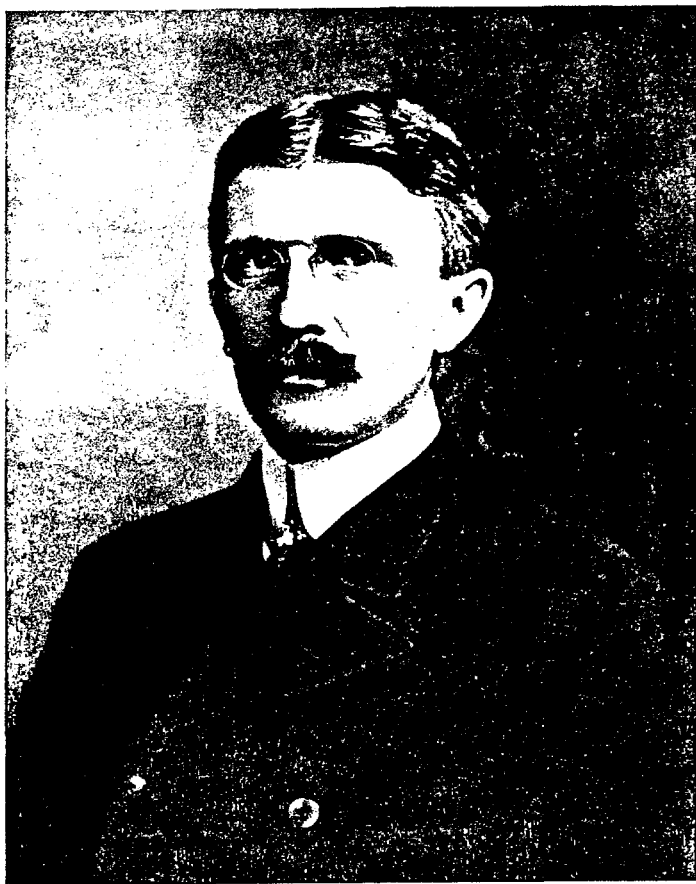
whose earnest Christian character and loyalty to duty has ever been an inspiration to me; to

William George Bosworth

of New York City, whose faith in me and interest in the history of the Bosworth family led him to furnish the financial assistance by which I laid the foundation of this work; and to my beloved husband

James Thomas Clarke

and my dear children, without whose encouragement I might have failed in my purpose, this book is gratefully dedicated by the compiler.



W. G. Rosworth

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Mary Bosworth Clarke

PREFACE

"Genealogy is the Log Book of our ancestors on their voyage down the river of time.

"I am the sum of my ancestors.

"Genealogy reveals the kinship of man. It exemplifies the truth that God has made of one blood all nations of the earth.

"Genealogy is found, not among savages, slaves, or even peasantry, but among the civilized and educated."*

WHEN the compiler of this Genealogy was young, she used to wish her name was shorter than Bosworth, more simple, and better known; for almost invariably, when giving her address, she would be asked to spell the name; but when she reached mature life she began to realize that it was an advantage, instead of a detriment, to have a distinctive name and one so closely connected with the annals of old England, so from that time on she was greatly interested in the name and history of the family.

Soon I began to wish I knew more of my ancestors, and finding that my mother—a person in whom family ties were strong and who was deeply interested in family records—had learned that the names of three brothers of my Bosworth great-grandfather, were Ichabod, David and Hezekiah, I felt anxious to find out more about them, also our ancestry. So about the year 1882, having obtained from a friend in business the loan of an old Dun's catalogue, I searched its pages for Bosworth names and began sending out letters asking for family histories. One letter of deep interest was received in 1883, from a Mrs. Florilla Bosworth Richardson, then 92 years of age, who told of her father's experiences in the War of the Revolution, when taken prisoner by the British. Also at this time I had a friend in Rochester, N. Y., which was then my home, who was the wife of Leicester A. Bosworth. Residing in their home was his mother, Mrs. Ann (Lamson) Bosworth, an aged lady, and from her I obtained a copy of a paper, written by an ancestor of her husband, concerning the history of his branch of the family. This paper has proved of

* (Culled at the Genealogical Congress in San Francisco, in 1915, from an address by Charles Finney Wilcox.)

great value to me in arranging the records of that line as far back as the fifth generation.

In these ways quite a good deal of valuable information concerning the Bosworths of America was accumulated, but, having a growing family to care for, I found I had not the time to give to a work of this kind, so turned all my papers over to another Bosworth, whose interest in the matter I hoped would lead her to undertake the work. However, she did little, and many years later, after her death, the papers were returned to me. Finally, early in 1902, when living in Brooklyn, N. Y., I again took up the study of the Bosworth genealogy, and from that time on have prosecuted the work more or less diligently as circumstances have permitted.

I began my studies in the old Lenox Library, on Fifth Avenue, New York, and by the kindness of the librarian in charge—Mr. Henry C. Strippel, now chief of the Genealogy and Local History Division of the New York Public Library—I was able to go through all the Family Genealogies on hand at that time, searching for and copying Bosworth intermarriages; also through many Town Histories, which included genealogy. It was here one day, when looking over "Connecticut Men in the Revolution," that I came upon the names of the three Bosworth brothers that had been given me by my mother, as brothers of my great-grandfather, and I knew I was on the track of my line. Seeing that they were from Lebanon, Conn., I asked for a history of that town and was given a small one by Rev. Orlo D. Hine, published in 1880, and soon discovered among the genealogies of the town people the records of the family of David Bosworth, giving the dates of birth of his children, and found they included four sons—the three whose names my mother had given me, and my great-grandfather, Jabin Bosworth, of whom my father had told me when he was living. I saw that David Bosworth's wife was Mary Strong, a daughter of Stephen Strong of Lebanon. Now I knew where my grandfather's name came from, he being Stephen Strong Bosworth. How I did long for my father that day, that I might tell him of my discovery, as he had once said to me that he did wish he knew where his father's name came from, as it sounded like a family name.

It was in this book that I first came upon one of the errors so often found in Town Histories that have given me, and no doubt others, no end of trouble. It appears that at the same time the above David was living in Lebanon, another David Bosworth, a cousin of the one who married Mary Strong, came to live in Lebanon also. His wife's name was Priscilla. Having two or three children born during this period, a record of their births was placed on the Town Register as children of "David Bosworth and wife Priscilla," and as the marriage of the other David came at a later date, the Rev. Hine very naturally concluded that Priscilla was the first wife and Mary the second, (supposing that the two Davids were identical) and so recorded it in his history. But the truth was that David and Priscilla had removed from the town, although I did not know this at the time. Later I was able to gather proof that this was so and that the book was wrong. However, I have often had to combat this error and prove my statements, for these are Mayflower lines.

About this time I came into correspondence with Mrs. Charles K. Reed of Worcester, Mass., whose maiden name was Carrie Bosworth. She belongs to the line of Jonathan, the eldest of the three Bosworth brothers, sons of Edward¹, and had accumulated, with the aid of her daughter, Bertha, since deceased, a large store of material connected with this line; also with the wife of Judge Orrin Luther Bosworth of Bristol, R. I., who had gathered a wealth of material concerning the line to which her husband belonged, that of Nathaniel the youngest brother. Both, with great kindness, sent me copies of these records, and in the twenty-four years that have gone by since then have ever remained faithful friends, always responding promptly to my calls for assistance and entertaining me in their homes whenever I have been gathering records in their vicinity.

At this time I also made the acquaintance of Rev. Richard H. Bosworth, then pastor of the Congregational church of Woodhaven, L. I., and through him came to know Mr. William G. Bosworth of New York City, a relative, whom I found much interested in the history of the family, having gathered a great deal of data which he kindly allowed me to copy.

In these ways and by correspondence my store of material was constantly increasing. However, a great deal of the early history of the family was fragmentary and obscure. Unless I could consult original records in New England, how could this scattered data be pieced together? Yet I was not financially able to go to these places. So in the spring of 1905 I made an appointment to call on Mr. William G. Bosworth, at his office, and there I laid the matter before him, and asked if he was willing to finance me in making these researches. He responded nobly and generously to my appeal, and by his great kindness I was able to spend a large share of the summers of 1905 and 1906 going to the towns in New England where I knew that Bosworths had lived in the early days, and copying from the original records anything I could find about them. Without this privilege I do not think I could ever have put this book together, so it is with a heart full of gratitude and thankfulness that I have placed the name of William G. Bosworth in the Dedication.

In the summer of 1905, my eldest son, on account of ill health, removed to California, and in order that we might not be so widely separated, in 1907 the rest of the family also came to this state. I brought with me most of my genealogical books, but my letters were packed with our furniture and sent to storage, as I expected to send for them when we should get located here. Unfortunately before we could do so word came that everything had been destroyed by fire. As for the genealogy so much had been destroyed I lost heart and only worked at it intermittently. So the years rolled by until December, 1914, when my husband was struck by an automobile and so injured that he passed away in January following. His dying charge to me was, to devote the remainder of my life to completing the Genealogy, as he said I owed it to those who had done so much to help me. After his death our home in San Jose was broken up and I came to Oakland to live. Since then I have faithfully carried on the work as circumstances have permitted.

Very soon after coming to Oakland, I received a visit from Mr. Augustus H. Withington of Newton Center, Mass., with whom I had corresponded, whose mother and wife were both Bosworths, which gave him a double interest in my work. I

showed him some of the early history I had gathered and, being impressed with its value, and realizing that I was hindered by lack of means to push the work, he said there ought to be an organization of Bosworths to stand back of me. So on his return to the East, with the assistance of Mr. Tasker B. Bosworth, then of Marietta, Ohio, and Mr. Charles A. Bosworth, of Cincinnati, he was able to organize a Bosworth Association, of which these two became secretary and treasurer respectively, and Rev. Boardman B. Bosworth of New York city, president; Mr. Withington kept in the background, and declined to be president, on the ground that the position ought to be held by someone named Bosworth. The dues were one dollar a year, and I could then draw on the treasury for expenses for postage, stationery, etc., most of which I had previously furnished myself; although I ought to mention that in the early years of the work, a few contributed to expenses, including the secretary and treasurer, who have been friends from the first.

As I reviewed my material at this time, and tried to arrange my data, I found that in some cases, especially on the Benjamin line, it seemed impossible to make the connection between the data relating to recent generations and that of earlier times. I longed to once more go over the ground in New England and see if there was not something that had escaped me in my former searches which if found would give more light on these problems. So, I made two trips to the East, one in 1920 and the other in 1921 and 1922, where I spent several months in research among original records and in libraries.

While in Massachusetts in September 1921, I attended, as a delegate from the California Society of Mayflower Descendants, the Triennial Congress of the National Society at Plymouth. I had become one of the early members of the society in this state, having been able to prove, by the help of Mrs. Reed, and that of Rev. Henry H. Smythe (an Episcopal clergyman of Falmouth, Mass., like myself a descendant of David Bosworth of Lebanon, Conn.), that David was a son of John Bosworth of Barrington, R. I., and he a son of Jonathan Bosworth, Jr., whose wife was Hannah Howland, daughter of

John and Elizabeth (Tilley) Howland, both passengers on the *Mayflower*.

The same week our Bosworth Association held its first meeting at Hingham, Mass., the old home of our ancestors. At this meeting the secretary and the treasurer were re-elected, but Rev. B. B. Bosworth having deceased, Mr. Withington was made President, and Edward I. Bosworth, D.D., of the Theological Seminary, Oberlin, Ohio, who was present, was elected vice-president. At the close of this meeting a few of those who attended visited the old Hingham church where our ancestors were baptized, and were photographed near the wall at the rear of the church, by Miss Martha Edna Bosworth. A reproduction of this photograph is here given.

Finding in the libraries of the East, that many Family Associations published a periodical in which the progress of the work of the Genealogy was reported, and realizing that the members of our Association were losing interest from not hearing of the work, on my return to California I proposed to the officers that I begin the publication of something of this kind, but they did not think it wise, so I gave it up. However, in 1923—being more impressed than ever that this was the thing to do—I asked my good friend, Mrs. Reed, to stand back of me financially for the first copy of the paper, to which she kindly agreed, but when I asked consent of the officers to issue it in the name of the Association (seeing my determination, I suppose), they not only consented, but agreed to assume the future expenses of continuing the publication. This was just what I wanted, for I felt that those paying one dollar a year for membership, ought to have something to show for it. Besides I felt anxious to interest Bosworths all over the United States, and was convinced that publishing a paper was an excellent way to do it. I am glad to say that the officers have since been kind enough to write that the widespread interest in the work is due to the publication of the Bosworth Bulletin.

I trust this story of my work may not be thought too long. I have tried to make it as brief as possible, but I know from letters received that many of my readers wished to hear about it.



GROUP OF BOSWORTH ASSOCIATION MEMBERS TAKEN AT THE REAR OF THE OLD CHURCH AT HINGHAM, MASS., SEPTEMBER 8, 1921

Top row, standing, left to right:

- (1) Charles H. Bosworth, M. D., Wyalusing, Pa.
- (2) Tasker B. Bosworth, New York City, Secretary of the Association
- (3) Miss Elizabeth T. Bosworth, Newport, R. I.
- (4) Mrs. Mary Bosworth Clarke, Oakland, California
- (5) Miss Grace M. Bosworth, Bristol, Vt.
- (6) Mrs. Charles H. Bosworth, Pittsfield, Mass.
- (7) Mrs. Currie Bosworth Reed, Worcester, Mass.
- (8) Leonard P. Bosworth, Barrington, R. I.
- (9) Mrs. Daniel M. Bosworth, Kingston, Mass.

Second row, left to right:

- (10) James D. Bosworth, East Weymouth, Mass.
- (11) Mrs. Rebekah Bosworth Macevicar, Newport, R. I. (sister of No. 3)
- (12) Miss Elizabeth Dawes, Petersham, Mass.
- (13) George W. Bosworth, D.D.S. (son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel M. Bosworth), Kingston, Mass.
- (14) Daniel M. Bosworth, Kingston, Mass. (deceased Nov. 19, 1921, aged 73 yrs.)

And now I present Part I of the Bosworth Genealogy to the members of our clan, and to the public, and in doing so greatly regret that it is not more complete. I have done my best, but, owing to the fact that in many New England towns the old records have been uncared for, until some are lost, others mutilated and some wholly destroyed by fire, it has been impossible in some cases to make connections, or in others to give proof of conclusions drawn. Here is experienced the advantage of the long years given to the work, for I have fairly lived with these people and having gathered bits of each one's history little by little, I am able in many cases to piece these fragments together and draw what I believe to be accurate conclusions as to which family they belong, even though it has not been possible to find any record of birth. An instance of this is found in Litchfield county, Conn., in the region of New Milford, where, in the middle of the eighteenth century, three Bosworth brothers lived and about seventeen Bosworth children have been reported by descendants as having been born, many of their names appearing on the land records. Yet, after years of searching, the births of only three have been found on the town registers. After a great deal of correspondence and research I came to the conclusion, from the reading of his will, that one of the brothers had no children—at least that lived to grow up—and that the other two were members of different churches, one adhering to that of his fathers, the Congregational; the other for some unknown reason becoming an Episcopalian. Hence Bosworth names appearing on a petition for establishing an Episcopal church in the town, I take to be those of sons of the latter, and have so placed them. The futility of always trusting to Bible records is shown in connection with this family, for two of these Bosworths, whose names are on the Episcopal petition, later lived and died in Pike township, Bradford county, Penn., and their family Bibles, preserved by the descendants of one of them, give their births as occurring the *same year*, within *three months* of each other, and yet descendants now living, some of them quite old, claim they were brothers. I made two visits to that region—far off from a railroad—to investigate, and finally had to come to the conclusion that the descendants were right and one of the Bibles wrong, for

everything pointed that way. (As the Bibles gave their births as occurring in 1753, I have concluded that one figure 3 was meant to be a 5.)

Another thing that has hindered the work is unanswered letters. In gathering material for this book I have written, as far as I was able, to every Bosworth whose name and address I could obtain, and have, until recent years, in many cases enclosed a stamped and addressed envelope for reply, and although many responded, in some cases sending me a quantity of records, I regret to say many did not do so even when I wrote again and reminded them. Some of the records I failed to get in this way have been supplied by other more faithful ones of the family line, but where not so obtained, the vacant spaces will bear silent witness to their neglect, a fact which I regret and no doubt coming generations will share the regret with me. I have made earnest efforts to make up for these various losses by trying to get trace of old family records, and in doing this have been amazed to find how little value is sometimes placed on what, to me, seem priceless treasure. One instance occurred in Brooklyn. A Bosworth family preparing to remove to California, cleared out the house of everything they did not wish to take with them. Among other possessions was an old family Bible, containing records of a great-grandfather, and instead of giving it to some one of the other descendants, it was put out on top of a barrel of rubbish. Fortunately, while it was awaiting the coming of the city scavenger, a relative of a younger generation called to bid the family goodbye, and seeing the old Bible, rescued it, and later I was able to copy the material on its record pages. I found afterward that this case was not as serious as it might have been, as the original owner of the Bible was a soldier of the Revolution and when applying in after years for a pension placed his family records on file and I found them preserved at the Pension Bureau at Washington. However, this does not excuse the throwing away of the old Bible, which to me was an act of sacrilege, as in some cases it would have been the only record in existence.

My own experience in this work has been so well expressed by the compiler of the *Noble Genealogy** that I take the

* Lucius M. Boltwood, Hartford, Conn., 1878.

liberty to quote from his preface. Speaking of records received by mail he says: "The names and dates thus obtained have not always been distinctly written and in some instances both dates and names have been differently given in the same letter, or in subsequent letters. Again the dates given on church and town records, and on tombstones are frequently found to differ from each other and from those which appear in the family Bible. In such cases the compiler has endeavored by correspondence to reconcile conflicting dates, and where this has been impossible has published the different dates." This I shall also do, placing the most probable one first and the other in parenthesis.

Another preface I wish to quote from is that of the Hoyt Genealogy*, as I could not possibly better express my own feelings: "A well executed book of this kind has value; first—From the natural interest which anyone takes in the name he bears. Who does not feel identified with his family name? Whose self-respect is not gratified when the name is honored and wounded when it receives a stigma? The sentiment that makes one proud to bear an illustrious name, is both natural and commendable. Every work of this kind honors the name that fills up its pages. Second: From the reverence one feels for his ancestry. We place headstones over the ancestral graves; we feel it to be a filial and sacred duty to preserve in that way the names of our fathers, and the times when they lived. But here we may, at little cost, erect for them a monument that will outlast the stone, and that we and our children can look upon and read at any time, wherever the home may be. Third: From our own desire of remembrance. Who is willing to be forgotten? And who in the ranks of common life must not resign himself to the probability that he will be forgotten by his own great-grandchildren, if his name be not kept by some such memorial as this?"

Although this work has been long and tedious, it has brought with it much pleasure. No one but those who have experienced it can know the joy that comes to one, when after years of search and study, a ray of light dawns, perhaps from a letter sent by some kind soul eager to help, or in other cases just from a thought in one's own mind, that clears up a

*By David W. Hoyt, Boston, 1871.

puzzling or mysterious matter. Then the pleasure one receives from correspondence with "Cousins," not only "once removed," but often many times, until they become dear and valued friends. All this I have experienced. Besides all this, to anyone fond of research, this work affords plenty of opportunity; for to properly arrange the history of a person, one has to know the history of the time in which he lived, and the customs with which he was surrounded. A large proportion of the Bosworths of a later date were enlisted on the side of temperance, but those living in the eighteenth century as a rule followed the usage of the times, when nearly everyone, even the minister, drank. I came upon an example of this in the Town Records of Bristol, R. I., where I found what seemed to be a bill against the town, dated Feb. 2, 1795, for furnishing for some public occasion, "Boles of tody," "Grog," "Punch," "Rum," "Brandy," etc., among the items being "to a glass for M^r Boswoth 0: 0: 3," and often the charge was for a "Dubel Bole"! Also in the inventories of that period, from which I shall give extracts, are found items which show these same customs. In one town, on the old church records, I found where the wife of Deacon Bosworth came before the members and "in open meeting confessed to the sin of drunkenness," asked forgiveness, and after exhibiting due repentance, was reinstated; which shows the drinking was not confined to the men; and while it was considered all right to drink, to be guilty of "drunkenness" was a sin.

Another interesting thing met with in connection with this work, has been the various traditions found in different branches of the family, as to its early history in this country. All seemed to agree that three brothers came from England, but very few gave their correct names, and as for the time they came, many put it only a few generations back, when the fact was that the persons named were in the fifth or sixth generation from the emigrants.

One of the hardest things with which I had to contend was a spurious line, met with almost at the very beginning. I did not suspect it at first, as it really contained some truth with much that was false. But, having begun to doubt it, in 1905 I went to call on the oldest member of this line then living, and learned the story of how it was obtained. He said his father

had accepted the offer of a man—whom he knew now must have been very unprincipled—to prepare, for a certain consideration, a chart of his ancestors, to be framed and hung in his home. Of course he gave the man what he knew of his ancestry, and this was the truth it contained. Since it was impossible to find any connecting records (I do not think they are in existence, for though I have searched diligently I have been unable to find them), the man deliberately made up names of persons who never existed and put them on the chart. After learning this I laid these records aside, believing they had no value, but this ancestral story was continually cropping up, either being recounted to me in letters from members of this family (for it had been widespread among them), or being published in genealogical books and papers. Finally, in 1922, there came into my hands some old letters, consisting of a correspondence between two members of this line concerning these records, in which each expressed doubt as to their truthfulness, but both agreed that they probably contained a grain of truth if only the chaff could be separated from the wheat. I determined, if possible, to extract the wheat, so getting together these old records and the bits of evidence of all sorts that I had collected during the years, I spent days in going over them, comparing dates, piecing the different stories together, discarding what seemed to be false, and retaining what seemed to be the truth from related information, until I had the line reconstructed to my complete satisfaction, and have found no reason since to alter my conclusions. I presented it to my advisors, Mrs. Carrie Bosworth Reed and Mrs. Orrin L. Bosworth, and they both assured me they were convinced I had at last correctly solved the mystery that had been so baffling.

In reviewing my experiences in the study of the Bosworth family of the past, and my correspondence with those of the present generation, I find that only a comparatively small number have attained to wealth and station. Much the larger part belong to that great class of which Lincoln spoke so beautifully, that "God must have loved the common people, He made so many of them." The Bosworths in America surely belong to the class which form the "bone and sinew" of our nation. On the other hand, while many remark that

they are afraid to investigate their ancestry "for fear they may come on a hangman's rope," I can truthfully say that only in an extremely few cases have I come upon the record of a Bosworth who has done anything unworthy of the name.

I have had a sacred purpose in this work: namely, to show to the younger generations how much they owe to the world on account of the precious inheritance they have received in the record of the noble, honest and upright characters of their ancestors. It has been my desire to preserve the history of these ancestors in an enduring form, to be an incentive to their descendants to imitate the virtues of these enterprising, God-fearing men and women.

In compiling this work I have exercised the greatest solicitude to have it as correct as possible. But I realize that in spite of all my care mistakes have crept in. However, I am not responsible for some of these, as I have copied them as received from others.

In closing I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to all who have assisted me in any way, either by sending me records, or by entertaining me in their homes. They are too numerous to mention each one personally.

Faithfully yours,

MARY BOSWORTH CLARKE.

Oakland, California
May 1, 1926

DERIVATION *and* ORIGIN *of* SURNAMES

Who hath not owned, with rapture-smitten frame,
The power, the grace, the magic of a name?—*Campbell.*

While this Genealogy is concerned with the Bosworth Family in America, a brief review of the origin of surnames in general and of Bosworth in particular may not be out of place in this record. From the interesting chapter on Surnames in "Remains Concerning Britain," by William Camden (Clarencieux King-at-Arms), first published in 1607, we find that surnames (so called because they are added to the original or Christian name; not because they are names of the sire or father), were used in no nation anciently except among the Romans. But "surnames, passing from father to son and continuing to their issue, were not anciently in use among any people in the world." Surnames began to be taken up in France about 1000 A.D., but not in England till about the time of the Conquest (1066). Gradually, the "better sort" took surnames, but they were not settled among the common people fully until about the time of Edward II (1300); but still varied according to the father's name, as Richardson, if his father were Richard; Hodgeson, if his father were Roger, or in some other respect; and from thenceforth began to be established in their posterity. "I have never found," continues the author, "any hereditary surname before the Conquest." Surnames or family names were taken from almost every source—no town, village or hamlet in England but has given names to families. Many surnames had their origin from rivers and trees; strangers coming to England and taking up residence were named for their countries, etc., etc.

"Whereas, therefore, these local denominations of Families are of no great antiquity, I cannot yet see why men should think that their Ancestors gave names to places, when the places bore those very same names before any men did their surnames. . . . Neither must all, having their names from places, suppose that their Ancestors were either Lords, or possessors of them; but may assure themselves that they originally came from them, or were born at them. But the Germans and Polonians do clear this error by placing In

before the Local names, if they are the possessors of the place, or Of, if they only were born at them.”

“After local names, the most names in number were derived from occupations or professions, trades, crafts, arts, etc. Neither was there any trade, craft, art, profession or occupation never so mean, but had a name among us commonly ending in Er, as Taylor, Potter, Smith, Sadler, Archer, Weaver, Painter, Tavener, Walker (Fuller in Old English); Baker, Baxter, Boulenger, all in one signification; Collier, Carpenter, Joyner, Salter, Armorer, Spicer, Grocer, Monger, i.e., Chapman; Brewer, Brasier, Webster, Wheeler, Wright, Cartwright, Shipwright, Forbisher, Farrar, Goff, i.e., Smith in Welsh, etc., and men accordingly denominated; but some are worn out of use, and therefore the significations are unknown, and others have been mollified ridiculously by the bearers, lest they should seem vilified by them. And yet the like names were among the noble Romans. Many names were derived from colors, flowers and fruits; from fishes, birds, etc.” The learned author humorously concludes his chapter by observing that “it was high time to stay, for I am advised that there is one who will draw all English Surnames of the best Families out of the pit of Poetry, as Percy from flying Perseus; Lee from Laetus, turned into a Swan in Ovid; Jackson from Jason, etc. Well he may satisfy them herein whom I cannot.” In a footnote to this an editor comments: “Who the ‘one’ may be who found out these wonderful etymons I know not; but, by a process no less absurd than this, some modern genealogists have found our plebeian Turner to be ‘tour noire.’ ”

The more one studies the origin and derivation of Surnames, the more interesting this apparently dry subject becomes. A modern student of the Surname, Ernest Weekley, M.A., found it most fascinating. He has written three books dealing with various phases of surnames.

However, much caution is necessary in tracing the origins of names. In answer to an “esteemed correspondent,” who wrote to Mr. Weekley, calling attention to the “many and various side-possibilities in etymology,” saying he was inclined to think that the origins of most surnames are mere

guesses, the author replied: "He seems to me to be both right and wrong. It is perfectly easy to show by irrefutable evidence, the derivation of the great majority of surnames, but it is at the same time impossible to say to the individual, 'Your name comes from so-and-so,' unless that individual has a pedigree dating back to the Middle Ages."

Well, that is the purpose of genealogy, by diligently and patiently tracing the "line," to furnish a pedigree; and certainly, as is abundantly shown, the Bosworth name is an ancient one.

BOSWORTH

Considerable delving has been done in the search for the derivation of the name Bosworth. Evidently some such genealogist as above has found a pleasing origin for it. A plausible but untrustworthy version is that given in *The Century Cyclopedia of Names*, p. 173: "Bosworth, or Market Bosworth, Modern English, *Bosworth*; Anglo Saxon, probably *Bosanworth* [found as *Bosworth* in a spurious Latin charter, A.D. 833]; from *Bosan*, gen. of *Bosa*, a man's name [cf. Anglo-Saxon, *Bosanham*, now *Bosham*], and *worth*, farmstead. A market town in Leicester, England."

But according to Isaac Taylor, M.A., Litt.D., Hon. LL.D., Canon of York, in *Names and Their Histories*, London, 1898, Second Edition, p. 72: "Bosworth, Leicestershire (Anglo-Saxon, *Bosuurth* and *Bosuirth*), denotes a *worth*, or 'small estate,' on which stood a *boose* (Anglo-Saxon, *bos*), a dialect word meaning a 'cow-stall or ox-stall'. It cannot be the 'estate of Bosa,' as it has been usually explained, as that would have been *Bosanworth* in Anglo-Saxon, like Bosham, Sussex (Anglo-Saxon, *Bosanham*)."

The above derivation is also given in Harrison's "Surnames of the United Kingdoms. Vol. I, p. 42: *Bosworth*, England—belonging to Bosworth (anciently *Bosuurth*)—the cattle enclosure (Old English or Anglo-Saxon) *bos* (ih., a cattle stall plus *worth*, an enclosure.

In "Homes of Family Names in Great Britain," by Henry B. Guppy, M. B., 1890, it is stated, p. 69: "The *Bosworths* possess the name of more than one Leicestershire parish." On p. 260 "*Bosworth*" is found among other "county

names," i. e., names found only in two or three counties. From Notes on some of the names of Leicestershire and Rutland: "The Bosworths derive their names from Leicestershire parishes."

A notable authority is Chas. W. Bardsley, M.A., author of "A Dictionary of English and Welsh Surnames" (dedicated, by the way, to President McKinley, in token of his efforts to promote friendship between the two English-speaking nations). On page 120: *Bosworth*—Local, "of Bosworth," two parishes, Husbands Bosworth and Market Bosworth, in the county of Leicester. In "English Surnames," by the same author, p. 134: "A name like 'William de la Worth' represented our 'Worths' in the 13th century. . . . It had come to denote a *small farmstead* at the time the surname arose."

Another high authority on the Old English or Anglo-Saxon language was Joseph Bosworth, D.D., F.R.S., Rawlinson professor of Anglo-Saxon in the University of Oxford, whose manuscript collections on the old language were continued and published in 1882 by T. Northcote, M.A., entitled "An Anglo-Saxon Dictionary." He defines the compounds, *bos* and *worth*, forming the name as: *Bosg*, an ox-stall or cow-stall, where the cattle stand all night in winter; and *worth*, an enclosed homestead; a habitation with surrounding land.

And as Husbands Bosworth and Market Bosworth have been and still are noted for their cattle fairs, it is undoubtedly thus the name originated.

Below are given various forms of spelling the name as found in England in old papers, books, church records, etc. Passing the very doubtful *Bosworth* of the "spurious Latin Charter" of 833 A.D., we find, beginning in 1048:

Boseworde	Bosworth	Boreworth
Bosuirth	Bosworthe	Bossworthe
Bosuirth	Boreswurth	Boseworthe
Boresworth	Bosseworth	Barsworth
Boresworthe	Bosseworthe	Boasworth

Since the early part of the sixteenth century the name seems to have been spelled as it is today, except that in New England in the early days it was very often written Bozworth.

E. J. C.

ENGLISH HISTORY*

Market Bosworth

Its Manor, Church and School,—Historical Notes

For many years the compiler of the Bosworth Genealogy has assumed that the remote, if not the immediate ancestors of the American Bosworths, had lived in the little English village of Market Bosworth, in Leicestershire, seat of an ancient Bosworth Manor, the first mention of which (spelled "Boseworde"), is in the reign of King Edward the Confessor, in 1048.

Market Bosworth is described as a "picturesque little place, with clean streets, in the middle of which a dog may doze in perfect safety even at the busiest time of day." But in the vicinity, at least two stirring events took place some hundreds of years ago. One, the Battle of Bosworth Field, the final battle in the War of the Roses, in which King Richard III, the last of the Plantagenets, lost his crown and life, the royal scepter passing to the Tudors. A covered well, known as "King Richard's well," where he drank just before the battle, still stands. About 160 years later, on the very place where King Richard fell, another encounter took place in 1644, between the Royalists and Cromwell's men. So the town was probably not so quiet on these occasions.

At Market Bosworth is a Grammar School—"an establishment with an enviable reputation, the early history of which is wrapped in mystery. It is known to have been in existence in 1528, but the date of its original foundation is unknown."

Market Bosworth is situated on a hill and is about five hundred feet above sea level. On the crown of the hill is the Church of St. Peter, said to date from the fourteenth century.

* The compiler of this genealogy had expected before beginning its publication to have something definite to report as to the parents and English ancestry of Edward Bosworth, the emigrant, but although the search has been going on for years, and considerable money has been expended (contributed mainly by Mrs. Carrie Bosworth Reed), nothing satisfactory has been obtained. As research is still under way, it is hoped we may have something to present in a later part of this work. Meantime I have thought best to publish some of the information concerning places and people in England named Bosworth, gathered during the years.—M. B. C.

However, in a Register of 1220, a certain Nicholas de Verdon is described as a Patron of the Church of Bosworth.

A word concerning the Park at Bosworth. It was the site of the camp of the Duke of Norfolk—Richard's adherent, to whom, before the fateful encounter came the warning, "scrawled on his gate," as told by Holinshed:—

"Jockey of Norfolk, be not so bold;

For Dickon, thy master, is bought and sold"—

hinting at Stanley's treachery.

It may be explained that the town became *Market Bosworth* in 1285, when Edward the First granted to Sir William de Harcourt and his heirs a weekly market and an annual fair at their manor house. The corn market still continues, though the cherry fair is now obsolete.

At the American Antiquarian Society Library at Worcester, Mass., the compiler found a rare old volume, a portion of *Magna Britannia*, published early in the 16th century, from which the following was copied:

LEICESTERSHIRE

"Leicestershire, or as it is called in Domesday Book, which is a survey of all the Lands of England, made by William the Norman Conqueror, Le . . . (illegible), takes its Name from the chief Town of it, LEICESTER . . . It is about 96 Miles in Circumference containing within that compass, 200 Parishes, 6 Hundreds*, 560000 Acres, 18702 Houses, having for its Boundaries," etc.

SPARKINGHO HUNDRED

"The Market-Towns of this Hundred are only two, viz. Hinckley and Bosworth, of which we shall give the best

*"HUNDRED. An ancient territorial unit in England, less than a shire, or county, and usually greater than a parish or town. The origin of the name is involved in obscurity, but it is supposed to be derived from a convenient grouping of one hundred families for purposes of defense, or for local administration. . . . Each hundred had a Court of ancient and forgotten origin, which was known as the *Hundred Court*. This was held at frequent intervals, and appears to have been of equal authority with the county courts. . . . But the hundred was also a communal unit. It was liable in damages for a false judgment given by the hundred court. As early as the reign of Edgar it was provided that the hundred should be responsible for the administration of justice and liable to punishment, by fine or otherwise, if thieves and other criminals were not brought to justice." [The New International Encyclopaedia.]

account we can, and the Villages adjoining where we can find anything remarkable” . . .

“BOSWORTH, an ancient Market-Town in this Hundred, having its Market weekly on Wednesday, and Fair on St. John Baptist’s-Day, June 24, which Privileges Richard Harcourt obtained of King Edward I when he was Lord of the Town. It is situated upon a Hill, in an wholesome and pleasant Air, and in a fruitful and fertile Soil, both for Corn and Grass. The Manor* did anciently belong to the Earls of Leicester and by a Partition came to Saer de Quincy, Earl of Winchester, who gave it to Richard de Harcourt, of Stanton-Harcourt in Oxfordshire, in the Reign of King John. The Manor continued in the Family till King Henry VIII’s Reign, when it came to the Marquis of Dorset and from him by the Earl of Huntingdon to Sir Wolftan Dixey, Kt., whose Heirs are, or lately were, Owners of it.

“Three miles distant from this Town, upon a Plain called Redmore, was the Right of the Crown of England determined by a signal Battel; . . . This Battel was called Bosworth field, not that the Place was within the Compass of the Parish, but that it was the nearest Place of Note to it.”

The History of Leicestershire, by John Nichols (old volumes found at the Congressional Library, Washington, D. C.), gives an illustration of the Hall at Market Bosworth, with the following dedication: “To Mrs. Pochin, Daughter of Sir Wolstan Dixie, the 4th Baronet of Bosworth Park, and Relict of George Pochin, late of Bonn, in the county of Lincoln, Esqr. This Plate is humbly dedicated by her very obedient Servant J. Nichols.” [Vol. 4, Part 2, p. 500.]

Husbands Bosworth

Husbands Bosworth is a parish situated in the *eastern* part of the County of Leicester, about fourteen miles from the city of Leicester, while Market Bosworth is twelve miles

* * * By the word Manor—so called from the French *manoir*, a dwelling, and the Latin verb *manere*, to dwell—was originally meant an estate containing the dwelling or mansion of the feudal owner. The house itself was designated the manor house, and the owner the Lord of the Manor.” [Tilson Genealogy.]

west of Leicester. There is also another Bosworth Manor Hall situated at Husbands Bosworth, where the Bosworth Psalter, described later, was found. Nichols in above History [Vol. 2, Part 2], gives illustrations of "Husbands Bosworth Hall"; a view of "The Modern House"; also "Husbands Bosworth Bridge." These are dedicated as follows: "To Francis Fortescue Turville, Esq. these views are affectionately inscribed by his faithful humble servant J. Nichols."

The Bosworth Psalter

"An account of a manuscript formerly belonging to O. Turville-Petrie, Esq., of Bosworth Hall, now Addit. MS. 37517 at the British Museum, by Abbot Gasquet and Edmund Bishop."

The above is on an index card in the Congressional Library, Washington, D. C. Your historian, having heard of this book before going East in 1920, determined to see it, and did so. Finding it of deep interest a brief review was made which is here given.

"PREFATORY NOTE

"The recognition of an ancient English Psalter, hitherto unnoticed and undescribed, is of sufficient importance to call for some detailed account of so interesting a manuscript. A few months ago, while on a brief visit to Mr. and Mrs. Turville-Petrie, at Bosworth Hall, Husbands Bosworth, Leicestershire, I was asked to examine the library, and in particular the court rolls and MSS. in their possession. Among these latter there were two of considerable importance, one of which is the Psalter to be presently described. I had known of the existence of this singularly interesting volume from the slight account given of it in Nichols's History of Leicestershire, which was derived from a notice of the library furnished by Mr. D. Wells to 'The Gentleman's Magazine' for 1789 [Vol. LX, p. 117]. I was, however, wholly unprepared to see what at once appeared to me to be one of the most important MS. English Psalters in existence, and which, strange as it may seem, has up to the present time escaped notice by students and archaeologists. Recognizing the great interest of this precious volume, which the owner allowed me to take away, I immediately proposed to

Mr. Edmund Bishop, my friend and fellow-worker during many years, that we should together make a joint study of the MS." etc.

May 1, 1907.

F. A. Gasquet.

HISTORY AND DESCRIPTION OF THE VOLUME

The Bosworth Psalter consists of 137 folios (274 pages) of thick parchment, each $15\frac{1}{2}$ inches by $10\frac{5}{6}$ inches, in gatherings of four sheets (8 leaves) bound in stout oak boards.

"Each verse of the psalms has a red initial; and the first verses of the psalms have initial letters executed in soft colours and about four lines in height. The whole writing occupies rather more than twelve inches by seven inches, with twenty-five lines to the page."

In describing the coloring of the ornamental initials, he says that they are wonderfully preserved. He also says that no gold was used, but "the chief colours employed are blue, mauve, brown, red lead, venetian red, pale pink and pale yellow. The vigour of the drawing and the harmonious tones of the colours show a most skilled artist."

"On the first page of the calendar are the three signatures, 'Thomas Cantuarien,' 'Arundel,' and 'Lumley,' so well known to students of the Royal Collection of MSS. in the British Museum as those of Thomas Cranmer, Henry Fitzallen, 12th Earl of Arundel, and John, Lord Lumley, who died in 1609. Many of the manuscripts collected by Archbishop Cranmer . . . were subsequently acquired by the Earl of Arundel. By him they were bequeathed to Lord Lumley, who was his son-in-law, and soon after the latter's death the whole collection was purchased by King James I for his son Henry, Prince of Wales; and on his death they became a part of the Royal Library, which ultimately was presented to the nation by George II, and is now in the British Museum.

"It seems certain that the Bosworth Psalter at one time formed a part of this Royal Collection . . . it may be taken for granted that this volume was purchased by James I on the death of Lord Lumley in 1609. How it subsequently became separated from the Royal Collection it is, of course, impossible to conjecture. It may be said to have found its

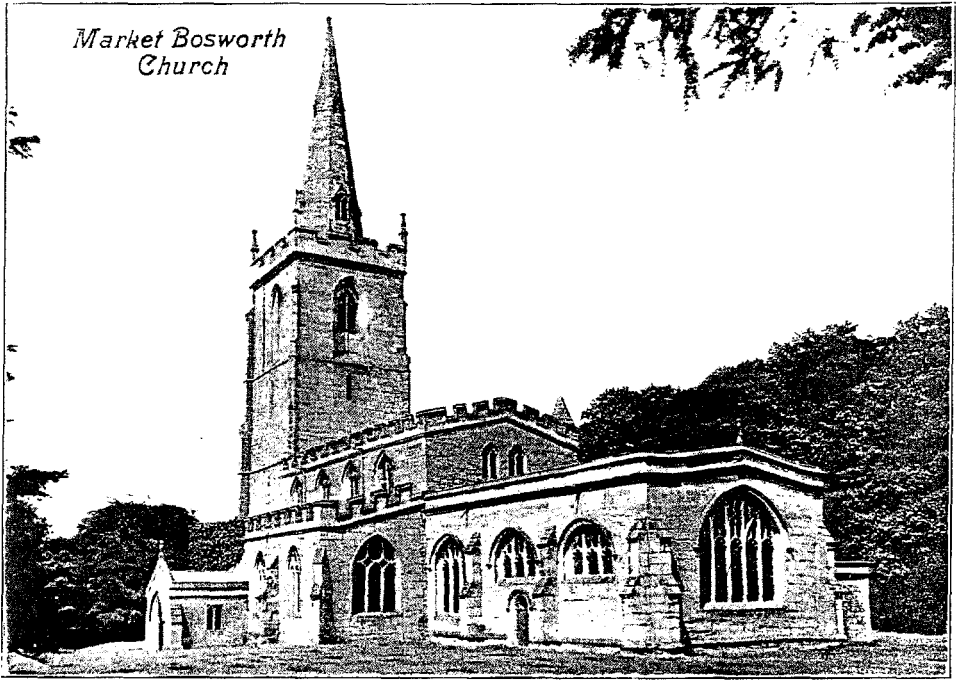
way into the library at Bosworth Hall from the family of Fortescue of Salden, in Buckinghamshire. The few other MSS. in the library certainly came to the present owner in that way and we know that in 1762 Elizabeth Fortescue was possessed of the principal manor of Husbands Bosworth, which had previously been in the possession of her grandfather, father and brother. She, dying in 1763, devised her estate to Francis Fortescue Turville, from whose descendants the present owner, Mr. Turville-Petrie, lately inherited the estates.

“Although it is impossible to trace the post-Reformation history of the Bosworth Psalter beyond 1609, until 1798, when Nichols describes it as being at Husbands-Bosworth, an entry in an early catalogue of Christ Church, Canterbury, appears to refer to this volume at a very early date.”

It is supposed to have been written about the year 950 A.D., probably for St. Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury. “No person connected with Christ Church, Canterbury, would seem to be more likely to have been the possessor of this manuscript, so notable in its art and execution, than St. Dunstan, the first ecclesiastic of the kingdom.”

In comparing this manuscript to the other the author says: “They are both elaborate and even gorgeous, whilst the ornamentations of the Bosworth Psalter are of a wholly different character. These latter are in perfect taste, and they manifest at once a perfection of design, a simplicity of execution, and a wonderful harmony and scheme of color. The whole manifests a staid and serious, yet withal grand mind, behind the composition. To those who know the history of the latter half of the tenth century the Winchester books can hardly fail to remind them of the personality of St. Ethelwold, and in the same way the Bosworth Psalter seems in its special characteristics to suggest the even greater personality of St. Dunstan, the greatest man of his age.”

“In our opinion therefore this Bosworth Psalter should be assigned to a date corresponding to the earliest years of St. Dunstan’s archiepiscopate at Canterbury. It was probably written for him, and quite possibly under his direction the artist ornamented it according to his taste.”



INTERIOR OF MARKET BOSWORTH CHURCH (ST. PETER'S), AT MARKET BOSWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE, ENGLAND

A letter to the compiler from the Keeper of the Manuscripts in the British Museum, in reply to my query as to why this Psalter bears the Bosworth name, says:

“The Bosworth Psalter is named solely from its former ownership by the Turville (afterwards Petrie) family of Bosworth Hall in Leicestershire. It previously belonged to Archbishop Cranmer and John, Lord Lumley.”

However, it makes it of deep interest to us that it now bears our family name, in addition to its great historic value.

In a prospectus of Bosworth Park, published prior to its subdivision and sale in 1918, is found considerable descriptive matter about this old place, and as we have seen under “Origin of Names” that Camden says that persons having their names from places “may assure themselves that they originally came from them” (meaning their ancestors, of course), it makes this locality of vital interest to us who bear the name, so selections are here given:

Historical

“Bosworth, for distinction from another of the same name in the Hundred of Gartre (Husbands Bosworth), is commonly called Market Bosworth. It is situated ten miles to the south of Ashby de la Zouch, twelve to the West of Leicester . . . , and in the ecclesiastical division of the county within the deanery of Sparkenhoe. In 1048, in the sixth year of King Edward the Confessor, one FERNOT, a knight, was lord of this manor.”

“Two ploughlands in Boseworde, which were of the Queen’s fee, and had been held freely by Alwin in the reign of the Confessor, when they were valued at ten shillings, were worth twenty shillings at the time of the general survey, and were then held by Hugo under Hugo de Grentesmainell. The land was equal to one plough; which was held by a priest, with a deacon, four bordars, and two bondsmen. There were twelve acres of meadow, and a wood, one furlong long, and half a furlong broad.

“Six other ploughlands in Boseworde, which in the reign

of the Confessor were valued at four pounds, were worth only fifty shillings at the time of the General Survey, and were then held by the Earl of Mellent. Three ploughs and two bondsmen were employed in the demesne; and seven socmen, with ten villans and seven bordars, had two ploughs. There was one wood one league long, and half a league broad. The record adds 'All these lands (Ailestone, Frellesworde, Huncote and Boseworde) Saxi held; and might go whithersoever he pleased.' "

Then follows considerable as to the Harcourt family and how Bosworth came to them, and deeds transcribed from the originals, which are in Latin. Much is quoted from *Magna Britannia* which has already been given.

Robert de Harcourt, the first of the name in this country (England; the family had come from France where it "was of great antiquity"), "married Isabella, daughter of Richard de Camville, by whom he obtained the manor of Stanton Harcourt in Oxfordshire, and divers land in Leicestershire. This Robert de Harcourt was sheriff of the counties of Leicester and Warwick in the years 1199, 1201 and 1202."

"In 1216 King John commanded the Provost of Scardeburg to pay the ferm of their town to William de Harcourt, who was to dispend it in the livery or maintenance of the sergeants that did duty in Scardeburg Castle.

"To Sir Richard de Harcourt, son of William de Harcourt, of Stanton Harcourt, Saer de Quincy gave the manor of BOSWORTH, with Orabella, his daughter, in marriage about the latter end of the reign of King John, to be held of him by a whole knight's fee, and this Sir Richard Harcourt, in 1223, had his seal graven after the fashion of a baron, and in those times, when arms were young and scarce used, he had his shield, with his arms thereon engraven, and the same scotcheon also in his secret seal. At the time of his death, Richard de Harcourt held the Manor of Bosworth in capite of sir John Comyn, earl of Boughan in Scotland, and lord of Wytewyke in co. Leicester by homage of £6 per annum, and paying scutage of one knight's fee; and John de Harcourt was his eldest Son."

"The manor of Bosworth, with the advowson of the

church there, in the time of King Henry VIII, came by descent to Thomas Grey, marquis of Dorset; and upon the attainder of Henry duke of Suffolk, his son (1554) it fell to the Crown; and was granted by king Philip and queen Mary to sir Edward Hastings, of Loughborough, knight (afterward Lord Hastings) who, dying without issue, bequeathed it to his nephew, Henry, lord Hastings, afterwards earl of Huntington, and his heirs; and in 1567, Henry, earl of Huntington sold it to sir Wolstan Dixie, a knight, a citizen and lord mayor of London."

"Sir Wolstan Dixie, son of John Dixie, and grandson of Richard Dixie seated himself at Bosworth in 1608; which estate he received from his great uncle the lord Mayor. In 1609 he held the manors of Bosworth and Cadeby in capite; and in 1630 he was the only freeholder in Bosworth."

"There is a remarkable marble monument in the church at Bosworth to the Dixie who built Bosworth Hall. It was erected by his sister Margaret, whose life size figure, prostrated by grief, is found lying before a shield inscribed with a record of her brother's virtues." (This may be the marble monument that can be seen in the interior view of the church.)

Coat of Arms and Crest

It has been mentioned above that Sir Richard de Harcourt, who was the possessor of the Manor of Bosworth in 1223, "had his shield with his arms thereon engraven," this being, "when arms were young." What these arms were and whether they pertained to the Manor of Bosworth, I cannot say, but I do know, from a letter received in 1919 from the College of Arms, London, that: "1 Feb. 1549-50, arms for Bosworth were granted by Thomas Hawley, Clarenceux, to Isabel (nee Bosworth) Lady Fielding of the town of Nuneaton, co. Warwick, widow of Sir William Fielding, knight." Also that "Sir John Bosworth, Chamberlain of London, who died in 1752," used arms, the description of which is the same as that given below.

Among the Bosworths in America there has been preserved—since their arrival here—if tradition in the families is to

be believed, two quite different coats of arms. One is held in the Nathaniel line, Mrs. Orrin L. Bosworth of Bristol, R. I., having a painted copy. This one answers to the description given of the one mentioned above, used by Sir John Bosworth previous to 1752; viz.: "Or, a lion rampant gules collared argent"; which means—on a shield of gold, a red, rampant lion wearing a silver collar.

In 1906 I copied the following from papers in the possession of Mrs. M. F. Richmond, of North Adams, Mass. (a descendant of Major Benjamin Bosworth, of Bristol, R. I.); she did not remember where she got it, or who wrote it. (Mrs. Richmond was of the same line as Orrin L. Bosworth.)

"I have the crest of the family and also the coat-of-arms. The crest is a demi-lion rampant, in tawny ink or the natural color of the lion. The coat of arms is a shield of the most ancient shape—being a rampant lion in red with a silver collar. The motto is *Animus valet*.* The history of the coat of arms throws the family back into Scotland in very early times. No family can use the red lion except they are Scotch, and then only by permission of the king. The Bosworth coat-of-arms is precisely the same as the king's except the silver collar (the king's is a gold collar) which proves they must have been in royal favor or they could not have used it."

Another coat held by the descendants of Deacon Joseph Bosworth of Halifax, Mass., who was of the Jonathan line, is quite different from the first. It is described: "He beareth argent, a Fess between two lions, rampant, azure." Mr. Tasker Bourne Bosworth, Secretary of the Bosworth Association, has furnished me with a copy of this, painted in water colors. The shield is supposed to be of silver, divided across the middle by a bar called a Fess, with a blue, rampant lion above and below it. Now these as represented are not lions, but griffins, a fabled animal used in heraldry, half lion and half bird—having the head, body and tail of a lion, but having wings, and on its fore feet, claws like a bird. The crest above it is a whole lion rampant, in natural colors, while the crest of the former one is a *demi*-lion in natural

* The meaning of *Animus valet* is given in books of Heraldry as "Courage prevails"; but, "The spirit conquers," would seem to be a more accurate translation.

colors, such as is given in Fairbairn's Crests, and some other books on heraldry, as being the Bosworth crest; which I have used on the Bosworth Bulletin, and on my stationery.

However, here is the strange thing about it: On the will of Bellamy^s Bosworth, son of *Nathaniel*, and on other legal papers made by Nathaniel's grandsons, there are impressions in the wax of their seals, showing an exact representation of the *griffin* found on the shield in the coat of arms held by the descendants of *Jonathan*, and not like the coat the descendants of Nathaniel now hold.

To complicate matters, there has been published another coat of arms as that of the Bosworth family, taken from Burke's General Armory [pub. 1884, p. 102], described as "Gu. a cross vair betw. four annulets ar.," which means: on a red shield, a fur cross between four silver rings. The crest, "a lily ppr. slipped and leaved," which means: a lily in the natural colors on a stem with leaves. It appears that this crest was given by James II to his natural son, James Fitz-James, when he raised him to the peerage and gave him, among other titles, that of "*Baron Bosworth*." I feel sure the American Bosworths have no desire to claim this crest; besides, it was created after our ancestors left England, and became extinct when James II was banished.

To bring truth out of confusion, and find out which one of the above, if either, our ancestors were entitled to, the matter was taken up nearly a year ago by a member of the Association, and a correspondence carried on with England concerning the matter, but although the money asked for was sent last November, nothing has yet been received. If satisfying results are obtained they will be published later.

EXPLANATIONS*

Before beginning the following history, there are some matters to be explained to those not familiar with Genealogical books, as follows:

Generation Number

The small superior figure at the right of the first name indicates the generation to which the person belongs, numbering from the first emigrant to America; thus, Edward¹; his children numbered two, as Jonathan²; his grandchildren three, as Jonathan, Jr.³, etc. Where a long line is given and two or three of the same name follow each other, I have not thought it necessary to repeat the name, but simply give the numbers; for instance: (*Aaron*⁶, *John*^{5,4,3}, *Nathaniel*², *Edward*¹) means that Aaron of the sixth generation, was son of John of the fifth, who was son of John of the fourth, son of John of the third, son of Nathaniel, son of Edward, the emigrant.

Besides the generation number at the right of each name, in the lists of children, it will be noted that before each name there are two numbers, the one in Roman being the number in the family. The one before this is the serial number, beginning with Edward 1, which is carried along all through the entire book, giving each child a number successively. If this number has no plus sign after it, all the history I have of that child is given there. If this number is followed by plus it indicates there is more history to follow, and it may be found by turning on in the book until this same number is found in a heavy figure in the center at the beginning of a history. To trace a line backward (when the book is completed), note the number at the top of a history, then turn backward until this same number is found near the margin, before the record of birth; note the number of the father standing in the center above his name, then continue to turn back as above. However, at the beginning of each history,

* Some of these explanations may seem superfluous to old students of genealogy, but some copies of this book are going to persons who live far in the country, away from any library, and are unfamiliar with books of this kind. So in preparing these explanations, I have tried to keep in mind my own ignorance of such matters when I first began this work, and how glad I should have been for such help.

following the father's name, the line will be given leading back to Edward¹.

Double Dating

is another matter which will need to be explained. The reader will observe that in giving dates, the year will often be found expressed, as for instance, 1675-6, or 1675/6, or perhaps as a fraction, as 17¹⁰/₁₁ in the case of the death of the second wife of Benjamin². All these forms mean the same, but only occur previous to the year 1752, and only between January 1st and March 25th. The reason for this is: In the year 1582, Pope Gregory XIII introduced what is known as the Gregorian calendar, the one now in use. This calendar begins the year on January 1st, whereas the one used before that time began on March 25th, about the time of the Spring equinox, March being called the "first month." Being promulgated by the Pope, Protestant England would not at first adopt it, even though all the other countries of Europe did so, but in the year 1752, by Act of Parliament, it was made the official calendar. During the years intervening from the time it was introduced until its adoption by Great Britain, it was necessary to use the double date, for, while England and her Colonies were carrying the year on after January 1st to March 25th, the rest of the world had changed to a new year. It was written in the various ways given, just as the writer fancied; or in some cases the date of the year was followed by the letters "N.S.," meaning new style, or "O.S." for old style. Sometimes the chronicler would be careless and neither give the double date, nor add the letters showing whether it was in the old or new style, and that often causes the genealogist much trouble and confusion. Cases of this will be found in the following history, where all that could be done to fix the date was by comparing it with surrounding data.

NOTE: It is stated above that March used to be called the first month. I found proof of this in the old Roxbury, Mass., Church Records, where on page seven is written:

"The First day of the Fowerth moneth Comonly Called June, 1639 this booke was bought."

Freeman

“To become a freeman of the Colony, each person was legally required to be a respectable member of some Congregational church. This regulation was so far modified by Royal order in 1644, as to allow individuals to be made freemen who could obtain certificates of their being correct in doctrine and conduct, from clergymen acquainted with them. Persons were made freemen by the General Court of the Colony, and also by Quarterly Courts of the Counties. None but freemen could hold office or vote for rulers.” The first printing press in America was established at Cambridge, Mass., in 1639, and the first matter printed was the “Freeman’s Oath.”

Terms Used in Deeds

Some of the deeds given in this history will be found to contain the following: “according to the manor of East Greenwich in the County of Kent in free and common soccage,” etc. This expression denotes that the land was to be free from the “law of entail,” by which the eldest son inherited everything, and was to be divided among all the children. The manner of holding lands in free soccage, now universal in this country, began at Plymouth in the early history of our nation.

Sailing Lists

A search has been made of the Sailing lists of those leaving England for America, for the Bosworth names, but without success. The Bostwick Genealogy, in stating the fact that the name of Arthur Bostwick, the emigrant, had not been found on these lists, says: “This is of frequent occurrence when emigrants wished to leave no record of their destination, or whereabouts after fleeing from home.”

The Titles “Mrs.” and “Mr.”

Early in the work of gathering the Bosworth records, I found the names of the wives of Henry, Bellamy, Samuel and Obadiah Bosworth, of Bristol, R. I., were given on the records as “Mrs. Phebe Eddy, Mrs. Esther Maxfield, Mrs.

Elizabeth Peck and Mrs. Mary Lawton." I supposed, of course, that they were widows, but when I found that Thomas Church had married "*Mrs.* Elizabeth Bosworth," and Thomas Lawton had married "*Mrs.* Mary Bosworth," knowing that they were unmarried Bosworth daughters, I began to investigate and learned that the Rev. John Burt, pastor of the church in Bristol, had put "*Mrs.*" before the name of every woman whose marriage he recorded, so came to the conclusion that the above mentioned were all single women. Later I found the following, which confirmed my conclusion.

"The title *Mrs.* was in olden time applied to unmarried as well as to married women and to young as well as old. Sir Walter Scott spoke of Joanna (unmarried) as *Mrs.* Joanna Baillie. Although it was not perhaps so universal to address quite young children as it was those over twenty-one by the title of *Mrs.*, yet it was frequently done. The most ludicrous example of this occurs in the register of burials for the parish of St. Margaret, Westminster. The burial of Milton's second wife and that of his infant daughter named after her, who died at the age of five months, are both recorded in that register, the name in each case being entered as '*Mrs.* Katherin Milton,' without any mark of distinction save the letter '*C*' for '*child*,' after the second name. Even in the reign of George II, as we read in '*Pope's Letters*,' unmarried ladies used to be styled *Mrs.*"

The term "*Mr.*" before a man's name was not in common use in olden times as it is at present. It was considered a title of distinction, and only men of high character were allowed to use it. There are cases on record where men found guilty of unworthy acts were forbidden by Court to use "*Mr.*" before their names.

In many places in the following pages will be found the terms "*prob.*" for probably, and "*abt.*" for about. I trust the reader will clearly understand, that the matter following these terms is not stated as a proved fact, but that it seems to me, after years of study on this family, to be the truth, although after searching diligently for proof I have been unable to find it. Hence it is stated subject to correction if in the years to come any evidence to the contrary should come to light.

Abbreviations

abt.	about	gdn.	guardian
ae	age, aged	gen.	generation, genealogy
Adm.	Administration	Gen.	General
adm	admitted	grad.	graduated
Admr.	Administrator, Administratrix	g. s. r	grave stone record
b.	born	hist.	history
bap.	baptized	inf.	infant, infantry
bro.	brother	intd.	interred
bur.	buried	inv.	inventory
cem.	cemetery	I. r. f.	Information received from
cer.	certificate, certified	m.	married, marriage
ch.	child, children, church	mo., mos.	month, months
C. H.	Court House	pres.	present
Co.	Company, County	prest.	president
Col.	Colonel, College, Colony	priv.	private
Com.	Commodore, Commissioner	prob.	probably
com.	committee	pub.	published in marriage
Corp.	Corporal	rec.	record, records, recorded
dau.	daughter	recd.	received
d.	died	res.	resides, resided, resi- dence
d. y.	died young	regt.	regiment
Dea.	Deacon	s.	son
decd.	deceased	Sergt.	Sergeant
Dept.	Department	t. r.	town records
disc.	discharged	tp.	township
div.	division	Univ.	University
enl.	enlisted	unm.	unmarried
et al	and others	w.	wife
Exr.	Executor	wid.	widow
Exx.	Executrix	y.	year, years

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THE HISTORY of the Bosworth Family in America begins with Edward¹ Bosworth, who with wife Mary, left England* in the spring of 1634, sailing from the port of Gravesend, near the mouth of the Thames, in the ship *Elizabeth Dorcas*. They had with them their sons, Benjamin and Nathaniel, possibly a son Edward (or Edmond), a daughter Mary, and her husband, William Buckland, and there may have been younger children, but I have found no record of any, and only a slight trace of the son Edward. An older son, Jonathan, had come to America a year or more before, and settled in Cambridge, then called "Newe Towne."

In Drake's *Founders of New England*, p. 69, we read: "The following extracts from the Records of the Council of State will show from what tyranny our fathers escaped in their native land:—'At White Hall the last of Feb: 1633. (This is O.S., being 1634 N.S.) Whereas by Warr^t bearing date 22nd of this Present the sev^rall ships bound for New England & now lying in the River of Thames were made staye of untill further orders from their L'opps Viz^t. the *Clement* and *Job*, The *Reformation*, The *True Love*, The *Elizabeth Bonadventure*, The *Sea Flower*, The *Mary & John*, The *Planter*, *The Elizabeth & Dorcas*,† The *Hercules* & the *Neptune*," etc. The account goes on to say that the masters of these vessels were called before the Council and put under bonds to observe certain rules regarding religious worship on the vessels, and

* NOTE.—The New International Encyclopaedia, in giving a sketch of the History of Massachusetts, in writing of the Mass. Bay Colony, says: "The conflict between the Puritans and Charles I, brought about a large emigration to Massachusetts, and between 1630 and 1640 about 20,000 persons arrived in the Colony. Prejudiced by the fear that the Colony would become independent, the Crown demanded back the charter in 1634; but the colonists evaded the order, made preparation to resist, and were fortunate in having attention diverted from them by the political troubles in England."

† The italics are my own.—(Compiler.)

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to carry no one without he had taken "both the Oathes of Alleigance & Supremacy."

The voyage from England was a long and tedious one and many died on the passage and their bodies thrown overboard. In his History of New England [Vol. 1, p. 161], John Winthrop writes: "Divers of the ships lost many cattle; but the two which came from Ipswich¹ of more than one hundred and twenty lost but seven. None of the ships lost any passengers but the *Elizabeth Dorcas*² having a long passage and being hurt upon a rock at Scilly* and very ill victualled, she lost sixty passengers at sea, and divers came sick on shore, who all recovered (through the mercy of God), except"—Here the story is ended abruptly owing to the decay of the manuscript. It is unfortunate, as the exception was probably that of Edward Bosworth, who died, as we shall see later, as the ship was sailing into Boston harbor. (There are two notes on the above extract, as follows: "1 *The Elizabeth*, Wm. Andrews master, and the Francis of which John Cutting was master, were the Ipswich ships. Names of 102 and 84 passengers, respectively, are printed in 3 Mass. Hist. Coll. X, 140-145. Probably several of the others were not known to the officers of the government or they would have been forbidden." And, "2 In this ship came Henry Sewall, father of the first Chief Justice, of the name of Samuel.")

The Diary of Samuel Sewall [Vol. 3, p. 396], has the following: "Edward Bosworth came over to New England in the *Elizabeth and Dorcas*, Capt Watts Comander. Mr. Ward, Mr. Bellingham, Mr. Bunker, Mr. Henry Sewall (father of Samuel Sewall) came in this ship. Went aboard at Gravesend; arrived here Ano 1634. Thirty were thrown overboard in the passage of the Calenture†. Edward Bosworth, the Father, being ready to dye, ask'd to be carried upon the Deck, that he might see Canaan. When he had seen the Land he resigned his Soul and dyed: was carried ashoar and buried at Boston."

* The Scilly Isles are out in the main ocean, fifteen leagues from land. Moreover, the passage across is one of the worst known. Off the Land's End the English Channel and the Atlantic Ocean appear to come into violent conflict with each other, so that in the finest weather there is a heavy swell which is most uncomfortable.

† A medical term formerly applied to a tropical fever with acute delirium supposed to attack sailors in hot climates.

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It is evident that Edward having died and his wife being left a widow, she found it impossible—having come into a new and strange land—to sustain herself and family without assistance, for in Mass. Colony Records [Vol. 1, p. 123] we find the following: “At a Court holden at Newe Towne, [Cambridge] August 5, 1634 It was ordered that such moneyes as shalbe layde out for the mainetenance of Widd. Bosworth and her famyly shalbe payde againe by the Treasurer.”

It is also evident from the records, that Mr. Henry Sewall had loaned money to Edward Bosworth to assist him in the expenses of the passage for himself and family, and a year later the sons—Jonathan aged 22, Benjamin 20, and Nathaniel not quite 18, with the son-in-law, William Buckland, were obliged to pay the debt, for in the Records of Mass. [Vol. 1, p. 152] we find: “A court holden att Newe Towne July 7, 1635 . . . In consideration of money disbursed by Mr. Henry Sewall for the transportacon of Edward Bosworth and his ffamyly, it is ordered, that Jonathan Bosworth shall pay to Mr. Seawall the some of V£ upon the 29th of Septemb^r nexte; William Buckland V£ on the said 29th of Sept^r, Nathaniel Bosworth 1^s (fifty shillings) att the said day, & 1^s more that day twelue moneth; and Beniamyn Bosworth xxx^s on the same 29th of Sep^r, & iij£ x^s att midsummer nexte; all theis somes to be payde to the said Mr. Seawall. Also, it is agreed, that the forenamed pties shalbe bound one for another for the payment of the said somes att the seuall dayes of payem^t.” (It will be seen that the entire sum paid amounted to twenty pounds, about \$100.)

The widow and family of Edward seem to have gone early to Hingham, which was then being laid out (Hingham was incorporated Sept. 2, 1635), where they were joined by the eldest son, Jonathan; at least, we find them all there in 1635.

It is to the Rev. Peter Hobart, first pastor of the Hingham church*, that we are indebted for the faithfully kept records of the baptisms of the Bosworth children born there; and

* An exterior and interior view of the Hingham church—the latter showing pews taken from the old building—may be found in Bosworth Bulletins, Nos. 1 and 2.

Rev. Peter Hobart graduated from Magdalen College, Cambridge, England, in 1625, and settled in Hingham, Mass., 1635; died there, 1679.

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while we are very grateful to him for what he did, we wish he had gone a little further and told us in each case who was the *father* of the child baptized—as there were three Bosworth brothers attending church there at the time and having children baptized—not to mention our heartier thanks had he also written the name of the mother. However, with this desirable information in many instances not given, I have done the best I could—after years of earnest study of the subject, and the help of the wills of Jonathan and Nathaniel—to arrange these children in their proper places with correct dates. It is to these same records we owe the date of the death of Mary Bosworth, the mother; being recorded as follows: “May 18, 1648, Widow Bosworth died.”

The family of Edward¹ and Mary (—) Bosworth, as near as I can ascertain, at least all that I am sure of, was as follows:

CHILDREN, all born in England:

- 2 + i—MARY², b. prob. abt. 1611; m. William Buckland.
- 3 + ii—JONATHAN², b. 1613; m. Elizabeth (—).
- 4 + iii—BENJAMIN², b. 1615; m. 1st (—); 2nd, Mrs. Beatrice Joscelyn.
- 5 + iv—NATHANIEL², b. Sept. 4, 1617; m. Bridget Bellamy.

NOTE: As will be seen, I have not included an Edmond among the children of Edward¹ and Mary Bosworth. I am fully aware that Rec. of Mass., Vol. II, p. 5, states that at the “laying out of a plantation at Nantasket, *Edmond* Bosworth and Nathaniel Bosworth were assigned ‘house lotts . . . betwixt the two hills next Pedocks Iland,’ ” but as I have not been able to find any other mention of an Edmond, and as I know that *Benjamin* and Nathaniel received land at the above location, I have come to the conclusion, with which other genealogical students of the matter agree, that a mistake was made and it really should read Benjamin instead of “Edmond.” If the English history of the family is ever found it will settle this, and of course this conclusion may have to be changed.

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MARY² BOSWORTH, daughter of Edward¹ and Mary (—) Bosworth, born in England, probably about 1611, married there, WILLIAM BUCKLAND*. They seem to have come to America with her parents, and at least two of her brothers, on ship *Elizabeth and Dorcas*, in the spring of 1634.

In 1635 "William Buckland had land granted him on the north side of Weary-all (Otis) Hill, Hingham, and a house-lot of five acres near the present R. R. station at West Hingham." [Lincoln's History of Hingham, Mass., Vol. 2, p. 96.]

Here they seem to have been joined by the rest of the Bosworth family—the widow Mary, the mother, and sons Jonathan, Benjamin, Nathaniel, and perhaps others. On July 7, 1635, the Court ordered that William Buckland and the three Bosworth brothers should pay to Henry Sewall, the £20 loaned by him to their father, Edward¹ Bosworth, to pay expenses of the voyage to America, each paying five pounds.

The eldest son of William and Mary (Bosworth) Buckland was Joseph, who, if his age at death is given correctly on his gravestone at Rehoboth, was born in 1633, hence was an infant at the time of their leaving England. There was also a daughter Lydia, of whose birth or baptism we find no record, so she, too, may have been born in England.

July 2, 1640, their second son, Benjamin, was baptized at Hingham, by Rev. Peter Hobart.

* The name is variously spelled, Buckland, Buckline and Bucklin, but the first form is most used and seems to be the correct one.

There was a William Buckland in Boston in 1631, but I cannot find that he had any connections with this one, whom I believe came to this country in 1634 as stated. The former may have been the one, or related to the one, whom Savage says went to Hartford, Conn., and died there "13 May 1691."

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Sept. 22, 1652, the Bucklands were still living in Hingham, for on that date the inventory on the estate of Capt. Bozone Allen, a merchant of Hingham, was taken, and among the names of many others who owed debts to the estate, was that of William Buckland of Hingham.

Probably about 1655, William and Mary (Bosworth) Buckland, with sons Joseph and Benjamin, and the daughter Lydia, with Mary's brother Jonathan² Bosworth and family (although they may have gone somewhat later), removed to Rehoboth, Mass. The earliest record of William Buckland found at Rehoboth is *May 19, 1656*, when "William Bucklin" was chosen "Grandjuryman."

March 17, 1657, "William Bucklin" was engaged "to enlarge the meeting house the bredth of 3 seats throughout & to find boards," etc. (This contract seems to have been canceled, as lines are drawn through it.)

May 25, 1657, William Buckland chosen constable.

The following may be found in Plymouth Colony records, [Vol. 2, Part 2, p. 1]: "Rehoboth in New England the 29th of the 8/57/ soe called Whereas William Buckland of Rehoboth was engaged to pay unto the Executors of John hazell deceased the some of three score and twelve pounds and whereas M^r. John Clarke of Newport on Road Iland by the hand and providence of God Remaineth the sole exequitor vnto the said John hazell And Whereas the said M^r John Clarke now in England hath given Authoritie by his power of Attornie unto M^r Benedict Arnold of Newport on Road Iland and myselfe to discharge for the same and whereas M^r. Arnold Aforesaid hath resigned his whole power unto myself by A Resignation under his hand which said Resignation is now in the hand of William Buckland I Roger Williams of Providence doe by these presents certify and acknowledge unto all men that I have Received full and compleat Satisfaction from the Said William Buckland for the Said Bond of three score and twelve pounds which hee stood Ingaged to pay for his land to the executors of John hazell aforsaid a full and absolute discharge to him his exequitors Administrators and Assigns about the paiement

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aforsaid. In Atsuxance of the p'mises I sett my hand And
Seale the day and yeare aforsaid.

Roger Williams

Signed Sealed and Delivered
in the presence of Benjamine Bosworth
Thomas Graunt
Thomas Brand

I Acknowledge this
to bee A true Coppy from
the Originall
Roger Williams."

"December ye 9th 1657

It is agreed upon betweene the Towne of Rehoboth & Leiftenant Hunt & William Bucklin that ye said Leiftenant Hunt & William Bucklin is to shingle the new end of the meeting house & to be done as sufficiently as the new end of Goodman Paynes house & they are to find nails & to be done by May day next ensuring provided that the frame be up in season— In Consideration whearof they are to have 8^{lb} to be paid in good Marchantable wampam when their work is done."

Plymouth Colony Records [Vol. 7, p. 178], gives the name of William Buckland on a list of those who had taken the "oath of Fidelitie" in Rehoboth in 1658; also Jonathan Bosworth.

June 22, 1658, at a drawing of lots in the meadow on the north side of the town, "Will Bucklin" drew lot No. 46.

On the Old Proprietary Records of Rehoboth [Book 2, p. 81] may be found a list of "The Land of William Bucklin," of which the following is an abstract:

1st—Six hundred acres of land bought of Edward Smith "bounded on Pawtucket River on the west & unto a run that comes from the Cedar Swamp on the east" . . .

2nd—Four acres of fresh meadow near the house bounded with the river on the east; . . .

3rd—Four acres of salt and fresh meadow bounded with the Pawtucket river on the west; . . .

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4th—Thirty-three acres of “Upland butting upon Pawtucket river on the west . . . upon the lands of Thomas Cooper Sen. on the east” . . .

5th—An acre and a half . . . “Pawtucket river on the west” . . .

6th—Two acres and a half in the same range with John Reade . . .

7th—Six acres of land “that was John Millards and six acres that was the Widow Walkers” . . .

8th—One “plaine Lott” . . . twenty-two acres on the east side of the “great plaine,” the land of Thomas Cooper, Sen. on the east, the highway on the west . . .

9th—One lot on the east side of the plain, ten acres, “the River to the east the highway the west” . . .

10th—One lot on the west side of the plain, ten acres, butting on the highway upon the east . . .

11th—Sixteen acres of land which “I had the Last division of Land ten acres I exchanged with Jonathan Bliss for his two plaine Lotts and six acres I did exchange with the towne to carry my fence Streight betwixt the great plaine and my owne Land.”

12th—“Two plaine (lots) which I had of Jonathan Blisse in exchange” containing twelve acres . . .

13th—A piece of fresh meadow, two acres . . . “syding on a Run within my owne Land east, next to the second division,” etc.

April 30, 1659, “At a towne meeting lawfully warned Jonathan Bosworth, George Robinson & Benjamin Buckland were chosen troopers for the townes use for the terme of three yeares during w^{ch} tyme they are to find themselves horses & all other furniture belonging to there place as shalbe required of y^m for y^t servis during the foresaid tearme & to attend upon the foresd servis at the writ of the majors warrant & to

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free the towne from all damages y^t do arise through there neglect.”

NOTE: As Benjamin Buckland was about 19 years old at this time, it is probable that all three were young men, so no doubt it was Jonathan^s Bosworth, Jr. who was one of the “troopers.”

In Plymouth Colony Records [Part 2, Vol. 2, p. 66], there is the following: “dated the first of September 1659

The present writing Beareth witnes that there is a purpose of marriage intended between Joseph Buckland of Rehoboth and Deborah Allin of the same plantation now for some (word not legible) moving mee hereunto I William Buckland of Rehoboth Doe promise to give sign and sett over att present one third part of all my lands both upland and meadow with all the priviledges ptaining to it that I enjoy in Rehoboth to be my son Josephs proper Right for ever to him and his wifes for ever also

2condly I doe promise to build the said Joseph a convenient house for his comfortable living with three score acres of land adjoining to it within one year and to be Josephes and his wifes and their heires for ever.

3ly I doe promise that after mee and my wifes decease that the said Joseph shall have and enjoy so much more land both upland and meddow as shall make up the full halfe of what I doe now possesse in Rehoboth

4ly I doe promise to give to my son Joseph after the decease of mee and my wife half of all my goods and Stocke that I have both within dores and without to be his forever only I doe Reserue in my hands out of Josephes estate fve pounds to bee att my Dispose now for the true and faithful pformance heerof I the said William Buckland doe bind my selfe and heires exequitors and assignes in the sume of two hundred pounds firmly by these p'sent writing. In witness heerof I have sett to my hand and Seale

The signe of
William Buckland

In presence of
Richard Bowen
Robert Martin.”

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Also in Vol. 3, p. 117, "Be it known unto all men by these presents That I William Buckland of Rehoboth in the Colonie of New Plymouth have of my owne free will and Consent and for good Reasons moving thearvnto given to my son Benjamin Buckland the third p'te of my Land in Rehoboth that is now in being or any that I the said William shall purchase or possesse either ther or elsewhere this Land mentioned is both upland and meddow in the severall p'sells where it lyeth excepting my English pastures p'te att home by my dwelling house which pasture is foure acres more or lesse and the other p'te of the English pasture in the feild neare Patuckett River falls. The quantities of land now in English grasse and that I doe Reserve to myself for that purpose is ten acres both pastures being fourteen acres more or lesse I the said William Buckland doe except from the aforsaid graunt of the third p'te furthermore I the aforsaid William doe reserve to myself ten acres of plow land now in Tillage Reoned old land neare the salt water at Patuckett; further I the said William doe freely give to my son Benjamin one third p'te of my orchyards on this condition That the said Benjamine be Injoynd to make and maintaine half the fences to these orchyards the fences to be made sufficient; further I the said William Buckland doe hereby engage my son Benjamine not to sell his p'te of land now bequeathed to him in this deed but firstly to offer it to his brother Joseph provided that he will give for it as much as any other These Considerations and exceptions being allowed by my son Benjamine I the said William Buckland Then hereby Confirme To my Son Benjamine to have and to hold To possesse and Injoy for himselfe and his heirs exequitors and Adminnestrators and Assignes forever In witnes wherof I have sett to my hand and seale this 18th of Aprill in the yeare of our Lord one Thousand Six hundred sixty and foure 1664

The mark W of William Buckland
And a seale

Signed sealed and delivered
in the presence of
William Lord
Lydia Browne

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The original Records of the Town of Attleboro [p. 1], has the following:

“Whereas in the yeare one thousand Six hundred Sixty & Six a purchase of Lands made by the Inhabitants of Rehoboth and the Neighbourhood of Annimosett. The said Lands Sittiuatte one the North Side of the Towne of Rehoboth of M^r Thomas Prince Esquire Major Josiah Winslow Captaine Thomas Southworth Agents for the Government of New Plymouth The bounds of the Said lands fully appearing by a Deed of Sale made by the aforesaid gentellmen to the Purchasers thereof: Bearing date the 10th of Aprill 1666: which deed hath been inroulled at the Court of New Plymouth according to order of Court: The bounds of the Said lands as followeth (Viz) by a River caled Patukett river one the West and up the said River unto the Massachusetts line . . .

There being Seuenty Nyne whole shares and a halfe . . .

The Names of the Purchasers with there Rights To the Said Lands before mentioned are these (noe man Contracting) as are here expressed in this following List:”

“M^r John Myles one whole share”

“William Buckland one whole share”

“Joseph and Benjamin Buckland each one share”

“John Cobley one whole share that he had of his father Jonathan Bosworth.”

“The aforesaid list and the preface to it was universaly agreed upon at a Meeting of the purchacers May the 28th 1672 . . . William Carpenter Clerke.”

May 26, 1668, lots were drawn for the meadow lands in the North Purchase, and William Buckland drew lot No. 58.

Feb. 5, 1671, there was another drawing, and William, Joseph and Benjamin Buckland each drew lots. William's was No. 35.

King Philip's War, which began in June, 1675, and lasted for a year, cost the colonists about 600 lives, 600 buildings burned, and 13 towns destroyed. The money cost was esti-

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mated at \$1,000,000. Among those who advanced money to sustain it from Rehoboth were the following:

	£	s.	d.
Joseph Buckland	6	3	0
William Buckland	2	9	0
Benjamin Buckland with a loss of a gun	4	3	10.

And this was not all the Buckland family contributed, for Benjamin was slain on March 26, 1676, with eight others, at a place afterward called "Nine Men's Misery."

Feb. 20, 1678, William Buckland "of the town of Rehoboth government of New Plymouth in New England," deeds to "Jonathan Bosworth, Senior" of Rehoboth, a lot "of upland in Wachamoket Neck . . . twelve acres . . . the twenty day of February In the year of our Lord one thousand Six hundred Seventy and eight." (As this was February and yet isn't double dated, it may be O.S., which would be 1679 N.S.)

"October ye 22d 1680 Land was laid out to William Bucklen, and a Comittee was Impowered by the Town to agree with Bucklens Respecting a highway to the Salt water for the Cattle to go to Drink." [Copied from "Proprietors of Rehoboth—Meetings" at Taunton.]

May 1, 1682, when Nathaniel² Bosworth and Benjamin Jones first bought land in New Bristol, as it was then called, William "Buckline" was one of the witnesses to the deed.

WILLIAM BUCKLAND died in Rehoboth, and was buried there Sept. 1, 1683.

MARY BUCKLIN, a widow, buried in Rehoboth, July 29, 1687. (These dates are from the original Rehoboth Records.)

In November, 1684, Joseph Buckland was appointed administrator on the estate of William Buckland. In Plymouth Colony Records [Vol. 6, Court Orders, p. 18], we find: "Joseph Buckland, planter," gives bond for £100 as

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“Administrator on the Estate of William Buckland of Rehoboth lately deceased.” Dated November, 1684.

NOTE: The Genealogical Dictionary of New England, by Savage, [Vol. 1, p. 285], under BUCKLAND, gives: “William, Hingham 1635, rem. to Rehoboth 1658, and was bur. 1 Sept. 1679. A d. of his m. John Brown, jr. of R.”

Although I dislike differing with Savage, it will be seen by the above history that this William Buckland was a resident of Rehoboth as early as 1656, when he was chosen a “Grandjurymen.” As for his death, it surely did not occur until 1683, when according to Rehoboth records, he was buried on September 1st, and his son settled his estate in 1684.

As it has been stated in various places that William Buckland died, or was buried, Sept. 1, 1679, which could not be, as we see from above history that land was laid out to him in October 1680, and the Rehoboth records plainly state that he was buried in 1683, I should like to bring to the attention of genealogical students a statement of how I believe this mistake has sometimes occurred.

In the Supplement to Vital Records of Rehoboth, published by James Arnold, 1897, there are transcripts from the Plymouth Colony Records of “Beirthes, Marriages and Burialls of the Towne of Rehoboth.” These begin with the year 1673 and follow each other in proper order, each year by itself, but separated into above classes, until the close of 1679; then comes a page of records of the three classes (Beirthes, Marriages and Burialls), but without any year given; then 1680 follows. Among these records with no year given is found William Buckland “buried the 1st of Septem.” Following as they do the year 1679, I feel sure that many persons have supposed they belonged to that year (I did myself in the early years of my work and so copied them), and so have given his burial as occurring in 1679, when the fact is they should be dated 1683, as any one taking time to compare the data, name for name, with the Rehoboth records, as I have done recently, will soon be convinced.

I am aware that this cannot account for the error made by Savage, for his book was published long before the one by Arnold, which makes me believe the mistake is at Plymouth, which belief is strengthened by the fact that following “Burials for 1680,” Arnold gives what the clerk at Plymouth wrote, as follows:

“Let none marvell att the promiscuous and disorderly setting downe of the names of such as are, or may be married, or doe, or may be born, or may dye; for they are sett as they were brought to mee as disorderly as they are sett downe. If the Courts order had bin minded respecting this matter, they had bine otherwise placed then they are.”

The published records of Plymouth Colony, Vol. 8, p. 88, also gives the date of the burial of William Buckland, as 1679, but Vol. 6, p. 145-6 gives the following:

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Court orders.

Att a generall court of his Majestie holden att Plymouth, in New England, the 28th of October, 1684.

Before Thomas Hinckley, Esq, Gou'r, and Daniel Smith,
William Bradford, Esq, Deputie Gou'r, Barnabas Laythorpe,
John Aldin, John Thacher, and
John Freeman, John Walley,

Assistants, &c.

Know all men by these p'sents that I, Joseph Buckland, planter, doe acknowldige myselfe to be indebted unto the Gou and Court of Plymouth in the penall sume of one hundred pounds; for the payment whereof well and truly to be made, I doe heerby bind my selfe, my heires, executors, and administrators, feirmly by these p'sents. Sealed and giuen the first of November, 1684.

The condition of the abouewritten obligation is such, that whereas the aboue bounden Joseph Buckland hath obtained of the Court of Plymouth letters of adminnestration to adminnester on the estate of William Buckland, of Rehobeth, late deceased, if, therefore, the said Joseph Buckland shall and doe pay, or cause to be payed, all such debts and legacyes as were dew and owing to any att the decease of the said William Buckland, and keep a due and faire accountp of his adminnestration, and be reddy to giue in the said accountp unto the Court when by them required, and saue and keep harmles the said Gou and Court from any damage that may crew to them, or any of them, by his said adminnestration, that then the next abouewritten obligation to be void and of non effect, or otherwise to remaine in full force, strength & vertue.

CHILDREN

of William and Mary² (Bosworth) BUCKLAND:

- 6+ i—LYDIA³ BUCKLAND, b. prob. in England; m. 1st, about 1655, John Brown, Jr.; m. 2nd, William Lord of Saybrook, Conn., where she died.
- 7+ ii—JOSEPH³ BUCKLAND, b. prob. in England, June 26, 1633; m. Nov. 5, 1659, Deborah Allen; d. in Rehoboth, March 26, 1718.
- 8+ iii—BENJAMIN³ BUCKLAND, bap. in Hingham, Mass., by Rev. Peter Hobart, July 2, 1640; m. Rachel Wheatland; slain by the Indians, at Nine Men's Misery, March 26, 1676.



ONATHAN² BOSWORTH son of Edward¹ and Mary (—), was born in England in the year 1613. The first record found of him in America is at Cambridge, Mass. (then called Newtowne); the history says:

“Jonathan Bosworth was here in 1632. In 1635 he owned a house and land on the westerly side of Garden St., not far from the Botanic Garden. He probably left early. It would seem that he was son of Edward Bosworth and had brothers, Nathaniel and Benjamin, and a sister who married William Buckland.” [*Hist. of Cambridge*, Paige, p. 493.]

In a list of the inhabitants living in Cambridge in 1633 is found the name of Jonathan Bosworth; a footnote reads: “Removed to Hingham.” The original record reads: “The 7th of January 1632,* Comon Pales deuided as ffollo.” Over forty names are given and among them, “Jonath Boswth 2 Rod.” Also, “The 5th of August Lotts Granted for Cow-yardes.” A list of twenty-eight names follows, with the amounts set opposite, among them “Jonah Bosworth 1 rood.” Also, “The 4th of August 1634 . . . Lots granted in Westend, . . . To Jonatha Bosworth 2 Ackrs.” Also, “At a Gennerall Meeting of the whole Towne the 20th of August 1635. It was ordered that William Spencer and George Steele should measure all the meadow ground undeuided belonging to the Newtowne and when it is Measuer and deuided to every man his proporcion they are to: measuer every mans severally and Cause Stakes to bee sett at each end and to have three pence the Acker for the same and whosoever shall not pay for measueringe wthin one yeare then the ground to

* This date is, of course, O.S., and means the same as 1633 N. S., for the entry just before it is dated “24th December 1632.”

There is a tradition among the Jonathan descendants that he came to America on the ship “*Mary & John*,” but I have not been able to find any records that would corroborate this.

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returne to them for measuringe. further it is ordered that the same shalbe deuided acordinge to every seuerall proportion herevnder written vntell it is all disposed off viz." Among seventy others is found: "Jona. Boswth ½." (Meaning one-half acre, I suppose.) Another entry reads: "The 10th of October 1635; . . . Jonathan Boseworth. In westend: one house with backside aboute Two acres. John Maynard NorthWest Joseph Eaton Southwest Edmond Hunt Southeast the Comon northeast."

In a book, "Ancestors and Descendants of Gregory Stone," by J. Gardner Bartlett, pub. in Boston, 1918, may be found on p. 51, a map of Cambridge showing the lots as originally laid out; one marked VI, of 4½ acres, held by Thomas Parrish, in Sept. 1642, "was originally granted to Jonathan Bosworth and Robert Day (2 acres each)." It is located in what was called the "West End," and was on the west side of Garden street, opposite the "Cow Common."

From the fact that Jonathan owned a house and lot at this time it is natural to suppose he was a married man. Some writers have stated that he had a first wife named Susannah, and if such was the case, he was presumably living with her at Cambridge. However, I have not been able to find one item in the old records that would indicate such a conclusion; and from this fact, also that he had no daughter or granddaughter named Susannah, but did have one—his eldest—named Elizabeth, after the one whom we know to be his wife later, I very much doubt the statement. Whether he had a wife when he came from England, or married her in Cambridge, I have no means of knowing, neither of the birthplace of his eldest son, Jonathan Bosworth, Jr., whether in Cambridge or Hingham.

It was while Jonathan was still living in Cambridge—and probably the rest of the family—that he was called on to pay his share of the money borrowed by his father, of Henry Sewall, as "Ordered by Court," July 7, 1635 [Records of Mass., Vol. 1, p. 123], and told of on the preceding pages, under the history of Edward¹.

Some time between October 10, 1635, and April 3, 1636, Jonathan must have removed with the others to Hingham, Mass., for on the latter date we find him assigned a house lot

Two several parcels of land and meadow lying
unto John Nathaniel Bosworth by the Towne of Hingham
containing two acres of land butting upon Battershall street westward
bounded with the land of Nathaniel Langbe westward and the
land of Henry Nuttall southward: lying in a five myle
square unto John Nathaniel Bosworth by the Towne for a great
part two acres of land lying upon the great plain
near the first pasture to the westward of the Centes bounded
with the land of William Langbe southward and with
the land of John Tower northward: butting upon the
great wayes eastward and westward

Three unto John Nathaniel Bosworth by the Towne for a
small part five acres of land butting upon the Towne
street eastward butting upon the Common westward and
bounded with the land of Thomas Lincolne Cooper north
ward and with the land of Joseph Cooper southward:

Three unto John Nathaniel Bosworth by the Towne one acre
of fresh meadow lying in a little meadow above the
new mill: bounded with the meadows of Joseph
Langbe westward and with the Common eastward north
ward and southward.

Three unto John Nathaniel Bosworth by the Towne one acre
of fresh meadow to the southward of the bridge north
by James Bridges bounded with the Common land eastward
and westward and with the street lots westward and
northward

All the above said parcels of land and meadow given unto
John Nathaniel Bosworth were given unto him and his heirs
for ever to have more or less as they were measured

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of five acres in this new settlement. (The first mention of Hingham in the records was made Sept. 2, 1635.) On the opposite page is shown a photo of one page of the old "Record Book of Hingham," where a list of the property assigned to him is given, and knowing how difficult it would be for anyone unfamiliar with this old writing to decipher it, I give it here:

- The severall parsells of land and meadow legally given unto Johnathan Bozworth by the Towne of Hingham
- July 1637 Given unto Johnathan Bozworth by the Towne for a house lott two acres of land butting upon batchellor streett eastward bounded with the land of william Large westward and with the land of Henery Tuttill southward : lyeing in a tryangle
- April 3 1636 Given unto Johnathan Bozworth by the Towne for a great lott tenn acres of land lyeing upon the great playne in the first furlong to the westward of the Center: bounded with the Land of William Hersye southward and with the Land of John Tower northward: Butting upon the highwayes eastward and westward
- Given unto Johnathan Bozworth by the Towne for a house lott five acres of land butting upon the Towne streett eastward : butting upon the Common westward and bounded with the land of Thomas Lincorne Cooper northward and with the land of Josiah Cooper southward.
- Given unto Johnathan Bozworth by the Towne one acre of fresh meadow lyeing in a little meadow as you goe to weymoth mill: bounded with the meadow of Joseph Andrews westward. and with the Common eastward northward and southward.
- Given to Johnathan Bozworth by the Towne one acre of fresh meadow to the southward of glad tidings rock by paiges bridge bounded with the Common land southward and eastward and with the greatt lotts westward and northward.
- all the abovesayd parsells of land and meadow given unto Johnathan Bozworth were given unto him and his heirs forever be they more or less as they were measured

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Jonathan must have sold the two-acre house lot within the next three years, for on March 2, 1640, Clement Bates of Hingham sold a two-acre house lot which was located on Bachelor street (now Main), to John Stoddard, Senr. of Hingham, bounded with the land of William Large on the west, with the land of Henry Tuttle on the south, and "abutting vpon Batchilors street Eastward which said house Lott was formerly Jonathan Bozward of Hingham aforesaid."

On the same date Clement Bates also sold to John Stoddard Senr., the "great Lott" of ten acres "formerly given by the town of Hingham to Jonathan Bozward"; William Woodcock of Hingham, one of the witnesses. On October 15, 1700, this same "great Lott of ten acres" that he had bought of his brother John, was sold by Sergeant Samuel Stoddard to Theophilus Cushing, formerly belonging to Jonathan Bosworth "lying at a place called the Great Plain in sd Hingham in the first furlong of lotts y^t lyeth to y^e Westward of the Center or Country roadway."

On December 10, 1675, Thomas Nichols, of Hingham, sold to his son Ephraim Nichols, Seaman, "all that his house lott containing five acres of Land be it more or less which hee the said Thomas Nicholls heretofore purchased of Jonathan Bozworth, which sd house Lott lying and being in Hingham aforesd. is bounded with the Town Street Eastward and with the Lotts of Hockley feild westward and with the Land of Daniel Lincoln formerly the Land of Thomas Lincoln Cooper Northward and with the land of Thomas Lincoln Carpenter . . . Southward," etc.

NOTE: It may be well to explain that there were so many Thomas Lincolns living at Hingham at this time that, in order to distinguish them, the occupation of each was added to his name. Abraham Lincoln was descended from this Hingham family.

Lechford's Manuscript Note Book, kept by a lawyer of Boston, from June 27, 1638, to July 29, 1641, has the following:

In a suit of Thomas Hett, of Hingham, against Thomas Shave [Footnote sayd Thomas *Shaw*, of Hingham.] Action brought 4. 4. 1639. "[1 s. Jonathan Bosworth & Benjamin Bosworth witnesses for the Plt.]" (See also Benjamin's history.)

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“Jonathan Bosworth of Hingham, taylor, aged about 26 yeares, maketh oath that Thomas Shave about the beginning of the fifth moneth 1637 upon occasion of conference betweene him & this Deponent about a parcell of ground in Hingham conteyning about 5 acres then kept from him told this deponent that he had promised to give halfe therof to Thomas Hett for to help him to obteyne the possession of the said ground and at another time this deponent was present when the said Thomas Het and Thomas Shave talked together of the said promise whereof this deponent remembreth this passage that Thomas Hett asked the said Thomas Shave whether he would be as good as his word, he said Yes. Then sayd Thomas Hett you are like to have yo^r ground againe but when you have it againe I doubt you will be unwilling to let me have halfe of it Noe said Thomas Shave you shall have the one halfe if ever I get it and I shall be glad of the other halfe. [6 d.]” (I imagine this last means he received sixpence for testifying.)

The town of Hull, including the peninsula of Nantasket, was incorporated in 1644. Hingham laid claim to some of the land; these lands by a vote of the General Court were granted to Nantasket. Some of the inhabitants of Hingham questioned the justice of the Court in taking these lands from them. In the Massachusetts Archives may be found the following deposition:

“That which wee *Jonathan Bosworth*, doe testifie Concerninge m^r Pecke his Speech is this, That wee heard hime Say, That pride and malice were the foundation that sett vs a worke about nantascett, and if that were the foundation it would easily apeare What the buildinge would be; alsoe that we did conspire together about it, and it was like vnto those that Conspired together to kill Paule.

Moreover wee doe testifie Concerninge *Edward Hubbard* Senior, that he did say that it was Vniust [unjust] thinge to take away nantascett, and they might as well have giuen away their house Lotts vp to there dores as have giuen away nantascett from them

Witnesses *Jonathan Bosworth*
Thomas Gill

This is testified vppon oath the XXX of the 5th moneth 1641
Jo Endecott dept Gov.”

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Rehoboth, Mass., to which place Jonathan Bosworth removed some time between 1650 and 1658, was one of the four original townships of Bristol county; it was settled in 1644 and included what is now Attleboro, North Attleboro, Seekonk and Swansea in Massachusetts, and in Rhode Island all the lands east of the Blackstone river and Narragansett Bay, namely Cumberland, Pawtucket, East Providence and Barrington. As the life of Jonathan and his descendants is so inseparably connected with this region, even to the present time, a brief sketch of its history will no doubt be of interest. I therefore take the liberty to quote from "Rehoboth, In Brief Review," by Edgar Perry. "The first purchase of Rehoboth land was made of Massasoit in 1641 and embraced a tract 10 miles square, comprising the present towns of Rehoboth, Seekonk, Pawtucket and East Providence. The second purchase was the tract called English Wannamoiset, forming a part of Swansea and Barrington. The third and last purchase was a tract embracing the present towns of Attleboro, North Attleboro and Cumberland, R. I., known as the Rehoboth North Purchase." The first record on the town books was made Oct. 24, 1642. Although a few had taken up farms in "Seaconk" (the original Indian name), or Rehoboth, in 1641 and 1642 "there seems to have been no organization of the settlers until 1643, and no occupation of the new territory with the families, churches and schools until 1644. . . . In 1645 the Commissioners of the United Colonies assigned the new settlement to Plymouth Court and it was incorporated by the scriptural name of Rehoboth, signifying 'room.' It was selected by Rev. Mr. Newman, who said 'The Lord hath made room for us.' "

Rev. Samuel Newman was Rehoboth's first pastor. The first departure from his church "was a forced one, and the dissenting members united with John Myles in founding the First Baptist Church at Swansea." It was probably about this time that Jonathan's eldest son, Jonathan Bosworth, Jr., was led to join this new sect, which act greatly disturbed his parents, so much so that they soon afterwards executed an instrument disinheriting him unless he return to the fold. This he seems never to have done, but to have made his home in Swansea where he and his family were numbered among

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the "Anabaptists,"* as they were then called. The town of Swansea was incorporated in 1668 and "then included within its limits the present towns of Somerset, Barrington and the greater part of Warren, R. I. . . . Rev. John Myles was driven out of England because he refused to submit to the act of conformity, and founded the first Baptist church in Massachusetts, at Swansea. His flock came from Wales, and the old record book of the parish . . . has its earliest pages written in the Welsh language." The town was named from Swansea, Wales.

Rehoboth was the largest town of Plymouth Colony. "The first free public school supported by general taxation was created by the foresight of Rehoboth freemen."

King Philip's war "began and ended within the limits of ancient Rehoboth." It was the frontier town of Plymouth Colony during the war. "All this region was originally in the domain of Massasoit, the fast friend of the English. It was inherited by the son, Wamsutta, and from him passed to his brother, Metacomet, or King Philip. The proximity of Rehoboth to King Philip's headquarters at Mt. Hope, and the fact of its being the heritage of his forefathers, exposed this frontier settlement to the brunt of savage ferocity and vengeance. In apprehension of dangers the colonists were gathered into three garrisons. . . . The third of the three houses was none other than the residence of the famous Baptist divine, John Myles, and this is standing intact today [1894], near Myles' Bridge in Swansea. Its walls are of stone, several feet in thickness, and altogether it is one of the oldest and most unique houses in the state. The brick for the chimney was brought from England. King Philip's war begun with the attack at Myles' bridge in Swansea and ended with the capture of Anawan in Rehoboth."

The first reference to Jonathan Bosworth after he removed to these parts, seems to be the one given in Plymouth Colony Records [Vol. 7, p. 178], where in the year 1658 his name appears in a list of "such as have taken the oath of Fidelitie in the Towne of Rehoboth."

* It should be explained that, although the term "Anabaptist" is here used, the English sect "had nothing in common with the German Anabaptists, except the practice of adult baptism."

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April 8, 1661, Jonathan Bosworth was witness to a deed given by "Wamsetta, alias, Alexander, chief Sachem of Pokanokett," to Capt. Thos. Willett and his associates of "The Rehoboth North Purchase." [Hist. of Rehoboth, Bliss, p. 51.]

April 18, 1661, Jonathan Bosworth, Senior, of Rehoboth, sells 12 acres of land and one acre of fresh meadow in Hingham to Daniel Cushing; the 12 acres being land he had bought of Joseph Phippen, bounded by lands of Matthew Cushing, Simon Burr and highways; the one acre of fresh meadow was near Paige's Bridge, given him at the laying out of the town. The price received was thirty shillings. This deed was personally acknowledged in Boston before William Stoughton, June 15, 1672, John Jacobs and Thomas Barnes, witnesses.

July 3, 1663, "It was voted and concluded that Nicholas Ide should have the playne Lott y^t formerly was Intended for Goodman* Bosworth Lyeing upon the west syde of the playne It was given him in consideracon of w^t he wanted of his former allotment." [Reho. Rec.]

April 10, 1666, the town of Rehoboth purchased land lying on the north of the township, on the west of the Pawtucket river; it was called the "North Purchase," and was divided into 79½ shares and sold to the inhabitants; the list of purchasers and the number of their shares "was universally agreed upon at a Meeting of the purchacers May the 28th 1672," William Carpenter, Clerke. On this list we find:

"Mr. John Myles, one whole share;"

"William Buckland, one whole share;"

"Joseph and Benjamin Buckland each one share;"

"John Cobley, one whole share that he had of his father Jonathan Bosworth." † [Rec. of the Town of Attleboro.]

April 20, 1666, "Jonathan Bosworth, Seni^r. of Rehoboth, Taylor," deeds his house and lot in Rehoboth, which he had bought of "his brother Benjamin," to Stephen Paine. Deed ack. June 5, 1672.

*"Goodman" in those days was "a title implying worth and respectability."

† As there has been doubt expressed in some cases as to the fact that John Cobley married a daughter of Jonathan Bosworth, I was thankful for this find.

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May 26, 1668, Jonathan Bosworth's name was No. 25 in the list of those who drew meadow lands in the "North Purchase."

March 18, 1668/9, occurred another drawing of lots in the "Rehoboth North Purchase," (now Attleboro), and Jonathan Bosworth drew lot No. 66.

May 26, 1672, Jonathan bought one acre of fresh meadow, of John Woodcock; the following is a copy of the deed:

To all Christian People to whom these presents shall come John Woodcok of Rehoboth in the government of New Plymouth in New England—Sendeth greeting—*Know ye* that I the aforesaid John Woodcok have for a good and Valuable consideration By me in hand Received and paid by Jonathan Bosworth Sen. of Rehoboth aforesaid Wherewith I the said John Woodcock doe acknowledge myself Sufficiently satisfied contented and paid and thereof and every part and parcel doe exonerate acquit and discharge the aforesaid Jonathan Bosworth he his executors administrators or assigns forever by these presents *have freely* and absolutely bargained and sold infeffed and confirmed and by these presents do bargain sell infeffe and confirm from me the said John Woodcok and my heirs to him the said Jonathan Bosworth he his heirs and assigns forever A certain tract of fresh Meadow lying and being in Rehoboth aforesaid Lyeing upon a Run comonlye knowne by the name of The Mille Run. By Bowens Bridge that goeth over into the Neck being about an aker be it more or less Being Bounded To the North the Meadow of Sampson Mason To the east the River To the West the upland: to the South the upland That lyes by Bowens Bridge

To have and to hold the aforesaid Tract of Meadow. be it an aker more or less. unto the said Jonathan Bosworth as his own proper right to him his heirs and assigns forever Therby does and of right accustomed and warranting the sale hereof against what people soever from by or under me the said John Woodcok or by my right or tittell claiming any right or titell of or in the aforesaid Premises and I the said John Woodcok doe allsoe Covenant promise and grant to and with the said Jonathan Bosworth That it shall be lawful for him or his attorney to record or inrolle the tittell and tenur of these presents at the Court of New Plymouth or any other place of Records. In wittness whereof I the said John Wodcok have hereunto set my hand and Seall the twentyesix day of May In the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred seventy and two

John | Wodcok

in the pesence of
William Carpenter
Nicholas Ide

(This deed, a photograph of which is here given, is in the possession of Mrs. Carrie Bosworth Reed, Worcester, Mass., a descendant of Jonathan Bosworth, Sr.)

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“At a Town Meeting Lawfully Warned the 28th of May 1672

At the same Day the Town only acting it was voted and agreed upon that goodman Bozworth Sen^r. Shall have a small Tract of Land against his meadow on the Neck provided he Leave a Sufficient Passable way from the bridge so the Highway that Runs through M^r. Brown's Land that was Last Laid out to Come into the Neck the Tractt of Land to be Bounded by the way and M^r. Browns Land and his owne medow.” [From “Proprietors of Rehoboth Meetings.”]

June 15, 1672, Jonathan was in Boston where he had gone to acknowledge a deed given to Daniel Cushing of land in Hingham, sold him on April 18, 1661.

Nov. 1, 1676, “In reference to the estate of Nathaniel Pecke, deceased, the Court ordered that Jonathan Bosworth, Sen., and Samuel Pecke shall administer on said estate, there being two children, a son and daughter, . . . the estate to be undivided until they come of age or choose their own guardian.” [Plym. Col. Rec.]

(Samuel Peck was brother, and Jonathan Bosworth, Sen., the father-in-law, of Nathaniel Peck, the latter having married Deliverance Bosworth, and both had died the previous year leaving two children.)

Feb. 20, 1678, William Buckland “of the town of Rehoboth government of New Plymouth in New England,” deeds to Jonathan Bosworth Senior of Rehoboth, a lot of upland in Wachamoket Neck, twelve acres. Also on the same date, Joseph Buckland of the same place, sells to Jonathan, a lot of upland in Wachamoket Neck in Rehoboth, 26 acres. (These two deeds are also in the possession of Mrs. Reed.)

Somewhere about this time a record was made on the Old Proprietary Records of Rehoboth, now at Taunton, [Book 2, p. 128] of “The bounds of The Lands of Jonathan Bozworth Sen.”

Imprimis, my house lot containing twentye akers be it more or less being bounde. To the Northward Mr. James and Mr. John Browne Land To the westward the land of The children of Nathaniel Peck To the Eastward a highway

But I comend unto all men by these sheweth that I Jonathan Bosworth
Senior of the Towne of Rothoboth in the County of Suffolke in his Manerly
Territory and Dominion of Northhamptonshire beinge sick and aged yet through the
goodnes of god of a somewhat measure of understanding and memorye doe so
the glory of god and the comfort and peace of my deare wife and Children and
settlinge of that good estate that god hath given me, make this my last will and
testiment. this twentieth day of february Anno Dom. 1622

Item It is my desire to humbly resigne up my Soule into the hands of my deare Redeemer
the Lord Iesus Christ; And it is my will that my body be decently buried

Item I give and bequeath unto my deare and Beloved wife the free use and improvement
of the Romet of my house of f new dwell in with the one half of my Barns orchard
and home lot and the improvement of any other land and meadow that is now in my hand
that I have not formerly disposed on with the profit thereof. During her Natural life
and likewise I give and bequeath unto my deare wife all my household goods and Corn
and all the cattell of every kind that I have at my decease to be wholly at her disposal

Item I give unto my eldest Son Jonathan five shillings to be paid of my Son Joseph within
a year after my decease: I have also given unto my said Son a good portion of
Lands and other estate to a good value more then I was able.

Item I do give and bequeath unto my Son Joseph the other end of my house and the one
half of my Barns and orchard and the other half of my home lot and Lands in
which a messuage of which I have formerly given an Inheritance unto my
hand and Seale and doe hereby confirme and give to him his heirs and assigns
for ever: And likewise I do give and bequeath unto my said Son Joseph the one
part of my half barn orchard. Soyle loffe and all the other lands and meadows that
I have given my deare wife the improvement and whole profit of during her natural
life after my wifes decease to him his heirs and assigns for ever to be fully
possessed of.

Item I give unto my daughter Abigail five shillings to be paid within a year after
my decease.

Item I give unto my daughter Bethia five pounds to be paid within a year
after my decease.

Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Bethia five shillings to be paid within
a year after my decease.

Item it is my will that in consideration of what I have given my son Joseph in
possession and what is to be paid after his mother decease that my said Son Joseph
shall pay or cause to be paid the other given Legacy to my son Jonathan and
about mentioned daughters.

Item It is my will that my deare wife shall be executrix and my Son Joseph executor
to this my last will and testament: so the confirmation of this my last will

I have hereunto affixed my hand and seale the day and year above written
Rights Seale and acknowledged
In the presence of

James Brown

frank hunt.

William Carpenter

Jonathan
Bosworth



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2dly ffifteen akers of Land be it more or less in Wachamoket neck laid out first to Jacob Ormsby and purchased of his widdow being bounded Southerly The land of Mr. James and Mr. John Browne. To the Northward The lot laid out to Widdow Hall a Highway Runing acrose the Easterly end of The lot To the Westward a Highway

3dly twelve akers and ten rod of upland be it moore or less in Wachamoket neck purchased of William Bucklane a highway runing through the Easterly end of it being boundeth To the Southward The land of Jonah Palmer To the Northward the land of George Robinson To the Westward the next Range of Lots. To the Eastward a highway.

4ly twentye six akers of land be it more or less in wachamokett neck purchased of Joseph Buckland eight akers lyeing the fourth Range most of it lyeing upon a triangle and eighteen akers of it in the begining of the first Range Bounded to the Southward The land of Richard Bowen and Sampson Masons To the Northeast a Highway.

5ly one aker of Land be it more or less given me by the Towne Lyeing Neare The bridge bounded Southward a highway To the Eastward my owne Meadow Westward a highway. Northward the land that was laid out to Mr. James & Mr. John Browne.

6ly one aker of Meadow be it more or lesse which I purchased of John Wodcok Sen being bounded Easterly the River Westerly my owne land Northerly to the meadow of Widdow Mason."

Of the twenty acres mentioned in "Imprimis," Jonathan never received a deed, but after his death the deed was made out by Israel Peck, his son-in-law, to Jonathan's son Joseph, to whom he had willed his property, as will be seen later.

The following instrument by which Jonathan and his wife, Elizabeth, expressed their serious disapproval of the course their eldest son, Jonathan Bosworth, Jr., had taken in joining the "Anabaptists," may be found recorded in Plymouth, [Vol. 5, p. 137.]

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"This writing witnesseth that I Jonathan Bozworth with my wife Elizabeth Bozworth have given and doe give unto my son Joseph Bozworth half of my house lott with the east end of my Dwelling house and half my Barne and two lotts adjoining in Wathchamositt Neck on that was Joseph Bucklands excepting that part that ye highway cutts of which is six or eight acres the Town Records shows And another which was Jacob Amesberies with two Cowes fair with Calfe and the use of the Teames to doe his work and mine so long as I shall see cause or till he hath of his owne, this at ye present, but for his Brother Jonathan he shall have nothing to doe with anything I have except he decline from that opinion of ye Anabaptists which he now holds the 30th day of ye 10 month 1680.

By me Jonathan Bozworth Senior
and my wife Elyzabeth Bozworth

Signed sealed amd Delivered in ye presence of

Daniel Smith
Esther Smith

Jonathan Bozworth Senior and Elizabeth his wife personally appearing owned and acknowledged this instrument to be their voluntary and free act and deed the 13th of March 1681 before me Daniel Smith."

It appears that Jonathan's abhorrence of the act of Jonathan, Jr., in joining the Baptists was such that he would not call him son, but mentions him as Joseph's "Brother." However, he must have relented somewhat, for on March 26th of the following year he deeded to "Jonathan the younger of Swansea," land in "the North side of the Township of Rehoboth," which Jonathan, Jr., afterward mortgaged, as will be seen later.

March 1, 1680/1, "Libertie of adminnestration is graunted vnto Jonathan Bosworth, Sen^r, to adminnester on the estate of John Copley, deceased."

March 1, 1680/1, "This Court graunteth libertie vnto Jonathan Bosworth, Sen^r, and Samuel Pecke, adminnestrators on the estate of Nathaniel Pecke, late deceased, to make sale of a peece of land containing eight acres and an halfe, lying next to M^r. Anthony Lowes land, vpon the necke of land called Phebeys Necke, and the comonage on the New Meddow Necke, with the addition of the forty rodd, all which belonged to the said Nathaniel Pecke, deceased."

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Oct. 28, 1681, Same administrators as above, granted liberty, "to make sale of a small psell of salt marsh, being the fourth pte of a ten acree lott lying att Papasquash, or Mount Hope Necke, for the vse and benifitt of the children of the aforsaid Nathaniel Pecke."

In Plymouth Colony Records [Vol. 7, p. 202-209], is given a list of the names of the freemen of the Colony of New Plymouth, taken by Nathaniel Morton, Sec'y; Anno 1683-84. On it we find:

Rehoboth,—Jonathan Bosworth, Sen., and Joseph
Bosworth.

March 8, 1686, Jonathan received another share in the meadow lands of the "Rehoboth North Purchase," a description of which is given on p. 165 of Book 1 of the "Records of the Town of Attleboro," as follows,—"a lot or share of fresh meadow Lyeing and Being one the West Side of the ten-myle River being a share in the second tens. Being bounded Southerly. the meadow of Leftenant Peck: North-erly the meadow of Jarrett Ingraham, westerly the upland: Easterly the River."

About the year 1903, in the attic of the old Bosworth home in Barrington, R. I., was discovered a bundle of legal papers, yellow with age, that had been handed down from generation to generation, apparently unopened. They were found by the widow of Leonard Smith⁸ Bosworth and given into the hands of her daughter, Mrs. Carrie Bosworth Reed. On opening them they were found to be papers of great value to genealogists; some of them deeds showing relationships that had formerly been in doubt, and others of deep interest, but best of all the will of Jonathan Bosworth, Senior, dated February 24, 1686-7. It had evidently never been probated, but kept in the family of the son Joseph, the executor, who had no doubt carried out its provisions. A photo of this will is here given, which reads as follows:

Be it known unto all men by these presents that I Jonathan Bozworth Senior of the Towne of Rehoboth in the County of Bristol in his Majestys Teritorey and Dominion of New England: Being weake and aged yet through the goodness of god of a competent measure of understanding and memrye doe for the glory of god and the comfort and peace of my deare

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wiffe and Children. and settelling of that small estate that god hath given me, make this my Last will and Testament this twenty-fourth day of february Anno dom . 1686.

Imp. It is my desire to Humbly resigne up my Soule unto the Hands of my dear Redemer the Lord Jesus Christ: And it is my will that my Bodey be decently Buried.

Item. I Give and bequeath unto my deare and Beloved wiffe the ffree use and Improvement of the Romes of my House y^t I now dwell in with the one halfe of my Barne . orchard and home Lot . and the improvement of any other land and meadows that is now in my hands that I have not formerly disposed on with the proffits thereof . during her Naturall liffe and Likewise I give and bequeath unto my deare wife all my Houshold goods and Corne and all the cattell . of every kind . that I have at my decease to be wholly at her dispose

Item. I give unto my eldest son Jonathan five shillings to be paid by my son Joseph within a yeare after my decease: ; I having already Given unto my said son a good portion of Lands and other estate to a good value : more than I was abell.

Item. I doe give and bequeath unto my son Joseph the other end of my house and the one halfe of my Barne and orchard and the other halfe of my house Lot and Lands in wachamoket neck of which I have formerly given him an Instrument under my hand and seale and doe herby confirme the same to him his heires and assigns forever : And Likewise I doe give and bequeath unto my said son Joseph the other part of my house barne orchads house lott and all the other uplands and meadows that I have given my deare wiffe the improvement and whole proffit of during her natural life . after my wifes decease to him his heirs and assigns forever to be fully possessed of.

Item. I give unto my daughter Rebeka Peck five shillings to be paid within a year of my decease.

Item. I give unto my daughter Bethia Peck five pounds to be paid within a yeare after my decease:

Item. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Batsheba five shillings to be paid within a years after my decease:

Item. it is my will that in Consideration of what I have given my son Joseph in possession and what he is to possess after his mother decease that my said son Joseph shall pay or cause to be paid the above given Legaysye to my son Jonathan and my above mentioned daughters.

Item. It is my will that my deare wiffe shall be executrix and my son Joseph executor to this my Last will & testament : To the confirmation of this my Last will I have hereunto afixed my Hand and Seale the day and yeare above written

Signed Sealed and acknowledged

The mark of

Jonathan
Bosworth B

In the presence of us
James Brown
Enoch Hunt
William Carpenter

Burials of Rehoboth 1688

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Ruth Kenrick the wife of Ebenezer	}	1688
Kenrick = Buried the 31 st of Octob ^r		
Agnesa Burdett Buried the 19 th of January	}	1688
Margitt Gorton the wife of David Gorton		
Buried the 27 th of February	}	1688
Widdow Ann Burdett Buried the 27 th of March		
Nehemiah Burdett Buried the 14 th of April	}	1688
Samuel Burdett the wife of Samuel Burdett		
Buried the 14 th of April	}	1688
Jonathan Burdett Buried the 3 rd of May		
Lizbeth Ormby son of Thomas Ormby	}	1689
Buried the 5 th of May		

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Jonathan² Bosworth, Sr., died at Rehoboth, Mass., January 3, 1687-8.

Elizabeth, wife of Jonathan Bosworth, Sr., died at Swansea, Mass., perhaps at the home of her son Jonathan, Jr. The record reads, "Elizabeth Bozworth Departed this life June the 15th in Swanzy Being Almost ninty one years of Age In the year 1705."

NOTE: In Arnold's Vital Records of Rehoboth it is stated that Jonathan Bosworth, Jr., died in Rehoboth Jan. 3, 1687. Knowing that this must be a mistake, first, because Jonathan, Jr., did not live in Rehoboth, but in Swansea; second, because Jonathan, Sr.'s will is dated one month later than this; and third, because I found a deed made by Jonathan, Jr., at a subsequent date; I visited Rehoboth in 1921 and personally examined the old, original records, and found the name to be as I had surmised, written very plainly, "Jonathan Bozworth Sen.^r" The date as given is 1687, but here no doubt the recorder neglected to put in the double date (see Double dating in Explanations), for at the top of the page is written: "Deaths for the year 1688." His death occurring before the 25th of March, 1687 O.S., the date should no doubt have been written January 3, 1687-8, as given above, for he certainly did not die one month before making his will, and that, as may be seen, is double dated. I have had a photograph of this page made and a reproduction is here given, but as the paper of the old book is yellow with age, the photograph came out very dark, and the writing is not as clear as desirable.

CHILDREN

of Jonathan² and Elizabeth (——) Bosworth:

- 9+ i—JONATHAN, JR.,³ b. about 1636; m. July 6, 1661, Hannah Howland.
- 10+ ii—ELIZABETH,³ bapt. in Hingham, Nov. 18, 1638; m. *Sept. 6, 1661, Peter Brackett.
- 11+ iii—REBEKAH,³ bapt. in Hingham, Feb., 1641; m. Nicholas Peck.
- 12+ iv—BETHIAH,³ bapt. in Hingham, Jan., 1644; m. July 15, 1670, Israel Peck.
- 13+ v—MARY,³ bapt. in Hingham, Apr. 18, 1647; m. John Cobley.
- 14+ vi—DELIVERANCE,³ bapt. in Hingham, Aug. 4, 1650; m. Nathaniel Peck.
- 15+ vii—JOSEPH,³ b. prob. in Hingham; m. Feb. 10, 1680, Esther Smith.
- 16+ viii—BATHSHEBA,³ m. (prob.) Benjamin Jones.

* This date has been given Aug. 7, 1661, but as the old record reads: "7th mo. 6th," and March at that time was the first month, the above date must be correct.

Although Joseph and Bathsheba are placed as the youngest in this family, having no dates of their birth, I cannot be sure that this order is correct.

See Benjamin history for more about Elizabeth.

BENJAMIN² BOSWORTH, son of Edward¹ and Mary (—), was born in England, in the year 1615. He came to America in 1634, in the ship *Elizabeth Dorcas*, with his parents, his sister Mary with her husband, William Buckland, also a brother, Nathaniel, and possibly an Edward. His father having died as the ship was entering Boston harbor, Benjamin probably went soon afterward with his mother and brothers to Hingham.

In 1635, according to a record made by his own pen in a letter written in 1699 (this letter given later), he was employed by Israel Stoughton, in Dorchester, probably at the place which for the following 100 years was the homestead of the Stoughton family, on the corner of Pleasant street and Savin Hill avenue.

July 7, 1635, at a court held at Newtowne (now Cambridge), Benjamin was called on, in company with his brothers, Jonathan and Nathaniel, and his brother-in-law, William Buckland, to pay money borrowed of Henry Sewall by their father, Edward, to help out with the expenses of their passage to America. Benjamin was directed to pay five pounds in two installments—thirty shillings on the 29th of September of that year, and three pounds, ten shillings, at “midsummer” of the next year.

Benjamin was probably married about 1636 and settled in Hingham, for at that time he was first given land there, as the following from the Town Record shows:*

* In a little book about Nantasket, published in 1830, in a list of those who received grants of land, the statement is made that Benjamin Bosworth had a grant of land in Hingham in 1635. However, the Town Records are as given.

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- The severall parcells of land and meadow legally given unto Benjamin Bozworth by the towne of Hingham
- 1636 Given unto Benjamin Bozworth by the Towne for a house lott five acres of land Butting upon the Towne street northward and upon the Common southward: bounded with the land of William Walker eastward and with the land of John Winchester westward:
- 1637 Given unto Benjamin Bozworth by the Towne for a planting lott: three acres of land lying in Broad Cove feild. bounded with the land of francis smith eastward. and with the land of Nicholas lobdin west ward: Butting upon the salt marshes southward:
- June 10 1637 Given unto Benjamin Bozworth by the Towne one acre and halfe of salt marsh . lyeing in weymoth meadow . bounded with the meadow of George barton eastward: and with the meadow of francis smith west ward . and with the river southward and with the upland northward.
- Given unto Benjamin Bozworth by the Towne for a greate lott tenn acres of land: lyeing upon nutty hill . Bounded with the land of Andrew lane southward and with the land of Thomas Gill north ward and with the Common eastward & westward all the above sayd parcells of land and meadow were given unto the afore sayd Benjamin Bozworth to him and his heirs for ever be it more or less as it is measured.
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June 4, 1639, Benjamin was a witness for the plaintiff in the law suit of Thomas Hett against Thomas Shave, both of Hingham. Suit tried in Boston. His testimony was as follows:

“Benjamin Bosworth of Hingham, planter, aged about 24 yeares maketh oath that Thomas Shave about the beginning of the fifth moneth 1637 upon occasion of conference betweene him and this Depont about a parcell of ground in Hingham conteyning about 5 acres then kept from him the said Thomas told this Depont that he had promised to give Thomas Hett halfe thereof for to help him recover the same and the said Thomas Shave said further that when he did get the said ground Thomas Het should have halfe of it wth

- 636 Given unto Benjamin Bosworth by the Towne of Hingham
two acres of Land and meadow lying
between the Common Squard and the
Land of William Wainchostor westward.
- 637 Given unto Benjamin Bosworth by the Towne for
a planting. Lxxv acres of Land lying in the
Common Squard bounded with the
Land of Nicholas Lobbin west
ward and with the salt marshes southward.
- 639 Given unto Benjamin Bosworth by the Towne and
Common Squard. Lxxv acres of Land lying in
meadow bounded with the meadow of Edward Barker
eastward and with the meadow of Francis Smith west
ward and with the river southward and with the
meadow northward.
- Given unto Benjamin Bosworth by the Towne
for a private Lxxv acres of Land lying upon
the hill bounded with the Land of Andrew Luce
northward and with the Land of Thomas Gill north
ward and with the Common eastward & westward
all the above said parcels of Land and meadow
now lying unto the above said Benjamin Bosworth
except the five and the other parcels for which he
has not yet received satisfaction.

1047 Given unto William Chapman by the Towne of Hingham
two acres of Salt marsh on the north side of
Liffords Lifford
Given unto William Chapman one acre of salt marsh
at Comys passage its length is the first description bounded
with the meadow of John marvita southward & with the
meadow of Clement Baker northward & with the
Land eastward and with the Currier westward with
an acre of meadow to the satisfaction for meadow given
him at nantuxet.

1047 Given unto Thomas Smith by the Towne of Hingham
two acres of Salt marsh lying at Comys passage its
length is the first description bounded with the meadow
of John marvita southward & with the meadow of
Clement Baker northward & with the Land eastward
& with the Currier westward with the meadow
of meadow to the satisfaction for meadow given
him at nantuxet.

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heart & good will and that he the said Thomas Shave should be glad of the rest himselfe & prase God for it. [6 d.]”

The above was taken from a Manuscript Note Book kept by a lawyer of Boston, named Thomas Lechford, which book has also the following record, which I copy verbatim:

“Benjamin and Nathaniell Bosworth charge bills upon Joseph Bosworth of Coventry* in the County of Wa^{rk} shoo-maker for tenne pounds to be paid by Thomas Lund of London leatherdresser or his assignes upon 20 dayes sight. (1 s.)

A bond to pay it accordingly by Will^m Buckland carpenter & Thomas Turner of Hingham. (1 s.)

A writing for Counter security All dated 1 Sept. 1640.”

It was during this interval of time that Benjamin’s two children—Benjamin^s and Mehitable^s—were baptized in Hingham, in April, 1647, by Rev. Peter Hobart. From the fact that they were both baptized on the same date, it has been thought they were twins, but this does not necessarily follow.

The record in the original reads as follows:

1647	|	Benjamin and Mehitable Bozworth Baptized.
April 6		

NOTE: The name of Benjamin’s first wife is not known, and as no date of their marriage, or of her death can be found on any of the public records, it will probably never be known. It is, however, interesting to speculate as to what her name may have been.

It is supposed that a daughter of Benjamin^s married Capt. Robert Goold, of Hull, as in the will of the latter, Benjamin Bosworth is called grandfather of his children. On the Goold gravestone at Hull (to be reproduced later), her name is given Elizabeth, born Nov. 18, 1638; but this is, I feel confident, the name and date of baptism of the eldest daughter of Jonathan^s. We know that the wife of Jonathan was named Elizabeth, and as it was often a custom to name the first son after the father, and the first daughter after the mother, it seems to have been followed in this case. After spending years of study on the Bosworth family, I have come to a conclusion, entirely satisfactory to me, that the Elizabeth baptized

* It is probable that Joseph Bosworth of Coventry was either an uncle or an elder brother of Benjamin and Nathaniel.

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November 18, 1638, was a daughter of Jonathan² Bosworth, who married Peter Brackett of Braintree, Mass., August 7, 1661; a corroboration of this being that every one of the names of her children are found in the family of Jonathan.² Therefore, I have so placed her.

If, as is generally accepted, Robert Gould did marry a daughter of Benjamin² Bosworth, it probably was Mehitable. Two facts add weight to this conclusion: the first being that Elizabeth was seven years *older* than Robert Gould (she was one year younger than Peter Brackett), while Mehitable was two years *younger*; and the other that Robert Gould had two granddaughters named Mehitable. Hence, it is pretty safe to conclude that such was the case. Following up the above line of argument we may *surmise* that Benjamin's first wife, the mother of his children, was named Mehitable, and this may sometime be brought to light by following this clew.

The next record we find concerning Benjamin was on *Nov. 21, 1650*, when in an inventory on the estate of Robert Button, in a list of persons owing the estate "Pettie Debts," the name of "Benjamin Boseworth" appears.

July 21, 1653, Benjamin Bosworth was a witness, with Nicholas Baker, to the will of John Bibbill "of Molden in New England being now of Hull." As Benjamin at this time is called "of Hull," he must have either removed to Hull previous to this time, or the land upon which he lived had been set off to the township of Hull, which was incorporated in 1644.

NOTE: As two of the first Bosworth brothers, Benjamin and Nathaniel, had their homes in Hull, the following, taken from Gazetteer of Mass., by John Hayward, pub. 1846, is of interest:

Hull "is celebrated for its beautiful beach four miles in length, and for its shell-fish and sea-food. The town lies between two hills of fine land, near Point Alderton, opposite Boston light-house. It is nine miles . . . from Boston by water, and twenty-one by land, via Hingham. It is by no means 'an inconsiderable town' as some closet gazetteer writers tell the world. Such people had better look about them. Hull was a mart of commerce and the residence of eminent men six years before Boston bore its present name."

April 10, 1656, Nauhawton (an Indian), deeds to Thos. Loring, John Stone, Nicholas Baker, Benjamin Bosworth, and the inhabitants of the town of Hull, "All that my Neck of Land comonly called by the name of Nantascut which neck is now called the town of Hull," five miles in length. Acknowledged in Boston, by Nauhaughton, July 12, 1683.

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In one of the Record Books at Hull, entitled, "A Record of the Lands and Meadows, Highways, etc., given and granted in the Town of Hull, 1657," (p. 19), I find a description of the lands given to Benjamin Bosworth. The following is a list of these lands briefly described:

"The lands and tenements of Beniamine Bosworth
First one home Lot of two acres more or less as it was measured Lying northeast and southwest the towne street" . . .

more halfe a home lott containeinge one acer more or lesse as it was measured lying east and west the sound. . . .

more one lott of meadow containeinge two acers more or lesse as it was measured lying east and west by the Straights River. . . .

more twoe lotts at Alderton hill being three acres more or lesse. . . .

more one lott at Peddocks Island being fouer acer more or lesse. . . .

more halfe a lott at Peddocks Island containing two acers. . .

more one lott of meadow lying at Peddocks Island conteining two acers. . . .

more one lott at strawberry hill conteinge three quarters off an acer. . . . Thomas Loring on the south. . . .

more one lott at Strawberry hill conteinge three quarters of an acer. . . . the steep bank on the South. . . .

more one lott at Sagamore hill conteinge three quarters of an acer. . . .

more one lot at Whitehead conteinge one acer. . . .

more halfe a lott about halfe an acer lying at the very west poynt of Whitehead. . . .

more a proportion off land at Hogge Island fifteen Score and teun rods which was before in eleven Lotts lying north. . . ."

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Oct. 29, 1657, (in the original "29th of the 8th 1657") Benjamin must have been in Plymouth, for on this date he was witness to a discharge of "Bond for three score and ten pounds," given by Roger Williams of Providence, acting as executor of the estate of John Hazell, deceased, to William Buckland; the latter having bought land of John Hazell, in Rehoboth. [Plym. Col. Rec.]

May 25, 1658, In answer to a petition of Benjamin Bosworth, by the payment of ten shillings, a fine of forty shillings was remitted for not warning the freemen of Hull on the right day to give in their proxies for the nomination of persons for election. [Rec. of Mass., Vol. 4, Pt. 1, p. 322.]

Sept. 9, 1659, Benjamin and Nathaniel Bosworth named in a list of those owing debts to the estate of Martin Stebbins of Boston, "Vitualer." [New Eng. Hist. Reg., Vol. 32, p. 318.] *1663*, In "Early Court Files," at Boston Court House, may be found the following [Case No. 25037]:

"Benjamin Bosworth aged forty eight or thereabout testified and say that I being at A generall cort at Boston when nantaskit was granted for a plantation the magistrates and deputies being assembled there was expressed in words Brewsters Ilands to belong to nantaskit with Slate Iland the slate to be free for the use of the contry and further saith not."

Apr. 20, 1666, Jonathan Bosworth, "Seni^r. of Rehoboth, Taylor," sold land he had bought of "his brother Benjamin." [Plym. Deeds, 3-224.]

May 24, 1666, In a list of the Freemen of the New England Colony, who took oath on this date, "Ben. Bosworth, Hingham," appears.

(This may be found in N. E. Hist. Reg., 3-239, also in Rec. of Mass., 4-582; but I do not understand it, for Benjamin had been called "of Hull," for several years.)

— —, *1667*, At a Town meeting of Hull—It was further ordered that "beniamin bosworth abraham Jones & John Lobdell" be a committee to bring to pound all horses found on the Neck.

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In 1668, in a division of lots on "the south side of the hill," (probably Strawberry Hill), "Beniamine Bosworth 2 lott." Also, "Lotts on the Common, Beniamine Bosworth two Lotts."

At a Town meeting held in Hull in 1670, "Beniamine Bosworth" was appointed one of five to have charge of the "prudential affairs" of the town.

In 1670, in the order of the laying out of lots at Slate Island and Sheep Island, the first beginning at the southeast, "Ben. Bosworth" was given lot No. 29. [Hull Rec.]

Sept. 15, 1671, "Benjamin Bosworth, Sen^r. of the town of Hull, alias Nantasket," being about to be married to a second wife, deeds to his son: "Know yee that I the said Benjamin Bosworth Sen^r. for and in consideration of the natural affection & goodwill which I bear unto *my only son* Benjamin Bosworth and Hannah his wife and for other good causes," etc., deeds "unto my said son Benjamin Bosworth, and to the heirs of his Body which are or may be lawfully begotten, . . . two lots of land at Strawberry Hill, one lot at Whitehead, one half lot at Petoks Island, one half of my meadow at said Island, an acre at Hogg Island, and his right of two Cowes Commonage on the Neck, . . . in case he decease before his said wife and leave no issue surviving, that notwithstanding, my said dear daughter-in-law Hannah Bosworth, the wife of my said son Benjamin Bosworth shall have and enjoy all these my said lands . . . all the dayes of her life, . . . my said son Benjamin Bosworth, Jun^r. . . . And that my said daughter-in-law Hannah Bosworth his wife doe enjoy those several parcels of land with their Rents . . . until her death." Signed

Benjamin Bosworth, Sen^r. and a Seal.

In presence of
Zachariah Whitman
John Prince, Sen^r.
Nathaniel Bosworth

Ack. May 1, 1673. [Plym. Deeds, 4-116.]

In another deed executed on the same date, "Benjamin Bosworth Sen^r. of the town of Hull, yeoman, in consideration

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of the Natural affection & goodwill which I bear unto my only son Benjamin Bosworth of the town aforesaid . . . yeoman, and for other good causes, mee thereunto officially moveing," deeds a parcel of land in Hull—two acres, "commonly called Hitts lot, lying at the end of the Towne Land . . . towards Point Allerton," [Plym. Col. Rec., 4-120.]

*Nov. 16, 1671**, Benjamin² Bosworth, Sen., was married in Lancaster, Mass., to Mrs. Beatrice Josselyn, widow of Abraham.

NOTE: It has long been a question as to whom Beatrice was before her marriage to Abraham Josselyn, and some writers have made the statement that she was Beatrice Houghton, but the question is set at rest once for all by the following, taken from the N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register (Vol. 71, p. 254):

"Beatrice, widow of Abraham Joscelyn, whom Segt. Benjamin Bosworth married, was a daughter of Philip Hampson, citizen and merchant tailor of London, who in his will, dated 2 June 1654, and proved 4 July 1654, makes bequest to his daughter, Beatrice Josselyne, her husband Abraham Josselin, and their children," etc. (An abstract of this will is given in Vol. 47, p. 419, under "Gen. Gleanings in England.") Beatrice was born (according to Vol. 71, p. 254), in England, about 1623. The names of nine children of Abraham Josselyn are given, but the eldest is thought to be the son of a former wife. Abraham "died at sea, off the coast of Virginia, in the ship *Good Fame* of New York, between 16 Mar. 1669/70, when he made his will, and 7 Apr. 1670, when his will was proved, at Ft. James, Province of New York." They resided at Hingham, Mass., Scarborough, Me., and Lancaster, Mass., "which was his residence until his death." "Beatrice (Hampson) Josselyn survived her husband and married (2) at Lancaster, Mass., 16 Nov. 1671, Serg^t. Benjamin Bosworth." Abraham was a mariner, born in England about 1619. "It is not known when he emigrated to New England, but he lived first at Hingham, Mass." After her marriage to Benjamin, Beatrice removed to his home in Hull.

The following is an example of what some of the early inhabitants of our land had to face in order that this country could be settled:

Abraham Josselyn, eldest son of Abraham and Beatrice, was killed by the Indians early in the morning of Feb. 10, 1675-6, in an attack on Lancaster. The people had taken shelter in the fortified house of Rev. Joseph Rowlandson, but the Indians set it on fire and the people had to either perish in the flames or "resign themselves to the savages." All the men but one were slain, among them Abraham Josselyn. Among the women and children taken captive was his wife Ann, and little daughter, Beatrice.

*"1671, 9, 16 Benjamin Bosworth and widow Beatrice Joslin married." (From Early Records of Lancaster: Nourse.) The ninth month being November at that time, makes the date—November 16, 1671.

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Mrs. Rolandson, who was one of the captives, met Mrs. Josselyn about thirteen days later, in the hands of the Indians, at a place now New Brantree. "She was in great distress being near confinement and having in her arms her little daughter Beatrice, then nearly two years old." Later Mrs. Ronaldson heard that she and her child "were stripped by the Indians, knocked on the head and cast into a fire, where they miserably perished." Some captive children who saw it told Mrs. Ronaldson that Mrs. Josselyn did not "shed a tear, but continued in prayer until death put an end to her sufferings."

May 7, 1673, "Benj: Bosworth" of Hull, "made and admitted to freedom." [Rec. of Mass., Vol. 4, Part 2, p. 587.]

Mar. 9, 1673/4, In a list of names of the townsmen of Hull, "Seriant Bosworth." On the same date, under "Charges of the town of Hull for Beacon, Watch House, &c.": "The Wardas:—first, Benjamin Bosworth, seniour, 17 days." [N. E. Hist. Reg., Vol. 16, p. 44.]

May 12, 1675, At a meeting of the Mass. Bay Colony held in Boston: "In ans^r to the peticon of Benjamin Bosworth, the Court judgeth it meete to grant his request, so as the land desired & mentioned in his peticon exceed not twenty acres, and that it be in this Courts power to dispose of, and not belonging to any toune or person." [Rec. of Mass., Vol. 5, p. 38.]

Feb. 1, 1677, At Town Meeting in Hull, "the pond called Duck pond with the beach y^t coms athert from y^e stony beach over to the northeast end of gallops hill was given & granted by a full vote of the proprietors & inhabitants of the town of Hull unto Nathaniel Bosworth Sen^r & Junior, *Benjamin Bosworth Sen^r*. [and to thirteen others named] for the erecting of a corn grinding mill for the use of this town of Hull & not otherwise to be Appropriated."

Sept. 3, 1677, Benjamin Bosworth Senior of Hull, yeoman, deeds to his "only son Benjamin Bosworth Jun^r. of Hull," land in Hull.

In presence of

Nathaniel Bosworth
Nathaniel Bosworth Jun^r.

Benjamin Bosworth Sen^r.
And a

[Seal]

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Nov., 1678, "Sergt. Benj^a Bosworth, Hull," and Benjamin Bosworth, Hull (prob. Jr.), on list of those who had taken the "oath of Allegiance." [Boston Records.]

Dec. 20, 1678, The will of Thomas Loring of Hull was witnessed by "Beniamine bosworth, Seniour" and Robert Goold. "Benjⁿ Bosworth Senio^r and Rob^t. Goold made oath before Simon Bradstreet Esq^r. Dept. Gov^r. and Edw^d. Tyng Esq^r. Assist^t. 12 march: 1678-9" that they saw him sign. [Loring Genealogy.]

John Loring in his will, bequeathed "a piece of salt medow at Pettuks Island which was formerly Benjamin Bosworths." (Same.)

At a Town Meeting held in Hull "Beniamin Bosworth Senior" chosen to "view the fences" for the year 1679.

Mar. 1, 1679, He was chosen one of five "to order the prudentiall affairs of the towne for this yeare 1680." [Hull Rec.]

At a meeting of the Mass. Bay Colony, held at Boston, *May 19, 1680*, on list of "Freemen made at y^e Session," is found the name "Benj: Bosworth" of Hull. [Rec. Mass., Vol. 5, p. 539.]

July 6, 1680, "Att the Court of his Ma^{tie} held att Plymouth for the Jurisdiction of New Plymouth, Beniamine Bosworth, Sen^r., of Hull, in the Massachusetts collonie, complaineth against John Turner, Seni^r., of Scittuate, the eldest John, and son of Humphery Turner, deceased, in an action of the case, to the damage of ten pounds siluer mony, for that the said Turner, sumetime since last Aprill *last*, tooke vp a stray horse of the said Bosworthes, and contrary to the law of this collonie of New Plymouth. The jury find for the defendant the cost of the suite."

Oct. 27, 1680, "Beniamine Bosworth, Seni^r, of Hull, in the Massachusetts collanie complaineth against John Turner, Seni^r, of Scittuate, the eldest John Turner, the son of Humphery Turner, deceased, in an action of the case, to the damage of ten pounds, siluer money, comenced and proceduted by the said Bosworths attorney, against the said Turner, att July Court, last past, which action was for that

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che said Turner som̄time since Aprill, 1679, tooke vp a stray horse of the said Bosworths, and hath vsed and sold the said horse without the likeing of the said Bosworth, and contrary to the law of this collonie of New Plymouth.

The jury find for the plaintiffe six pounds damage, siluer money, and the cost of the suite." [Plym. Col. Rec., Vol. 8, pp. 223 and 230.]

Aug. 7, 1682, Benjamin Bosworth, Senior, was granted a lot of land at Stow, but he did not remove there until the following year, for on Dec. 14, 1682, he is still called, "of Hull."

Oct. 23, 1682, Benjamin sold land to his nephew, Nathaniel Bosworth, Jr.; extract from the deed reads: "Know all men by these presents that I Beniamin Bosworth senior have soulde unto nathaniel bosworth Junior all my rite on all the Islands called Brusters Island witness my hand," etc.

Dec. 14, 1682, Benjamin Bosworth sells his home lot in Hull, with the buildings, and other property, to Robert Gould, Sen.; the deed reads:

"To all People unto whom this present *Deed of Sale* shall Come Benjamin Bosworth Sen^r. of Hull in the County of Suffolk in New England Husbandman Sendeth greeting

Know yee that the s^d Benj^a. Bosworth wth the free & full Consent of Beatrix his wife for and in Consideration of a *Valuable Summe of Current Money* of New Eng^d in hand p^d the s^d Benja Bosworth & Beatrix his wife Doe acknowledge themselves to be fully Satisfied Contented & pd have granted bargained *Sold* and by these presents Doe freely fully and absolutely grant bargain *Sell* unto Robt Gold Sen^r of Hull all y^t their home lot bounded wth Thomas Collier Lot Southerly Lake Squires Northerly Towns Commons Easterly Mordecai Linkhorns land westerly and two thirds of a barn with Cowhouses Leantoes belonging thereunto two Lots at point Alderton One Lot at Pedox Island One Lott of Meadow at Bass point wth all Commons privileges belonging to a Single Allotm^t in & of the Town of Hull wth all the Estate right & title of them the s^d Benj^a. Bosworth & Beatrix his wife of in & unto all and Every the Lands both uplands and meadows thereunto belonging and of all rivers Creeks Coves ponds woods underwoods buildings fencings & houseings w^tsoever upon the same or any part thereof to HAVE & TO HOLD even all the above mentioned premises granted unto him the s^d Robert Gold his heirs & assigns And the s^d Benj^a. Bosworth & Beatrix his wife for themselves their heirs & Assigns and for Every of them respectively Do Covenant promise grant & agree to & wth the s^d Robert Gold his heirs Exec.^{rs} & Assigns that the s^d Rob^t. Gold

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. . . shall and may by force and Virtue of these presents at all time & times forever hereafter Lawfully peaceably quietly have & hold Use Occupy possess & Enjoy the above bargained premises & Every part & parcel thereof . . . And that they & Either of them at any time hereafter will Do any further reasonable or Lawful act or Thing for the more full assurance & Confirmation of the s^d Bargain^d premises unto the s^d Robert Gold his heirs & Assignes according to the true Intent hereof and the Laws of the Mattachusetts Colony In witness whereof the s^d Benj.^a Bosworth & Beatrix his Wife have hereunto put their hands & Seals this 14th Day of Decemb^r. Anno Domⁱ. One Thousand Six hundred Eighty & two and in the 34.th Year of his maj^{ty} reign Over Eng^d

Signed Sealed Deliv^d. in presence of us
Zachariah Whitman Sarah Whitman
Entered 10 Nov. 86

Benja Bosworth (Sigill)

Benjamin Bosworth personally appearing acknowledged this Instrument as his Act & Deed before I. Dudley Presid^t.
28 Octob^r. 1686."

NOTE: Zachariah Whitman, who with his wife were witnesses to the above, was the first minister of the "Church of Christ" in Hull.

The italics in the above deed are my own. I wished to draw attention to the fact that this property, in Hull and thereabouts, was *bought* by Robert Gould, and not *given* to him, as has been stated.

In May, 1683, Benjamin Bosworth and Stephen Hall, of Stow, were chosen as a committee to present a petition to the General Assembly asking for incorporation, which was granted

May 16, 1683, Benjamin Bosworth one of the first Selectmen. The record reads: "In ans^r to the peticon of Benja Bosworth, Tho Steevens, Boaz Broune, &c, inhabitants of Pompositticut & at the motion of the com̄ittee there appointed to order the affaires of s̄d new plantation betweene Concord & Lancaster, called as aboue, this Court doth grant that place to be a towneship, & doe allow the chojce already made by the inhabitants of selectmen, constable, &c, provided they act nothing contrary to the instruction & order given them by the comittee for the prudent distribution of their lands, & encouragement to the setling of a minister among them; and that the name of the said toune be Stow; and they are freed from country rates for three yeares next ensuing."

[Rec. cf Mass., Vol. 5, p. 408.]

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The Maine Historical and Genealogical Records [Vol. 7, p. 20], has the following: "Edw^d. Tyng, Esq^r. of Boston his Daughter Willard Claimes an Island lying neer Sheepscot Riuer Called Joslin's Island formerly sold to Edw^d. Tyng Esq^r. by Abra Jocelin and his wife Beteris, by Deed signed & sealed and Right giuen up by them before Lawfull Authority and Adisclaim thereof under the hand of s^d Beteris formerly Jocelin, Since Bosworth Dated May y^e 18th 1683, and acknowledged s^d 18th May 1683. Before John Hull asst."

May 27, 1685, At a meeting of the Mass. Bay Colony held in Boston: "In answer to the petition of Benjamin Bosworth, the Court judgeth it meet to grant the petitioner twenty acres of land in any ffree place, so as it exceeds not tenn acres, p^t thereof to be meadow." [Rec. of Mass., Vol. 5, p. 480.]

May 13, 1686, "In ans^r to the petition of Benjamin Bosworth the Court grants the petitioner two hundred acres of land where it maybe found free from any other grant, & not hindering the settlement of a plantation, making returne to the General Court for further confirmation, as y^e law directs." [Rec. of Mass., Vol. 5, p. 515.]

The N. E. Hist. and Gen. Register [Vol. 2, p. 307], has the following: "The name of Abraham Josselyn's wife was Beatrice, variously written Beatris, Beatrix, and Betteris—the last in Boston Records. On the 16th of the 9th month 1671, Mrs. Beatrice Josselyn was married at Lancaster to Benjamin Bosworth and removed to Hull. In 1682 they sold their property at Hull and removed to Stow where they lived several years. By sundry deeds and papers on file relative to the settlement of the estate of Thomas Harris it appears that Sergeant Benjamin Bosworth and Beatrice, his wife, made over their farm at Stow, their town rights, and their lands in Marlborough to Thomas Harris and wife Rebecca (a daughter of Beatrice and Abraham Josselyn), of Boston, whither they then removed, and with whose family they passed the remainder of their days. Both of them survived Thos. Harris several years, and remained with his widow, Rebecca, after

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her marriage to Edward Stevens. Sergeant Bosworth died in November, 1700.”

Judge Samuel Sewall visited Benjamin’s widow in her last illness, and wrote in his Diary, under date Dec. 17, 1711, “Visit Mrs. Beatrice Bosworth 88 years old. At her daughters Request I pray’d with her: She entertain’d me with great Respect and enquired after my wife and Son.” He wrote later: “Sixth-day, Jan^y. 11.17¹¹/₁₂. Mrs. Beatrice Bosworth is buried, aged 89 years. Her first husband’s name was Joclin, by whom she had her daughter Stephens.”

She was buried in Granary Burying Ground and her grave is No. 1410. The inscription on the stone reads:

BIETRIS BOASWORTH
Died January 8, 1711/12
Age 89 yrs.

One of the “sundry papers” referred to above is no doubt the following, found in Boston Probate records, [Bk. 15, p. 156]: “The Accompt of Rebecca Stevens (late Harris)* Relict and Sole Executrix of the last Will and Testament of Thomas Harris late of Boston in the County of Suffolke, . . . The said Accomptant charges herself with all and singular the Goods and Chattels of the said deceased Specified in an Inventory . . . exhibited into the Registry of the Court of Probate . . . Eighteenth of August 1698, amounting as

Pr sd. Inventory appears to the Sum of - - £587..1..4”
Other items including
“Lands at Stow sold for £80..-.-.-” } - - £699..4..4
increased the amount to..... }

“And the s^d Accomptant prays allowance of the Several Debts . . . hereafter mentioned, Vizt.” Among others the following: “It. P^d. funeral charges of Benj^a. Bosworth who in his life time made over his Estate to the decēad and the

* Rebecca Josselyn married successively, John Croakham, Thomas Harris, and Edward Stevens. A daughter, Jane Harris, married first a Smith, and second, Robert Goold, Jr., of Hull. She and her children by Robert Goold are mentioned in her father’s will. This will be taken up again later in the history of Benjamin Bosworth’s daughter, who married the elder Robert Goold.

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accountant, in consideracon of their being to maintain him
&c. - - - - - £12..6..2”

Among the legacies are the following items:

“To the Accountant the price of y^e Negroman Sambo
which according to the deceds Will was sold to Jane Gould
for £20”

“To the four children of the s^d Jane which is paid to their
father Robert Gould five pound apiece is £20”

Dated, Boston May 22, 1703.

NOTE: The above items are referred to later, under GOULD.

In East Cambridge, Middlesex Co. Court House we find
the record of a deed made Apr. 18, 1701 (recorded Apr. 24,
1702), by “Edw. Steevens & Rebecca Steevens, his wife
(formerly the wife of Thomas Harris) & Beatrice, wife of
Benj. Bozworth, some time of Stow and since of Boston
lately Dece^d and by him in his life time together with Beatrice
his then wife conveyed and sold unto the above named Thos.
Harris and the said Rebecca his then wife,” land in Stow to
Robert Angan, for 80 pounds. In the signature of Beatrice
Bosworth, she made “her mark.”

In 1702 Mary Bacon gave a deed to Thos. James of land in
Hingham, bounded “with the meadow that was formerly
Benja Bozworths.” Dec. 21, 1702, “Benjamin Bozworth, de-
ceased,” is mentioned in the bounds of land at Hogg Island.

It is with great satisfaction that in closing the history of
Benjamin² Bosworth I am able to give a photograph of a
letter written by his own hand in the year 1699, the year
before his death. This letter is preserved in the Archives of
the state of Massachusetts, in the State House at Boston.
The letter was written in favor of a petition of Samuel
Austin, “an innholder of Wells, (Me.), now of Charlestown
that he may be paid for billeting soldiers 20 years before with
a/c as allowed at Wells. In the years 1675 & 76, for £74-19^s-
1^d.” The letter was written on the back of Samuel Austin’s
account. His petition was addressed:

“To His Excellency the R^t hon^{ble} Rich^d Earle of Bello-
mont Capⁿ Gen^{ral} & Governour in Cheife of his maj^{ties}
Province of the Massachusetts Bay &c. the honrd Council &
representatives now assembled in Gen^{ral} Court.”

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With this petition Samuel Austin filed a certificate by the committee for war for the town of Wells (which was then a town of the Mass. Bay Colony), in 1677. "Common Arrers ffor Souldiers charges of the Late warre Granted and allowed by the Comittee of Millitia of Wells from the first Begininge of the Late Indian warre vnto the first September 1677."

This petition and account was first presented to the House of Representatives, June 15, 1699, and "Read June 16th. Voted That in Consideracōn of diverse good services formerly done for the Publick, by Sam^l Austin the above s^d Petition^r (he being now reduced to great want) the Sum of fifteen Pounds be Granted to him & paid out of the publickTreary.

Jam^s Converse Speaker

Sent up for Concurrance."

Although the above was voted by the House it was not concurred in by the Council and on June 4, 1700, it was again before the House and it was again voted that 15 pounds be paid, and on June 12, 1700, it was "Read in Council and voted a Concurrance.

Is^a Addington Secry."

"Advised and Consented—That his Excellency issue forth his Warrant to M^r. Treasurer to pay unto the sd Samuel Austin the aforesd sum of Fifteen pounds accordingly."

Although the petition was addressed as above, to the Earl of Bellomont, who was Governor General, William Stoughton, the Lieutenant Governor, was acting in his place, and it is evident it was he that Benjamin had in mind in writing the letter, which reads as follows:

Honored Sir I humbly pray pardon my boldness pesuming to wright to your worship upon such an acount as this it beeing non of my owne concern any other way than as christians who ar comanded by god to feel my brothers welfare as my owne: and therefore I shall acquaint you how gods will displayed hath made it my bisniss: this apurill: I having an aged brother and siste who were liuers at wells and kept a hous of entertainment ther beeing routed ther cam to charlstown and liued with a daughter: and I haveing not seen them a great while becaus of my in abilitie to trauill being eighty sixe and they litle lese: I had a sudden impulse com upon my

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spirit to enduer to go to see them once more: and when I cam there I found them both weake that I could not here them speke I am so Deafe: so that thay sent for a grand son to informe me of their will which they now being adged and now beeing in wantt and he entertaing posts and souldiers as your worship may heere see of his owne pertick'r charg and now in theire old agge to be in want and upon such an account: Sir god hath set you as a father to this his poore people—Sir god made your father a father to me for three score and fouer year a gon I liued with your father at dorchester and I hop you will do the best you can for my poor brother and sister Sir I bless god I could say much were it needful—But the cry of the poor recheth far exo 22-21 . 22 . 23—Psa 12-5 with many more but I will refer any to mr cotons sermon on pro 11-26 your honons to comand Beniamine Aprill 20
Bosworth [1699]

NOTE: William² Stoughton, son of Israel¹, the emigrant, was born in 1631, probably in Dorchester. He was acting Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts from 1692 until his death in 1701, was Commander in Chief of the Province during most of that time and also Chief Justice of the Superior Court. His tombstone is in the old Dorchester burying ground.

NOTE: It was stated by Wyman, in his history of Charlestown, that Samuel Austin married a sister of Benjamin Bosworth. The idea was probably taken from the above letter, but it is the opinion of other students of genealogy besides myself, that a careful reading of the above will show that Samuel Austin and his wife were a "brother and sister" in the church. Moreover, by referring to printed Vol. 1, p. 52, of N. H. Probate Records, as also to York Deeds, Vol. 2, pp. 91, 121, 158, we find that Samuel Austin married Sarah, widow of William Story. Her ancestry not known, but a son Samuel Story, probably married Lydia, a daughter of Samuel Austin by his first wife.

CHILDREN

of Benjamin² Bosworth by his first wife, name not known:

17 + i—BENJAMIN³, } Both baptized in Hingham, Mass., by Rev. Peter
18 + ii—MEHITABLE³ } Hobart, April 6, 1647.

Benjamin, Jr., m. Hannah Morton; d. at Hull, Nov. 5, 1682, before his father.

Mehitable prob. m. Robert Gould of Hull.

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Benjamin² Bosworth died in Boston, in November, 1700, aged 85 years. This does not agree with his age as given in his letter, but does agree with the age he gave in June, 1639, when he testified that he was "aged about 24," and in 1663, when he testified that he was "aged 48 or thereabout."

He was probably buried in Granary Burying Ground, Boston, where eleven years later his second wife, Beatrice, was buried, as we have seen. If there was a stone put up at his grave, as there was at hers, it has disappeared during the lapse of years.

My Brother
of
Arlington

Samuel
of
Arlington
Rev. Mr. [unclear]
Chapman

Have you Sir I humbly beseech my brother in returning to visitate your
worship upon such an account as this it being now of my own concern
other way than of Christians who are commended by you to my brother
of my own: and therefore I shall acquaint you how God will I desire with
it my hope: this is of your will: I having an aged brother and sister who were kindred
with and kept about of subordination that being venter they came to church
and they a daughter: and I having not seen them a great while because
in children to which being equally six and they little left - I had no more
can upon my spirit to venture to go to see them once more: and when I come
there I found them both weak: that I could not have them speak from
Drops: so that they sent you a round you to inform me of their will which
they now stand upon and now being in want and he subduing pain and judging
of your worship may have see of his own partick charge and now in their
of age to be in want and upon such an account: I in your
father to this by your people - Sir God made your father up to me -
Have you and your your own I send with your father at Dover
and I hope you will do the best you can for my brother and sister
Sir I bless God I shall say much more it useful - But the very of this your
wishes for 200 21-22-23- 24 for 12-5 with any more but I will rest my
to the colony returned on the 11th of your honors to command Benjamin Bosworth
Bosworth

Ben
Bosworth

REPRODUCTION OF LETTER WRITTEN BY BENJAMIN BOSWORTH IN 1699



NATHANIEL² BOSWORTH, son of Edward¹ and Mary [—], born in England, Sept. 4, 1617, came to America in 1634, in the ship *Elizabeth and Dorcas*, in company with his parents, his sister Mary, and her husband William Buckland, his older brother Benjamin, and possibly younger children. His father dying as the ship was entering Boston Harbor, he, together with his two brothers, Jonathan and Benjamin, and his brother-in-law, William Buckland, were ordered by the Court to pay to Henry Sewall the sum of twenty pounds that the father, Edward¹, had borrowed for the expenses of the voyage. Each were directed to pay an equal proportion, so Nathaniel, although only eighteen years of age, was obliged to pay five pounds. It was to be paid in two installments,—fifty shillings on Sept. 29, 1635, and fifty shillings one year later. This same year we find him with his mother and brothers at Hingham, where they all seem to have settled.

On Sept. 1, 1640 (date given “1 (7) 1640,” but as March at that time was reckoned the first month, the seventh would be September), Nathaniel joined with his brother Benjamin in making a draft on Joseph Bosworth of Coventry, Warwickshire, England, shoemaker. (See Benjamin history, p. 79). Following this transaction the next reference we find is in Boston Town Records, Vol. 32. It is headed, “Aspinwall Notarial Records, 22 (7) 1649.” “Wm. Hudson is Creditor for Chardges about the Shallop whereof he did owe 1/3. . . . pd to Nathaniel Bosworth for bringing his frame to Boston 14 ss.”

Abstract of earliest wills on record in the County of Suffolk, Mass., Second Volume of Probate Records. Inventory on the estate of Capt. Bozone Allen*, taken Sept. 22,

* Capt. Bozone Allen was a merchant (“mercier”) of Hingham.

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1652. . . . Debts due the estate from individuals belonging to the following towns:

Hingham; among many others,
“Will^m Buckland” and “John Lobdon”
Hull; among several others,
“Nathaniell Boseworth.”
[N. E. Register, Vol. 8, p. 60.]

From the above we see that some time previous to this, perhaps at the time of his marriage, about 1645 or 1646, Nathaniel had settled in Hull, and in the year 1657, when the lands of the inhabitants of the town were listed on the Hull records, Nathaniel's were among them and were as follows, giving an abstract, quoting the quaint spelling of the time.

“The Lands and tenements of Nathaniell Bosworth first twoe home Lotts containing fouer Accers

more one acer . . . on the towne street

more one lott of meadow at Whit head containeinge twoe Acers . . .

more one peece of meadow by the straights pond . . .

more one lott at Alderton hill containing one Acer and halfe . . .

more three lotts at Alderton hill containeinge fouer Acers . . .

more two lotts at White head conteineinge two acers . . .
Beniamine Bosworth on the west and south . . .

more one lott at Peddocks Island containeinge fower Acers . . .
. . . the Common Swamp on the southwest.

more halfe a lott at Peddocks Island . . . twoe Acers

more half a lott at Peddocks Island conteineinge two acers . . .

more half a lott at Peddocks Island . . . two acers

more two lots at Strawberry hill an Acer and halfe . . .

more two small lots on Strawberry hill containeinge one Acer and halfe . . . the highway on the north.”

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In 1654 Benjamin and Nathaniel Bosworth of Hull had signed the petition of Martin Stebbins of Boston for a Tavern license.

Sept. 9, 1659, Nathaniel Bosworth's name on a list of those owing bills to the estate of Martin Stebbins, a "Victualler" of Boston. His name in this case is spelled "Boswith." [N. E. Reg., Vol. 32, p. 318.]

To the will of John Stone, dated May 5, 1659, and recorded in Suffolk county, "Nathaniell Bosworth and Nico. Baker" were witnesses. The inventory of the estate was made

Jan. 13, 1663, by Nathaniel Bosworth and Nathaniel "Backer." [N. E. Reg., Vol. 12, p. 273.]

The following is an abstract of a deed given by Nathaniel to Thomas and John Loring. The entire deed may be found in Vol. 4, of the printed volumes of early Suffolk County Deeds.

"To all Christian People to whom these presents shall come Nathaniel Bosworth of Hull in the County of Suffolke in New England Carpenter & Bridget his wife sends Greeting. Know yee that the sajd Nathaniel Bosworth himself & wth the free Consent of Bridget his wife for and in the Consideration of the Sume of twenty pounds to him already payd or secured to be payd by Thomas Loring & John Loring both of Hull afore-sajd . . . unto the said Thomas Loring and John Loring their heires and assignes one whole lot at Peddocks Island, being foure acres more or lesse, with all the liberties and priuiledges thereunto belonging as the said lot or land lies bounded, by the land of Edward Bun on the East, by the land of Richard Stubbes on the West, by the sea on the North by the Common Swamp on the South TO HAVE AND TO HOLD" etc.

"Signed sealed and delivered this

tenth day of January in the
 yeare of our Lord one thousand
 six hundred sixty and one

Nathaniel Bosworth
 And a Seale
 Bridget Bosworth

In the presence of us Samuel Torrey
 Charles Cambell

Bridget Bosworth acknowledged that she put her hand to this conveyance the day of the date thereof & that she did it freely in confirmation of the Same.

Acknowledged 1st Decembe^r 1671 before mee Joⁿ Leverett Dep^t. Gov^r.
 Recorde^d p. Is Addington Record^r."

NOTE: The latter date is not an error; Bridget made her acknowledg-
 ment ten years after the date of the deed.

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Among abstracts of earliest wills on record in Boston is found that of Thomas¹ Loring, "lately deceased." The inventory was taken by William Chamberlayne and John Lobdell and is dated,

June 5, 1662, In a list of those to whom the estate was indebted is found the name of Nathaniel Bosworth.

Looking over the earliest records of the Town of Hull, that have been preserved, we find among persons chosen "by the inhabitants off Hull ffor the orderinge off the prudentiall affayres off the Saide Towne . . . ffor this present yeare 1662"

"nat bosworth"

June 27, 1666, In the inventory of Thomas¹ Loring of Hull, made by William Chamberlayne and John Lobdell, among debts that had been paid, was, "Nathaniel Bosworth 8 shillings."

In 1668, In a division of the lots "on the north side of the hill," probably Strawberry Hill, "The ffirst Lott belonginge to John Lobdell," the next three lots were Nathaniel Bosworth's.

In 1670, In the laying out of lots at Slate Island and Sheep Island, they were numbered beginning at the southeast, and Nos. 16 and 17 were given to "Nath bosworth."

In 1670, at a Town Meeting in Hull, Nathaniel Bosworth, Senior, and Edward Bunn were appointed "to view the fences."

NOTE: This is the first time we find the term "Senior" used in connection with Nathaniel's name, and this year his son Nathaniel² arrived at the age of twenty-one.

May 12, 1670, Nathaniel Bosworth witnessed a deed given by Isaac Lobdell and Martha, his wife, of Hull, to John Lobdell.

NOTE: In Feb. 1665 John Lobdell had married the eldest daughter of Nathaniel and Bridget Bosworth. Isaac Lobdell was no doubt a brother of John, both being sons of Nicholas Lobdell of Hingham.

June 5, 1671, "In answare vnto the petition prefered to this Court by M^r John Prince and M^r Nathaniel Bosworth of the towne of Hull, allies Nantaskett, in the behalfe of said towne,

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to haue libertie to imploy some boates and theire companies, for the takeing of mackerell with netts, att the season thereof, att Cape Codd, this Court doth graunt vnto them libertie for two boates and there companies, to take mackerell there att the season thereof; soe as they make payment of what is due to the collonie from forraigners, notwithstanding any order of Court extant, prohibiting others to fish there." [Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. V, p. 63.]

NOTE: John Pory, writing to the Governor of Virginia in 1622, said: "And Cape Cod it selfe hath not that name for naught, for it is thought that one shallops fishing onelie would suffice the whole plantation of New-Plymouth all the yeare long." (From "John Pory's Lost Description of Plymouth Colony," published 1918.)

Dec. 1, 1671, "Nathaniell Bosworth Sen^r." witness with "John Prince Sen^r. & Jun^r." to deed given by Edw. Bunne and Elizabeth his wife to Thos. Loring of half a lot (2 acres), at Peddock Island which was bounded on the southwest with "his owne Lott bought of Nathaniell Bossworth." [Boston Deeds, Bk. 6, p. 290.]

Sept. 4, 1672, Matthew Briggs and Deborah, his wife, of Hingham, deed to Nathaniel Bosworth of Hull, 150 acres of upland and salt marsh, or meadow, lying on the south side of North river, lying in the township of Marshfield, Plymouth county. "In the 24th year of Our Sovereign Lord Charles the 2nd." [Plymouth Deeds.]

"Accounts of Sundry payments made for the building of the Castle in the years 1673 and 1674.—

Nathaniel Bosworth Dr. to Sundry payments, - - - - 25 s."

March 9, 1673/4, In a list of the names of the townsmen of Hull, Nathaniel Bosworth's name appears.

March 3, 1674/5, Jane Chamberlain, widow, and "Henry Chamberlin Senio^r. and William Chamberlin Sen^r. Sons of the s^d. Jane Chamberlin of Hull," sell all their land in Hingham. Nathaniel Bosworth one of the witnesses.

May 12, 1675, At a meeting of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, held in Boston, "In ans^r. to the petition of Nathaniel

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Bosworth of Hull, the Court judgeth it meete to grant the petitioner, wth such others as shall present that tract of land therein desired, they being such persons as shall be approued by Willjam Staughton, Esq. . . . or any fouer of them, who are appointed a Committee for the ordering the giving of lotts, or otherwise manning the prudentialls there, to make a valid act, prouided there be twenty familjes settled there wthin three yeares, and that there be also a settled & orthodox minister there wthin the sajd terme, and that it be wthin our ljne, and not intrench vpon any former; provided also, that a farme of two hundred & fiuety acres be lajd out for the country's farme, and that a plat thereof, when a plat for the place or towne is brought into this Court, be also brought in."

At the same meeting, "In ans^r to the peticon of Sampson Shoare, together wth the humble request of Nathaniel Bosworth, excecuto^r to the last will & testament of John Lobdell, the Court judgeth it meete to impower Nathaniel Bosworth, deacon to the church of Christ at Hull, & father in law to John Lobdell, deceased, to make Sampson Shoare a legall deed, as is desired." [Rec. of Mass., Vol. 5, p. 36.]

Oct. 27, 1675, Nathaniel Bosworth, of Hull, —Father-in-law and Executor to the last will and testament of John Lobdell, late of Hull,—gives deed of land. [Boston Deeds, 9-314]. Acknowledged on the same date by Deacon Nathaniel Bosworth.

In *1676*, Nathaniel Bosworth signed an agreement representing the town. [Hull Records.]

Feb. 1, 1677, "In A full Towne meeting on this first day of february one thousand six hundred seventy & seven the pond called Duck pond with beach y^t comes athwert from y^e stony beach over to the northeast end of gallops hill was given & granted by a full vote of the proprietors & inhabitants of this town of Hull unto Nathaniel Bosworth Sen.^r & Junior—Benjamin Bosworth Sen.^r. (and to thirteen others, named) for the erecting of a Corn grinding mill for the use of this Town & not otherwise to be Appropriated."

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Nov., 1678, Deacon Nathaniel Bosworth of Hull on list of those who had taken the "Oath of Allegiance." [Misc. Papers, Boston.]

Feb. 4, 1679, Benjamin Jones buys land bounded on one side by land of Benjamin Bosworth; Nathaniel Bosworth one of the witnesses.

Feb. 25, 1679, ("the 25 of the 12 month 78"), the inventory of Thomas² Loring's estate was made by "nathaniel bosworth" and "Thomas Colier."

Apr. 22, 1679, "Nathaniel Bosworth Senior" witness to a deed given by George Vickery and Rebecca, his wife, to "our Son" Isaac Vickery.

April 29, 1679, Nathaniel Bosworth witnessed an agreement, made in Boston, by William, John and Job, sons and heirs of William Chamberlain of Hull.

May 5, 1679, Nathaniel Bosworth, "yeoman of Hull," sells seven acres of meadow land in Marshfield, to John Rogers. Signed by Nathaniel alone. Acknowledged Jan. 26, 1680. [Plymouth Deeds.]

June 14, 1679, Nathaniel Bosworth, Sen., witnessed a Deed of Gift, by George Vickars (or Vickery) and wife Rebecca, to their son Isaac. (Isaac Vickery m. Lydia Jones, a sister of Mary Jones, who married Lemuel Bosworth, a grandson of Nathaniel, Sen.)

"Att a Generall Court for Elections, held at Boston,"

May 19, 1680, under names of "gentⁿ" to serve at this Court;

"Hull—M^r Nathaniel Bosworth."

[Rec. of Mass., Vol. 5, p. 266.]

Mar. 7, 16⁸⁰/₈₁, Samuel Baker of Hull sold land to the "13 Own^{rs}" of the Corn Mill & Saw Mill now built at Straits pond in propor^{con} to their Severall parts & Interest in the s^d mills whose names & parts therein are as followeth that is to Say of Nathan^l Bosworth Sen^r. One 16th part & J^{no} Lorin One

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16th part & of Benj^s Lorin One 16th part & of Rob^t Gold One 16th p^t. & of George Vickers One 16th p^t. & of Nathan^l Bosworth Jun^r One 16th p^t. & of Jos^{ph} Boswth One 16th p^t & of J^{no} Bosworth One 16th p^t. all of the Town of Hull afores^d & also," others of Hingham and Scituate, etc.

May 11, 1681, Court impowered Nathaniel Bosworth as Deputy at the Court to administer oaths and to marry, at Hull. [Rec. of Mass., Vol. 5, p. 314.]

May 1, 1682, Elizabeth Smith, widow of Ensign Henry Smith; Joshua Smith, eldest son and heir; and Abraham Perrin and Phillip Walker; of the Township of Rehoboth, Colony of New Plymouth, for sixty pounds, silver money, "fourty pounds of which was paid to us by Nathaniel Bosworth & twenty pounds paid to us by Benjamin Jones, *both of y^e Towne of Hull*, in y^e Colony of y^e Massachusetts in New England," sells a "Tract of Salt Meadow" situated in New Bristol, "it being a Tract of Meadow lying by itself on both sides of a Creeke at the Bridge being bounded Northerly a Swampe Southerly y^e Beach & y^e Salt water easterly & westerly y^e upland." Two-thirds to go to Nathaniel Bosworth, and one-third to Benjamin Jones. Elizabeth and Joshua Smith deed it "with y^e consent & approbation of y^e Honoured Court of New Plimouth And I y^e said Abraham Perrin of my own free will & I y^e said Phillip Walker with y^e consent & approbation of y^e Worshipful M^r. Daniel Smith my Guardian."

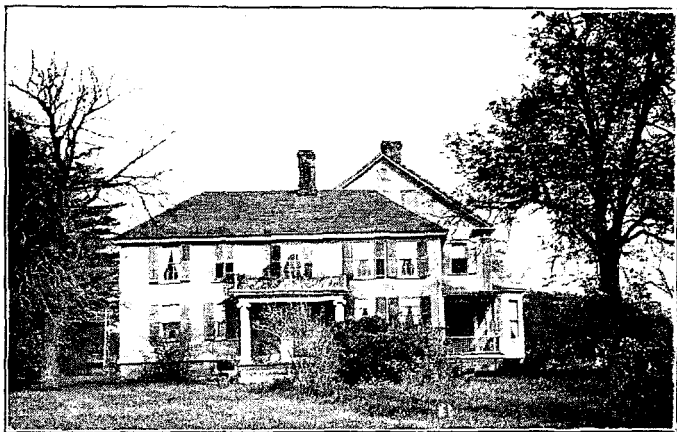
In presence of
William Buckline
William Carpenter

Recorded in 1686.

Sept. 29, 1682, "Nathaniel Bozworth Senior of *Hull*" and Bridget, his wife, divide the 150 acres of land in Marshfield, "lying on the South side of North River," owned by them and John Cushing in common, Nathaniel and Bridget to have "the westward part of ye said upland and marsh and ye said John Cushing to have the eastward part," etc. and "Nathaniel Bozworth" and wife sell to Elisha Bisbee their half "always excepting seven acres of ye said Salt Marsh



"SILVER CREEK," BRISTOL, RHODE ISLAND



HOUSE BUILT BY DEACON NATHANIEL BOSWORTH ABOUT 1683

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which ye said Nathaniel Bozworth have formerly sold out of his half part of ye said Marsh unto John Rogers. . . . In witness whereof ye said Nathaniel Bozworth & Bridget his wife have hereunto sett their hands & seals on ye nine and twentieth day of September Anno Domini Sixteen hundred eighty and two and in the thirty fourth year of the Reign of o^r Sovereign Lord Charles the Second by ye grace of God of Great Brittain France & Ireland Defender of ye Faith—1682.”

Signed “Nathaniel Bozworth” and a Seal
“Bridgett Bozworth” and a Seal

Acknowledged Sept. 29, 1682.

Mar. 5, 1683, Nathaniel Bosworth's name signed to an order for the town of Hull. [Hull Records.]

NOTE: I think it must have been about this time that Nathaniel removed to Bristol—then in the Massachusetts Colony, since 1747 in Rhode Island. I am aware that it has been stated in Baylie's History of New Plymouth, and in other places, that he removed in 1680, but as may plainly be seen by the date of one of the above deeds, he did not buy the land in Bristol until *May 1, 1682*, and in September, 1682, as seen above, he was still called “of Hull.” The last item, taken from the Hull records, I think must refer to him, as he had been appointed, in 1662, to sign orders for the town, and he had done so in other cases.

When Nathaniel² removed to Bristol he was accompanied by three of his sons: Jeremiah, aged about 34; Bellamy, about 29; and Edward, about 24; all were unmarried. His other three sons, Nathaniel, Joseph and John remained in Hull. All married there, and later John removed to Bristol.

When Nathaniel first came to Bristol he built him a home on the banks of Silver Creek, which was the first frame house built in the town. This house is still standing and is not only a very old house, but highly interesting in every respect. The place has never been sold, but has been inherited by one generation after another, and in this line of succession was at one time the property of Judge Bourn, who was a member of the first Continental Congress, meeting in Philadelphia. The chairs, used on that occasion, were afterwards sold, and two of them were purchased by Judge Bourn. These chairs still stand in the parlor of Nathaniel Bosworth's old home—

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“Silver Creek,” as the place is called—and may be seen in the accompanying photograph, as also a painting of Judge Bourn hanging on the right. Later the place came into the possession of Mrs. James Perry, whose son, the late Rev. Calbraith Bourn Perry, D.D., published a book entitled, “The Perrys of Rhode Island, and Tales of Silver Creek: The Bosworth-Bourn-Perry Homestead.”

Nathaniel was a very prominent man in the history of Bristol, and his name appears on “Founder’s Tablet,” in Memorial Hall. He was one of the founders of the first church of Bristol, first known as the “Church of Christ,” and afterward called the “Catholic Congregational Church.” He was the first deacon of this church and was known as “Deacon Bosworth” for the remainder of his life. The first religious services in the town were held in his house, and he assisted in erecting the first house of worship built there. When the old church was abandoned and a new one built, the baptismal font from the old church was presented to the descendants of Nathaniel who were living in the old home, and it also has a place in the parlor at “Silver Creek,” and may be seen in the photograph.

Deacon Nathaniel Bosworth was a man of sterling character, and the Rev. E. P. Lane, in his historical sketches of the First Congregational Church of Bristol, gives his name among eight men who were founders of the church. Of these men, Mr. Lane says, “Such were the men, earnest, devoted, godly, and highly esteemed, who gave the weight of their character and influence to the foundation of our beloved Zion.” His tombstone stands against the south exterior wall of the present church, having been removed there from the old churchyard.

The home of Nathaniel² Bosworth, in Bristol, R. I., has been written of as follows:

“Among Bristol’s colonial architecture, one of the oldest and best known is on the east side of Hope street, just north of the bridge. This is known as ‘Silver Creek’ and was built . . . by Deacon Nathaniel Bosworth. From its completion to the present day it has never failed to shelter some of his descendants. It was added to from time to time until it



VIEW OF THE PARLOR AT "SILVER CREEK"

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attained its present proportions. In the south-west part—the original house—was held the first meeting for religious worship in Bristol.

During the bombardment of the town by Gen. Wallace in 1775, grape shot pierced its walls and lodged between the ceilings, where it was found years later when repairs were being made.

In this building, where was organized the Congregational Church Society, was also opened the first school. This was taught by Miss Mary Bosworth, the owner's daughter."

Further interesting matter concerning this old house may be found in *Bosworth Bulletin*, No. 3, published Oct., 1924, written by Miss Isabella E. Bosworth, daughter of the late Judge Orrin L. Bosworth, of Bristol.

The first record we find of Nathaniel in Bristol was on *Sept. 22, 1685*, When "Deacon Bosworth" was chosen with four others as "a Town Council to join with the Commisioned officers of this town, by way of ordering concerns of any exigencies relating to military affairs."

Aug. 6, 168-, Nathaniel Bosworth "of Bristol," for "twenty two pounds silver money of New England," buys "of John Viall of Swansey in the Collony of Plimouth in New England . . . one full halfe part of a Ten acre Lott of Salt Marsh or Meadow which was a common Lott" situated "in ye Township of Bristoll in ye Collony of New Plym^o. afores^d," bounded "on ye North by ye meadow of M^r. Nathan^l. Paine, on ye East by Kickamuet River on y^e West by y^e upland & y^e South by a Cove which runneth neare y^e s^d upland & by the meadow of y^e s^d Nathan^l. Paine as by y^e Twenty sixth page of y^e Booke of Records p^teining to y^e Proprietors of y^e Lands of Poponomscut & parts adjacent may appear." Dated "this Sixth day of August one Thousand Six Hundred Eighty & :'' (This is the way it ends, the last figure not given.) Joseph Bosworth of Hull, Nathaniel's son, bought the other half of this ten acre lot, of Noah Floyd of Swansea, March 18, 168⁵/₆, whether before, or after Nathaniel's purchase, could not be ascertained. John Viall

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and Noah Floyd had owned the ten acres in common. [Taunton Deeds, Bk. 4, p. 125.]

Apr. 16, 1686, Opposite this date, on the first book of Bristol records, page 28, we find, "Dacon Bossworth his eare marke for neat cattel and swine is a slit sloping about the middle of the neare side of the neare eare thus ——"



May 11, 1686, The name of Nathaniel Bosworth is found, with five others, signed to a letter, addressed to the Rev. James Allen, Rev. Increase Mather, and Rev. Samuel Willard, regarding trouble they were having over their minister, Rev. Mr. Woodbridge.

June 28, 1686, The same names are signed to another letter, addressed to Rev. Increase Mather, earnestly requesting him to come and help settle some difficulty in the church.

Feb. 11, 1688^g, A census of "All the families in New Bristol," gives: "Nathaniel Bosworth, wife, two children,

Tommy and Edward, grandchildren, no servants."

[N. E. Hist. Register, Vol. 34, p. 404.]

NOTE: Who the grandchildren, Tommy and Edward, were it has been impossible to discover. They were not the Lobdell boys, as their names were John and Nathaniel. The only surmise I can make is, that they were children of his son Edward, whose family history is very obscure, probably owing to the fact that some of the leaves of the old Bristol records are missing.

Apr. 1, 1690, "Nathaniel Bosworth of Bristol, county of Bristol in New England, yeoman, & Bridgett his wife for eight pounds six shillings eight pence currant money of New England," sell to Nathaniel Byfield, of Bristol, merchant, one third part of "one Two & thirtyeth part of a neck of land Scittuate . . . within The township of Bristol aforesd Commonly called or Known by the Name of Papasquash Neck the whole two & thirtyeth part Containing by Estimation Twenty five acres . . . bounded north by the land of Nath^l Paine west by the Baye or Salt water South by the land of Simon Davis & East by the harbor of Bristol or Salt

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water: with all trees woods underwoods swamps meadows Beach flats wayes water Courses” etc. “In witness hereof the said Nathaniel Bosworth & Bridgett his wife have hereunto sett their hands and seals this First day of April Anno Domini one thousand Six hundred & Ninety” In presence of Samuel Gallap. . . }
 Thomas Doggett }

Jan. 4, 1693, “Samuel Gallap made oath that he saw Nathaniel Bosworth the within written subscriber sign seale & deliver this Instrument. Entered Jan. 26, 1693 By John Cary Recorder.”

July 1, 1690, Nathaniel Bosworth and Benjamin Jones of Bristol, yeoman, for three pounds, sell to John Smith of Bristol, carpenter, “one fourteenth part” of 23 acres of land in Bristol, bounded “westward by the Bay or Salt water . . . Eastward by a road or highway,” etc. “In witness thereof they have hereunto set their Hands and seales this first Day of July Anno Domini one thousand six hundred and ninety.”

Witnesses	Signed	Nathaniel Bosworth	seal
John Cary		Bridget Bosworth	seal
her		Benjamin Jones	seal
Merry <i>M</i> Lobdell		Bethshua Jones	seal
mark			

Recorded April 1697 By John Cary Recorder.

Aug. 31, 1690, “Nathaniel Bosworth, Deacon of the church of Bristol, died.” (Bristol Records, Bk. 1, p. 28.)

NATHANIEL'S BOSWORTH'S WILL

In Ye Name & Fear of God, Amen.

This Fifteenth of March in ye yeare of our Lord one thousand six hundred eighty nine, or Ninety, I, Nathaniel Bosworth of Bristoll in ye County of Bristoll in ye Colony of New Plymouth in New England, yeoman, being in good health and of perfect mind and memory Thanks be to God for ye same, calling to mind ye mortality of my Body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to Dye, Do make and ordaine this my last Will and Testament in manner and forme following viz:

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First and principally I give my Soule to God who gave it and for my Body I Commend it to ye Earth to be buried in Christian and Decent manner as my Executrix hereafter named shall be thought convenient, And as touching such Worldly Estate where with it hath pleased God to blesse mee in this life I give and bequeath ye same in manner and forme following

Imprimus: after all my lawful Debts are paid I give and bequeath to my eldest Son Nathani Bosworth my owne Dwelling-house and all that Lott it standeth on scittuate lying and being in ye Towne of Hull in ye Massachusetts Colony in ye New England together with ye third of all my other Lands, uplands, meadowlands and Commons at Hull afores'd and allso one third pt of my Land at Pettucks Island, and all that which was mine at Brewsters Island and Slatte' Island and also one third part of all my stock at Hull afores'd that is to say Cattle, Sheep and Swine and Cart tackling as it was put into Johns hand when I came from Hull and further I give unto him one third of ye Well and halph ye malt house. And my Will is that in Division of Lands and Cattle Nathanael shall have five pounds more than either John or Joseph.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son Joseph Bosworth that house that was Nathanaells with all ye Lott it now standeth on scittuate lying and being in Hull afores'd as allso one third part of all my other lands and meadow at Hull afores'd and one third part of my land at Pettucks Island. I also give and bequeath to him s'd Joseph one third part of my stock that is to say Cattle, Sheep and Swine and Cart tackling as it was put into John, his hand when I came from Hull together with halph ye malt house and one third of ye Well all waise provided that Joseph Doe allow me twenty pounds beside what I now owe him to be Disposed of for my or to pay it his Mother upon her Demand.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son John Bosworth, that Lott which his house standeth upon, he ye s'd John allowing Joseph ten or twelve foot as we did formerly agree to ye Topp of ye Hill for Joseph his enlargement further I give and bequeath to him s'd John one third part of all my other lands whether upland, or meadow or Commons scittuate lying and being in Hull afores'd together with one third part of my lands at Pettucks Island as also one third part of ye Cattle Sheep and Swine and Cart tackling with ye old Barne and Well that is a Third thereof.

Furthermore as to my Estate in Bristoll in ye Colony of New Plymo in New England my Will is that Jeremy my Son upon condition that he have ye chief care of his Mother during her life whome I appoint to be my Sole Executrix then he ye s'd Jeremy shall enjoy and possesse my Dwelling House and all my home Lands, uplands and meadows on this side of ye Creek that is to say on ye norwest side thereof excepting what I bequeath to Bellamy hereafter mentioned and allso five Acres of my Ten-Acre Lott now improved that is ye easter most end thereof further my Will is that Jeremy shall have the souther most end of ye Barne with ye Lean-too or Cow house but in ye meantime I give and bequeath to my Deare and Loving Wife whatsoever I have given to Jeremy above with all my moveables within Door and without During her Life.

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Secondly—I bequeath unto my son Bellamy that Land his house standeth on with ye Garden and Cowyard as it now is and three quarters of an Acre next ye Orchard fence and halph my Ten-acre Lott now improved the Wester most end thereof he allowing Jeremy the use of ye Water if need so require. I also give and bequeath to Bellamy my son my twenty-acre Lott scittuate lying and being in Bristoll afores'd and joyning to ye Lands of Samuel Gallop to ye north and to ye Land of John Wilkings on ye South, further I give and bequeath to him my son Bellamy, my three-acre Lott scittuate in Bristoll afores'd and lying between Major Church his land and an Highway running East and West neerest together with all my meadow lying on ye south side of ye Creek as also one third part of Poppysquash Lott and ye rest of ye Commons on ye Neck with ye north end of my Barne but not ye Cow house and my Will is that Jeremy and Bellamy allow Edward toward his building thirty shillings in work apiece.

Thirdly, I give and bequeath to Edward my Son, my Farme scittuate lying and being in Bristoll aforesaid and joyning to ye lands of Benjamin Jones on ye North and to the Lands of William Throup on the south and also that four Acres of meadow lying next Mr. Paines and my Will is that Joseph and Edward buy out Cozen Benjamin Jones and Joseph Jacob which done ye Ten Acres of upland lying before their meadow shall be equally divided between them both.

Fourthly. I give and bequeath to Mary, my Daughter my two Acre Lott of upland scittuate, lying and being in Bristoll afores'd and joyning to the house Lott of Benjamin Jones on ye northside thereof and on ye south to ye lands o. Anthony Fry and James Adams.

Fifthly moreover I will that at my wives Decease then out of my Cattle and moveables Mary Lobdell shall have five pounds my Daughter Hannah Jacob six pounds, my Daughter Bridgett seven pounds:

Furthermore my Will is that Sarah Lobdell have one pound and that to John and Nathan'l Lobdell shall be given ten shillings apiece. And hereby I do nominate and apoint John Cary of Bristoll to be assistant to my wife in what concerns ye full filling of this my last Will and Testament which I now Declare to be my last Will and Testament Revoking all other whatever.

Nathan'l Bosworth (sigillum.)

William Throp

John Cary

William Thrope and John Cary being sworne at ye County Court held at Bristoll ye 20th of Novembr Anno Dimo 1690 made oath that they were present and saw Nathan'l Bosworth within-mentioned and since Deced Signe, Seale, deliver and declare ye within-written instrum't to be his last Will and Testamen't being of sound mind and perfect memory.

Attests Burton Cler:

Att a County Court at Bristoll ye 20th of November Anno Domo 1690 The within written Will of Nathan'l Bosworth of Bristoll Dece'd was proved, approved and allowed of And Administration of all and singular ye goodes rights and Credits of ye s'd Dece'd was committed unto Bridget Bosworth Relict of ye s'd Dece'd and sole Executrix in ye s'd Will named

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well and truly to Administer ye same accoring to ye Will of ye Dece'd in Testimony whereof the seale of ye County of Bristoll p'r order of s'd Court is hereunto affixed.

P'r Burton Cler.

NOTE: It should be observed that the four Lobdell grandchildren, children of Nathaniel's eldest daughter, were given in all £7, the same amount as given to his daughter Bridget. The daughter Hannah had only £6.

The Inventory of the Estate of Decon Bosworth late of Bristoll Now deceased as it was taken by William throp and Benjamin Joans this 3^d of November 1690

	£	s.	d.
Imprimis: Severall Books prised at	02	10	00
for wearing Cloathes of all sorts	09	02	00
for Beding and bedsteads	09	00	00
for linen of all sorts	10	02	06
for pewter and tin uessells	03	09	00
for Brass uessells at	02	16	00
for Iron uessells and tools	02	16	00
for Cart wheels and other tackling	01	13	00
for one paire of oxen	05	12	00
3 Cows and half a Steer and half a heifer and two Calves and one Steer	08	05	00
for Swine small and great	03	15	00
for one horse	04	00	00
for a Cubbard and Eight Chairs and Seuen Joynt Stooles	05	06	00
Wooden uessells and Earthen ware	00	19	04
two Chest and one box	00	19	00
glass buttles and earthen Jugges two Cheesepresses and a wheell	00	14	10
a table	00	08	00
	71 . 07 . 08		
the Dwelling house prised at	50	0	00
the south end of the barn with the leantto	12	0	00
for seuen accars of upland and three accars of meadow at 5 pound per accer	50	00	00
£ s.			
for 5 accars of a ten accar lote at 1 . 10	07	10	00
	119 . 10 . 00		



NATHANIEL BOSWORTH'S TOMBSTONE NEAR THE WALL OF
THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, BRISTOL, R. I.

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uplands and meadowlands belonging to

Bellame Bosworth:

one accer of upland by his house and 4	£	s	d
accers of meadow at 5 pd an accer	25	00	0
3 accers upland on the south sid of the Creek	15	00	00
	£	s	
5 accers of the ten accer lot at 1.10	07	10	0
for two tenn accer lots . . at 1.00	20	00	00
for a third of a lote at papaquash	08	00	00
for the north end of the barn	08	00	0
	83	10	00

uplands and meadow lands belonging to Edward

Bosworth vis his two thirds of a farm at

fiften shilings an accar	50	05	00
four accers of meadow	16	00	0
for on third of a ten accer lote by his meadow	02	10	0
	68	15	00

Sworn by y^e Relict Bridget Bosworth 9^{br}. 20.90

(NOTE: November was the 9th month in those days.)

An extract from the records of the Cong. Church of Bristol, reads:

Name.	How Received.	How Removed.
Nathaniel Bosworth -	May 3, 1687 -	Aug. 31, 1690
Bridget of Nathaniel -	June 12, 1695 -	
Mary - - - - -	June 12, 1695 -	Apr. 21, 1735.

NOTE: The explanation of the above is not easy to give, we can only surmise. From the date of Nathaniel's "removal" we know that this is the Nathaniel about whom we are writing, but knowing that he came to Bristol as early as 1685, and was one of the founders of the church there, we are surprised that the date when "received" into the church should not be earlier than 1687, unless the church was not organized until that time, which is probably the case. We are even more surprised that Bridget and the daughter Mary (we know it to be the daughter from the date of her removal), should not have united with the church before 1695—five years after Nathaniel's death, and he a deacon of the church. It is probable that they were members of the church in Hingham and for some unaccountable reason did not get letters from that church and join in Bristol until the date given. It will be noticed that the date of "removal" of Bridget is left blank. To my knowledge no record of her death has been found.

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CHILDREN

of Nathaniel² and Bridget (Bellamy) Bosworth:

- 19+ i—A daughter^s, b. about 1647; m. John Lobdell, Feb. 21, 1664-5.
- 20+ ii—NATHANIEL³, bap. July 29, 1649; m. 1st, Dec. 7, 1670, Elizabeth Morton; 2nd, Mary Morton.
- 21+ iii—JEREMIAH³, bap. July 29, 1649; died unmarried, in Bristol, Mar. 20, 1718.
- 22+ iv—HANNAH³, b. in Hull, Apr. 30, 1650; bap. July 16, 1650; m. Joseph Jacobs.
- 23+ v—JOSEPH³, bap. June 6, 1652; m. 1698, Mrs. Elizabeth (Dorby) Miller.
- 24+ vi—BELLAMY³, bap. Nov. 30, 1654; m. at Rehoboth, Mass., Nov. 11, 1685, Mary Smith.
- 25+ vii—JOHN³, b. abt. 1656; m. Sarah (———).
- 26+ viii—MARY³, bap. Oct. 4, 1657; died unmarried, in Bristol, April 21, 1735, in her 78th year.
- 27+ ix—EDWARD³, bap. May 29, 1659; m. 1st, Mary (———); 2nd, Elizabeth (———).
- 28+ x—BRIDGET³, bap. Aug. 19, 1660; m. prob. Joseph Phillips.

The children of Nathaniel and Bridget (Bellamy) Bosworth were probably all born in Hull, as that is where they resided until after the births of their children, but it appears the church there was without a pastor, and had only a "ruling elder," so the children were taken to Hingham for baptism, for all except the eldest and the son John were baptized there by the Rev. Peter Hobart, pastor of the church in Hingham. All the early records of Hull having been burned, we have no record of the marriage of Nathaniel and Bridget (which probably occurred about 1645 or 1646, when Nathaniel was 28 or 29 years of age), nor the births of their children, except that of Hannah, so we are fortunate in having the record of their baptisms at Hingham.

NOTE: ——— Bosworth, eldest daughter of Nathaniel Bosworth, and presumably a daughter of his wife, Bridget—as there is not the least evidence to show that Nathaniel ever had another wife—married John Lobdell. Now if—as has been *supposed*—Bridget was the widow of Nicholas Lobdell and the mother of John Lobdell, *the latter married his half-sister*. As this could not very well be, the supposition proves to be an error, and we look about for some suggestion as to what Bridget's maiden name really was. We find that among her children was a son named Bellamy—an unusual given name, presumably a family name; and living in Hull at the same time that the Bosworths were living in Hingham and

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Hull (places only a few miles apart), we find a man named *Jeremiah Bellamy*, and note that Bridget named another son *Jeremiah*. This seems to us, as well as to many other unbiased persons, sufficient reason for believing that Bridget was a daughter of this Jeremiah Bellamy, although unfortunately, to date, no positive evidence can be found.*

As to the name of the daughter of Nathaniel and Bridget, who married John Lobdell, we are also in the dark, although there is plenty of evidence that she *was* a daughter. In only one place is her name given, and that is in a footnote in Lincoln's History of Hingham; there it is given "Mary," but without apparently any authority, and as Nathaniel and Bridget had a daughter Mary who never married, but died in Bristol at the age of 78, we believe it to be an error, although it is *possible* that Nathaniel had two daughters by the name of Mary, as there are cases on record where there were two children by the same name in the same family, living at the same time, † but, as before stated, there seems to be no authority for the statement that her name was Mary, and as John Lobdell had two daughters, the eldest named Sarah, the youngest Mercy (or Mary), we prefer to believe that the wife's name was Sarah, but as this is only supposition it remains to be proved, or disproved, if it ever can be.

MARY³ BOSWORTH

The history of the children of Nathaniel² Bosworth, who married, will be given in their proper places. The daughter Mary never married, but lived single to old age. The history of this unmarried daughter of Deacon Nathaniel Bosworth

* William Buckland of Rehoboth, formerly of Hingham, in giving deed to land in Hingham, mentions land he had purchased of "Jerome Bellaime." This was no doubt Jeremiah Bellamy, as we find the name of Jeremiah, son of Nathaniel, sometimes spelled "Jerome." [Suffolk Deeds, Liber IV, p. 132.]

† The case of two children in the same family at the same time, by the same name, though not common even in olden times, was not unknown. A case is told of in the Boston Transcript of Feb. 23, 1926, where in 1622, at Winchester, England, William Avington had two sons named Thomas. Also in this country, a Benjamin Graves of Colchester, Conn., had by his first wife, Mary Sterling, a daughter Mary, baptized in 1704; and by second wife, Mary Haynes, another daughter named Mary, born in 1728. Both lived and married, the first Mary in 1724, the second in 1746. Also Lincoln's History of Hingham tells of a Robert Jones of that place, who had two sons named Benjamin. In his will, after mentioning his son "Benjamin the elder," he later bequeaths "to my son Benjamin Jones the younger." One more case is that of John Woodruff of Southampton, L. I., who in 1670, willed "to my eldest son John Woodruff" and further on "to wife Ann and youngest son John." A note on this in the N. E. Hist. Reg., says: "This, though rare in this country, was not uncommon in England about the time of and previous to the settlement of New England." Hence it may be *possible* that Nathaniel Bosworth had two daughters named Mary; however, I still think the name of the eldest one, who married John Lobdell, was Sarah, and that her daughter Sarah Lobdell was named after her.

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is of such interest that it seems to be worthy of a section by itself, although of course she had no direct descendants.

Her baptism at Hingham, Mass., by Rev. Peter Hobart, was recorded as follows:

1657

October 4 Mary daughter of Nathaniel
Bozworth

She removed with her parents from Hingham to Bristol, R. I., soon after 1680. She taught the first school in that town, held in her father's house, which, as we have seen, is still standing.

She was remembered in her father's will, in 1690, in a bequest reading as follows:

"I give and bequeath to Mary, my Daughter my two Acre Lott of upland scittuate, lying and being in Bristoll a fores'd and joyning to the house Lott of Benjamin Jones on ye northside thereof and on ye south to ye lands of Anthony Fry and James Adams."

Some time previous to Dec. 30, 1707, Mary sold these two acres to Joseph Smith, whose wife, Mary ("Merrey") Smith, Mary Bosworth called her "Kinswoman." For some reason (perhaps on account of relationship), no deed was given, so when in 1709, "Merrey Smith, widow," sold this "house Lott" to Eleazar Cary, of Bristol, Mary made the deed to him. It read as follows:

Mary Bosworth of Bristol, "Daughter of Deacon Nathaniel Bosworth formerly of said Bristol Deceased," for 40 pounds "well and truely paid by Eleazar Cary of Bristol . . . carpenter, unto and for the proper use and benefit of my Kinswoman Merrey Smith widow and Relict of Joseph Smith late of said Bristol Deceased who in his life time and before his death Did bargain for and pay the Purchase of a Certain house Lott Containing two acres of land Scittuate in Bristol aforesd But had no Legall Conveyance thereof from me the sd Mary Bosworth (Therefore for the Consideration of the payment of sd forty pounds unto the sd Merrey the Receipt whereof . . . is acknowledged by the sd Merrey Smith as well as by me the sd Mary Bosworth.)" The bounds given were: "west upon Hope Street north

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upon the house lott of Benjamin Jones East on High Street . . . By vertue of the Gift & Bequest of my Hon^d ffather Deacon Natha^l Bosworth above mentioned Deceased to me sd Mary Bosworth in his last Will & Testament upon Record bearing date the (15th) day of March Anno Dom 1689 I have good right and Lawful Authority," etc. April 30, 1709, "In the Eighth year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lady Anne by the Grace of God of Great Brittain &c queen"

the mark of
Mary M Bosworth

Acknowledged by

"Mrs." Mary Bosworth, on the same date.*

(From the fact that Mary was a school teacher, it is probable that she was more favored than most women of those times, and knew how to write her name, so it is rather strange that we find her signing this deed with "her mark.")

In 1718, Eleazar Cary sold this lot to Benjamin Bosworth, Jr., of Bristol, a nephew of Mary's, for £245, describing it as his house lot in Bristol, "Containing two acres . . . (which I purchased of M^{rs} Mary Bosworth of said Bristol School Mistress Daughter of Deacon Bosworth sumetime of said Bristol Deceased)" bounded "westward fronting on Hope Street northward on a lot late in the Possession of Mr. Benjamin Jones Deceased, easterly bounded by High Street and southerly partly on land of Col. Paine Esq^r and partly on the land of Daniel Cary."

Dated May 9, 1718.

Mary Bosworth died in Bristol, April 21, 1735, leaving a will dated March 22, 1734/5, one month before her death, of which the following is a copy.

WILL OF MARY BOSWORTH "SCHOOLDAME"

In The Name of God Amen

I Mary Bosworth of Bristol In the County of Bristol in Newengland Schoolmistress on the Twenty Second Day of March in the Year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred & thiry Four/5 In the Eighth year of his Maj^t. Reign being aged & Infirm of Body but of perfect mind & memory Thanks be Given to God therefor Calling to mind my Mortality & that it is appointed for men once to Dye Do make this my last Will &

* See chapter on Explanations about the title "Mrs."

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testament and first of all I give and Recommend my Soul to God that Gave it and my Body to the Earth to be decently Buried at the Discretion of my Executor hereinafter named hoping for y^e merit & mediation Sake of Jesus Christ for a pardon of all my sin & a Resurrection to Eternal Life and as to such Worldly Goods as it hath pleased God to Bless me with In this Life I give & Dispose thereof as followeth

Imp^{rs} My Will is that my Just Debts & funeral Charges be paid In Convenient time after my Decease

Item I give & Bequeath to my beloved Kinswoman Mercy Hearl the wife of Mr Richard Hearl of Bristol my best Bed with the underbed & Bedstead to it belonging and the Coverlead and a pair of Blankets and a pair of Sheets with the Curtains to it belonging: and my Large Cubbord my Calaminto Gown and my Damask Petticoat

Item I give & bequeath to my beloved Kinswoman Susannah Phillips wife of Joseph Phillips my Trunk my Red & Blew Coverlead a pair of Sheets & a pair of Blankets Two Pillows & Two Pillow Cases my silk Crape Gown & Two flannen Petticoats

Item I give to my beloved Kinswoman Mercy Twing wife of John Twing my wool Bed my new shaloon Black Petticoat and a flannel Petticoat & a pair of Sheets

Item I give to my beloved Kinsman Edward Bosworth of Barrington the Debt he owes me being about six pounds

Item I give to my beloved Kinsman Joseph Phillips of Bristol my Book viz. Carells Exposition on y^e book of Job

And my Will is that my funerall Charges be paid out of that money that is due me by Bond from Mr. Henry Bragg and the remainder thereof I give & bestow in y^e following manner viz^t to my Kinsman Nathaniel Jacobs Ten Pounds and to my Kinsman Nath^l Phillips five pounds and the remainder if any there be, to my Kinswoman Mercy Twing afores^d but if there be not fifteen pounds of that money left after y^e payment of my funeral Charges then my will is that y^e Legacy of Ten pounds to s^d N: Jacobs & five pounds to N. Phillips be lesened in proportion & they to have no more than what is left of s^d sum as afores^d

Item I give and bequeath all the rest of my Estate to my s^d Two Kinswomen Mercy Hearl & Susannah Phillips Equally between them or those that shall Legally represent them: And I do nominate Constitute & appoint my friend Sam^l Howland to be executor of this my last will Ratifying & Confirming this & no other to be my last will and Testament As witness my hand & seal hereto sett the Day and year first within written.

Signed Sealed published & Declared

by Y^e S^d Mary Bosworth to be her
last Will & Testament In
presence of us Witnesses

Benj^a Cary
William Linzey
Kizia Linzey

her
Mary M Bosworth
mark

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The inventory on her estate was as follows:

Bristol April the 24:th 1735/

An Inventory of the Eastate of Mary Bosworth Late of Bristol dece^d
Taken Upon Oath by us the Subscribers hereof as follows

Vizt

To bills of publick Cred ^t and Coper money and small box . .	5	7	3
To a bond Due from Henry Bragg	25	..	..
To a bond Due from Edward Bosworth Jun. ^r	6	..	..
fether bed under bed Cover Lidd bedsteed Curtaines Valians } and Cord 14 ^{lb} . 6.0 Joiners worktt Cubbord 1. 10. 0. }	15	16	..
Calimanco Gowne and damasktt pettycoatt.	4	5	0
Trunk 10s./Coverlid 2£/Crape Gowne 1£/5: Woll bed 1£. .	4	15	0
Shalone pettycoatt 1£/one book Exposition Upon Jobe 15s..	1	15	0
four bound books and Seven pamflits . . . . .	..	16	0
Trundle bedsteed and Cord 14s./plaine petticoatt 8s./one Ditto 10s.	1	12	0
pettycoatt 8s./two Ditt. old 2s./wooling pettycoatt 8s./one Ditt 3s.	1	1	0
Staies 3s./Two flanin Wastecoats 10s./Striped blankett 1/6. . .	..	14	6
pockett 1s./three bleu aprons 3s./muff 1s./Girdle 1/6 Shoes 2s. . .	..	8	6
Stomacher and old wastcoatt 1s./foure paire old stockins 4s. . .	..	5	0
tow Sheets 1£/two Ditt. Cotton and Linin 3£/one Ditt. 1£-10	5	10	..
new tow Sheett 15s./flanin Shete 15s./one Ditt 10s.	2	..	..
three flanin Sheets 3£/one Ditt 1£/two blankets 2£-10.	6	10	0
two blankets 15s. Coverlid 1£/foure flanin petticoats 1£. . . .	2	15	0
furstaine westcoate 8s./two Ditt. flanin 12s.	1	..	..
two Cotton and Linin Shifts 1£/one Ditts 15s./headcloath 10s.	2	5	0
Six yard of flanin Cloath 1£/one fine Shiftt 1£.	2	..	..
Seven pillow Coats 1£-15/one Ditt. fine 8s./foure hancher- chifs 15s.	2	18	0
Eleune old Caps and other small head Linen 1£/Eight Towels 12s.	1	12	..
five napkins 14s./Remnants of Cloath & thre Small bags 5s. . .	..	19	0
Childs blankett 3s./five fether pilows 3£/one Ditt. wool 3s..	3	6	..
Seuen old chaires 14s. Two Jointstols 8s./two benchis 2s. . . .	1	4	0
necklase and nitingnedles 6s./white apron 4s. . . . .	..	10	..
Chistt 12s./one Ditt. and box 12s./Looking Glass 10s./four baskets 3s.	1	17	0
Two bromes 1s./two kellers and Can 6s./two water pailles 2/6 . .	..	9	6
Indian meall 3s./two Cask 2s./box 2s./Iron pott & Kettle 14s.	1	1	0
pothooks 2s./Iron doggs 10s./fendor Tongs & fire Shouele 10s.	1	2	0
Tramell and Iron hook 5s./frieing pan 9s. brass Skilett 6s. . .	1	..	..
morter and pestle 1s./meall bagg 1s. * * * * 5s. . . . .	..	7	..
bed pan 9s./Gridiron 3s./Stone mugg 1/6: pigin 1s.*	..	13	6

*This doesn't add right, but I have followed the original.

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To Redd Earthen Waire 4/6 Two Iron Candle Stiks 2/6....	7	..
Wooden waire 2s./Cordwood 6s.....	8	..
Saltseller musterd pott Gallapott three vials.....	1	6
beff 17 pn. ^d and Cask 10s./porke 30½ pn. ^d and Cask 1-12-6	2	2 6
partt of a Screen frame.....	4	..
peck 2s./hogs fatt 6/puter 1£-7-0 Six Glass bottls 3s.....	1	18 0
wine Glass 1s./thre Earth ⁿ Dishes 7/6 brass candellstick 4s..	0	12 6
Tinn Waire 4s./Stone Jugg and pigin 3/ Candles 9s.....	16	0
Spoon and nails 6. ^d Knifes and forks 2s.....	2	6

	114	18	3
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The appraisers were

Sworn Coram	Sam ^{ll} . Royall
N. Blagrove	Samuel Smith
	Paul Vunis

(The inventory seems to be in the writing of Samuel Royal.)

NOTE: It was my great privilege, in 1905, to copy from the *old, original* records of the town of Bristol, R. I.; *not* the records referred to by Arnold, in Vital Records of R. I. The Town Clerk told me that Mr. Arnold used the *copy*, made many years later than the original. The records which I copied were in little, old, and apparently home-made books. The one which seemed to have the earliest dates was 3½ inches wide and 7¼ inches high, discolored with age, and all in pieces. The first Bosworth record that I found was on what was then the first page, on a leaf entirely loose and crumbling with age, the edges all gone. From the numbering I saw that *nine* of the first leaves were entirely gone. This first Bosworth record was the birth of Bridget, daughter of Bellamy Bosworth, which occurred in 1686, hence I judge that any Bristol records before that time are wholly lost.

The next book is about 4 inches wide and 11½ inches high, as badly discolored as the first, the cover made like the other, of pasteboard covered with a thin skin of some kind, oiled or varnished to resemble leather. This was badly discolored, cracked and broken, several portions wholly gone, and fairly mouldy with age. The first item recorded in this book was dated 1704. In this book I found, beginning at page 10, a list of "Deaths kept by Mr Joⁿ Wight and delivered to the Town Clerk." On this list, at page 13, I found:

Mary Bosworth Schooldame Departed this Life Aprill y^e
21st aged 78 years.

At the bottom of page 105 of this book is written:

"Wee Know where wee are Born But who Knows where or when
wee Shall Dy"(!)

Another book, which seemed to contain only records of deaths, was made up of two small books of different size, without any covers, just pieces of writing paper sewed together, one attached to the other. The smaller part began with

Deaths in Bristol 1729

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Under the heading 1735, I found:

Ap:

21 Mrs. Mary Bosworth Etatis 79.

Now it will be noted that in one of these records Mary's age is given as 78 and in the other 79, when the fact is, unless she was over a year old when she was baptized, she was only in the 78th year of her age.

And now I come to what is to me the most interesting part of all concerning Mary's history, and that is the question as to how the numerous "Kinswomen" and "Kinsmen" mentioned in Mary's will were related to her. A few years ago I spent a good deal of time in the investigation of this problem, in which I was ably assisted by William H. Manning, a genealogist living near Boston, who was kind enough to help me, without remuneration, by searching for the data needed, to be found in the records at Boston, also giving me his conclusions in the matter.

The first of these persons is "my beloved Kinswoman Mercy Hearl the wife of M^r Richard Hearl of Bristol." The conclusion we came to in this case was, that this was Mercy (or Mary, these names seem to have been used interchangeably at that time) Lobdell, Mary's niece, the youngest daughter of her eldest sister (probably named either Mary or Sarah), who married John Lobdell. She probably married first Joseph Smith, who died in Bristol, Dec. 30, 1707. They had at least one son, Joseph Smith, born in Bristol, Oct. 25, 1707, a short time previous to her husband's death. Mary Smith was a widow in 1709 when Mary Bosworth made out the deed to Eleazar Cary of the two acres of land Joseph Smith had bought of her, and in this deed she calls Mary ("Merrey") Smith her "Kinswoman." She probably married second, Richard Herle (Hearl), and still lived in Bristol, where both died; Richard Herle, March 3, 1742; and "Mrs. Mary Herle, April 23, 1757, aged 85 yrs." This shows that she was born in 1672, and as the second wife of John Lobdell died in 1673, Mary must have been the youngest of their four children. That is, if the above is correct.

The second of the persons mentioned was "my beloved Kinswoman Susannah Phillips the wife of Joseph Phillips."

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The conclusion we came to was, that Bridget Bosworth, Mary's youngest sister, married Elder Joseph Phillips of Boston, about 1683. He certainly had a wife named Bridget, and as persons named Phillips were related to Mary, and as her sister Bridget, having been baptized at Hingham, Aug. 19, 1660, would have been the right age to be married in 1683, it seems safe to conclude she was the one. They had at least three children: .

Joseph, b. May 7, 1684; m. June 22, 1710, Susannah King
Benjamin, b. Oct. 18, 1685; m. Mar. 25, 1714, Hannah
Henderson
Nathaniel, b. Mar. 30, 1689

Here we have three names found in Mary's will, viz.: Susannah, wife of Joseph Phillips; Joseph Phillips (probably the son); and Nathaniel Phillips; each called "Kinswoman" or "Kinsman." Another thing that indicates relationship to the family, is the fact that when Nathaniel Bosworth, Jr., son of Deacon Nathaniel, died in Hull in 1693, and Mary, his widow, was administratrix on his estate, Joseph Phillips of Boston was one of her bondsmen. From the fact that Deacon Nathaniel in his will made in 1690 calls this daughter simply "Bridget," it may be thought by some that she could not have been married at that time, but students of genealogy know that this is no proof that such was the case, and the above surely points strongly to the surmise that she was the wife of Joseph Phillips at that time. Some time later than 1693, the son Joseph, with wife Susannah, removed to Bristol, R. I., where Joseph died, leaving a will dated, June 8, 1749, in which he bequeathed "to loving wife Susanna," and to sons Joseph, Michael and John, also to grandson Daniel Kelly, "son of my daughter Bridget Dec^d," and to granddaughter Mary Kelly. The son Michael Phillips married in 1736, Bridget, daughter of Capt. Nathaniel⁴ Bosworth, son of Bellamy³, Mary's brother.

The next person to receive attention is the one called by Mary, "my beloved Kinswoman Mercy Twing wife of John Twing." According to the Thwing (Twing) Genealogy, this John was son of John³ (*John², Benjamin¹*) Thwing, who was born in Boston, June 2, 1693, settled in the part of Mendon,

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Mass., that is now Milford, "where he was a highly important citizen," and married in June, 1718, Mercy Jones of Mendon, third daughter of Elder John Jones and wife Sarah. Elder John Jones was son of Abraham² (*Thomas*¹) Jones, born about 1669 or 1670, and married about 1693, Sarah (—). We came to the conclusion that this wife was Sarah Lobdell, granddaughter of Deacon Nathaniel Bosworth, named in his will, a niece of Mary's. The names of her children would indicate this. Their names were:

- i—Sarah, b. Oct. 20, 1694; m. Daniel Corbett.
- ii—Bridget, b. July 8, 1696; m. James Wood.
- iii—Mercy, b. Sept. 3, 1697; m. *John Thwing*.
- iv—John, b. Sept. 27, 1699; settled in Bellingham.
- v—Nathaniel, b. Mar. 31, 1702; said to have m. Priscilla Corbett.
- vi—Lydia, b. Sept. 17, 1705; m. Jonathan Whitney.
- vii—Abraham, b. July 2, 1708; said to have m. Kezia Whitney.
- viii—Joseph, b. Dec. 27, 1709; said to have m. Mary Whitney.

The first, Sarah, being named after herself; the second, Bridget, after her grandmother who brought her up (if she is the Sarah that we suppose); the third, Mercy, born in Hull, Sept. 3, 1697, after her sister, Mercy (Lobdell) (Smith) Herle (Mercy Jones married John Thwing, and both these Mercys are named in Mary Bosworth's will); the fourth was a son named from the father; the fifth, Nathaniel, after her grandfather. There were three others, named Lydia, Abraham and Joseph; the last two being Jones names, and perhaps Lydia may have been. The Abraham² Jones, of Hull, married Sarah Whitman, daughter of Rev. Z. Whitman, pastor of the church at Hull, whose name has already appeared in this book.

The next person mentioned by Mary was "my beloved Kinsman Edward Bosworth of Barrington." Edward was Mary's nephew, a son of her brother John³ Bosworth, formerly of Hull, now of Bristol.

The only other person mentioned in Mary's will, beside Joseph and Nathaniel Phillips (who—if above surmise is

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correct—were both nephews of Mary, sons of her sister Bridget), was Nathaniel Jacobs, who was also a nephew, son of her sister Hannah who married Joseph Jacobs.

This concludes the names of “Kinswomen” and “Kinsmen” found in Mary’s will.

NOTE: No doubt some who read the above will say, “This is all surmise, why publish it?” I do so because I believe it is the correct solution of the problem, and in any case it gives a foundation for further research by descendants of the persons, who may be interested.

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As it may be of interest to readers to see just how the records of baptisms kept by Rev. Peter Hobart at Hingham are placed, a representation is given below. Of course, other names came between these; I copied only the Bosworths.

HINGHAM RECORDS

1638 <i>November 18</i>	Elizabeth Bozworth Baptized
1641 <i>February</i>	Rebekah daughter of Jonathan Bozworth Baptized
1644 <i>January</i>	Bethiah Bozworth Baptized
1647 <i>April 6</i>	Benjamin and Mehitable Bozworth Baptized
<i>18</i>	Mary Bozworth Baptized
1648 <i>May 18</i>	widow Bozworth died
1649 <i>July 29</i>	Nathaniel and Jeremiah Bozworth Baptized
1650 <i>July 16</i>	Hannah Bozworth do
<i>Aug 4</i>	Deliverance Bozworth do
1652 <i>June</i>	Joseph Bozworth Baptized
1654 <i>Nov 19</i>	Bellamy Bozworth (nothing more)
1657 <i>October 4</i>	Mary daughter of Nathaniel Bozworth
1659 <i>May 29</i>	Edward Bozworth Baptized

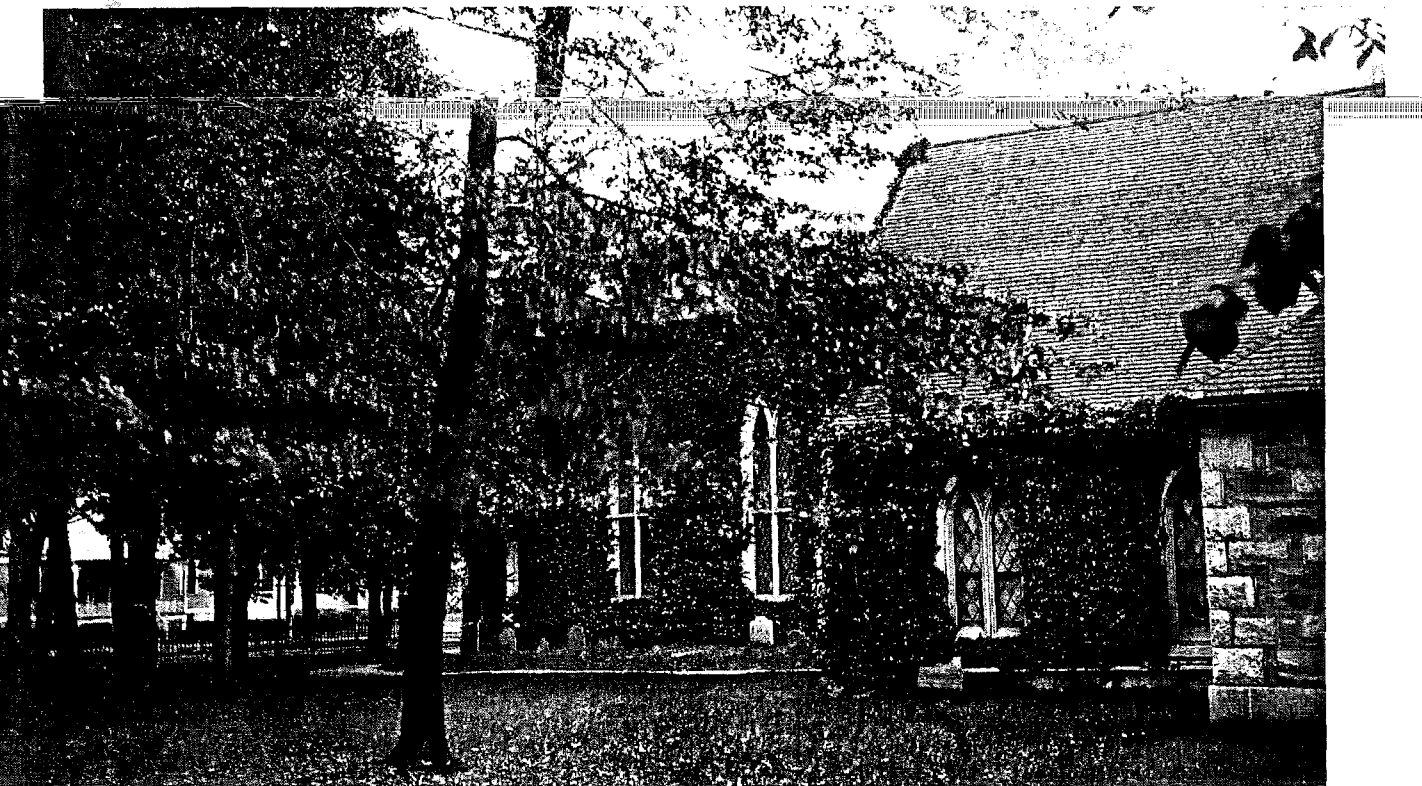
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1660
Aug 19 Bridget Bozworth Baptized

1668
Aug 9 Hannah Bozworth daughter of
Benjamin Bozworth born (Benjamin, Jr.)

As may be seen, there is nothing except in two cases, to show who were the fathers of these children; this has had to be gathered from other sources. Fortunately, these were sufficient to settle the matter except in the case of Joseph, as both Jonathan and Nathaniel had sons by this name. However, I should judge this one was son of Nathaniel, as he fits into that family the best.

William H. Manning, a professional genealogist of Boston, very thorough and reliable, says that many pastors "were not careful to record all the children that they baptized." So it may be possible that Rev. Peter Hobart was sometimes neglectful, and that Jonathan's son Joseph and daughter Bathsheba, and Nathaniel's eldest daughter and son John, may have been baptized by him, but not recorded.



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH AT BRISTOL, R. I. SHOWING TOMBSTONE OF DEACON NATHANIEL BOSWORTH
(MARKED WITH WHITE CROSS).

THE view opposite is of the Congregational Church in Bristol, Rhode Island, beside which stands the tombstone of Deacon Nathaniel Bosworth (indicated by a white cross over it), a close view of which was given in Part I. This church was organized in the early days of Bristol and called at first the "Church of Christ," afterward the "Catholic Congregational Church," and now the "First Congregational Church of Bristol, Rhode Island." Nathaniel Bosworth was one of its founders, also one of its first deacons.

The tombstone of Nathaniel was removed from the old churchyard to its present location when this church was built.

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A History *of the* Descendants *of*
EDWARD BOSWORTH
who arrived in America
in the year
1634

PART II
THIRD GENERATION

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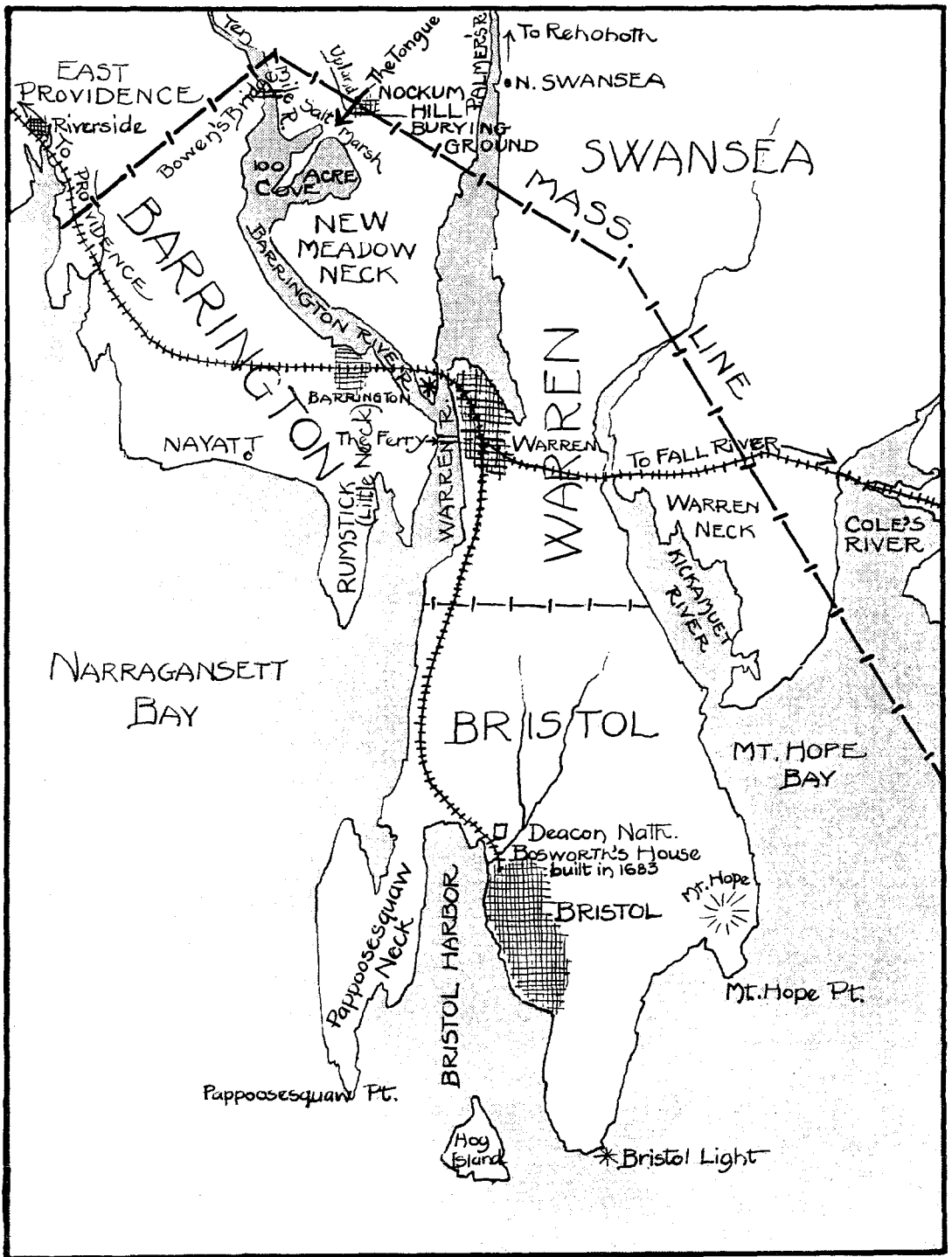
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MAP OF BRISTOL COUNTY, RHODE ISLAND

THE STAR AT THE POINT OF NEW MEADOW NECK SHOWS THE LOCATION OF TYLER'S POINT CEMETERY WHERE THE BOULDER OVER THE GRAVE OF REV. JOHN MYLES WAS SET UP. (See p. 156)

DESCRIPTION *of* MAP

AND

HISTORIC INFORMATION

CONCERNING THE REGION WHERE

JONATHAN² AND NATHANIEL² BOSWORTH

LIVED AND WHERE MANY OF THEIR DESCENDANTS

ARE LIVING AT THE PRESENT TIME.

The region called by the Indians, SOWAMS, included all of the present towns of Barrington and Warren, with a portion of the adjoining towns of Swansea, Mass., and Seekonk and East Providence, R. I.

SOWAMS was the royal seat and home of Massasoit, the Chief Sachem of the great tribe of Wampanoags.

The first Indian treaty was made with Massasoit at Plymouth, April 1, 1621. Governor Edward Winslow and Stephen Hopkins were the first white men to visit Massasoit at SOWAMS in 1621.

Governor Winslow and John Hampden, the English patriot, visited Massasoit at SOWAMS in 1623; hence the name, Hampden Meadows.

Roger Williams spent a part of the winter of 1636 in Massasoit's wigwam at SOWAMS.

SOWAMS was deeded to Capt. Myles Standish, Gov. Thomas Prince, Thomas Willett, Gent., and Josiah Winslow, Gent., in 1653. Capt. Myles Standish called SOWAMS, "*The Garden of our Patent and the flower of our Garden.*" Standish owned land at Nayatt.

Hon. John Brown and Capt. Thomas Willett bought land and made homes in Wannamoisett, a part of Ancient SOWAMS, in 1645; the first white settlers on record. (See further on for the location of Wannamoisett.)

The first Baptist Church in Massachusetts, and the third in New England was organized in SOWAMS, on Nockum Hill, by Rev. John Myles and associates in 1663.

Swansea, which included Barrington, was incorporated in 1667. Barrington, "the westward end of Swansea," was set off from Swansea, Nov. 18, 1717, for the purpose of founding and supporting a Church of the Congregational order, with "A learned, orthodox and pious minister."

Barrington was a part of Plymouth Colony from 1621 to 1692, when it came under Massachusetts Bay Colony as a part of Ancient Swansea. The old town of Barrington included Wannamoisett as far north as Sowams Monument near Silver Spring. (The latter is in what is marked East Providence on the map.)

NOTE: The above has been gleaned from a program of exercises at the Tercentennial of Barrington, celebrated Nov. 21, 1921; the following from Bicknell's *History of Barrington*:

In 1685 Bristol County was incorporated and Swansea became a town of Bristol County, Plymouth Colony.

In 1691 Plymouth Colony was united with Massachusetts Bay Colony, and Swansea came under the government of Massachusetts Colony.

In October 1717, Barrington was set off from Swansea and incorporated under its present name, as a town of Bristol County, Massachusetts Colony.

In 1747, Barrington, a part of Swansea, now Warren, and Bristol, were set from Massachusetts to Rhode Island, Barrington was united with the territory taken from Swansea, and called Warren, and the two towns formed Bristol County, R. I., with Bristol the shire town.

On account of the east and west sides of the township of Warren being divided by a deep river and only connected by three ferries, making one side inaccessible to the other in bad weather, the inhabitants on the west side petitioned the Assembly to be set off as a separate town, which was done in 1770 and called as originally, Barrington. In 1771 the inhabitants of NEW MEADOW NECK asked to be put back in Warren. Since then the boundary lines have been substantially as at the present time.

Since its occupation by the whites, the people living on this territory have been under the government of three Colonies, Plymouth, Massachusetts Bay and Rhode Island; have lived in three counties, Plymouth, Bristol, Mass. and Bristol, R. I., and have borne three township names: Swansea, Barrington, Warren and Barrington for the second time.

INDIAN NAMES

KICKEMUIT

The name of the river that rises in Swansea and flows south through the eastern part of Warren into Mount Hope Bay. The word *Kickemuit* means: *At the great spring.*

PEEBEE'S NECK, or POPANOMSCUTT

The names are used interchangeably in the Sowams records. Peebee was one of Philip's counsellors, and his signature to a quit-claim deed by Philip to the white settlers under date of March, 30, 1668, is authority for the spelling, Peebee. His home was in Barrington on the main neck, called by the Indians, PEEBEE'S NECK. Peebee was killed near Myles Bridge in the attack on Swansea, June, 1675.

WANNAMOISSET

The name of the section, about four square miles in area, in which Riverside is located. Meaning *At the good fishing place.* (This is probably the same as that mentioned in deeds as WACHAMOKET, or WATCHAMOKET and the region known by the name).

CHACHAPACASSETT

The name of a point of land between Warren River and Narragansett Bay, now known as *Rumstick*. It was also known to the whites by the name of *Little Neck*.

NOTE: The History says: "The summer residents who have beautiful homes upon this point, are endeavoring to have the old Indian name revived, which certainly shows good taste and should be encouraged."

Meaning of CHACHAPACASSET, *At or near the great widening.*

RUMSTICK

This name as applied to Chachapacassett, or Little Neck, was first given in the Sowams Records under date of Jan. 26, 1698. Of this the author of the History has to say:

“Prof. Adrian Scott of Brown University contributes the following suggestion as to the derivation of the name *Rumstick* as applied to the point extending into Narragansett Bay: *Rumstokkr* in old Norse was a *bed-post*, but in Provincial England there was a word, *Rumstich*, adapted from the German language, or possibly the Dutch, and meaning the same as *Maw i. e.*, an old-fashion game of cards. The point might have had a famous game upon it by the first crew of sailors that bethought themselves to name it. But I should think this far more likely than either of the above, that the long slender point suggested the stick with which ancient sea captains stirred their toddy (differing from the common sailor’s grog, inasmuch as it was made of rum *sweetened* and so needed stirring): hence English *Rumstick*. Mr. Sidney S. Rider, of Providence, one of the most thorough historical scholars and critics of Rhode Island, is of the opinion that the word is of Norse origin.”

SOWAMS RIVER

This name was given by the Indians to the rivers now known as Barrington, Palmer’s and Warren. Both branches on the east and west of NEW MEADOW NECK bore the same name, Sowams River. The proprietors often called it the *Sowams River* and the *Great River*, and spoke of both branches of this river. The westerly branch was also called the *New Meadow River*; the easterly, *Palmer’s River*.

RUNEN’S RIVER

The upper part of the west branch of Sowams or Barrington River, and was often called *Bowen’s River*, or *Bowen’s Bridge River*, for Mr. Richard Bowen who owned a large tract of land along the stream. Runen’s was probably not an Indian name.

PAPPOOSESQUAW

The name of the neck of land west of Bristol harbor, still bearing the Indian name.

NOTE: The compiler was informed, when in that region, that when the Indians were about to go to war they placed their wives and children on this point of land where they could be easily guarded, hence the name

Pappoesquaw. However, in time the name was so abbreviated and altered that in common parlance it became "*Papasquash*," and it may be so found spelled in some of the deeds.

HISTORIC SITES

The first Baptist meeting house built by Rev. John Myles' church, was located on Nockum Hill. The place of baptisms was at the point on the south of Nockum Hill.

The second meeting house of Rev. John Myles' church was erected by the town of Swansea at Tyler's Point, south of the road connecting the Barrington and Warren Bridges.

Rev. John Myles was probably buried at Tyler's Point. On June 17, 1905, a huge boulder with inscription on a bronze plate, which had been placed over the place of his supposed grave, was dedicated with impressive ceremonies.

WARREN

The township of Warren, named from Sir Peter Warren, Admiral in the British Navy, made up of parts of Swansea, Barrington and a small part of Rehoboth, was incorporated, Jan. 27, 1746/7. The qualification of the freemen were declared to be, "Every man who is possessed of lands or real estate sufficient by the laws of this Colony to qualify him for a freeman, and the eldest sons of all such freeholders." Among a list of 81 such freemen in the township of Warren, is found the name of Edward Bosworth (Edward⁵, Jr., son of Edward⁴ and Mehitable), also many Bosworth descendants named Allen, Butterworth, Bowen, Child, Cole, Drown, Eddy, Humphrey, Hale, Kinnecutt, Kelley, Low, Luther, Martin, Mason, Peck, Smith, Thomas, Viall and Wheaton.

Third Generation



LYDIA³ BUCKLAND, daughter of William and Mary² (*Edward¹ Bosworth*) Buckland, born, perhaps in England, and if so, probably came with her parents to America in 1634. She lived during her girlhood at Hingham, Mass., and later, removing with her parents to Rehoboth, about 1650-55, was soon married to JOHN² BROWN, JR., a widower, with at least one child, a son, John³ Brown, whose mother, Ann Dennis*, first wife of John, had died about 1652. John² Brown, Jr. was the son of John¹ and Dorothy Brown, born at Rehoboth, Mass., and died there "last of March 1662," about two weeks before his father, John¹, the settler, who died April 10, 1662.

The Browns, for at least three generations, were eminent citizens of Rehoboth and Swansea (or Swanzey, as it was spelled at that time), and as their lands adjoined that of both the Bosworths and the Bucklands, the histories of these families are intermingled.

The following histories of John¹ Brown, Sen. and his son-in-law, Capt. Thomas Willett, gleaned from Bicknell's *History of Barrington, R. I.*, are furnished by Mrs. Carrie Bosworth Reed, a descendant.

JOHN BROWN

of Massachusetts Bay Colony became acquainted with the Pilgrims at Leyden. He emigrated from his home in the south and west of England, to Boston and Plymouth about 1630. He was elected a freeman in 1634, and in 1636 an assistant, which office he held for seventeen years by annual election. His son James was admitted freeman in 1636. Mr. Brown was a man of large intelligence, great energy and deep piety. He was a grand pioneer in the settlement of the towns west of Plymouth. He was one of the

*I can give no proof that Ann Dennis of Norwich, Conn., was first wife of John Brown, Jr., but it has been so stated repeatedly, and I have not seen it contradicted, hence I have so set it down.

Mrs. Carrie Bosworth Reed descends from the Browns through Capt. John³ Brown, b. "last Monday of September 1650," the eldest son of John², the child of his first wife; also in two ways from James² Brown, who m. Lydia Howland, dau. of John and Elizabeth (Tilley) Howland, and sister of Hannah Howland, wife of Jonathan Bosworth, Jr. (See history of Jonathan³ Bosworth, Jr., which follows; also these completed lines in connection with Mrs. Reed's ancestry in a later part of this Genealogy.)

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purchasers of land called Cohannat, or Taunton, in 1637; he with Capt. Miles Standish erected bounds around the purchase in 1640, where he had removed with his family before 1643, for among the fifty-four males subject to military duty in that year, his name was first, followed by his two sons, John Jr. and James.

During the same year he was one of the company to purchase Rehoboth, Mass. His interest was the largest of any, amounting to £600. By June 9, 1645, he and his son James had removed from Taunton to Rehoboth, his son John followed in 1647, and his son-in-law Willett later.

In December, 1645, Mr. Brown, Sen., became sole proprietor of the section in Sowams known by the Indians as Wannamoissett, and Wannamoissett Neck (now Bullock's Point and Riverside), which originally included a large portion of what is now Barrington, and the south part of Seekonk and East Providence. His holdings extended to Narragansett Bay, or Sowams Bay, as called by the Indians. Massasoit's home was in Sowams, where he died in 1661.

John Brown, Sen.'s name appears on all important committees of the town. Now he was chosen to carry on a suit at the Court, afterward "to make diligent search to find out the most convenient way between Rehoboth to Dedham." Then he, with Mr. Peter Hunt were ordered to go to Plymouth to make agreement about the Indian's complaints, and various other records of public duties, which indicate his prominence and ability as a citizen of the town and Colony. In 1643 the Colonies of Plymouth, Massachusetts Bay, Connecticut and New Haven, united in a confederacy styled the United Colonies of New England, for their common defense and welfare. Each Colony sent two commissioners to the meetings of this body. Mr. John Brown represented Plymouth Colony for twelve years, associated with such men as John Winthrop, Gov. Haynes, Mr. Eaton, Mr. Bradstreet and Gov. Winslow.

Mr. Brown died at Wannamoissett, April 10, 1662. An obituary is given by Nathaniel Morton in his *N. E. Memorial*, pp. 295-6-7. His burial place is probably in what is now known as the "Viall Burial Ground", formerly known as the "Brown Burial Ground", on the "Little Neck" in Wannamoissett, at the head of Bullock's Cove, within the limits of Wannamoissett which he purchased from the Indians; also within the bounds of Ancient Swansea. It was upon one's estate where burial grounds were often located. His widow, Dorothy Brown, was buried there; she died at Swansea, Jan. 27, 1674, aged ninety years.

His daughter Mary and her husband, Capt. Thomas Willett, with other descendants, were buried in this ground. Mr. Brown left three children: Mary who married Capt. Thomas Willett; John Jr., who settled with his father in Rehoboth, and James Brown who was one of the most influential men in the founding of Swansea, as well as one of the leading members of Rev. John Myles' church.

CAPT. THOMAS WILLETT

This name is the second on the list of purchasers of Sowams. He was of English birth, a merchant by occupation, and became acquainted with the

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Pilgrims at Leyden while traveling on business. He came to Plymouth in 1629 a youth of nineteen. Such was his business ability that the Colony sent him, in 1630, to superintend their trading houses in Maine, where he remained six years, returning to Plymouth in 1636 to marry Mary Brown, daughter of John Brown, then one of the assistants in the government.

In 1647 Mr. Willett was elected to succeed Myles Standish as Captain at Plymouth. He was an Assistant by annual election, from 1651 to 1665. In 1664 he was called to aid Col. Nichols in the surrender of New York to the English by the Dutch, as Capt. Willett was not only an able diplomat, but a thorough master of the Dutch language and customs. So popular was he with both the English and Dutch of Manhattan that he was chosen *first Mayor of New York* in 1665 and was re-elected in 1666. Capt. Willett removed to Wannamoisett about 1662 where he, with his family, resided until his death in 1674, near the residence of his father-in-law, Hon. John Brown. His landed estates were very large in Plymouth, Taunton, Rehoboth, Wannamoisett, Sowams, Attleboro, the Narragansett Country and other places. He was well acquainted with the Indians and was a leader in negotiations with their chiefs and was probably the leading factor in the purchase of Sowams. He took great interest in the religious affairs of the Colony and was a co-founder with Rev. John Myles, of the town of Swansea and of the first Baptist church in Massachusetts, not far from his own home. His ancient house at Wannamoisett, (now Riverside, R. I.), was a landmark of great historic interest until its destruction by fire in 1892. The ancient chimney built of small Dutch bricks, stood as a monument to Capt. Willett until it was rebuilt in a new house on the same spot by Col. H. Anthony Dyer, about 1900.

Capt. Thomas Willett and Mary Brown were married July 6, 1636, and thirteen children were born to them.

MARY, b. Nov. 10, 1637; m. Rev. Samuel Hooker, son of Rev. Thomas Hooker, first minister of Hartford, Conn., 1635.

MARTHA, b. Aug. 6, 1639; m. John Saffin, lawyer and Judge of Scituate, Boston and Bristol; she d. Dec. 11, 1673.

JOHN, b. Aug. 21, 1641; m. Abigail Collins, 1663 and d. soon after.

SARAH, b. May 4, 1643; m. John Elliott, son of the Apostle John Elliot.

REBECCA, b. Dec. 2, 1644; d. at the age of seven.

THOMAS, b. Oct. 1, 1646.

ESTHER, b. July 6, 1647; m. Rev. Josiah Flint of Dorchester, Mass. and d. July 26, 1737.

JAMES, b. Nov. 23, 1649; m. Elizabeth Hunt.

HEZEKIAH, b. July 26, 1651; d. an infant.

HEZEKIAH, b. Nov. 7, 165-; m. Anna (or Hannah) Brown (his cousin), dau. of John Jr. and Lydia (Buckland) Brown (his second wife), Jan. 7, 1675, and was murdered by the Indians at Wannamoisett, July 1, 1676.

DAVID, b. Nov. 1, 1654, died young.

ANDREW, b. Oct. 5, 1655; m. Ann Coddington.

SAMUEL, b. Oct. 27, 1658; m. ———, ~~had thirteen children~~

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Mary (Brown) Willett died Jan. 8, 1669. Thomas, Sen. m. (2) Mrs. Joanna Prudden, dau. of Rev. Peter Prudden, Sept. 19, 1671. He died Aug. 4, 1674 and is buried with his wives at Little Neck, Wannamoisett (now Riverside, R. I.).

Copied from Little Neck Cemetery at Riverside, R. I.:

Headstone and Footstone of
Mary Willett

—
1669

Here lyeth y^e Body of
THE vertuous
MARY WILLETT
wife to
thoMAS Willett esq^r
who died January y^e 8
About y^e 55th Year
OF Her AGE
ANNO

—
DAUGHTER TO THE
Wor. JOHN BROWN, Esq^R.,
DECEASED

Chiselled deep in the heavy
stone over the grave of Capt-
Willett, is the following:

—
1674

Here lyeth y^e Body
of y^e Wor.
THOMAS WILLETT, esq^r
who died August y^e 4th
in y^e 64th year of
his age anno

—
WHO WAS THE FIRST MAYOR
OF NEW YORK & TWICE
DID SVSTAINE $\frac{1}{2}$
PLACE

A large boulder has the following inscription on a tablet:

THOMAS WILLETT
1618—1674
First Mayor of
NEW YORK
Served 1665—1667

—
Erected by the
CITY CLUB OF NEW YORK
1913

THIRD GENERATION

After her marriage to John Brown, Jr.*, Lydia became the mother of four children; Lydia, Anna (or Hannah), Joseph and Nathaniel, before the death of her husband in 1662. Each of these, together with John, the son of his first wife were remembered in his will. Where Lydia went, or who cared for these children after their father's death, must be left to the imagination, but from the fact that the three younger ones when they grew older were married and lived in either Rehoboth or Swansea, it may be presumed that they were brought up by some of their father's family, perhaps by their uncle, James² Brown, who was made their guardian by their father's will.

NOTE: When the children of John² Brown had reached their majority, they each gave receipts to their uncle James² Brown, in acknowledgement of their claims having been paid. John³ Brown signed Sept. 3, 1675; Anna (Brown) Willett, Dec. 15, 1676; Nathaniel³ Brown, Sept. 6, 1694; Joseph³ Brown, Oct. 2, 1694; William Parker of Seabrook, Conn. signed for his wife Lydia, July 2, 1694. John³ Brown, ancestor of Mrs. Carrie Bosworth Reed, lived at Swansea and died there Nov. 24, 1709, intestate; his widow, Anne (Mason) Brown was appointed administratrix.

Probably about two years after the death of her first husband, Lydia married William Lord of Saybrook, Conn. The marriage must have occurred soon after April 18, 1664, for on that date William was in Rehoboth and with Lydia witnessed a deed of her father's. (See Part I, p. 56). It appears that soon after this marriage she went with her husband to Saybrook and, it seems probable, took with her, her eldest daughter, Lydia Brown, for later we find her married there to Deacon William Parker of Saybrook, as his second wife.

* The fact that Lydia Buckland was the wife of John² Brown, Jr., although no record of the marriage has been found, is proved by a clause in his will, in which he leaves to his wife "the three score pounds my *father-in-law* William Buckland was to pay as a marriage portion in 1660." We cannot learn from this the date of the marriage, but if, as seems altogether likely, Lydia Brown was their first child, born Aug. 1656, they were probably married about 1655, but although the "father-in-law" had pledged a marriage portion, it was not to be paid until 1660, and from the reading of the will, it seems questionable if it had been paid when the will was written. That it was paid later, and before her marriage to William Lord, is shown by the following receipt on record (Taunton Probate, Bk.1, p. 15):

June 26, 1663. "I Lidia Brown the late wife of Mr. John Brown Jun^r. lately deceased, do acknowledge that I have received of my Brother James Brown the sum of Three score pounds to my satisfaction which was left me by my husband.

The mark of
Lidia Brown."

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BOSWORTH GENEALOGY

William Lord was son of Thomas and Dorothy Lord, born in England about 1623.

Thomas Lord, the settler, born in England about 1585, son of Richard and Joan Lord, came to America on the *Elizabeth and Ann*, 29 April 1635. The sailing lists give: Thomas Lord aged 50, Dorothy, his wife aged 46, their children, Thomas 16, Ann 14, *William* 12, John 10, Robert 9, Aymie 6, Dorothy 4. They settled first at Newtowne (Cambridge). "In 1636-37 this family were of that large company which was led by the Rev. Thomas Hooker from Massachusetts to form a new settlement on the Connecticut river." (Family Hist. and Gen., Salisbury). Thomas Lord thus became an original proprietor of Hartford, Conn. His wife Dorothy was daughter of Robert Bird of Towchester, England; she died at Hartford in 1675, aged 86. She and her husband are both buried there. Dorothy left a will, which is on record at Hartford; her son William and grandson Richard, were executors. It was signed "Dorothy Lord her marke." In a supplement disposing of special articles, William was left "my Siluer drinking Bowle" and her "great brass kettle." The will was stamped with the Lord seal.

William Lord settled in Saybrook, Conn., about 1645; "was there at the division of lands in 1648; became a large land-owner both in Saybrook and Lyme; bought a large tract of the Indians in Lyme, which land was subsequently exchanged with the town for other various parcels, by his sons Thomas and Richard." (Salisbury's Fam. Hist. and Gen.) He was a man of unusual character. He was very kind in his dealings with the Indians, and in a deed of land given by Chapeto, a Mohegan; Uncas, sachem of the Mohegans; and one other; he is called by Chapeto, "my very loving friend."

The name of the first wife of William Lord is not known, but she was the mother of seven children; the eldest a son, born Oct. 1643; Thomas, born Dec. 1645; Richard, born May 1647; Mary, born May 1649; Robert, born Aug. 1651; John, born Sept. 1653; Joseph, born Sept. 1656.

William Lord died in Saybrook, May 17, 1678.

Date of Lydia's death not known; probably died in Saybrook.

CHILDREN

of Lydia³ Buckland

By first husband, JOHN BROWN, JR., born in Rehoboth, Mass.

29 i—LYDIA⁴ BROWN, b. Aug. "5 or 6", 1656; m. at Saybrook, Conn., Deacon William Parker, as his second wife, Sept. 6, 1676, and d. there June 11, 1728, aged 73.

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- 30 ii—ANNA⁴ (OR HANNAH) BROWN, b. Jan. 29, 1657*; m. Hezekiah Willett, Jan. 7, 1675 (Her cousin.).
- 31 iii—JOSEPH⁴ BROWN, b. Apr. 9, 1658; d. May 5, 1731, aged 72; m. Nov. 10, 1680, Hannah Fitch; Children: 1—Joseph b. Nov. 21, 1681; d. Nov. 18, 1685. 2—Hannah, twin to Joseph. 3—Jabesh, b. Dec. 30, 1683. 4—John, b. Mar. 13, 1685. 5—Joseph, b. Aug. 28, 1688; m. Elizabeth (—), had Caleb, Joshua and Joseph. 6—Lidiah, b. Dec. 5, 1691. 7—Benjamin, b. Apr. 13, 1694; d. Aug. 12, 1762; m. Kezia Brown, int. Nov. 7, 1722, and had Benjamin, d. y., Nathan, Benjamin, Sarah, Lucy. 8—Mary, b. June 28, 1696. 9—Christopher, b. June 17, 1699; m. May 10, 1726, Waitstill Ormsbee; he d. soon and she m. Samuel Fuller. 10—Jeremiah, b. Oct. 7, 1702.
- 32 iv—NATHANIEL⁴ BROWN, b. June 9, 1661; m. abt. 1687, Sarah Jenckes, dau. of Joseph² Jr. and Esther (Ballard) Jenckes of Pawtucket, R. I. who d. 1708. Children: 1—Peter, b. Mar. 25, 1688. 2—Nathaniel, b. Sept. 24, 1689. 3—Nathan, b. Sept. 19, 1691; m. Elizabeth Arnold of Warwick, int. Dec. 15, 1722; d. July 3, 1737. 4—John, b. Mar. 31, 1694. 5—Josiah, b. Sept. 18, 1695; d. Apr. 14, 1724; m. abt. 1720, Ann (—) and had Allen and Amie. 6—Sarah, b. Feb. 19, 1698; m. Isaac Buckland (her second cousin), int. Nov. 8, 1729 (see history of Joseph Buckland). 7—Penelope, b. May 17, 1699. 8—Lydia, b. Aug. 11, 1700. 9—Mary, b. Jan. 18, 1702. 10—Kezia, b. March 1704; m. her cousin Benjamin Brown. (See above) 11—Elizabeth, b. June 20, 1706.

By second husband, William Lord, born in Saybrook, Conn.:

- 33 i—BENJAMIN⁴ LORD; b. 1687; m. at Guilford, Conn., Apr. 6, 1693, Elizabeth Pratt.
- 34 ii—JAMES⁴ LORD.
- 35 iii—SAMUEL LORD; m. Susannah _____.
- 36 iv—DOROTHY LORD; m. 1701, John Hobson.
- 37 v—DANIEL⁴ LORD.
- 38 vi—HANNAH LORD; m. Aug. 13, 1698, John Maltby.
- 39 vii—ELIZABETH LORD; d. unm.

Proof of the above:

"The reason for the coming of John Maltby to New London (Lyme), Conn., is found in the New London County Court Files of 1703, to wit:

"The Constable to summon Capt. Thomas Avery, Saybrook, to answer Benjamin Lord of same, for and in behalf of himself and as lawful attorney for his brothers and sisters, James Lord, Susannah Lord (relict and admx. of her late husband Samuel Lord, late of Saybrook), John Hobson in right of his wife Dority, and Daniel Lord & John Maltbie in right of his wife Hannah, and Elizabeth Lord, lawfully begotten of the body of their honored mother Lydia Lord, as legatees of their honored father Mr. William Lord, late of Saybrook by his last will."

(See Boston Transcript, Gen. Dept., June 23, 1932.)

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JOSEPH³ BUCKLAND, son of William and Mary² (*Edward¹ Bosworth*) Buckland, born, probably in England, June 23, 1633; married at Rehoboth, Mass., Nov. 5, 1659, DEBORAH ALLEN, daughter of John, Sen. of Swansea; died in Rehoboth, March 26, 1718, (buried March 28).

He came to America with his parents and lived with them at Hingham, Mass., from 1634 or 1635, until about 1655, when the family removed to Rehoboth.

On Sept. 1, 1659, when Joseph was "about to be married," as the record states, his father deeded to him one-third of all his possessions, and also agreed that at his death and that of his wife, Joseph should have enough more to make up one-half. (See Part I, p. 55).

May 26, 1668, Joseph was one of those who drew lots for meadow lands at Rehoboth.

Feb. 5, 1671, at another drawing of lots, Joseph drew Lot No. 63.

At the time of King Philip's War in 1675, Joseph Buckland was one of those from Rehoboth who contributed to the expense of prosecuting it. He gave £6. 3s.

At his death in 1718, he was buried in Rehoboth and his tombstone states that he was "84 years, 9 mo., 3 days" old.

CHILDREN

of Joseph³ and Deborah (Allen) Buckland,
born in Rehoboth, Mass.

- 40 i—DEBORAH⁴ BUCKLAND, b. Sept. 16, 1660; d. Nov. 7, 1724; m. at Rehoboth, May 6, 1681, Hugh Cole of Swansea, b. Mar. 6, 1658; d. Feb. 17, 1738. Children born at Swansea: 1—Hugh Cole, b. May 30, 1683. 2—Mary Cole, b. Apr. 17, 1686. 3—Joseph Cole, b. Mar. 15, 1687; m. Jan. 9, 1717, Mary, dau. of Caleb Eddy of Swansea. 4—Lydia Cole, b. Oct. 7, 1691. 5—James Cole, b. June 11, 1699, 6—Hannah Cole, b. July 6, 1702. 7—Deborah Cole, b. Feb. 11, 1704.
- 41 ii—JOSEPH⁴ BUCKLAND, b. Feb. 10, 1663; d. July 28, 1729; m. July 30, 1691, Mehitabel, dau. of William Sabin, b. at Rehoboth, May 16, 1673; d. Sept. 26, 1750.

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Joseph Buckland, Jr.'s name is on a list of the "inhabitants and proprietors of Rehoboth", Feb. 7, 1689. Children: 1—Deborah, b. May 15, 1692; m. Nov. 22, 1711, Jeremiah Whipple. 2—Joseph, b. Sept. 20, 1694; m. Susannah ———, abt. 1717; had six ch. b. in Rehoboth. 3—Martha, b. Sept. 6, 1696; d. 1729. 4—Benjamin, b. Jan. 30, 1697-8; m. (1) Esther Jenckes, (2) Rebecca Bowen, 5—John,* b. Mar. 30, 1701; m. Dec. 3, 1724, Freeloove Smith; had eight ch. b. in Rehoboth. 6—Rachel, b. Dec. 1, 1703; m. John Pidge; had dau. Martha Pidge, and perhaps others. 7—Nehemiah, b. June, 6 1706; d. Jan. 25, 1770; m. Beriah Read of Attleboro, int. Nov. 8, 1730; had five ch. b. in Rehoboth. 8—David, b. Oct. 31, 1708; d. Nov. 1726. 9—"Easter", b. Oct. 3, 1710; d. Nov. 1729. 10—Jonathan, b. Sept. 13, 1713; m. Oct. 12, 1737, Margaret Peck; had two ch. b. in Rehoboth. 11—William, b. Feb. 23, 1716-17; m. Jan. 22, 1740-41, Elizabeth Smith; had two children b. in Rehoboth.

- 42 iii—BARAK⁴ BUCKLAND, b. Aug. 1, 1666; d. Feb. 7, 1739; m. April 9, 1689, Alice Woodcock who d. Dec. 14, 1732.

Children of Barak⁴ and "Ellis" (Alice Woodcock) Buckland: 1—Elizabeth, b. Jan. 3, 1689-90. 2—"Ellis" (Alice?) b. Nov. 4, 1691. 3—Mary, b. Mar. 10, 1692. 4—Barak, b. Jan. 26, 1697; d. Feb. 13, 1697-8. 5—Sarah, b. Sept. 10, 1700. 6—Joseph, b. Oct. 10, 1702. 7—Barak, Jr., b. Apr. 1, 1704; m. Hannah Read of Attleboro, int. July 24, 1731; had four ch. b. in Rehoboth; d. Jan. 11, 1739-40.

- 43 iv—JOHN⁴ BUCKLAND, b. May 10, 1668; d. June 20, 1677.

- 44 v—JAMES⁴ BUCKLAND, b. July 3, 1669; bur. in Rehoboth, Sept. 9, 1738; m. Mary Yields of Weymouth, int. Oct. 2, 1708.

Children of James⁴ and Mary (Yields) Buckland: 1—James,* b. Apr. 26, 1709; m. Oct. 9, 1742, Mary (Marcy) Peck; had twelve ch. b. in Rehoboth. 2—Naoma, b. Nov. 3, 1710; m. Dec. 6, 1739, William Pullen; had one son b. in Rehoboth. 3—Timothy, b. Dec. 7, 1712. 4—Mary, b. Apr. 12, 1715. 5—Nehemiah, b. July 22, 1719.

- 45 vi—ISAAC⁴ BUCKLAND, b. Jan. 31, 1672; m. at Rehoboth, Jan. 3, 1698, Mary (or Martha) Marsh.

Children of Isaac⁴ and Mary (Marsh) Buckland: 1—Isaac, Jr., b. Oct. 30, 1699; m. Sarah Whipple of Attleboro, Mar. 8, 1721-2; had six ch. b. in Rehoboth. 2—Hannah, b. Mar. 8, 1700-1; m. Mar. 8, 1721-2, John Stevens. 3—Leah, b. Sept. 29, 1702; m. Israel Whipple of Attleboro, int. May 16, 1724. 4—Lydia, b. Mar. 25, 1705; m. Edw. Smith of

*James and John, prob. two sons of James (5), son of James (4) and Mary (Yields) Buckland; also Joseph, prob. son of John (5), son of Joseph (4) and Mehitable (Sabin) Buckland, were soldiers of the Revolution, Minute Men, Apr. 19, 1775.

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Providence, int. Mar. 31, 1729. 5—Ebenezer, b. Mar. 2, 1706-7; m. abt. 1738, Hannah (———); had four ch. b. in Rehoboth; she d. at Rehoboth Jan. 1, 1812, in 92nd year.

- 46 vii—MATTHEW⁴ BUCKLAND, b. Sept. 16, 1674; prob. d. y.
47 viii—NEHEMIAH⁴ BUCKLAND, b. Sept. 16, 1676; d. May 19, 1677.
48 ix—NEHEMIAH⁴ BUCKLAND, b. Mar. 31, 1678; d. Feb. 7, 1705.
49 x—LYDIA⁴ BUCKLAND, b. Sept. 5, 1680; m. at Rehoboth, Aug. 13, 1706, Benajah Barros. A son, John Barros, b. at Rehoboth, July 8, 1707.

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BENJAMIN³ BUCKLAND, son of William and Mary² (*Edward¹ Bosworth*) Buckland, born at Hingham, Mass., and baptized there by the Rev. Peter Hobart, July 2, 1640; died, slain by the Indians in King Philip's War, March 26, 1676; married at Rehoboth, RACHEL WHEATLAND (or WHEATLEY), who died Sept. 20, 1713.

Benjamin came with his parents to Rehoboth about 1655, and in 1659 was appointed, with his cousin Jonathan Bosworth, Jr., and another young man, as "troopers" to guard the town; they were appointed for a term of three years. He was married soon after the time expired, in 1662 or 1663. (See Part I, p. 56.)

May 26, 1668, lots were drawn for the meadow lands in the North Purchase, by about eighty people, and Benjamin drew one, also his father William, his brother Joseph Buckland, and his uncle Jonathan Bosworth, Sen., each drew one.

Feb. 5, 1671, at another drawing of lots, Benjamin Buckland drew lot No. 15.

In June, 1675, King Philip's War began, and among those who contributed we find "Benjamin Buckland, with a loss of a gun £4. 3s. 10d." Not content with simply contributing, Benjamin entered into the contest, and as above stated, was slain, with eight others, by the Indians, on March 26, 1676, at a place afterward called "Nine Men's Misery," a place in

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the town of Cumberland, R. I. Bliss, in his History of Rehoboth, says: "Their bones were disinterred about one hundred years later, and Buckland's were known from his very large frame and a set of double teeth all around."

The inventory of Benjamin's estate was made June 17, 1676, which included "one-third part of his father Buckland's farm," valued at £100. The settlement of his estate, which is dated July 10, 1677, mentions: "Rachell Buckland widdow the Relict of said Benjamin," also six children, "the eldest to have a double portion & the others to have equal parts." Rachel was appointed Administratrix. "Mr. Daniel Smith and Mr. Nicholas Peck are appointed by the Court to be helpful to the widdow in the disposing of the said Estate according to this order." Nathaniel Morton, Secretary.

On Sept. 22, 1679, Rachel the widow married John Loring of Hull, Mass., as his second wife, and had four more children: John, Israel, Sarah and Caleb Loring. In 1690 in a list of the orphans in Rehoboth, "Benjamin Buckland's heirs" are mentioned.

CHILDREN

of Benjamin³ and Rachel (Wheatland) Buckland,
born in Rehoboth.

- 50 i—RACHEL⁴ BUCKLAND, b. Nov. —, 1663.
- 51 ii—BENJAMIN⁴ BUCKLAND, b. Feb. 27, 1665.
- 52 iii—LEAH⁴ BUCKLAND, b. May 29, 1668.
- 53 iv—SOLOMON⁴ BUCKLAND, b. May 15, 1669.
- 54 v—JONATHAN⁴ BUCKLAND, b. Sept. 28, 1672.
- 55 vi—DAVID⁴ BUCKLAND, b. March 22, 1675.

JONATHAN³ BOSWORTH, JR., eldest son of Jonathan² (*Edward¹*) and Elizabeth (——) Bosworth, was born about 1635 or 1636, but whether in Cambridge or Hingham, is not known, as neither record of birth nor baptism, have been found.* He probably passed his boyhood in the latter place and removed with his father to Rehoboth, Mass., sometime between 1650 and 1658. He was later known as a "Plowright."

The first mention of Jonathan, Jr. in the old records, was at Rehoboth, *Apr. 30, 1659*, when he, with his cousin, Benjamin Buckland and another young man, were appointed "troopers" for the town for three years.† At this time Jonathan, Jr. was about 23 or 24 years of age, and Benjamin Buckland about 19 or 20.

On *July 6, 1661*, Jonathan, Jr. was married at Swansea, Mass. (then a part of the township of Rehoboth), to Hannah Howland, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Tilley) Howland.

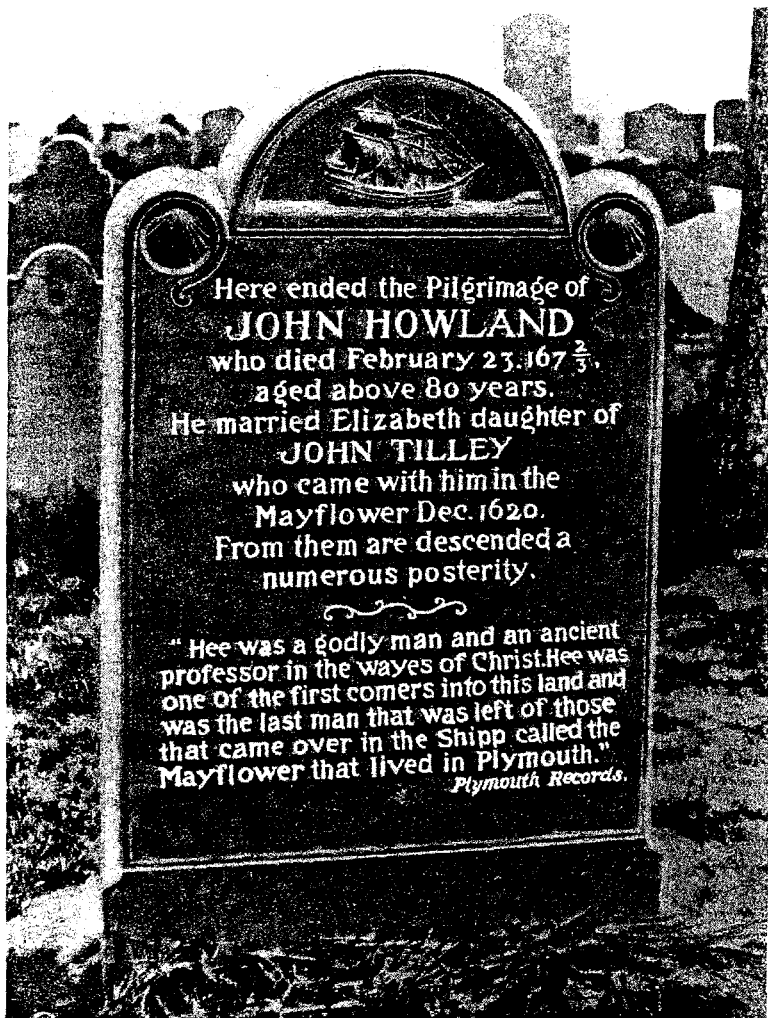
NOTE: Both John Howland and Elizabeth Tilley were passengers in "the good ship *Mayflower*." It is stated in the old records, that John came "as steward to Mr. John Carver." He was one of the men who signed the "Compact" in the cabin of the *Mayflower* as the ship lay off Cape Cod, before the landing at Plymouth, and during his whole life took an active part in the affairs of the Colony. At his death the old records said of him: "The 23th of February 1672 Mr. John Howland Sen^r of the Towne of Plymouth deceased hee was a Godly man and an ancient professor in the ways of Christ hee lived untill hee attained above eighty yeares in the world hee was one of the first comers into this land and proved a faithful Instrument of God in his place and was the last man that was left of those that came over in the shipp Called the *May flower* that lived in Plymouth hee was with honor interred in the Town of Plymouth on the 25 of February 1672."

[Plymouth Colony Records, p. 39]

His grave is at Burial Hill, Plymouth, marked with a large, purplish-colored stone on which is carved the above extract from the old records, and at the top of which is a cut of the ship *Mayflower*. John Tilley, the father of Elizabeth, was also a passenger in the *Mayflower*, and one of those who died the first winter. His wife also died at that time, but it is understood

*There are no records of birth at Cambridge earlier than 1635, and no Bosworth birth previous to 1691.

†See Part I, p. 54.



TOMBSTONE OF JOHN HOWLAND, THE MAYFLOWER PILGRIM, AT PLYMOUTH, MASS. (See p. 150).

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that she was a second wife and not the mother of Elizabeth. Who her mother was has never been discovered. For a long time she was supposed to have been a daughter of Governor Carver, but is now thought to be an error*; also the supposition that it was John Tilley, father of Elizabeth, who married in Leyden, Holland, "Prijntgen Van der Veldt," or Pryntgen van der Velde." This "Jan Telli," according to the records, was a single man, so could not have been father of Elizabeth.

[I have taken the space to give this brief sketch of Hannah Howland's parents as it is through the Howland's that all the descendants of Jonathan³ Bosworth, Jr. are eligible to the Society of Mayflower Descendants. See *The Mayflower Descendant*, Vol. 6, p. 244].

Hannah received legacies from both her parents, as will be seen by the following extracts from their wills. In John Howland's will, dated May 29, 1672, occurs the following:

"ITEM: I give and bequeath to my Daughter Hannah Bosworth twenty shillings." [Mayflower Desc., Vol. 2, p. 72]. Also in the will of "Elizabeth Howland of Swanzey," made Dec. 17, 1686, admitted to probate Jan. 26, 1687-8, she "being 79 years of age but of good and perfect memory. . . . to daughter *Hannah Bosworth* 1 pair sheets, 1 pair pillow-beers; . . . to my 3 daughters Elizabeth Dickenson, Lydia Brown and *Hannah Bosworth* wearing apparell and rest of estate." [The Gen. Advertiser Vol. 3, p. 119-120].

On *May 24, 1660*, John Howland was granted by the town of Plymouth, land "lying att a brook within two miles or thereabouts of Winnatuxett meddow", and at the same time the Elder Cushman was granted fifty acres adjacent.

Very soon after the marriage of Jonathan and Hannah, they must have gone to live at a place called Colchester, in the township of Plymouth, near her father, for on

Sept. 16, 1663, "Att the Towne meeting held at the meeting house att Plymouth . . . seven acres of upland was granted att this meeting unto *Jonathan Bosworth* lying att the southeast end of Mr. Howland's land lying att a place called Colchester soe it prejudice not a highway there; the said seven acres of upland with all and singulare the appurtenances to him and his heires for ever." And on *Dec. 27, 1665*, "Gorge Bonum being appointed by the Towne of Plymouth to lay out such lands as was given out; as to the Elder Cushman fifty acres lying upon the brooke by Jonathan Bosworthes about halfe a mile down the brooke or there-about; did with the Elder and his son and *Jonathan Bosworth* lay out the same

* A writer in the Boston Transcript remarks: "Many believe that there must have been some foundation for the tradition which for so many years connected John Howland's wife with Governor Carver," and it is known that she was cared for in his home after the death of her parents the first winter.

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begining att a smalle spruce upon the aforesaid brooke it being the corner bounds and so Runes Northwest six score pole unto a smale oake bush from thence Northeast unto a small Rocke neare a spruce swamp side; it being the next Corner bound and from thence eastward to a great spruce tree.” (Rec. Town of Plym. Vol. 1, pps. 54 and 81)

NOTE: In many of the published histories of the past, the persons of Jonathan² Bosworth, Sen. and Jonathan³ Bosworth, Jr., have been mistaken for the same person, so it is not surprising that it has been stated that the Jonathan who lived at Rehoboth was the one who lived at Colchester, but in 1658, Jonathan Bosworth, Sen.'s name is given in a list of such as had “taken the oath of Fidelitie in the Towne of Rehoboth,” and on April 18, 1661, in selling land in Hingham, he is called “Jonathan Bosworth Senior of Rehoboth.” So it seems to me more probable that it was Jonathan Bosworth, Jr. who had land in Colchester near Mr. Howland's, especially as he had married Hannah Howland in 1661. Colchester, although then in the town of Plymouth, is now in the part later set off as Plympton, located near a branch of the Winatuxet river.

Jonathan, Jr. had probably gone to live at Colchester, when he was about 26 or 27 years old, but not long after Dec. 27, 1665, when he helped to lay out land there, he must have sold his land to his father-in-law, John Howland, for a record dated, New Plymouth, *June 13, 1668*, says:

“Measured unto Mr. John Howland and Joseph Howland ten acres of land graunted by the Towne unto Jonathan Bosworth att the southeast end of sixty acres hee then lived on att a place comonly Called Colchester the said ten acres is bounded on the Northwest syde with a white oake tree which is one of the bounds of the aforesaid sixty acres and with the brooke when it goes into the said sixty acres on the southeast syde of the said land att the northeast end is bounded with a young white oake and att the southwest end with a great Cleft Rocke haveing a little Rocke standing close to him.” Also on the same date, “Measured unto Mr. John Howland fifty acres of upland att a place Comonly Called Colchester and it adjoynes unto the land that the said howland and his son Joseph bought of Jonathan Bosworth being measured and graunted for his Lott belonging to his Winnatuxett Meddow,” etc. [Rec. Town of Plym., Vol. 1, p. 104]

On *June 16, 1668*, on the Plymouth Town Records a list of 98 names is given “of such as have voated in Towne meeting in the Towne of Plymouth,” among them Jonathan Bosworth, but marked as having removed from the town.*

*This list no doubt refers to those who *had* voted sometime in the past, but before the time the list was made Jonathan had removed from the town. This name has neither Sen. nor Jr. added to it; it probably was not necessary as the father lived in Rehoboth, and the son at Colchester, in the township of Plymouth, at the time he voted there.

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Previous to this time Jonathan Bosworth, Jr. and wife Hannah must have returned to his old home, for he was one of the first signers to a proposition to form a new town of Swansea, or "New Swansea" as it was then called.* Associated with Jonathan Bosworth, Jr. in the organization of Swansea, was John² Brown, whose second wife, Lydia Buckland, was a cousin of Jonathan; and among those who organized the church, was James² Brown, brother of John, both eminent men of Swansea. † James Brown's wife was Lydia Howland, a sister of Hannah. (See Elizabeth Tilley Howland's will.)

The town of Swansea was incorporated *March 5, 1668*, and in Plymouth Colony Records, [Vol. 5, p. 18] under Court Orders, dated *June 1, 1669*, we find "Constables of the severall Townes",

"Swansey".....Jonathan Bosworth.‡

Feb. 9, 1670. The inhabitants of Swansea were divided into three ranks for the assigning of lots.

1st rank to have 3 acres

2nd rank to have 2 acres

3rd rank to have 1 acre.

Among the names of the 2nd rank, Jonathan Bosworth's name appears.

Feb. 22, 1670. Jonathan Bosworth's name found in a list of the inhabitants of the town of Swansea, signed to an agreement, dated, "on the two and twentieth day of the twelfth month, commonly called, February, in the year of our Lord, 1669," made between "the church of Christ now meeting here in Swansey, and Capt. Thos. Willet, and his associates . . . concerning the present and future settlement of this township."

*Oct. 30, 1667, the Court made a grant to the Baptists of Wannamoiset, which they called Swanzey. It then included what is now Warren and Barrington and the district of Shawomet, as well as the present town of Swansea. The town was named March 1, 1667-8. The name signed to the proposition was simply Jonathan Bosworth. As neither Sen., nor Jr., appears after this name, it cannot be positively stated whether this was the father or the son, but as Jonathan, Jr.'s home seems to have been in Swansea, while the father lived and died in the old town of Rehoboth, it is probably safe to assume that this was "Jonathan Bosworth the younger," as he calls himself in another place.

†See the Brown family in history of Lydia (Buckland) Brown.

‡The Giles Memorial, in giving the history of Henry (1) Sampson, says: "He was constable of Duxbury, 1661," and adds: "This, says Winsor, was an office of high trust and responsibility, and none were elected to it but men of good standing."

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June 5, 1671, Jonathan Bosworth again appointed a constable for "Swansey."

"At a Town meeting Lawfully warned on ye 21 May 1672 Jonathan Bozworth with Nathl. Chafy & Hezekiah Luther, appointed Surveyors of highways." This was recorded at Plymouth, *June 5, 1672*.

It appears that some time previous to this, "Jonathan Bosworth of Swansey", had sold "70 or 80 acres of land at a place called Colchester", to "John Howland (now deceased)" but never having given a deed, he now executes one, which was acknowledged "this 7th of the first 72 before me Constant Southworth." [Plym. Col. Rec. Vol. 3, p. 288]

NOTE: It will be seen by the item given above, dated Feb. 22, 1670, also by this last, that February was then counted the *twelfth* month of the year, and March the *first* month; nevertheless the year did not really begin until the 27th of March, and the date of the year until that time was the same as the December previous. Hence the date of this last would be *March 7, 1673*, as we now reckon time. John Howland had died in the February before this, and in settling his estate this deed was probably required.

During the years that Jonathan Bosworth, Jr. and wife Hannah were living in Swansea and rearing their family, King Philip's War occurred (1675-76), which was a time of great distress for the inhabitants of that town. In the absence of any personal account of what this family experienced at that time, we can only surmise from the history, and can imagine them among the number who fled for refuge to the fortified house of their pastor, Rev. John Myles, at Barneyville.

NOTE: In a book on King Philip's War, by Ellis and Morris, is the following: "The combined force of two hundred and fifty fighting men . . . reached Swansea early in the evening of the 28th (June 1675), and pitched their camp alongside of Major Cudworth, and the Plymouth men near the fortified house of the Rev. Mr. Miles, a Baptist clergyman which stood a short distance from the bridge leading toward Mount Hope. This is what is now the village of Barneyville, about three miles northerly from the village of Warren, R. I., and Miles' bridge crossed the Warren river at that place. The garrison house, or rather what is so considered by some, is still standing, though other antiquarians think this is of a later date than that occupied by Rev. Mr. Miles in 1675."

On a tablet of bronze, set into a granite boulder, located at the west end of Myles Bridge, near the Rehoboth line is a memorial which reads: "Myles Garrison House Site. Near this spot stood the John Myles Garrison

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House, the place of meeting of the troops of Massachusetts Bay and Plymouth Colonies, Commanded by Thomas Savage and James Cudworth who marched to the relief of Swansea at the opening of King Philip's War, A. D. 1675. Eleven fell slain by the Indians."*(The names follow.)

Jan. 14, 1680, Jonathan Bosworth, Jr. was assigned a lot at "Rumstick", or Little Neck, now in Barrington, R. I.

In 1649, Obadiah Holmes and others, of that part of Rehoboth, now a part of Swansea, having embraced the Baptist faith, withdrew from the Congregational church and set up a separate meeting of their own. The attempt to break them up, and the persecutions they received increased the number of Baptists. It appears that sometime about 1662, the Rev. John Myles of Swansea, Wales, driven out by the "Act of Conformity" of Charles II, had come to America with a large number of his Welch church, and in 1663, at the home of John Butterworth, in Rehoboth, (now East Providence), he organized the first Baptist church in Massachusetts, the fourth formed in America. "These and subsequent proceedings were deemed such an evil by the rest of the inhabitants of the town, and of the colony generally, that the court of Plymouth was called on to interfere. Each member of this new church was fined five pounds, prohibited from worship for the space of one month, and they were advised to remove from Rehoboth to some place where they might not prejudice any existing church. They accordingly removed to (what is now) Barrington, R. I." [Gazetteer of Mass. By John Hayward, pub. 1846.]

"The church is supposed to have been organized in Swansea, South Wales, Mr. Miles simply removing the church organization from that country. † Mr. Miles settled in Rehoboth, now Swansea, in that part known as Barneyville, and his meeting house is said to have been near the One Hundred Acre Cove, ‡ on the Barrington river. This was included in the destruction of Swansea and after the war Mr. Miles returned to his old field and a church was erected for him at Tyler's Point, New Meadow Neck, opposite Warren, R. I.

*Copied by the historian in 1921, when visiting the country about Rehoboth and Swansea.

†The historian sometimes wonders if the persistent tradition among Jonathan, Jr.'s descendants, that the Bosworth family came from Wales, did not arise from this fact, though they did not come with the church.

‡It is at "Nockum Hill" burying ground, on One Hundred Acre Cove, that John, son of Jonathan, Jr., is buried, and near which his home was probably situated.

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Jonathan Bosworth, Jr. early became a member of this church, and was, as we have seen, one of those who assisted in the organization of the new town of Swansea, named from the old home of the pastor and some of his flock, in Wales.

The fact of Jonathan's joining this church was very displeasing to his parents and on "30th day 10th mo. 1680," they executed an instrument, virtually disowning him and giving all their property to his younger brother.*

NOTE: Prof. John Moore, in an article on Hull, published in a Hingham paper in 1902, says: "The Puritans, as they were popularly called, who settled Boston and Salem, were not so far advanced as the Plymouth people in the principles of religious liberty The Pilgrims never persecuted Baptists and Quakers, and never hung a witch. This distinction is not generally recognized." We should be glad if we could believe this to be wholly true, but in the light of the fines imposed, as noted above, and this action by the parents of Jonathan, Jr., we see the Baptists were sometimes persecuted, even in Plymouth Colony.

Benedict's History of the Baptists, (Vol. 1, p. 425, pub. 1813) says: "Besides the constituent members of this church, there were families by the name of Luther, Cole, Bowen, Wheaton, Martin, Barnes, Thurber, Bosworth, Mason, Child, etc. among the early planters of Swansea, whose posterity is still numerous in the surrounding country." Several of Jonathan Bosworth, Jr.'s children and grandchildren married into some of these families.

Mr. Myles continued pastor of the church until his death in 1683. He lived near the bridge which bears his name. In 1905, a boulder was set up over his grave at Tyler's Point cemetery (now in Barrington), and dedicated on June 17th with appropriate ceremonies. The boulder "was contributed and drawn to the spot by Alfred J. Kent, Esq., of East Providence." (He is a descendant of Jonathan Bosworth, Jr., through his son Jabez.) "The boulder came from near the spot where the John Myles church was organized in ancient Rehoboth."

That Jonathan Bosworth, Sen. relented somewhat in his treatment of his elder son—having executed an instrument on *Dec. 30, 1680* and acknowledged by him March 13, 1681, in

*See Part I, pps. 71 and 72. In this instrument the term "Anabaptist" is used. This is somewhat misleading, as this name was given to the "Anabaptist fanatics of Munster" that were put down in 1535. This was "the crisis of the Anabaptist movement. It never again had the opportunity of assuming political importance. . . . It has already been explained that the application of the term Anabaptist to those English sects that had nothing in common with the German Anabaptists except the practice of adult baptism, is unjustifiable."

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which he said "he shall have nothing to do with anything I have",—is shown by the fact that on *March 26, 1681*, he deeded him land in the northern part of the township of Rehoboth. This land was mortgaged by Jonathan, Jr. on Sept. 21, 1685. In this mortgage [recorded at Taunton, Bk. 2, p. 191], he says:

"To all people before whome this Instrument shall come Jonathan Bosworth of Swansye in the Colloney of New Plymouth in New England Sendeth greeting knowe ye that I Jonathan Bozworth the younger of the Towne of Swansye in the colloney of New Plymouth in New England for and in consideration of a valuable sume of money in hand allredy well and truely paid unto me by Nathaniel Waterman Inhabitant of the Towne of Providence In the Colloney of Rhode Island and providence plantations In New England the Receipt of which I doe now owne and acknowledge and doe hereby . . . confirme unto the said Nathaniel Watterman his heires and assigns for ever all my wholle share of Lande and Medowes Lyeing and being on the North side of the Township of Rehoboth in the jurisdiction of New Plymouth aforesaid . . . which said Lands and Meadowes I the said Jonathan Bozworth was possessed of by my father Jonathan Bozworth as by a deed beareing date the six and twentieth day of March in the yeare of our Lord one thousand six hundred eighty and one signed and sealed by My said ffather appeareth," etc. "In witness where of I doo hereunto set my hand and seale the one and twentieth day of September in the yeare one thousand six hundred eighty and five.
Signed Sealed and delivered
in the presence of us
thomas Olney
thomas Olney Junr."

Jonathan Bozworth Junr.

Dec. 11, 1690, "December the 11th 1690 then personally appeared Jonathan Borzworth whose hand and Seale is hereunto sett and affixed and owned and acknowledged this Instrument to be his volluntary and free act and deed. Before Daniell Smith Asist This is a trew Copy of the originall deed entered the 12th day of December 1690

By me William Carpenter
Clerke."

NOTE: This mortgage given in 1685, was signed "Jonathan Bozworth Junr," but in 1690, as seen above, he is called simply "Jonathan Borzworth," for the reason that his father had died meantime, Jan. 3, 1687-8.

Feb. 2, 1698-9, "Jonathan Bozworth of Swanzey, Plowright," deeds to Thomas Earle, "of Swanzey, Letherdresser," for £3, twenty acres of land in the Ten Mile Purchase, Bounded on the North by Capt. Brook's land, on the East by the Shawomet line, on the South by Thos. Earles House lot and Samuel Chases land and on the West the Highway.

Jonathan Bozworth [seal]

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In presence of James Frankling
Cornelius Salsbury
Elizabeth Frankling
March 3, 1702-3

Acknowledged by Jonathan Bosworth
who personally appeared.

The following deed by which Jonathan gave land to his son David, is so quaint and old fashion in its wording as to make it interesting, hence it is given entire:


“To all People unto whom this present Deed of Gift Shall Come Jonathan Bosworth of the town of Swanzey in the County of Bristol in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England Sendeth Greeting: in our Lord God Everlasting Know Yee that I the ^{sd} Jonathan Bosworth for Divers Good Causes me hereunto Moveing but more Especially the Great Love and Natural affection which I have & Do bear toward My truly and well Beloved son David Bosworth of the Town of Plimpton in the County of Plimouth in the Province aforesaid Carpenter have given Granted aliened Enfeoffed Conveyed & Confirmed and by these Presents Do fully freely Clearly & Absolutely give grant Alien Enfeoffe Convey and Confirme unto him the sd David Bosworth his heirs and assigns forever: A Certain piece or parcel of Land Scittuate Lying & being Near a place Commonly Called & Known by the Name of Shuwo-mit within the Township of Swanzey aforesd Containing Twenty acres the bounds thereof Reference being had to the Town Book of Swanzey Land Records being laid out in the Last Division of Lands within the Township of Swanzey aforesd being Laid out in the Year One Thousand Six Hundred Ninety Nine Together with all and singular the Wood Underwood Timber Standing Lying or Growing thereon With all Stones Mines Mineralls Water Courses Herbage Grass feeding Rents Profits preveledges Rights Commodities heridittants and appurtenances Whatsoever to the sd Land belonging or in any Kind Appertaining or theirwith their used occupied and Enjoyed and also the Right Title Estate Interest Inheritance property Reversion Remainder Clame and Demand whatsoever of me the Giver and Granter my heirs and assigns of in and to all the above Granted premises and Every part and parcel thereof TO HAVE AND TO HOLD all the sd Twenty acres of Land Together with all other the above Granted premises and every part and parcel thereof unto him the sd David Bosworth his heirs and assigns forever to the only proper use benefit and Behoofe of him the sd David Bosworth his heirs and assigns from henceforth and forever more and I the sd Jonathan Bosworth for myself my heirs Executors adm^{rs} & assigns Do hereby Covenant promise & grant to and with the sd David Bosworth his heirs and assigns in manner and forme following that is to say that at the time of the Ensealing untill the Delevry of these presents that I the sd Jonathan Bosworth Is the true sole And Lawfull owner of all the above granted premises and stand Lawfully seized thereof in my own proper Right of a good sure perfect & absolute Estate of Inheritance in fee simple according to her Majesties Manner of East

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Greenwich in the County of Kent within the Realm of England in free and Common Soccage* and not in Capite and Knights Service but without any manner of Condition Reversion or Limitation whatsoever so as to Alter Change Defeat or make Voide the same haveing in myself full power Good Right & Lawful Authority to Give Grant and assure the same in Manner & forme aforesd and that the sd David Bosworth his heirs and assigns Shall and may by force and Vertue of these presents from henceforth and forever hereafter Lawfully peceably & Quietly have hold use Occupy posses and Injoy all the above granted premises with their appurtenances thereof free Clear & Clearly Acquitted & fully Discharged of and from all & all manner of former and other Gifts Grants Bargaines Sales Leases Mortgages Joyntures Dower Judgment Execution Entayles Forfetures and of and from all other titles Troubles Charges & Incumberances whatsoever In Witness whereof I the sd Jonathan Bosworth hath hereunto set to my hand & seal this Tenth day of May one Thousand seven hundred and eight and in the seventh year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lady Anne Queen of England

Signum

Signed Sealed & Delivered

Jonathan  bozworth

In the presence of us by

John West } Bristol SS June 10th 1717 then appeared John West
Joseph Mason } & Joseph Mason two of the witnesses to the within
John Thomas } written Instrument & made oath (in perpetuum Rei
Memoriam) that they were present & saw Jonathan
Bosworth Sign Seal & Deliver the same as his act and
Deed & that John Thomas signed with them as a wit-
ness.

Entered June 10, 1717

Attest E. Brenton Cler."

From the above it may be seen that Jonathan³ Bosworth, Jr. died sometime between May 10, 1708, and June 10, 1717; probably nearer to the latter date, when he was about 80 years of age.

CHILDREN

of Jonathan³ and Hannah (Howland) Bosworth
born in Swansea, Mass.

- 56 i—MERCY⁴, b. May 30, 1662; prob. d. y. as no further record of her has been found.
57 + ii—HANNAH⁴, b. Nov. 5, 1663; no record of her death; m. Major Nathaniel Jencks of Providence, R. I.
58 iii—ELIZABETH⁴, b. June 6, 1665; d. July 31, 1676.
59 iv—JONATHAN⁴, b. Dec. 24, 1666; was buried July 16, 1676.

*See Part I, p. 38.

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- 60+ v—DAVID⁴, b. Sept. 15, 1669*; d. June 12, 1747; m. 1st Mercy Sturtevant; 2nd Patience (———)
- 61+ vi—JOHN⁴, b. Apr. 7, 1671; d. Sept. 20, 1719; m. Elizabeth Toogood.
- 62+ vii—JABEZ⁴, b. Feb. 14, 1673; d. Sept. 21, 1747; m. Susanna (———)
- 63+ viii—ICHABOD⁴, b. Mar. 18, 1676; no record of his death. m. 1st Sarah Stacy; 2nd Mary (———)
- ix—"A son dead born, June 22, 1678." (Swansea Records.)
- 64+ x—JONATHAN⁴, b. Sept. 22, 1680; d. early in the year 1759; m. Sarah Rounds.

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ELIZABETH³ BOSWORTH, eldest daughter of Jonathan² (*Edward*¹) and Elizabeth (———), baptized in Hingham, Mass., by Rev. Peter Hobart, Nov. 18, 1638; † died Nov. 30, 1686; ‡ married at Braintree, Mass., Sept. 6, 1661, § PETER² BRACKETT, son of Richard¹ and Alice (———), of Braintree, baptized 7 May 1637 in Boston. The original Braintree records say "peter Brackett & elizabeth Bozworth were married 7th mo. 6th 1661 by peter Brackett." According to the Brackett Genealogy, the latter Peter was uncle to the former, a brother of Richard¹, a Justice of the Peace of Braintree, known as Peter Brackett, Sen. The will of Richard Brackett of Braintree, dated Jan. 29, 1688-9, names wife Alice, and among the children, "son Peter."

Peter Brackett of Braintree, was one of the purchasers of the Mendon tract in 1662, according to Savage.

NOTE: Whether the above was Peter, Sen. or Jr. is not stated, but is supposed to refer to the one who married Elizabeth Bosworth.

*This date was so written on the Swansea records at first, then the 1669 was crossed out and 1670 written, but I am of the opinion in which others agree, that the first one was correct, from the fact that the next child was born in April 1671.

†This is the Elizabeth, claimed to be the daughter of Benjamin Bosworth, and wife of Robert Goold of Hull, to which I cannot agree. See note on pages 79 and 80, Part I.

‡Elizabeth having d. in Nov. 1686, previous to the date of her father's will, dated 24 Feb. 1686-7, she is not mentioned therein.

§Savage gives this date Aug. 6, 1661, and I have so given it in Part I, but as the original Braintree records say "7th mo. 6th", and March was the first month, it surely was Sept. 6, 1661

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Peter² Brackett was a farmer and lived at Billerica, Middlesex county (about five miles south of Lowell), took oath of freeman there 30 Oct. 1680. After the death of his wife, Elizabeth, Nov 30, 1686, he married second, 30 March 1687, the widow Sarah Foster of Cambridge, sister of Joseph Parker of Roxbury and Cambridge, who at her death on Apr. 18, 1718, is called "a widow", showing that Peter had died previously.

CHILDREN

of Peter and Elizabeth³ (Bosworth) BRACKETT.
born at Billerica, Mass.

- 65 i—ELIZABETH⁴ BRACKETT, b. Feb. 21, 1662; d. Feb. 27, 1663.
- 66 ii—JONATHAN⁴ BRACKETT, b. July 2, 1668; d. Mar. 11, 1671.
- 67 iii—ELIZABETH⁴ BRACKETT, b. Apr. 3, 1671; prob. m. at Rehoboth, Mass., Sept. 12, 1700, John Bowen, son of Richard, Jr. and Esther (Sutton) Bowen; had six children born in Rehoboth; Peter, 1701; Elizabeth, 1702; Sarah, 1704; Esther, 1706; John, 1709; Thomas, 1712.
- 68 iv—BETHIA⁴ BRACKETT, b. Apr. 16, 1674; d. Mar. 25, 1675.
- 69 v—MARY⁴ BRACKETT, b. Feb. 10, 1680; m. at Billerica, May 16, 1704, Jonathan Hill, Jr., prob. son of Jonathan and Mary (Hartwell) Hill, b. Aug. 21, 1669 at Billerica; d. Dec. 15, 1743. Had seven children born at Billerica; Mary, 1705; Jonathan, 1708; Peter, 1709; Elizabeth, 1711; Esther, 1713; Joseph, 1717; Bethia, 1718.

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REBEKAH³ BOSWORTH, daughter of Jonathan² (*Edward*¹) and Elizabeth (———), baptized in Hingham, by Rev. Peter Hobart in Feb. 1641; died in Rehoboth, Mass., Nov. 2, 1704, aged 63 years; married NICHOLAS PECK, son of Joseph and Rebecca (Clark) Peck, baptized in Hingham, England, Apr. 9, 1630; died in Rehoboth, May 27, 1710, aged 80.

Joseph¹ Peck, baptized in Beccles, county of Suffolk, England, Apr. 30, 1587, son of Robert, settled at Hingham, county of Norfolk, England. In 1638, he and other Puritans, with his brother, Robert Peck, their pastor, fled from the persecutions of the Church to this country, coming over in the ship *Diligent* of Ipswich. Joseph Peck was accompanied by his [second]

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wife, three sons and one daughter, two menservants and three maid-servants. He married first, May 31, 1617, Rebecca Clark, who died in Oct. 1637, and he married again before leaving England. He settled in Hingham, Mass., where he lived seven years, and was one of the leading men of the town and active in its business affairs, was deputy to General Court in 1639, 40, 41 and 42. In 1641 he was one of the principal purchasers of Seekonk from the Indians; this was afterward incorporated into Rehoboth, comprising what is now Rehoboth, Seekonk and Pawtucket. He moved thither in 1645 and became one of the wealthy men of the place. He built a home on Seekonk Plain and lived there until his death, Dec. 23, 1663. His children by his first wife, all baptized in Hingham, England, were: Anna, Rebecca, Joseph, John, and Nicholas, the youngest, the one who married Rebekah Bosworth. Those by his second wife, baptized in Hingham, Mass., were: Samuel, Nathaniel and Israel. (From *Representative Men and Old Families of R. I.*, pub. by J. H. Beers & Co., 1908.)

NOTE: The above has been published because three of the sons of Joseph¹ Peck married three daughters of Jonathan² Bosworth, Sen.

Nicholas Peck was a child of eight when he came with his father to America, and about fifteen when they again removed to Rehoboth. The family probably had been friends of the Bosworths when they lived in Hingham so, when about ten years later the family of Jonathan Bosworth followed the Pecks to Rehoboth, the friendship was renewed and that between Nicholas and Rebekah resulted in marriage.

The birth of their youngest child, Elisha, is found in the Plymouth Colony Records, and at that time the father is called "Leift. Nicholas Peck", and at his death he was called "Capt. Nicholas Peck, Esq." showing that he belonged to the militia.

In 1658 the name of "Leift. Nicholas Pecke" is on a list of freemen of the town of Rehoboth. (Plym. Col. Rec.)

June 22, 1658, Nicholas Peck drew a meadow lot on the north side of Rehoboth.

May 26, 1668, Nicholas drew a lot in the meadow lands of the North Purchase. In 1670 his name was again on the list of the freemen of Rehoboth and in 1694-5 he was a justice of the peace of that town. See illustration of deed elsewhere.

"Names of Proprietors at Sowams (Swansea) prior to 1680," among others were Nicholas Peck, Israel Peck, Jonathan Bosworth, Samuel Luther, Nathaniel Toogood, etc.

(Bicknell's Hist. of Barrington, R. I., p. 88)

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It appears that Nicholas had a first wife named Mary Winchester, who was the mother of his eldest son, Joseph, born Oct. 27, 1657. She died Nov. 6, 1657, when the child was only ten days old. So Rebekah was a second wife, whom he married in 1658 or 59.

In the will of Joseph¹ Peck, father of Nicholas, he was remembered as follows:

"I give and bequeath unto my son Nicholas the hundred acres and the meadow called bushey meadow and all my meadows on the north side of the town to him and his heirs forever." . . . To son Samuel "my Plane lotts excepting half my furthest which I give unto my son Nicholas." . . . "All my lands at Wackemauquate I give unto my sons Joseph and Nicholas to be equally divided betwixt them." . . . "I give unto my son Nicholas the feather bed which he hath already and my best Rugg . . . unto John and Nicholas my two Silver wine cupps." Nicholas was also to have a share in his father's "Apparrell" which was to be divided between his three sons by his first wife.

Sons Samuel and Nicholas were executors.

In Nicholas Peck's own will, dated Oct. 2, 1707, and proved in 1710, he bequeaths: to son Joseph land and "my sword wch I commonly wear." To son Hezekiah "half my meadow and swamp at bushy meadow" [which seems to be the same land as willed to him by his father], also other land in the "North Purchase." To son Jonathan "half a hundred pounds Estate of commonage in the town of Rehoboth", also other land in the "North Purchase." To son Elisha "my home lot with ye housing and orchard" and numerous other lots of swamp, meadow and commonage; also his cart, plough and yokes. To "daughter Mary Smith wife to Ensign Joshua Smith the bed on which I lodge & the rugg & two blankets bolster & pillow & cubbard . . . platters that stand on it & my chest . . . likewise I give her mothers wearing apparel" etc.

Sons Joseph and Jonathan to be executors.

CHILDREN

of Nicholas and Rebekah³ (Bosworth) PECK
born in Rehoboth, Mass.

- i—JOHN PECK, b. Aug. 8, 1660; d. Aug. 16, 1660.
70 ii—HEZEKIAH PECK, b. Apr. 1, 1662; d. Aug. 9, 1723; m. Deborah Cooper; settled in Attleborough, Mass., where descendants lived for several generations. They had eight children.
71 iii—MARY PECK, b. Sept. 15, 1664; d. a widow, "91 years wanting 8 days",* Feb. 7, 1755; m. Feb. 9, 1687-8, Ensign Joshua Smith who d. Sept. 20, 1719; their children were Rebeka, Elizabeth, Henry, Joshua and Sarah, all b. in Rehoboth.

*It really wanted 7 mo. and 8 days, but I give it as published in Arnold's Vital Records of Rehoboth.

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NOTE: The above lot was Jonathan Bosworth, Sen.'s home lot and was situated on a corner with highways on the east and south, and bounded on the north by the land of Mr. James and Mr. John Brown and on the west by the land of the children of Nathaniel and Deliverance (Bosworth) Peck; the latter were both deceased. (See "Imprimis" on p. 70, Part I)

In the will of Israel's father, Joseph¹ Peck, he was remembered as follows: I give unto Israel my son my silver salt 2 silver spoons my two bed teekes with the bolesters the old flocke bed two blanketts my best coverlid one bolster one pillow two pillowbears . . . I give unto Israel ten of my best ewes and my sorrel mare two of my best coves and my bull and my segg and three Diaper napkins . . . and to Israel I give the two little chists in the chamber and his mothers little trunk—” He was also to have three of the nine platters given the three younger sons and his share of the rest of the pewter that was to be equally divided between the six sons; also his share in his mother's "Apparrell" which was equally divided between her three sons. (Bethia Bosworth Peck must have been the one who wore this clothing.)

In Israel Peck's own will, made Aug. 8, 1718 and probated Oct. 10, 1723, he calls himself "of Swansea alias Barrington", and says: "I give to my only son Nathaniel Peck, having given to him . . . by a deed of gift under my hand and seal bearing date the sixteenth day of July Anno Domi 1718 all my housing Lands and meadows of any kind in Barrington . . . also my stock and husbandry tools I do by these presents ratify and confirm the same unto him the purpose and true intent of said gift." He also gave him other land in Rehoboth, and added: "my hunting gun and silver spoons and what other movables I shall not particularly give to my daughters or their children." He gave to—"my daughter the wife of Josiah Dean and to my daughter the wife of Ephraim May and to the children of my daughter Mehitable deceased", 237 acres of land in one piece and 40 acres in another, all in Rehoboth, to be equally divided between them. They were to share equally in the household goods, "my beds & bedding with the furniture and appurtanances belonging to them table lining and my pewter and brass vessels of all sorts." He gave each of the two daughters [those living were Deliverance and Bethia] a silver spoon and one to "my granddaughter Mehitable she bearing her mothers name." He then added: "I give and bequeath to my daughter Dean twenty pounds in stock at the market price," etc. "I give to my daughter May twenty pounds . . . in stock or Cattle at the market price", and "I give to the children of my daughter Mehitable twenty pounds in stock at the market price . . . to be equally divided between them."

Israel and Bethia both lived to old age. The following are the inscriptions upon their tombstones:

Here lieth the body of M^r Israel Peck died Sept^r y^e 2^d 1723 in y^e 80th year of his age.

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Here lyeth intrd the body of M^{rs} Bethiah daughter of Jonathan Bosworth and wife of M^r Israel Peck died Apr. 4th 1718 Aged 75 years.

CHILDREN

of Israel and Bethia (Bosworth) PECK
born in Swansea, Mass.

- 75 i—MEHITABLE PECK, b. Aug. 6, 1671; d. July 7, 1718; m. John Whitaker; had nine children, John; Bethiah, d. y.; Mehitable; Israel, d. y.; Abigail; Bethiah; Elizabeth; Israel; and Rebekah Whitaker. The father, John d. Apr. 7, 1744. (Vit Rec. Rehoboth)
- 76 ii—ISRAEL PECK, b. Dec. 18, 1673; d. June 23, 1686, aged 12.
- 77 iii—NATHANIEL PECK, b. Sept. 27, 1677; d. before Sept. 6, 1756, when will was probated; m. Sarah Field of Hatfield, Mass. Had six children, Mehitable; Israel; Sarah; Mary; Simeon and Nathaniel.
- 78 iv—DELIVERANCE PECK, b. June 21, 1680; m. in Rehoboth, Mass. June 9, 1708, Ephraim May. They lived and died in Rehoboth. Their children were, Ephraim, b. Nov. 24, 1709; Deliverance, b. Dec. 5, 1711; Naoma, b. Oct. 29, 1714 and Bethiah May, b. Nov. 16, 1716. The inscriptions on the gravestones of Ephraim and Deliverance, are as follows: "Here liethe y^e body of M^r Ephraim May died Sep^t y^e 25th—1721 in y^e 51st year of his age." "Here lieth y^e body of Deliverance wife of Ephraim May & daugh^r of Israel Peck died Decm^r y^e 9th 1727 in y^e 48th year of her age."
- 79 v—BETHIA* PECK, b. Jan. 2, 1683-4; d. ———; m. Dec. 7, 1715 at Rehoboth, Josiah Dean. They probably removed from Rehoboth, as nothing further can be found about them on the records of that place.
- vi—ISRAEL PECK, b. Sept. 3, 1686; died in three days.

NOTE: For the gravestone inscriptions and extracts from wills I am indebted to the Peck Genealogy, by Ira B. Peck, pub. 1868.

*This daughter is left out of the Peck Gen., prob. because it is not on the Swansea records with the rest, but is to be found on the Plym. Col. Rec. with date of birth, and her marriage to Josiah Dean is on Rehoboth Rec. In her father's will the wife of Josiah Dean is mentioned but without giving her name. Later in the will he gives to "daughter Dean" and to "daughter May," but unfortunately *someone* made an error and wrote "Mary," so the compiler of the Genealogy concluded she must be the one who married Josiah Dean, so added Mary to the list of children, and stated that she was the wife of Josiah Dean. Fortunately we have now more sources of information than he had and are thus able to correct the error and have done so in giving the will. There were only the *three* daughters, Mehitable Whittaker, Deliverance May and Bethia Dean.

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MARY³ BOSWORTH, daughter of Jonathan² (*Edward*¹) and Elizabeth (———), baptized in Hingham, Mass., by Rev. Peter Hobart, Apr. 18, 1647; married JOHN COBLEIGH (COBLEY.).

On May 28, 1672, John Cobleigh received a share in the "North Purchase" land in Rehoboth, "one whole share that he had of his father Jonathan Bosworth."

John and Mary were probably married sometime in 1672 and lived in Swansea, for Plymouth Colony Records (Vol. 5), gives the following: "John the son of John Cobleich and of Mary his wife was borne the fift of January 1672 Swansey", and as dates in January should be double-dated, the year should probably have been given 1672-3. Savage gives it: "John Cobleigh, Swanzey, by his wife Mary had John, b. 5 Jan. 1673."

On March 3, 1673, John Cobleigh was a witness to a bond given by Joanna, second wife and widow of Roger Ammadowne of Rehoboth, as administratrix of his estate. John was also a bondsman with her brother "John Harrud of Patuckset", and on Mar. 4, 1673-4, gave consent to the widow to settle certain property on her son Ebenezer.

John "Cobleich" was on jury at Plymouth, Oct. 27, 1675. Some time between this date and March 1, 1680-81, John must have died, for on the latter date his father-in-law, Jonathan Bosworth, was given "Libertie of administration" on his estate.

CHILD

of John and Mary (Bosworth) COBLEIGH
born in Swansea, Mass.

80 i—JOHN COBLEIGH, b. Jan. 5, 1673

NOTE: When Mary died, what became of the above son, or whether there were other children, I have not been able to discover. There may have been descendants as I found persons named Cobleigh in Bristol, R. I., but nothing to show relationship.

A writer in the Boston Transcript says: a John Cobleigh m. Hannah Ward, dau. of Eleazer (killed by the Indians, Apr. 20, 1676, aged 27), and

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Hannah (Rice) Ward, before 1719, and lived at Littleton, Mass. (Middlesex Co., northeast of Cambridge.) The writer thinks that this John Cobleigh may have been a grandson of John, son of John and Mary (Bosworth) Cobleigh, b. in Swansea, Mass., Jan. 5, 1673; thinks the time too long for him to have been a son, as some have asserted. John and Hannah (Ward) Cobleigh had a son Eleazer, b. Feb. 21, 1719 at Littleton, who m. Phebe Headley (Hadley), of Groton, Conn., Jan. 9, 1739, and had a family of at least eight children. In 1748 he sold land at Littleton and in 1763 he was of New Braintree, but in 1766 he is called "of Winchester, N. H." (Cheshire Co. just north of Worcester Co., Mass.) He died at Chesterfield, Cheshire Co., between 1767 and 1770, where his family seem to have resided. Phebe his wife was a widow in 1783.

The compiler notes that in Cheshire Co. there are towns named Swanzey, East and West Swanzey, showing that there was likely at sometime a pilgrimage of settlers from old "Swanzey", Mass. to this region. So the writer may be correct.

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DELIVERANCE³ BOSWORTH, daughter of Jonathan² (*Edward¹*) and Elizabeth (———), baptized in Hingham, Mass., by Rev. Peter Hobart, Aug. 4, 1650; died in Swansea, Mass., Apr. 30, and buried May 1, 1675; married about 1669, NATHANIEL PECK, son of Joseph¹ Peck by second wife (name not known), also baptized in Hingham by Rev. Hobart, Oct. 31, 1641; died and was buried in Rehoboth, Aug. 12, 1676.

Joseph¹ Peck died Dec. 23, 1663, at his home on Seekonk Plain, leaving a will in which Nathaniel was remembered as follows:

"I give unto my sonn Nathaniel and Israel all my lands which I purchased of John Adams and Mr. Bradford with the meadow called the long beach which is betwixt Mr Newman and mee and all my meddow at Squamquammett which is betwixt John Allin and mee: and also my meddow at Papasquash betwixt John Allen and mee to them and their heirs forever I give unto my son Nathaniel my biggest silver cupp and Gould Ringe two silver spoons my best feather bed one bolster two blanketts the Rugg that now lyeth upon me my trunk in the parlor chamber my round table three Diaper napkins one long tablecloth betwixt Israel and him . . . also unto Nathaniel one pillow 2 pillowbears . . . I give

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unto Nathaniel two steers and two coves . . . My mind is that my three younger sonnes should have each three platters and all the rest of my pewter should be divided equally between my six sonnes and all my apparel I give unto my three elder sonnes and all my wives Apparrell I give unto my three youngest sonnes to bee equally divided betwixt them." [The "three youngest" sons were Samuel, Nathaniel and Israel, sons of his second wife whose name is unknown.] Also on his death bed the father expressed some further wishes, one being that Nathaniel should have "200 pounds of Common," also that Nathaniel and Israel were to have "equal shares of the corne" that should be raised "for this year ensuing" on the land he had given Samuel, they "bestowing an equal share of labor upon the land."

May 26, 1668, Nathaniel Peck was one of those who drew lots for the meadow lands in Rehoboth.

Nathaniel and Deliverance Peck lived in Swansea, which was incorporated in 1668, and his name is on a "list of free-men for Swanzey" for 1670.

After the death of Nathaniel Peck, early in August 1676, Deliverance having died the year previous, Jonathan Bosworth, Sr., father of Deliverance, and Samuel Peck, brother of Nathaniel, were appointed Nov. 1, 1676, to administer on his estate (as shown on p. 70, of Part I). In the division the son was to have a double portion, but the land was not to be divided until they became of age.

CHILDREN

of Nathaniel and Deliverance (Bosworth) PECK
probably born in that part of Swansea that later became
Barrington, R. I.

- 81 i—NATHANIEL PECK, b. July 26, 1670; d. Aug. 5, 1751; m. (1) at Swansea, Mar 18, 1696, Christian Allen, who died in Swansea, June 8, 1702; m. (2) May 18, 1705, Judith Smith of Rehoboth, who died Nov. 10, 1743. By his first wife Nathaniel had three children, Ebenezer, b. Apr. 24, 1697; Nathaniel 3rd, b. July 10, 1699, m. Alice Fish; and Thomas, b. Oct. 4, 1700, m. his second cousin, Deliverance May, dau. of Ephraim and Deliverance (Peck) May, the latter a dau. of Israel and Bethia (Bosworth) Peck. By second wife had Daniel, David, Abigail, Bathsheba, Solomon and two Johns who died in infancy.

NOTE: These names of children of the second wife are taken from the Peck Genealogy, by Ira B. Peck, but it appears there was a daughter Bethiah who was left out, for on the

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records of the Barrington church kept by Rev. Peleg Heath there is the following: "Bethiah Peck, daughter of Nathaniel Peck admitted to full communion with the church, May 5, 1738;" also "Bathsheba Peck, daughter of Deacon Nathaniel Peck, admitted June 30, 1738"; and "Nathaniel Peck 3rd and Alice his wife, of Rehoboth, July 6, 1740." Nathaniel was a deacon of the Barrington church, and it seems probable that Bathsheba and Bethiah were both his daughters. Bethia was probably the youngest child of the second wife, b, about 1717 or 18, for she is evidently the one who m. the Rev. Peleg Heath as his second wife, Aug. 26, 1740, dying in two months, Oct. 28, 1740, "in 23d y." (Barrington Rec.)

- 82 ii—BATHSHEBA PECK, b. about 1672.
 iii—ELISHA PECK, b. Apr. 19, 1675; d. Apr. 30, 1675, the same day as his mother.

NOTE: Although the name of the above daughter is not given in the Swansea records where those of the two sons are found, nor is it given in the Peck Genealogy, I am quite convinced that her name was *Bathsheba*, named from her Bosworth aunt. The fact that her brother Nathaniel named a daughter Bathsheba, and she being his only sister, would make it appear that way. The Peck Gen. says: "she probably died young . . . as I find no mention of her name in the division of her father's estate." True, her *name* is not mentioned, but it says distinctly, "two children a son and daughter." (See Part I p. 70 and top of p. 73.) There was a Bathsheba Peck, not mentioned in the Peck Gen. who married in Rehoboth, Oct. 14, 1691, John Smith, son of Henry and Elizabeth (Cooper) Smith, b. Aug. 6, 1661; d. Apr. 13, 1718; and had the following children: 1—Deliverance, b. June 22, 1693; d. Mar. 31, 1712; 2—Nathaniel, b. Sept. 5, 1695; 3—Bathsheba, b. May 2, 1698, d. Feb. 19, 1711-12; 4—John, b. Apr. 20, 1701, d. Feb. 26, 1711-12; 5—Jonathan, b. May 18, 1703, d. Mar. 27, 1727; the mother died May 28, 1703, ten days after the birth of Jonathan. Now presumably these children were named: Deliverance for Bathsheba (Peck) Smith's mother; Nathaniel for her father; Bathsheba for herself; John for her husband, and Jonathan for her grandfather, or uncle, Jonathan Bosworth, Sr., or Jr. The only one of this family who lived to marry was Nathaniel Smith, and he had one daughter named *Bathsheba* and another Deliverance. In view of all these circumstances it seems safe to conclude that the daughter of Nathaniel and Deliverance (Bosworth) Peck was named *Bathsheba*.

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JOSEPH³ BOSWORTH, son of Jonathan² (*Edward*¹) and Elizabeth (—), born probably in Hingham, Mass.;* died at Rehoboth, Mass. in 1694, after May, (estate inventoried Jan. 2, 1694-5); married at Rehoboth, Feb. 10, 1680, ESTHER SMITH, daughter of Daniel and Esther (Chickering)† Smith, born at Rehoboth, Feb. 7, 1661; died in Rehoboth.

(Although the above date of marriage is given twice in Arnold's Vital Records of Rehoboth as occurring in February 1680, and is probably so written in the original, it is the opinion of the compiler that this should be double-dated, and that the marriage really occurred in February 1681 as we would now write it; for two reasons: first because all events occurring in February at that time were double-dated if written correctly; and from the fact that in December 1680, about six weeks before, his father, Jonathan Bosworth, Sen., had deeded Joseph "the east end" of his dwelling; half his barn; two lots of land in "Wathchamositt Neck", near Joseph Buckland's land; another lot; two cows, etc.‡ It certainly looks as if Joseph were preparing for marriage, and it is altogether likely on his marriage to Esther they went there to live, and it was their home for the rest of their lives.)

On a list of names of freemen of the Colony of New Plymouth made by Nathaniel Morton, Secretary of the Colony, in 1683-4, Joseph Bosworth's name is found among those of Rehoboth.

Feb. 7, 1689, the name of "Joseph Barsworth" is found on a list of the inhabitants and proprietors of Rehoboth.

Dec. 23, 1693, Israel Peck, Joseph's brother-in-law, made out a deed to him of land bought of Israel by Jonathan Bosworth, Sen.

* There is at Hingham a record by Rev. Peter Hobart, that in June 1652 he baptized Joseph Bosworth, but as the names of the parents are not given, and Jonathan's brother Nathaniel also had a son Joseph born about the same time it is impossible to tell to which this baptism refers, but as it seems more probable it is the latter it will be so given.

† "Esther Chickering, b. Nov. 3, 1643, was daughter of Francis Chickering and first wife Ann (Fiske) Chickering; m. Oct. 20, 1659, Daniel Smith of Rehoboth."

‡ "Francis Chickering, Dedham, Mass., freeman May 13, 1640; Artillery Co. 1643; Ensign Representative 1644-5, came to New England 1637 from northern part of County Suffolk, England, bringing wife Ann, who was daughter of John Fiske and wife Ann. She was a dau. of Robert Lanterce [Lantersee]. John Fiske was son of William who died 1623, and wife Anna Anstige of Sibbenham, Longbow, County Norfolk, England."

[From Boston Transcript, Jan. 20, 1909].

‡ See Part I, p. 72.

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The following is an abstract:

Israell Peck of the town of Swanzye in the County of Bristoll in the province of the Massathusete in New England yeoman Sendeth greeting *Know ye* that I . . . have for a good & valluable Consideration by me in hand Received and paid by my father-in-law Jonathan Bosworth late deceased & there having been no judgement of confirmation while my said father-in-law lived and being now in the tenure & occupation of my Brother-in-law Joseph Borzworth in the town of Rehoboth in the County aforesaid . . . to a Tract of Land being the now house lot of my said Brother-in-law Joseph Borzworth containing twenty acres . . . occupy enjoy and possess the aforesaid House, house lot orchad Barn &c . . . this twenty third day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand Six hundred Ninety and three & in the fifth year of the Raigne of our Sovereigns William and Marie King and Queen of England Scotland France & Ireland &c.

Enoch Hunt	} Witnesses	Israell Peck	Seal
Wm Carpenter			

This deed was acknowledged by Israell Peck Jan. 2, 1694-5, the day the inventory of Joseph's estate was made.

May 9, 1694, Joseph bought a "certain tract of salt meadow situated in Rehoboth", of Vincent Shuttleworth of the town of Medfield, Tayler and Nathaniel Heaton and Mary his wife of the town of Wrentham", for which he paid "Nine pounds five shillings in Current New England Silver money."

Joseph must have died between the date of the above and the end of the year, probably in the latter part, for on Jan. 2, 1694-5, the inventory of his estate was taken.

On Feb. 1, 1694 (here again the clerk neglected to write a double-date, for it must have been later than the one given above and no doubt should be 1694-5), Enoch Hunt gave a deed to Esther, the widow of Joseph, of which the following is an abstract:

Enoch Hunt of the town of Rehoboth in the County of Bristoll in the province of the Massathusete in New England yeoman Sendeth Greeting *know ye* that whereas my Honourd ffather Capt Peter Hunt for a valluable Consideration in hand Received & paid by Jonathan Borzworth Senior of Rehoboth aforesaid, Tayler did give grant bargain & sell a Tract of land containing one acer . . . on the westerly side of the Bridge commonly called Bowen's Bridge in the neck commonly called Wachamoket Neck & there having passed noe instrument of the sale of said lands while my said father lived nor while the said Jonathan Borzworth lived & the said Jonathan Borzworth did by his last will & testament give and bequeath the said land to his son Joseph Borzworth now lately deceased Now I the said

To all christian people to whom these words shall come Enoch Hunt of the Town of Rehoboth
 in the County of Bristol in the province of the Massachusetts in New England yeoman sendeth greeting. **Knowe**
 that whereas my Honoured Father Cap. Peter Hunt did for a valuable Consideration in hand Received & paid by Jonathan Bosworth
 Senior of Rehoboth aforesaid Taylor did give grant bargain & sell a tract of Land containing one acre or less and the width
 side of the Bridge commonly called Bosworth Bridge in the neck commonly called Wachamohet neck & thence having passed the
 of the side of said Land. while my said Father lived & while the said Jonathan Bosworth lived & the said Jonathan Bosworth
 did by his last will & testament give & bequeath the said Land unto his son Joseph Bosworth now lately deceased. Now the said
 Enoch Hunt eldest son of the said Cap. Peter Hunt upon good grounds moving me thereto. Doe for my self & my heirs & assigns
 and successors remitteth & for ever quietteth all manner of right title interest propriety that to the said Enoch Hunt hath or
 by any right title colour or pretence what so ever might or ought to have in the said tract of Land formerly sold by my father unto
 Jonathan Bosworth now in the tenure & occupation of Esther Bosworth widow of the said Joseph Bosworth lately deceased for & to the
 of the said Esther Bosworth & the heirs of the said Joseph Bosworth. **To have and to hold** the aforesaid
 tract of Land containing one acre or less lying between the high way & the one end with all the singularity
 the timber wood underwood stones mines minerals profits immunities & appertinances thereto belonging or appertaining
 into the said Land as before bounded unto the said Esther Bosworth & the heirs & successors of the said Joseph Bosworth
To the only proper use & behoofe of the said Esther Bosworth & the heirs of the said Joseph Bosworth to them their heirs
 & assigns for ever. & that the said Esther Bosworth & the heirs of the said Joseph Bosworth shall & may by force & virtue
 of these presents from time to time at all times hereafter lawfully lawfully & quietly haue use occupy enjoy &
 possess the above mentioned premises without any let fault trouble donnyall interruption or contradiction of the said Enoch
 Hunt or any of my heirs. **Soe** that neither of the said Enoch Hunt nor my heirs nor any person or persons from me
 or them or any of us shall or will by any words or means what ever have claimed & shall or may of any right interest propriety
 of or in the premises or any part of them. but from all & all manner of right title interest challenge or demand of or in the
 premises or any part of them. & that they & every of us shall be forever utterly barred. In Witness hereof the said
 Enoch Hunt hath set my hand & seals this ~~first~~ ^{day} of ~~the~~ ^{the} month of ~~the~~ ^{the} year of our Lord one thousand
 six hundred & fifty & four. & in the first year of the Reigne of our Sovereign William & Mary of England
 Scotland France & Ireland King & Queen &c.

Signed Sealed & delivered
 in the presence of us
 John Pock
 Joseph Pock

Memorandum that in the day and year
 above named Enoch Hunt personally appeared
 and acknowledged this instrument to be his
 voluntary act and deed before Nicholas Pock
 Justice of the Peace

Enoch Hunt

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BATHSHEBA³ BOSWORTH, youngest daughter of Jonathan² (*Edward*¹) and Elizabeth (———), born either in Hingham, or Rehoboth, Mass., after 1650 (probably about 1654); died at Bristol, Mass. (now R. I.), Sept. 17, 1740, aged about 85 or 86 years; married BENJAMIN JONES of Hull, Mass., apparently as his second wife.* Benjamin was probably the son of Robert¹ Jones and his first wife (name unknown), of Hingham, baptized in Hingham in 1638, and died in Bristol, R. I., Jan. 12, 1717-18, † aged—according to his gravestone—79 years, 10 months. In the will of his father he is called “my son Benjamin *the elder*,” as Robert¹ had another son Benjamin by his second wife, whom he calls, in the will, “my son Benjamin *the younger*.” Benjamin “the elder” had a sister next older than he, named Jane, who married Thomas Collier of Hull, and is called Jane Collier in her father’s will.

Feb. 4, 1679, Thomas Collier of Hull and Jane, his wife, sold to Benjamin Jones of Hull, mariner, “Gallops Lot” in Hull, bounded “Northerly by Benja. Bosworths Land.” Nathaniel Bosworth and Samuel Prince, Witnesses. (Boston Deeds, 14-71)

NOTE: If Benjamin Jones is rightly placed, Jane Collier was his sister, next older than himself, a daughter of Robert¹ Jones and named in his will.

The Benjamin Bosworth whose land bounded “Gallops Lot” on the north, could have been either Senior or Junior, for both were living in Hull at that time.

*As the history of Benjamin Jones and Bathsheba his wife is one of those cases about which it seems to be impossible at present to obtain positive proof, the compiler can only present the situation as it appears to her after years of study, and leave it to future historians to correct should more light on the subject ever be found.

For a long time it was thought that Bathsheba was single at the time of her father's death, as he called her simply “Bathsheba” in his will (Part I, p. 74), but as Nathaniel² Bosworth in his will called Benjamin Jones “Cousin” to his children, it indicated, if it did not prove, that Benjamin's wife Bathsheba, was Bathsheba Bosworth, so when we find that she was his wife in Hull previous to 1684, as this history shows, it is apparent that she *was* a married woman when her father called her simply Bathsheba. Her married name not being given in her father's will does not prove that she was not already married, as is shown by the following: “Samuel² Fox of New London, Conn., in will dated 1727, mentions daughters Elizabeth and Anna only by Christian names, yet Elizabeth had been twice married and was the mother of eight or nine children;” also “Samuel³ Fox of the North Parish, New London, in his will made in 1753, mentions six daughters all by their Christian names only, yet it is well known that several were married at the time the will was written.” (Taken from Boston Transcript, June 1, 1926.)

†The year of the death of Benjamin on Bristol records is given 1717, and on his gravestone 1718. The month being January it should no doubt be double dated as above.

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May 1, 1682, Nathaniel Bosworth and Benjamin Jones "both of ye Town of Hull" buy land in "New Bristol," Mass., Nathaniel paying two-thirds of the price and Benjamin one-third. (Taunton Deeds, 1-23). (See Part I, p. 102)

Dec. 10, 1684, "Benjamin Joans of New Bristol in the Colony of Plymo" with the "free and full Consent of Bathsheba his wife," sells their "Dwelling house and Land Lying and being in the Towne of Hull" etc. Signed by Benj^a. Joans
Bathsheba Joans.

July 1, 1690, Nathaniel Bosworth and Benjamin Jones of Bristol, "yeomen," sell land in Bristol, Bridget the wife of Nathaniel, and "Bethshua" the wife of Benjamin, signed the deed, "who hereby Doo quitt Claim of Right of Dower or power of Thirds in said premises." (This was just two months before the death of Nathaniel.) (See Part I, p. 107)

(Taunton Deeds, 2-74)

On June 12, 1695, Benjamin Jones and Bathsheba his wife were received into the Congregational Church at Bristol; both were baptized.

(Vit. Rec. R. I., 8-253)

Nov. 20, 1697, Benjamin Jones of Bristol, "yeoman and Bashuah his wife sendeth greeting KNOW YEE that the sd Benjamin Jones & Bashuah his *now* wife for & in Consideration of the full & Just sum of forty seven pounds ten shillings Currant Silver Money of New England" deed to Joseph Jacobs of Hingham, County of Suffolk, "All that their one full Third part or share of a certain farm or Tract of land Scituate . . . within the Township of Bristol . . . One Hundred acres . . . bounded Northwardly by lands now in possession of John Andross George Morrey [might be Macey] & John Martin" etc. This farm was bounded on the east and west by country roads leading from Bristol to Swansea. They sold the "Northermost side thereof." The lands of William Throope were on the south. The sale also included "one full Third part" of ten acres in Bristol bounded "Northwardly by lands of Mr. Nathaniel Paine," on the east and south "The Common," and on the west "Salt Meadow belonging to Joseph Jacob, Joseph Bosworth and Edward Bosworth." (It is evident that the other two-thirds of these lands had originally belonged to Nathaniel Bosworth, with whom Benjamin Jones had bought them.)

(Taunton Deeds, 3-30)

March 22, 1703-4, Benjamin Jones "for the Love good will & affection that I have unto my Loving friend & Kinsman William Throope Jun^r. of Bristol" deeds one-half of 20 acres of land in Bristol, "being two ten acre lots which I formerly purchased of Stephen Burton then of Bristol since Deceased." (This deed was signed by Benjamin alone and was not acknowledged until Feb. 2, 1714.

(Taunton Deeds, 9-3)

Feb. 21, 1709-10, Benjamin Jones of Bristol "yeoman & Bashua Jones my *now* wife for and in Consideration of that love and affection which we have and bare to our well beloved Kinsman William Throope SSoltmonger and to his *now* wife Martha—And for other good and Valuable Causes and Con-

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siderations us the said Benjamin and Bashua Jones thereunto at this time moving But more Especially for and in Consideration of the yearly payment of Ten pounds . . . by the said William Throope . . . unto us the said Benjamin Jones & Bashua Jones During the full Term of the naturall life of the sd Benj^a Jones and after his Discease then six pounds yearly & every year during the Natural life of the said Bashua Jones"—deed a "parcell of upland & Meadow" in Bristol, containing by estimation about 9 or 10 acres "as it is now fenced (except the east end which Runs Crooked)." "Signed by Benjamin and Bashua Jones. (This deed was also acknowledged on Feb. 2, 1714, "the first year of his Majesties Reign Anne Dom. 17¹⁴" (Taunton Deeds, 9-10)

Jan. 10, 1714-15, Benjamin Jones of Bristol, yeoman, makes an exchange of two lots of Commonage lately laid out, numbers 71 and 72, each containing 4 acres, with "Benjamin Bosworth (son of Bellamy Bosworth) of Bristol . . . Husbandman" for "my two Commonages lately laid out into lots within the Township of Bristol," numbers 34 and 35, each containing 4 acres. Dated Jan. 10, 1714, "*first year* of the Reign of George." (See deed above.) Signed by Benjamin Jones and Benjamin Bosworth. William Throope and Solomon Drowne, witnesses. (Taunton Deeds, 9-6)

Jan. 24, 1714-15, Benjamin Jones of Bristol, "yeoman and Bashuah his wife of the one part And William Throope . . . of the other part witnesseth that Benjamin Jones by & with the free and full consent of Baschua his wife Testified by her being named party and Signing & Sealing this Indenture for and in Consideration of Certain things to be done & performed yearly & every year By the said Lieut^t William Throope," they deed 10 acres of land in Bristol "the one half of Twenty acres Inclosed with a fence" bounded "Northwardly by David Cary his land" on the east a lot "drawn by the heirs of Lieut. Jabez Howland deceased" and a lot "now in the possession of Col. Nathaniel Paine," on the west a two rod highway, and on the south "Common Lotts lately layd out" to Capt. Gallop, also a lot drawn by Capt. Thos. Church, now William Monroe's. Also "one Commonage the Thirty fifth in number," Provided the said W^m. Throope shall pay or cause to be paid annually to "Benjamin Jones & basshua Jones yearly and every year During their Naturall lives & the Longer liver of them . . . Two Loads of Good and well made Hay & also good & sufficient Pasture for two Cowes every Summer which must & shall be done Seasonably every year & performed as a Consideration for the above granted priveleges" etc. He was also to pay each year to "the said Benjamin Jones and Bassshuah Jones the sum of four pounds in money," etc. Signed by Benjamin and Bashua Jones. Benjamin Bosworth and Solomon Drowne, witnesses. (This was also ack. on Feb. 2, 1714-15.)

(Taunton Deeds, 9-8)

Jan. 31, 1714-15, Benjamin Jones sold the above lot of commonage No. 34, for 9 pounds to Lieut. William Throope, Witnesses: Benjamin Bosworth and Solomon Drowne. (Ack. on Feb. 2, 1714-15, same date as the others.)

(Taunton Deeds, 9-7)

April 22, 1716, Benjamin Jones of Bristol "yeoman for and in consideration of a certain new addition to be built set up and fully finished at the eats

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end of my new Dwelling house in Bristol aforesaid and the Repairs of my said Dwelling house and Barne And all at the only Cost and Charge of Leut. William Throope of Bristol . . . Saltmonger which things are more particularly mentioned in a Certain bond under the hand and seal of the said William Throope baring the same date with this Instrument and under which these presents have special Relation the Receipt of which bond I do hereby acknowledge . . . & for Divers other good Causes & considerations me the said Benjamin Jones at this time more especially moving Have given . . . unto him the said William Throope his heirs and assigns forever (from and after the Decease of me the said Benjamin Jones and my *now* wife Bashuah and the longest liver of us) All that my House lott or homestead containing two acres . . . scituate in Bristol . . . Butted & bounded as followeth viz: Easterly by High Street Southerly by land of Eliazer Cary westerly by Hope Street & Northerly by a street Beginning Easterly from Thames Street & ending at High Street before named with . . . the buildings orchards Gardens & fence . . . with the well waters" etc*. This was signed by Benjamin only. Samuel Southworth and Nathaniel Bosworth, witnesses. (This last must have been Nathaniel⁴ Bosworth, son of Bellamy³, a grandson of Deacon Nathaniel².)

(Taunton Deeds, 10-167)

The church records at Bristol, opposite the name of Benjamin Jones, say: "Removed Jan. 12, 1717," and opposite the name of Bathsheba, "Removed Sept. 17, 1740." The date on Benjamin's gravestone in the Bristol cemetery, is Jan. 12, 1718, which shows that the Church record should be double dated. In Arnold's "Vital Records of R. I." (Vol. 6, p. 142) we find under Deaths, put by mistake under "Jolls": "Benjamin, (after a long illness) Jan. 12, 1717," and "Mrs. Bathsheba, Sept. 17, 1740."

NOTE: There is nothing that has so far been found, to *prove* that either Benjamin or Bathsheba had children, but the compiler believes that Benjamin had a first wife † in Hull, by whom he had at least one son, named Benjamin, who came with his father to Bristol and there married on Sept. 18, 1696, Elizabeth Borden. A daughter Elizabeth was born to them July 12, 1697. They probably had other children, but they are not recorded in Bristol, and I believe Benjamin and Elizabeth left there and went some other place to live. This may account for Benjamin and Bathsheba signing their property over to William Throope, Jr. (Lieut. Wm.) to care for them

*By making an outline of this home lot of Benjamin and Bathsheba Jones, from the boundaries given, persons living in Bristol should easily locate it.

The wife of Eliazer Cary whose land lay to the south of this lot, was Lidiah Throope, a sister of Lieut. William Throope, so often mentioned above. Both were children of William and Mary Throope.

†Two things indicate this, one the fact that Bathsheba was much younger than Benjamin, and the other that she is repeatedly called his "*now*" wife, apparently implying that another wife had preceeded her.

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in their old age instead of this son, or he may have died. Persons interested might follow up these clues, but this compiler is not able to give the time to it.

There was in Bristol a Nathan Jones who married there Nov. 10, 1736, Bathsheba Drowne, a daughter of Solomon and Esther (Bosworth) Drowne, named no doubt from her aunt Bathsheba (Bosworth) Jones. They had children born in Bristol:

- 1—Nathan Jones b. July 6, 1738
- 2—Benjamin Jones b. Feb. 15, 1739-40
- 3—Solomon Jones b. Mar. 22, 1740-41.

As the first of these sons was named from the father, and the third from Bathsheba's father, Solomon Drowne, it appears probable that the second was named from Nathan's father, hence I judge that Nathan was either a son, or a grandson of the Benjamin who married Bathsheba Bosworth, probably the latter.

As for the reason for Benjamin and Bathsheba Jones calling William Throope "our well beloved *Kinsman*," the compiler is in doubt. The only connection I have been able to discover is, that a nephew of Bathsheba's viz. Jonathan Peck, son of her sister Rebecca (See No. 11), had married Elizabeth Throope, a sister of William, which might have been sufficient cause.

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BENJAMIN³ BOSWORTH, son of Benjamin² Sen. (*Edward*¹) and (——— ———), born, probably in Hull, about 1644 or 45, baptized at Hingham by the Rev. Peter Hobart, April 6, 1647; died at Hull, Nov. 5, 1682; married at Plymouth, Nov. 27, 1666, Hannah Morton, daughter of Secy. Nathaniel* and Lydia (Cooper) Morton. (Dates of birth or death not found.)

* Nathaniel Morton of Plymouth, born in England about 1613, came with his father in the *Ann* in 1623. He became secretary of the Colony Dec. 7, 1647, and held that office until his death, June 29, 1685. Almost all the records of Plymouth Colony are in his handwriting. He wrote a valuable history called, "New England Memorial, a brief relation of the most memorable and Remarkable passages of the Providence of God manifested to the Planters of New England." Printed at Cambridge in 1699.

"On the 28th of June 1685, died Nathaniel Morton, the secretary of the Colony, who had been appointed to that office in 1645, and had remained in it forty years, and to his care and attention is owing the excellent preservation of the ancient records. He was a man of some learning and of much industry, faithful and accurate, a very good writer . . . He was born at Austerfield, in the north of England . . . His father, George Morton, arrived at Plymouth with his family, in July 1623, and died in June 1624. Secretary Morton had six daughters, who were all married in his lifetime, four of whom survived him. He left no sons. One of his daughters married Nathaniel Bosworth, of Hull." [Baylie's Hist. of New Plymouth, Part IV, p. 19].

Nathaniel Morton was ten years old when he came with his father in the *Ann*, in 1623. Among his children were: *Elizabeth, who married Nathaniel Bosworth, and Hannah, who married Benjamin Bosworth.* [Hist. of Plymouth, Davis; p. 57].

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Benjamin and Hannah resided in Hull, he having had land assigned him there. The Hull records say:

"There is given unto Beniamine Bosworth Junior by the Inhabitants of Hull one smalle Lott for a house Lott and a garden in the lane called Marsh Lane Containinge 24 rodd more or lesse as it was measured Lying east and west Goodwife Stones well on the east Marsh Lane on the south the clay pitt on the west and the marsh on the north and this is given unto him condission that he the said Beniamine Bosworth shall make and maintaine a suffittient fence from his ground to the corner of goodwife† Stones house and upon his land against the town meadow."

On May 28, 1669, Hannah being in Plymouth, perhaps on a visit to her parents, was witness, with her sister, Remember Jackson, to a bond given by John Silvester of the town of Scituate, in order to administer on the estate of his mother, Naomi, widow of Richard Silvester. Both made their "marke."

George Morton came in the *Ann*, 1623. He married at Leyden, 1612, Julian, daughter of Alexander Carpenter of Wrentham, Eng., and had Nathaniel, 1613; Patience, 1615, m. John Faunce; John, 1616; Sarah, 1618, m. George Bonum; Ephraim, 1623; and perhaps George, who had a wife Phebe. Nathaniel married Lydia Cooper, by whom he had Remember, 1637, m. Abraham Jackson; Mercy m. John Dunham; Lydia m. George Ellison; Elizabeth, 1652, m. Nathaniel Bosworth; Joanna, 1654, m. Joseph Prince; Hannah m. Benjamin Bosworth; Eliezar and Nathaniel. He married 2nd, Ann, widow of Richard Templar of Charlestown.

Julian Carpenter died Feb. 18, 1685. She m. 1st July 23, 1612, George Morton; m. 2nd Manasseh Kempton. She was a daughter of Alexander Carpenter of Wrington, Somersetshire, England, and sister of Alice (Carpenter) Southworth, who was the second wife of Gov. Bradford. [Landmarks of Plymouth, Davis, p. 189.]

NOTE—The seeming contradiction above, as to the part of England from which the Carpenters came, is no more puzzling than the original records. In the Mayflower Descendant vol. 111, is given the marriage, in 1612, of George Morton to Juliana Carpenter as recorded in Leyden, Holland; there she is given as "single woman from Bath . . . England, accompanied by Alexander Carpenter, her father, with Alice Carpenter her sister . . ." etc.

When Samuel Fuller married Agnes Carpenter, also in Holland, she is called "single woman from Wrington in England, accompanied by Agnes White and Alice Carpenter her sister." This was in 1613. [Mayflower Descendant, vol. 22]. Then when Gov. William Bradford married at Plymouth, Mrs. Alice (Carpenter) Southworth she is called "daughter of Alexander Carpenter of Wrentham, England." [N. E. Hist. Register, vol. 48, p. 197].

NOTE—As two of the early Bosworths married into the family of Nathaniel Morton, the compiler of this history thought the above extracts would be of interest.

Levi P. Morton in his "Morton Memorial," says that Hannah, daughter of Nathaniel Morton, married Benjamin Bosworth *who died in November 1700*. The latter is a mistake, as the Benjamin, Hannah married, died, Nov. 5, 1682. It was his father, Benjamin² Bosworth, Sen. who died in Nov. 1700.

In this connection the compiler would like to call attention to a matter which was overlooked in giving the history of the first Benjamin in Part I. Although, whenever he is given any title in the old records, it is usually "Sergeant," or "Segt.," in one instance at least he is called "Deacon," showing that he was probably a deacon of the church in Hull, but as the church records of that town were either lost or destroyed, as well as many of the town records it is impossible to give as complete a history as we would like. If the compiler had not visited Hull in 1905 and copied directly from the old records she would not be able to make these histories of persons who lived in that town as complete as they are.

†"Goodwife Stone" is no doubt Joan, widow of John Stone. She was a cousin of Robert Goold, and on the death of her husband sent for Robert to come to America; according to the Appendix to the "Descendants of Zaccheus Goold," by Benjamin A. Goold.

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On Aug. 9, 1668, the birth of their first child, a daughter, was recorded at Hingham by Rev. Peter Hobart. She was named Hannah from her mother, but must have died young for another Hannah was born at Plymouth "21st December 1669." She too must have died young for they seem to have had no living children in 1671, for on Sept. 15th of that year Benjamin's father, "Benjamin Bosworth Sen^r of the town of Hull alias Nantasket", made a deed which read:

"Know ye that I the said Benjamin Bosworth Sen^r. for and in consideration of the natural affection and goodwill which I bear unto my only son Benjamin Bosworth and Hannah his wife and for other good causes unto my said son and to the heirs of his Body which are or may be lawfully begotten 2 lots of land at Strawberry Hill—1 lot at Whitehead— $\frac{1}{2}$ lot at Petoks Island— $\frac{1}{2}$ my meadow at said Island—an acre at Hogg Island and his rights of land at Sheep Is. & Slate Is. and his right of two Cowes Commonage on the Neck In case he decease before his said wife and leave no issue surviving that notwithstanding my said dear daughter-in-law Hannah Bosworth the wife of my said son Benjamin Bosworth shall have and enjoy all these my said lands all the dayes of her life And that my said daughter-in-law Hannah doe enjoy those several parcels of land with their Rents until her death." (See also Part I p. 83)

May 7, 1673, Benjamin Bosworth of Hull, took the oath of freeman of the New England Colony. Under "Charges of the Town of Hull for Beacon, Watch House, &c.", dated March 9, 1673-4, "Ben Bosworth Junior" is given credit for nineteen days service.

March 4, 1677, "Beniamen Bosworth junior" chosen one of two to "view the fences for the year 1678."

November 1678, Benjamin Bosworth, Hull, on list of those who had taken the "oath of Allegiance." (Boston Records.)

May 19, 1680, Benjamin Bosworth of Hull again took the oath of Freeman in New England Colony.

Benjamin Bosworth, Jr. died at Hull, Nov. 5, 1682, and administration on his estate was granted unto Hannah "Relict widow of Benjamin Bosworth, late of Hull, Taylor, deceased intestate." The inventory of his estate was made by Thomas Collier and Nathaniel Bosworth, and sworn to by Hannah, May 3, 1683.

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Inventory of Benjamin Bosworth of Hull, Taylor

	£	s.	d.
Imp. his wearing Clothes £4:12 More to new Cloth 50 ^s	07	02	00
One Bed and Bedstead £6:10 the Childrens Bed £3	09	10	00
Sheets and a small blankett 30 ^s . pillowbeers and napkins 14 ^s	02	04	00
His Bookes 15 ^s . his Arms 20 ^s	01	15	00
Brass and Iron pots and kettles	03	00	00
Pewter 26 ^s . ffrying pan and ffize pan 7 ^s	01	13	00
It. another Bed	05	00	00
Earthen ware 6 ^s Tables and Chests 40 ^s	02	06	00
It. Chaizes	00	08	00
It. his Cattle £20. his Swine 50 ^s	22	10	00
It. his house and land it stands upon	60	00	00
It. a point of Hitts Lott Easterly	08	00	00
It. two Lotts at Strawberry hill	7	00	00
It. Pettox Island with the Meadow	16	00	00
It. an acre at Hogg Island	05	00	00
It. at Slate Island and Sheep Island	02	00	00
It. the Common on the Neck	10	00	00
It. his thirds of a Barne	06	00	00
It. a Cannoe	00	07	00
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Thomas Collier. Nathaniel Bosworth	159	15	00

This Estate indebted as followeth Viz.

	£	s.	d.
To Joseph Bosworth in money	14	0	0
To George Ellistone	01	6	9
To Joseph Davies Feltmaker in Boston	0	6	9

Hannah Bosworth admitt^d adm^x—made Oath in Court 3^d May 1683 that this is a true Inventory of the Estate of her late husband Benjⁿ Bosworth dece^d to her best knowledge and more appeares shee will cause it to be added.

Is^a Addington C1^{ro}.

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On Nov. 20, 1696, thirteen years later, the Hon. William Stoughton Esqr., Judge of Probate for Suffolk Co., ordered:

Whereas it hath been represented and made appear unto me That the estate in houses and Lands of Benj. Bosworth late of Hull within the aforesaid County cannot be divided among all the children of the said decea^d. without great prejudice to or spoyleing of the whole—Pursuant therefor to the Act Entitled An Act For the Setling and Distribution of the Estate of Intestates. I do hereby appoint & authorize you John Lorin—Robert Goold & Benj. Loring (being all sufficient Freeholders in the Town of Hull aforesd) to make a just and true apprizement of the Houses and Lands of the sd dece^d you being sworne to proceed thereon according to your best Skill and Judgement and make Return of this order with your doings therein under your hands into the Registers Office at Boston with what speed you can. Dated at Boston the Twentieth day of November Anno Domini 1696

William Stoughton.

Appraisement.

In observance of the within written order We the Subscribers having carefully viewed the housing and Lands of the within named Benj. Bosworth We do upon our Oaths appriz and value the same as followeth Viz.

The Dwelling house at	£ 40
his part of the Barne at	4
a piece of the home lot that was hites	20
The Land and Meadow at Petox Island at	18
The Land at Hogg Island at	5
The Land at Sheep Island and at Slate Island	2
The Land at Strawberry hill	8
The Land at Whitehead at	4
The Common Rights upon the Neck at	10
	£111

So that we appriz the whole Estate in housing and Land of the sd dece^d according to the particulars above mentioned to be worth the sum of one hundred and eleven pounds currant money in New England. As Witness our hands the Twenty fourth day of November 1696.

John Loring
Robert Goold
Benjamin Loring

Order for Settlement.

Order for Setling the housing and Land of Benj. Bosworth late of Hull Tailer dece^d upon his eldest Son.
Suffolk SS.

By the Hon^{ble} William Stoughton Esq. Judge of Probate within the said County.

Whereas It having been represented and made appear unto me That the Estate in housing and Lands of Benj. Bosworth late of Hull in the County

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aforesd Tailer dece^d Intestate cannot be divided among all the children of the said dece^d without great prejudice to or spoyleing of the whole. The same has been apprized by three Sufficient Freeholders upon oath appointed and sworne for that purpose at y^e Sum of one hundred and eleven pounds, as by their Return of Record doth particularly appeare.

Pursuant therefore to the Act Entitled An Act For the Setling and Distribution of the Estate of Intestates and by Virtue of the power & Authority to me thereby granted I do hereby order and assigne the whole Estate of the sd dece^d in houses and Lands mentioned in the Return of the said apprizers, with the members and appurtenances thereto belonging unto Benjamin Bosworth eldest son of the sd dece^d and to his heirs & assigns forever (Saving only unto Hannah Relict Widow of the said dece^d her Dower or Thirds in the same during the terme of her natural life) The said Benjamin Bosworth paying unto his Brother and Sisters—namely

Hezekiah, Judah and Hannah Bosworth

children of the said dece^d and to each of them respectively or their respective Guardians the sum of *Fourteen pounds sixteen shillings* currant money in New England (being their single shares of two Third parts of sd Estate) or giving good security to pay the same unto them when they shall respectively arrive at full age Together with allowance for the same in the interim after the rate of six pounds P Cent P annum as by the aforesaid Act is provided. The said Benjamin Bosworth also giving good security to pay further unto each of his Brother and Sisters aforenamed or their respective Guardians at and upon the decease of the sd Hannah Relict Widow of the sd dece^d the Sum of Seven pounds eight Shillings currant money as aforesd (being their single share of the remaining third part of sd Estate).

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and the Seale of the said office of Probate. Dated at Boston in the County afores^d the Twenty fourth day of November Anno Domini 1696.

William Stoughton

Entered and Security taken
for performance of the order.

Is^a Addington Secry.

Letter of Guardianship from Hezekiah Bosworth unto
Robert Goold of Hull.

Know all men by these presents that I Hezekiah Bosworth Son of Benjamin Bosworth late of Hull Tailer deceased (being a minor about eighteen years of age) Have nominated & appointed . . . my trusty Friend Lieut. Robert Goold of Hull to be my Guardian.

Signed 20th day of November 1696

Hezekiah Bosworth and a Seal

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Letter of Guardianship from Hannah Bosworth unto
John Loring of Hull.

Know all men by these presents That I Hannah Bosworth daughter of Benjamin Bosworth late of Hull . . . Tailer dece^d (being a minor about sixteen years of age) Have nominated & appointed . . . my trusty Friend John Loring of Hull aforesd Yeoman to be my Guardian . . . to take into his possession & custody all such part and portion of Estate left by my said Father . . .
Signed at Boston Dec. 17, 1696

Hannah Bosworth and a Seal

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Both were
Approved by William Stoughton.

CHILDREN

of Benjamin³ Jr. and Hannah (Morton) Bosworth

- i—HANNAH⁴, b. in Hull, Aug 9, 1668; d. y.
- ii—HANNAH⁴, b. in Plymouth, Dec. 21, 1669; d. y.
- 88 + iii—BENJAMIN⁴, b. in Hull abt. 1674; d. (———); m. Joanna (——)
- 89 + iv—JUDAH⁴ (or JUDITH), b. in Hull, abt. 1675; d. before 1753; m. Nathaniel Church of Scituate.
- 90 + v—HEZEKIAH⁴, b. in Hull, 1678; d. (———); m. Bethia Boles.
- 91 + vi—HANNAH⁴, b. in Hull, 1680; d. after 1724; m. Francis Curtis (or Curtice).

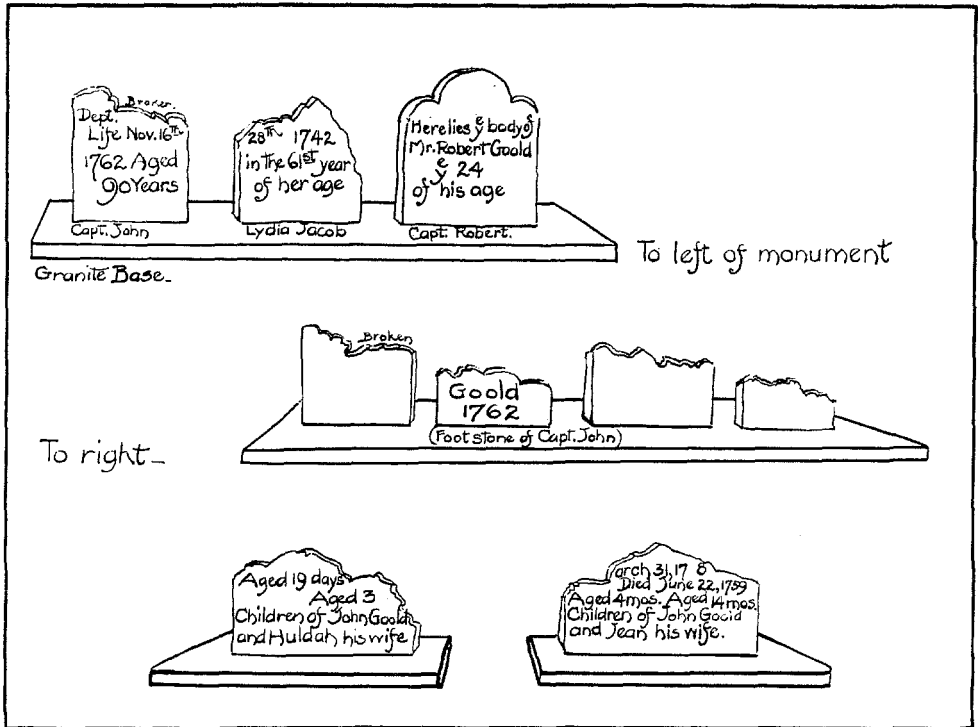
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MEHITABLE³ BOSWORTH, daughter of Benjamin² Sen. (*Edward*¹) and first wife (———), probably born in Hull, Mass., baptized at Hingham by Rev. Peter Hobart, Apr. 6, 1647, at the same time as her brother, Benjamin, Jr., who was presumably the older of the two, probably being two or three years old at this time. Mehitable died about 1681, (according to gravestone.) It appears she was the first wife of ROBERT¹ GOULD of Hull, although no record of their marriage can be found.

NOTE: Accompanying this history will be found reproductions of photographs of the Goold gravestones at Hull. As may be seen from these illustrations, all that was left of the old broken stones have been set into a



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DRAWING OF OLD STONES SHOWN ABOVE, WITH ALL THAT IS LEFT OF INSCRIPTIONS

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cement base and a new marble stone erected, on which what is left of the inscriptions on the old stones has been copied, and where parts are missing they have been supplied. This was probably done by the Gould Association and was a very praiseworthy act. The compiler of this history wishes to commend it very highly and recommend other Family Associations to follow this very worthy example; however she wishes at the same time to put in a word of warning, not to carve a record of events in marble until they are proved to be facts. The compiler regrets to say that on this marble stone there is at least *one*, and she believes *two* misstatements. First, Deacon Benjamin Bosworth did *not* marry Elizabeth Morton; it was his nephew, Nathaniel Bosworth, Jr., as is plainly stated in Plymouth Colony Records, with an account of her funeral written by her father Nathaniel Morton, secretary of the Colony, as will be seen later in Nathaniel Jr.'s history. A comparison of dates is alone sufficient to show that she could not have been mother of Elizabeth Bosworth baptized in 1638—as she herself, according to the sketch of Nathaniel Morton already given in connection with the history of Benjamin Bosworth, Jr., was baptized in 1652. In a note on pages 79 and 80 of Part I, may be found the argument of the compiler to show that it was, with very little doubt, Mehitable, daughter of Deacon Benjamin Bosworth who married Robert Goold; and as others, competent to judge, fully agree with this conclusion, she has not hesitated to so place Mehitable in this history. An examination of what is left of the inscriptions on the old stones, given on an accompanying page, will show that there is no data left concerning the first wife of Robert Goold, Sr., and there is nothing concerning her on the old Hull records, which the compiler personally examined. As for the published records of Hull, what is there given is evidently taken from this new stone, and it must have been a matter of guess work. Of course some may say this is also, but at least the conclusions of the compiler are strongly indicated by the facts of the case.

Benjamin A. Gould in an Appendix to his "Descendants of Zaccheus Goold," falls into the same error. He says:

"Robert Goold of Hull came about 1665 from England having been sent for by his cousin Joan, widow of John Stone who had died in 1664 childless, leaving her most of his property. She died 1674 leaving to Robert her home-
stead. He married (1) about 1666, Elizabeth (bapt. 1638), daughter of Benjamin Bosworth of Hull;" etc.

As before stated, the first wife of Robert Goold died about 1681*, and Robert married (2) JUDITH POOLE daughter of Capt. Jonathan and Judith Poole, born in Reading, Mass., Sept. 1, 1658; died in Hull, May 7, 1704.

NOTE: It is stated in Bodge's "Soldiers in King Philip's War," that Capt. Jonathan Poole died leaving his wife Judith (Judah) a widow; that she married (2) May 16, 1681, Capt. William Hasey, who died May 30,

*This is as given on the tombstone, but it seems probable that she must have died before that time, for her youngest child, the son John, was born in 1672 and James, the first child of the second wife was born about 1682 or 3.

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1689 aged 70, and that she married (3), Capt. Robert Goold. This latter the compiler believes to be an error, for three reasons: In the *first* place she would have been too old, for her first Poole child was born in 1656, when she must have been, at the very least 16 years of age, probably more, which would make her born no later than 1640, while Robert Goold was born in 1645, and it would have been a very unusual occurrence for a man to marry a woman *five* years older than himself, in fact second wives were usually much younger than their husbands; *second*; she could not have married Robert Goold before 1690 (as her second husband did not die until 1689), at which time she must have been at least 50 years old, and yet Judith, the wife of Robert, was the mother of two Goold sons; and *third*, her birth as given on the Goold stone is Sept. 1, 1658, which is that of Judith, Poole, the daughter, as given above. Hence the compiler believes the fact of the case to be that Robert married the daughter. In Eaton's "History of Reading, Mass.," it is stated that this Judith married William Hasey, son of Capt. William, but the date of the marriage given is the same as the marriage of Capt. William Hasey to Judith, the widow of Capt. Jonathan Poole, so I judge it is a mistake. To be sure the wife of the younger Hasey was named Judith, so this is probably how the mistake occurred, but when this wife died Nov. 17, 1718, her age is given as 68, while if she had been Judith Poole she would have been only 60 (b. 1658), so it must have been some other Judith*.

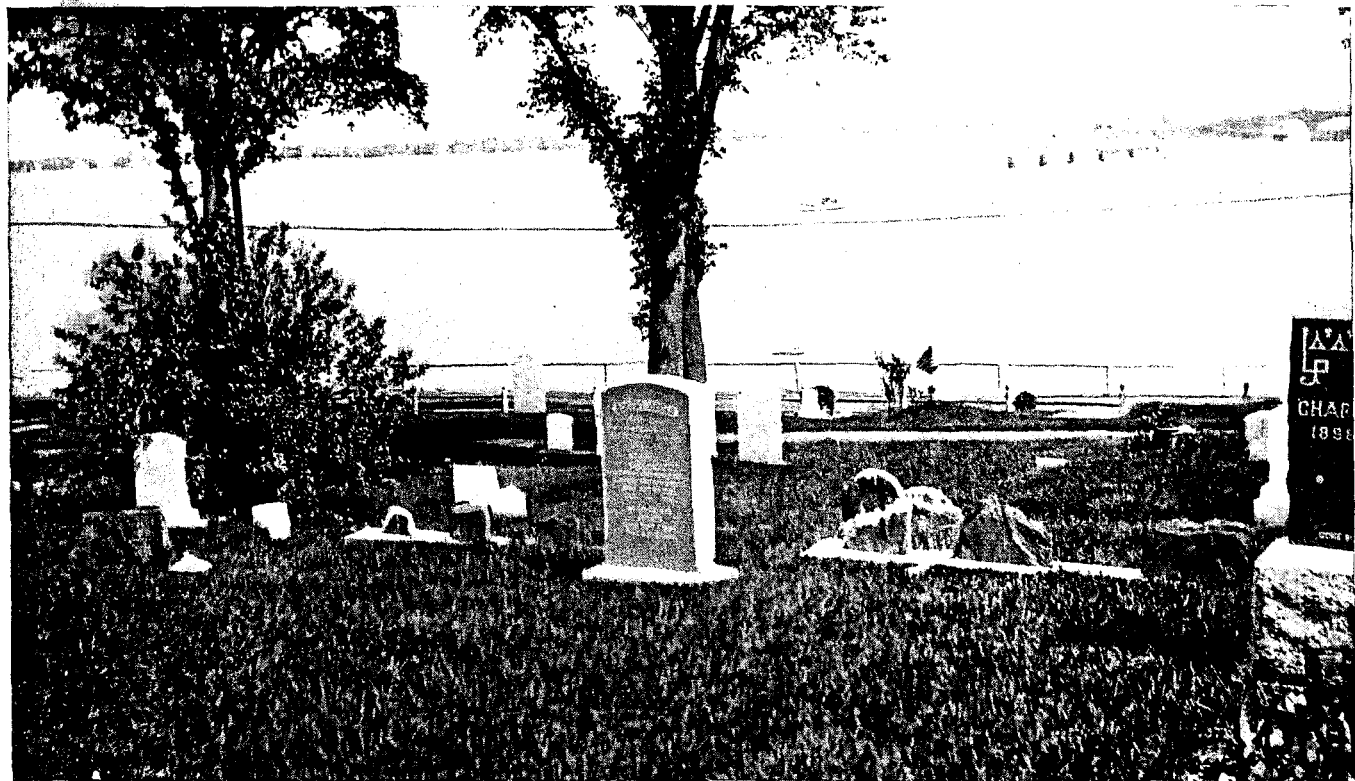
Robert¹ Goold married (3) Mrs. SARAH (WHITMAN) COOK, daughter of Rev. Zachariah Whitman, and widow of Nicholas Cook (Cocke). She outlived Robert and is mentioned in his will. Her father deeded her his homestead and she cared for him in his old age. Sarah died Sept. 29, 1749 (Hull Records) †

Robert Goold made his will June 11, 1718; probated Feb. 7, 1718-19. He died between these dates, probably early in the year 1719. On Mar. 26, 1719 John Goold, cordwainer, Joseph Goold, yeoman of Hull, sons of Capt. Robert Goold, late of Hull, sell land; their brother James Goold of Boston,

*Elizabeth Poole, a younger sister of Judith, a daughter of Jonathan and Judith Poole, b. in Reading, Mass., 1678, m. Gershom Collier of Hull, and d. in Hull, May 18, 1723. A William Poole d. in Hull, Sept. 20, 1695. This last is very perplexing for in the published records of Hull, his death is first put under Goold as "son of Judah," and under Poole as "son of William." Now if he were a son of Judith Goold, and also a son of William Poole, Judith must have been married before to a William Poole, and this is possible, for being born in 1658 she could have been married in 1678, had William in 1679, her husband die and she marry Robert Goold by 1681, in time to be mother of James Goold in 1682 or 3.

For help in trying to solve these puzzles about Judith Poole, the compiler is indebted to Miss Helen M. Bruner of Sutro Library, San Francisco, who kindly gave earnest, faithful assistance in an effort to bring clearness out of confusion.

†Sarah (Whitman) Cooke must have been more than thirty-five years younger than Robert Goold, if records are correct. Her father Rev. Zachariah Whitman was born in 1644, so was only one year older than Robert Goold. Sarah (according to Cutter's Mass. Genealogies),



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mariner, mentioned in the deed; among other pieces of land in Hull, one bounded by land of Ephraim Bosworth was sold.
(Boston Deeds, 33-240)

Robert Goold was a freeman in Hull in 1680. On Dec. 14, 1682, Robert Goold bought the property of Deacon Benjamin Bosworth in Hull. (See Part I, p. 87).

On Mar. 4, 1694-5, "Lieut. Goold, John bosworth and John Loring" were chosen selectmen. (This may have been Robert¹, but more probably his eldest son Robert².) When the long neck of land on which Hull is situated was laid out into lots in Feb. 1699-1700, lots 6 and 9 were given to "leftenant goold" (This too may have been the son Robert²).

CHILDREN

of Robert¹ and Mehitable³ (Bosworth) GOOLD
born in Hull, Mass.

- 92 i—ROBERT² GOOLD, JR., prob. b. abt. 1667; d. in Hull, Feb. 7, 1718, before his father; m. Mrs. Jane (Harris) Smith, dau. of Thomas Harris of Boston and wife Rebecca Joscelyn, who was a dau. of Mrs. Beatrice Joscelyn, second wife of Deacon Benjamin Bosworth. He was called "Leftenant Goold."

Children of Lieut. Robert² and Jane (Harris) GOOLD

- 1—Jane, b. Sept. 17, 1692; m. Josiah Wheeler.
- 2—Robert, b. Feb. 12, 1694-5; d. before June 11, 1718.
- 3—Mehitable, b. May 16, 1698; m. in Boston, Feb. 25, 1719, William Crowel.
- 4—Mercy, b. Oct. 7, 1700; m. at Hull, Nov. 13, 1729, Joseph Watts. They had at least one child, Mary Watts, b. at Hull, Oct. 4, 1730. Mercy died, and Dec. 6, 1733, Joseph m. Hannah Paine.
- 5—Anstes, b. Aug. 26, 1705; prob. d. y.

Thomas Harris of Boston, father of Jane, made provision in his will that his "Negroman Sambo" should be sold to his dau. Jane Goold, and that £5 apiece should be paid to each

was Rev. Whitman's fifth child, and although the date of her birth is not given, the child older than she was born in 1677; the sixth, the one next younger than she, date not given, but the seventh was born in 1688, making the date of Sarah's birth approximately 1685, which would make her forty years younger than Robert. When Robert died in 1719 he was in his 74th year, but Sarah lived thirty years longer and was about 64 years old at death.

A younger sister of Sarah's, Mary (Mercy) Whitman, b. in Hull, m. Nathaniel Jacob, son of Joseph and Hannah (Bosworth) Jacob, of Hingham, later of Bristol, Mass., (now R.I.)

The "Deed of Gift" whereby Rev. Zachariah Whitman "for the love" he bore his daughter "Sarah Gold," deeded his home lot with house and barn, also other lands, one lot with the land of "Benjamin Bosworth on the Northeast"; dated June 18, 1722, may be found recorded in Boston, Bk. 40, p. 98.

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of her four children. It is probable that the four were Jane, Robert, Mehitable and Mercy, Anstes having died. These provisions were carried out and the money paid to their father Robert Goold by Rebecca (Joscelyn) Harris, then the wife of Edward Stevens, who was Exx. to the will. (See Part I, p. 91).

- 93 ii—BENJAMIN² GOOLD, b. abt. 1670; d. after 1709 and before 1719;* m. in Hull, Apr. 16, 1698, Mary Dinley.

Children of Benjamin² and Mary (Dinley) GOOLD, born in Boston.

1—Mary, b. Mar. 10, 1699; m. by Rev. Z. Whitman, in Hull, Nov. 20, 1719, Joseph Nightengale, son of William and Rebecca, b. in Hull, Nov. 6, 1695. No record of children found.

2—Mehitable, b. Oct. 5, 1706.

3—Benjamin³, b. Sept. 11, 1709; m. in Boston, Jan. 9, 1734, by Rev. Sam'l Mather, Sarah Long Child, Benjamin⁴, b. in Boston, June 30, 1736; m. Mary Peck.

- 94 iii—JOHN² GOOLD, (known as "Capt. John," but called "cordwainer" in his father's will, and "cordwainer of Hull" in deeds.) He was b. in the year 1672, and d. Nov. 16, 1762, aged 90 years; m. (1) Jan. 17, 1698-9, Lydia Jacobs, of Hingham, dau. of John and Mary Jacobs. She d. Jan. 28, 1742, in her 61st year. (She was b. Apr. 18, 1681.) John m. (2), Mary Gardner, July 12, 1743, in Boston.

Children of Capt. John² and Lydia (Jacob) GOOLD, born in Hull.

1—Lydia, b. Dec. 13, 1702.

2—Elizabeth, b. Aug. 15, 1704; m. July 24, 1729, Benjamin Loring. Ch. b. in Hull, 1—Benjamin Loring b. July 16, 1731; 2—Deborah (Debary) Loring, d. Jan. 19, 1734. (Perhaps others).

3—John, b. Oct. 16, 1707; d. Dec. 26, 1707.

4—Robert, b. Feb. 15, 1711; d. June 20, 1734.

5—Samuel, b. April 1, 1713.

6—Judith, b. July 4, 1715; d. in Hull, May 1761; m. Nov. 25, 1742, Dea. Jonathan Collier. Ch. b. in Hull, 1—Elizabeth Collier, b. July 12, 1743; 2—Lucy Collier, b. June 13, 1748; 3—Judith Collier, b. Feb. 12, 1752.

7—John³, Jr., b. Feb. 23, 1718; m. (1) Huldah (———). Ch. b. in Hull, 1—John, b. June 12, 1746; d. July 1, 1746; 2—Huldah, b. Aug. 29, 1747; 3—Hopetill, b. May 23, 1749. Huldah, wife of John, Jr., d. Apr. 27, 1750. He m. (2) Feb. 16, 1755, Jean Loring. Ch. 4—John, b. Jan. 15,

*In the Appendix to "Descendants of Zaccheus Goold," by Benj. A. Gould, it is stated that Benjamin died about 1716.



ROBERT GOULD

BORN 1645
CAME FROM ENGLAND TO HULL IN
1666 AT THE AGE OF 21 YEARS
DIED 1719

HIS FIRST WIFE

ELIZABETH

DAUGHTER OF DEACON BENJAMIN &
ELIZABETH WORTON BOSWORTH,
BORN NOV. 18, 1638,
DIED 1681.

HIS SECOND WIFE

JUDITH

BORN SEPT. 1, 1658,
DIED MAY 7, 1704.

CAPT. JOHN GOULD

SON OF CAPT. ROBERT &
ELIZABETH BOSWORTH GOULD,
BORN IN HULL 1672
DIED NOV. 16, 1762.

LYDIA JACOB

FIRST WIFE OF CAPT. JOHN GOULD,
BORN APR. 18, 1681,
DIED JAN. 28, 1742.

ROBERT

SON OF CAPT. JOHN & LYDIA GOULD,
BORN FEB. 15, 1711,
DIED JUNE 20, 1734.

CAPT. JOHN GOULD JR.

BORN FEB. 23, 1719,
DIED FEB. 21, 1777.

JANE LORING

SECOND WIFE OF CAPT. JOHN GOULD JR.
BORN DEC. 18, 1719,
DIED JUNE 19, 1805.

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- 1757; d. Mar. 31, 1758. 5—Lydia, b. Apr. 6, 1758; d. June 22, 1759. 6—Robert, b. May 29, 1759. Capt. John Goold, Jr., d. Feb. 21, 1777. "Jane, W. of John Esq. d. June 19, 1805." (On gravestone, "Jane 2d w. of Capt. John Jr.")
- 8—Jacob, b. Jan. 10, 1720.
- 9—James, b. Jan. 21, 1721-2; m. in Boston, Nov. 10, 1748, Sarah Brewer. (No record of children found.)

Children of Robert¹ and 2nd wife Judith (Poole) GOULD.

- iv—JAMES² GOULD, known as "Capt. James," a mariner of Boston. He was b. abt. 1682 or 3, and d. after 1764. He m. (1) in Hull, Feb. 8, 1704-5, Mary Loring.

Children of Capt. James² and Mary (Loring) GOULD, born in Hull.

- 1—Mary, b. Apr. 22, 1706; m. in Boston, 1726, David Jacobs of Scituate, Mass.
- 2—James, b. Sept. 22, 1710.
James² m. (2) in Boston, Sarah (———), b. 1691. Child of James² and Sarah Goold.
- 3—Sarah, b. May 14, 1719; m. in Boston, 1742, Robert Ford. Sarah, wife of Capt. James Goold, d. in Boston, Oct. 1, 1764, buried in Copps Hill Cemetery. James was evidently still living.
- v—JOSEPH² GOULD, a "yeoman" of Hull, b. abt. 1690; d. after 1769. He m. in Hull, Dec. 18, 1713, Mary Prince, who d. in Hull, Feb. 7, 1769-70.

Children of Joseph² and Mary (Prince) GOULD, born in Hull.

- 1—Joseph, b. Jan. 27, 1715; m. 1739, Hannah Binney.
- 2—Samuel, b. Nov. 21, 1717; m. 1752, Elizabeth Barker.
- 3—Elisha, b. Sept. 7, 1719; m. 1744, Experience Loring.
- 4—Mary, b. May 21, 1721; m. 1743, Nathaniel Dill, son of John and Mary (Bosworth) Dill (or Dilley).
- 5—Jean, b. Feb. 20, 1722-3; m. 1749, Samuel Loring.
- 6—Caleb, b. Dec. 20, 1724; m. (———); she d. 1787.
- 7—Joshua, b. Feb. 26, 1727-8.

Children of Robert¹ and 3rd wife of Sarah (Whitman) GOULD.

- vi—Jeremiah; vii—Japheth; viii—Ruth; all died in infancy.

Robert Goold's third wife outlived him and is mentioned in his will.

The will of Robert¹ Goold of Hull, was made June 11, 1718, and probated Feb. 28, 1718-19; Samuel Sewall Esq^r Judge of Probate. He bequeaths first to Sarah "my dearly beloved wife"; and second "unto my loving son John Goold of Hull

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aforesaid Cordwainer and to his heirs and assigns forever all that Lot called Grandfather Bosworths Lot lying in said Hull with the Barns and fences . . . bounded as follows: Southerly by the Land of Gersham Collier, Northerly by the Land of Mr. Stubbs and easterly and westerly by the Common." Bequeaths "unto my Daughter in Law Jane Goold Widow and to her three daughters Jane, Mehitable and Mercy the sum of One Hundred Pounds" etc. (These were the widow and daughters of Robert² Goold, the eldest son of Mehitable). This Robert, his son Robert and a daughter Anstes, had died before the will was made, and probably also the second son, Benjamin, as he is not mentioned. (See footnote to Benjamin.)

The following are the inscriptions on the new stone:

<p style="text-align: center;">On the front</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ROBERT GOOLD Born 1645 came from England to Hull, in 1663, at the age of 18 years Died 1719 His first wife ELIZABETH DAUGHTER OF DEACON BENJAMIN & ELIZABETH MORTON BOSWORTH Born Nov. 18, 1638 Died 1681 His Second Wife JUDITH Born Sept. 1, 1658 Died May 7, 1704</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">On the reverse</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CAPT. JOHN GOOLD SON OF CAPT. ROBERT & ELIZABETH BOSWORTH GOOLD Born in Hull 1672 Died Nov. 16, 1762 LYDIA JACOB FIRST WIFE OF CAPT. JOHN GOOLD Born Apr. 18, 1681 Died Jan. 28, 1742 ROBERT SON OF CAPT. JOHN & LYDIA GOOLD Born Feb. 15, 1711 Died June 20, 1734 CAPT. JOHN GOOLD, JR. Born Feb. 23, 1718 Died Feb. 21, 1777 JANE LORING SECOND WIFE OF CAPT. JOHN GOOLD JR. Born Dec. 18, 1718 Died June 19, 1805</p>
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NOTE:—For the photographs of Goold gravestones I am indebted to Mrs. Carrie Bosworth Reed, also for the sketch of the old stones made by her from which my daughter, Katharine Bosworth Clarke, made the drawing shown herewith.

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SARAH³ BOSWORTH, eldest daughter of Nathaniel² (*Edward*¹) and Bridget (Bellamy), born in Hull about 1645; died at Hull, 1673; married Feb. 21, 1664-5, as his second wife, John² LOBDELL, son of Nicholas¹ Lobdell, born in Hingham about 1638*; died in Hull, 1673.

NOTE: Let it be distinctly understood that the name *Sarah* is not given by the compiler as a fact, but as a guess; though she considers it a very plausible one, nearer so than the one made by Lincoln in his history of Hingham, where in a footnote he gives her name as *Mary*. Now John Lobdell had two daughters by this wife, the one who appears to be the eldest, named *Sarah*, the other *Mary* (or *Mercy*), and as the eldest was the one most liable to be named from the mother, and as there was another *Mary* in the family of Nathaniel Bosworth, it seems very probable that her name was *Sarah*. (See Part I, p. 113) As we do not know the name of Bridget Bellamy's mother, it may be her name was *Sarah*, from whom Bridget named her first daughter. Bridget seems not to have cared enough for her own name to name a daughter after herself until the youngest.

John Lobdell married first, July 19, 1659, Hannah, daughter of Deacon John Leavitt, baptized April 7, 1639, by whom he had two children, one of whom died a week after birth. Hannah, the mother, died April 23, 1662, aged 23. John then married secondly, Feb. 21, 1664-5, a daughter of Deacon Nathaniel Bosworth.†

John Lobdell and wife lived at Hull, the home of her parents, having for their neighbors, the Rev. Zachariah Whitman, first pastor of the church at Hull; the families of their brothers, Nathaniel, Jr., Joseph and John Bosworth, and Isaac Lobdell; their cousin Benjamin Bosworth, Jr.: Abraham and Thomas Jones; Thomas Collier, whose wife Jane, was a daughter of Robert Jones of Hingham; Benjamin Jones who later married their cousin Bathsheba, daughter of their Uncle Jonathan Bosworth; John and Benjamin Loring;

* The death of the wife of Nicholas' Lobdell, mother of Isaac' and John' Lobdell, is recorded at Hingham: "Goodman Lobdells wife died March 1641."

† Pope in his "Pioneers of Mass.," says John Lobdell married a daughter of Nathaniel Bosworth, but does not give her name. Lincoln, in his "History of Hingham," does the same, but in a footnote gives her name as *Mary*.

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Edward Bunn; Robert Goold whose first wife was a cousin, Mehitable, daughter of their Uncle Benjamin Bosworth; Henry Chamberlain whose daughter Elizabeth married their nephew, John Bosworth, Jr.; and others whose names are closely associated with the history of the Bosworth families of Hull and Hingham, towns only a few miles apart.

Among the abstracts of early wills on record in the county of Suffolk, is found that of Thomas Loring "lately deceased". The inventory was taken June 5, 1662 by William Chamberlain and John Lobdell.

In 1667 Benjamin Bosworth, Abraham Jones and John Lobdell, were a committee to bring to pound all horses found on the neck.

In 1668, in a division of lots on the "north side of the hill" (probably Strawberry Hill), "The first Lott belonging to John Lobdell." (Hull Records)

May 12, 1670, Isaac Lobdell and Martha his wife deed land to John Lobdell; all were "of Hull". This was "a house lott butting southeast on the Bay."

Zachariah Whitman }
Nathaniel Bosworth } Witnesses.
Edward Bunn } (Suffolk Deeds, Liber VI, p. 191)

Oct. 26, 1673, John Lobdell made his will. He died before Nov. 5, 1673, his wife having died previously.

Will of JOHN LOBDELL

In the fear of God amen this 26 of October 1673 know all men y^t I John Lobdell being weake of body But sound in understanding & memory: & desiring to set my House in order: according to the will of God & to dispose of that small part of outward estate which God hath given me: I do make this my last will & testament in manner & form as follows thereby making void all other wills.

To witt after my soul and spirit committed into the hands of God my heavenly father that gave it & my body unto the dust to be decently buried in the hope of a glorious resurrection unto life eternall by Jesus Christ my dear redeemer and Saviour god blessed forever amen

Imprimis: I give and bequeath my house and land all my solid estate to my Two sons John & Nathaniel when they come of age the eldest shall have three Parts & the youngest too upon a proportionable Division: and my desire is y^t they might be brought up [to trade]* at the dispose of my father Bosworth: also

*Illegible but looks like trade.

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I will y^t my eldest Daughter Hannah be brought up with the rent & income of the house & Lands yearly untill my Sons come of age: & then that they equally & a like take the care & charge of her: & the trouble with her, & to provide for her; also I will y^t this my daughter Hannahs keepers shall enjoy the rent & income of the house & land untill my sons be of age although she should decease before y^t time; also I will y^t my Two youngest daughters Sarah & Mercy have & enjoy all my moveable Estate; allowing something thereof for the bringing up of Nathaniel being young also: Finally I earnestly desire & entreat my faithful loving & affectionate father Bosworth & my father Levet to become executors in trust for those my poor children. Thus declaring this to be my last will & testament I do hereunto put my hand & seal

John Lobdell Seal *

This will was proved the 7th of November following.

Filed with the will in the Registry of Probate, Boston, is the following letter:

To the Right
Worshipfull JOHN LEVERET
Governor of the Colony of the Massachusetts
At his House in Boston.

These

Honored and right worshipfull I am bound to troble your Honnor with a few lines in respect to a will made by John Lobdell of Hull whose first wife was my daughter She died and left one child which now of late is growne into a distracted condition Afterward he married Nathanniells Bosworth his daughter She died also and left foure Children more, and now he himselve is dead and hath left a will which will apere before your Honnor wherein he doth desire my brother Nathaniell Bosworth and myself to be executors in trust for the performance thereof

Sir I am aged and live remot and Cannot have that inspection into the estate as one should have so intrusted, and therefore have desired my brother Nathaniell Bosworth to be sole executor who have the Children and estate by him whome I judge will deale faithfully and therefore humbly Crave of your honor that my not apereing in this business may be noe obsticle in the way but that the aforesaid Nathaniell Bosworth may have this business wholly in his owne hands not——but rest Your Honnors to Command and pray that——of health of joy and gladnes may forever be found in your dwelling

Hingham the 5 of 9mo 1673.

John Leavitt

(The missing words above were illegible.)

Inventory taken Nov. 3, 1673 amounted to £229-19-0

* The seal in the red wax shows drawing of a bird with long legs, like a heron or stork. It is perhaps the Lobdell seal.

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Oct. 27, 1675, "Nathaniel Bosworth of Hull, Father in Law & Executor to the Last Will and testam^t of Jno. Lobdell late of Hull deceased", gives to Sampson Shore, a deed of land he bought of John in his lifetime, but had not received the deed.

Acknowledged by Deacon Nathaniel Bosworth.
(Suffolk Deeds Liber IX, p. 314)

CHILDREN of JOHN LOBDELL

By 1st wife Hannah Leavitt

i—HANNAH LOBDELL, b. May 27, 1660; bap. Apr. 23, 1662; d. Jan. 31, 1681-82.

ii—ELIZABETH, b. and bap. Apr. 23, 1662; d. in seven days.

By 2nd wife, SARAH (?) BOSWORTH

95 iii—JOHN⁴ LOBDELL, b. in Hull

96 iv—SARAH⁴ LOBDELL, b. in Hull; prob. m. Elder John Jones, son of Abraham² (*Thomas*¹).

v—BENJAMIN⁴ LOBDELL, bap. in Hingham, May 16, 1669; prob. d. y.; not mentioned in father's will.

97 iv—NATHANIEL⁴ LOBDELL, b. in Hull.

98 vii—MARY⁴ (or Mercy) LOBDELL, b. 1672; d. in Bristol, R. I., Apr. 23, 1757, aged 85 yrs.; prob. m. 1st Joseph Smith; and 2nd Richard Herle.

The four children of the second wife living at their father's death John, Sarah, Nathaniel and Mary, were taken into the home of their grandfather, Deacon Nathaniel Bosworth, and removed with him to Bristol, R. I. What became of the sons, John and Nathaniel I have not been able to discover. The last trace I found of Nathaniel was where they are both mentioned in their Grandfather Bosworth's will. They are not named in their Aunt Mary's will, though the daughters, or their children, are. John appeared in 1703 at Bristol as a witness to his Uncle Joseph Jacob's will and in 1708 made affidavit to the same in Boston.

(See Part I, pages 109, 119-121)

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NATHANIEL³ BOSWORTH, JR, eldest* son of Nathaniel² (*Edward*¹) and Bridget (Bellamy), was born, probably at Hull where his parents resided. He was baptized at Hingham by the Rev. Peter Hobart, July 29, 1649, at the same time as his younger brother, Jeremiah, so was perhaps two years old at the time. Died at Hull, Aug. 25, 1693; married at Plymouth, Dec. 7, 1670, Elizabeth, daughter of Nathaniel and Lydia (Cooper) Morton, born at Plymouth, May 3, 1652. (See note about Nathaniel Morton on the first page of Benjamin Bosworth, Jr.'s history No. 17.)

On March 24, 1673, their son Nathaniel was born at Plymouth, and soon after, on Apr. 6, Elizabeth died. She was buried at Plymouth, and, as stated in the old records kept by her father, she had "an honorable burial the same day as Governor Prince."

Nathaniel married second, Mary, daughter of John and Lettice Morton, of Middleboro, Mass. (John was another son of George Morton, a brother of Nathaniel Morton, so Nathaniel Bosworth's second wife was a cousin of his first.)

Nathaniel was called a "fisherman," or a "mariner." He resided at Hull and did not remove with his father to Bristol.

The first mention we can find of Nathaniel Bosworth, Jr. on the Hull records that we can be sure refers to him, was on *Feb. 1, 1677*, when he in company with his father, his Uncle Benjamin² Bosworth, and several others, were granted the privilege of erecting a "corn-grinding mill," on Duck's Pond, "for the use of this town of Hull."

November 1678, Nathaniel Bosworth Jr., of Hull, on a list of those who had taken the oath of Allegiance. (Boston Records)

May 19, 1680, Nathaniel Bosworth of Hull took the oath of freeman in the New England Colony. (Rec. of Mass. v. 5, p. 539)

Mar. 7, 1680³⁰/₃₁, Nathaniel Bosworth, Jr. is mentioned in company with his father, his two brothers, Joseph and John,

*We know Nathaniel was the eldest, as his father calls him so in his will.

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and several others, as owning "One 16th part of a Corn Mill and Saw Mill now built at Straits pond." (See his father's history Part I p. 101)

Oct. 23, 1682. The following transaction is recorded in the old books of Hull. "Know all men by these presents that I Benjamin Bosworth senior have sould unto nathaniel bosworth Junior all my rite on all the Islands called Brewster Island witness my hand."

June 6, 1689. An inquest held at Boston on the body of John Paige, drowned at Hull, was made "by information of Nathaniel Bosworth and John Bosworth being the persons who took him out of the water by Bird Iland." (Mass. Archives, Vol. 107)

Mar. 15, 1689-90, Deacon Nathaniel² Bosworth of Bristol, father of Nathaniel³ Jr., of Hull, made his will in which he bequeathed "to my *eldest* son Nathaniel Bosworth my owne Dwelling-house and all that lot it standeth on scittuate in y^e Towne of Hull . . . together with y^e third of all my other Lands . . . at Hull and also one third p^t of my land at Pettucks Island and all that which was mine at Brewster Island and Slatte Island and also one third part of all my stock at Hull afores^d that is to say Cattle Sheep and Swine and Cart tackling . . . and further I give unto him one third of the well and halph y^e Malt house. And my will is that in the Division of Lands and Cattle Nathaniel shall have five pounds more than either John or Joseph." (See Part I, p. 108)

Mar. 16, 1692, Nathaniel and John Bosworth were appointed assessors to attend to "all orders conserning cattle horses and swine for the year ensuing." (Hull Records)

"*March the 6, 1693,* nathaniel bosworth and Joseph bosworth chosen selekt men for the year." (Hull Records)

Apr. 26, 1693, Joseph How and wife Elizabeth, formerly wife of Edward Bunn, sold to John and Benjamin Loring, "All that certain ffarm in the present tenure and occupation of Nathaniel Bosworth of Hull afores^d. Marrin^r." etc.; also two acres "bounded northwest by land of Nathaniel Bosworth southeast by the broad bay."

(Boston Deeds, Bk. 16, p. 167)

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Apr. 26, 1693, Land was sold on which Nathaniel Bosworth of Hull, "Mariner" was living.

In August 1693 a tragedy occurred. An epidemic of some sort was prevalent in Hull, and five of this family were swept away in a brief period. First Samuel, Nathaniel's fourth child, then a lad of thirteen, died on August 9th. The death of Elizabeth, the eldest daughter, aged seventeen, occurred on August 11th, and the death of John, aged fifteen, followed on August 20th. Nathaniel, the father of the family, then aged about 45 or 46, died on August 25th, and on August 30th, his eldest son, Nathaniel, died, aged twenty, only child of his first wife.

Mary, the second wife, now a widow, having lost besides her husband and step-son, her own two elder sons and her eldest daughter, was left with six little children, the eldest a girl of eleven, and the youngest a babe of two months. Nevertheless, she seems to have taken up the battle of life bravely and succeeded in rearing the six to manhood and womanhood, the only one who died early being the youngest, a son Jeremiah, who died at eighteen. Her husband left her quite a property, which she seems to have managed wisely and the name of "Widow Bosworth" is found frequently on the records.

As noted above, Nathaniel Bosworth of Hull, "Fisher-man," died in August, 1693, and "Letters of Administration were granted to Mary Relict widow." Sept. 11, 1693, inventory on his estate was made by Robert Goold and Henry Chamberlain. Mary Bosworth, "Administratrix," presented the inventory and made oath to the same, Dec. 7, 1693. Signed by Wm. Stoughton, "Commissioner for Suffolk Co., Province of Massachusetts Bay in New England."

It was as follows:

	£	
His wearing cloaths 10£ money 15 ^s Books 1£ 7 ^s	..12	2
Three feather beds and furniture13	
A Musquet Sword Bandeleers & fowling piece 2	10
3 Chests 18 ^s Pewter 1£ 8 ^s 2	6

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A brass kettle and warming pan 3	2
Iron pots & kettles Tramel and irons & frying pan 2	7
Wooden lumber 2£ 10 ^s provisions for present use 2£ . . . . .	.. 4	10
Housing £50 one house Lott 20£ . . . . .	.. 70	
one Lott at Point Alderton . . . . .	.. 7	
Outlands on the Islands 34£ meadow 11£ 10 ^s . . . . .	.. 45	10
2 pieces of Land and meadow at Freetown . . . . .	.. 10	
Neat Cattle 8£ sheep 3£ one horse 1£ 10 ^s . . . . .	.. 12	10
Swine 2£ 14 ^s a sixteenth part of a mill 8£ . . . . .	.. 10	14
——— a Sloop 30£ Barley in the Barne 20£ . . . . .	.. 50	
A crop of Indian Corn on the ground . . . . .	.. 5	
Woolen Cloth 4£ Sheeps Wool 1£ . . . . .	.. 5	
Iron Tooles . . . . .	.. 1	

Dated Sept. 11, 1693.

The following is found on the old record books of Hull:
 “27 february ¹⁷⁰⁰/₁₆₉₉ the comety that layd out the second
 devishon mad report at the meeting that the land was very
 unequall for goodnes and thare for they had layd out the
 lotes that were good ground the less and the land that was not
 so good the bigger and upon that consider ashion the pro-
 priatos did agree that it should be aloud in a generall way and
 the lotes began at the north est end of the outer Island.

- 1-2 Mr. Whitman bounded with the sea on the north est and south and
 on the west with the wido bosworth land.
- 3- wido bosworth bounded with Mr. Whitman on the est and on the
 north and south with the sea and beniaman vicrey on the west.
- 4- beniaman vicrey bounded with the land of wido bosworth on the est
 and on the north and south with the sea and with the land of the
 wido bosworth on the west.
- 5- wido bosworth
- 6- leftenant goold
- 7- wido bosworth
- 8- henery chamberling
- 9- leftenant goold
- 10- wido bosworth ” and three others, all bounded with the
 sea on the north and south.

Also the following, though giving only the lots assigned to Mary, the
 widow of Nathaniel Bosworth, Jr.:

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Acknowledged Mar. 3, 1725 by Lemuel and Joseph Bosworth and Mary Dill.

Witnesses	Signed
John Loring	Lemuel Bosworth and a seal
Thomas Jones	Joseph Bosworth and a seal
	John Dill and a seal
	Mary Dill her X mark and a seal
	Edward Southworth and a seal
	Bridget Southworth her B mark and a seal

Recorded Aug. 30, 1760.

June 18, 1722, "Widow Bosworth's" land mentioned in the bounds of land at Brewster Isl., also another lot at "the Great Brewsters." This was in a deed of gift, by the Rev. Zachariah Whitman, the first pastor of the church at Hull, to his daughter "Sarah Gold."

Mary Morton, widow of Nathaniel Bosworth, Jr. of Hull, died there Oct. 26, 1726.

CHILDREN

of Nathaniel³ Bosworth, Jr.

born at Plymouth, Mass., by first wife Elizabeth Morton

99 i—NATHANIEL⁴, b. Mar. 24, 1673; d. Aug. 30, 1693.

born at Hull, Mass., by second wife Mary Morton

100 ii—ELIZABETH⁴, b. Nov. 24, 1676; d. Aug. 11, 1693.

101 iii—JOHN⁴, b. June 7, 1678; d. Aug. 20, 1693.

102 iv—SAMUEL⁴, b. Feb. 16, 1680; d. Aug. 9, 1693.

103 + v—MARY⁴, b. June 7, 1682; m. John Dill.

104 + vi—EPHRAIM⁴, b. Sept. 24, 1684; d. 1760; m. Mary Jones.

105 + vii—LEMUEL⁴, b. Oct. 15, 1686; d. July 1, 1749; m. Mary Jones.

106 + viii—JOSEPH⁴, b. July 10, 1687; d. after Jan. 1728; m. Mary Evans.

107 + ix—BRIDGET⁴, b. June 2, 1691; m. Edward Southworth.

108 x—JEREMIAH⁴, b. June 4, 1693; d.———, 1711, aged 18 years.

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JEREMIAH³ BOSWORTH, second son of Nathaniel² (*Edward*¹) and Bridget (Bellamy), born in Hull, baptized in Hingham, by Rev. Peter Hobart, July 29, 1649, on the same day as his older brother, Nathaniel, Jr., and died in Bristol, unm. Mar. 19, 1717.*

On Dec. 25, 1708, "Jerom." (or Jerem.) Bosworth of Bristol, husbandmen, sold to his brother, Bellamy, for 100 pounds, 9 acres of upland and salt marsh, which was bounded northerly with his cousin Benjamin Jones' land. There was "within the said boundaries One acer excepted which was given to the said Belamy Bosworth by his father Decon Nath^l Bosworth Together with part of the buildings thereon."

Signed the marke of
Jerom + Bosworth

(Taunton Deeds Bk. 7, p. 635)

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HANNAH³ BOSWORTH, second daughter of Nathaniel² (*Edward*¹) and Bridget (Bellamy), born in Hull, Mass., Apr. 30, 1650, baptized at Hingham, by Rev. Peter Hobart, July 16, 1650; died after 1722; married at Hull about 1670, JOSEPH JACOB, son of Nicholas and Mary (Gilman ?) Jacob, born at Hingham, May 1, 1646; died at Bristol, R. I., Feb. 9, 1708.

Hannah lived with her parents at Hull until her marriage, then went to her husband's home at Hingham. Deacon Nathaniel Bosworth removed, with a part of his family, to Bristol, then in Mass., now in R. I., about 1683, and Joseph Jacob, with his family, followed soon.

Joseph Jacob was a freeman of Hingham in 1680; he had a lot of land near Great Hill, and four shares in the division of lands in 1670. He was a carpenter by trade. He was probably

*This should be 1717-18, for his brother Bellamy died Mar. 16, 1717-18, having made his will three days previous, in which his brother Jerome (Jeremiah) was remembered.

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a soldier in the war, in 1675 and 76, for in "Soldiers in King Philip's War," page 368, under "Soldier's wages paid to families at home," is this item, dated Hull, Aug. 24, 1676: "John Jacobs per Nathaniel Bosworth, two pounds." This is no doubt Joseph Jacob, though an error was made in writing his name, for the money was paid to Hannah's father evidently for her.

Joseph Jacob made his will May 26, 1703, dated at Bristol. One of the witnesses, John Lobdell, was probably Hannah's nephew, son of her older sister, who had been brought up by his grandfather at Bristol. The will was probated at Boston, Apr. 22, 1708, where John Lobdell made affidavit that he saw Joseph Jacob sign; and at Bristol, May 5, 1708, John Cary, another witness, made affidavit to the same. Although Joseph and Hannah had a family of six children, only one of them, a son Nathaniel, lived to share in his father's estate.

JOSEPH JACOB'S WILL.

In the Name and Fear of God, Amen.

I, Joseph Jacob of Bristoll in the County of Bristoll in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England, Carpenter being some Indisposition of Body and Remembering that it is appointed for all Men once to Dye I do (being of perfect mind and memory) make and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament which is in manner and form following; And first and principally I give and freely bequeath my soule into the hands of God who Gave it me and for my Body I Comment it to the earth to be decently buried according to the Discretion of my surviving friends And as Touching such Wordly Goods and Temporall Estate where with God hath been pleased of his Mercey to Bless me in this life I give Devise bequeath and Dispose the same in manner and form following.

Imprimo my will is that all my Just Debts and ffuneral charges be full discharged payd and satisfied by my executrix hereinafter named in convenient time after my Deceased.

First I give and bequeath unto my Loveing wife Hannah my whole estate both Reall and personall that I shall Dy Possessed of or that shall be Lawfully Due oweing or belonging to me from any person whatsoever or by anyway or means whatsoever to be at her onely and absolute Dispose and for her use for and Dureing her Naturall Life.

Secondly after the Decease of Hannah my said wife It is my will and I do hereby give bequeath and bestow upon Nathan'l Jacob my onely surviving son All that estate his mother my said wife Hannah shall dye Possessed of ether Real or Personall to him his heires and Assignes forever Provided

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allwayes that my said son Carry it well to his mother my s'd wife Hannah and shall not greave her but contrary wise shall be a Comfort and support to her in her old age. And of this my Will I make and ordain my beloved wife Hannah my full and whole executrix and I do hereby utterly Disallow, Revoke, and Annull All and every other former Testaments Wills Legacies, bequests and executors by me in any wise before this time named willed and bequeathed Rattifyeing this and none but this to be my last Will and Testament.

In Witness whereof I s'd Joseph Jacob have hereunto sett my hand and seal the 26th day of May in the year of our Lord one Thousand seven Hundred and three and in the second year of the Reign of our Sovereig Lady Anne Queen of England.

Joseph Jacob (S)

Signed sealed published and declared to be the Last Will and Testament of ye above named Joseph Jacob before us witnesses vizt.

John Lobdill	Suffolk SS Boston 22 Aprill
William Gillman	1708 John Lobdill
John Cary	One of ye witnesses

to ye within written will personally appearing made Oath yt he saw the within named Testator Joseph Jacob signe and seale and heard him publish and Declare the within written to be his last Will and Testament he being then of sound Disposeing mind and memory to this deponants best discerning and that the depon't subscribed his name as a witness of the execution thereof in the said Testators presence.

Bristol SS Bristol May ye 5th 1708.
Jurat Cor. Isaac Addington J. Probt.

John Cary one of the witnesses of the above written will of Joseph Jacob Deceased, Before ye Honorable Natha'l Byfield Esq. Judge of Probate of Wills etc., within the County of Bristoll Made Oath that he see the Testator above named signe seale and publish the above written will to be his last Will and Testament and that he was of a Disposing mind to the best of his deponants discerning and that he set his hand as witness to ye same.

Jurat Cor Natha'l Byfield.
John Cary Reg'e

Entered May ye 12; 1708 By John Cary Register.
(Taunton Probate, Bk. 2, p. 202)

Joseph Jacobs—Inventory.

An Inventory of the Estate both Reall and personall of Mr. Joseph Jacobs late of Bristoll Deceased taken by Us the subscribers March the second day, Anno Domini 170 $\frac{7}{8}$

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Imp'es his wearing apparrill Linnin and Woolen,		
	£	s. d.
Hatts, Shoes, Stockens	014.	00. .00
His plate, Tumbler, Drain cup and five spoons	006.	17. .00
His Bookes	001.	18. .00
his Armes and Aminition	005.	00. .00
One Bed bedstead and furniture	011.	10. .00
	£	s. d.
12 Chaires 2. .16. .0 and chest and other things		
10s. all	003.	06. .00
	£	s. d. s.
9 Chaires and Cushens 1. .07. .00 A Table 50		
	s.	
Looking Glass 6.	004.	03. .00
	s.	£
A Chest of Drawers 12. .13 pairs of sheets 7		
s. d.		
16. .0	008.	08. .00
	£	
One Bed, Bedstead & Furniture 20 and		
s.		
Chest 8	020.	08. .00
Three pair of Anirons, 2 pair of Trammels		
2 pair of Tonges and 3 fire shovels 2 pots and 2 pott hooks	005.	12. .00
	£	
Brass Kettles, Skilletts and Iron Kettles 9 box and heatters		
and Gridiron 10	009.	10. .00
One warming Pann, 2 frying Pans, 5 Candlesticks and Spit	002.	05. .00
Pewter of all sorts and Tinn vessells	6.	0. .0
earthen ware and Drinking Vessells	007.	10. .00
Glass bottles and jugs 16 one Chest four Chaires, 2 tables		
etc 34	002.	10. .00
Bed & Chaires & Table in the west chamber	016.	00. .00
One bed and beding, napkins, table cloathes etc in the east		
chamber	009.	00. .00
Graine, old Caske, Cheese, Chaines, fethers etc. in the Garret	008.	00. .00
Two smal beds and covering Meal & Baggs, meat and barrels		
20 lbs of flax and other things in the Leanto Chamber	016.	00. .00
Cider meat Barrills and sundry things in the Cellars	016.	00. .00
Cart wheels, yoakes, chaines plowes and Carpenters tools		
Grind stone and two hive of Bees	015.	00. .00
	£	
Eighty sheep at 7 p'r score 28; 2 oxen: 5 cows 4 two year old		
6 yearlings	063.	00. .00
	£	s.
Horsse Bridle and Sadle 18 2 piggs 20	019.	00. .00
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	247.	17. .00

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REAL ESTATE.	£	s.	d.
Forty three acres by George Mooreyes	86.	00.	00
One acre of meadow on the east side the neck	05.	00.	00
the farm house and barn 30 acres of upland 15 acres of meadow	300.	00.	00
Three ten acre lotts in Town	120.	00.	00
two acres of land, house and barn	200.	00.	00
Two Commonages	010.	00.	00
	721..00..00		
	£	s.	d.
Real Estate	721.	00.	00
Personal	247.	17.	00
	968..17..00		

John Cary
 Belamy Bosworth } Prisers
 John Thrope

Bristol SS In Bristol May the 5th 1708 Mrs. Hannah Jacob widow executrix of the last Will and Testament of her late husband Mr. Joseph Jacob Deceased Before Natha'l Byfield Esq'r Judge of Probate etc. within the County of Bristol made oath that the within written Inventory contains the whole of ye estate which the s'd Deceased Dyed seized of and is come to her knowledge and when she knowes of any more she will Reveal it that it may be of Record.

John Cary Reg'r Jur'rt Coram Natha'l Byfield. Entered May ye 14th 1708
 By John Cary Register. (Taunton Probate, Bk. 2, p. 203)

Nov. 6, 1713. After Joseph's death, Hannah and the son Nathaniel continued to reside at Bristol, probably on a farm, and on "this Sixth day of November in the Twelfth year of her Majesties Reign Anne Queen of Great Britain &c. Annoqr Domini seventeen hundred and thirteen", Hannah and Nathaniel sold to "Edward Bosworth Junr." of Bristol husbandman, for forty pounds, 13½ acres of land in Bristol. This land was bounded on the west by "the land of Edward Bosworth Senr."

NOTE: The "Edward Bosworth Senr." just mentioned was Edward³, son of Nathaniel², while the "Edward Bosworth Junr." was the son of John³, but living in the same town with his Uncle Edward, the term "Junr." was used to designate which one was being mentioned.

Mar. 11, 1713-14, "Mr. Natha¹ Jacob & M^{rs} Hannah Jacob his mother personally appeared" and acknowledged their

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signatures to the above deed. (Taunton Deeds Bk. 8, p. 233) *May 21, 1719* "Hannah Jacobs widow and Relict of M^r. Joseph Jacobs . . . and Nath^l Jacobs of Bristol cooper," for £90, sold 9 acres 22 rods of land in Bristol to John Bosworth of Bristol, yeoman, Hannah's brother. (Taunton Deeds Bk. 14, p. 421)

CHILDREN

of Joseph and Hannah (Bosworth) Jacob
all born in Hingham, Mass.

- i—JOSEPH⁴ JACOB, b. June 27, 1672; d. y.
109 ii—JOSEPH⁴ JACOB, b. Apr. 10, 1675; d. Nov. 1, 1703.*
iii—BENJAMIN⁴ JACOB, b. June 27, 1677; d. y.
110 iv—BENJAMIN⁴ JACOB, b. Apr. 10, 1680; d. Aug. 17, 1703.*
111 v—NATHANIEL⁴ JACOB, b. June 29, 1683; m. in Hull, Mass., Mercy Whitman, dau. of Rev. Zachariah and Sarah (Alcock) Whitman who d. at Thompson, Conn., Feb. 21, 1774. They had 9 ch., their second son being Benjamin⁵ Jacob, who m. (1) Huldah Bosworth, dau. of Nathaniel⁴ and Margaret (Williams); (2) in 1750, Dorothy Arnold. Nathaniel⁴ Jacob was one of the first settlers of Thompson.
112 vi—MARY⁴ JACOB, b. Sept. 16, 1686; d. Mar. 22, 1696

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JOSEPH³ BOSWORTH, third son of Nathaniel² (*Edward*¹) and Bridget (Bellamy), born in Hull, baptized in Hingham, Mass., by the Rev. Peter Hobart, June 6, 1652†; died at sea sometime previous to Jan. 1710; married about 1698, Mrs. ELIZABETH (DORBY) MILLER, widow of Capt. Paul Miller‡. Elizabeth died in Hull, Oct. 30, 1706. Joseph lived at Hull, was a "mariner", and known as "Capt. Joseph Bosworth," perhaps was in command of a merchant ship.

On Mar. 9, 1673-4, in "Charges of the town of Hull for Beacon, Watch House, &c." Joseph Bosworth is credited

* There is something wrong about these dates, for in May 1703, when the father made his will, he distinctly states that Nathaniel was his "only son." However they are so given in the Bristol records in Arnold's "Vit. Rec. of R. I." I am indebted to "Colonial Families of the U. S." for some of the above data.

† See note on Joseph³, son of Jonathan² No. 15.

‡ According to the Binney MS in the N. E. Hist. Gen. Society Library, Boston, Margaret Miller, daughter of Elizabeth by her first husband, married a Joseph Binney.

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with five days service. (N. E. Hist. Reg. Vol. 16, p. 44) It is probable that Joseph was then about 22 or 23 years old.

In November 1678, Joseph Bosworth of Hull on list of those who had taken the oath of Allegiance. (Boston Records)

On a list of Freemen of the New England Colony is found the name "Jose Bosworth of Hull." Took oath May 19, 1680.

(Records of Mass. Vol. 5, p. 539).

Mar. 7, 1680-81, Joseph, with his father, two brothers and others of Hull, bought shares in a "Corn Mill & Saw Mill" at Straits pond; his share one-sixteenth. (See Part I, p. 101)

Mar. 18, 1685-6, Joseph Bosworth "of y^e Towne of Hull in y^e Collony of y^e Massachusetts in New England", bought of Noah Floyd "of Swanzey One full halph part of a Ten Acre Lott of Salt Marsh or Meadow which was a Common Lott & fell to Cap^t. Willett Dece^d. by Agreement which said Lott of Meadow is scituate in y^e Towneship of Bristol in y^e Collony of New Plym^o. afores^d. y^e whole Ten Acre Lott is bounded as by y^e Twenty sixth page of y^e Booke of Records p^rteining to y^e Proprietors of y^e Lands of Poponomscut & parts adjacent may appear."

(Taunton Deeds, v. 1, p. 109)

"*March: the 6: 1693* nathaniel bosworth and Joseph bosworth chosen selekt men for the year." (Hull Records)

On Jan. 27, 1698, Joseph Bosworth "and Elizabeth his wife formerly the Relect widow of Paul Miller sometime of Boston Mariner deceased intestate", as Administratrix on her husband's estate sold a small piece of land on a "long lane called Atkinsons Lane being at the southerly end of the town of Boston." It was sold for ten pounds to Jeremiah Dummer of Boston.

NOTE: This deed was witnessed by "Bridget Phillips" whom I conclude was the youngest sister of Joseph, who it seems very probable had married Joseph Phillips of Boston.

May 7, 1700, Joseph Bosworth, mariner of Hull, sold to James Phippen, also of Hull, 24 rods of land on Marsh Lane.

(Boston Deeds Bk. 19, p. 357)

At a Town Meeting held in Hull on the first Monday of March 1701, Joseph was chosen constable. (Hull Records)

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Oct. 2, 1708, John and Jane Loring of Hull sold land to Benj. Loring of Hull, a "house and land and half a barn butting Northeast and Southeast on Joseph Bosworth Northwest on John Prince and Southwest on the Town Street."

(Boston Deeds, Bk. 24, p. 209)

Joseph having some time previously died at sea, on Jan. 9, 1710, his brother John Bosworth of Bristol, Mass. (now R. I.), was granted letters of administration on the estate "of your brother Joseph Bosworth late of Hull in county of Suffolk Mariner deceased . . . lately dyed at Sea Intestate." His inventory was taken at Hull Jan. 10, 1711, by Joseph Lobdell and Isaac Prince. It totaled £193 . . 5 . . , and included 8½ acres of land and meadow

	£		£
with commons priced at . . .	106 . . 6 . .	The house & orchard	30 . .
Books & wearing Cloaths . . .	6 . . 16 . .	16 yds New Cloth . . .	2 . .
16 sheep & 2 cows . . .	11 . . 4 . .	To half a barn . . .	12 . .
Household utensils &c. &c.			

Mar. 19, 1713, Inventory sworn to by John Bosworth, adm. On the same day he presented his account to the Court in Boston. Among other charges was one for £20 to pay the cost of prosecuting a suit against Eliezer Darby and £18 . . 5 . . to pay Eliezer Darby

"in full of a Judgm^t of Court and cost of suit". A memoranda was attached as follows: "Ephraim Bosworth (having declared his unwillingness to contest the suit brought by the sd. Darby agt. y^e sd. John Bosworth adm.) is to pay no part of the above charge of £20."

July 25, 1730, a lot of land at "Pettocks or Pettix Iland" was described as bounded "Southwest upon the Land formerly Joseph Bosworths."

(Boston Deeds Bk. 46, p. 183)

As far as could be ascertained Joseph had no children.

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BELLAMY³ BOSWORTH, fourth son of Nathaniel² (*Edward*¹) and Bridget (Bellamy), born in Hull, Mass., baptized at Hingham, Nov. 19, 1654; died at Bristol, R. I., Mar. 16, 1717/18, in his 64th year; married at Rehoboth, Mass., Nov. 11, 1685, MARY SMITH, daughter of Daniel and Esther (Chickering) Smith, born at Rehoboth, Aug. 13, 1666; died at Bristol, Apr. 20, 1740, aged 73 years.

NOTE: Mary was a younger sister of Esther Smith who married Joseph³ Bosworth, (son of Jonathan), a cousin of Bellamy. See No. 15 and note on Esther's ancestry.

Bellamy lived with his parents at Hull, then when nearly thirty, removed with them to Bristol, (then in Mass., now in R. I.), about 1683. Before leaving Hull, he had taken the "oath of Allegiance", in November 1678. The first mention of Bellamy found on the Bristol records was on

Dec. 17, 1688. Entered "Bellermine Bosworth his ear mark for swine Horses and neat Cattell is a slitt on the upper side of the farr ear Slooping downward."

Feb. 11, 1688/9, a census was taken in Bristol, and Bellamy Bosworth, wife, two children and no servants were entered.

In the will of Nathaniel Bosworth, father of Bellamy, dated Mar. 15, 1689/90, proved Nov. 20, 1690, is the following:

"Secondly—I bequeath unto my son Bellamy that Land his house standeth on with ye Garden and Cowyard as it now is and three quarters of an Acre next ye Orchard fence and halph my Ten-acre Lott now improved the Wester most end thereof he allowing Jeremy the use of ye Water if need so require. I also give and bequeath to Bellamy my son my twenty acre Lott scittuate lying and being in Bristol afores'd and joyning to ye Lands of Samuel Gallop to ye north and to ye Land of John Wilkings on ye South, further I give and bequeath to him my son Bellamy, my three-acre Lott scittuate in Bristol afores'd and lying between Major Church his land and an Highway running East and West neerest together with all my meadow lying on ye south side of ye Creek as also one third part of Poppysquash

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Lott and ye rest of ye Commons on ye Neck with ye north end of my Barne but not ye Cow house and my Will is that Jeremy and Bellamy allow Edward towards his building thirty shillings in work apiece."

It is said that Nathaniel, the father, built a spacious mansion for those days on the corner of Hope and Oliver streets, in Bristol, for Bellamy on the occasion of his marriage, and this was occupied by his descendants for many generations, but was demolished in 1894, and the large square bricks of the hearthstone (made in England), were distributed to the descendants.

Dec. 17, 1692, Jeremiah and "Belarmy" Bosworth, both of Bristol, yeomen, buy land of Stephen Burton and Elizabeth his wife, a 2 acre lot in Bristol on road to Swanzey, bounded on the east "by Salt meadow land late in the possession of Nath'l Bosworth Deceased" for 10 pounds. Annoqu'r & Reginae Guliet et Marie Ang. Gret. Fran. & Hibernia Quarto." (Taunton Deeds, Bk. 4, p. 126)

July 6, 1696, Bellamy Bosworth and wife Mary were received into the Congregational Church of Bristol.

July 10, 1697, Bellamy Bosworth, yeoman of Bristol, buys land in Bristol of Dan Throope for 14 pounds, one acre bounded on the north by Bellamy's land. (Taunton Deeds, Bk. 4, p. 129)

Nov. 4, 1697 Bellamy buys for 24 pounds of Wm. Throope, 12 acres in Bristol formerly belonging to Nath. Paine, "in the Nineth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord William the Third King of England" etc. (Taunton Deeds, Bk. 4, p. 127) On the same date, Bellamy Bosworth and Mary his wife deed a triangular piece of land in Bristol, bounded southerly by a street, N. W. erly by Thames St. N. E. erly by Hope St., for 50 shillings "Currant silver money", to Dan Throope.

Ack. Apr. 3, 1699.

(Taunton Deeds, Bk. 3, p. 16)

Signed { Bellamy Bosworth
Mary Bosworth

Apr. 5, 1700, Bellamy buys of Edward Bosworth of Bristol (his brother), yeoman, for 18 pounds "silver money", 4 acres of "Marsh or salt meadow" bounded on the "west by the Upland of me the said Edward Bosworth", and east "by the River running up to Kickamuet."

(Taunton Deeds Bk. 4, p. 130).

May 11, 1702, "Bellamy Bosworth entered A yearling Mare Colt, of A light Bay Coller flaxen Main & taylor with a Little Star in the forehead with a Slit in the Right ear ye fore part thereof."

NOTE: The above is taken from one of the old books described on p. 118 of Part I, the same in which the record of births was kept, but turning the leaves in an opposite direction. It included the record of the stock owned

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by the various inhabitants of the town with the marks branded on each. This takes up about half the book. It includes also names and dates of sailing of various schooners shipping from Bristol, with record of their cargoes of horses with their different marks; also the record of sales of stock and how marked. This is the same book from which was taken "Dacon Bossworth his eare marke" which is pictured on p. 106 of Part I.

Apr. 14, 1703, Bellamy, for 12£, buys of "Jerom" Bosworth (prob. meant for "Jerem", meaning Jeremiah) "5 a. of Upland and Swamp, in Bristol . . . being the one half of a ten acre lott which my hon^d ffather Deacon Natha^l Bosworth gave to me in his last will . . . bounded Easterly the Highway and westerly the land of Bellamy Bosworth." . . . "& in the Second year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lady Anne the first of England Scotland ffrance and Ireland Queen Defender of the faith &c."

ye mark
(Signed) Jerom X Bosworth seal

Dec. 25, 1708, Bellamy buys of Jeremiah, nine acres of land in Bristol, for 100 pounds, and on the same date gives a bond of 200 pounds "Current Silver money" to Jeremiah, "husbandman of Bristol". "The condition of this obligation is such that if the above bounden Belomy Bosworth or his heirs executors or Administ^{rs} defend and Provide for the above named Jerem Bosworth During his naturall life Meats Drinks Cloathing washing & Lodging and all other Necessaryes for his comfortable subsistance & Tendance and Phizick in sickness or weakness & after his Decease to bestow on his body a Decent Christian burial Then this obligation to be voyd & of none effect or elce to stand abide and Remain in full force power & vertue &c."

(Signed) the mark of
Belomy Belom Bosworth

(For the first deed, see Jeremiah³ Bosworth, No. 21)

As stated above, Bellamy Bosworth died Mar. 16, 1717/18. He had made his will three days previously which was as follows:

WILL OF BELOMY BOSWORTH OF BRISTOL

In the Name of God Amen Upon the Thirteenth Day of March in the fourth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord King George over great Britain &c Annoque Domini 1717-18 I Bellemy Bosworth of Bristoll in the County of Bristoll in his majesties Province of the Massachussets Bay in Newengland Yeoman being sick and weak in body but in perfect mind and memory thanks be given to Almighty God for the Same Calling to mind the mortality of my body and that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and Testament that is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of god that gave it and my body I recommend to the Earth to be buried in Decent manner att the Discretion of my Executrix Nothing Doubting but att the

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Generall Resurrection I shall receive the same by the Power of Almighty God: And as touching such wordly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this Life I give Demise and Dispose of the Same in manner and form following

Imprs. I give and bequeath Unto my beloved Wife Mary Bosworth the whole Use and Improvement of my Dwelling house and Barn and all my home Lott both Upland and Meadow the whole Containing about Ten acres be it more or less with all the buildings thereon for and During her Natural Life: Likewise I give and bequeath unto my sd beloved wife all my Stock and Moveables of all sorts both within Door and without to be att her whole & Sole Dispose in her Life time or att her Death

Item I give and bequeath to my Eldest Son Benjamin Bosworth all my fourty Acres of Land be it more or less Known by the Name of the Twenty Acre Lotts: Likewise I give and bequeath unto my said son Benjamin Bosworth all the rest of my Lands and Meadows in said Bristoll or elsewhere that is not otherwise Disposed of in this my last will to be and remain to him and his heirs or assigns forever—

Item I give and bequeath Unto my Son Nathaniel Bosworth all that Lott of Land Containing four acres be it more or Less on which his house standeth with all the Salt Marsh and Creek thatch beds Lying on the southeast side of the Creek as also my Ten Acre Lott of Land Lying with Coll^a Pains Land in said Bristoll all which Land Meadow & the housing I give to my sd son Nathaniel & to his heirs & assigns forever

Item I give and bequeath Unto my Three Daughters Bridget Hester and Mary Three hundred pounds that is to say to each of my said Daughters One hundred pounds in Such Money as shall pass from man to man in this province to be paid unto them and to each of them by my Son Benjamin within one Year after my Decease.

Item I give and bequeath Unto my eldest Son Benjamin Bosworth the Reversion of my Homestead (vizt) that after the decease of my wife then the Lands and Houseing above expressed (the Use and Improvement whereof I have given to my wife During her Natural Life) Shall be and belong to my sd Son Benjamin and to his heirs and assigns forever—

Item My Will is that If my Brother Jerome Bosworth shall outlive me* that then he Shall be Comfortably and Conveniently Maintained by my Eldest son Benjamin Bosworth his heirs or administrator During his Naturall Life and be Decently buried according to the Tenour of a bond under my hand and seal for that Intent—

Item My will is that my beloved wife Mary Bosworth be the Sole Executrix of this my last will & Testament & to pay all my Lawfull Debts and to Receive my Dues and I do hereby Utterly Disallow

*He only lived three days after Bellamy's death.

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Revoke and make void all other Wills Legacies and bequests and Executors by me heretofore Named or made by word or wrighting Ratifying & confirming this and no other to be my last will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the Day and Year first above written

Belomy Bosworth (Seal)

Signed Sealed published pronounced & Declared
by the sd Bellamy Bosworth to be his last
Will & Testament In presence of us subscribers
W^m Throope
Nath^l Jacobs
Samuel Howland

Bristol ss. Aprill the 23^d 1718 then
before the Hon^{able} Nathal Paine
esq^e Judge of Probate of wills &
within the County of Bristol Came
the witnesses of the last will and
Testament of Mr Belomy Bos-
worth and made Oath that they
were present & did see and hear
him the said Belomy Bosworth
sign & seal Publish and Declare the
same to be his last will and Testa-
ment & that he was of a Disspose-
ing mind when he so did

John Cary Reg^r

Nath^l Paine—

Belomy Bosworth will recorded
in the 3^d book Folio 406: 407
Aprill 24th 1718 By John Cary Regist^r

His widow, Mary, lived for over twenty years after his death and on Apr. 2, 1735, made her will which was as follows:

WILL OF MARY BOSWORTH, WIDOW OF BELLAMY

In the Name of God Amen, this Second Day of Aprill in the Eighth year of his Maj^s Reign AD 1735 I Mary Bosworth of Bristol in the County of Bristol in Newengland widow being Infirm of Body but of a Sound and Disposing mind Calling to mind my mortality and that it is appointed for men once to die do make this my last Will & Testament In the following Manner and first of all I give & Recommend my Soule to God that gave it and my Body to the Earth to be decently Buried at the Discretion of my Executor herein after named Hoping for the Pardon of all my Sins for the

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Sake of Jesus Christ and as to my Wordly Goods I give and bestow the same in the following manner: Imp^{ns} my will is that my Just Debts & funerall Charges be paid—

Item I give and bequeath to my Two Sons & to my Two Daughters and my three grand Children Sons of my Daughter Ester dec^d all that money or Bills of publick Credit which is due to me from my Son Benjamin Bosworth By Bond: That is to say one Fifth part thereof to my s^d Son Benjamin and one fifth part thereof to my Son Nathaniel Bosworth and one fifth part thereof to my Daughter Bridget and one fifth part thereof to my Daughter Mary and one fifth part thereof to my Three grandsons John Papillon, Sam^l Papillon & Peter Papillon sons of Obadiah Papillon & his wife Esther my aforesaid Daughter Dec^d: equally among them.

Item I give and bequeath to my grand Daughter Bridget Bosworth (Daughter of my son Nathaniel) my best Bed and Furniture viz^t my White Curtains my Counterpin with Two good Blankets and Two goods Sheets with the Beadstead under Bead Bolster & Bolster Cases Pillows & Pillowbiers thereto belonging.

Item I give to my sd grand Daughter Bridget one platter of y^e Lessor sort and my best Bason and my hand Irons fire shovell or slice and Tongs in the Room where I Live.

Item I give and bequeath all the rest of my Estate of what Denomination soever or wheresoever unto my Two Daughters and Three Grandsons aforesaid (viz^t) unto my Daughter Bridget one third part thereof and to my Daughter Mary one third part thereof and the other third part thereof to my afores^d three grandsons John Sam^l & Peter Papillon to be Equally Divided among them and I do hereby Nominate ordain & appoint my son Nath^l Bosworth to be my Executor to this my last Will and Testament hereby Ratifying & Confirming this & no other to be my last will & Testament as Witness my hand & seal hereto set the Day and year first within written—

Signed Sealed published & Declared
by y^e s^d Mary Bosworth as her
last will & Testament In presence
of us Witnesses—

William Glading Junr
Jonathan Glading
Sam^l Howland



Mary, widow of Bellamy Bosworth, died at Bristol, Apr. 20, 1740, aged 73 years, and on June 17, 1740, Nathaniel, her son as executor of her will gave bonds for 500 pounds to Nathaniel Blagrove Esqr. Judge of Probate, Stephen Paine and Thomas Lawton being witnesses.

(The above wills may be found at Taunton, where the compiler copied them from the originals in 1905.)

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CHILDREN

of Bellamy³ and Mary (Smith) Bosworth
born in Bristol, Mass. (now R. I.)

- 113 i—BRIDGET⁴, b. Oct. 29, 1686; d. ————; m. (1) John Papillion, had son Ebenezer, b. in Bristol, Apr. 9, 1712; m. (2) James Pecker, of Boston, Nov. 29, 1722; m. (3) Feb. 20, 1734, Edward Eveleth, and lived at Ipswich; she was his third wife. He died Nov. 5, 1759, and widow Bridget removed to Boston, where her estate was inventoried Apr. 9, 1768.
- 114 + ii—BENJAMIN⁴, b. June 26, 1689; d. Oct. 13, 1740; m. Ruth Lowder.
- 115 + iii—ESTHER⁴ (or HESTER), b. Jan. 7, 1692-93; d. ————; m. Obadiah Papillion.
- 116 + iv—NATHANIEL⁴, b. Mar. 3, 1693-94; d. Aug. 17, 1745; m. (1) Lydia Cornish; (2) Mrs. Elizabeth Lindsey.
- 117 + v—MARY⁴, b. July 29, 1701; d. ————; m. Jeremiah Wheelwright of Boston, Sept. 6, 1727 in Boston.
- vi—BELLAMY⁴, b. Jan. 16, 1703-04; d. Jan. 20, 1703-04.

Ebenezer Papillion was lost at Sea in 1735, at the age of 23, on a ship that sailed from London for Norway and never was heard from.

Mary widow of Bellamy died at the home of her son, Capt. Nathaniel Bosworth.

NOTE: These last items are from Family Records written by the above Nathaniel⁴ Bosworth, which will appear in Part III.

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JOHN³ BOSWORTH, fifth son of Nathaniel² (*Edward*¹) and Bridget (Bellamy), born at Hull, Mass. (date not known, prob. abt. 1656); died at Bristol, (then in Mass., now in R. I.) Aug. 20, 1725; married Sarah (———), born 1656, died at Barrington, R. I., Apr. 6, 1735, aged 79 years.

John lived in Hull with his parents until his marriage, which must have occurred about 1680. He continued to reside in Hull until about 1709, when he removed to Bristol.

In 1675 John took part in King Philip's War, for in "Military Records, No. 1" at the State House, Boston, John Bosworth's name is found on a list of Capt. Johnson's Company. He served in the Indian War in Maine, 1675.

("Indian War Papers".—N. E. Register)

In "Military Records, No. 2," (Boston State House), in "List of persons impressed for the service of the country, Dec. 1675, From Hull—Jno. Bosworth."

Mar. 7, 1680-81, John Bosworth was a share holder, with his father, two brothers and others of Hull in a "Corn Mill & Saw Mill," at "Straits pond." John bought "One 16th part." (See Part I, p. 101) From the Hull records we find that on

May 8, 1690, John was chosen "fence viewer."

Aug. 31, 1690, John's father died in Bristol, and in his will John was remembered as follows:

'Item. I give and bequeath to my son John Bosworth, that Lott which his houth standeth upon, he ye s^d John allowing Joseph ten or twelve foot as we did formerly agree to ye Top of ye Hill for Joseph his enlargement further I give and bequeath to him s^d John one third part of all my other lands whether upland or meadow or Commons scittuate lying and being in Hull aforesd together with one third part of my land at Pettuck's Island as also one third part of ye Cattle Sheep and Swine and Cart tackling with ye old Barne and Well that is a Third thereof." (He had previously mentioned that he had left the "Cart tackling" in John's hand when he left Hull, and now John is to give one third of it to each of his two brothers still in Hull, and keep one third of it himself.)

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Mar. 16, 1692, John and his brother, Nathaniel Bosworth, were chosen "assessors to (?) all orders concerning cattle horses and swine for the year ensuing."

Mar. 4, 1694/5, Lieut. Goold, John Bosworth and John Loring were chosen selectmen of Hull.

Feb. 9, 1696/7, "Mr. Zachariah Whitman minister of the Gospel in Hull," with others who owned lots "lying outside the stone wall that fenced in the town of Hull," agreed to sell all these lots and their rights in the Beach for 45 pounds, to Israel Nichols of Hingham. This land adjoined to Hingham and was near Further Hill. Rev. Whitman "2 Lots; Lieut. Goold 4 Lots; John Loring, yeoman, 3 Lots; ensign Benj. Loring 2½ Lots; Isaac Lobdell 2 Lots; Richard Stubs 2 Lots and John Bosworth 1 Lot."

Mar. 6, 1699, John Bosworth again chosen Selectman.

Mar. 27, 1701, John Bosworth and William Chamberlain, exchange land; John giving 1¼ acres of land at Hog Island and 20 pounds, for a lot at "Pettix Island at the Middlehill," also a change of meadows. (Deed not recorded until June 5, 1730.)

Mar. 2, 1701/2, John Bosworth chosen Tithing man.

Mar. 1, 1703, John again chosen to office, also on

Mar. 6, 1704, and on *Mar. 1, 1708*. Their Town meeting seems to have been held on the "first Monday in March", and John appears to have been elected to office nearly every year.

About this time John and his wife removed with their family to Bristol, as the above was the last entry that could be found of him on the Town books of Hull.

Jan. 9, 1710. As has been mentioned in the history of his older brother Joseph, John was appointed Admr. on his estate, and the inventory taken in 1711 was sworn to by John at Boston

Mar. 19, 1713.

Mar. 18, 1709/10, John Bosworth and Sarah his wife of Bristol county of Bristol Massachusetts Bay, N. E., for £255, deed to John Loring of Hull mariner (son of Benj. Loring) several tracts of land situated about Hull, viz. One house lot of three acre bounded S. W. on the Town street, N. E. upon the sound or salt water, N. W. upon land late of Joseph Bosworth, S. E. upon land late of Nathaniel Bosworth deceased, "with the Dwelling

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house barne Out houses orchards gardens fences wells" &c.; also three small parcels of land upon Pettucks Island viz^t. one lot of four acres "bounded S. E. upon the sea N. E. upon Thomas Jones his land S. W. on land of Robt. Gold N. W. upon the sea or salt water", also $\frac{3}{4}$ of an acre, "being the third part of a lot lying with and joining to the Lands late of the said Nathaniel Bosworth and Joseph Bosworth . . . also $\frac{1}{3}$ part of a lot containing $\frac{3}{4}$ of an acre . . . on said Island joining to the land late also of Nathaniel and Joseph Bosworth . . . moreover one acre of land at Pt. Alderton bounded E on land late of said Joseph Bosworth W upon land late of said Nathaniel . . . more $\frac{3}{4}$ acre at Strawberry Hill S. W. on the sea N. E. on land of Benjamin Loring S. E. on land late of Nathaniel . . . N. W. on land of Joseph . . . One acre of Salt Marsh at Whitehead N. W. by the sea S. E. on meadows of Richard Stubbs N. E. on meadows late of Joseph Bosworth S. W. on meadows late of Nathaniel Bosworth . . . One acre of upland at Whitehead S. on the sea W. on land late of Nathaniel . . . and E. on land late of Joseph Bosworth $\frac{1}{2}$ acre of Salt Marsh in the Town Meadow . . . with all my Interest in two pine lots . . . in number the fourth and sixth lying in Common and undivided with the land late of the said Nathaniel and Joseph Bosworth . . . One wood lot lying on Streights pond so called . . . together with one third part of a lot lying with the lands of the late Nathaniel and Joseph Bosworth undivided and two Comon and One third part of a Common right in the Town of Hull aforesd."

the mark of
John B Bosworth (seal)

"Sarah Bosworth signed the within mentioned Deed this 21st of March 1709/10 in presence of John Eddy Edward Bosworth." Both ack. their signatures before Nathaniel Paine, in Bristol and it was recorded in Boston, Apr. 4, 1710. (Bk. 25, p. 21)

Thus their possessions in Hull were all sold and on *Apr. 5, 1710*, John bought 20 acres of land in Bristol for £121 of Dan Throope, bounded by highway on the S. by the Country Road leading to Swanzey on the W. by land of John Allens on the N. and land of Saml Gallap on the E. (Taunton Deeds, Bk. 6, p. 162)

Early the following year John began the purchase of a farm "known by the name of Capt. Hayman's farm," which consisted of 93 acres, and seems to have been an estate which had been divided into seven parts, for on Mar. 5, 1710-11, he bought $\frac{2}{7}$ of Nathaniel Byfield for £85 and 18^s; on May 10, 1711, $\frac{1}{7}$ with the buildings of Grace Hayman, "Spinster," for 42 pounds 17 shillings; on Nov. 1, 1711, $\frac{2}{7}$ of Priscilla Hayman for £85, 14^s, 4^d. No mention on the records of his buying the other $\frac{2}{7}$, but he probably did so. John now had a farm of 113 acres, and in these deeds he is called a "husband-

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man" and a "yeoman"; two of them were witnessed by Peter Reynolds and John Toogood. On Jan. 8, 1713, John bought land in the village of Bristol, "fifteen rods of land that lyeth to the westward of Thames street."

The land of Rev. Sparhawk lay to the north of this lot, and on the west it reached to the "sea or Salt water."

Dec. 11, 1714, John Bosworth of Bristol "yeoman" . . . "for and in Consideration of that paternal love & affection that I bear toward my beloved son Nathaniel Bosworth, Blockmaker of Bristol" gives him the above land. It was no doubt about this time that the son Nathaniel was married and it is probable the land was given him on which to build a home. One of the witnesses to this deed was John Papillion.

May 7, 1717, John and Sarah mortgaged the 20 acres of land bought of Dan Throope, for "80 pounds in Good & Lawful bills of Credit"; this mortgage was discharged June 2, 1736. It was made, "In the Third year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George" etc.

The mark of

John B. Bosworth (Seal)

May 21, 1719, John bought of his sister "Hannah Jacobs widow and Relict of Mr. Joseph Jacobs" and Nathaniel Jacobs of Bristol, Cooper, her son, for £90, 9 acres and 20 rods "being part of Mr. Jacobs 20 acre lot," and surrounded with land owned by Samuel Howland, Capt. Paine and Capt. Davis. This seems to have been an exchange, for on the same date, for the same amount of money, John deeded 10 acres to Nathaniel Jacobs.

Dec. 22, 1722 John sold the above 9 acres 20 rods to his son John, Jr., for £95. John, Jr. was John's oldest son. He had married in Hull, and did not follow his father to Bristol until after 1710.

Apr. 9, 1716, John had made his will, to which he added a codicil Aug. 17, 1725. In this will he bequeaths to wife Sarah and to six sons: John, Benjamin, Edward, Nathaniel, Jeremiah and Jacob. There were no daughters living. Made wife Sarah and eldest son, John, executors. He gave to his six sons his "Land or Estate in the Colony of Connecticut." This must have been at Ashford, for some of his sons and grandsons afterward lived there. In the codicil he provides for son Jeremiah who is called "lame and decreped". It appears that whatever his affliction was it had come upon him during the years between the date of the will and that of the codicil. A Benjamin Bosworth was a witness to this will, and "Benjamin Bosworth at ye Bridge yeoman" was one who gave bonds with Sarah and son John

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as executors. John signed his will, as he had all of his deeds by making "his mark"; but Sarah wrote her name very neatly, which was quite an unusual accomplishment for a woman in those days.

John died Aug. 20, 1725 and the inventory of his estate was made Oct. 22, 1725. In the account of the Executors presented June 16, 1730, they

	£	s.	d.
charge themselves with the amount of the inventory	189.	16.	2
Received of Nathaniel Bosworth	8.	00.	00
.. .. John Bosworth	26.	4.	0
	224. 00. 2		

The credits were:

Imps. To funeral charges

	£	s.	d.
To Samuel Varnon for Rings	9.	03.	6
To William Glading for digging the grave	0.	8.	0
To Mr. Ryall for ye Coffin	0.	18.	0
To Mr. Bragg for Mothers mourning	4.	13.	0
To Seveen pair of Gloves	1.	15.	0
to nine pair Ditto	2.	2.	9
To making Mothers Cloths	0.	5.	0
To a horse to Newport for to fetch ye Rings	0.	5.	0
To Mrs. Lidda for Nursing	0.	16.	0
To Samuel Howland	1.	13.	0
To Nathaniel Bosworth	2.	12.	0
To Benjamin Bosworth	3.	0.	0
To Jabiz Howland	3.	6.	6
To Nathaniel Bosworth	2.	0.	0
To John Bosworth one of the Extrs going to Hull to take up one bond	3.	0.	0

Sarah, widow of John, lived ten years after the death of her husband, dying at Barrington, probably at the home of her son Edward, who was living there at that time, on April 6, 1735, and was buried at Bristol.

CHILDREN

of John³ and Sarah (——) Bosworth,
born at Hull, Mass.

- 118+ i—JOHN⁴ Jr., b. abt. 1682 or 83; d. Oct. 24, 1754; m. 1st Elizabeth Chamberlain; 2nd Mrs. Hannah LeFavour.
- 119+ ii—BENJAMIN⁴, b. abt. 1685; d. ~~Aug. 8, 1753~~; m. 1st Judith Torrey; 2nd Jemima Allen. *See Part III, p. 337*
- 120+ iii—EDWARD⁴, b. abt. 1691; d. —; m. Mehitable (——)
- 121+ iv—NATHANIEL⁴, b. Nov. 23, 1693; d. Jan. 17, 1771; m. Sarah Wardwell.

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- v—SARAH⁴, b. Jan. 7, 1695; d. July 31, 1696.
122 + vi—JEREMIAH⁴, b. Sept. 20, 1697; d. Jan. 26, 1768; m. Susanna
Fields.
vii—SAMUEL⁴, b. Oct. 27, 1699; d. June 17, 1700.
123 + viii—JACOB⁴, b. Nov. 22, 1701; d. after 1761; m. 1st Lydia Jones;
2nd Ruth Squire.

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EDWARD³ BOSWORTH, sixth and youngest son of Nathaniel² (*Edward*¹) and Bridget (Bellamy), born in Hull, Mass., baptized in Hingham, by Rev. Peter Hobart, May 29, 1659; died in Bristol, R. I. (then in Mass.), Feb. 22, 1743; married first, before 1696, MARY (———); and second, about 1703 or 4, ELIZABETH ESTABROOK, daughter of Thomas and Sarah Estabrook, born probably in Warren, R. I., Dec. 19, 1673; died in Bristol, Jan. 15, 1750.*

NOTE: As *nine* of the first leaves of the first book of vital records of Bristol are entirely lost and gone, so that the earliest Bosworth date is Oct. 29, 1686, it is very likely that on some of these leaves were recorded the marriage of Edward to Mary (———), his first wife, which may have occurred as early as 1683, when he was 24 years old; also there may have been the births of other children. It is quite probable there was a son Edward, named from his father, and possibly a son Thomas, for in the year 1689 a census was taken in Bristol, and at the home of Deacon Nathaniel Bosworth were two *grandchildren*, "Tommy and Edward", and this is the only family in which there seems to be any place for them, or where they would so appropriately belong. However what became of these two I have not been able to discover.

The first record we find of Edward in Hull is in *November 1678*, when his name is on a list of those who had taken the "Oath of Allegiance." He was about nineteen years of age at that time. The first time he is mentioned on Bristol records was, *Apr. 11, 1688*, "Edward Bosworth entered a gray horse of about 3 year old with a slitt on ye top of the near ear; and branded wth the Town brand his mark for neat Cattle is an L on the near ear."

*I am indebted for the above information about Elizabeth Estabrook, to the Estabrook genealogy, by William E. Booth, 1891. The name of Ensign Thomas Estabrook is found on a "List of Proprietors not Inhabitants" in Rehoboth in 1689.

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May 3, 1693, "Entered and Branded for Edward Bosworth a mare colt about two years old of a Light Bay with the town B on ye off shoulder with the neare footeLock behind white with a slit in the under side of the neare ear with a white spot on the nose."

Apr. 24, 1695, Edward entered two other horses. (Bristol records)

By the will of his father, Deacon Nathaniel Bosworth, made Mar. 15, 1689/90, proved Nov. 20, 1690, Edward inherited as follows:

"I give and bequeath to Edward my Son, my Farme scittuate lying and being in Bristol aforesaid and joyning to ye lands of Benjamin Jones on ye North and to the Lands of William Throup on the south and also that four Acres of meadow lying next Mr. Paines and my will is that Joseph and Edward buy out Cozen Benjamin Jones and Joseph Jacob which done ye Ten Acres of upland lying before their meadow shall be equally divided between them both." He had also directed that Edward's brothers, Jeremy and Bellamy, should "allow Edward towards his building thirty shillings of work apiece."

Sept. 5, 1699, Edward "yeoman" deeded as follows: "for 20^s currant pay in New England", to William Throope in Bristol a certain piece of land "Being the southeast corner of that Tract of land that was given me by my Hon^d. ffather Deacon Natha^l Bosworth late of Bristol Dec^d." etc. Ack. Nov. 29, 1701. (Taunton Deeds 3-395)

Apr. 5, 1700, Edward sold to his brother Bellamy, 4 acres of "Marsh or Salt meadow . . . bounded east by the River running up to Kickamuet." (Taunton Deeds 4-130)

Dec. 4, 1700, for £14 eleven shillings, Edward bought 3 acres of "Salt Marsh" on the western side of Bristol Neck, of William Heyward of Swanzey, shipwright, "Bounded northwesterly by the Beach or river leading up to Swanzey." (Taunton Deeds 4-215)

May 11, 1702, "Edward Bosworth entered a three year old Gelding an Iron gray Branded with SL on ye near Buttock:" (Bristol Rec.)

Mar. 7, 1705, Edward Bosworth became a member of the church in Bristol. No date of removal given. (Vit. Rec. R. I., Vol. 8, p. 241)

About 1712 or 13 Edward began to be called Edward "Sen^r." as his nephew, Edward⁴, son of John³, had become of age and was doing business in Bristol, so it became necessary to designate which one was mentioned, and his nephew was known as Edward Jr.; so on *Nov. 6, 1713*, when Hannah and

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Nathaniel Jacob were selling land to Edward Bosworth "Junr.", the land of "Edward Bosworth Senr." is mentioned.

May 17, 1718, "Edward Bosworth of Bristol Husbandman," buys 5 acres of land in Bristol, for £50—"one quarter part . . . of a 20 acre lot", adjoining land of Benjamin Bosworth (son of Bellamy). Benjamin Bosworth (son of John) one of the witnesses. (Taunton Deeds 12-105)

Dec. 22, 1722, in a deed given by Edward Bosworth, Jr., in the boundaries, the land "belonging to my Uncle Edward Bosworth" is mentioned.

Mar. 19, 1730, Edward Bosworth, yeoman, redeems land he had mortgaged Feb. 9, 1722, to Thos. Palmer and Elizabeth Hutchinson, widow, Exrs. to the last will of Wm. Hutchinson decd., both of Boston; $\frac{1}{4}$ of an acre and a house standing thereon, bounded N'y by land lately sold to Edward and now belonging to Nicholas Peck; E'y on Hope St.; W'y on Thames St.; also two 10 acre lots; etc. (Taunton Deeds 19-535)

CHILDREN

born in Bristol, Mass. (now R. I.)
of Edward³ and 1st wife Mary (———)

i—HANNAH⁴, b. Mar. 16, 1696; prob. d. y.
of Edward and 2nd wife Elizabeth (Estabrook)

124+ ii—HANNAH⁴, bap. in Bristol, Mar. 25, 1705; d. ————, m.
Joshua Chase of Swansea, Mass.

125+ iii—SARAH⁴, b. Dec. 4, 1710; d. Mar. 22, 1801; m. Thomas Kinne-
cut.

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BRIDGET³ BOSWORTH, fourth daughter and youngest child of Nathaniel² (*Edward*¹) and Bridget (Bellamy), born in Hull, baptized in Hingham by Rev. Peter Hobart, Aug. 19, 1660; died ————; m. prob. JOSEPH² PHILLIPS, who was perhaps son of William¹ Phillips "the elder of Boston," whose first wife was Susannah, and second Bridget, for in deed dated Sept. 15, 1655, William sold land he had received "by the right of Susannah his former wife deceased," and Bridget his wife quitclaimed her right of dower.

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In 1693, Joseph Bosworth of Hull, brother of Bridget, and Joseph Phillips, her husband, were bondsmen for Mary, widow of Nathaniel Bosworth, Jr. of Hull, another brother of Bridget, when settling his estate.

CHILDREN

of Joseph² and Bridget³ (Bosworth) PHILLIPS
born in Boston.

- 126 i—JOSEPH⁸ PHILLIPS, b. May 7, 1684; d. in Bristol, R. I., July 9, 1753, ae. 68 y.; m. at Boston, June 22, 1710, Susannah King, b. 1684; d. at Bristol, June 2, 1770, ae. 86 y. After Susannah's death, a grandson, "Samuel Phillips, of Bristol Mariner" was given adm. "on the estate of his Grandmother Susannah Phillips late of Bristol widow." (I do not find Samuel's birth, so cannot say whether he was son of Joseph, Michael or John.) Both Joseph and wife Susannah were remembered in the will of his Aunt Mary Bosworth, his mother's sister, in 1735. The children of Joseph and Susannah (King) Phillips, b. in Bristol, R. I., to which place they had removed, were:
- 1—JOSEPH⁴ PHILLIPS, JR., b. Oct. 7, 1711; d. previous to 1757; m. (1) June 1, 1738, Rebecca Norris. She d. Sept. 24, 1747; m. (2) July 13, 1749, Sarah Varis. Mrs. Sarah Phillips m. June 2, 1757, Capt. Thomas Wickes. Child of Joseph, Jr. and 2nd wife Sarah, Thomas, b. May 31, 1750; d. 1771. (This is the only child whose birth I found.)
 - 2—MICHAEL⁴ PHILLIPS, b. Feb. 8, 1712-13; m. Oct. 30, 1736, Bridget Bosworth, dau. of Capt. Nathaniel⁴ and Lydia (Cornish) Bosworth, b. in Bristol, July 6, 1715; d. July 2, 1750. Children of Michael and Bridget: 1—a child d. Sept. 13, 1741; 2—a child d. July 2, 1743; 3—Bridget, b. May 25, 1745; 4—Michael, b. Oct. 16, 1746. Michael⁴ m. (2) Sept. 11, 1750 Elizabeth Dufall.
 - 3—SUSANNAH PHILLIPS, b. Apr. 27, 1714; d. y.
 - 4—JOHN⁴ PHILLIPS, b. June 5, 1719; d. previous to Jan. 10, 1763, when an Admr. on his estate was appointed; m. (1) Sept. 20, 1739, Esther Joy, who d. Aug. 2, 1747; m. (2) Aug. 28, 1750, Elizabeth Tompkins. Children: Esther, b. Mar. 15, 1742-3; (a child of John's d. Mar. 16, 1742; this date may be O. S., and it may be the death of Esther); a child of John's d. Sept. 8, 1751; John, Jr. d. (at Martinico) Aug. 14, 1762.
 - 5—BRIDGET⁴ PHILLIPS, b. Mar. 31, 1720; d. Nov. 20, 1743; m. (int.) at Bristol, Jan. 20, 1738-9, Joseph Kelley, who was lost at sea, Dec. 29, 1747. Children of Joseph and Bridget

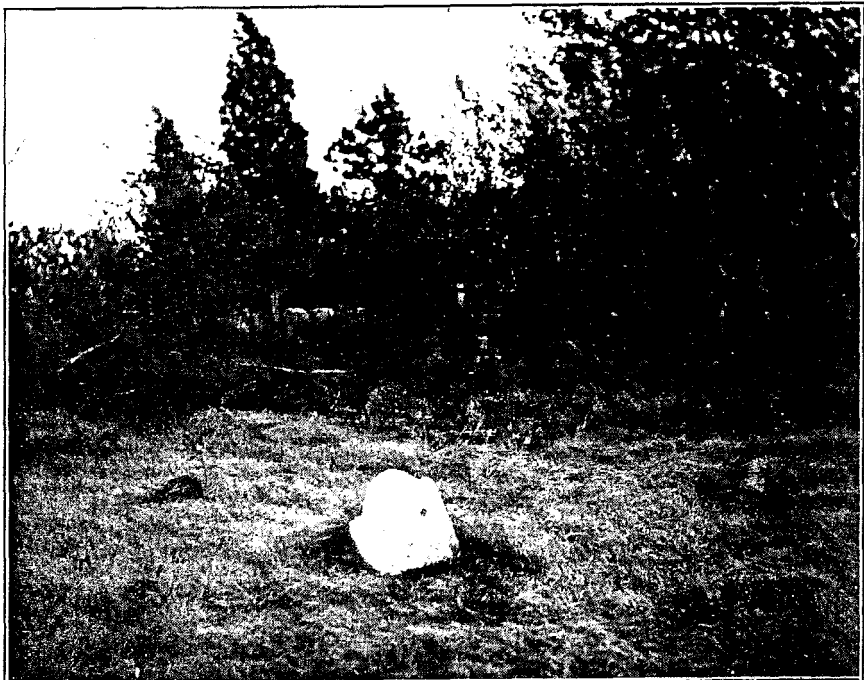
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- (Phillips) Kelley: 1—Mary Kelley, b. Dec. 5, 1739; 2—Daniel Kelley, b. Jan. 29, 1742-3. Both these children remembered in their grandfather's will.
- 6—SUSANNAH⁴ PHILLIPS, b. Jan. 26, 1720-21; d. June 16, 1743.
- 127 ii—BENJAMIN³ PHILLIPS, b. Oct. 18, 1685; m. Hannah Henderson. This son seems to have remained in Boston when the eldest son removed to Bristol.
- 128 iii—NATHANIEL³ PHILLIPS, b. Mar. 30, 1689. He was remembered in the will of his Aunt Mary Bosworth, and seems to have been living in Bristol in 1735, but nothing further is found on the records about him.

The will of Joseph³ Phillips of Bristol, dated June 8, 1749, gives "to loving wife Susanna"; to sons Joseph, Michael, and John; to grandson Daniel Kelley "son of my daughter Bridget Dec^d" and to granddaughter Mary Kelley, daughter of Bridget. Will probated Aug. 7, 1753.

There was in Bristol a Capt. Nathaniel Phillips, who possibly may have been a son, but more likely was a grandson of the above Nathaniel. From his age at death the year of his birth is shown to be 1747. He m. at Bristol, Dec. 23, 1770, Sarah Easterbook. Capt. Nathaniel d. at sea Feb. 1, 1812, ae. 65 y. Sarah, widow of Capt. Nathaniel, d. at Bristol, Sept. 2, 1838, ae. 86 y. The children of Capt. Nathaniel and Sarah (Easterbrook) Phillips, were (as far as found on the Bristol records): 1. Thomas, b. 1771; d. at sea Nov. 1, 1789 ae. 18 y.; 2. Rebecca, m. in Bristol, Aug. 3, 1794, William Carr, son of Caleb and Ruth; 3. Samuel (also known as Capt. Samuel), b. 1779; d. Nov. 19, 1817 ae. 38 y.; m. at Bristol, July 4, 1802, Hannah, dau. William and Mary (Bristol) Cox; 4. Thomas, b. at Bristol, Oct. 3, 1790; d. Nov. 3, 1790. (The records say "at sea", but if the dates are correct this child was only a month old.)

END OF THIRD GENERATION



JOHN BOSWORTH'S GRAVESTONE AT NOCKUM HILL BURYING GROUND,
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*One item in this record the compiler failed to solve, though she strove very earnestly to do so. That is, who it was Nathaniel referred to when he wrote: "My Honard Ant Perkins Departed this Life July 28, 1732 Bueraid in Boston in the South Buering Plase with my Dafter."

†See Part I, p. 35 near the top.

Fourth Generation



HANNAH⁴ BOSWORTH, daughter of Jonathan³ Jr. (*Jonathan*², *Edward*¹) and Hannah (Howland), and granddaughter of John and Elizabeth (Tilley) Howland, Mayflower passengers; born in Swansea, Mass., Nov. 5, 1663; d. 1723; married at Swansea, Nov. 4, 1686, MAJOR NATHANIEL³ JENCKES (now written Jenks), of Providence, son of Joseph Jr. and Esther (Ballard) Jenckes, born Jan. 29, 1662-3; died Aug. 11 (or 12), 1723.

Joseph² Jenckes, Jr., the father of Nathaniel, came to this country from England at the age of 16; he was son of Joseph¹ Jenckes, Sen. who came to America before his son, from Hammersmith, England. In a book called "Thayer and Burton Ancestry," there is an excellent history of the early Jenckes family, which says it has been traced through ten generations in England to 1350. The elder Joseph first settled in Lynn, but seems to have removed later to Providence and become one of the founders of Pawtucket. The son Joseph Jr., born 1632, married Esther Ballard, who came to America at the age of two years with her father William, her mother Mary, and a brother John in 1635, on the ship *James*, her name in the shipping list being "Hester." Joseph was a blacksmith and his forge was just below the falls. Joseph and Esther had nine children, four of them being sons, of whom Nathaniel was the second. His elder brother, Joseph³, became governor of the Colony.

Nathaniel³ Jenckes seems to have followed his father's business, being a blacksmith, and was a very powerful man physically. In a manuscript genealogy, (preserved in the R. I. Hist. Soc. Library, Providence), written by Esek Esten, a man intimately associated with the family, dated June 21, 1813, is this description of Nathaniel:

"He was famous for strength in many ways and at different exercises. He lifted the great Forge Hammer of 500 pounds weight, together with seven men thereon, and the handle thereof; one man whereof lifted up under the drone beam with all his might to react against him; a proof of great, very great strength indeed. He was very active in the defense of the Town against the Indians." He attained the rank of Major in the Military service of the Colony.

In May, 1682 Nathaniel swore allegiance to Charles II. (Savage.)

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Austin's Gen. Dictionary gives the following events in the life of Nathaniel³ Jenckes:

1688, *Aug. 6*, Ratable estate 2 acres planting land, cow, a two year old, yearling, 2 colts.

1690 A freeman.

1709 Captain, and later held the office of Major.

1709-10-13 Deputy.

1711, *May 2*, He was appointed by the Assembly, with his brother Joseph, to build a bridge at Pawtucket.

1713, *June 16*, Taxed 14s.

1719-20-21-22-23, On Town Council.

1721, *Apr. 27*, Will—Codicil 1723, July 31; proved 1723, Oct. 21; Exr.s wife Hannah and son Nathaniel. To son Nathaniel, all the homestead, dwelling house, &c., half at death of testator and the other half at death of wife. To Nathaniel also, lands in Attleboro, all right in forge, smith shop, tools, coal house, saw mill and corn mill, all at Pawtucket except the saw mill on the east side of the river. The delivery was to be half at testator's death and the other half at death or marriage of wife. To wife Hannah, the use while widow, of half above property. To daughter Elizabeth Jenckes, £50. The rest of personal to go at death of wife, to children and grandchildren. To son Jonathan £30, paid by his brother Nathaniel, and two children of Jonathan, viz: Jonathan and Mary, who were with their grandfather, the testator, were to have £10 each from Nathaniel, if they stayed with said Nathaniel till of age. To daughter Hannah Capron, £5, in case husband pays £43 which he owes. The codicil reduced the legacy to Jonathan to 10s., as he had already received some.

Inventory, £200, viz: 4 cows, 2 oxen, 4 two years, 2 yearlings, horse, 26 sheep, 7 swine, bellows, forge, smith tools, vice, anvil, &c. coal, 2 spinning wheels, 4 pair of cards, great bible, other books.

NOTE: A History of Pawtucket, by Robert Grieve has excellent views of Major Nathaniel Jenckes old home, built early in the 18th century. It stood on the west side of No. Main St. near Exchange St.

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of Major Nathaniel and Hannah (Bosworth) JENCKES
born in that part of Providence now Pawtucket.

129 i—JONATHAN⁴ JENCKES, b. May 1, 1688; d. ———; m. Mary Slack. Their children were

1—Jonathan

2—Mary

3—Jeremiah, m. Anne (———), had one child, Mercy, b. Oct. 24, 1745.

4—John*

*Descendants say there was a daughter Elizabeth who m. James Young.

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- 130 ii—HANNAH JENCKES, b. Oct. 8, 1690; d. 1738; m. Banfield Capron, Jr., b. at Attleboro, Mass., July 16, 1683. He m. (2) Sarah Brown. He settled at Bellingham, Mass. and had the following children by first wife Hannah:
 1—Philip Capron, b. Feb. 1, 1719-20
 2—Leah Capron, b. Mar. 10, 1722
 3—Benjamin Capron, b. June 20, 1724.
- 131 iii—ELIZABETH JENCKES, b. Jan. 1, 1697-8; m. John Owen of Conn., son of Josiah and Hannah, b. March 24, 1703.
- 132 iv—NATHANIEL⁴ JENCKES, b. Jan. 4, 1702-3; d. ———; m. (1) Feb. 28, 1723, Lydia Arnold; (2) Mar. 29, 1730, Bridget Blake. Children by 1st wife:
 1—Martha, b. Mar. 14, 1724; m. (———) Scott.
 2—Stephen, (known later as Capt. Stephen Jenckes) b. May 8, 1726; m. Jan. 11, 1747, Sarah Hawkins, b. July 26, 1727, had seven children: Elezar, 1747; Nathaniel, Jr., 1749; Moses, 1751; Lydia, 1754, d. 1756; Stephen, 1756; Benjamin, 1758; Jerahmeel, 1762.
 3—Lydia, b. Sept. 3, 1727.
 Wife Lydia d. Jan. 23, 1728.
 Children by 2nd wife:
 4—Joanna, b. June 18, 1730.
 5—Ichabod, b. Jan. 2, 1732; d. 1803; m. Margaret Bagley. A son David, b. June 18, 1766, m. Susannah Patten. Ichabod was a Lieut. in the American Revolution.
 6—James } twins, b. Oct. 13, 1733.
 7—Jemima }

Major Nathaniel Jenckes family Bible which was bought by him in 1720, and first used for family record by him, was passed on to his grandson, Capt. Stephen Jenckes, and in it the latter wrote his name and "His Book December y^e 2th: 1750", and following it his own family record. This Bible has been preserved and a description, and copy of its records, may be found in the Mayflower Descendant, Vol. 20, p. 175.

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DAVID⁴ BOSWORTH, son of Jonathan³ Jr. (*Jonathan*², *Edward*¹) and Hannah (Howland), and grandson of John and Elizabeth (Tilley) Howland, both passengers in the *Mayflower*; born at Swansea, Mass., Sept. 15, 1669; died at Halifax, Mass., June 12, 1747; married first at Plymouth, Aug. 18, 1698, MERCY (Mary in marriage record) STURTEVANT, daughter of Deacon Samuel and first wife, Mercy Sturtevant, born 1676; died Apr. 23, 1707, and is buried beside her mother in the Plympton Burying Ground. David married second, PATIENCE (———).

As seen above David was born at Swansea, and probably spent his boyhood and young manhood there, but in 1698 we find him in Plymouth, where in August he was married to Mercy. In May 1699, following his marriage, David bought land at a place called Monponsett in the township of Plymouth, and in August 1701, bought more land on the west side of Monponsett pond "on the way going to Bridgewater." As this location is about six miles to the northwest of Colchester, in what is now the township of Plympton, the place where David's father lived in the early years of his married life, near to the Howlands, David's grandfather and uncles, it is easy to see what led him to go to this section. It does not appear that David ever removed from the place where he first settled, but at first being the "West Precinct" of Plymouth, it afterward became Plympton, and later Halifax.

On Nov. 26, 1695 the "Western Precinct" of Plymouth was incorporated. The order "for setting up the worship of God in said precinct," reads as follows:

"So soon as the Inhabitants of Said precinct shall have procured a learned and orthodox minister to preach the word of God among them shall be freed & exempt from paying toward the support of the ministry at the Town and for so long time as they Shall enjoy and have Such a ministry continued with them."

The first Precinct meeting that is recorded was held in

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January 1701, but Lewis Bradford, Town Clerk of Plympton, who wrote a sketch of the town in 1826, says, "They doubtless held Precinct meetings before that time."

At a meeting of the society held May 29, 1701 "it was agreed upon that our minister M^r. Isaac Cushman shall have 35 pounds for his sallery this present year."

"Att a meeting Held by the Inhabytants of the new Society in the western precinct of plimouth one the 3^d Day of June 1702 the said inhabitants did make Coice of *David Bozworth* to be there Clark."

On the same date it was voted "to petition to his Excelency the Gouvvrnore that they might have Training by themseleilfe—David Bozworth Clark."

"Att a grate & generall Court or Assemblly held att Boston the 28 of May 1707 . . . In Answer to the pettition of the Inhabitanth" this tract was incorporated into a town under the name of Plympton on June 4, 1707 and the bounds set.

David Bosworth served as Town Clerk from June 1702 to Mar. 1, 1707/8, when a new clerk was elected.*

In a list of the inhabitants made in 1709 of those qualified to vote at town meetings, David was the only Bosworth. At a town meeting held in Plympton *Mar. 2, 1710/11* "John Cole & David bosworth ware Chosen Cunstabels." *Dec. 13, 1711*, it was voted to raise £4-10s. to pay a "Schoull-master 3 months att 30s. p^r month" and £2-12s. "for Dieting him." *Mar. 2, 1712-13*, "Benony Lucas, David Bosworth & Isaac Cushman jun. were chosen Selectmen and assessors." It was also voted that every house-keeper should kill "either two Crows or six blackbirds or Gee birds between Mar. 15, and June 15 and bring in their heads to the selectmen or pay 2 shillings beside his or their just proportion in the town Rates." *Mar. 1, 1713-14*, the same three Selectmen and assessors were again chosen; also on *Mar. 14, 1714-15*, and *Mar. 1, 1715-16*. On *Mar. 26, 1715-16*, Isaac Cushman as Town Clerk was sworn before Benony Lucas and David Bosworth, and "Benony Lucas and David Bosworth took the oath of assessors before me Isaac Cushman town Clerk."

About this time there was a new meeting house built and at a town meeting held June 15, 1716 a committee was appointed "to Determine in what seat Each person Should Set." This committee reported July 16, 1716, assigning each person to a pew; the tenth on the list is "to David Bosworth att y^e west end next y^e Stairs."

Mar. 18, 1716-17, Benony Lucas, David Bosworth and Isaac Cushman, Jr. were chosen Selectmen and sworn in. David was also chosen one of the "Surveyors of Highways."

*Copying the above from the old records I noted that after this date the writing was not nearly as good, and felt a thrill of pride that one of our name had left so clear a record.

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From Mar. 2, 1712-13 until Mar. 23, 1729-30, David was chosen each year as Selectman, and served to and including that year. In March 1720 he began to be called "Deakon" Bosworth.

June 22, 1720. The selectmen of Plimpton (including David Bosworth), and the selectmen of Plymouth, renewed the bounds between the towns, which according to "the Laws of this Province," was to be done every three years.

"Maye y^e 17th 1725 . . . at the above said meeting the Town made an act and voted that whoso Ever Should kill a wild Cat and bring his head unto the select men or to any one of them and their Certify him or them that it was bona fido killed within the bounds of the Town of Plimpton sall be payd out of the Town Treasury the Sum of five shillings for such head." Among the items for which the town was taxed, Sept. 6, 1725, the following appears: "Wild Cats heads—£1-0-0," showing that four had been killed. On the last date David was chosen one of a committee of three "to make answer to the petition of the North precinct in plimouth and plimpton praying for a Township."

Mar. 30, 1727, "Deak Bozworth" was one of the "Grand Jury men Chosen for Superior Court." On the same date the vote concerning wild cats' heads was again passed; also that concerning killing birds "or Squillils Such as are destructive to corn" or be fined 2s. Paid for wild cats' heads, £2-0-0, and this bounty was again voted.

At this time Rev. Isaac Cushman's salary was raised to 75 pounds a year. It had begun at 35 pounds and been raised 10 pounds each year, and the year following this it was raised to 85 pounds. Also about this time "Sam^l Bryant and Jonathan Shaw, Ju^r were chosen to take care of the boyes a sabbath Dayes to preuent thare playing att meeting and also to suppress any disorders by any: Either in the time of publick worship or in the Interuailles of the same and to Complain of all such disorder to authority." (Jonathan Shaw Jr. was a brother of Priscilla Shaw who married David Bosworth Jr. son of above.)

Mar. 23, 1729/30, "Deakon Bozworth & Ignatius Cushing with Peter Tomson & Sam^l Lucas" were chosen to join with the agents of Middleborough to settle the boundary between them; also "Deacon Bozworth chosen to get a Coppy from the town Boock att Plymouth of the bounds of the ministry lot in plimpton."

About this time two men were chosen "to take care of the towns stock of powder and bullets and flints *and secure them in the meeting house.*"

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July 27, 1730, "Sam^l Bradford and Deakon Bozworth ware Chosen to agree with a scoollmaster for a year next ensuing." At the same meeting "the town by thare vote gave Liberty to any of the Inhabitants of sd town to build three seats adjoining each other upon the top girts at the west end of the meeting house at their own Cost and Charge for *negro and Indian Servants to set in.*"

On the records of the church in Plympton is found the following: "Memorandum that on Sabbath day some time in March in y^e year 1718-19, Samuel Sturtevant*, Elcanah Cushman and David Bosworth were ordained Deacons by the imposition of hands." There seems to have grown up a warm friendship between the pastor, Rev. Isaac Cushman, and David Bosworth, for when the minister made his will, Oct. 25, 1727, David, with Ignatius Cushing and Benoni Lucas, was a witness; and in the will Rev. Cushman says: "And I do hereby Request my loving friends Capt. Benoni Lucas & Deacon David Bozworth to be Overseers of this my last Will & Testament," etc. By May 12, 1731 the minister had so failed in health that "the town voted to get a minister to be assisting with Mr. Cushman in the worke of the ministry for the present . . . the town made choice of David Bozworth and Sam^l Churchel to provide for the pulpit as afore-sd." Rev. Cushman must have died not long after this, for on *Sept. 20, 1731*, "the town made choice of David Bozworth and Sam^l Churchel to acquaint M^r Jonathan Parker that the town hath made Choice of him for their minister." The following is a receipt given by Rev. Cushman: "Received of Capt. Caleb Loring Town treasurer eighty five pounds in money for my worke in the ministry for the year beginning at the Last day of october 1728 and ending the Last of october 1729 which is in full for my worke in sd ministry from the begining of the world to that day I say Received by me Isac Cushman." *Nov. 1, 1731*, The town voted that the three Deacons should "acquaint M^r. Jonathan Parker with the votes of the town Respecting his Settlement and sallery," etc.

Feb. 4, 1730/31. The committee appointed in March 1730 "to Renew and settle the bounds of a tract of Land formerly Laid out in sd town for a ministry Lott and for a Conueniency for a training place and a burying place for sd town", made their report; David Bozworth, Ignatius Cushing and Joseph Lucas representing the town.

*This was probably the father of Mercy, wife of Deacon David Bosworth.

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NOTE: All the foregoing town records may be found in Book 1 of the town of Plympton. Near the close Lewis Bradford the Town Clerk wrote under date, Jan. 17, 1825; "It appears that David Bozworth was the Precinct Clerk in 1695—In 1825 people of that name generally write their names Bosworth." In 1834 he wrote "David Bosworth was the first Precinct clerk and the only one mentioned." The following may be found in Book 2:

Mar. 22, 1731/2, at a Town meeting held on this date Deacon David Bozworth with two others were chosen Selectmen.

June 13, 1732, David Bozworth one of a committee to confer regarding the setting off the south part of the town as a new town or precinct.

Dec. 4, 1732, the three Selectmen were appointed a committee to provide a schoolmaster.

Mar. 26, 1733, Joseph Thomas, Samuel Bradford and Deacon David Bozworth were reelected as Selectmen, and the other officers of the town took their oath of office before them.

Nov. 26, 1733, on a list of amounts to be raised, was 12 pounds to pay for wild cats killed, but in June 1734 it was voted not to continue the bounty for killing wild cats.

Mar. 26, 1734, Deacon David Bozworth, Joseph Lucas and Joseph Thomas chosen Selectmen and other officers sworn before them.

This was the last time David was elected to office, in Plympton; for the north part of the town, the part in which David lived, was set off and became a part of Halifax, which was incorporated July 4, 1734.

Sept. 16, 1734, "Att a Town Meeting held at Plympton . . . Mr Samuel Bradford was chosen a Selectman in the Rume of Deacon David Bozworth."

July 18, 1734 The first town meeting of Halifax was held by order of General Court; officers chosen—David Bosworth one of three Selectmen, also Sealer of Weights; was also one of a committee of three to supply the pulpit. It was voted to call Rev. John Cotton, and David Bosworth was one of a committee of three to acquaint him with the fact.

The records of the "Church of Christ" in Halifax begin *Oct. 16, 1734*: "This day was set apart as a day of fasting and prayer; Ministers were present from Middleborough, Pembroke, Plymouth, Kingston and Plympton. Among the names of "the Brethren" who signed the covenant were:

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David Bosworth
Samuel Sturtevant (father of Mercy, first wife of David)
Jonathan Bosworth (second son of David. David Jr., the eldest son
had removed to Killingly, Ct.)
"The Sisters."
Patience Bosworth (second wife of David)
Ruth Bosworth (second wife of Jonathan)

Jan. 28, 1734/5 the first business meeting of the church was held. David Bosworth was chosen clerk. *Apr. 9, 1735* the church voted to call the Rev. John Cotton, and on July 21, 1735 he sent a letter of acceptance which is recorded. He was ordained *Oct. 1, 1735*.

"Anno 1735 when y^e church were destitute of a pastor, Zadock Bosworth y^e son of Jonathan and Ruth Bosworth was Baptized at Hallifax By y^e Rev. Mr. Parker.

Nov. 3, 1735. At a meeting of the church, Samuel Sturtevant, David Bosworth and Isaac Tinkham were chosen deacons.

Mar. 31, 1735, David Bosworth was chosen Town Clerk; also one of three Selectmen.

Mar. 18, 1744/5, Voted to allow Deacon Bosworth's account for service done.

This is the last mention of David on the Church Records, except the record that he died June 12, 1747, aged 77, and on July 20, 1747, the Halifax church held a meeting to appoint a deacon to take his place.

As to the land transactions of David, it has been stated in the first part of this sketch, that he bought land in 1699 and in 1701, near to Monponsett pond, on the way going to Bridgewater. The second piece was bought of Francis Curtis, whose wife, Hannah Bosworth, was a second cousin of David, a daughter of Benjamin³ Bosworth. On the "Records of the Town of Plymouth," (Vol. 2, p. 147), is found the following:

"The Bounds of y^e Highway which is Laid out To y^e Metting house in y^e new society bounded att Bridgewater path with a Wallnut Tree and a black oake tree both marked and so To David Bosworths house and from Thence To John Curtisses house and from thence to Joseph Kings house . . . and from The bridge as nere as Is Convenient To David bosworths meadow To a white oak Tree marked" etc.

Mar. 5, 1705/6 David bought 20 a. adjoining what he already had, which was still called "in Plymouth." *July 7, 1708* he

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sold 50 a. to Samuel Lucas, and now he is called "of Plimpton." (The signature to this deed was not acknowledged until July 14, 1744.)

Nov. 24, 1714, David again bought land, this time in a section called "Kings Cedar Swamp" in Plimpton of Jonathan Bryant, and the following month another piece of Samuel Sturtevant in the same section, the first for £5. . 5s., the other for £4. . 10s. A notation is made that "These fell by lot to the above owners when the land was first divided."

Mar. 30, 1714/15 Robert and John Waterman sold 20 a. to David for £28, and on *May 9, 1716*, Thomas Tomson sold land to David, 1¼ a. adjoining the land "whereon the sd David now dwelleth"; price paid £4. . 10s. *Jan. 27, 1717/18* he bought 4 a. of land for £4 of John Curtis, adjoining his own land.

As we have seen in the history of Jonathan Bosworth, Jr., on May 10, 1708, he gave his son David, 20 acres of land in Swansea, (See entire deed on p. 158). David held this land until after the death of his father, then sold it. An abstract of the deed is as follows:

David Bosworth of "Plimton in the county of Plymouth" for £30 deeds to Stephen Cornwell of Swansea "a Certain Lott of Land laid out in the Right of my Honoured father Jonathan Bosworth of Swansea deceased; called the Twenty acre Division . . . on the Easterly part of Swansea Town purchase near Showamit Purchase Containing Twenty acres of land . . . laid out in the year 1699 and numbered 17 & bounded Northerly & Easterly on highways and southerly on a lott number 18 laid out in the Right of Nathaniel Toogood" etc.

(Signed)

David Bosworth

May 29, 1722

John Thomas } Witnesses. *(Fall River, Mass. Deeds, Bk. 4, p. 232)
Jeremiah Allen }

NOTE: Nathaniel Toogood's daughter married David's brother John.

June 22, 1722, David Bosworth, *Sen.* (so called because his son David had reached the age of 21), for 50s., bought of Joseph Washburn, "one eighth part of one share in a Cedar Swamp now in the township of Pembroke."

*This is the only one of the deeds copied at Fall River, the others are from Taunton. In this deed at Taunton the lot is numbered 77 and the lot on the south, 78. The compiler has no way of knowing which is correct.

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Jan. 11, 1724/5 David Bosworth with others of the town of Plympton, deed land to Mark Perkins, a blacksmith, to induce him to settle in Plympton "in consideration of the occasion and need that there is for a blacksmith to settle in our neighborhood."

Apr. 8, 1725 David Bosworth, Sen. buys $14\frac{1}{4}$ a. for £16, "at a Place called Cedar-Bridge Swamp in Plimpton" adjoining his own land, of his brother-in-law, Josiah Sturtevant. (A quit claim from Samuel Sturtevant follows the above.)

Sept. 30, 1729 James Bryant for £3 sells to David Bosworth Sen. of Plimpton 1 a. 29 rds. in Plimpton adjoining "the South East side of that 30 a. Lot of y^e s^d David Bozworth Senior Whereon David Bosworth Junior now dwelleth." On the same day, David, for £250, sold to Francis Pummery of Hanover, the 45 a. 69 rds. "whereon David Bosworth Jun^r. now dwelleth." It is probable that David Jr. was about to remove to Killingly, Conn., for we find him there in Jan. 1730. On Sept. 23, 1731, David made an exchange of land with Thomas Tomson, Sen.

On the same date as the last, David, still of Plympton, "in consideration of y^e love and good affection which I bear unto my son Nehemiah Bosworth of y^e Town of Plimpton" deeds "A Certain Parcel of my homestead land lying & being in y^e Township of Plympton", which adjoined $14\frac{1}{4}$ acres which he formerly bought of Robert and John Waterman, and "on y^e Southwest Side of y^e highway that leads from Plym^o. to Bridgewater over against y^e Dwelling house of Jon^a. Bosworth with the Buildings and fences thereon, and also y^e one half of my two Parcels of meadow lying & being on ye Brook called Monponsett Meadow Brook in Plympton aforesaid"; also one half the land in Kings Cedar Swamp which he bought of Samuel Sturtevant, Jr., and of Jonathan Bryant; also " $\frac{1}{2}$ of that $\frac{1}{8}$ part of one share . . . in y^e Great Cedar Swamp in y^e purchase Called y^e Major Purchase in ye Township of Pembroke" which he bought of Jos. Washburn, "Always reserving unto myself y^e whole use & improvement of all y^e abovesd Premisses During my natural life—Also reserving unto my loving wife Patience Bozworth ye use and improvement of one third part thereof During her Natural Life if she outlive me."

On the same date, and for the same "considerations" as above, David deeds to Jonathan Bosworth, his son, "The Several Parcels of Upland Meadow and Swamps in y^e Township of Plympton . . . that is to say one Parcel thereof lyeth on ye northeast side of ye highway that leads from Plym^o. to Bridgewater and Containeth all my Lands w^ob lyeth there joining together on ye northeast side of ye highway whereon ye Dwelling house of ye said Jona. Bozworth now standeth and also one other Parcel of my

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homestead land lying on ye Southwest side of said Highway . . . to include all my land which lyeth there joining together on ye sd Range." (Then follows the other one half of the parcel described above); "Always reserving" etc. same as above.

The above deeds were signed by David Bosworth, also acknowledged and recorded same date, Sept. 23, 1731.

Having thus wisely made a division of his property while he was still alive and in good health, on Oct. 27, 1740, nine years later, he made his will, in which he is called—

"David Bosworth yeoman of Halifax." He bequeaths:

1st to beloved wife Patience $\frac{1}{2}$ his moveable estate; "also y^e improvement of the Houseing & lands I have given to my sons Jonathan & Nehemiah during life according to ye restrictions and Limitations mentioned in my Deeds to my said Sons."

2nd "I give to my son David my Great Bible and all my Wearing Apparell having already given him his portion in Lands and money" etc.

3rd Confirms to sons Nehemiah and Jonathan "all the houseing and lands" he had given to them by deed.

4th Gives to daughter Hannah one half his moveable estate and what may be left of the other half after his wifes decease. Appoints son Jonathan as Executor to his will.

A codicil to the above will, made May 8, 1743, says:

"It is my mind and will that inasmuch as my son Jonathan is deceased that my surviving son Nehemiah shall be sole Executor to this my last will and Testament."

The above will was presented for probate, July 14, 1747, and Nehemiah the son given administration on the estate. He gave bonds July 15, 1747, with Robert Waterman, Jr of Halifax, and Edmond Wood of Middleboro.

Samuel Sturtevant, as previously noted, was made a deacon of the church in Plympton at the same time as David, and after the separation of the towns and the organization of the new church at Halifax, they were again made deacons. They lived near each other and both lived to a good old age; they are buried beside their second wives in the burying place by Monponsett Pond. (Monponsett, the Indian name for Halifax.) Mercy Sturtevant, the first wife of Deacon Samuel, and Mercy, her daughter, the first wife of Deacon David, are buried side by side in the burying ground at Plympton. The compiler visited these graves in 1905 and found them in fairly good condition, for although a portion has been split off the

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side of each of the stones there was enough of the reading left so that it was easy to make out the entire inscriptions, which are as follows:

HERE LYES Y^e BODY
OF MARCY STUR
TEVANT WIFE TO
DECON SAMUEL
STURTEUANT DIED
* Y^e 3 1714
IN Y^e 60th YEAR
OF HER AGE

HERE LYES Y^e BO
DY OF MARCY
THE WIFE
OF DEACON DAVID
BOZWORTH DIED
Y^e 23 OF
APRIL 1707
IN Y^e 31th YEAR
OF HER AGE

(*Name of month entirely gone.)

On Mar. 18, 1735/6 Deacon Samuel Sturtevant made his will, in which he bequeathed to the heirs of his daughter Mercy Bozworth, David, Jonathan, Nehemiah and Hannah.

CHILDREN

of David⁴ and Mercy (Sturtevant) Bosworth,
born in the "Western Precinct" of Plymouth, Mass.

- 133+ i—DAVID⁵ JR., b. May 21, 1699; d. ———— m. Priscilla Shaw.
- 134+ ii—JONATHAN⁵, b. Feb. 16, 1700/1; d. Jan. 24, 1741/2; m. (1) Alice Cushman; m. (2) Ruth Tilson.
- 135+ iii—NEHEMIAH⁵, b. Mar. 15, 1702*; d. Dec. 22, 1762; m. (1) Susannah Ring; m. (2) Sarah Tomson.
- 136+ iv—HANNAH⁵, b. June 24, 1705; d. ————; m. William Ripley.

(*Probably O. S., and should be 1702/3)

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JOHN⁴ BOSWORTH, son of Jonathan³ Jr. (*Jonathan*², *Edward*¹) and Hannah (Howland), and grandson of John and Elizabeth (Tilley) Howland, both passengers in the Mayflower; born in Swansea, Mass., Apr. 6, 1671; died in Barrington, Mass. (now R. I.), Sept. 20, 1719; married at Swansea, June 10, (or 16, both dates on record) 1702, Elizabeth, daughter of Nathaniel and Elizabeth Toogood, born July 25, 1682; died previous to June 7, 1773 when her estate was being settled: she married second at Bristol, R. I., Feb. 18, 1723/4,

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JAMES THURBER, (int. pub. in Rehoboth, Dec. 19, 1723); in July 1750 she was called "Widow Thurber," so James must have died previous to that time.

It is quite probable that John lived and died not far from the place where he was born, for in the division of his land among his sons, the house of "old Mr. Bosworth" is mentioned. This location was at a place called "Nockum" or "Nockum Hill," on New Meadow Neck. As will be seen by the map of the section of country in which these early Bosworths lived, given at the beginning of Part II, this place, originally in Rehoboth, was set off as a part of Swansea in 1668, and in 1717, shortly before John's death, was made a part of Barrington, then in Massachusetts. In 1747 this section was ceded to Rhode Island and became a part of the township of Warren and continued so until 1770, when it again became Barrington and has remained so ever since. Being known by such various names and under different governments, the land records are hard to find, some being at Taunton and Fall River, Mass., and others at Warren and Barrington, R. I. At Warren a record was found dated, *Dec. 6, 1709*, where Jonathan Bosworth, "husbandman" of Rehoboth, for £20. deeds "to John Bosworth of Swansea, carpenter, a parcel of Land Scituate . . . at a place Commonly called and known by the name of nockume on new meadow neck within the township of Swansea aforesd containing Twenty three acres"—This land was on the south side of a highway, having on the east and west land of "the heirs of Nicholas Taner", and on the south, land of Benjamin Hunt. "In Wittness whereof I the sd. Jonathan Bosworth and Sarah Bosworth my wife (in Testimony to her free Consent to this Bargain) . . . hath hereunto set to our hands and seals" etc. (The above Jonathan was a younger brother of John.)

Benjamin Carpenter }
 William West } Witnesses.
 John Carpenter }

Ack. in Rehoboth, July 1746.
 Rec. July 1747.

On Mar. 21, 1712/13, John with his brother Jabez Bosworth, was witness to the will of John Martin of Swansea.

In the Barrington Town Meeting Book it is recorded that on *Mar. 16, 1718/19*, John Bosworth and Zachariah Bicknell were chosen Surveyors of Highways. At the same meeting James Thurber, who later became the husband of Elizabeth, was made "Tythingman."

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In September of that year John died at the age of 48, and was buried at the Nockum Hill Burying Ground. Bicknell, in his History of Barrington, says:

“It was the custom quite common in early New England, and not yet entirely gone, for families to set apart a small lot on their own farms, as family burial places. Several of these exist in Barrington As the first permanent settlers of Barrington (then Rehoboth) made their homes on New Meadow Neck, in the neighborhood of the Baptist Church, it would be most natural to select a public burial place in the neighborhood. This was done, and the burial ground on the sunny knoll at the head of Hundred Acre Cove, is the place of the first interments of the whites on Barrington soil. The oldest graves are marked, if at all, by rude field stones, without inscriptions, so that it is impossible to tell when or by whom the ground was first used for burial purposes. We may believe that some of the slain of King Philip’s war were among the first to be laid at rest at Burial Hill. The tombstone of earliest date in this yard is that of Renew Carpenter, wife of Benjamin Carpenter, who died July 29, 1703, aged forty-three years. Her husband died in 1727 aged sixty-nine years. As the land of this burial place is private ground the graves are neglected, and unless some action be taken to care for the grounds and protect the monuments, all evidence of a burial place will soon be effaced.”

(The Benjamin Carpenter mentioned here was, as may be seen, one of the witnesses to the above deed.)

The grave of John⁴ Bosworth is in this burying ground, not far from those of Renew and Benjamin Carpenter, and when the compiler first saw it in 1905 the stone was in good condition and perfectly legible, but in 1920 it was found sinking into the sand. In order that it might be preserved, two Bosworth daughters, one of the line of Nathaniel⁵, and the other of John⁵, Jr., sons of John⁴, furnished the necessary means, and the stone was cleaned and set into a cement base. It will now last for a long time, but we of this generation, descendants of John, leave it in trust to be cared for by our descendants. (See frontispiece. See also an article on Bosworth gravestones in Bosworth Bulletin for April 1927.)

As we have said, John died Sept. 20, 1719, and in November of that year the inventory of his estate was made, and his widow Elizabeth was made administrator. The inventory and other Court papers, Elizabeth’s account and the division of the estate follow:

BOSWORTH GENEALOGY

A true Inventory of all and Singular the Estate (both Real and Personal)
of John Bozworth of Swanzey Alias Barrington Deceased

	£	s.	d.
Imprimis: To Money £ 03. his Waring Apparel. £ 13.10	16.	10.	00
Item: Books £1	01.	00.	00
Item: his Horse and furniture £11. his Gun & Sword £2.15	13.	15.	00
Item: One Feather Bed with Bed Stead & furniture	12.	00.	00
Item: To 2 Feather Beds and furniture @ £9 pr. Bed	18.	00.	00
Item: To another Feather Bed & furniture £7. one Ditto £5	12.	00.	00
Item: Table Linnen £1-5 Yarn & Wool £8. Glass & Earthen £1	10.	05.	00
Item: To Pewter: £ 5-10 Brass ware £ 2	07.	10.	00
Item: Iron Pots Kettles frying Pan & tramels £2 a grid Iron 5 ^s	02.	05.	00
Item: 1 Pair of hand Irons £ 2 Tongs & Slice 8 ^s Box Iron 5 ^s	02.	13.	00
Item: Sheep Shears 2 ^s Candle Sticks 2 ^s a Spit and flesh fork 6 ^s	00.	10.	00
Item: Slays and harness £1.10 four Spinning Wheels and Cards 1 ^{lb} . . 5 ^s .	02.	15.	00
Item: His Carpenters Tools £5. 11 ^s Syths & tackling 7 ^s	05.	18.	00
Item: 2 Sickles 3 ^s oxchains £1. . 4 ^s . old Iron 3 ^s	01.	10.	00
Item: Hogsheads, Barrels, Churn, Pails, Sives, Wooden Ware and other Lumber	04.	00.	00
Item: One Cup Board £1. four Chests & a Box £02	03.	00.	00
Item: A Dozen Chairs £1.5 Tables £1. . 0	02.	05.	00
Item: Cart & Wheels: £03. Plas & Plow Irons: 12 ^s Yoke 2/6	03.	14.	06
Item: Cops & Pin 2/6 Pitch forks 5 ^s a Grin Stone £1.0	01.	07.	06
Item: Indian Corn £13 English Grain £2.10	15.	10.	00
Item: Tobacco £2.10. To Shingles. 14 ^s Leather 12 ^s	03.	16.	00
Item: To Neet Cattle £45. 22 Sheep £08. Swine £7	60.	00.	00
Item: The Whole of all his Lands Meadows and Buildings with Common Rights	400.	00.	00

Praised this 10 Day of Novemb: 1719	602. . 14. . 00
by us	The Neet Stock above Mentioned consists of a
John Devotion	Yoke of oxen Praised @ £10: 3 cows @ £3.15 ^s
Samuel Hills	Pr.: 1 Steer @ £ 04: 3 Two year old cattle @
James Brown	£3 Pr.: 6 yearlings @ £01. . 10 pr: 2 Calves
	@ 17/6 pr.: the Hay or fother allowed to sd
	Stock

Bristoll ss August 6, 1721

Then before ye Honorable Nathaniel Paine Esqr. Judge of Probate of wills & granting of Lettrs of Administration within ye County of Bristol Came Elizabeth Bozworth widow and Relict of Mr. Jno. Bozworth late of Barrington deceased Intestate and made oath that the Inventory within written Contains the whole of that Estate the said Deceased dyed Seized of and is Come to her knowledge and when shee knows of any more shee will reveall it that it may be of Record herewith Nath^l Paine

Bristoll ss. In the Third Book folio 714

Entered August 6th, 1721.

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The Account of Elesebeth Bosworth Administratrix of all and Singular the Goods Chattles of her Husband John Bosworth of Barrington (&c &c). The Accountant Charges herself with all . . . the Goods Chattles of the Said Deceased Contained in an Inventory Thereof made The 10th Day of November 1719 Amounting as by the Same Inventory Appeareth The Sum of £602 . 14 . 00

The Personal Estate Being £205 . 10 . 00
 To be added Sence the Inventory was Given
 in, Received by the Accountt as Followeth

	£	s.	d.
By John Thomas	02	05	00
To Sundrie other Persons	03	05	00
The Accountant Desires allowance for the Pay- ment of Sundrie Debts & Disbursements on Said Estate as Followeth—			
[Here follows a list of names of fifteen persons to whom small amounts were paid amounting to]			
To Doctor William Wood	11	16	00
To Suite of Clothes To Sam ^{ll} Inged being his freedom clothes	00	14	00
Sundrie Disburstments for the Lying in with an Imposthumus Child after the Death of y ^e Father	04	04	00
To Samuel Hill for Work	06	00	00
To the Funeral Charges & Docter et	00	10	00
To Clothing used in the Familey	06	10	00
To Lining made use of Fer the Familey	01	10	00
To Flax used in the Familey	01	05	00
To Indian Corn Spent in the Familey	00	10	00
To English Grane	13	00	00
To a Bond & the Interist pd. to John Whittah	02	10	00
To Joseph Kent	04	19	00
To Nathaniel Jnks	04	05	00
To Hannah West	02	16	00
To Thomas Wood	12	15	9
To the Prisers for Priseing the Estate	16	18	6
Paid to Jabez Brown	00	09	00
To the Administratrix for her Trouble and Expences for her Coming Down to Bristoll To administer upon the Estate	00	18	11
To the allowing and Registering this accountt	01	10	00
	00	10	00
	93		11 . 2

Bristoll June y^e 14th 1724
 Sworn to before Nath^{ll} Blagrove Esqr. Judge of Probate &c.

June 22, 1724, Samuel Goff was appointed Guardian of

Mary Bosworth	}	Minors, "Daughters and Son to John Bosworth late of Barrington in County of Bristol Deceased."
Anna Bosworth		
Nathaniel Bosworth		

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Samuel Goff, yeoman, and John Thomas, Cordwainer, gave bonds for 100 pounds.

Dec. 15, 1724, Peter Hunt was appointed Guardian to John Bosworth and Lidia Bosworth, minors, "Son and Daughter To John Bosworth late of Rehoboth." Peter Hunt, Robert Wheaton and Samuel Hill, gave bonds "for One Hundred Pounds."

NOTE: In the inventory, as may be noted, John is called "of Swanzey alias Barrington", and in the above he is called "of Rehoboth." The above is no doubt a mistake as he evidently lived in the township of Swansea until the part in which he lived was taken to help form Barrington, but probably near the Rehoboth line.

Bristol ss. An order for the Making A Division of ye Housing & Lands of John Bosworth Late of Barrington Deceased Intestate and also of his Personall Estate in manner & Form following ————

By the Honorable Nathaniel Blagrove Esqr. Judge of the Probate of wills and Granting of Letters of Administration within the County of Bristol aforesaid—

To Mr. Peter Hunt Samuel Hill Joseph Peck Robert Wheaton & James Bowen, ———— Pursuant to the act of the Generall Assembly Intituled an act for the Settlement and Distribution of Intestate Estates I do by these Presents Nominate and appointe & Impower You the Sd. Mr. Peter Hunt Samuel Hill Joseph Peck Robert Wheaton & James Bowen, or any three of You to Make a Division of the Housing Lands & personall Estate of John Bozworth Late of Rehoboth Deceased Intestate to and amongst the widdow and children and Such as shall Legally Represent them if any of them be Dead. According to the Directions Mentioned & Contained in the before Recited Act, which You are Sworn to Attend and make Return of Your Doings in Observance hereof Together with this order unto myself att the Registers office att Bristol hereof Faile not given under my hand & Seal the 16 Day of february 1724/5

N: Blagrove.

In observance of an order from the Honorable Nathaniel Blagrove Esqr. Judge of the probate of wills and granting Letters of Administration within the County of Bristol—

We the Subscribers being appointed and Sworn By the sd. Judge to Divide the Real and personal Estate of John Bozworth Late of Barrington In sd. County Deceased Intestate have Divided the same as followeth—and first of the Real Estate—

the divistian whereof is as followeth (viz)

Imprimis the Widdows Dowry or third part is Bounded northwardly to a fence on the North Side of the Orchard and so bounding by sd fence on a streight line till it coms to the Land of James Thomas and is bounded westerly and Southwesterly by the highway: beginning at the above sd fence north of the orchard and running Southward or Southeastward by sd highway till it Cometh to the Eastward line of the barn—

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yard: then bounding by the Eastward fence of sd barn-yard till it Cometh to the northeast ward corner of sd yard & hence northeastwardly to a ditch which is diged to drain a pond and so on a Line to a small saplin whit oke marked and so on a Line till it Cometh to James Thomas his Land. then bounding by sd Thomas his Land and running northward till it meeteth the north Line as above said—with all the Lower Rooms In the Dwelling house upon sd Land and half the seller and one half of the Barn (*viz*) the west end of the barn and the northward half of the Leanto at the East end of the barn: it is to be understood that the privilege of Egres and Regres is reserved to those who maybe owners of the Remaining part at the Building as it may be Expressed when we come to describe that part whereunto they may belong. We have likewise set off to the widdow six acres of wood land Lying near to a place Called Nockkom which is bounded northwestward by the highway, Southwestward by the old bounds of the Lot Running from the Highway to the salt Meadow and from the Southward Corner of sd Lot running northeastward by the Salt Meadow twenty six Rods to a walnut saplin standing In an old fence: then beginning at the westward Corner of sd Lot and running by sd highway twenty six rods to a stake by the highway thence on a line to the sd walnut saplin Likewise to the widdows thirds we have ordered all the Salt Meadow which belongs to sd Estate Lying on the Islands near to sd. Nockkom which parcels of Land and Meadow with the housing as above described we Judge to be a full third part of the housing and Land.—

Item. To Nathaniel Bozworth the Eldest Son of the said Deceased we have a Loted and laid out a part of the home Lot Containing about four acres Lying where formerly *old Mr. Bozworths* house stood it being Bounded Easterly and Southerly by highways: westerly by the bounds of the widdows thirds and northwardly by the Land of James Thomas: Likewise to sd Nathaniel Bozworth one Small Lot of Land Lying near to a place Called Johnsons place on New Meadow-neck and all the salt Meadow which belongs to the sd Estate—lying on the mainland near to sd Nockkom: which meadow together with that set out to the widow are in partnership with other men and undivided: Likewise to sd Nathaniel Bozworth we have ordered all the house barn and seller except what is above ordered and set out to the widdow with the priviledg of Egress and Regres to and from any part of the house seller or barn which fall to him: that is a convenientcy of yard-room at the house and barn with the priviledg of Doors and stairs to go into his part at the housing.

Item To John Bozworth the second son we have a Loted and Laid out a part of the home lot which part Lyeth on the northward side of the widdows thirds and is bounded Southward by the widdows thirds and westward by the highway and Eastward by the Land of James Thomas being twelve Rods and half a rod wide Runing from the orchard fence to a stake by the highway and another Stake in the Line both stakes being twelve Rods and half from sd orchard fence.

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- Item To David Bozworth the third Son We have aloted and Laid out the one half of a peice of Salt Meadow lying in the Hundred acres—which half or part is bounded westward by a ditch and so running upward the whole breadth of the meadow to a small ditch which Croseth the Meadow there being a stake on Each side of the meadow pitched in sd ditch: also to sd David Bozworth a parcel of land In a wood lot bounded by the highway and a whit oak saplin by the meadow.
- Item To Oliver Bozworth the fourth son we have alloted and Laid out a Certain part of the Salt Meadow In the hundred acres which part is bounded westward by a small ditch which Croseth meadow and so running the whole breadth of the meadow unto a great ditch by the upland: also a parcel of Land In a wood lot bounded Southerly by the Land laid out to his Brother David, westward by the highway, Eastward by the salt meadow and northward by the northward bounds of the whole Lot this part is Sixteen Rods wide by the meadow and ten Rods wide by the highway.
- Item To Elizabeth the wife of John Thomas we have aloted and laid out a Certain parcel of Land with an orchard upon it lying adjoining to sd John Thomas his own Land northwardly bounding westwardly by the highway and Eastwardly by the Land of Benjamin Hunts Runing Southward from sd Thomas his own Land about twenty six Rods to stakes set on each side.
- Item To Mary Bozworth the second Daughter of the sd Deceased we have aloted and laid out a Certain parcel of Land bounded westerly by the highway northward by the Land laid out to her Sister, the wife of John Thomas Eastward by the Land of Benjamin Hunt, and Southward by the Land laid out to her Brother Oliver: this Lot Runs from sd Thomas his land about forty Rods Southward, a stake being the Corner by the sd highway we have Likewise ordered to these two (viz) Elizabeth the wife of John Thomas and Mary Bozworth the second Daughter: to these two we have ordered and aloted In equal parts all that Right or Intrest which the sd Deceased had In or to Certain Land In Common with Mr. Harding or others: Lying in Swanzey togather with all the Common Rights In Swanzey belonging to the sd Deceased.
- Item To Annah Bozworth the third Daughter we have aloted and Laid out a certain parcel of Land in the home lot which part is bounded Northward and Eastward by the Land of James Thomas westward by the highway and Southward by the Land Laid out to her Sister Lidia—
- Item To Lidia Bozworth the fourth Daughter we have aloted and Laid out a Certain part of the home lot which part is bounded Southward to the Land laid out to her Brother John Bozworth and westward by the highway. Eastward by the Land of James Thomas this Lot is seventeen Rods wide, a stake being the northwest Corner and another stake in the Line, holding an Equal breadth till it Cometh to sd James Thomas his Land. We have Likewise taken out of the personal Estate of the said John Bozworth Deceased for each of his Children these following sums at a vallue according to the best of our Judgment.

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	£	s.	d.
Item To Nathaniel Bozworth the Eldest son we have set out			
one gun one Sword with all vehicles therewith used	3..	3..	0
one suit of apparrel	5..	0..	0
all the Carpenters tools	5..	3..	6
Eight Sheep	3..	3..	8
	16..10..2*		
Item—To John Bozworth the second son ordered			
and set out one mair	6..	0..	0
one yearling Calf one draught Chain one pair of Leather			
bitches, one frow and two branding irons	2..	5..	1
	8.. 5.. 1		
Item—To David Bozworth the third son			
one Cow, one three year old heifer	7..	0..	0
one draught Chain, half a Log chain, one yoke	1..	5..	1
	8.. 5.. 1		
Item To Oliver Bozworth the fourth son			
three heifers	6..	10..	0
Three hoes one yoke and Irons beetle and wedges two			
syths one sickle Cops and pin	1..	01..	6
two sheep	0..	13..	7
	8..05.. 1		
Item To Elisabeth the Eldest Daughter			
the wife of John Thomas we find by a receipt			
under the hand of John Thomas that shee			
hath Received her full part of sd Estate——			
Item To Mary Bozworth the second Daughter			
one featherbed and furniture and one old table	8..	5..	1
Item To annah Bozworth the third Daughter			
one bed with woolen tickin and the furniture one Case			
of Draws one spinning wheel one Chair one Trammel and			
one old Table	8..	5..	1
Item To Lidia Bozworth the fourth Daughter			
one bed and furniture, one Chest, one Trammel one			
Gridiron and one Chaffindish	5..	15..	1
Cash two pounds and ten shillings	2..	10..	1
	8.. 5.. 0		
We have likewise Left In the hands of the Late widdow			
(viz) <i>the wife of James Thurber,</i>			
Sundry goods of the sd Intestate: to the value of Thirty			
seven pounds two shillings and ten pence	37..	2..	10

*The eldest son had a double portion.

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Given under our hands the 2nd Day of March 1724/5*

James Bowen, Samuel Hills, Joseph Peck, Robert Wheaton, Peter Hunt.

As may be seen by the above papers, before Elizabeth had finished her duties as Administrator, she had married James Thurber. He certainly must have had courage, for she had at the death of John, seven living children and after his death had given birth to one more. Three of the sons, Nathaniel, David and Oliver, at maturity emigrated to Connecticut, but returned about 1740 and sold their rights in their mother's thirds to their brother-in-law Richard Thomas. Nathaniel and Oliver were of Middletown, Conn., and David was of Lebanon, Conn., at that time.

July 25, 1750, Elizabeth Thurber, of Rehoboth, widow, buys land of Joseph Wheaton of Rehoboth, 5 a. "of Salt Meadow" at New Meadow Neck. (Warren Deeds)

July 23, 1750, Elizabeth Thurber, widow, of Rehoboth, sells to Israel Peck of Warren, 1 a. of "Salt Meadow in Warren being an Island near a place Called Nockum Hill"—(for £40 "old tenor")

Lydia Kelley { Elizabeth signed with her mark.
Nathaniel Peck } Witnesses.

(Lydia Kelley, one of the above witnesses was the youngest daughter of Elizabeth, and Nathaniel Peck was no doubt a cousin of John Bosworth, son of his aunt Deliverance (Bosworth) Peck, for he was living in Barrington at that time.)

June 7, 1773, "Stephen Bullock Adm^r to E. Thur^r." sells to Samuel Bullock, yeoman, 2 a. of Salt Meadow in Barrington, "late the estate of Eliz. Thurber and which sd land is Sold and conveyed . . . by virtue of an Order of the Sup^r. Court of the Colony aforesd at the last April" etc. (Barrington, R. I. Deeds; Bk. 1, p. 60).

NOTE: The following is an extract from a letter to the compiler from Henry M. Thompson, Clerk of the Superior Court, Bristol, R. I.: "There is a record in this office, filed in the April Term of Court, 1773, whereby Stephen Bullock was given the right to sell 2 acres of Salt Marsh in Barrington, late the estate of Elizabeth Thurber."

Samuel Bullock was the son-in-law of Elizabeth Thurber; the husband of her daughter, Anna (or Hannah) (Bosworth) Bullock.

As Elizabeth had probably died shortly before the date of the order appointing Stephen Bullock Adm^r., in April 1773, it appears that she was in her 91st year at the time of her death.

(*She was m. to Jas. Thurber, Feb. 18, 1724.)

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CHILDREN

of John⁴ and Elizabeth (Toogood) Bosworth
born in Swansea, Mass.

- 137 + i—ELIZABETH⁵, b. Apr. 30, 1703; d. Apr. 7, 1725; m. abt. 1720, John Thomas, Jr.
- 138 + ii—MARY⁵, b. Apr. 4, 1705; d. — — — ; m. Richard Thomas
- 139 + iii—ANNA⁵ (or HANNAH), b. 1706*; m. Samuel Bullock.
- 140 + iv—NATHANIEL⁵, b. Aug. 14, 1709; d. Oct. 25, 1807; m. (1) Bethia Hinckley; m. (2) Elizabeth Eddy.
- 141 + v—JOHN⁵, b. Sept. 9, 1711; d. before June 1745; m. Elizabeth Wheaton.
- 142 + vi—LYDIA⁵, b. Sept. 17, 1713; m. John Kelley.
- 143 vii—RACHEL, b. Apr. 5, 1716; must have d. y., not mentioned in the division of John's estate.
- 144 + viii—David, † b. Feb. 14, 1717/8; d. after 1786; m. Mary Strong.
- 145 + ix—OLIVER⁵, b. prob. the one born 1719 or 20, after the death of the father; d. — — — ; m. Susannah Collins.

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JABEZ⁴ BOSWORTH, son of Jonathan³ Jr. (*Jonathan*², *Edward*¹) and Hannah (Howland), and grandson of John and Elizabeth (Tilley) Howland, both passengers in the *Mayflower*; born in Swansea, Mass., Feb. 14, 1673; died in Rehoboth, Sept. 21, 1747; married about 1700, SUSANNAH (—), died Mar. 21, 1758. Jabez is called a "Cordwainer," which was a shoemaker. His name was sometimes written "Jabesh," but the proper spelling seems to have been *Jabez*, a name that came from the Howland family. He was always known as "Captain" Jabez, so was probably a captain in the militia.

In the "Old Proprietary Records of Rehoboth," Book 3. is given "The Record of the Bounds of the Lands of Jabez Bosworth."

*The leaf on which this birth was recorded is torn, so that only the year remains; the month and day are gone. As they were Baptists, there is no church record of baptisms.

†On the Swansea records this name was written *Daniel*, but it must have been an error of the town clerk, as there is no *David* given, while there was a *David*, but no *Daniel* when the division of John's estate was made. Another indication that the name was David is that John had a brother David, but not a Daniel. Hence the compiler, who is a descendant of David, has not hesitated to give the birth date recorded with the name Daniel, to David.

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Impf. Three acres of land be it more or less purchased of Leut Moses Read being upon his Rights In the last Division granted Anno 1707/8 Lyeing adjoining to the sd Bozworth own Land (being his house lott) Bounded Southerly the Roade Easterly a highway of four Rods wide Runing Between this land & the land of the heirs of Isaac Allen Till it come to Benjamin Allens land Then Bounded with sd Benjamin Allens land & his own land till it come to the S. E. corner of Joseph Pecks land Being the Bounds Between the sd Pecks land & the sd Bozworth land
laid out June ye 6th 1710 John Butterworth Surveyor."

Mar. 21, 17¹²/₁₃, Jabez and his brother John were witnesses to the will of John Martin of Swansea.

Dec. 23, 1720, Ephraim May and Jabez Bosworth, "Cordwainer", both of Rehoboth, buy 25 a. of land of the heirs of Nathaniel Whitaker. This land lay between parcels of land owned by the buyers, and was divided in the middle, the half lying against Ephraim May's land was to belong to him and that part next Jabez Bosworth's land to belong to him "sd Mays part being the west part and the said bozworths part being the Easterly part." Joseph and Nicholas Peck were witnesses. (Ephraim May's wife was Deliverance Peck, daughter of Israel and Bethia (Bosworth) Peck.)

Apr. 20, 1742, Jabez Bosworth one of the appraisers on the estate of Joseph Peck.

Apr. 20, 1746, Jabez Bosworth of Rehoboth "Gent^m", for £55 deeds to Nathaniel Toogood of Barrington mariner 3 a. of land in Barrington salt marsh bounded N. to ye river or cove S. to Upland E. to ye landing W. on land of John Martin

Robert Wheten (Signed) Jabez Bozworth
Joseph Bozworth ye 2nd—Witnesses.

As stated above, Jabez died Sept. 21, 1747, leaving a will, dated May 29, 1747, proved Oct. 6, 1747, which was as follows:

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN

This twenty Ninth Day of May in the Twentieth year of his majesties Reign Annoque Domini 1747 I Jabez Bosworth of Rehoboth in the County of Bristol in the Massachuset Bay in Newengland Cordwainer being aged and infirm of Body but of Sound mind and memory Thanks be Given to God Calling to mind my mortality and that it is appointed for men once to die do make this my last will and Testament in manner and form following That is to say Principally and first of all I Commend my Soul to God that gave it and my Body to the Earth to be Decently buried at the Discretion of my Executor herein after named and as to my Wordly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me I give demise and Dispose thereof in the following manner—Imprs. my Will is that my Debts and funerall Charges be paid in convenient Time by my Executor.

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- Item I give to my Loving and beloved Wife Susannah Bosworth all the west end of my Dwelling House and a privelege in the Celler to put what she has occasion for her own use Likewise at the well for water and at the oven for Baking together with the Income of the one half of my Real estate During the Time she remains my widow.
- Item I give to my s^d wife all my Bedding and the furniture thereof both Linnen & woollen Likewise all my Pewter with all my Table Linnen to her own use and at her own Dispose forever
- Item I give to my said wife so Long as she remain my widow the use & Improvement of all the rest of my Household goods as Iron Brass Earthen and wooden ware: But at her decease or marriage to be Equally Divided between my Daughter Hannah Carpenter and my Two Grand Daughters Susannah farechild & susannah Cole That is to say the one half thereof to my Daughter Hannah Carpenter and the other half to my two grand daughters susannah farechild & susannah Cole equally between them to whom I give the same at my wifes decease or marriage as afores^d
- Item I give to s^d wife one Hundred and forty pounds old Tenor to be paid by my Executor within one year after my Decease: and my will is & I further order that my s^d Executor shall keepe her a sutable Beast and furniture for her to ride on when and where she shall se Cause so long as she is my widow and also that he Cut and Cart her sufficient firewood and make her fire as she shall need
- Item I give to my Daughter Hannah Carpenter in addition to what I have already given her Thirty Pounds in Bills of publick Credit of the old Tenor or so much in other Bills of Credit as shall be Equivalent thereto in full of her Portion (to her heirs or assigns)
- Item I give to my Grand Daughter Susannah Farechild Thirty Pounds and a good Cow the s^d Thirty Pounds to be in old Tener also to her heirs & assigns:
- Item I give to my Grandson Jabez Bullock Twenty Pounds old Tener to to him his heirs or assigns.
- Item I give to my Grand Daughter susannah Cole five pounds old Tener.
- Item I give to my granddaughter Elisabeth Bullock & to her heirs Ten pounds old Tener.
- Item my Will is that these severall Legacies given as aforesd be given by my Executor within three years after my Decease viz my Legacies to my Daughter and grandchildren.
- Item I give and Bequeath to my son Joseph Bosworth whom I Likewise make Constitute and appoint sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament all the rest of my Estate both Real and personal of every kind & Denomination to him his heirs and assigns forever that is to say what is not otherwise Disposed of to come into his possession at my Decease & what of my House and privelege to my wife during her widowhood to be also and belong to my sd son at her marriage or Decease (except that part of my personal Estate which is otherwise

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hereby disposed of) And I do revoke and disanull all other or former wills By me made and ratify and Confirm this to be my Last will and Testament: In witness whereof I the said Jabez Bosworth have hereto set my hand & seal the Day and year first within written.

Signed sealed published
& Declared by the sd Jabez
Bosworth to be his last will
and Testament in presence of
Daniel Hunt
Mary Hunt
Sam^l Howland

Jabez Bozworth seal

Bristol ss Rehoboth October y^e 6th 1747

Witnesses made oath—

The inventory on his estate, made Oct. 20, 1747, follows:

A True Inventory of all and Singular the Goods and Estate of Capt Jabez Bozworth Late of Rehoboth Deceased Taken By us ye Subscribers October y^e 20th 1747.

	£	s.	d.
To Wearing Aparrel	68..	8..	
To one Cane	2..	10..	
To Arms and Amunition	16..		
To Sundry Books	8..		
To Silver Money	8..		
To Bills of Credit	20..		
To Bonds and Notes for Money	283..	18..	10
To two silver spoons	8..		
To Best Bed and furniture	60..		
To Next Best Bed and furniture	34..	10..	
To Another Bed	20..		
To sheets and Table Linin	31..	10..	
To sundry Puter ware	29..		
To A Brass Cittle	10..		
To Iron ware within Doors	14..	5..	
To Earthen ware Glass ware and Looking Glass	2..	16..	
To 3 Baggs 24 shillings yarn wool and flax 12 pounds 16 shillings	14..		
To sundry Chests and Tables	27..		
To sundry Chairs 5 pound 5 shillings foot wheel 45 shillings worsted Combs 3 Pound Coffee mill 35 shillings	12..	5..	
To Woolen wheel and Cards	2..	5..	
To Barrels Tubs and pails	6..	12..	6
To 20 weight of Butter	4..	10..	
To 4 Barrels of sider	6..		
To 30 weight of Cheas	3..		
To 30 Bushels of Corn one Bushel and half of Beans	22..	10..	
To sole and uper Leather	2..	10..	
To one saddle and Bridle	10..		

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To one Riding Beast	55.. ..
To Land Buildings and salt Meadow	1726..10.. 6
To 2 oxen 52 pound 4 Cows 68 pound 4 young Cattle 45 pounds	165.. ..
To a year and vantage Colt	30.. ..
To 25 Sheep	37..10..
To 9 swine	28.. ..
To Plows Chains and other Iron Tacklin	12..11..
To Hay stalks and husks	45.. ..
To 14 Bushels of Rie	12..12..
To 25 Bushels of Oats	10.. ..
To 100 weight of Tobacco	5.. ..

Total in old Tenor		2854..13..10
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	[Real Estate]	1726..10.. 6
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Aaron Kingsley } Daniel Hunt } Samuel Mason }		
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	[Personal Estate]	1128.. 3.. 4
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The Appraisers

Jabez was buried in Nockum Hill Burying Ground, on One Hundred Acre Cove, not far from the grave of his brother John; and near him his son Joseph and some of his grandchildren.*

Susannah, wife of Jabez, outlived him ten years, dying Mar. 21, 1758, leaving a will dated, May 2, 1757, proved Mar. 22, 1758.

WILL OF SUSANAH BOSWORTH

In the name of God Amen

I Susanah Bozworth of Rehoboth In the County of Bristol in y^e Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England: Widdow of Jabez Bozworth Late of Rehoboth Deceased. Being Sick and weak Though (Through Mercy) of Sound Disposeing mind and memory. And Calling to mind the mortallity of my Body and the Brevity and Unsertainty of my Natural Life: Do Make and Ordain This my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following That is to Say first and Principaly I Comit my Soul into The Hands of God That Gave it My body I Commit to the Earth to be Decently Buried at the Discretion of my Executor Hereinafter Named in Hope of a Glorious Rezurection to Eternal life at the Last-Day And as for Such wordly Goods and Estate as it hath Pleased God to Bless me with I will and Order that the Same be Disposed off Employed and Bestowed In The Following Manner—viz

*The gravestones were fast going to decay when I saw them last, and I tried to influence one of his descendants to see that they were repaired, but I do not know whether anything ever came of it.

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Imprimis I Do hereby Will and Order That all my Just Debts and Funeral Charges and Just Expences of all Sorts be Well and Truly Paid out of my Estate with all Convenient Speed After my Desease

Item I Do hereby Give and Bequeath unto my Four Grand Daughters the Daughters of my Son Joseph Bozworth Deseast Namely Patience Bozworth and Mary Bozworth and Susanah Bozworth and Annah Bozworth Two Shillings Each in Lawfull money to be Paid by my Executor within one year after my Desease——

Item I Do Give and Bequeath unto my Grandson Jeddediah Carpenter my Great Bible and four Pounds in Lawfull money: Item:/I give and Bequeath unto my Grandson Samuel Carpenter Two Pounds and Ten Shillings in Lawfull money——

Item I do Give unto my Grand Daughter Susanah, the wife of Aaron Barney my Best Silver Spoon and my meanest Bed and furniture and Two Pounds in Lawfull money and one third Part of my Pewter and Linen and one Half Part of my wareing Apparel Except my Black Taffaty Gound and my Russel Gound and Silk Gloves——

Item I Give unto my Grand Daughter Susanah Fairchild My Russel Gound (above Excepted) and Two Pounds in Lawfull money (Item) I do Give unto my Grand Daughter susannah Cole Two Pounds in Lawfull Money and my Best Bed and furniture and one Third Part of my Puter and linen and one half my wareing Apparel Except The Two Gound before Excepted and Silk Gloves——

Item I give unto my Grandson Jabez Bullock Two Pounds in Lawfull money——

Item I give unto my Grand Daughter Elizabeth Bullock my Black Taffaty Gound and Silk Gloves and my meanest Silver Spoon and one Third Part of my Peuter & Linen and Two Pounds in Lawfull money: (Item) I give unto my Great Grand Child Jabez Barney (son of Aaron Barney) Eighteen Shillings in Lawfull money: The Several Sums of money Given and Bequeathed I hereby will & order my Executor hereafter Named to Pay to the Several Persons to whome it is given within one year after my Desease (out of my Estate.) All the Rest and Residue of my Estate wheresoever found or in whatsoever Specie it be I give and Bequeath To be Equally Divided to & Among my Grand Children./I Do Hereby Nominate Constitute and Appoin my Trusty Friend Daniel Barney of the Town and County abovesaid Sole Executor to This my Last Will and Testament——

In witness where of I the Said Susanah Bozworth have hereunto Sett my hand and Seal This second Day of May Anno Domini 1757 and in the Thirtyeth year of his Majestyes Reighn George The Second King &c.

Constant Barney	} Witnesses	Her
Daniel Barney Junr.		Susanah <i>f</i> Bozworth
Benajah Barney		mark

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An Inventory of all and Singuler the Goods Credits and Estate of Susanna Bozworth widow of Jabez Bozworth Late of Rehoboth in the County of Bristol Decest Died Seized of within Sd County Taken by us the Subscribers this twenty Seventh Day of March A:D 1758: in Lawfull mony.

	£	s.	d.
Imprimis Her apparil (viz)			
To a Black Taffety gown	3	10	0
to 1 pr of Silk gloves 3 ^s / to a Rusell gown 56 ^s /	2	19	0
to 2 Silk Crape gowns	1	05	6
to 2 Black wosted gowns 30 ^s / to 2 old gowns 7 ^s /	1	17	0
to the Best Quilted Coat 7 ^s / to ye next Best Quilted Coat 6 ^s /	0	13	0
to 3 old Coats 7 ^s / to 1 pr Stays 1 ^s /6 ^d to 3 pr old gloves/4 ^d	0	08	10
to 1 white apron and one Checkered Ditto 7/6	0	07	6
to Blew Calico apron & Checkered Too Ditto 3 ^s /	0	03	0
to Black goze handkerchif 3 ^s / to muslen Ditto 2 ^s /6 ^d	0	05	6
to 4 old hankerchifs 2 ^s /3 ^d to 11 caps 6 ^s	0	08	3
to 2 Cotten & Lining Shirts 13 ^s / to 5 Ditto 16 ^s /	1	09	0
to 6 pr Stalkings 2 ^s / to 1 pr. Shoos 2 ^s /	0	04	0
to a Lute String hood 2 ^s / to a Ridinghood 10 ^s / to a Short Cloak 1 ^s /	0	13	0
to 17 Too Sheets 50 ^s / to 4 Table Cloaths 3/6	2	13	6
to 6 Knapkins 5 ^s / to 6 Pillebeers 5/8	0	10	8
to the Best Beed and Bolster and 1 Pillow	5	06	0
to the under Beed: beed Stid and Cord 6 ^s /6 ^d to 1 Cotten & Lining Sheet 12 ^s /	0	18	6
to 1 Too Sheett 7 ^s /6 ^d to 2 Blankits 7 ^s /6 ^d to a Covered 5 ^s /	1	00	00
to an old bed Quilt 4 ^s / to an old Sute of Curtains 10 ^s /	0	14	00
to the next Best Beed and Bolster and 1 Pillow	2	05	00
to the under Beed: beed Stid and Cord 7 ^s /6 ^d to 1 Cotten and Lining Sheett 10 ^s /	0	17	06
to 1 Too Sheet 7 ^s /6 ^d to 2 Blankits 6 ^s / to 1 Covered 16 ^s / . . .	1	09	06
to an old Coverlid 1 ^s /6 ^d	0	01	06
to 4 Large Pewter Platters 24 ^s / to 5 Ditto 23 ^s / to 1 Doz Pewter Plates 18 ^s / to 3 Bassons 9 ^s /6 ^d to 3 Porengers & Small Plate and Small Pewter Cups 4/6 to an old quart pot and Basson 3 ^s /	4	02	00
to 75 wt of Pork 25 ^s / to 15 wt of Beaff 2 ^s /6 ^d to 1 Peck Beens /9 to 1 Gallon of molleses 2 ^s /6 ^d to hogs fatt 1 ^s /6 ^d	1	12	3
to 2 Silver Spoons 21 ^s / to 2 Rings of Silver Buttons 1/6	0	02	06
to 1 pr Specticles	1	00	06
to mony Due from Stephens Peck by a note of hand	5	00	00
to mony Due from James Wheler by two nots of hand	4	16	10
to money Due from Dan ⁿ Whitaker by note of hand	1	13	10
to mony due from Ebenezer Allen by note of hand	2	16	03
to mony Due from Aaron Barney by note of hand	1	00	00
to mony Due from James Hill by note of hand	7	04	08
To mony Due from the Estate of Nathan Hammon By a not of hand	2	19	05

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To mony Due from Samuel Ormsbee by a note of hand	2	01	10
To mony Due from Jonathan Bozworth by a note of hand . .	2	07	06
To mony Due from Benj ⁿ Allen by a note of hand	0	16	00
To mony Due from Rosbothom Munroo by note of hand . .	6	00	00
To mony Due from Capt Dan ^l Hunt by note of hand	2	12	00
To mony Due from Joseph Allen by two nots of hand	1	03	07
To mony Due from Preserved Brayton	2	02	02
To twenty Eight Pounds old Tenor Rhoad Island Bills which wee Value at 28 ^s /Lawful mony	1	08	00

Total £80 19 01

Samuel Bullock
William Bullock
James Wheaton

Bristol ss April y^e 5th 1758

NOTE: When appointed by the Court, Samuel Bullock was called a "yeoman," William Bullock, "gentleman," and James Wheaton, "housewright."

The account of David Barney as Exr. to the above will was not made until Dec. 8, 1762. There seems to have been some difficulty connected with it as shown by his account.

The Exr. chargeth himself with £80. 19s. 1d the amount of the Inventory, and among the long list of various credits—"to One day arguing with Capt. Hunt about an arbitration, 0.. 2.. 6
to one day spent with the arbitrators 0.. 2.. 6
to taking out a writt against J Bozworth and my charge in
getting y^e writts served and preparing for trial at Court . . . 0.. 6.. 0
Paid to Isaiah Hunt in Carying on y^e affair 0.. 6.. 0
paid to Daniel Hunt for serving the writt 0.. 4.. 8

CHILDREN

of Jabez⁴ and Susanna (——) Bosworth
born in Rehoboth, Mass.

- 146+ i—ZACHARIAH⁵, b. July 11, 1701; d. Feb. 19, 1726/7; m. Mary Callonder.
- 147 ii—JABISH⁵, b. Sept. 10, 1705; d. Nov. 13, 1725, aged 20.
- 148+ iii—HANNAH⁵, b. Jan. 31, 1707; d. Feb. 13, 1748; m. Charles Carpenter.
- 149+ iv—MARY⁵, b. Apr. 11, 1710; d. July 16, 1739; m. Ebenezer Cole.
- 150+ v—JOSEPH⁵, b. May 8, 1714; d. Jan. 5, 1754; m. (1) Patience Toogood, m. (2) Patience Wheaton.
- 151+ vi—PATIENCE⁵, b. Dec. 8, 1717; d. Apr. 7, 1747; m. John Bullock.

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ICHABOD⁴ BOSWORTH, son of Jonathan³, Jr. (*Jonathan², Edward¹*) and Hannah (Howland), and grandson of John and Elizabeth (Tilley) Howland, Mayflower passengers; born in Swansea, Mass., March 18, 1676; died, probably in Bellingham, Mass. ————; married first, SARAH STACY (birth and parentage not found), intention published in Rehoboth, Mass., Jan. 3, 1700-1; died in Rehoboth, Feb. 5, 1710/11; married second MARY (———).

Ichabod was a blacksmith and owned a home in Rehoboth with 14 acres of land on which was a blacksmith shop. In the town records of Rehoboth is the following entry, dated

March 19, 1705, "It was voted by the town that Ichabod Bosworth shall have liberty to set up a hammer to go by water for the blacksmiths trade and a shop and coal-house upon the Ox-pasture run where the foot path goeth down the hill at the point of said hill: and the said Bosworth or his heirs are not to raise a dam higher than to flow an acre and a half."

May 21, 1709, Ichabod Bosworth of Rehoboth, blacksmith, for £33, 15 s. "currant silver money of New England," mortgages to Nathaniel Waterman of Providence, R. I., 14 acres of land in Rehoboth "by the Country Roade that leads out at the northerly end of the towne on the westerly side of saide Roade."

(Signed)
Mortgage discharged April 6, 1711.

Ichabod Bosworth
(Taunton Deeds, 5-546)

March 22, 1710/11, Ichabod Bosworth of Rehoboth, blacksmith, for £40 current silver money sells to John Bishop of Rehoboth, potter, 14 acres of land in Rehoboth with a dwelling house and shop standing thereon, bounded "southeasterly to a stake and a heap of stones by the Country Road and so along by Lieut Moses Reeds Land till it cometh to the Ox Pasture (so called) to a stake and a heap of stones for a corner then bounded Northerly and Northeasterly with said Ox Pasture and South-easterly with said Road as the fence now standeth."

(Signed)
Acknowledged in Providence Rhode Island Colony same date.

Ichabod Bosworth
(Taunton Deeds, 16-233)

It will be observed that according to the above, Ichabod sold his home with the land and blacksmith shop, all his

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possessions in Rehoboth, in a little over a month after the death of his wife Sarah. It appears that Sarah died about the time of the birth of a son named Henry, and Ichabod leaving the town so soon afterward failed to have his birth recorded. Just where Ichabod went at that time it is impossible to state, for a most diligent search in all the surrounding country has failed to yield any trace of him, until in 1712, when we find him, with a second wife named Mary, in Bristol, then in Massachusetts, now in Rhode Island, about ten or twelve miles south of Rehoboth. Here on Oct. 17, 1712, a baby girl was born to this second wife, and following the custom of those times the child was named Sarah from Ichabod's first wife, the daughter by the first wife named Sarah, having died young.

Ichabod's stay in Bristol was probably brief as he did not purchase land, at least no record of any purchase has been found. He probably went from there to a location near what is now the border line between the town of Bellingham, Mass. and Cumberland, R. I., but at that time was a part of Massachusetts. (This location is about 25 miles to the north-west of Bristol and 15 miles from Providence.) We gather this last from the fact that his sons are found later in that neighborhood, also for the reason that the compiler, on visiting this place in 1905, was told by the town clerk of Bellingham, then an old man who had kept the records of the town for many years and made them a study, that the location of Ichabod Bosworth's house was near to that of Capt. John Darling, the leading man of the town whose name heads the request for the incorporation of Bellingham, the location of his house being shown by the chimney still standing. Also, it may be mentioned in this connection, that Ichabod's son Henry, married the daughter of Capt. John Darling.

This town clerk also said, that in the neighborhood of these homes there was a Baptist meeting house that both attended with their families. (This was perfectly natural in Ichabod's case at least, as we have seen that his father, Jonathan Bosworth, Jr., had suffered because of his membership in that denomination.) This church building was afterward sold to the Congregationalists and whatever records were kept

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by the Baptists have disappeared, at least this compiler after diligent search has been unable to get any trace of them.

It is probable that Ichabod and his second wife lived the remainder of their lives in this locality and died there, but neither the town records of Bellingham, nor any of the surrounding towns furnish proof that such was the case.

NOTE: In such a situation as the above the best we can do is to draw conclusions from such facts as we have, and the compiler feels that in this case they are very convincing. That the Ichabod, son of Jonathan, Jr., who had a wife Sarah who died in Rehoboth, and who afterward sold his property there and went away, was the same Ichabod who married a wife named Mary who was mother of the daughter born in Bristol, and that later lived in Bellingham with a family of five sons and at least one daughter who lived to maturity and married, the compiler, after years of study of the Bosworth family, is fully convinced. The facts referred to are these:

The eldest son of Ichabod⁴ Bosworth by his first wife, who lived to marry, was Ichabod⁵, born Sept. 4, 1708. He married in Middleboro, Joanna Cushman and had a son "Stacy" and a daughter "Sarah," both names of his mother. He also had a son Ichabod-, whose son was another Stacy Bosworth. (He was the father of Rev. George Whitfield Bosworth, a well-known Baptist clergyman.) Ichabod⁵ returned from Middleboro to Bellingham and later died in Cumberland. His widow married Sylvanus Scott, of Bellingham, an attendant of the Baptist church above mentioned.

The next son was Henry, who, as has been before stated, married a daughter of Capt. John Darling of Bellingham. They were married in Smithfield, R. I., a town just south of Cumberland, in 1732. They afterward lived in Mendon, the town from which Bellingham had been set off. There is abundant proof of these facts as will be shown later in the history of Henry.

The next son of Ichabod was Jonathan, son of the second wife (the second one named after his father, the eldest, the son of his first wife, having died young), who married in Wrentham, a town adjoining Bellingham, in 1744, and lived for a time in Bellingham where their elder children were born, the eldest named from his father, Ichabod, and the next from his mother, Mary. This Jonathan died in Royalston, Mass. Dec. 27, 1801, aged "87 yrs. 11 mo. and 25 days," so we see that he was born in 1714, two years after the daughter Sarah born in Bristol.

The next son was probably Benjamin; he married in Providence, in 1743, Anne Collins and lived in Scituate, R. I., a town set off from Providence at the same time as Smithfield. He died there Nov. 16, 1790.

The youngest son was Joseph, the best known of all the family, who, according to his age given on his grave stone, was born in 1719. He went to Halifax, Mass. where his uncle, David⁴ Bosworth, lived. The latter had left home in his young manhood and had not remained in the church of

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his father, but had become a Congregationalist and been appointed a deacon of the church. (See No. 60). Here Joseph was married on Nov. 6, 1741 to Ruth Fuller and on Nov. 29th following *he was baptized* and "owned the covenant," thus becoming a member of the Congregational church. The fact that he was baptized at that time shows that he had not been baptized in infancy, a situation which might be expected, as his father Ichabod belonged to the "Anabaptists," as they were then called. and that sect *did not believe in infant baptism*. Later on Joseph also became a deacon of the Halifax church and was known as "Deacon Joseph Bosworth." He married second, Sarah Cobb.

By reference to a paragraph in the preface of this Genealogy, which begins near the bottom of page 18, the reader will learn something of what the compiler has had to contend with in getting at the truth of the above. One thing that helped was the fact that however much the traditions and falsehoods found among the descendants of Deacon Joseph as to their ancestry might differ (and they are as a class deeply interested in the matter), there was one thing on which they all agreed and that was the names of Ichabod's children, the brothers and sister of Joseph, and as these agreed with the records that had been gathered from reliable sources, it was evident they could be relied on. The compiler trusts that the conclusions arrived at will be accepted as fact as she cannot see how they can be otherwise.

CHILDREN

of Ichabod⁴ Bosworth

By first wife Sarah Stacy born in Rehoboth, Mass.

- 152 i—HANNAH⁵, b. Oct. 19, 1701; d. Jan. 17, 1702-3.
- 153 ii—JONATHAN⁵, b. Dec. 2, 1702; d. March 20, 1702-3.
- 154 iii—SARAH⁵, b. July 27, 1704; d. April 7, 1705.
- 155 iv—MARY⁵, b. Aug. 6, 1706.
- 156+ v—ICHABOD⁵, b. Sept. 4, 1708; d. Dec. 31, 1753; m. Joanna Cushman.
- 157+ vi—HENRY⁵, b. ———; d. ———; m. Deborah Darling.

By second wife Mary (——)

- 158 vii—SARAH⁵, b. in Bristol, Mass., Oct. 17, 1712.
- 159+ viii—JONATHAN⁵, b. Jan. 2, 1714; d. Dec. 27, 1801; m. Susannah Chillson.
- 160+ ix—BENJAMIN⁵, b. ———; d. Nov. 16, 1790; m. Anne Collins.
- 161+ x—JOSEPH⁵, b. about 1719; d. Aug. 1, 1769; m. (1) Ruth Fuller, m. (2) Sarah Cobb.

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JONATHAN⁴ BOSWORTH, youngest son of Jonathan³ Jr. (*Jonathan², Edward¹*) and Hannah (Howland), and grandson of John and Elizabeth (Tilley) Howland, Mayflower passengers; born in Swansea, Mass., Sept. 22, 1680; died previous to Feb. 17, 1759, when an inventory on his estate was ordered; married in Swansea, Nov. 26, 1703, SARAH ROUND, daughter of John and first wife Abigail Round, born, probably in Swansea.

NOTE: The will of John Round of Swansea, probated Nov. 10, 1716, mentions three sons and five daughters, the fourth being Sarah, wife of Jonathan Bosworth, but the dates of her birth and death have not been found.

In 1698, Jonathan⁴, when a young man of eighteen was, employed by the selectmen of the town, to teach school the ensuing year. He was to teach in several places in the town by course, probably in the homes of the inhabitants. The town record reads:

"At ye meeting for choice of Town Officers March 28, 1699. Also then voted and confirmed the agreement the selectmen made with Jonathan Bosworth for schoolmaster this present year and to begin teaching the first month on Wannamoisett neck ye second month on New Meadow neck ye 3d month on Kickamuet ye 4 month at Barttroums neighborhood ye 5th at Mattapoisett and so successively and to have 18 pounds per annum. One fourth part in money the other three parts in provisions at money prices." The History of Barrington, says: "In 1701 pedagogue Bosworth is still teaching with his salary increased to £20 and his itinerary extended from Wannamoisett to Bartram's and 'he to satisfie for his diet out of his wages.'"

In 1703 Jonathan married and lived for awhile in Swansea, where at least two children were born. The birth of Amos, who seems to have been the eldest, is not recorded, but he appears in deeds and in the settlement of his father's estate. The birth of the son Ichabod is on the Swansea records, May 31, 1706, but that of the next, the daughter Christian, born in May 1708, is found on the Rehoboth records, as well as those who were born later, so it is probable that Jonathan moved from Swansea to Rehoboth between those dates.

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Unless there has been an error made in a "History of the Baptists," by Isaac Backus, it appears that Jonathan⁴ was not true to the teachings of his father, Jonathan³, who suffered what might be called persecution for his allegiance to the Baptist faith, as we have seen; for in the above history we read:

"And for refusing to pay their year's tax to John Greenwood and David Turner, ministers of that town,* twenty-eight Baptists, two Quakers and two Episcopalians were seized and imprisoned at Bristol by *Jonathan Bosworth* and Jacob Ormsbee, constables of Rehoboth; the main of them on March 3, 1729." (The names are given and among the Baptists are Edmund Ingalls and Ephraim Martin, whose daughters married sons of Jonathan⁴. However it may be he felt called on to do this because of the office he held.) Further on the book says: "The families of Luther, Cole, Bowen, Wheaton, Martin, Barnes, Thurber, Bosworth, Mason, Child and others, which are numerous in those parts, sprang from the early planters of that town and church. Their first meeting-house was built a little west of Kelly's ferry, against Warren, but Mr. Miles settled the west side of the great bridge which bears his name."

(Mr. Miles was the Baptist pastor. See preceding history of Jonathan³ Jr. Of the families named above, all but one inter-married with the Bosworth family.)

The land transactions of this Jonathan as recorded at Taunton, Mass., are as follows:

Dec. 9, 1709, Jonathan, called¹ a husbandman of Rehoboth, sold to his older brother John⁴ "of Swansea carpenter," 23 acres of land situated "at a place Commonly called and known by the name of nockume on New meadow neck within the township of Swansea." This was evidently his Swansea home and the deed was signed by both Jonathan and Sarah his wife. This deed was found at Warren, R. I., in which township the above land is no doubt included at the present time. The witnesses were: Benjamin Carpenter, William West and John Carpenter. The signatures of Jonathan and Sarah were not acknowledged until July 1756.

Feb. 20, 1725/6, Jonathan Bosworth "of Rehoboth husbandman", sold to John Frankling of Rehoboth, cordwainer, his "messuage farm or Tenement" of 40 acres "situated in the S. E. part of Monwheague Plain . . . with the Dwelling House out housen fences fencing stuff orchards nurseries

* Rev. David Turner and Rev. John Greenwood were pastors of churches in Rehoboth from about 1725 to 1750, or later.

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Garden plat wells water" etc. Daniel Bullock, Jotham Carpenter and John West, witnesses. (Taunton Deeds, 17-18)

Jan. 29, 1730/31, Jonathan sold to Josiah Millard, both of Rehoboth, a three cornered piece of land containing one acre, situated at "Rockey River" in Rehoboth, for £10. This land was on the west side of the highway and was bounded on the south by land of Amos Bosworth (Jonathan's eldest son), that he had bought of his father on July 13, 1730, the previous year, 25 acres for 182 pounds 10 shillings. (Taunton Deeds, 23-364)

NOTE: The above deed contained the form explained on page 38 of Part I,—“a good perfect and absolute Estate of Inheritance in fee simple according to his majestic maner of East Greenwich in the County of Kent within the Realm of England in free and Common Souage and not in Capite and Knights Service but without any manner of Condition Reversion or Limitation whatsoever” etc.

Sept. 13, 1734, Jonathan again sold land to his son Amos, 10 acres on the east side of Palmer river and the west side of Rocky river, for which he paid £50. Jonathan is called a “yeoman” in this deed.

Oct. 1, 1751, the year Jonathan was 71 years of age and Sarah his wife probably not much younger, they sold to Amos, 22 acres of land in Rehoboth, “Lying by Rock river on both sides of ye Road that leads from John Hixes to ye Meeting House,” for 100 pounds. In signing this deed Sarah “made her mark.”

Feb. 1, 1759, Jonathan had died and Sarah made request at Court that her son Amos be appointed administrator on her husband's estate, as she was “old and very uncapable,” so she stated. Her petition was granted and the inventory was ordered Feb. 17, 1759. Amos, with Samuel and Daniel Bullock gave bonds on Apr. 3, 1759. The whole amount of the inventory, made Feb. 23, 1759, was £122. 00. 19. In the account of the administrator, the following appears:

“Several Charges of ye diseased as followeth	
To John Wheeler for docktrain him in his sickness	00..17..10
To John Hix for making ye Coffen	00..06..00
To John Millerd diging ye Grave	00..02..00
	£01..05..10

The sd acoumptent prays allowance for what chargues he has bin att in Gitting things for his Ancient mother sence ye deth of ye diseased.” Among other charges

To two quarts of Rum	00..01..09
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Also “The Acomptent prays allowence of Several articles for his Ancient Mother to keep house with” etc.

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CHILDREN

of Jonathan⁴ and Sarah (Round) Bosworth
the first two born in Swansea, the rest in Rehoboth.

- 162 + i—AMOS⁵, b. prob. in 1704; d. ———— ; m. (1) Eunice Ingalls; (2) Mrs. Deborah (Easterbrook) Ingalls.
- 163 + ii—ICHABOD⁵, b. May 31, 1706; d. btw. Aug. 10, 1775, when he made his will, and Sept. 6th of the same year when it was probated; m. (1) Mary Bowen; (2) Bethia Wood; (3) Waitstill Higgins.
- 164 + iii—CHRISTIAN⁵, b. May 16, 1708; d. ———— ; m. Jonathan Soul (or Soule), of Tiverton, R. I.
- 165 + iv—JONATHAN⁵, b. Feb. 26, 1710/11; d. Nov. 1797; m. (1) Judith Martin; (2) Thankful Martin; (3) Mary ————
- 166 + v—ELISHA⁵, b. July 8, 1713; d. previous to 1758; m. Elizabeth Martin.

NOTE: Christian Bosworth and Jonathan Soul of Tiverton, R. I., were married at Rehoboth, Mass., Feb. 29, 1735/6. The compiler looked in the records of Tiverton expecting to find something of the family, but was disappointed.

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ELIZABETH⁴ BOSWORTH, eldest daughter of Joseph³ (*Jonathan², Edward¹*) and Esther (Smith), born at Rehoboth, Mass., Nov. 17, 1681; died about 1714; married at Rehoboth, Jan. 1, 1707, DANIEL READ, son of Daniel and Hannah (Peck) Read, born at Rehoboth, Jan. 20, 1680. He was known as "Capt. Read."

On May 13, 1709, "Daniel Read, Sen^r., for ye Dear Love & Affection that I have to my Eldest son Daniel Read Jun^r. and for his Settlement & well being in This world", etc. deeded 50 acres of the "North Purchased lands in Rehoboth."

Daniel and Elizabeth lived at Rehoboth until after the death of Elizabeth, where six children were born to them. Capt. Read then married second, Dec. 8, 1715, Elizabeth, daughter of Capt. Timothy and Elizabeth (Cooper) Ide, born in Rehoboth, Mar. 16, 1690, and removed to Attleboro, Mass., where ten more children were born. Capt. Daniel Read

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made his will in Attleboro, Apr. 25, 1740, naming second wife Elizabeth, and son Daniel as executors. The will was probated Oct. 21, 1740. He willed to his wife:

"the West end of the House During her life also all Moveable Estate within Doores & Likewise 3 cows and also a horse with the Riding Tacklen thereto belonging and also 20 sheep and Likewise all the land and orchard on the South Side of the New Lane and also as much Room in the Barn as to put in her Hay and to House her Creatures in & also to Sheep A Pigg or two and Likewise my son Daniel I do oblige to Provide for his Mother firewood Winter and summer yearly and every year during her Natural Life." He gave certain things to his son Ichabod in addition to what he had already given him, and adds: "upon the consideration above given I oblige my son Ichabod to Pay to *his three own sisters*, the sum of five Pounds to each of them to be Paid Within three years after my decease." The five pounds to each of these daughters was in addition to what he had already given them. He gave to Daniel the east end of his house, and the west end after his mother's death. He willed to the other three sons of his second wife: Noah, Samuel and Benjamin; and to his four daughters, also by second wife; Elizabeth, Abigail, Rachel and Thankful, 50 pounds apiece, "to be paid by the executors after they come to lawful age." His wife to be guardian to the daughters under age and son Daniel to the sons until they reached the age of 21.

The above son Daniel lived and died in Attleboro; he made his will Oct. 13, 1788, probated Mar. 3, 1801, and said in closing: "That that peace & amity which hath happily subsisted among my beloved children may continue & abound when I shall sleep in dust, May the God of peace grant them every blessing." A wish and prayer that any parent might echo. His wife was Mary, his sons Matthew, Peter, Joel, Daniel, Levi and William; his daughters Hannah Tyler, Mary Barrows and Eunice Sprague.

Sept. 18, 1745, Elizabeth Read of Attleborough, "widow and Relict of Capt. Daniel Read (Deceased) "buys 24 acres of land in Attleboro "the southerly part of a fifty acre Lott that Capt. John Butterworth and Capt. Timothy Ide purchased of Daniel Smith as per a Deed Baring Date ye 27th of December Anno Dom. 1694."

(The persons mentioned above were all related to the family: Capt. John Butterworth was father of Noah Butterworth who married Judith, sister of the first wife Elizabeth Bosworth, and Daniel Smith was their grandfather. Capt. Timothy Ide was the father of the second wife Elizabeth Ide, and Timothy and Daniel Ide were her brothers.)

CHILDREN

of Daniel and 1st wife Elizabeth (Bosworth) READ
born at Rehoboth, Mass.

167 i—BERIAH READ, b. Oct. 29, 1707; m. Nehemich Buckland of Rehoboth, son of Joseph and Mehitable (Sabin), grandson of

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Joseph and Deborah (Allen), and great-grandson of William and Mary (Bosworth) Buckland. Beriah was of Attleboro; the intention was published in Rehoboth, Nov. 8, 1730. They lived in Rehoboth where five children were born to them. (See p. 147)

- 168 ii—ICHABOD READ, b. Oct. 8, 1708; m. at Rehoboth, Feb. 28, 1733/4, Elizabeth Chaffee of Rehoboth, dau. of David and Patience (Addington) Chaffee, b. Mar. 21, 1710/11. He was of Attleboro where they probably resided.
- 169 iii—HANNAH READ, b. Feb. 5, 1709/10; m. Barak Buckland of Rehoboth, son of Barak and Alice (Woodcock), grandson of Joseph and Deborah (Allen), and great-grandson of William and Mary (Bosworth) Buckland. They lived in Rehoboth where four children were born. (See Buckland history.)
- iv—ABIGAIL READ, b. Apr. 29, 1711; d. Nov. 23, 1711.
- 170 v—ESTHER READ, b. July 1, 1712; was living in 1740.
- vi—DANIEL READ, b. Sept. 9, 1713; must have died young as the first child of the second wife was named Daniel.

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JOSEPH⁴ BOSWORTH, eldest son of Joseph³ (*Jonathan*², *Edward*¹) and Esther (Smith), born in Rehoboth, Mass., Sept. 27, 1683; died at Rehoboth, Dec. 25, 1747; married at Rehoboth, Aug. 30, 1715, LYDIA KENT,* daughter of Joseph² (Joseph¹) and Dorothy (Brown) Kent, born in Swansea, Mass., March 5, 1691; died _____.

In 1704, the year Joseph was twenty-one, he bought 20 acres of land in Wachamoket Neck, of John Smith, for "Eight pounds current New England silver."

April 6, 1709, "Joseph Bosworth of Rehoboth yeoman," bought 4 acres, of James Brown and Capt. John Brown of Swansea (who were probably uncles of his wife, Lydia), at the north end of the above 20 acres. This land had originally been laid out to Nathaniel Peck and Israel Peck, who were

*I believe the Kent Gen. is in error when it says (p. 117) that Dorothy Kent m. James Bosworth. I know of no James Bosworth who could have m. Dorothy Kent; besides this book says she m. (2) Noah Newman, while the Vit. Rec. of Rehoboth—Arnold, says Dorothy Kent m. Noah Newman and not Dorothy *Bosworth* as she would have been called were she widow of James. Dorothy was a younger sister of Lydia.

I do hereby certify that I have received that which
I have received from my dear Brother Joseph Bosworth
the Sum of 3000 Pounds
Current Money of New England, Being in full to our
Satisfaction of our Dowry of this Estate left us by our
Hon^d Father m^r Joseph Bosworth late of Rehoboth
Decap^d; And I his Wife I do hereby certify that I have
received from us the s^d Solomon Drowne & Esther Drowne
our Heirs & Assigns forever; witness our Hands & Seals
This twentieth day of March in the year of our s^d 1714

Given & Delivered
In Presence of us;
Joseph Cary
Francis bail

Solomon Drowne

Esther Drowne

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Joseph's uncles, by marriage to his aunts Deliverance and Bethia.

Joseph⁴ must have acted as administrator on his father's estate, but although Joseph³ died in 1694, the business was still unfinished twenty years later, for there is in the possession of Mrs. Carrie Bosworth Reed of Worcester, Mass., a receipt given to Joseph⁴ by his sister and her husband—Solomon and Esther Drown—which reads as follows:

“These may certifie Any whom It doth Concern that wee Solomon Drown & Esther Drown his wife Have Received of our Brother Joseph Bozworth the Sum of seven Pounds Current money of NewEngland; Being in Full to our Satisfaction of our Part of the Estate Left us By our Honrd. Father M^r Joseph Bozworth Late of Rehoboth Deceased; And This dischargeth him & his heirs & Asigns Forever From us the sd Solomon Drown & Esther Drown our Heirs & Assigns Forever; Witness our hands & seals This twenty third day of March In the yeare of our Lord $\frac{15}{1714}$.
Signed Sealed & Delivered

In Presence of us	Solomon Drowne	(seal)
Josiah Cary		
francis ball	Esther Drowne	(seal)

(See illustration.)

Oct. 11, 1715, soon after Joseph's marriage, he and his younger brother Nathaniel, together bought, for 260 pounds, 65 acres of land in Rehoboth, “lying southerly from a place known by the name of Bowens Bridge.”* This land was bounded on the west and north with highways. In this deed Joseph is called a “husbandman” and Nathaniel a “housewright.” (Taunton Deeds, 10-451)

Feb. 13, 1716, Joseph and wife Lydia, Nathaniel and wife Margaret, mortgaged the above land to “a committee of five Commissioners appointed by the General Court,” for 130 pounds. It was to be returned by the payment, in February of each year, of £6. .10s. It was all paid by 1731 and mortgage discharged by Joseph, who by that time was the sole owner. Both Lydia and Margaret “made their mark” when signing this mortgage. (Taunton Deeds, 10-549)

NOTE: We see from the fact that Jonathan⁴ Bosworth of the preceding history was a “schoolmaster,” that education in this country was advancing, so that by this time the men could mostly all write their names, but education for women did not come until later.

*See map in Part II.

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March 19, 1716, Samuel Mason "of Swanzey", having had an interest in a tract of land estimated to contain three acres, situated in Rehoboth, lying southwest from Bowen's Bridge, which had some years before passed into "the possession of Joseph Bosworth deceased and since his decease in the hands of his son Joseph Bosworth now of said Rehoboth" etc., he executes a deed dated "This Nineteenth Day of March Anno Domini 1615/16 And in the second year of his Majesties Reign."

In the year 1718, according to the History of Windham Co., Conn., Joseph bought land in the eastern part of the township of Ashford, Conn., but seems never to have gone there to live.

March 31, 1725, Joseph Bosworth and Joseph Allen renew the bounds between their lands in Watchamoket Neck, Allen's land having originally belonged to Capt. Willetts (See history No. 6), and Joseph's was his "home lot" which had probably belonged to his grandfather, Jonathan² Bosworth. At the close of the agreement they state:

"we the sd Joseph Alin & Joseph Bozworth have agreed that the sd Bounds shall be & Remaine Betwen them forever as wittness our hands. Signed "Joseph Bozworth" and "Joseph Alin."

Apr. 13, 1725, Joseph⁴, still acting in the capacity of Administrator on his father's estate, quitclaimed to his brother Nathaniel as follows:

"To all People To whom these Presents shall come Know Ye That I Joseph Bosworth of Rehoboth in the County of Bristol; the Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England Yeoman for and Consideration of an Agreement made between myself and Nathaniel Bosworth of the same Town and County Housewright, relating to the Estate of our . . . Father Joseph Bosworth late of said Rehoboth Deceased, and for and towards the said Nathaniel Bosworths part of the said Estate have Remised Released and forever quitt claimed . . . unto the said Nathaniel Bosworth . . . all the right . . . in and unto a Tract of Land . . . Scituate at the South end of the Farm whereon I now dewll in the Township of Rehoboth . . . Containing by Estimation Twelve acres" etc. (See illustration.)

April 14, 1725, Nathaniel Bosworth, "Housewright" of Rehoboth deeds to Joseph Bosworth, "yeoman", for 300 pounds, his one half of the 65 acres bought of Stephen Hunt and Damaris Hunt his wife, Oct. 11, 1715; also the 12 acres, of which Joseph had given him a quitclaim deed the day before, Apr. 13, 1725. This deed was witnessed by Israel Peck and Stephen Peck, but was not acknowledged until Feb. 12, 1727.

Apr. 24, 1725, Joseph sold to Joseph Allen, $6\frac{3}{4}$ acres of land in Rehoboth, for 30 pounds; Nathaniel Peck one of the witnesses. The land was bounded

To all People To whom these Presents shall come Know Ye That I Joseph Bosworth of Rehoboth in the County of Wiltshire the Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England Give unto you for and confirmation of an agreement in due order myself and Nathanael Bosworth of the same Town & County full power full right relating to the Estate of our said Father Joseph Bosworth late of said Rehoboth Decedent and for and towards the said Nathanael Bosworths part of the said Estate have demised Released and for ever quite claimed and by these Presents for my self my Heirs Executors and Administrators as fully freely and lawfully in due and orderly manner and for ever quite released and for ever quite claim unto the said Nathanael Bosworth and to his heirs and assigns for ever all the right Title Interest Property claim Estate Intrust and Demand which I have or my Heirs Executors and Administrators have or ought to have in and unto a Tract of Land being lying and situate at the South end of the Town whereon I now dwell in the Township of Rehoboth aforesaid containing by Estimation Twelve Acres bounded Southward by Stevenes Pecks Land Easterly by a high way northerly by my own Land and Westery by a high way To have to hold the said Tract of Land together with all privileges Appurtenances Profits and Commodities to the same belonging or in any manner of way appertaining to him the said Nathanael Bosworth his heirs and assigns to the only sole and proper use of the said Nathanael Bosworth his Heirs and assigns for ever so that I the said Joseph Bosworth Nor my Heirs nor any person or persons for me or them, or in my or their names or in the name right or stead of any of them shall or will by any way or means hereafter have claim challenge or Demand any Estate right Title or interest of in or to the premises or any part or parcel thereof but from all and every action right Estate Title Intrust or Demand of in or to the Premises or any part or parcel thereof I my self my Heirs Executors and Administrators and every of them shall be utterly excluded and barred for ever by virtue of these Presents. and further I the said Joseph Bosworth my Heirs Executors and Administrators, the said Tract of Land together with the Privileges & Appurtenances thereof to the said Nathanael Bosworth his Heirs and assigns to his and their own proper use and uses in manner and form as aforesaid mentioned against my self my Heirs Executors and Administrators and against any person or persons claiming by them or under me or them shall and will for ever hereafter Warrent and Defend. In Witness whereof I the said Joseph Bosworth have hereunto set my hand & seal this Thirteenth Day of April in the Eleventh year of his Majesties Reign Anno^o Domini 1725

Signed Sealed & Delivered
In the Presence of us

Israel Teck
Stephen Teck

Joseph Bosworth

DEED GIVEN BY JOSEPH BOSWORTH (No. 84) TO HIS BROTHER, NATHANIEL (No. 87)

ONE OF THE WITNESSES TO THIS DEED, ISRAEL TECK, WAS JOSEPH'S Nephew, THE HUSBAND OF HIS FATHER'S SISTER, BETHIA (No. 12).

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on the north, partly by land of Joel Chaffee, and on the same date Joseph sold to Joel Chaffee, who was of Barrington, 13 acres of land in Rehoboth for 109 pounds. John Hunt and Noah Newman were witnesses; Lydia again "made her mark."
(Taunton Deeds, 9-474)

On July 3, 1726, Joseph and wife Lydia united with the Newman Congregational church of Rehoboth.

On the "Old Proprietary Records of Rehoboth" (Bk. 3, p. 76) is a record of 1½ acres of land belonging to Joseph and Nathaniel Bosworth "Lyeing in ye ox pasture so caled adjoining to Lieut Sam^l Bullocks Land. It also adjoined land of Capt. Joseph Wheaton. This was recorded Jan. 3, 1735/6.

In the year 1738, Joseph Bosworth was a Representative to the General Court of Massachusetts.

Feb. 26, 1738/9, Joseph Bosworth and Daniel Smith, both of Rehoboth "yeomen", and Nathaniel Bosworth of Bristol, "Blockmaker", gave bonds of 500 pounds, for Joseph Bosworth as guardian for "Lidiah Bosworth a minor above the age of 14 years Daughter of Noah Butterworth late of Rehoboth."

NOTE: Lydia Bosworth Butterworth was the daughter of Joseph's sister Judith, who had married Noah Butterworth, and both had died shortly before this time. Nathaniel Bosworth of Bristol was a grandson of Nathaniel² Bosworth. (The case of a person having three names was somewhat rare in those days.)

The death of Ensign Joseph Bosworth, as he was called at that time, occurred at Rehoboth, Dec. 25, 1747, and Lydia was left a widow. The month before, on Nov. 4, 1747, Joseph, "son of Ensign Joseph Bosworth" had died, leaving a young wife and two children, and a third was born Dec. 10th, after the death of the father. On Jan. 6, 1747/8, the young wife also died, leaving Lydia to care, not only for her own three unmarried daughters, but for three small grandsons, the youngest only a babe.

On Jan. 5, 1747, Lydia Bosworth, widow of Joseph, asked the Court that she be appointed Administrator on her husband's estate. On Mar. 17, 1747 she asked for administration on the estate of her son Joseph. Both petitions were granted. The inventory on the father's estate is given below. The inventory on the estate of Joseph, "son of Ensign Joseph

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Bozworth Late of Rehoboth," was taken "Aprill ye 16th 1748", whole amount in "Old Tennor" £869..02.. 0.

The Inventory of The Estate of Ensign Joseph Bosworth Taken by us the Subscribers January ye 26th 1747-8

	£	s.	d.
Imprimis To his wearing Apparrell at	44	05	00
Item To arms & Amunition at	31	15	00
Item To a Kain & Raizor & Specticles at	02	15	00
Item To 2 Chests at	02	00	00
Item To Books 5£..2s..0d. money old Tenor at	16	02	00
Item To one Bead & furniture and beadstead at	55	00	00
Item To Sheets & other Lining at	24	15	00
Item To one bead & bedsteed at	35	00	00
Item To one Chest with one Drawer at	06	00	00
Item To one Chest & Box at	02	00	00
Item To Wheels & Cards at	03	10	00
Item To Six Black Chairs at	03	00	00
Item To fier Shovel & Tongues at	01	10	00
Item To one Looking Glass at	00	10	00
Item To 2 Brass Kettles & Brass Ladle &, Scimer at	17	00	00
Item To one Iron pot & old Iron Kettles at	01	10	00
Item To puter at	15	00	00
Item To Knives & forks at	01	00	00
Item To wooden ware in the house at	05	00	00
Item To meal Trough Churn & Tubs at	04	11	00
Item To one bead and Bedstead for the Negro at	03	00	00
Item To Loombs Slays & harness & Quill wheel at	06	00	00
Item To Leather at	06	00	00
Item To old Iron & flaxseed at	03	10	00
Item To Indian Corn 25 bushels at	18	05	00
Item To meat Pork & beef & Tallow at	49	00	00
Item To Syder & 3 Barrells at	07	00	00
Item To a Cask of hogs fatt at	02	15	00
Item To hand Irons & Cheesspress 2 Tramelts & Box Irons at	07	00	00
Item To Tongues and fier shovel & Steel trap at	03	00	00
Item To Coopers ads hamer & pinchers 2 algers & Rasp at	02	00	00
Item To Beetle Rings phroe & 2 wedges at	01	00	00
Item To hand saw Drawing Knife & Stiliards at	01	10	00
Item To a Spitt & Iron Ladel & 3 old axes at	02	05	00
Item To Cart and wheels & 1 yoak at	40	00	00
Item To oyster Rakes with 3 heads Belonging to them	01	00	00
Item To a Color & 2 pair of haims & horse Chains at	02	00	00
Item To 2 plougs & a Great harrow at	05	05	00
Item To one Cow hide Sled & wheel Barro	05	00	00
Item To 2 Oxen 3 cows 3 heffers & one Calfe a year old at	212	00	00
Item To one mare Saddle & Bridle at	50	00	00
Item to one Negro man Servant at	200	00	00

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Item To 2 Swine at	12..00..00
Item To 7 bushels of Rye at	07..00..00
Item To 16 bushels & halfe of oats at	08..05..00
Item To 6 bushels & halfe of Barley at	04..17..06
Item To 25 pound of flax at	04..07..06
Item To all The hay both Salt & mixt & English hay at	13..15..06
Item To ye Ceader Swamp at	50..00..00
Item To Thirty pound of Refined Iron at	04..10..00
Item To Tobacco 146 pounds at	19..02..06
Item To housen and barn at	550..00..00
Item To the Land 123 acres at	2460..00..00
This Inventory in old Tennor . . Total	4023..11..00

Ezekiel Read }
 Samuel Mason } Aprisers.
 Nathaniel Peck }

April 4, 1749, Lydia Bosworth, Ezekiel Read and Nathaniel Peck, gave bonds for £300 for Lydia as guardian of Dorothy Bosworth, a minor above fourteen years of age. At the same time and for the same amount the same parties gave bonds for Lydia as guardian to Mary Bosworth a minor above fourteen, both daughters of Joseph Bosworth late of Rehoboth, deceased. At this time Dorothy was past twenty and Mary in her seventeenth year so they were able to choose their own guardians, and chose their mother.

NOTE: It is an interesting experience to have the privilege of examining these old papers. "Dorothy Bosworths prayer for Guardian" as it is inscribed, is a little folded paper, yellow with age, less than an inch and a half in width and about four inches in length. To this "prayer" Dorothy signed her name, showing that education was beginning to reach the women. Mary, however, "made her mark."

April 3, 1750, Lydia Bosworth gave bonds with Samuel Mason and Ezekiel Read for 500 pounds for Lydia as guardian to Joseph, a minor under fourteen, son of Joseph Bosworth "late of Rehoboth deceased." At the same time and for equal amounts, the same persons gave bonds for Lydia as guardian for her other two grandsons Samuel and Lewis.

It may be seen from this inventory of Joseph's estate that slaves were held in New England at this time, and as the negro slaves took their master's name, there were negroes named Bosworth, and if one chances upon colored people

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bearing this name, one may be almost sure that this is the way it came about.

The property of Joseph⁴ Bosworth was divided as follows: One-third to the widow, Lydia; the balance divided into eight equal portions;

- To the heirs of the son Joseph, a double portion;
- To Elizabeth, wife of Ebenezer Allen, daughter of Joseph, one part;
- To Esther, wife of Timothy Ide, Jr., daughter of Joseph, one part;
- To Judith, wife of Charles Gladding, daughter of Joseph, one part;
- To Lydia, daughter of Joseph, one part;
- To Dorothy, daughter of Joseph, one part;
- To Mary, daughter of Joseph, one part.

CHILDREN

of Joseph and Lydia (Kent) Bosworth
born in Rehoboth, Mass.

- 171 i—LYDIA⁵, b. Oct. 29, 1716; d. previous to 1725.
- 172+ i—ELIZABETH⁵, b. Jan. 22, 1717-18; d. previous to Dec. 1775; m. Ebenezer Allen, int. pub. Jan. 11, 1745-6.
- 173+ iii—ESTHER⁵, b. Jan. 22, 1719*; d. after June 11, 1763 when she is named in her husband's will; m. Nov. 17, 1743, at Rehoboth, Timothy Ide, Jr.
- 174+ iv—JOSEPH⁵, b. Dec. 8, 1721; d. Nov. 4, 1747; m. Dec. 10, 1743, Ann Low.
- 175+ v—JUDITH⁵, b. Jan. 9, 1723-V; d. ———; m. (1), Feb. 2, 1744, Charles Gladding, m. (2) John Wilson Low.
- 176+ vi—LYDIA⁵, b. Dec. 18, 1725; d. btw. Oct. 1757 and Sept. 1762; m. April 21, 1751, John Wilson Low, his 1st wife. (See above)
- 177+ vii—DOROTHY⁵†, bapt. Dec. 26, 1728; d. Sept. 14, 1812; m. Jan. 5, 1749, Thomas Carpenter.
- 178+ viii—MARY⁵, b. Oct. 9, 1732; d. ———; m. John Walker, int. pub. Oct. 19, 1751.
- 179 ix—JABEZ⁵, b. Feb. 8, 1734-5; prob. d.y.

* This should probably be double-dated, 1719-20.

† This is a case of a child whose birth is not mentioned on the town records, although there is abundant proof that she existed. This example leads us to suppose there were in the case of other families, unrecorded children. Dorothy was born between April 4, 1728 and Dec. 26, 1728, for on April 4, 1749 she was not 21, and she was baptized on the second date.

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ESTHER⁴ BOSWORTH, daughter of Joseph³, (*Jonathan*², *Edward*¹) and Esther (Smith), born in Rehoboth, Mass., Aug. 18, 1687; died at Bristol, R. I., July 26, 1744; married at Bristol, Nov. 8, 1705, SOLOMON² DROWNE, son of Leonard¹ and Elizabeth (Abbott), born at Sturgeon Creek, N. H. (near Dover), Jan. 23, 1682; died at Bristol, R. I., Oct. 9, 1730.

NOTE: The following was written by Thomas Drowne of Epping, N. H., Nov. 2, 1776. "Leonard Drowne, (the emigrant), a Shipwright, came from the West of England and m. at, or near, Portsmouth, N. H., Elizabeth Abbott. He d. in Boston, Oct. 31, 1729, at the age of 83. His wife died 1704. He lived at Sturgeon Creek near Dover and there all his children were born. He carried on shipbuilding there until about the year 1692. He was then obliged on account of the Indian wars to move off and left his inheritance. He went to Boston with his family and followed the same employment while able. All of Leonard's sons—Solomon, Samuel and Simeon—were shipwrights except Shem who was the father of Thomas the writer. Shem died at Boston, Jan. 13, 1774 in the 91st year of his age. Solomon lived and died in Bristol, and there built vessels."

Solomon² Drowne was one of those to whom genealogists owe a debt of gratitude, because he was willing to take the trouble, at a time when all materials were scarce, to write out and leave for posterity, a record of his family relations. The little book in which he wrote was preserved and came to light a number of years ago*. A copy of this record was furnished the compiler by Mr. Henry Russell Drowne, of New York City, (as well as the matter in the above note), of which extracts are given below, interspersed with notes by Mr. Drowne. It will be seen that only the first name of his wife is mentioned, so for a long time the descendants were in doubt as to her family name, but fortunately when the bundle of old papers were discovered in the attic of the Bosworth home in Barrington, R. I. (told of on p. 73, Part I), there was found among them, a receipt given by Solomon and Esther Drowne, to her brother Joseph Bosworth, who was administrator of her father's estate, which settled the matter absolutely.

* See N. Y. Gen. & Biog. Record, Vol. 48, pps. 390, 391.

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An illustration of this receipt accompanies this sketch.

Extracts from HISTORY WRITTEN BY SOLOMON² DROWNE and added to by Solomon³ Drowne:

“an acompt of the Age & Maridge of Solomon & Esther Drowne. I was Born on the 23rd of Jany in the year 1681* on the Second Day of the Week My wife was Born on the 18th of August 1687.

We were Married on the 8th of November In the Year 1705 by Mr John Sparrow† in New Bristol in the house of mr Benjamin Jones esq.‡
the Childrens Ages. (180)

The first Born Solomon was Born the fourth Day of October 1706 att Bristol . . in the house of mr Samuel Little” This is the ancestor of Henry Russell Drowne, who writes that the grave of Solomon³ Drowne is at Bristol. This son also added to his father’s records that of his own in which he says:

“about 1708 I went to Boston to Live and about the year 1715 I came to Bristol again Where in the year 1719 . . I was bound out as an apprentice and in the year 1727 was free . . Which is seven years & seven months and May the 5th 1730 I came to Providence and set up my Trade and in December the 23 1731 I married with the Dafter of Mr. Benjamin Tillinghast” (Her name was Sarah.) “June the 16th 1732 being friday we went to housekeeping in the house of Col. Abbots. March the 26th we moved from thence 1735 to Capt. John Powers house. December the 25th 1736 we moved into our own Shop July the 2nd 1749 I married my Second Wife . . “A note added later says: “My Dearly Beloved Wife departed this Life Decm. 29th 1748 . . . She was born May 20 1702.” His second wife was Marcy Arnold, a sister of Sarah. Marcy was the mother of his children; they were:

- 1—Sarah, b. Aug. 22, 1750. Died unmarried.
- 2—Solomon, b. March 11, 1753. This was Dr. Solomon Drowne, a soldier of the Revolution, and Professor of Botany and Medicine at Brown University. He was the ancestor of Henry Russell Drowne.
- 3—William, b. April 17, 1755. He was a soldier of the Revolution and was a prisoner on the Old Jersey, New York, 1780. Died unmarried 1786.

Resuming the records of Solomon² Drowne:

“Esther the Second was born on the 26th of October 1708 in new Bristol . . in the home of ms Sarah Little”. (181)

Esther Drowne married William Gladding, in Bristol.

“My daughter Esther was Married on the 24th of October in the Year 1726 being Monday In the hous of mr Edward Bosworth She Removed

* This date is probably O. S., and should be double-dated 1681-2.

† Note by H. R. Drowne: “Rev. John Sparhawk, second pastor of Bristol Church—in-
stalled 1695, died 1715.”

‡ See history of Bathsheba Bosworth Jones, No. 16, who was Esther’s aunt, p. 174

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from us with her husband to his hom December the 8th 1726 My Grand Daughter Esther Gladyn (Gladding) was Born on the 30th of July 1727 being the Sabath Day about 7 oclock in the morning”

“Elizabeth the 3rd Child was Born on the 8th of September 1710 . . In Boston in the hous of mr Edward Bud who dyed within half an hour after the child was Born” (182)

Elizabeth Drowne married Samual Smith Jr. of Bristol, int. pub. May 10, 1731.

“Joseph the fourth child was Born on the 8th Day of February being the Sabath Day 1712-13 in Boston in the Lame house” (183)

Joseph Drowne died Aug. 18, 1769.

“Bathsheba the fifth Child was Born on the tenth Day of June about nine of the clock in the Morning being friday 1715 in new Bristol in Capt. Davies Gerett (Great) House.” (184)

Bathsheba Drowne m. in Bristol, Nov. 10, 1736, Nathan Jones, who was probably the grandson of Benjamin Jones.

The birth of three children of Nathan and Bathsheba Jones are recorded at Bristol;

1—Nathan Jones, b. July 6, 1738

2—Benjamin Jones, b. Feb. 15, 1739-40

3—Solomon Jones, b. Mar. 22, 1740-1

“Benjamin Drowne the Sixth child was Born June the 9th being the Sabath Day in the year 1717 in the house of Capt. Davies (185)

“Mary the 7th Child was born on the 7th Day of June in the year 1719 being the Sabath Day about fore of the clock in the afternoon at Bristol in the hous of ms Bashim Jones” (186)

(This was no doubt the house of Mrs. Bathsheba Jones; Benjamin Jones had died Jan. 12, 1717-18.) “Benjamin Drowne m. Hannah Kent, July 24, 1738.”

“Mary the seventh child m. John Gladwin (1717-1759) Sept. 25, 1738. She died 1759.”

“Samuel Drowne the Eighth Child was Born on the 31st Day of July in the year 1721 at three of the Clock the morning . . ” (187)

“The eighth child, Rev. Samuel Drowne, m. Sarah Reed, of Rehoboth, Oct. 27, 1743; settled in Coventry, preached & removed to Portsmouth, N. H., 1761; d. Jan. 17, 1770; had ten children; was a preacher of the Independent Congregational Church.”

“Sarah the ninth was Born on the 23rd of July 1723 . . . (188)

Both these in the house of ms Bashim Jones in Bristol”

“Sarah died Sept. 17, 1775; m. at Bristol, Jan 18, 1739-40, John Pratt.”

“Jonathan the tenth Child was Born on the 29th of July in the year 1725 being the 5th Day of ye week in the hous of ms Jones the same Evening the Chimney Blazd ten foot high or more he was Born just at the Seting of the Son.” (189)

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"Bristol Register says a Jonathan Drowne m. Mrs. Anne Durfee, June 9, 1748, and later Sarah Kent 176."

"Shem my Eleventh Child was born the 13 Day of June being the 5th Day of the Week at Eleven of the Clock at Night in the Year 1728 In the house of ms Bashim Jones" (190)

"A Copey Taking from fathers account of our Births &c December the 28th 1738 pr SOLOMON DROWNE."

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JUDITH⁴ BOSWORTH, daughter of Joseph³ (*Jonathan*², *Edward*¹) and Esther (Smith), born in Rehoboth, Mass., Feb. 12, 1689-90; died in Rehoboth, May 6, 1773; married at Rehoboth, June 10, 1712, Lieut. NOAH BUTTERWORTH, son of Capt. John and Hannah (Wheaton), born in Rehoboth, Dec. 31, 1689; died in Rehoboth, April 27, 1736.

On Feb. 23, 1710-11, Judith was a witness with Daniel Smith, who was probably her uncle, her mother's brother, to an exchange of land between John Ormsby of Rehoboth, and his son-in-law, John Lane of Taunton.

CHILDREN

of Noah and Judith (Bosworth) Butterworth
born in Rehoboth, Mass.

- 191 i—NATHANIEL BUTTERWORTH, b. March 27, 1712-3; d. April 11, 1713.
- 192 ii—ESTHER BUTTERWORTH, b. April 17, 1714; d. May 11, 1733.
- 193 iii—HANNAH BUTTERWORTH, b. May 27, 1716; d. in Woodbury, Conn., Sept. 20, 1749; m. Nov. 28, 1734, Jonah Titus, son of John and Mercy (Fisher), b. in Rehoboth, July 10 1710, d. May 24, 1783; their children b. in Rehoboth, were
- 1—Judith Titus, b. Nov. 5, 1735
- 2—Onesimus Titus, b. Apr. 19, 1738
- 3—Joel Titus, b. 1740, and perhaps others. The son Joel m. Mary Treat; their dau. Sarah Titus m. Wm. Lyon; their son Daniel Lyon m. (1) Polly Strickland; their son Newton Thomas Lyon m. Caroline Smith; their son Frank Almon Lyon, m. Emma Fink; their dau. Vivian Elsie Lyon, m. Donald K. Moore. Mrs. Moore is a member of

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the Bosworth Association of America and furnishes this line; she was born in Quincy, Mich., Nov. 23, 1887, is a teacher, musician, genealogist. She was m. May 9, 1916, and has a daughter Patricia Lyon Moore, b. in Hillsdale, Mich., Dec. 7, 1917.

- 194 iv—SARAH BUTTERWORTH, b. April 30, 1718; d. (Not known.)
- 195 v—ELIZABETH BUTTERWORTH, b. Feb. 24, 1718-9; prob. m. at Rehoboth, Apr. 22, 1742, John Smith; had four children; d. Feb. 23, 1755, and her husband married again. Children, b. in Rehoboth:
 1—John Smith, b. May 30, 1743; d. before 1756.
 2—Nicholas Smith, b. Apr. 5, 1746; d. before 1760.
 3—Nathaniel Smith, b. Apr. 6, 1748.
 4—Elizabeth Smith, b. June 2, 1750
- 196 vi—NOAH BUTTERWORTH, b. Nov. 21, 1721; prob. d.y.
- 197 vii—LYDIA BOSWORTH BUTTERWORTH, b. July 29, 1723; (date of death not known); prob. m. at Rehoboth, May 18, 1742, John Smith, Jr. and had eight children b. at Rehoboth.
 1—John Smith, b. Dec. 29, 1742.
 2—Noah Smith, b. July 17, 1747.
 3—Simeon Smith, b. June 23, 1749.
 4—Oliver Smith, twin to Simeon, b. June 23, 1749.
 5—Lydia Smith, b. Apr. 2, 1751.
 6—Nathaniel Smith, b. Mar. 23, 1753.
 7—Huldah Smith, b. Jan. 21, 1755.
 8—Cyrell Smith, b. Jan. 25, 1757.
- 198 viii—JOHN BUTTERWORTH, b. Aug. 17, 1725; no further records at Rehoboth.
- 199 ix—NOAH BUTTERWORTH, b. Mar. 3, 1728; nothing further at Rehoboth.
- 200 x—SIBBLE (also Sybell) BUTTERWORTH, b. Jan. 18, 1729-30; d. (no date given at Rehoboth); m. at Rehoboth, July 9, 1747, Jathnial Peck, and had nine children:
 1—Jathnial Peck, b. Feb. 24, 1747-8.
 2—Otis Peck, b. Apr. 10, 1750.
 3—Esther Peck, b. Apr. 21, 1752.
 4—James Peck, b. Aug. 10, 1754.
 5—Olive Peck, b. Nov. 20, 1756.
 6—Sylvester Peck, b. July 9, 1759.
 7—Sibell Peck, b. Sept. 24, 1761.
 8—Shubael Peck, b. July 1764.
 9—Benoni Peck, b. Feb. 8, 1769.
- 201 xi—HULDAH BUTTERWORTH, b. Mar. 2, 1731; (no date of death given at Rehoboth); m. Mar. 21, 1750-51, Aaron Cole and had ten children, b. at Rehoboth:
 1—Mary Cole, b. Jan. 24, 1752.

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- 2—James Cole, b. Nov. 21, 1755.
- 3—Aaron Cole, b. Jan. 8, 1759.
- 4—Huldah Cole, b. July 6, 1760.
- 5—Molly Cole, b. Mar. 19, 1763.
- 6—Noah Cole, b. Sept. 23, 1765.
- 7—Sibell Cole, b. July 18, 1767.
- 8—Elizabeth Cole, b. Dec. 2, 1769.
- 9—Otis Cole, b. Aug. 3, 1772.
- 10—Remember Cole, b. Feb. 22, 1775.

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NATHANIEL⁴ BOSWORTH, youngest son of Joseph³ (*Jonathan*², *Edward*¹) and Esther (Smith), born at Rehoboth, Mass., about 1694; died at Rehoboth, May 29, 1772*; married MARGARET WILLIAMS, intention published at Rehoboth, Nov. 7, 1713. Nathaniel was a "housewright".

All this useless work on the part of the compiler came about because of an error in Arnold's Vital Records of Rehoboth, where the name of Nathaniel's wife is given Margaret "Williams", when it should have been Willmarth. The compiler, as well as other genealogists, had been trying for years to fit Margaret into some one of the Williams families of New England and a great amount of time and money was expended on it. The only place it seemed at all possible that she might have belonged was in the family of Isaac, hence this supposition. (See Part IV, p. 475, for copy from the original records of Rehoboth, showing the name to be Willmarth.)

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(Smith) the mother of Nathaniel Bosworth, he was a second cousin of Sibel (Hunt) Mason, also a *second cousin of Margaret Williams* whom he married. Elizabeth (Smith), the mother of Judith Hunt, was eldest daughter of Henry¹ Smith; her eldest brother Ensign Henry² Smith married Elizabeth Cooper and among their children were two sons, Ensign Joshua Smith who married Mary Peck, daughter of Nicholas and Rebecca (Bosworth) Peck (see No. 11), and John Smith who married Bathsheba Peck, daughter of Nathaniel and Deliverance (Bosworth) Peck (see No. 14). Esther Smith who married Joseph³ Bosworth, father of Nathaniel⁴, was a sister of Mary Smith who married Bellamy Bosworth (see No. 24), and they were first cousins of the above Joshua and John Smith.

The compiler believes that Margaret Williams was a daughter and youngest child of Isaac and second wife Judith (Hunt) (Cooper) Williams, but as no proof can be found, only indications, the question will have to be left for future developments.

On Oct. 11, 1715, Nathaniel⁴ with his brother Joseph⁴ bought 65 acres of land in Rehoboth for £260, of Stephen Hunt; deed signed by Stephen and Damaris his wife.

Feb. 13, 1716, Joseph Bosworth, yeoman, and Nathaniel Bosworth, "House Carpenter", mortgaged this land to the "Committee of five Commissioners appointed by the Great and General Court" for "emitting the sum of One Hundred Thousand pounds", for £130. This was to be paid in annual installments of £6. . 10s. Before the payments were finished Nathaniel on Apr. 14, 1725, sold his share to Joseph, so the latter completed the payments and received the discharged mortgage in 1731. (Taunton Deeds, 10-549)

Apr. 13, 1725, Nathaniel's brother Joseph, in consideration of an agreement made between them relating to the estate of "our Father Joseph Bosworth late of said Rehoboth Deceased", deeded twelve acres of land "scituate at the south end of the farm whereon I now dwell in the Township of Rehoboth . . . bounded southerly by Ebenezer Peck's land, Easterly by a highway, northerly by my own Land and westerly by a highway." On Apr. 14, 1725, the same day that Nathaniel sold his brother his half of the 65 acres, he also sold him the above mentioned twelve acres. This deed, which was witnessed by Israel and Stephen Peck, is in the possession of Mrs. Carrie Bosworth Reed.

Feb. 12, 1727/8 Nathaniel sold five acres of swamp land to John Hill of Rehoboth. (Taunton Deeds, Bk. 18, p. 67). On

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the Old Proprietary Records of Rehoboth (Bk. 3, p. 62 [76]) is given "The Records of the lands of Joseph and Nathaniel Bozworth, dated, Apr. 3, 1735.

On *Nov. 7, 1743*, "Nathaniel Bozworth of Rehoboth, Mass." bought 90 acres of land in the "New Milford North Purchase" in New Milford, (then in New Haven Co., now in Litchfield Co.), Conn. of Jonathan Noble of New Milford. (New Milford Deeds 6-436). In Book 5, page 429 of New Milford records is found the following:

"Know all men by these presents that I Nathaniel Bozworth of Rehoboth in the County of Bristol in New England Housewright Do hereby constitute and appoint Nathaniel Bozworth Blacksmith and William Bozworth Clothworker Both of New Milford in the County of New Haven and Colony of Connecticut to be my true and sufficient and Lawful attorneys and in my name and in my stead in all causes Rate personal or mixt moued or to be moued for me or against me, to appear plead and pursue to final judgment & execution and in an especial manner to take care of my Right of Land Lying in New Milford North Purchase to see that there be no trespass committed thereon and if there hath any person or persons that Here-tofore hath committed or shall hereafter commit any trespass thereon the same person or persons to persue and proceed against according to law" etc. "In witness whereof I have Hereunto set my hand and seal the ninth day of June In the year of our Lord one Thousand seven hundred and forty six and in ye nineteenth year of his majusties Reign"

(Signed)

Nath^l Bozworth

Signed sealed and Delivered

In presence of us
William Cole
Thomas Willmarth

Bristol, Ss: Rehoboth June 19:1746 Mr. Nathaniel Bozworth the above subscriber personally appeared and acknowledged the above written Instrument to be his own free act and Deed before me
Coram Thomas Bowen Justice of Peace."

Mar. 14, 1749 before a "Freeholders Court" at New Milford, Mr. Edward Cogswell of New Milford complained that the bounds between his land and the land of Nathaniel Bozworth of Rehoboth, Mass. was "Lost & unknown said Land lying in New Milford North Purchase sd. Land being y^e 33d and 34th Lots In number and Requiring the Benefits of the Law In that Case." Whereupon a committee of three freeholders was appointed to decide upon the bounds and reported that "a heap of stones Lying the East side of Aspotuck River a few rods Eastward from sd. River . . . northwestward

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from the afores^d Cogswells house . . . made for the Dividing bounds." On *Sept. 5, 1751*, in order to settle the above mentioned bounds, Edward Cogswell gives Quit claim deed to "Nathaniel Bozworth of Rehoboth, Mass., to a "Triangular piece of Land in the South Teer of Lotts in New Milford North Purchase 1st Division", etc.

Sept. 6, 1751 Edward Cogswell "in consideration of one Certain Warrantee Deed to me well Executed Dated Even herewith by Nathaniel Bozworth of Rehoboth . . . of y^e North part of y^e 34th Lott of Land in the South Teer in y^e first Division in New Milford North Purchase . . . Do for myself . . . Confirm unto y^e s^d Nathaniel Bozworth . . . all that part of the 33^d Lott of Land in y^e South Teer in y^e first Division in s^d New Milford North Purchase afore s^d that Lyes *South* of y^e following Lines" etc. On the same date Nathaniel deeded to Edward Cogswell all the land lying "*North*" of the above line, thus settling the boundaries of their lands. Also on the same date "Nathaniel Bozworth of Rehoboth, Mass. and Nathaniel Bozworth Junr. of New Milford" for £320, "old Tenor" deeds to Edw. Cogswell of Preston, New London County, Conn. land in the New Milford North Purchase. (New Milford Deeds, Bk. 6, pps. 529, 605, 618)

Sept. 20, 1751, "Nathaniel Bozworth of Rehoboth for the Love, Goodwill and affection which I have and bare to my well beloved son Nathaniel Bozworth of New Milford", deeds land in New Milford North Purchase, a part of Lot 34, 1st Division, containing 50 acres; bounds given in which the land of Paul Welch Jun. is mentioned; "And I also Give and Confirm unto him . . . one full Quarter part of the privilege of a Certain place in the afores^d River [East Aspetuck] for Erecting a Saw Mill where the first small Brook Empties into said River North of the above said Granted Land with Sufficient Land & other Conveniences of Daming or turning the Water for the use of said Mill with a Convenient way to pass & repass from the Highway thereunto." (New Milford Deeds 11-682)

On the same date "Nathaniel Bozworth of Rehoboth" deeds to son William of New Milford for "y^e Love good will & affection which I have and do bear to my well beloved son William Bozworth of New Milford" land in New Milford, a part of the 33rd and 34th lots in the North Purchase in the 1st Division, 50 acres. The bounds given "Beginning at a stake and a heap of stones by y^e East side of y^e Highway a Little Northward from Stephen Bozworths Dwelling House" etc. one of the bounds being East Aspetuck river, "there will be contained in y^e whole 50 acres Exclusive of the Highway that Runs through y^e same always Reserving to myself During my Natural Life one half of y^e privilege in s^d stream for building a Mill with Convenient ways to pass to s^d Mill & my other Land."

(New Milford Deeds, 6-627)

Sept. 24, 1751 "Nathaniel Bozworth of Rehoboth for the Love & Goodwill which I have to my son Stephen Bozworth of New Milford" deeds certain parcels of land in the New Milford North Purchase in the 33rd and 34th lots; in all 20 acres, bounds given; "Excepting and reserving one half

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privilege of the streams and land sufficient for a saw Mill and Dams if need be with a good cartway to and from said places and my other Lands to the Highway and for digging watercourses and carting gravel and timber to and from said places as aforesaid which it shall be thought most convenient for said Mill or Dams the aforesaid Stephen Bosworth and his heirs to have one fourth part thereof as afores^d." (New Milford Deeds, 8-106)*

Nothing further is found of Nathaniel⁴ on the Rehoboth records except his death, and although the record is at Rehoboth he is buried across the state line in Rumford, R. I.

As we have seen he gave to his three sons his land in Connecticut and when they went there to settle, it appears that a sister went with them named Deborah and at New Milford married a man named William Buck, for their children later called William Bosworth their *uncle*. This is another case of an unrecorded child, but as Nathaniel gave away his property in his life time and seems to have left no will, we get no help from that source. However the compiler thinks the evidence that there was such a daughter, strong enough to warrant including her among the children.

NOTE: William Bosworth and two sons, also William Buck and family, removed in later years from Connecticut to Chemung, N. Y., where William Bosworth soon died. The History of Chemung County, N. Y., notes the fact that he was the first white man to die in the town, and adds that "*he was an uncle of Elijah Buck.*" Elijah was a son of William Buck.

CHILDREN

of Nathaniel⁴ and Margaret (William) Bosworth
born in Rehoboth, Mass.

- 202 + i—BATHSHEBA⁵, b. Apr. 3, 1714; m. Thomas Reade.
- 203 + ii—NATHANIEL⁵, b. Apr. 29, 1716; m. (1) Jane Brown, (2) Rebecca Barnum.
- 204 + iii—WILLIAM⁵, b. Aug. 31, 1718; m. Sarah Farrand.
- 205 + iv—SARAH⁵, b. Aug. 16, 1720; m. Joseph Allen, Jr.
- 206 + v—STEPHEN⁵, b. Sept. 27, 1722; m. Abigail Wood.
- 207 + vi—HULDAH⁵, b. Jan. 23, 1725; m. Benjamin Jacobs.
- 208 + vii—DEBORAH⁵, b. about 1726; m. William Buck.

*It appears that the son Nathaniel's land was an irregular piece containing 50 acres, with the East Aspetuck river on the west and a highway on the east and south. Stephen's land was in two pieces, 18 acres lying north of Nathaniel's, bounded with the river on the west and the highway on the east; also across the highway to the east were two acres on which his dwelling house stood. William's land was also in two pieces on each side the highway, north of Stephen's land, the two pieces containing 50 acres, bounded on the west by the river. So it seems that Nathaniel and William each had 50 acres while Stephen the youngest had only 20. However in addition to the land there were mill sites and water rights, and of these the father reserved one-half and gave Nathaniel Jr. one-quarter and Stephen one-quarter.

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BENJAMIN⁴ BOSWORTH, eldest son of Benjamin³ (*Benjamin², Edward¹*) and Hannah (Morton), born, probably in Hull, Mass., about 1674. (Place or date of birth or death, not found.) His wife's given name was JOANNA, but her family name, also the place and date of their marriage, is unknown, as well as the date of her death.

NOTE: On page 13 of Part I, the compiler mentions the trouble that was found in trying to carry out the Benjamin line, and here is where it begins. It will be observed how scanty are the vital records concerning this Benjamin and his wife, and there is even less about some of their children, in spite of the fact that very earnest efforts have been put forth to find more. All we can do is to put on record the information we have, and the conclusions that circumstances seem to indicate.

Benjamin's father, Benjamin³ Bosworth, Jr., died in Hull, Nov. 5, 1682, leaving his wife Hannah and four children, Benjamin⁴, being the eldest. By reference to the history of his father (No. 17), it will be seen that Hannah was made administrator of her husband's estate, in May 1683, and that thirteen years later, on Nov. 24, 1696, when Benjamin⁴ had passed the age of 21, by order of the Court, the property "(saving only unto Hannah Relict Widow of the said decd^d her Dower or Thirds . . .)" was settled on Benjamin, the eldest son, he to retain two-fifth, a share double that of his brother and sisters; they were each to receive one-fifth, which shares were to be paid by Benjamin. On the following day, Nov. 25, 1696, he sold to John Loring and his brother Benjamin Loring, two of the appraisers, a large part of the inheritance (see abstract of deed given below), and the next day, Nov. 26th, he sold the balance to Robert Goold, the other appraiser, who was probably his uncle, by marriage to his aunt Mehitable Bosworth, his father's sister.

NOTE: The entire amount of the inventory was £111. Taking out Hannah's "Dower or Thirds," which was £37, would leave £74. Benjamin sold the larger part to John and Benjamin Loring for £43, and a smaller amount to Robert Goold for £28, which lacks *three pounds* of making up the whole.

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By comparison it will be seen that during the thirteen years the property had been in Hannah's hands, the home had decreased in value from £60 to £40, but the balance had some of it increased, and the latter is what the son sold. The home seems to have been retained by the mother, and as that had been prized at £40, while her share was but £37, we see that the *three pounds* balance was a gift to his mother. So, from the long ago a generous deed shines out.

ABSTRACT of DEED given by Benjamin⁴ Bosworth to John and Benjamin Loring.

“TO ALL CHRISTIAN PEOPLE unto whom this present Deed of Sale shall come Benjamin Bosworth of Hull within the County of Suffolk in his Majties Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England Fisherman Eldest son of Benjamin Bosworth late of Hull foresaid Taylor dece^d Intestate Sendeth Greeting. WHEREAS the Hon^{ble}. William Soughton Esq^r. Judge of Probate of Wills & Granting Administracons within the County of Suffolk aforesaid Pursuant to the Act Entitled An Act for the Settling and DISTRIBUTION of the Estate of INTESTATES and by virtue of the Power and authority to him Granted by an order under his hand and the Seale of the s^d Office of Probate bearing date the twenty fourth day of this Instant November upon and under the tearmes therein mentioned Did Order and Assigne THE WHOLE ESTATE of the said Dece^d. in h^{ouses} and Lands mentioned in the Return of the Apprizers thereof with the members and appurtenances thereto belonging unto the said Benjamin Bosworth Eldest son of the said Dec^d. and to his heirs and Assigns forever (saveing only unto Hannah Relict widow of the said Dec^d. her Dower or Thirds in the same during the Terme of her natural life) as in and by the said Order on Record or Copy thereof reference whereto being had more fully may appeare. NOW KNOW YEE that I the said Benjamin Bosworth for and in order to the accomplishment of the ends of the aforesaid Order for and in Consideracon of the Summe of *forty and three pounds* Currant money of New England to mee in hand well and truely paid before th^eensealing and Delivery of these presents by John Loreing and Benjamin Loreing of Hull afores^d yeomen the receipt whereof to full content and satisfaction I doe hereby acknowledge . . . HAVE given, granted, bargained, sold, aliened, enfeoffed conveyed and confirmed . . . unto them the said John Loreing and Benjamin Loreing their heirs and assigns forever. ONE MOIETY OR FULL HALF PART of a Lott of Land containing by Estimacon *Two acres* be the same more or less . . . on a Certain Island comonly called or knowne by the name of Pettocks Island within the Township of Hull afores^d. Bounded Easterly by land of Robert Gould Westerly by Land that did formerly belong to Deacon Bosworth Northerly and Southerly by the sea or salt water. Also a peice or parcel of Salt Marsh Meadow . *One Acre* . . . on Pettocks Island . bounded Easterly by Land of Henry Chamberlaine . . . ALSO all my right title Interest Inheritance claime & Demand whatsoever Of in and to all the Lands lying on Sheep Island and Slatt Island (soe called) within the Township of Hull afores^d ALSO *one Acre* of Land . . . on Hog Island (so called) within

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the Township of Hull . . . lying next to Thomas Colliers land on the North, by the Sea on East, West by Deacon Jones Land, and South by Land that was Serg^t. Bosworths ALSO a Lott of Land lying Scittuate at Strawberry hill within the Township of Hull . . . containing by Estimacon *three quarters of an Acre* . . . bounded by the Land of Benjamin Loreing on the West by the Highway on the North, by Land of Thomas Loreing on the South, and by Land of John Lobdell on the East. AND also half a Lott of Land lying on Whitehead so called within the Township of Hull . . . *half an Acre* . . . bounded Easterly with Land that was formerly Edw^d Bunns North, South and West by the Sea or Salt water, with half a Lotts Commonage on the neck, all which is part of the Estate wth the s^d. Benjamin Bosworth Dec^d. Dyed possessed of TO HAVE AND TO HOLD all the before mentioned granted and bargained premises . . . unto the said John Loreing and Benjamin Loreing their heirs and assigns forever in Manner and forme following That is to say that at and imediately before y^e time of th'ensealing & Delivery of these p^rsents I am the true Sole and lawfull Owner & stand lawfully seized of all the above granted & bargained p^rmisses in my owne proper right of a good sure and Indefeasible Estate of Inheritance in Fee simple Having in myself full power good right and lawfull authority", etc. IN WITNESS whereof I have hereunto sett my hand & seale the Twenty fifth day of November Anno Domⁱ. One thousand six hundred Ninety and six" etc.

The markes of Benja^a BB Bosworth

Signed sealed and Delivered in p^rsence of us Anthony Checkley Isaac Loreing Daniel Loreing Eliezer Moody, Scr.

This deed was acknowledged in Boston Nov. 25, 1696 before

Jer: Dumer—Justice of the Peace
Joseph Webb—Cler.

In 1699 Benjamin's name was on the roll as a private in the "South Company" of Plymouth, showing that he had gone there to live, drawn there no doubt by his mother's relatives, the Mortons.

He was probably married about this time, but *where*, we cannot say as the record has not been found; and as for the children, there were probably some whose names we do not find. The two whose birth record we have, were born in Plymouth, five years apart: a son Nathaniel, who was perhaps named from Benjamin's grandfather, Nathaniel Morton, and a daughter Joanna, named from the mother. (Plym. Col: Rec. p. 83). There was it appears an unrecorded son, Benjamin⁵, named from the father, who was probably the eldest.

In 1718 Benjamin⁴ was still living in Plymouth, for in the settlement of the estate of Robert Bartlett he is mentioned as

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one to whom the estate was indebted. Later he must have removed to Point Shirley, at least his sons Benjamin⁵ and Nathaniel⁵ must have removed there, for in 1754, in "An Order respecting the Militia," given in Boston, Oct. 25, 1754, in a list of "names of the persons by Law obliged to Appear upon Alarms," the names of Benjamin and Nathaniel Bosworth, "Point Shirley" are found*. (See N. E. Hist. & Gen. Register, Vol. 20, p. 233),

CHILDREN

of Benjamin⁴ and Joanna (——) Bosworth

- 209 i—BENJAMIN⁵, b. prob. in Plymouth, Mass.
210+ ii—NATHANIEL⁵, b. in Plymouth, Sept. 1, 1709; d.——; m. Lydia Sampson.
211+ iii—JOANNA⁵, b. in Plymouth, May 19, 1714; d. ——; m. Samuel Doty, Jr.

* The Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has been kind enough to inform me of the exact location of Point Shirley, and give this interesting history concerning it:

"Point Shirley is on the mainland (opposite Deer Island) and is part of the Town of Winthrop.

"Known as Pullen or Pullin Point from 1630 it was annexed to Boston in 1632 and with Rumney Marsh and Winnissimmet (also parts of Boston) was incorporated as Chelsea Jan. 10, 1739. That portion of Chelsea containing Point Shirley (formerly Pullen Point) was incorporated as North Chelsea March 19, 1846 and in turn that part of North Chelsea containing Point Shirley was incorporated as Winthrop March 27, 1852.

"Point Shirley is one of the few places in Massachusetts that had a formal naming. On Sept. 8, 1753 the Proprietors of Pullin Point, after leave from Gov. Shirley, gave it the name of Point Shirley at a dinner tendered to His Excellency at that place."

Hence we see that the next year after this Nathaniel and Benjamin Bosworth were living there.

In the year 1905, when in Plymouth, the compiler went to call on William T. Davis, author of "Landmarks of Plymouth," who was then well advanced in years, hoping to get some help on this family of Benjamin⁴. Mr. Davis was able to give some helpful suggestions and among them he said, "I think you will find this family went to the vicinity of Boston." This assures me that the statement is correct, that the Benjamin and Nathaniel who were living at "Point Shirley" in 1754 were the two sons of Benjamin⁴. If the latter was alive at that time he was about 80 years of age. He may have died there.

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JUDITH⁴ BOSWORTH, daughter of Benjamin³ (*Benjamin², Edward¹*) and Hannah (Morton), born probably in Hull, Mass., (date of death not known); married in Hull, Jan. 7, 1696-7, NATHANIEL³ CHURCH, of Scituate, Mass., son of Nathaniel² (Richard¹)*, born in Scituate, Feb. 10, 1670-1; died Mar. 4, 1755.

NOTE: As given in the old Hull records: "desember the 12: 1696 nathaniel church of Situat enterd his intenthon to marig with Judah bosworth of hull January 7:1697 the abave said parteys were maryed by Zachariah Whitman paster of the church of Hull."

Nathaniel Church was a ship builder. Of the ship yards on the banks of the North river in Scituate, "the first yard after leaving the Hanover line was the Fox Hill Yard." Ships were "built in this yard from 1690, when Nathaniel Church and John Palmer built vessels here, until 1869." (Old Scituate, p. 148).

NOTE: The Nathaniel referred to here is no doubt Nathaniel² Church, father of the one who married Judith Bosworth, but it was probably the same yard in which the son, Nathaniel³ and the grandson Nathaniel⁴ also built ships.

After the death of Nathaniel³ Church, administration on his estate was given to his eldest son, Nathaniel⁴ Church, Jr., he to pay to his brothers and sisters: Caleb; the heirs of Joseph deceased; Abigail, wife of William Turner; Judith Clift, widow; Deborah, wife of Ebenezer Fish; and Mary, wife of Charles Samson, their shares; this order was dated, Mar. 25, 1756. (Plym. Pro. Records; Case 3973).

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of Nathaniel³ and Judith (Bosworth) Church
born in Scituate, Mass.

- 212 i—NATHANIEL⁴ CHURCH, b. Mar. 7, 1698; d. 1778; m. (1) Mar. 24, 1719-20, Jerusha Perry, dau. of William, b. Feb. 11, 1699-

* Richard¹ Church, the grandfather of Nathaniel³, married a daughter of Richard Warren of the Mayflower, hence anyone descended from Nathaniel and Judith (Bosworth) Church are eligible to the Society of Mayflower Descendants.

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1700; m. (2) Mrs. Mary Curtis, Nov. 2, 1758. Children by 1st wife, b. in Scituate:

- 1—Thomas Church, b. Jan. 20, 1720(-1); "Capt. Thomas Church, eldest son of Nathaniel and Jerusha died Sept. 21, 1792, aged 72 years." (From grave records in Church Hill Cemetery, Norwell.)
- 2—Lydia Church, b. Sept. 20, 1722
- 3—Nathaniel Church, b. Jan. 20, 1723(-4)
- 4—Abigail Church, b. Feb. 11, 1726
- 5—William Church, b. Mar. 4, 1728; prob. d. y.
- 6—Sarah Church, b. Apr. 11, 1730
- 7—Jerusha Church, b. Mar. 8, 1732
- 8—William Church, b. Nov. 24, 1734; prob. d. y.
- 9—Charles Church, b. Dec. 9, 1735
- 10—Constant Church, b. July 28, 1737, bap. May 8, 1743
- 11—Lemuel Church, b. Jan. 28, 1738(-9); prob. d. y.
- 12—Lemuel Church, b. Dec. 6, 1742
- 13—William Church, b. Jan. 16, 1743(-4)

(For some of the above the compiler of this work is indebted to "The Descendants of Richard Church," pub. 1913.)

- 213 ii—**ABIGAIL⁴ CHURCH**, b. Mar. 22, 1700-1; m. Jan. 2, 1723-4, William Turner, son of Benjamin, b. Aug. 5, 1698. (Dates of death not known.) Children, b. in Scituate, and bap. in the 2nd Church of Scituate, now the 1st Unitarian Church of Norwell.
- 1—William Turner, bap. Nov. 26, 1727
 - 2—Abel Turner, bap. June 8, 1729
 - 3—Abigail Turner, bap. May 23, 1731
 - 4—Elizabeth Turner, bap. Apr. 1, 1733
 - 5—Lydia Turner, bap. June 13, 1736
 - 6—Nathaniel Turner, bap. Feb. 10, 1739-40.
- 214 iii—**JUDITH⁴ CHURCH**, b. Oct. 1703; m. Apr. 28, 1720, William Clift, Jr., of Marshfield. (Dates of death not found). (Marriage Records from First Parish of Marshfield, and Rev. John Lathrop's original manuscript). Children bap. in 2nd Parish Church, Scituate.
- 1—William Clift, Jr., bap. July 30, 1721; m. Apr. 17, 1746, Bertha Hatch of Marshfield.
 - 2—Wills Clift, bap. July 26, 1724; prob. d. y.
 - 3—Nathaniel Clift, bap. Sept. 11, 1726
 - 4—Lydia Clift, bap. Jan. 12, 1728-9
 - 5—Willes Clift, bap. June 6, 1731
 - 6—Silva (or Zilpha) Clift, bap. Aug. 18, 1734
 - 7—Joseph Clift, bap. Aug. 8, 1736; m. Jan. 12, 1764, Mary Hatch.

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- 215 iv—DEBORAH⁴ CHURCH, b. Oct. 1705; m. Jan. 16, 1728-9, Ebenezer Fish, of Duxbury; birth of only one child recorded in Scituate;
1—Mary Fish, bap. July 9, 1738.
- 216 v—JOSEPH⁴ CHURCH, b. May 22, 1709; m. Aug. 2, 1742, Grace Dwelly "alias Turner."
- 217 vi—CALEB⁴ CHURCH, b. Apr. 4, 1712; Jan. 20, 1736-7, Sarah Williamson, of Marshfield.
- 218 vii—MARY⁴ CHURCH, b. Oct. 26, 1718; m. June 19, 1740, Charles Seaman, of Plymouth.
- 219 viii—TIMOTHY⁴ CHURCH, b. ———; d. Mar. 24, 1794; m. Sept. 5, 1765, Elizabeth Rose, of Hanover, Mass.

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HEZEKIAH⁴ BOSWORTH, youngest son of Benjamin³ (*Benjamin*², *Edward*¹) and Hannah (Morton), born in Hull, Mass., about 1678; died previous to August 1745; married at Plymouth, Feb. 20, 1702-3, BETHIA BOLES; dates of birth and death unknown. Hezekiah was known as a fisherman.

In 1676, after the death of his father, Hezekiah, being under age, but above fourteen, had the privilege of choosing his own guardian. He chose Lieut. Robert Gould of Hull, who was probably his uncle, having married the sister of Benjamin³. Later in life, Hezekiah, as well as his brother Benjamin⁴, left Hull and went to Plymouth where his mother's family lived; here we find his name among the privates of the "South Company" of Plymouth commanded by James Warren, Roll dated 1699.

On a list of the "communicants or members" of the First Church of Plymouth (now kept in Pilgrim Hall, p. 56) Hezekiah's name appears under date of Mar. 10, 1703, and among the "Names of women since added" is found: "Bethiah Bosworth ye wife of Hezekiah Bosworth." Further on in the book (p. 71), in a list of "Members admitted", is found "Bethiah ye wife of hezekiah Bosworth," Aug. 3, 1707, and "hezekiah

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Bosworth,"* Nov. 16, 1707. Under names of "Persons Baptized" is found:

"Hannah ye Daughter of Hezekiah Bosworth," Nov. 16, 1707

"Hezekiah the son of Hezekiah," July 8, 1716 (p.83)

"Benjamin ye son of Hezekiah Bosworth, July 15, 1722. (p.93)

Feb. 20, 1702-3 Hezekiah married Bethia Boles (Plym. Town Rec. p. 163) and on July 10, 1706, bought a house and lot of Joshua Morse on Bradford street, above Emerald street, for £23. On Oct. 10, 1712 he sold this place to Ephraim Little for £16. . 10s. In 1717-18 Hezekiah was still a resident of Plymouth, for in the settlement of the estate of Robert Bartlett, he is included in the list of those who were indebted to the estate.

Apr. 24, 1719, Eleazer Rogers, for 55s. deeds to Hezekiah Bosworth of Plymouth, fisherman, 35 acres of land, being a part of a 60 acre lot granted by the Proprietors of Plymouth, "which sd. Hezekiah laid out with some other land of his own in Plymouth."

May 31, 1721, Hezekiah Bosworth "of Cape Cod, county of Barnstable, fisherman," sells to Gideon Ellis of Plymouth, cordwainer, a dwelling house and 55 acres of land in Plymouth that he had formerly occupied. (Plym. Deeds, Vol. 15, p. 215)

Although at this time (1721), Hezekiah is called "of Cape Cod," and his name is found on a mutilated document of Provincetown, dated 1725 (Freeman's Hist. of Cape Cod, p. 629), the church records of Plymouth tell of the baptism there of a son Benjamin, on July 15, 1722. He may have been born in Provincetown and the parents, having retained their membership in the Plymouth church, took him across the bay to Plymouth a distance of 23 or 24 miles, to be baptized.

From Provincetown, Hezekiah and Bethia may have gone to Falmouth, Me., on Casco Bay (now Portland), for on July 17, 1740, a Bethia Bosworth, who was probably their daughter, was married there to Thomas Frank, but had died previous to 1750, when he married second, Ann Babbage. (See N. E. Hist. Reg., Vol. 14, p. 226, also "Old Times in No. Yarmouth, Me., Vol. 7, p. 1029).

* The compiler cannot explain this, as it is difficult to understand how, if a person is already a member, they can be "admitted" again. However other similar cases have been found, and the compiler can only state facts.

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Previous to Aug. 3, 1745, Bethia had removed to Boston* for on that date Letters of Administration were granted to "Bethia Bosworth of Boston, widow, on the estate of your son, Benjamin Bosworth late carpenter on board his Majesty's Hulk Ludlow Castle, deceased, having while he lived and at the time of his decease Goods Chattels Rights or Credits in the county aforesaid lately Died Intestate." Return to be made "at or before the third day of November ensuing." Dated at Boston the third day of August anno Dom. 1745."

This is the last record the compiler could find of any of this family.

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of Hezekiah and Bethia (Boles) Bosworth

- 220 i—HANNAH⁵, b. at Plymouth, Nov. 17, 1703; bap. Nov. 16, 1707
221 ii—HEZEKIAH⁵, b. at Plymouth, May 27, 1716; bap. July 8, 1716.
(Nothing further was found of these two.)
222 iii—BETHIA⁵, b. abt. 1718; prob. m. at Falmouth, Me., July 17, 1740, Thomas Frank, and d. before 1750. No record of children found.
223 iv—BENJAMIN⁵, b. ———; bap. at Plymouth, July 15, 1722; d. at Boston, previous to Aug. 3, 1745.

NOTE: There were probably other children, but no trace of any could be found.

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HANNAH⁴ BOSWORTH, youngest daughter of Benjamin³ (*Benjamin² Edward¹*) and Hannah (Morton), born in Hull, Mass. in 1680; (date of death not known); married at Plymouth, Mass. Nov. 5, 1700, FRANCIS CURTIS, son of Francis and Hannah (Smith) Curtis, born in Plymouth, April 1679. (The old Plymouth records say "Mid. Aprl." The name is often spelled "Curtice" on these records.)

The family of Curtis, or Curtice, to which Francis belonged seems to have settled first at Scituate, for a book called

* Mr. Davis, author of "Landmarks of Plymouth," told me he thought I would find traces of this family in Hollis Street Church, Boston, but the search failed to bring any further information.

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“Old Scituate”, published in 1921, tells of a Benjamin Curtis who in 1688 built a saw mill and later a grist mill on the “Third Herring Brook”, called the Curtis Mills, the latter having been “in use until within a decade”; at one time they were known as “Samuel Church’s Mills.”

NOTE: As Hannah’s elder sister married a Church and lived at Scituate there may have been some connection between these events. The compiler puts this in as a suggestion to anyone who may be interested. It is not stated as a fact.

As the parents of this Francis Curtis were also Francis and Hannah, it is hard to separate their histories; however, “Francis Curtice Sen. of Plymouth” sold 30 a. of land “on Monponsett pond” to David Bosworth (No. 60), Aug. 7, 1701, and on Sept. 9, 1708 sold 92 a. in Plymouth to their son Ebenezer with the agreement that they were to have the “use and improvement” of it for the remainder of their lives; so the following probably refers to the son Francis and wife Hannah Bosworth.

On the records of the “First Church of Plymouth”, preserved in Pilgrim Hall, is found the following: Members admitted July 2, 1710, “Hannah Curtice ye wife of Francis Curtice” and on July 9, 1710, five of their children were baptized. (p. 78) On Aug. 4, 1716, Lydia “the daughter of Hannah Curtice” was baptized. (p. 86) In a catalogue of the members for 1724, the name of “Hannah, wife of Francis Curtice” appears. (p. 99) This was the last record that was found.

CHILDREN

of Francis and Hannah (Bosworth) Curtis
born at Plymouth, Mass.

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| 224 | i—JAMES CURTIS, | bap. July 9, 1710 |
| 225 | ii—ELKANAH CURTIS, | “ “ “ “ |
| 226 | iii—FRANCIS CURTIS, | “ “ “ “ |
| 227 | iv—NATHANIEL CURTIS, | “ “ “ “ |
| 228 | v—SILVANUS CURTIS, | “ “ “ “ |
| 229 | vi—LYDIA CURTIS, | bap. Aug. 4, 1716 |

NOTE: It may be possible that there were more children in this family. This is all that are mentioned on the church records at Plymouth, but they may have removed to another place.

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MARY⁴ BOSWORTH, daughter of Nathaniel³ Jr. (*Nathaniel², Edward¹*) and second wife Mary (Morton), born in Hull, Mass., June 7, 1682; (date of death not known); married JOHN¹ DILLEY (also written Dill, Dille, Dele and Deell). Lincoln, in his history of Hingham, says of John "Dill", that he "came to Hull, Mass., about 1700, and was the ancestor of all who have borne this surname in Hingham and vicinity."

NOTE: As we shall see in the history of Mary's brother Ephraim, Mary was living in 1760, when in his will he left her an annuity. She was then in her seventy-ninth year. I have used the name as given in her brother's will, although Lincoln gives it Dill, and it is so given several times in the Hull Records.

CHILDREN

of John and Mary (Bosworth) DILLEY, (or DILL)
born in Hull, Mass.

- 230 i—JOHN DILLEY, b. Dec. 25, 1708; d. Dec. 18, 1719.
- 231 ii—MARY DILLEY, b. Feb. 7, 1710; d. unm. Nov. 4, 1730.
- 232 iii—NATHANIEL DILLEY, b. June 19, 1713; d. Aug. 10, 1749; m. (1) Dec. 29, 1743, Mary Goold, dau. of Joseph and Mary (Prince) Goold, b. May 21, 1721; d. Feb. 25, 1744; Nathaniel m. (2) June 13, 1748, Elizabeth Pray; a child, Mary Dilley, b. in Hull, Apr. 19, 1749.
- 233 iv—EPHRAIM DILLEY, b. May 25, 1717; d. Sept. 22, 1730.
- 234 v—BRIDGET DILLEY, b. March 2, 1721; d. Nov. 17, 1730.
- 235 vi—JOHN DILLEY, b. Feb. 20, 1722; d. ————
- 236 vii—SAMUEL DILLEY, b. Sept. 20, 1725; m. in Hull, Oct. 20, 1749, Elizabeth Hulker. Children:
- 1—Anne Dilley, b. Aug. 12, 174-, (prob. 1750); d. Aug. 21, 1754
- 2—John Dilley, b. Sept. 19, 1751; d. Aug. 26, 1754.
- 3—Samuel Dilley, b. Apr. 19, 1754;
- 4—Nathaniel Dilley, bap. Oct. 17, 1756;
- 5—Lemuel Dilley, bap. July 12, 1761; d. Nov. 1, 1836; m. in Hingham, May 25, 1785, Mrs. Milcah (Stodder) (Bryant) Beal, the wid. of Elijah Beal, and previously the

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wife of Thomas Bryant. Milcah was a dau. of Samuel and Jemima (Cobb) Stodder, b. in Hingham, Dec. 30, 1757; d. in Hing. Oct. 15, 1844, ae. 87. Lemuel was a soldier and a famous drummer in the War of the Revolution. Their ch. b. in Hingham were Lemuel and Melia, twins, b. June 14, 1788, and Sally, b. Dec. 2, 1790; m. Capt. Luther Stodder; Melia m. Martin Sprague.

6—Daniel *Dilley (or Dill), b. and d. in Hull; m. Mary — who d. a wid., at Hull, Aug. 25, 1857, ae. 92 y. Their ch. b. in Hingham were: 1—Mary, b. Dec. 10, 1784; m. Jeremiah Dilley (or Dill) of Hull; he d. June 18, 1861 ae. 82 y. (b. 1779). 2—Betsey, b. 1787; m. Elijah Turner. 3—Jane, b. 1789; m. Caleb Lovell of Hull. 4—Emma, b. 1792; m. John Reed of Hull. 5—Daniel, b. 1795, d. at Hull, Jan. 14, 1858. He m. and had a son, Davis Whiting Dill.

7—James Dilley (or Dill), bap. Oct. 5, 1766.

John¹ and Mary (Bosworth) Dilley lived at Hull, and it will be observed that a similar tragedy occurred in their family as in that of Mary's parents, for three of their children died within three months in 1730.

* I do not find any record of the birth of Daniel, but Lincoln says he was a descendant of John² and a native of Hull, and that he was probably a brother of Lemuel, so I have concluded he belongs here. He also says: "Daniel Dill was in active service during the War of the Revolution and served on the quota of Hingham. About 1800 or soon after he returned to Hull with his family and there passed the remainder of his days." The above data about his family was taken from the same source. In this history the family are called "Dill."

A small history of Hull, pub. in 1830, tells of £2700 being raised in Nov. 1780 "to pay the Dills for serving three months in the Continental army." As Hull's quota was three men perhaps the three Dill brothers, Samuel, Nathaniel and Lemuel, sons of Samuel, (son of John²) were the three. Daniel, who was living in Hingham at the time, served on the quota of that town. The history remarks that the £2700 "being in 'old tenor' in reality melted down to a very small sum," and adds: "One of the soldiers who went out from Nantasket [Hull] . . . is yet living to enjoy the bounty of a grateful nation. His name is Lemuel Dill."

NOTE: In the year 1820, according to the U. S. Census, there was a widow, Esther Dill, living in Hull with a family, and among them sons Lemuel and Jeremiah. These were no doubt descendants of John and Mary (Bosworth) Dilley (or Dill).

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EPHRAIM⁴ BOSWORTH, son of Nathaniel³, Jr., (*Nathaniel*², *Edward*¹) and second wife Mary (Morton), born in Hull, Mass., Sept. 24, 1684; died between July 22, 1760, the date of his will, and Sept. 12, 1760; when it was probated; married at Hull, May 4, 1710, MARY JONES, probably the daughter of Thomas and Mary, born in Hull, July 6, 1693.

NOTE: The above Thomas Jones was probably the eldest son of Abraham² (Thomas¹) and Sarah (Whitman) Jones, of Hull, the latter a *sister* of Rev. Zachariah Whitman. (See p. 121, where the compiler erred in calling her a *daughter*. He did have a daughter Sarah, but she married Robert Gould. See p. 186).

In his deeds Ephraim is called at various times: "yeoman", "malster" and "Gentleman."

On March 7, 1711, "Mary Bosworth of Hull Relict widow of Nathaniel Bosworth late of Hull deceased and Lemuel Bosworth of Hull; Joseph Bosworth of Boston, shipwright; John Dill of Hull, Fisherman and Mary his wife; Edward Southworth of Middlebury in the County of Plymouth, Husbandman and Bridget his wife (children of the said deceased)", sold to "Ephraim Bosworth of Hull, Cordwainer (eldest son of said deceased) for £66. .13s. .4d, . . . as also for & in Consideration of the sum of Fifty Pounds . . . paid by him . . . on behalf & by mutual agreement of all the Children of the said deceased unto their abovesaid Mother . . . as well in lieu of her Rights . . . with the joint consent of their said Mother, All their right and interest . . . in the Estate of their said deceased Father." One of the witnesses to this deed was Thomas Jones, probably the father of Mary, whose land joined that of this family.

In the settlement of the estate of his brother Joseph in 1713, it was agreed that Ephraim was not to pay any part of certain charges against it.

During the years from April 1716, until his death in 1760, Ephraim and Mary his wife sold land to Daniel Barker, Amos

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Binney, Jacob Griggs, Nathaniel Nichols, John Ruggles, Samuel Wait and Thos. Watts; and during the same period they bought land of Amos Binney; William and Mary Burt; John, Jonathan and Moses Collier; Sarah Goold (widow of Robert¹ Goold); Joseph Glidden; Abraham Jones; Benjamin Lincoln; Cromwell and Judith Lobdell; Caleb, David, James, John, Matthew and Solomon Loring; Joseph Milton; William Pook (Poole?) and Benj. Thaxter.

From March, 1708, when at a Town Meeting of Hull, at the age of 23, Ephraim was chosen "fenceviewer", he seems to have taken quite a prominent part in the affairs of the town.

At the Town Meeting of March 1717, appointed Constable; 1718, Selectman; 1719/20, Town Clerk; and at this time he seems to have been doing the duties of Town Treasurer for the following receipt is found copied on the Town Records of Hull:

"Received of Ephraim Bosworth town treasurer at several times and now the Sixth day of june three pounds ten shilings in full of fourty pounds in bells of credit du to me from the town of hull for praching to them in the year past jeneuary last I say reseved by me as above sd this sixtenth day of june 1720

Zechariah Whitman minister

Recorded by me Ephraim Bosworth town Clark."

At the Town meeting of March 1721 Ephraim was again appointed Town Clerk; 1722/3, Selectman; 1724/5, one of the "Sesers and Townsmen," Oct. 19, 1724, Ephraim Bosworth appointed one of a committee "to get a minister to help Mr. Whitman."

March 22, 1724/5 it was voted that the town should call a minister and Ephraim Bosworth was one of "a Commety To Git Mr. Cloys and Mr. Caffender In order to hear these men one Mouth A pice and s^d Commety are Impowered to draw money oute of ye treasury to pay s^d. men for preaching. Att s^d. meeting It was voted y^t Deacon Loring & Ephraim Borsworth Shall be y^e men to go to Mr. Whitman to see if he will Baite anything of his salary" etc.

On June 8, 1725 Ephraim Bosworth was chosen one of a committee to "Git Mr. Caffender to Supply y^e pulpit Untill the twenty-Eighth day of this instant June."

March 7, 1726 Ephraim Bosworth and Sam'l Loring were appointed "field drivers."

Sept. 12, 1726 it was voted that Ephraim Bosworth and others "Shall be paide y^e monny y^t they have Been out in y^e year past for y^e work of y^e ministry out of y^e Publick Treasury."

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June 18, 1727 Ephraim was chosen Grandjurymen; 1728 again chosen Town Clerk; March 1728/9, Ephraim Bosworth and Joseph Lobdell chosen "field drivers."

Feb. 23, 1729/30 "It was voted . . . that if any of the inhabitants of said town shall Gather any shells for the marreit that they shall pay Three pence Per bussell at said meeting Ephraim Bersworth John Loring & Joseph Milton was Chosen a Commity to Disspose of the shell Exsepting what shall be wanted by any of the inhabitants fer thare one youse."

March 6, 1731 Ephraim Bosworth chosen "Surveyor of fences"; 1732/3, one of three "Sesors and Townsmen."

Jan. 8, 1733 "it was voted that John Goold and Ephraim Borsworth Should be employed to git the mony for the slate that was taken of slatish-land fer the Metinghouse at boston."

March 19, 1733 Ephraim was chosen "Moderator," also one of a committee of seven to build a new Meeting house, to be 30 feet wide and 36 feet long.

March 4, 1733/4 he was chosen Surveyor of Highways. At the same meeting it was voted that the thirteen pews in the new meeting house be sold for 8 pounds apiece and Ephraim Bosworth bought one. *Dec. 2, 1734* it was voted that a record should be kept of the owners of the pews; Ephraim's was No. 14. *Nov. 10, 1735*, Ephraim Bosworth appointed Moderator.

May 15, 1738 he was again chosen Moderator, "and sd meeting was a Gorned unTill the nintenth of This instant May at aight a Clock in the forenone." *March 5, 1739* Ephraim was again appointed "Sesor."

Feb. 24, 1741/2, in a list of those who had rights in the undivided lands in Hull, Ephraim is named. The following is on record at Hull:

"These may certifie all whom it may Concern that Mr Ephraim Boswoth of Hull is in full Communion with the Baptist church in Boston under the pastoral care of Mr. Ephraim Bounds & Constantly attends our publick Worship weather permitting.

John Worship
Tho^e Boucher

Two of the Brethren of the s^d Church Nov. 5, 1744

To the Assessors or Town Clark of Hull or any other whom it may Concern."

May 14, 1746, Ephraim Bosworth's name on a list of persons whose taxes were abated in Boston.

Feb. 25, 1760, Ephraim Bosworth was Moderator of the Town Meeting. A drawing was again made of undivided lands and Ephraim drew several lots.

WILL OF EPHRAIM BOSWORTH.

"In the name of God Amen I Ephraim Bosworth of Hull in ye county of Suffolk & Province of Massachusetts Bay in New England yeoman being weak & infirm in Body but thro y^e goodness of God of sound and disposing mind & memory considering y^e uncertainty of life do make & ordain this my last Will. First & principally I commend my precious & immortal Soul into the hands of God who gave it, relying solely on his Mercy thro y^e Marits & Satisfaction of my only Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ for y^e pardon

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of all my Sins & gracious acceptance with him. My Body I commit to y^e Earth to be decently interred at y^e discretion of my Executors herein after named nothing doubting but at y^e General Resurrection I shall receive y^e same again by y^e mighty power of God, and as for my wordly Estate I dispose thereof as follows:

Imprimis—I will & order that all my Just debts & Funeral Expenses be well & truly paid by my Executors with all convenient speed after my decease.

Item—I give to my sister Mary Dilley my Cow Common at y^e upper end of y^e Neck in Hull aforesd next y^e Town to be holden by her, her heirs and assigns forever. I also order my Executors to pay her out of the income of my Estate y^e sum of Four Pounds yearly for and during her natural life.

Item. In consideration of y^e faithful service performed to me by my servant Cuffee I do hereby liberate and set free him my said Servant Cuffee from Slavery or any further Service to my Heirs or any other Person whatsoever & I desire my Executors to give sufficient caution to ye Town of Hull agreeable to Law to save them harmless from any charge for his support during his life & I do hereby subject my Estate to pay such charges if any shall happen. I give unto ye said Cuffee the Bed he now uses with ye Bedding & Furniture thereto belonging & also my Tract of Land or Field Lying at a place called Whitehead in Hull aforesd & buildings thereon to be holden by him his Heirs and assigns forever.

Item. I give to my beloved wife Mary ye residue of my Household furniture (saving my Library) forever & also ye use income and improvement of ye remainder of my estate Real & Personal for and during her natural life.

Item. I give devise and bequeath unto my esteemed and good friends ye Rev. Mr. Ephraim Bound, Messrs Joseph Collins and Phillip Freeman, all of Boston . . . all my Estate Real and Personal . . . remaining at my Wifes decease as a token of my great love and regard for them to be holden by them their Heirs and Assigns forever.

Item. I do hereby appoint said Messrs. Bound, Collins and Freeman to be ye Executors of this my last Will . . . In witness whereof I ye said Ephraim Bosworth have hereunto set my hand & Seal this Twenty Second Day of July A. D. 1760 & in the 34 year of his Majestys Reign.

Ephraim Bosworth and a Seal.

Signed Sealed Pronounced & Declared
by ye said . . . Testator to be his last Will & Testament in presence of us who in his presence & sight set to our names as Witnesses. Thomas Bayley Josiah King William Story.”

Probated—Boston, Sept. 12, 1760

Dec. 29, 1760, Mary Bosworth, widow of Ephraim, “for many services rendered . . . equal to £8, since his freedom by the last will of his master,

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Ephraim Bosworth late of Hull deceased", deeds him a lot "on the Town Street in Hull."**

Apr. 20, 1763, Ephraim Bound, pastor of the Baptist church in Boston, Thomas Boucher and Joseph Collins, two deacons of said church, deed to Henry Plympton, trustee, the property left them in the will of Ephraim Bosworth of Hull; the income of this property to be *Forever* used toward the support of public worship in said church and for the relief of the poor of the church, and "if ever the said church depart from their principles expressed in their Church Covenant on which they embodied the twenty seventh day of July in the year of our Lord One Thousand seven hundred and forty three . . . it shall be lawful for the said Ephraim, Joseph and Philip . . . to enter into . . . and hold the same."

NOTE: The above property included a lot of seven and a half acres near the meeting house in Hull, with a small barn. There was also a house in Boston which Ephraim Bound reserved for his own use; "also several Pews in the New Baptist Meeting House in said Boston, . . . No. 8 on the lower floor and Nos. 27, 29 and 30 in the *Woman's Gallery*."

Nov. 11, 1773, "Cuff Bosworth, (a former slave)", mortgages land.

May 30, 1777, Margaret Bosworth, widow, appointed adm. of her late husband, Cuff Bosworth, late of Hull, yeoman, deceased intestate.

July 3, 1779, "Peggy Bosworth, widow of Cuffe", sold nine acres of land at Whitehead, for £700 to Jas. Loud, of Boston. On Dec. 23, 1779, she again sold land.

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LEMUEL⁴ BOSWORTH, son of Nathaniel³ (*Nathaniel*², *Edward*¹) and second wife, Mary (Morton), born in Hull, Mass., Oct. 15, 1686; died at Hull, July 1, 1749; married at Hull, Dec. 23, 1714, MARY JONES, daughter of Thomas Jones, Sen. of Hull, date of birth or death not known, but she was living in January 1756, when she sold land.

NOTE: According to the N. E. Hist. Register, (Vol. 18, p. 188), this Mary Jones was a daughter of Thomas and Bathsheba Jones. If this is correct, Bathsheba was a *first* wife, for the wife of Thomas when he made his will, was Elizabeth, whose maiden name was Pitts, whom he married in Hingham in 1673. This is proved by the will of Elizabeth's father, Edmond Pitts of Hingham, in which he leaves a legacy to "Elizabeth, wife of Thomas Jones"; also by her deed, made in 1734, in which she calls herself "Elizabeth Jones of Hull widow of Thomas Jones deceased," and deeds "for the

*An example of real devotion, properly rewarded.

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love I do bear to my son Joseph Melton and my daughter Bathsheba Melton . . . one fourth part of land in Hingham that was formerly my fathers Edmond Pitts deceased" etc. Now Thomas in his will, proved Dec. 28, 1719, gave the use of his entire estate for life to Elizabeth his wife, but gave legacies to Joseph Melton and his wife (Bathsheba); to the children of his son Thomas, deceased; to daughter Mary, wife of Lemuel Bosworth; and to daughter Lydia and her husband (Isaac Vickery). He also added a clause which reads: "And my will is that my daughter Lidia if she hath any mind to sell or to dispose of her part that she shall give my Daughter Mary and Lemuel Bosworth her Husband and their Heirs the refusal of it . . ." On Apr. 15, 1720, Lydia and Isaac Vickery divided the land with Mary and Lemuel Bosworth and in the deed (which may be found at Boston, Bk. 40, p. 151) it is stated that Thomas Jones late of Hull, by his last will . . . gave to Joseph Melton and Bathsheba the one-half his estate and "to his other two daughters namely Lydia Vicre and Mary Bosworth the other half."*

March 3, 1723/4, Lemuel was appointed a Constable of Hull.

Lemuel's land transactions began on Oct. 17, 1710, when he bought land of his mother, the widow Mary Bosworth for £8,

"One moiety or half of all that one Tract or parcell of land . . . in Middleborough (in the five mens purchase so called) formerly belonging to my Hon^d. Father John Morton."

Jan. 31, 1710/11 Lemuel Bosworth of Hull bought land in Middleboro of Hannah Lothrop that she had received from her father John Morton. (Thus we see she was Lemuel's aunt, his mother's sister.)

Oct. 2, 1713, John Morton of Middleboro, gives a quit-claim deed to "my cousin† Lemuel Bosworth" land that the said Lemuel had bought of John Morton's sisters that they had inherited from their father, "one whole share of land in the purchase called the Sixteen Shilling Purchase—belonging to the Right of my Hon^d. Father John Morton deceased", etc.

Lemuel and his family may have lived for a time on this property in Middleboro, for on Mar. 12, 1728/9, Lemuel is mentioned as "of Hull, late residing in Middleborough, weaver," in a deed given by him, of two pieces of land that had originally been given out by lot to Lettice Morton, widow of John, mother of Mary and grandmother of Lemuel, in Middleboro. *Nov. 24, 1726*, Lemuel of Hull, "mariner", and Mary his wife, sell land in Hull, one-half an acre, "formerly the estate of John Dill."

* The above is not clear, as the Joneses of Hull and Hingham seem to be a hopeless tangle, and not many points in this history have given the compiler more hard work than trying to get at the truth about those who have married into the Bosworth family, especially Benjamin Jones who married Bathsheba Bosworth (No. 16), and now these two Marys who married the brothers Ephraim and Lemuel Bosworth. The will of Thomas Jones may be found in Boston Probate, Bk. 21, p. 583, and Elizabeth's deed in Suffolk Co. Deeds, 55-126.

†The term "cousin" in those days seems often to signify any kind of relationship; in this case Lemuel was John's "nephew" as we term it now, a son of his sister.

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June 17, 1729, Lemuel mortgages land in Middleboro, and Mary his wife signed "in token of her free Consent to these Presents and full Relinquishment of all her Right of Dower." In this mortgage Lemuel is called a "fisherman."

Mar. 31, 1743, Lemuel, then of Hull, sold land in Middleboro, which "did originally belong unto the Right of Lettice Morton . . . on the Neck of Land commonly called Mad Mares Neck."

Feb. 12, 1749, Lemuel mortgaged land in Hull at "Linkhorns Neck at lower falls", to his son-in-law, Daniel Barker.

On July 1, 1749, Lemuel died and on Jan. 8, 1749/50, Daniel Barker of Boston, blacksmith, was appointed Admr. on the estate of "your Father in Law Lemuel Bosworth late of Hull, weaver deceased"; given one year to settle the affairs.

After Lemuel's death, Mary, his widow, in company with her daughter Elizabeth and husband, Daniel Barker, continued to do business as late as 1756, but on Nov. 10, 1758, Daniel sold land and in the deed "Mary Bosworth deceased," is mentioned.

CHILDREN

of Lemuel and Mary (Jones) Bosworth
born in Hull, Mass.

- 237 + i—ELIZABETH⁵, b. Feb. 27, 1716; m. Daniel Barker.
238 ii—MARY⁵, b. May 4, 1724; d. Nov. 26, 1734, aged "10 yrs. 6 mo. 22 da."

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JOSEPH⁴ BOSWORTH, son of Nathaniel³ (*Nathaniel² Edward¹*) and second wife, Mary (Morton), born in Hull, Mass., July 10, 1689; died sometime after January 1728; married in Boston, Aug. 11, 1715, by Rev. Dr. Cotton Mather (Presby.), MARY EVANS, daughter of Jonathan and Mary born in Boston, Dec. 4, 1692. Her death probably occurred between Jan. 24 and Feb. 4, 1728.

Joseph lived at Boston and was known as a "shipwright", but in 1728 he is called "of Boston, mariner."

March 7, 1711, Joseph, then unmarried, joined with the other members of the family in selling to his brother Ephraim, the land inherited from their father.

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March 7, 1726, Caleb Loring and Joseph Bosworth were chosen "Hog reeves" at a Town meeting in Hull, and on March 21, of the same year "It was voated y^t Joseph Borsworth Shall have y^e use of y^e flats against his Land from y^e Begining of y^e year 1725 to y^e end of y^e year 1726 for five Shillings A year."

Jan. 24, 1728, "Mary Evans a widow, Mary Bosworth wife of Joseph Bosworth, mariner, Bathsheba Evans, spinster, and Joseph Evans, merchant, all of Boston" sold to John Horton of Boston, a "small Strip of Land with rear of Our Garden Land in the North End of Boston . . . bounded Northeasterly on Garden Land of the said John Horton." One of the witnesses to this deed was John Prince, (this name might be Prine, or Pimon; it is very illegible), who on Feb. 4, 1728, before the deed was recorded, "made oath that he saw Mary Bosworth sign", so it is probable that her death occurred previous to this date. Joseph and Mary were perhaps living with the widowed mother at the time this land was sold. As to the time of Joseph's death there has nothing been found to indicate it.

There is at Hull a record of three children of Joseph and Mary Bosworth, and in Boston the record of their baptism in the "Second Church," where Mary had been "Received into the Covenant," Nov. 11, 1716. However it seems very probable that there was an unrecorded son named Lemuel, after Joseph's brother, for on Feb. 25, 1773, there was a *Lemuel* Bosworth of Hull, who sold land in Middleboro, Mass.

CHILDREN

of Joseph and Mary (Evans) Bosworth
probably born in Boston, but recorded in Hull.

- 239 i—JOSEPH^b, b. Dec. 11, 1716; bapt. in Boston, Dec. 16, 1716. No further record has ever been found.
- 240 ii—EPHRAIM^b, b. Aug. 1720; bapt. in Boston, Sept. 4, 1720. On March 9, 1745, Ephraim Bosworth, a "tanner", of Boston, "being bound on an expedition against the enemy In Capt. Benjamin Goldthwaites Co. and knowing the Danger I may be exposed to Do make this my last will" etc. After the usual formula of commending his "Soul to God", he bequeaths all his "wordly substance" to his "beloved friend John Proctor, son of Mr. Benjamin Proctor, Tanner"; the latter being made Exr. This will was probated Jan. 28, 1745/6, so it is probable he lost his life in this expedition, as he feared.
- 241 + iii—ROBERT^b, b. Sept. 15, 1722; bapt. in Boston, Sept. 16, 1722.

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BRIDGET⁴ BOSWORTH, youngest daughter of Nathaniel³ (*Nathaniel², Edward¹*) and second wife, Mary (Morton), born in Hull, Mass., June 2, 1691; married in Hull, June 25, 1711, EDWARD⁴ SOUTHWORTH of Middleboro, Mass., son of Lieut. Nathaniel³ (*Constant², Edward¹*) and Desire (Gray), born in Plymouth, 1688. He moved with his family to the North Parish of Bridgewater, Mass. during its early settlement, where he died, Apr. 26, 1748, aged 60. After Edward's death his widow Bridget married, Apr. 19, 1749, Capt. John Phillips.

NOTE: Constant Southworth, a step-son of Gov. William Bradford of the Plymouth Colony, born 1615, came to New England in 1628, was an early settler of Duxbury, married Elizabeth Collier. Desire Gray was a daughter of Edward and Dorothy (Lettice) Gray. Lieut. Nathaniel Southworth left a will, dated Sept. 18, 1708, in which he bequeathed to sons Ichabod, Nathaniel and *Edward* and to two daughters. In September 1714 land in Middleboro which was left them by their father's will was divided between these three sons.

CHILDREN

of Edward and Bridget (Bosworth) SOUTHWORTH
born in Middleboro or Bridgewater, Mass.

- 242 i—CONSTANT⁵ SOUTHWORTH b. July 25, 1712; d. 1775; m. (1) Martha Keith, (2) Mrs. Hannah Shaw; had ten ch.
- 243 ii—BRIDGET⁵ SOUTHWORTH b. Apr. 15, 1714; m. Apr. 21, 1734, Thomas Collier of Hull; prob. a son of Gershom and Elizabeth (Pool) Collier, b. Jan. 27, 1705/6. (Elizabeth was a dau. of Jonathan and Judith Pool, of Reading.)
- 244 iii—EBENEZER⁵ SOUTHWORTH b. Aug. 13, 1716; m. Elizabeth (—); had four ch.
- 245 iv—EDWARD⁵ SOUTHWORTH b. Dec. 1718; m. Abia (Lydia) Packard; had nine ch.
- 246 v—THEOPHILUS⁵ SOUTHWORTH b. Feb. 10, 1720; served eight months as a private in Capt. Elijah Crooke's company, Col. (Brig. Gen.) John Thomas' regt. in 1775, from the town of Scituate.
- 247 vi—SARAH⁵ SOUTHWORTH b. Jan. 16, 1723; m. May 25, 1745, Peter Edson.

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- 248 vii—LEMUEL⁵ SOUTHWORTH b. Apr. 27, 1728; m. Patience West; had three ch.
- 249 viii—BENJAMIN⁵ SOUTHWORTH (twin to Lemuel), b. Apr. 27, 1728; d. abt. 1800; m. Mar. 3, 1763, Mary Smith.
- 250 ix—MARY⁵ SOUTHWORTH b. Jan. 2, 1731/2; m. Oct. 31, 1751, Eliphalet Jones of Hull.

NOTE: The first child of Thomas and Bridget (Southworth) Collier, was Jane, b. in Hull, Nov. 27, 1734; a son William d. Dec. 22, 1790. There was also a son BOSWORTH COLLIER, who m. Anna House of Hanover, June 13, 1771. He d. previous to Dec. 16, 1800, when an Adm. was apt. on his estate.

In 1782 the selectmen of the town of Hull were "requested by Mrs. Bridget Collier to give their opinion in regard to her husband Mr. Thomas Collier" and he was judged "Non Compos". Three men were appointed gdns., one of them being his son *Bosworth Collier*, Housewright. Thomas d. previous to Feb. 20, 1787, when three men were appointed to "make an equal division of the Real Estate of Thomas Collier late of Hull, deceased", and Mrs. Bridget Collier was given her "Dower or thirds", which land in the vicinity of Hull and on Petox (Peddocks) and Slate islands, was valued at £71..5..4.

For the records of some of the Southworth children this compiler is indebted to the Southworth Genealogy.

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BRIDGET⁴ BOSWORTH, eldest daughter of Bellamy³ (*Nathaniel² Edward¹*) and Mary (Smith), born in Bristol, Mass. (now R. I.), Oct. 29, 1686; married JOHN PAPILLION, son of Peter and Joan Papillion (Papillaus), born in Bristol, July 20, 1685. No record of John's death has been found, but on Nov. 29, 1722, Mrs. Bridget Papillion was married (2) in Bristol, by Rev. Nathaniel Cotton, to JAMES PECKER of Boston, who died previous to 1734, and Bridget married (3) EDWARD EVELETH of Ipswich, Mass. She was his third wife. Edward Eveleth died Nov. 5, 1759, and widow Bridget returned to Boston where her estate was inventoried Apr. 9, 1768.

Grandfather Nathaniel Bosworth The first Deacon of the Church
Christ in Bristol Departed this Life August 31/1699 in the 73rd yer of his

Howard father Belamy Bosworth Departed this Life March 16/1710
the 63 yer of his age & was Buried at the upper Burving Place

Nath^l. Bosworth was Born a saturday march 3/ 1694 & Baptized by Mrs Speerawke

Nath^l. Bosworth & Lydia Cnisk was married 26 octob^r 1714 At my fathers house
By the Haverward Mr John Spearawke

...right Son July 6/1715 & Baptized by Mr Spearawke

Belamy & Nath^l Born November 26/1716 & Baptized by the Haverward Mr Nath^l. Cotton

Ann Born march 3/1720th & Baptized by Mr Cotton

Charles & Lydia Born Februry 3/1723rd & Baptized by Mr Cotton

My Dear wife Lydia Departed this Life may 21/1726 went to Bed well & Dyed Before morning
in y^e 32 yer of her age & was Buried in the upper place in Bristol

My Dear little Daughter Lydia Departed this Life Decemb^r 14/1729 & in her 10th yer Buried in Boston
By Howard Ant Perkins Departed this Life July 23/1732 Buried in Boston in the south Burving Place

Nath^l. Bosworth & Elizabeth Lutz Widow to Griffith Lutz of newport
were married September 13/1727. in newport By Job Layton Justice of Peace

Lydia Bone may 26/1730 & Baptized by the Reverend Mr Barnabas Taitor ~ ~ ~

Daniel & Obadiah Bone September 26/1731 & Baptized by Mr Taitor ~ ~ ~

Benjamin Bone January 9/1732 & Baptized by Mr Taitor ~ ~ ~

Peleg Bone September 21/1734 & Baptized by Mr David Turner of Bridboth Mr Taitor ^{being} first

July Departed this Life July 23/1736 a Friday betwene 8 & 9 o'clock in the forenoon & buried in the upper Burying Place by his grandfather Pelamy Bosworth

Peleg the second Bone October 21/1737 a Saturday night near nine o'clock & Baptized by Mr Taitor 28 day of said month & Departed this Life October 7/38 about 1/2 of the clock at night 1738 & Buried by his brother at the ^{upper place}

Peleg the second Departed this Life a Thursday it being the 10 of Octbr 1738 & was Buried at the upper Burying place by his brother Peleg the first.

over her Sister Lydia Departed this Life a Wednesday 4th of December 1738 about 8 o'clock in the evening & Buried by her two brothers viz the two Beliss she being in her nineth year

My Honard Mother Dyed at my house April 18/1740 in 74 year of her age

My Brother Benjamin Bosworth Dyd Octob: 5/40 in the 49 year of his age

My Son Ebenezer Departed this Life in Surinam Decem: 7th 1745 in the 18 year of his Age

My Kinsman Ebenezer Papillon Sailed out of Boston bound for London at the End of the year 1734 or in the beginning of the year 1735 & then went from England bound for Norway, as we heard & was Loft & never returned home

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CHILD

of John and Bridget (Bosworth) Papillion

251 i—EBENEZER⁵ PAPILLION, b. in Bristol, Apr. 13, 1712.

Of this son, who apparently went with his mother to Boston, I find the following account on a very old paper of records written by Nathaniel Bosworth, brother of Bridget.*

"My-Kinsman Ebenezer Papillion sailed out of Boston bound for London at the end of the year 1734 or in the beginning of 1735 & then went from England bound for Norway, as we heard & was Lost & never returned home." (See illustration.)

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BENJAMIN⁴ BOSWORTH, eldest son of Bellamy³ (*Nathaniel² Edward¹*) and Mary (Smith), born in Bristol, Mass. (now R. I.), June 26, 1689; died in Bristol, Oct. 13, 1740; married in Bristol, RUTH LOWDER, intention published Dec. 20, 1718; she died in Bristol, Jan. 19, 1758. (No record of birth or parentage of Ruth have been found although diligent search has been made.)

On Jan. 10, 1714, Benjamin Bosworth of Bristol "yeoman (son of Bellamy)" §, exchanged "Two commonages Nos. 34 & 35 with Benjamin Jones † for two other lots of Commonage Nos. 71 & 72".

Jan. 10, 1714-15, Benjamin, called "Husbandman", sold three lots of commonage each containing four acres.

Feb. 13, 1716, Benjamin mortgaged 8 acres with the buildings (probably his home), to certain Commissioners, Nathaniel Paine and four others, appointed by the General Court "for emitting the sum of One Hundred Thousand pounds" ‡, for £26:4s, "In the third year of the Reign of George" &c. This was to be paid in ten years in annual installments. Nathaniel Bos-

* This paper was sent me by Mrs. Ellen Metcalf Bosworth of Cleveland, Ohio, widow of Alfred, and grandmother of Alfred Bosworth Focke of Cleveland, a member of the Bosworth Association. The compiler is grateful to Mrs. Bosworth for her kindness in this as well as other matters. A reproduction of this old paper is given. (See No. 116.)

§ He was so called to distinguish him from other Benjamin Bosworths living at that time in Bristol.

† See No. 16.

‡ Many of the inhabitants mortgaged their places at this time to these same Commissioners. It must have been a plan by the government to help a special need.

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worth (probably the brother of Benjamin), and Nicholas Peck were witnesses. The mortgage was discharged Oct. 16, 1726.

(Taunton Deeds, Bk. 11, p. 253)

Apr. 21, 1718 Benjamin sold several "parcels of land and meadow" for 334 pounds, to "John Bosworth Junr. and Brothers Benjamin and Edward Bosworth all of Bristol". (These men were Benjamin's cousins, sons of his Uncle John). One parcel was 14 acres of upland "bounded on the north by land of Edward Bosworth of Bristol yeoman", and another of 7 acres "on the river that runs up to that part of Swanzey called Kickemuet".

(Taunton Deeds 12-71)

Feb. 5, 1721, Benjamin sold an acre of salt meadow adjoining Kickemuet River, also on two sides meadow belonging to "John Bosworth, Benjam in and Edward Bosworth sons of John Bosworth of Bristol", and by meadow of "Mr. Edward Bosworth of Bristol".

(Taunton Deeds 17-563)

Feb. 13, 1722, Benjamin Bosworth, "Jr.", (as he was then called)* yeoman, and Ruth his wife, again mortgaged land to the Commissioners, 20 acres for £80. This land was on a corner, bounded W. and N. by highways.

(Taunton Deeds 15-173)

Dec. 22, 1722. In a deed of this date given by Edward Bosworth to his brother John of Bristol, he says that the land "was purchased by my said Brother John Bosworth & my Brother Benjamin Bosworth & myself as by a deed under the hand & seale of *my Cousin* Benj^a. Bosworth", dated Apr. 21, 1718. One piece of land of 14 acres included in the purchase was bounded N. and E. by highways and S. by land "belonging to *my Uncle* Edward † Bosworth"

Jan. 1, 1722/3 Benjamin Bosworth "yeoman, son of Bellamy Bosworth Deceased" bought 40 acres of land of Dan Throope, for £550, situated "at the south end of my farm in Bristol . . . bounded on the east and west by Highways and south by land of the sd Benjamin Bosworth and on the north by part of my sd farm by me sold to Edward Bosworth, Junr."

(Taunton Deeds 15-417)

Mar. 5, 1722/3 Benjamin Bosworth "Junr." of Bristol, yeoman, sold 20 acres to his brother Nathaniel Bosworth, cooper.

(Taunton Deeds 19-445)

Benjamin⁴ Bosworth died Oct. 13, 1740, and on Dec. 16th following, his widow Ruth was appointed Admx. on his estate and gave bonds with "Nathaniel Bosworth gentleman" (her husband's brother), and Joseph Wadsworth, cordwainer. The following is the inventory on his estate.

*Why he should be called "Jr." at this time is beyond the compiler to state, for there does not seem to have been any Benjamin in Bristol older than he; in fact the only Benjamin Bosworth was Benjamin⁴ (No. 88), but he was probably not living anywhere near Bristol

†His "Uncle Edward" was Edward³ (No. 27), son of Deacon Nathaniel.

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An Inventory of the Estate of Mr Benja^s Bosworth Late of Bristol Deceased

Taken upon oath by us The Subscriber Nov^r. 15, 1740

To his wearing apparel.....	30	05	0
1 bed under bed bolster three pillows quilts blankets sheets. .	40	00	0
1 Looking glass 50s./ Ditto 15/ five towels 15/ two ditto 4/ 2 tablecloths 10/.....	04	14	0
two pillow cases 5s./ two pr. Sheets 6£/ four pr ditto 7£/10 stand 10/.....	14	05	0
1 pr. Sheets 30/ towel 1/6 ^d flannel cloth 15/ pewter 12£/15....	15	01	6
hand Saw & Sword 10/ tin funnel & pepper box 3/ two bell- metle Skillets 3£/.....	03	13	0
Stilliard 20/ quart pot 6/ Stone Jugg 5/ two ditto 5/ Spoon mould 10/.....	02	06	0
buttertub 3/ eightcasebottles 24/ Pestle&morter 4/ Earth ⁿ pot 1/	01	12	0
two Earth ⁿ dishes&fourplates 16/ brasskettle 6£/ dutchwheel 30/	08	06	0
1 old Chest 4/ 2 Trays 7/ Longtable 20/ one ditto 10/ ditto 5/	02	06	0
Spinning wheel 15/ Eleven Chairs 40/ worsted in Scain 25/....	4	0	0
Cotton yarn 10/ tow ditto 6/ wool ditto 3/ hand Irons 25/ brass kettle 4£/.....	6	4	0
two Tramels 30/ gunn 4£/10s./ Sickle 2/ ax 4/ basket & flax 6/	6	12	0
Molasses & Cask 5£/ three pr Card. 20/ Cotton wool and basket 5/.....	6	5	0
basket 1s./ 3 keelers 7/6 ^d bag & rope 5/ meat tub 10s./ wash tub 2/.....	1	5	6
Pan Pitcher & bottles 4/ Piggin 1/6 two Cheesfats 5/ four iron wedges 5/.....	0	15	6
Earthen pot 1/6 basket 1/ Chest 15/ baskets & brush 4/ wal- nut tables 5£/.....	6	1	6
Looking glass 40/ Chest Drawers 7£/ Seven beaker glasses 10/	9	10	0
five Chairs 30/ Trunk 5/ bed bolster coverlid 2 blankets pr sheets bedstead 20/.....	2	15	0
Chest 10/ worsted 10/ basket 1/6 glass bottle 6/ basket & bottles 3/.....	1	10	6
one bed & two bags feathers 15£/ bed bedstead and bed Cloths 20£/.....	35	0	0
five bannestur back Chairs 50s./ Large Bible 50/ Burkits Exposition 3£/.....	8	0	0
Bible & psalm book 10s./ Sermon book 5/ Small Bible 5/ Decanter 6/.....	1	06	0
five yds Cloth 37/ twelve yds ditto 3£/18 tow Cloth 10/ warm- ing pan 40/.....	8	03	0
hand Irons 20/ fire Shovel & tongs 26/ Sheep Shears 5/ Earth ⁿ - ware 5s./.....	2	16	0
tin box 10/ Grid Iron 15/ two Candle Stiks 3/ glass & Earth ⁿ - ware 12/.....	2	0	0
Stocking yarn 10/ thirteen Cows & one heifer at 10£ pr head.	140	10	0

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Eight young Cattle at 6£/ one yoke oxen 35£/ Seven Calves at 50s./.....	100	10	0
one Sow & five Pigs 9£/ Six pigs at 12s./ ten Swine at 5£/...	62	12	0
horse 20£/ two yoke fat oxen 95£/ one pr Steers & two heifers 52£/.....	167	0	0
Butter and tubs 10£/ negro man, woman and two Children 250£/.....	260	0	0
Cheese 19£/2s. butter 53s./ yard garlix 7s./ Candles 15/ Corn 12/.....	023	9	0
flax & baskets 5£/8s. Cart & yokes 12£/ two Chains 35/..	019	03	0
fifteen yards Cloth 11£/5 gold ring 33/ two Shovels 10/ two Plows 50/.....	015	18	0
Saddle & bridle 30/ horse Traps Coller &c 40/ two pitch forks 10/.....	004	0	0
two half bushels 6/ Sives 8/ Sheep Skins 12/ Cheese Presses 3£7/.....	004	6	0
2 Iron bars 40/ Iron pot & hooks 20/ three keelers 7/6.....	003	7	6
Spitts & frying pan 20/ tubs & old Cask 50s./ two ropes 30/ meat trough 12/.....	005	12	0
four Rakes 10/ frame for a Screen 20/ flax seed 8/ old Iron 4/ beans 20/ Sheeps wool 20/ Siths and sneed 25/ malt 16/ grindstone 10/.....	004	11	0
130 Sheep 95£/ Eighty bushel barley 32£ 'ten ditto of Rice 4/10	131	10	0
flax not broke 40/ one Stack oats 10£/ twenty bushel wheat 12£/	024	0	0
forty two ton hay at 5£ pr ton 210/ 150£/13 in bills of Credit	360	13	0
Plate 18£/ Quilting frame 8s./ break 5s./ 150 bushel Indian Corn 60£/.....	78	13	0
120 acres of Land in ye farm at 26£/.....	3120	00	0
23 ditto bot. of Capt. Lawton at 24£/.....	0552	00	0
one Common Lot.....	0060	00	0
House and Home Stead.....	1100	00	0
	6483	09	0
1 Silver Porringer.....	0011	00	0
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The Appraisers
were Sworn

Thomas Lawton
Joseph Russell
William Munro Junr

Bristol ss April ye 21 1741

Then Before the Hon^{ll} Nathaniel Blagrove Esqr Judge of the Probate of wills &c within the County of Bristol came Ruth Bosworth widow and Administratrix to the Estate of Mr. Benjamin Bosworth Late of Bristol Deceased and made oath that this Inventory Contains the Whole of that Estate the said Deceased Dyed Seized of and is Come to her Knowledge

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and When she Knows of any more she will Reveal the Same that it may be of Record herewith

Jurat Coram N: Blagrove

Stephen Paine Register—

Some years later the following was presented at court by William, the youngest son.

“To the Hon^{bl} Nathaniel Hubbard Esq. Judge of Probate . . . the Humble Petition of William Bosworth of Bristol son of Mr. Benjamin Bosworth Late of Bristol . deceased Humbly sheweth that your Petitioner Being in the Twentyeth first year of his Age and by Law Qualified to Choose his Guardian has made Choice of His Honored Mother Ruth Bosworth to be His Guardian Which I Pray your Honour to Allow and So In Duty Bound shall Ever Pray. William Bosworth
Bristol february ye 23^d 1744.”

On Dec. 2, 1746 an agreement was made between Ruth Bosworth, widow of Benjamin, “late of Bristol”, and Samuel Bosworth, William Bosworth and Ruth Church, children and heirs of said Benjamin, whereby the widow releases unto the children, all her right of dower in the property on consideration that the three children bind themselves to pay her an annuity during her life of whatever sum the Court shall decide as just, “that so there may be a Division of the whole of the sd estate to and among the sd children that is to say Two Shares Thereof to the sd Samuel Bosworth and one equal share to each of them the said William and Ruth.”

“2^{ly} That all the said real estate of the said deceased whereof he died Seized shall be Enjoyed Possessed & Improved in Severalty by the said Samuel Bosworth—William Bosworth and Ruth Church their heirs or assigns in proportion according to the Law of the province abovesd for the Distribution of Intestate Estates that is to say a Double Share or the full moiety or half part thereof to be set off to and enjoyed by the said Samuel the eldest Son of ye sd Dec^d. and one Share or quarter part thereof . . . by the sd William Bosworth & the other share or quarter part thereof . . . by the said Ruth Church.”

“3^{ly} . . . the whole of sd Real Estate shall be divided & set off . . . Vizt Two Shares . . . to Sam^l. the Eldest Son and one Single Share . . . to each of the said William and Ruth.”

“5^{ly} That whosoever Shall have the Homestead or that part of it where the House Stands Shall give a lease to the sd Ruth Bosworth of the west Lower Room in said House with the bedroom and Two Butteries or Small Rooms thereto adjoining with free Liberty of passing into the Kitchen and of Baking in the oven there and of passing to the well to fetch water and also of passing out at the fore door of the House and through the foreyard to the Highway and of Laying firewood for her use in the fore yard and all that part of the Garden to the South of the House that lies to the westward of the Middle of the Alley Between Two Rows of Bushes running from the Gate Southerly with Liberty of putting Same and Liquor for her use into

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the Cellar and taking it out as occasion Shall be and what the said premises shall be Deemed . . . to be a sufficient Rent for the same Shall be allowed and abated out of the Sum to be paid her the said Ruth Bosworth as an annuity or yearly payment for the Same." This was signed by Ruth, the widow, who made her mark, and each of the three children who wrote their names. One of the three men appointed to make the division was Capt. Jonathan Peck. Samuel Howland, Town Clerk was one of the witnesses.

NOTE: While the above paper was executed before Bristol became a part of Rhode Island in 1747, it probably was not recorded until afterward, for this is found at Bristol, Bk. 1, p. 27.

CHILDREN

of Benjamin⁴ and Ruth (Lowder) Bosworth
born in Bristol

- 252 + i—RUTH⁵ b. Sept. 7, 1721 ("on a Thursday about 6 in ye evening."); m. (1) Nathaniel CHURCH, (2) Shearjashub BOURNE; d. Jan. 28, 1793.
- 253 + ii—SAMUEL⁵ b. Jan. 6, 1722/3 ("on a Sabbath about Eleven at night"); m. Elizabeth PECK; d. Aug. 8, 1761.
- 254 + iii—WILLIAM⁵ b. Sept. 5, 1724 ("a Wednesday about 6 at night"); m. Mary FALES; d. Nov. 15, 1808.

These children were baptized in the "Church of Christ", Bristol by Rev. Nathaniel Cotton.

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ESTHER⁴ BOSWORTH, second daughter of Bellamy³ (*Nathaniel² Edward¹*) and Mary (Smith), born in Bristol, Mass. (now R. I.), Jan. 7, 1692-3; died in Bristol Jan. 20, 1731-2; married OBADIAH PAPILLION*, youngest son of Peter and Joan Papillion, born in Bristol, May 19, 1692; died in South Carolina, news of his death reached Bristol, Jan. 13, 1760.

After the death of Esther (often written Hester), Obadiah married (2) Abigail Carpenter, intention published Feb. 16, 1735. They had one child, Esther, born Sept. 18, 1738. On Oct. 24, 1749, Obadiah Papillion gave a power of attorney to his wife Abigail, and as such she sold land that he had in the

*This name is spelled on the Boston records "Papillaus", and according to Savage, is a Huguenot name.

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“Division of the real Estate of his honour^d Father Peter Papillion Dec^d.” Feb. 27, 1755. In February 1756, Obadiah and family were living in part of the house belonging to the estate of Benjamin Bosworth who married Ruth Lowder (No. 114). Benjamin was a brother of Esther (or Hester), his first wife.

CHILDREN

of Obadiah and Esther (Bosworth) Papillion
born in Bristol, Mass. (now R. I.)

- 255 i—HESTER PAPILLION, b. Oct. 17, 1717; d. Jan. 20, 1731-2.
256 ii—JOHN PAPILLION, b. Apr. 8, 1718; d. at Newport, R. I. Oct. 28, 1740. On Sept. 22, 1740 the int. of mar. between John and his second cousin Rebecca Bosworth, dau. of Nathaniel⁴ (No. 121), was published in Bristol, but a month later John died and Rebecca m. Samuel, his next younger brother. Hester and John were bap. in the Church of Christ, Bristol, Oct. 22, 1721.
257 iii—SAMUEL PAPILLION, b. Nov. 25, 1721; d. at Jamaica, West Indies, Feb. 24, 1745; m. at Bristol, by Rev. John Usher, July 3, 1743, Rebecca, dau. of Nathaniel⁴ and Sarah (Wardwell) Bosworth. Samuel was bap. Nov. 26, 1721.
258 iv—MARY PAPILLION, b. Nov. 3, 1724; prob. d. y. as she is not mentioned in her grandmother's will, which names the three sons.
259 v—PETER PAPILLION, b. Mar. 27, 1727; d. at sea in 1746.

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NATHANIEL⁴ BOSWORTH, second son of Bellamy³ (*Nathaniel*², *Edward*¹) and Mary (Smith), born in Bristol, Mass. (now R. I.), Mar. 3, 1693/4; died at Attleboro, Mass., Aug. 17, 1745; married (1) at Bristol, Oct. 26, 1714, Lydia CORNISH, daughter of James. She died in Bristol, Mar. 15, 1726, in the 32nd year of her age; Nathaniel married (2) at Newport, R. I., Sept. 15, 1727, by Job Layton, Mrs. Elizabeth (LAIFF or LAYTON), widow of Christopher Lindsay of Newport, the intention having been published at Bristol, Aug. 18, 1727. She died at Bristol, Dec. 7, 1751.

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Nathaniel was by trade a cooper, so called in his deeds, as also "gentleman" and later termed "Captain." The first time Nathaniel appears on the land records was on Feb. 13, 1916, when at the age of twenty-one he was witness to a mortgage made by his brother Benjamin (No. 114). On the will of Edward Wilcox of Tiverton, R. I., probated *June 2, 1718*, Nathaniel's name appears as a witness. On *Feb. 13, 1723*, Nathaniel and wife Lydia, mortgage their property to the Government Commissioners told of in his brother Benjamin's history. The mortgage was discharged in March 1733/4. In signing the mortgage Lydia made "her mark", which was an L. (Taunton Deeds, 16-28)

May 25, 1722, Nathaniel, for £38, bought a lot in Bristol, 30 ft. wide, bounded E. by Hope St., S. by a cross street called "Joneses Land", W. by Thames St. It was part of the estate of Tristram Bowerman, set out to his son Samuel. (Taunton Deeds, 15-120)

May 13, 1723, Nathaniel, a "cooper," for £135, sold a 10 a. lot in Bristol to Nathaniel Paine, which adjoined land of Nathaniel Byfield. His brother Benjamin (No. 114), one of the witnesses. (Taunton Deeds, 15-181)

Jan. 16, 1724/5, Nathaniel Bosworth of Bristol, cooper, for £20, sold to Elisha May, the ninth part of the estate of Tristram Bowerman, that was set out to his daughter Sarah, wife of John Dyre. Nathaniel had bought this land the same day of John and Sarah, for £18. (Taunton Deeds, 15-556 & 16-125)

On the same date, Elisha May and wife Hannah, another daughter of Tristram Bowerman, sold to Nathaniel their one-ninth part of her father's estate, for £25. (Taunton Deeds, 16-130)

Sept. 8, 1726, Nathaniel again sold land and his mother Mary Bosworth, who was living in his home at the time, was one of the witnesses. (Taunton Deeds, 17-141)

Aug. 20, 1730, Benj. and Abigail Ellery of Newport, R. I. for £260, deed to Nathaniel, 10 a. of land in Bristol, bounded N. and E. on land of Benjamin Bosworth (probably his brother), S. on land of Benjamin Cary which he bought of Edward Bosworth. (Taunton Deeds, 20-49)

Aug. 26, 1730, Capt. Shobael Baxter of Yarmouth, county of Barnstable, for £120, deeds to Nathaniel 5 a. of land in Bristol. (Taunton Deeds, 20-29)

Aug. 28, 1730, Charles Church of Bristol, for £141, deeds to Nathaniel Bosworth of Bristol, cooper, 5 a. of land in Bristol. His brother Benjamin was again a witness. (Taunton Deeds, 20-47)

Aug. 28, 1730, Nathaniel, for £260 deeds to Benjamin Ellery of Newport, 10 a. of land in Bristol, formerly belonging to Jabez Gorham late of Bristol deceased, adjoined land of Benjamin Gorham. Benja. Wardall and Edward

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Ingraham, witnesses. (Benja's name may have been Wardwell.) This deed was signed by Elizabeth, Nathaniel's second wife who wrote her name.

(Taunton Deeds, 19-373)

Previous to this time Nathaniel was called a "cooper," but on *April 4, 1736* when he bought land in Bristol of John and Nathaniel Sparhawk of Boston, "sons of the Rev. Mr. John Sparhawk late of Bristol Deceased," he is called "Captain." By reference to his Military Records it will be seen that he was commissioned captain in 1732. The land was 10 a. "lying Westerly on a Highway called Wood Street," and adjoined land "this day sold to Jeremiah Phinney Jun.:" Price paid £553.

(Taunton Deeds, 25-72)

May 15, 1736, Jeremiah Finney, Jr. of Bristol, for £280, deeds to Capt. Nathaniel Bosworth, 10 a. of land bought of John and Nath. Sparhawk, which joined the above land. Signed by Jeremiah and Elizabeth his wife.

(Taunton Deeds, 26-184)

March 29, 1738, Nathaniel sells to Thomas Green, for £20, "in Bills of public Credit . . . all my sixth part of one quarter acre of Land in Bristol . . . which lately belonged to James Cary of Newport and by him was sold to the said Thomas Green & Con^l. Church Mr. Joseph Russell and myself by deed dated the second day of April A.D. 1735." This was signed by Nathaniel and second wife, Elizabeth.

(Taunton Deeds, 26-353)

Oct. 1, 1740, Sarah Norton of Bristol, widow, for £100, deeds to Nathaniel Bosworth of Bristol "Gentleman," one third part of "a certain parcel of Land Beach and Flatts . . . in Bristol . . . with one third part of the Wharfe & Warehouse thereon Standing . . . (called the Long warehouse) which lately belonged to my hon^d Father Simon Davis Esqr. late of Bristol . . . Deceased . . . the sd Land Beach and Flatts is bounded Easterly on Hope Street . . . Southerly on Charles Street and Westerly on Ship Channell" etc.

(Taunton Deeds, 26-451)

Simon Davis
Nathaniel Bosworth } Witnesses.

NOTE: This Nathaniel, who was a witness to the above deed, was probably Capt. Nathaniel's son Nathaniel, who was 24 years of age at the time, but it may have been his cousin Nathaniel, son of John. (No. 121).

Nov. 14, 1740, Thomas Green of Bristol, for £700, deeds to Nathaniel Bosworth of Bristol, "Gentleman," the one half part of one quarter acre of land in Bristol, "with the Beach or Water Privilege," it having been previously sold to Thomas Green, Nathaniel Bosworth, Joseph Russell and Charles Church by James Cary of Newport, April 2, 1735. Signed by Thomas and Elizabeth Green; Jeremiah Finney, Jr. a witness.

(Taunton Deeds, 25-458)

NOTE: As there were two Nathaniel Bosworths of nearly the same age living in Bristol at the same time, this one and his cousin Nathaniel (No. 121), the compiler was in doubt at first as to which Nathaniel it was that bought the above property, but the fact that Capt. Nathaniel's son, Daniel, sold this land July 6, 1753, is proof that it was Capt. Nathaniel who bought it.

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Capt. Nathaniel's mother died at his home, April 30, 1740, and Nathaniel settled her estate, June 17, 1740. (See Bellamy's history, Part II, p. 214).

It appears that Capt. Nathaniel had at least one slave, for in a list of "Deaths in Bristol," kept "by Mr. John Wight and delivered to the Town Clerk," it is recorded that on Aug. 1, 1735 Nathaniel Bosworth's negro man died.

MILITARY RECORDS

As will be seen by accompanying photographs of Capt. Nathaniel Bosworth's commissions, he seems to have received the first one in 1732, in "the sixth year of King George II," when he was made a lieutenant in a company of foot soldiers (infantry), under the command of Col. Charles Church. Twelve years later, on Feb. 6, 1744, Nathaniel was commissioned as Captain-Lieutenant in the Sixth Mass. regt., 1st company, under command of Col. Sylvester Richmond Esqr. to go on "an expedition against the french Settlements on Cape Breton." (See photograph of commission.)

In the *Military Records of Mass.*, vol. 72, p. 760, we find, "Amount of the first muster Rolls in the Expedition to Cape Breton as made up and paid by Order of the General Assembly of the Massachusetts Province. The several Companies."

Capt. Bosworth's No. of men 68. Time of entry into service Feb. 6 [1744/5]. Time to which the roll is made up September 30. Approved by His Excellency Wm. Shirley Esqr., Captain General and Governor in Chief. Dated, Boston, Oct. 12, 1747.

(This record may also be found in the N. E. Hist. Register, vol. 24, p. 373, under "Louisbourg Soldiers", which says he was Capt. Lieut. of the 1st company, and in vol. 25, p. 259, under Sixth Mass. Regt., Col. Sylvester Richmond, 1st Company, Capt. Nathaniel Bosworth.)

Seven days later, or it may have been a year and seven days if the double date is omitted as it no doubt is, on Feb. 13, 1744, Nathaniel was made an Ensign of the 6th company, in the 7th Mass. Regt. under command of Col. Schubael Gorham.

(N. E. Hist. Register, vol. 24, p. 374)

The N. E. Hist. Register, vol. 25, p. 260, says: "Nathaniel Bosworth was an ensign in the 6th co. 7th Mass. Regt. in "the memorable expedition against Louisbourg in 1745."

Province of the }
Massachusetts-Bay }

JONATHAN BELCHER Esq;
Captain General & GOVERNOUR
in Chief in and over His Majesties Province
of the Massachusetts-Bay in New-England, &c.

To *Walter Bosworth Gentleman* Greeting



Y. Virtue of the Power and Authority, in and by His Majesties Royal Commission to Me Granted, to be Captain General, &c. over the His Majesties Province of the Massachusetts-Bay aforesaid: I do (by these Presents) Reposing especial Trust and Confidence in your Loyalty, Courage, and good Conduct, Constitute and Appoint you the said *Walter Bosworth* to be *Lieutenant of the foot Company* under the Command of *Charles Church Esq* in the *first* Regiment of Militia within the County of *Bristol* whereof *the said Charles Church* is Captain.

You are therefore carefully & diligently to discharge the Duty of *Lieutenant* in Leading, Ordering and Exercising said *Company* of *Soldiers*; and to keep them in good Order and Discipline; hereby Commanding them to Obey you as their *Lieutenant* and your Self to observe and follow such Orders and Instructions as you shall from time to time receive from Me, or the Commander in Chief, for the Time being, or from your Superiour Officers, for His Majesties Service, according to Military Rules and Discipline Pursuant to the Trust Reposed in you.

Given under My Hand and Seal at *Boston*, the *5th* Day of *April* in the *fifth* Year of the Reign of His Majesty **GEORGE** the Second. Anno Domini 1737.

By His Excellency's
Command
William Bony

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On Feb. 18, 1744 (or 1745 if double dated) Nathaniel was commissioned a Captain. (See reproduction of his commission.)

The following was copied in the Boston State House from a manuscript copy of papers in England, made on paper stamped with the seal of the "Public Record Office, England. Certified to 25 Jan. 1898"; also, "Certified at the Foreign Office as bearing the seal of the Public Record Office, England." London, Feb. 9, 1898.

Feb. 6, 1744. "A Registry of the Commissions in the Army under the command of the Hon. W. Pepperell Esqr for an Expedition against the french Settlements on Cape Breton."

At the top of p. 12: "Commissions in the Sixth Mass. Regt. whereof Sylvester Richmond, Jr. Esqr. is Col.:"

"Nath. Bosworth, Capt. Lt., 1st company. Commissioned Febr^y 6th 1744."

On p. 15, "Nathl. Bosworth, Ensign, 6th company, 7th Mass. Reg. Col. Schubel Gorham. Commissioned Feb. 13, 1744."

Nov. 19, 1746. Capt. Bosworth appears on a roll of Capt's and Col's who reported an "account of the Wages and Substantance of the Forces retained in the Garrison in his majestys Service at Louisbourg." Dated Province of Mass. Bay—19th Nov., 1746. 51 men, Feb. 18,—time of entering service,—to Sept. 30.

(Mass. Military Records, vol. 72, p. 732)

NOTE: As the date of the above is later than the death of Capt. Nathaniel, it is not possible to say with certainty that it refers to him, but as the time of entering the service is stated as Feb. 18th, which agrees with his records, it probably does. It may be simply a resume of the amounts paid out for the expedition.

Before starting for Canada on this expedition in the spring of 1744/5, Nathaniel made his will, which is on file at Tauton and is as follows:

Will of Capt. Nath. Bosworth—Bristol.

In the Name of God Amen.

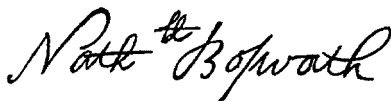
The Fifth Day of March Anno Domini 1744 I Nathaniell Bosworth of Bristol in the County of Bristol in Newengland Gent^l being upon a Design of an Expedition against the Enemy and Calling to mind my mortality and that it is appointed for men once to die do make this my Last will & Testament In the following manner that is to say Principally and first of all I giue and Recommend my soul to God that gave it and my Body to the Earth to be Decently buried hoping for the Pardon of all my sins for the sake of Jesus Christ my only redeemer and a Resurrection to Eternal Life by the Power of almighty God: And as to my worldly Estate I giue and Bequeath it in the following manner

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- Imp^{ts} my will is that my Just Debts and funerall Charges be duly paid by my Executor herein after named.
- Item. I giue to my Eldest Son Bellomy Bosworth Fiue pounds in Bills of publick Credit of the old Tener having Done Considerable for him already—
- Item. I giue to my son Nathaniel Bosworth fiue Pounds old Tenor which I count a sufficient part of my estate with what I have already done for him.
- Item. I giue to my Daughter Bridget Phillips fiue pounds having also done considerable for her (said fiue pounds in old Tenor)
- Item. I giue and Release to my son in Law Michael Phillips all that is due from him to myself By Book bond or any other way.
- Item. I giue to my Daughter Ann Bosworth Fifty Pounds in Bills of Credit of the old Tenor or the worth of it in household goods according to Inventory which she shall Choose That is to say to be at her Election whether in Bills or household goods.
- Item. I giue to my beloved wife Elizabeth Bosworth One Third Part of all the rest of my moveable or personal Estate Indoor or without after the payment of what is already mentioned (wholly at her Dispose)
- Item. I giue to my said wife the Improvement Benefit or Income of One Moiety or half part of all my Real Estate (whether housing Lands or meadows) During the Term or Time of her natural Life.
- Item. I giue and Bequeath to my Three Sons Daniel Obadiah and Benjamin and my Two Daughters Ann and Elizabeth the other Two thirds of my personall Estate and the other moiety or half part of my Real Estate to be Equally Divided among them or those that shall Legally Represent them and to be to them their heirs or assigns forever
- Also I giue to my s^d Two Daughters Ann & Elizabeth & my said three sons Daniel Obadiah & Benj^a and their heirs or assigns that half of my Real Estate after my wifes Decease which she is to have the Improvement of During her naturall Life as afores^d
- And I do hereby nominate Constitute and appoint my Friend Joseph Russell of Bristol Esqr. Executor of this my Last will hereby Revoking & Disanulling all former wills and Executors by me made and Ratifying this and no other to be my Last will & Testament as Witness my hand & seal hereto set the Day & year first within written.

Signed Sealed published & Declared by the said Nath^l Bosworth to be his Last will & Testament in presence of us witnesses

Sam^l Howland
Nathael Cary
Sam^l Bosworth



The reduction of Louisbourg ended June 17, 1745, but according to the report made Nov. 19, 1746 (given in Mili-

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tary Records), some of the forces were "retained in the Garrison . . . at Louisbourg." Capt. Nathaniel Bosworth, on his way home from the reduction of Louisbourg, died at Attleboro, Mass., Aug. 17, 1745 and was buried there. It appears that Nathaniel left for home because of illness, but did not live to reach there; and from the fact of his being buried at Attleboro and his body not brought home to Bristol, it would seem that he died from some contagious disease. Four days after his death, about the time the sad news reached Bristol, his daughter Anne, a young lady of twenty-four years, died. Whether her death had any relation to that of her father there is nothing to show, but it appears as if it might. Her brother, Bellamy Bosworth, was appointed to administer on her estate.

Sept. 18, 1745, "Bellomy Bosworth gentleman" and two others "mariners all of Bristol . . . gave bonds for the faithful discharge of his duty as Adm. on the Est. of Ann Bosworth late of Bristol."

Oct. 14, 1745, "Daniel and Obediah Bosworth, minors above the age of fourteen years, sons of Nathaniel Bosworth Late of Bristol (Gentleman) deceased petitioned the Court that Capt. Nathaniel Pearse of Bristol be appointed their Guardian. Petition granted and Nathaniel Pearse gentleman Joseph Russell Esq. and John Busshe Blacksmith gave bonds to the Court."

These boys were just past fourteen and it was necessary that they have a guardian as they were to share not only in the estate of their father, but also in that of their half-sister Anne. There was one other younger son living, Benjamin, but he being under fourteen it is probable his mother was his natural guardian.

April 21, 1747, the account of Bellamy Bosworth as Adm. on the Est. of "his sister Anne Bosworth late of Bristol deceased" was accepted. He charged himself with—

	£	s.	d.
"The amount of the Inventory	159	0	6
Received of Joseph Russell Esq., a Legacy given by my Fathers will to Ann Bosworth	50	0	0
Total	209	0	6"
Among the credits were the following:			
"to funeral Charges	12	5	3
"to a pair of Grave Stones	5	0	0

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"to one Journey from Marthas Vineyard in order to Bring in the Inventory & divide the Estate—to my time ten days £5 My expenses £5 Horse hire £5 . . .	15.. 0.. 0
"Paid to Michael Phillips and Bridget his wife . . .	19.. 8.. 0
Paid to Nathaniel Bosworth	19.. 8.. 0
Paid to Elizabeth Bosworth	19.. 8.. 0
To Nathaniel Pearse Guardian of Daniel and Obadiah Bosworth	38..16.. 0"

Sept. 19, 1747, "ye widow Elizabeth Bosworth put in a Petition praying that her part of the Real Estate of her Late husband Capt. Nathaniel Bosworth deceased might be set off to her that she may have the Improvement thereof in Severalty which was Lodged for further Consideration."

July 2, 1750, 'Belomy Bosworth of Bristol Gentleman" granted adm. "on the personal Estate of Nathaniel Bosworth Late of said Bristol Physician Deceased." This was Bellamy's brother who had died, according to the records "in Hispaniola", April 10, 1750

Of Lydia, the first wife of Capt. Nathaniel, the record says: "Dyed very Suddenly on the 11th Day of May [1726] in the morning Early."

The second wife, Elizabeth, was the widow of Christopher Lindsey of Newport, R. I. As to her maiden name it seems difficult to discover. It was either "Laitt" or "Layton" and the compiler is inclined to think it was the latter, as Nathaniel and she were married by a Job Layton who was probably a Justice of the Peace. The intencion published in Bristol reads:

Aug. 18, 1727, "The intencion of marriage between Nathaniel Bosworth Cooper and Elizabeth Lindsey of Newport widow were entered."

Elizabeth had at least one son at this time, who was named Christopher from her husband. Elizabeth died six years after her husband, on *Dec. 7, 1751*.

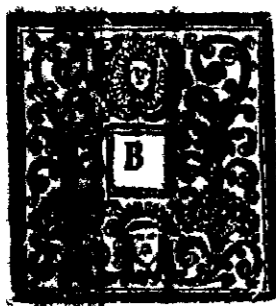
Jan. 6, 1752, "Appeared in Council Nathaniel Pearse of said Bristol Esq. and Prayed he might have administration granted him on the Personal Estate of Elizabeth Bosworth Late of Bristol aforesaid widow Deceased Intestate and it appearing to said Council that Christopher Lindsey (the Eldest Son of said Intestate who is by Law Entitled to administration on said Estate) Refused to accept thereof the said Council do grant the said Nathaniel Pearse administration on said Estate."

July 6, 1753, Daniel Bosworth "of Newport Hatter", sold to Gamaliel Clark of Bristol "one Certain piece of Land with the Beach & flats together with the building and wharff thereon standing", that "was Late the

Province of the
Massachusetts-Bay,

WILLIAM SHIRLEY, Esq;
Captain-General and GOVERNOUR in Chief, in and
over His MAJESTY'S Province of the *Massachusetts-
Bay* in *New-England*, &c.

To Nathaniel Bosworth Gentleman Greeting.



Y virtue of the Power and Authority, in and by His Majesty's Royal Commission to Me granted; I do (by these Presents) reposing especial Trust and Confidence in your Loyalty, Courage and good Conduct, constitute and appoint You the said Nathaniel Bosworth to be Captain Lieutenant of the Company under the Command of Sylvester Richmond, Captain the Regiment whereof Sylvester Richmond is Colonel being Part of the Forces raised in this Province for an Expedition to Cape Breton, of which Forces William Pepperrell is appointed Commander in Chief

You are therefore to lead, order and govern the said Company in Arms both in your Officers and Soldiers, keeping them in good Order and Discipline; hereby commanding them to obey you as their Captain Lieutenant and with them to do and execute all Acts of Hostility against His Majesty's Enemies the French and others; and you are to observe and follow such Orders and Directions, as you shall from time to time receive from Myself or from the Commander in Chief of the said Expedition, or other your superiour Officer in the Field, according to the Rules and Discipline of War, pursuant to the Trust reposed in you.

Given under My Hand & Seal at Arms, at Boston, the fifth
Day of February — In the eighteenth Year of the Reign of Our
Sovereign Lord King GEORGE the Second, Annoq; Domini, 1744

By His Excellency's
Command
John Stoll

Province of the Massachusetts-Bay March 18th 1744
Capt Nathaniel Bosworth appeared and took the
oath of Allegiance and subscribed the Declaration
before George Combs of the
John Hill } Ormsell

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Estate of Nathaniel Bosworth Deceased." It was bounded N. on land of Gamaliel Clark, E. and S. by highways and W. "on the Salt water or Ship Channel." This was probably the same property that Nathaniel bought Nov. 14, 1740.

(Bristol Deeds, 1-243)

April 18, 1755, "Belomy Bosworth, Gent.. Obediah Bosworth marriner Thomas Church Cooper and Elizabeth his wife all of Bristol—and Daniel Bosworth Hatter and Benjamin Bosworth Housewright both of Newport" sell to Jere. Ingraham "a Certain part of a Dwelling House and Land where John Ingraham now lives . . . to wit Eight feet in Breadth of the north part of the Cellar extending East & West the whole length of the Cellar being about 23 feet with the Northwest lower Room of the House and Chamber and Garret over it to the Roof with the Roof of the House over the Same—the said Room being 16 feet in length and 14 feet wide with the Chimney to the said Room belonging together with a piece of Land . . . and also one half the Entry way in the said House from the west Door . . . to be Improved in Common by the said Jer. Ingraham . . . with Those that Shall own Improve or Enjoy the other part of sd House for passing and repassing and for building of Stairs up into the Chamber & Garret as they Shall see Cause."

Signed by

Belomy Bosworth and Esther his wife
Obadiah Bosworth and Mary his wife
Benjamin Bosworth
Daniel Bosworth
Thomas Church and Elizabeth Church.

(Bristol Deeds, 2-73)

CHILDREN

of Capt. Nathaniel Bosworth

born in Bristol, Mass. (now. R. I.)

By first wife, Lydia Cornish.

- 260 + i—BRIDGET⁵, b. July 6, 1715; bap. Oct. 10, 1721; d. July 2, 1750; m. Michael Phillips (See Part II, p. 224).
- 261 + ii—BELLAMY⁵, (twin) b. Nov. 26, 1716; bap. Oct 10, 1721, d. Dec. 12, 1786; m. (1) Elizabeth Mayhew; m. (2) Esther Maxfield.
- 262 iii—NATHANIEL⁵ (twin) b. Nov. 26, 1716; bap. Oct. 10, 1721; d. Apr. 10, 1750, aged 33, unm.
- 263 iv—ANNE⁵, b. Mar. 1, 1720/21, bap. Oct. 10, 1721; d. Aug. 21, 1745, aged 24, unm.

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- 264 v—EBENEZER⁵, (twin) b. Feb. 9, 1723; bap. Feb. 16, 1723; d. at Surinam, Dutch Guiana, Dec. 26, 1741, aged 18.*
- 265 vi—LYDIA⁵, (twin) b. Feb. 9, 1723; bap. Feb. 16, 1723; d. Dec. 14, 1729, aged 5 yrs. 10 mo. Buried in Granary Burying Ground, Boston. (Grave-1334). (See Nathaniel Records.)

By second wife, Mrs. Elizabeth (Layton?) Lindsey.

- 266+ vii—ELIZABETH⁵, b. Oct. 10, 1728; d. Jan. 27, 1770; m. Thomas Church.
- 267 viii—LYDIA⁵, b. May 26, 1730; d. Dec. 7 (or 9), 1738.
- 268+ ix—DANIEL⁵, (twin) b. Sept. 26, 1731; d. Sept. 25, 1790; m. Elizabeth Peckham.
- 269+ x—OBADIAH⁵, (twin) b. Sept. 26, 1731; d. previous to Dec. 1767; m. Mary Lawton.
- 270+ xi—BENJAMIN⁵, b. Jan. 9, 1732/3; d. Oct. 18, 1810; m. (1) Mrs. Frances Nichols; (2) Mary Church; (3) Abigail Monroe.
- 271 xii—PELEG⁵, b. Sept. 27, 1734; bap. in the Rehoboth Church, in Nov. 1734; d. July 23, 1736.
- 272 xiii—PELEG⁵, b. Oct. 22, 1737; d. Oct. 10, 1738.

NOTE: The first six of these children were baptized in the "Church of Christ" (Congregational), Bristol, which was organized May 3, 1687, three years before the death of Deacon Nathaniel² Bosworth, who was its first deacon. They were baptized by Rev. Nathaniel Cotton, the first four at one time on Oct. 10, 1721, and it is probable the parents had become church members about that time, but the record, if it exists, was not found.

*The Colony of Rhode Island being on the sea coast many of the boys and young men were sailors or fishermen and there was scarcely a family, where there were sons, that did not have some of their number "gone to sea." Besides this, many of the boys and young men seem to have been afflicted with that dread scourge "consumption," and where parents were able they seem to have sent these sons to a milder climate, usually the West Indies and often they did not live to return. These were probably the circumstances in the above case.

Province of the Massachusetts-Bay.

By His Excellency the GOVERNOUR,

I Do hereby authorize and impower *Capt. Nathan Bosworth*
Bristol to beat his Drums within the Regiment
of Militia, whereof *Sam^r. Willis Esq; & George Inwood* Esq; is
Colonel, for the enlisting of Volunteers for His Majesty's
Service, in the intended Expedition against the French of
Cape-Breton; for the Conducting of which Expedition
will^r. Phips

Esq;

Commander in Chief.

And the said Colonel, with the other Officers in the
said Regiment, are hereby commanded not to give the
said ~~Nathan Bosworth~~ any Obstruction or Molesta-
tion herein; but on the contrary to afford him all
necessary Encouragement and Assistance, for which this
is a sufficient Warrant.

And the said *Nathan Bosworth* is hereby required
not to suffer this Warrant to go out of his Hands, nor
to give Copies of it to any Person whatsoever; but after
he has made the full Use of it, to make Return thereof
into the Secretary's Office.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Boston, the *Eighteenth*
Day of *February* 1744. In the Eighteenth Year of
His MAJESTY'S Reign.



AN ORDER GIVING CAPT. NATHANIEL BOSWORTH PERMISSION TO
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MARY⁴ BOSWORTH, youngest daughter of Bellamy³ (*Nathaniel*², *Edward*¹) and Mary (Smith), born in Bristol, Mass. (now R. I.), July 29, 1701; died ———; married in Boston, Sept. 6, 1727, (int. recorded in Bristol Aug. 21, 1727) JEREMIAH⁴ WHEELWRIGHT, third son of Col. John³ (Col. *Samuel*², Rev. *John*¹) and Mary (Snell) Wheelwright, born in Wells, Me., March 5, 1697/8; died at Portsmouth, N. H. in 1768.

Jeremiah⁴ Wheelwright was a lieutenant in the expedition sent from New England in 1745 for the capture of Louisburg and is said to have served under General Wolfe in Canada.

NOTE: Rev. John¹ Wheelwright, son of Robert (son of John, a yeoman of Mumby, Lincolnshire, England, and wife Elizabeth), and Katherine Wheelwright, was b. in Saleby, Lincolnshire, 1592, and d. at Salisbury, N. H., Nov. 15, 1670. His 1st wife was Marie, dau. of Rev. Thos. Stone, vicar of Bilsby, Lincolnshire, She d. in 1630 and in 1631 he m. Mary, dau. of Edw. Hutchinson of Alford, Lincolnshire. He graduated from Cambridge in 1614, where he was a classmate of Oliver Cromwell. He had a church in Boston, Lincolnshire. He arrived in New England May 26, 1636 and was admitted to the Boston church June 12, 1636. Boston Town Records note that "Our Brother Mr. John Wheelwright shall have an Allotment of 250 acres layd out for him at Mount Woollystone where it may be most convenient." This is dated Feb. 20, 1636 (no doubt O. S., in N. S. 1637), and the land was laid out Apr. 3, 1637.

Col. Samuel² Wheelwright, oldest son of Rev. John and Mary (Hutchinson), was b. in England, 1635. He m. Esther, dau. of Jeremy Houchin of Dorchester, Mass. When 21 years of age he went to Wells, Me. where he d. May 15, 1700.

Col. John³ Wheelwright, the oldest son of Col. Samuel and Esther (Houchin), was b. at Wells, Me. in 1664. He m. Jan. 28, 1689, Mary, dau. of Capt. Geo. Snell, mariner of Portsmouth, N. H. Col. John was Judge of Probate Court and of the Court of Common Pleas in York Co., Me. and was active in military service during the Indian wars. He d. at Wells, May 13, 1745.

CHILD

of Jeremiah⁴ and Mary (Bosworth) WHEELWRIGHT

273 i—JEREMIAH⁵ WHEELWRIGHT, b. at Portsmouth, N. H., June 13, 1732; d. Jan. 28, 1778; m. Mary, dau. of Abraham Davis of

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Gloucester, Mass., int. filed Aug. 3, 1754. He was a commissary in the expedition to Canada under the command of Benedict Arnold, and died from the effects of exposure in that campaign. The third son of Jeremiah and Mary (Davis) Wheelwright, was Abraham⁶, b. in Gloucester, July 26, 1757; d. April 19, 1852; m. Rebecca, dau. of Joseph Knight of Newbury. They had 11 children. He was a soldier in the Continental army. An interesting account of his services and adventures, written by himself when he was 80 years of age has been preserved. (Much of the above taken from "Old Newbury," Historical and Biographical Sketches, by John J. Currier).

NOTE: Jeremiah⁴ and Mary (Bosworth) Wheelwright may have had daughters, but the compiler did not find the record of any, and Jeremiah⁵ is called their *only* son.

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JOHN⁴ BOSWORTH, JR., eldest son of John³ (*Nathaniel², Edward¹*) and Sarah (———), born in Hull, Mass., about 1682; died in Bristol, R. I., Oct. 24, 1754; married (1) at Hull, Sept. 22, 1707, ELIZABETH CHAMBERLAIN, perhaps daughter of Henry and Jane Chamberlain,* born 1684; died in Bristol, Nov. 27, 1716, "in her 33rd year"; married (2) in Boston, Oct. 7, 1718, by Rev. Cotton Mather (Presby.) ANNA (or HANNAH), eldest daughter of Daniel and Hannah (Cutler) WILLARD†, born in Sudbury, Mass., May 5, 1686, and widow of TIMOTHY LA FEVRE (or le Favour), to whom she was married at Boston, Aug. 7, 1707. The intention of her

*An Elizabeth Chamberlain, dau. of Henry and Jane, was b. in Hull, Jan. 11, 1671-2. Another Elizabeth, dau. of Nathaniel and Abigail Chamberlain, was born in Hull, June 18, 1682. As neither of these dates agree with Elizabeth's age as given on her gravestone in Bristol, and as neither of the names Nathaniel or Abigail appear among the children of Elizabeth, while the name *Henry* does, which is exceedingly strong evidence that she was a daughter of Henry, the compiler has thought best to suggest that this may be the fact. It may have occurred this way: The Elizabeth b. 1671-2 may have died as a child, and afterward, following the custom of the times, another daughter born was named Elizabeth from the one who had died. That such a birth does not appear on the Hull records is no argument against the supposition, as the records of that town were very poorly cared for, as the compiler has reason to know.

†Anna was a granddaughter of Major Simon Willard of New Rutland, Worcester Co. Mass. (This and other of the items given are from the Willard Genealogy.)

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any of Three hundred Pounds in like
all bills of Credit of 5 pence a pound
second day of June next ensuing
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John Bosworth



Benjⁿ Bosworth



Paul

Edward Bosworth



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marriage to John, published in Bristol, Sept. 13, 1718, reads: "There is a purpose of marriage between Mr. John Bosworth of Bristol and Mrs. Hannah Lafavour of Boston." Hannah had a son by her first husband, Timothy Le Favour, Jr., who afterward married Elizabeth Bosworth, a daughter of John by his first wife. Anna (or Hannah) died in Bristol, Aug. 20, 1747.

. At the time of John's marriage he lived in Hull and continued to reside there until after the birth of two children, then sometime between the birth of the second on March 20, 1710 and May 6, 1711, when his third child was born in Bristol, he removed there, following his father who had gone there shortly before.

On July 29, 1722, John Bosworth and his wife were taken into full communion with the Church of Christ in Bristol, by Rev. Nathaniel Cotton. This was his second wife, Anna.

John's father, John³, died Aug. 20, 1725, and John with his mother Sarah were made executors of his father's will. They made their report June 16, 1730, which was signed by Sarah the mother and John the son, as given below:

Sarah Bosworth
John Bosworth

This shows, as noted on page 220 of Part II, that Sarah wrote her name very neatly for those days.

LAND RECORDS

The first entry we find at Taunton of the land records of John⁴ Bosworth, was on *Feb. 13, 1717*, when he mortgaged to the same Government Commissioners before mentioned, for £57, "All that my one seventh part of a certain farm, the whole containing 98 acres." This was probably the "Capt. Hayman farm", told of in the history of John³ (No. 25), which was divided into seven parts. The mortgage was discharged June 30, 1727.

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Apr. 21, 1718, John⁴, Jr., with his brothers Benjamin⁴ and Edward⁴ bought land of their cousin Benjamin⁴, son of Bellamy³. Several times in this deed are found the words: "the said John Bosworth Jun^r. and Brothers Benjamin and Edward Bosworth." (See history of Benjamin⁴, No. 114).

(Taunton Deeds, 12-71)

May 19, 1718, John and his brother Benjamin, both called "husbandmen", buy 98 a. of land in Bristol, a country road on the east, the sea on the west. On the same date the three brothers, John, Jr., Benjamin and Edward, all husbandmen, for £70, sold 4 a. of land in Bristol, Judith, wife of Benjamin, and Mehitable, wife of Edward, signed the deed, thus relinquishing their right of dower.

(Taunton Deeds, Bk. 12, pps. 77 & 96)

Feb. 13, 1721, John Bosworth, Jr. of Bristol, "yeoman and Anna his wife", mortgage to the Government Commissioners mentioned above, 14 acres of land in Bristol, for £50. The land was bounded on the south by land of "Edward Bosworth Sen^r." and was probably their home lot, as "Houses outhouses Buildings Barns Stables yards Gardens" etc. are mentioned. It was situated on a corner on the south side of a "two rod highway that goes from y^e Country Road to the East highway at the head of y^e Neck"; and on the west side of this "East highway", with the land of Joseph Munroe on the west.

(Taunton Deeds, 14-459)

Dec. 22, 1722, Edward Bosworth, Jr. of Bristol, sells to his brother John, 14 acres of land in Bristol, bounded north and east by highways and south on land "belonging to my Uncle Edward Bosworth", and west on land of Joseph Munroe*; also one-third part of a piece of upland and salt meadow "which was purchased by my sd Brother John Bosworth & my Brother Benjamin Bosworth and myself as by deed under the hand & seale of my Cousin Benjⁿ, Bosworth of Bristol aforesd, dated the twenty first day of Aprill 1718 & recorded in the twelve of Book of records for Bristol County folio 72 & 73." Also "two parcels of Salt Meadow" one containing 7 acres, the other 4 acres, the latter being bounded on the west "partly on land of sd Edward Bosworth Sen^r." Signed by "Edward Bosworth Jun^r. His wife agreeing thereto."

(Taunton Deeds, 15-415)

On the same date, John Bosworth Sen. of Bristol sells to "my son John Bosworth Junener" for £95, all that 9 acres and 20 rods of land "which I bought of my sister Hannah and her son Nathaniel Jacobs of Bristol" by deed dated May 21, 1719, being part of Mr. Jacobs 20 acre lot. John, Sen. in signing the deed, made his mark.

(Taunton Deeds, 15-534)

*This is surely the same 14 acres that John mortgaged on Feb. 13, 1721 as shown above but how a person could mortgage land before they owned it the compiler cannot see. Even if the year of the mortgage should be double dated, as it probably should be, it would only be Feb. 13, 1721-2, which would be ten months before John bought it. Thinking that perhaps a mistake in the dates might have been made when they were copied years ago, the compiler has written to the Register of Deeds at Taunton regarding it. In his reply he confirms the correctness of the dates as given, but offers no explanation, so all we can do is to leave it as it stands.

(NOTE: A striking example showing the great pains taken by compiler to be accurate! Nine out of ten readers probably would never notice discrepancy! E. J. CLARKE.)

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Jan. 31, 1722-3, Dan Throope of Bristol for £1000 "good and lawful money of this province" deeds to "John Bosworth Junr." of Bristol "Husbandman", 80 acres of land in Bristol, the north part of his farm, etc. bounded north and west by highways and on the south "by land by me sold to Edward Bosworth, Junr. by deed bearing even date with these presents." "Benjamin Bosworth Junr. one of the witnesses.

(Taunton Deeds, 14-483)

Feb. 9, 1722-3 John Bosworth Jr. of Bristol, Husbandman, for £150, mortgaged to the same parties as above, his dwelling house and 25 acres of land on which the house stood, etc. Signed by "John Bosworth Junr." and Anna Bosworth. One of the witnesses to Anna's signing was Mehitable Bosworth, who was the wife of Edward Bosworth, Jr. Mortgage discharged Oct. 15, 1734.

(Taunton Deeds, 14-491)

Apr. 3, 1723, John Bosworth Jr. and Anna his wife mortgage to Francis Brindley of Boston, 55 acres of land in Bristol, the balance of his farm, 35 acres lying north of the 25 acres on which his house stood and 20 acres to the south, the 35 acres being the "northermost part of sd farm" and is bounded south by the 25 acres and on the other three sides by highways. Signed by John Jr. and Anna.

(Taunton Deeds, 14-529)

Sept. 10, 1723, John bought 1½ acres of land in Bristol of Joseph Munroe which was bounded east by land he had sold on Mar. 11th of that year to Ephraim Andrass of Swansey.

June 4, 1724 John sold to his brother "Nathaniel Bosworth of Bristol Blockmaker", the 9 acres 20 rods of land "which I purchased of my Hon^d. father John Bosworth" by deed dated Dec. 22, 1722.

(Taunton Deeds, 15-556)

Dec. 12, 1724, Edward Bosworth, Jr. sells to his brother John, for £340, the 20 acres which he bought of Dan Throope, a part of Dan Throope's farm bounded north by the north part of said farm sold by the said Throope to the said John Bosworth . . . and south by the south part of said farm sold by said Throope to Benjamin Bosworth. Nathaniel Bosworth one of the witnesses.

(Taunton Deeds, 15-539)

Apr. 8, 1726 John Bosworth of Bristol "yeoman" for £430, deeds to "my Brother Benjamin Bosworth of Bristol yeoman" his share in that farm in Bristol on which said Benj. Bosworth now dwelleth being 31 acres of land, one-seventh part of which farm he bought in partnership with his brother Benjamin of Col. Nathaniel Paine deceased, by deed dated May 19, 1718 "to me & my Brother sd Benjamin Bosworth may appear . . . and five acres & the fifth part of five seventh of sd farm was given to me by my honored father John Bosworth Late of Bristol Dec^d as by his Last Will & Testament . . . may appear", the said farm was bounded east by the Country road, south by land of Col. Nathaniel Paine deceased, west by the sea and north by land of Capt. Peter Reynolds. Edward Bosworth, Junr. one of the witnesses.

(Taunton Deeds, 17-452)

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Jan. 3, 1729, Elizabeth Bouerman, widow, for £62, deeds to John the land that was laid out to her in the division of the estate of her brother Nathaniel Gallap deceased, being part of the 40 acre lot belonging to her father Samuel Gallap deceased. Timothy Fales and Samuel Gallap (probably a brother), witnesses. (Taunton Deeds, 19-237)

Jan. 3, 1729-30 (No doubt the same day as the above, but that was not double-dated.) Samuel Gallap, Mariner of New London, Colony of Connecticut, sold to John Bosworth, land which he had inherited from his brother Nathaniel Gallap deceased, also some that was laid out to William Gallap, "being parts of a lot formerly belonging to my honored father Samuel Gallap. deceased." (Taunton Deeds, 19-152)

"This indenture made the Seventeenth Day of february in the third year of y^e Reign of our Sovereign Lord King George the Second over Great Britain &c. annoque Dominis 1729/30" between "John Bosworth & Benjamin Bosworth yeoman & Jacob Bosworth late of Bristol now of Barington in county of Bristol Cordwainer, sons of John Bosworth late of Bristol Deceased Witnesseth concerning a 20 acre lot in Bristol . . . which by the last will of John Bosworth aforesd & by sundry deeds of sale made among the sons of the sd John doth now belong to John Bosworth, Benjamin Bosworth & Jacob Bosworth and which they now agree to divide as follows: To John one fifth in the northeast corner Jacob one fifth in the northwest corner, and the remainder three fifth to Benjamin."

(Taunton Deeds, 19-201)

On the next day, Feb. 18, 1729/30, Benjamin sold his one-fifth of the above 20 acre lot to his brother John, "which formerly belonged to our hon^d. father John Bosworth deceased." (Taunton Deeds, 19-564)

NOTE: Bristol, R. I. was one of the towns acquired from Mass. Jan. 27, 1746/7, so from this date all records have been kept at Bristol, as that is the law in R. I., while in Mass. the record of deeds and wills are kept at the County seats.

June 24, 1748, John Bosworth, yeoman, as executor to the will of his son-in-law (also step-son), "Timothy Lefavour, mariner, sells land in Bristol. (Bristol Deeds, Bk. 1, p. 39)

Apr. 5, 1749, John mortgaged, for £900, fifty acres of land in "the Northerly end of my Homestead Farm on which I now dwell in Bristol" etc. Mortgage discharged Feb. 14, 1752. (Bristol Deeds, 1-58)

This ends the record of John⁴ Bosworth's land transactions.

SLAVES

It was the custom in New England, at the time this John Bosworth lived, to own slaves, and John seems to have had both Indian and Negro slaves, as the following shows:

UNDER "DEATHS IN BRISTOL."

May 14, 1736, Mr. John Bosworth's negro child.

Jan. 5, 1738, Mr. John Bosworth's Indian woman.

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Apr. 18, 1743, Mr. John Bosworth's negro man.
Mar. 4, 1746, John Bosworth's Indian child.
Dec. 31, 1746, Mr. John Bosworth's Caesar, at sea.
Feb. 19, 1747, Mr. John Bosworth's "Molatto Girl."
Jan. 10, 1748, Mr. John Bosworth's negro girl.
Jan. 30, 1749, Mr. John Bosworth's Indian child.
June 14, 1750, Mr. John Bosworth's negro child.

Another entry on the Bristol records is as follows: Jan. 11, 1749, "Casco, negro man belonging to Mr. Bosworth & Hagar negro woman belonging to Mrs. Mary Munroe, both of this Town were Lawfully married by me this Day. Shearjashub Bourn Justice of Peace."

On Nov. 7, 1748, "Mr. Bosworth appeared in Council and prayed for some relief for Bette an Indian woman an inhabitant of Bristol." It was ordered that the said Bosworth "be desired to Take care of sd Indian woman if need be till next Spring and then lay his account before the town."

The will of John Bosworth, dated Apr. 25, 1752, bequeaths as follows:

"I Give to my Grandson Phinehas Rice one good cow."

"to my Grandson Daniel Lefavour one half of all my wearing apparel."

"to my Grand daughter Anna Lefavour the best bed and all the furniture belonging to the Bed I commonly sleep on in the great room."

"to my Grand daughter Elizabeth Lefavour one other bed and all the furniture belonging thereto in the South Chamber which has a new ticken & was filled last year."

"to my two Granddaughters Anna and Elizabeth Lefavour my negro man called Casco."

"to my three Grandchildren Daniel Anna & Elizabeth Lefavour all and everything that was their Father Timothy Lefavours Estate that remains in my Possession and keeping & also Give them all the Expense and charge I have been at in bringing them up, and also give them the Indian Boy called Bond and the molatto Girl called Anne both born of Eunice their fathers Indian Slave."

"to my son John Bosworth . . . one third part of all my Estate Real & Personal."

"to my son Henry Bosworth . . . one Third part of all my Estate real and personal."

"to my Three Grandchildren Daniel Annah and Elizabeth Lefavour the other Third part of all my Estate Real and personal to be equally Divided amongst them."

"Whereas my said son Henry Bosworth has been at Considerable Charge Labour & Expense in building the Tanner Bark house purposing fatts for

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the Business of Tanning which he now Improves for that use. my will is that the Land occupied thereby & is really necessary for that Business Shall always be included in this part of my real Estate and be accordingly Set off to him in y^e Division of the Same and what I have Done toward sd House fatts &c I Give him he paying to his Brother John Bosworth. Appoints his sons John and Henry Bosworth Executors.

Samuel Bosworth, William Bosworth and Daniel Bradford, Witnesses.

On March 3, 1756, John Bosworth and Henry Bosworth, yeomen, and Joshua Bailey, cooper, all of Bristol, being empowered by Court, sell "Real Estate which John Bosworth, late of Bristol, deceased left in his will to the sd John & Henry and to grandchildren Daniel Anna and Elizabeth Lefavour, enough to pay his just debts, $5\frac{1}{4}$ acres.

On Nov. 20, 1766, Nathaniel Bosworth, Jeremiah Bosworth, Henry Bosworth, Daniel Lefavour, James Diman and Anna his wife, John Howland and Elizabeth his wife, all of Bristol, and John Bosworth of Ashford, Conn., yeoman, for 187 "Spanish mill^d. Dollars & an half" deed to Benjamin Bosworth of Bristol, Housewright, 10 acres of land in Bristol, etc. Signed by the above.
(Bristol Deeds, 3-156)

NOTE: Two persons not mentioned in the deed above, signed it, namely, Sarah, wife of Nathaniel⁴ Bosworth, a brother of John, and Mary the wife of his son John⁵, who thus relinquished their rights in the property. The others who signed were Jeremiah Bosworth who "made his mark", he was another brother of John⁴; Henry was his son; Daniel Lefavour, his grandson; Elizabeth, wife of John Howland, Jr. and Anna, wife of James Diman, were his granddaughters, sisters of Daniel Lefavour. Phebe, the wife of Henry is mentioned in the deed, but did not sign.

CHILDREN

of John⁴ and first wife Elizabeth (Chamberlain) Bosworth

274 + i—JOHN⁵, b. in Hull, Mass., May 9, 1708; m. Mary Hayward.

275 + ii—SARAH⁵, b. in Hull, March 20, 1710; m. Joseph Rice.

276 + iii—ELIZABETH⁵, b. in Bristol, Mass. (now R. I.) May 6, 1711; d. Mar. 3, 1748; m. Timothy Lefavour.

277 + iv—HENRY⁵, b. in Bristol, Oct. 12, 1713; m. Phebe Eddy.

Three of the above children were baptized in Bristol by the Rev. John Sparhawk: Elizabeth, bapt. July 8, 1711; Henry, Dec. 6, 1713, and Sarah, Sept. 16, 1716. It is the opinion of the compiler that the Sarah, born in Hull, died and another daughter born a short time previous to the death of the mother was baptized while an infant. It does not seem probable that the Sarah born in Hull in 1710 would have been left unbaptized until the age of six years when other children had been baptized meantime.

On the record of deaths in Bristol there is the following "Mr. Bosworths grandchild May 19, 1751"; the compiler fails to identify this child.

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BENJAMIN⁴ BOSWORTH, son of John³ (*Nathaniel*², *Edward*¹) and Sarah (———), born in Hull, Mass., perhaps about 1685; died at Ashford, Conn., previous to Jan. 27, 1774*, having made his will Aug. 30, 1773; he married (1) about 1717, when living in Bristol, Mass. (now R. I.), JUDITH TORREY, daughter of Angel and Hannah (———) Torrey, born about 1694; died in Bristol, Feb. 2, 1725/6; married (2), intention published in Bristol, April 15, 1727, JEMIMA ALLEN, daughter of Benjamin², (William¹) and Hopestill (———) Allen, born in Barrington, R. I., April 1, 1698, died after February, 1774.

Benjamin lived with his parents at Hull until about 1709, when he removed with them to Bristol. He married about eight years later and continued to live in Bristol where his five children by his first wife were born, the second and third being twins, both of whom died young. On Feb. 3, 1723, Judith, wife of Benjamin, united with the Congregational Church in Bristol. About four months after the birth of the fifth child, Judith died, and a little over a year later he married second, Jemima Allen of Barrington, and had two more children born in Bristol, but the elder of these died young.

LAND RECORDS

The first time Benjamin's name appears upon the land records of Bristol is when on March 30, 1714, he was witness to a deed of land bought by his brother Edward.

April 21, 1718, Benjamin with his brother John, Jr. and Edward, bought land from their cousin Benjamin Bosworth, son of Bellamy (See deed in history No. 114). On the same date and on May 17, 1718 he was witness to deeds given to his brother Edward.

May 19, 1718, Benjamin in company with his older brother John, bought 98 a. of land. (See history of John, No. 118.)

*The compiler very much regrets having made an error on p. 220 of Part II, where in giving date of death of this Benjamin, the date of death of his son Benjamin, Aug. 8, 1753, is given as his own. This had previously been published as the date of his death; I had discovered the mistake and intended to correct it but failed to do so, however, I give it now correctly.

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Jan. 31, 1722/3, Benjamin, for £160, bought of Dan Throope his 2/6 part of a 40 a. lot, bounded west by land of John Bosworth; also a strip of land 3 rods wide bounded on the west by "land of Mr. John Bosworth." Signed by Dan and Deborah Throope. (Deborah made her mark—a D)
(Taunton Deeds, 14-558)

Feb. 13, 1722/3, "ninth year of George"; Benjamin Bosworth, "son of John," of Bristol, husbandman, and Judith his wife, mortgage to the Commissioners mentioned in previous histories, for £30, 6 a. of land in Bristol; signed by Benjamin and his wife Judith, who "made her mark."
(Taunton Deeds, 15-179)

April 8, 1726, Benjamin, for 280, sells to "my Brother John Bosworth" the land bought of Dan Throope, also "my Third part of fourteen acres of upland and seven acres of meadow which I bought in Partnership with my brothers John and Edward Bosworth; of Benjamin Bosworth of Bristol. (Son of Bellamy, No. 114). Edward Bosworth, Jr. (his brother), one of the witnesses.
(Taunton Deeds, 17-451)

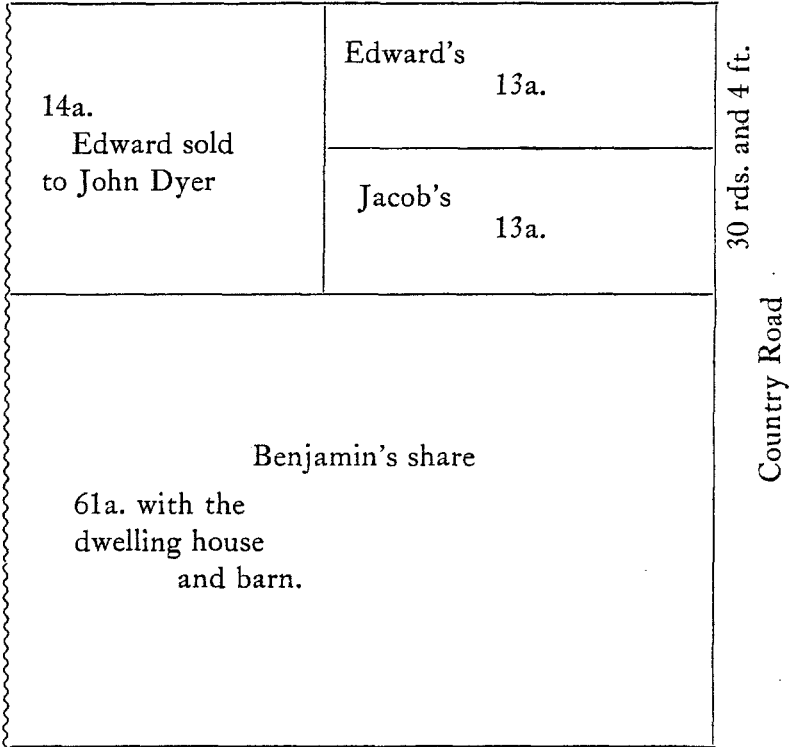
On the same date Benjamin's brother John, deeded him his share of the land they had bought in partnership and on which Benjamin was then living. (See history No. 118, on this date.)

March 5, 1728-9, Benjamin Bosworth, Edward Bosworth and Jacob Bosworth, all of Bristol, sons of John Bosworth late of Bristol "whereas the farm in Bristol aforesd whereof the sd John Bosworth at the time of his Decease owned . . . Containing by Estimation one hundred and one acres . . . doth now by virtue of the Last will and testament of the said John Bosworth dect. and severall Deeds of sale since made by and among the sons of said John Bosworth, belong to the sd Benjamin Edward and Jacob except fourteen acres thereof sold by sd Edward To John Deyer which did also belong to sd Edward Bosworth." Division was made as follows: Benjamin to have the Dwelling house and barn with 61 a. upon the S. side of said farm" bounded easterly by the Country road and west by the bay or Salt water," etc. Edward to have 13 a. of land in the N. E. corner of said farm; Jacob to have the remaining 13 a., bounded east by the Country road, south by Benjamin's 61 a., west by land of the said John Dyer and north by the land of Edward Bosworth. "It is to be understood that the sd 26 acres belonging to said Edward and Jacob Bosworth is thirty rods and four foot wide at the east end & is Divided equally Between them by severall heaps of stones." Signed by Benjamin, Edward and Jacob Bosworth.
(Taunton Deeds, 17-551)

(See accompanying drawing.)

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Farm that
did belong to Capt. Peter Reynolds, deceased.
30 rds.



Land of the heirs of Col. Nathaniel Paine, deceased.

On the same date Benjamin bought of his brother Edward, two-fifth part of the land house and barn that had belonged to his father now deceased. (See Edward's history, No. 120, on above date).

Feb. 17, 1729/30, Benjamin and his brothers executed an indenture given in history of John, Jr. (See No. 118 on this date and the day following.)

Sept. 9, 1730, Benjamin bought land in Ashford, Conn., the deed reads: Benjamin Russell of Ashford, for £560, deeds to Benjamin Bosworth of Bristol, husbandman, 100 a. in Ashford with a "mansion house and barn" and is the 100 a. "the said Russell now dwells on and was confirmed to him by the General Court Committee in the year 1719: and also all my Pue Rite & privileges therein which joynes to Captain Parrys Pue which privilege was Granted to me by the Town of Ashford."

(Ashford Deeds, G-10)

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They probably soon removed from Bristol to Ashford, for in December of that year their daughter Jemima was born in Ashford. The following year Benjamin bought another 100 acres of land:

June 4, 1731, David Allen of Rehoboth, Mass., for £80, deeds to "Benjamin Bosworth, late of Bristol, County of Bristol, Massachusetts Bay Colony, now of Ashford Windham County Connecticut" 100 a. with buildings, etc. The land had belonged to Benjamin Allen, deceased, (father of Jemima), "¼ part of three lots." Witnessed in Bristol, by Samuel and Abigail Howland. (Ashford Deeds, A-244)

July 29, 1731, Ann Allen, single woman of Rehoboth, Mass., sells her ¼ share of the above three lots for £85 to Benjamin. (No doubt David and Ann Allen were brother and sister of Jemima). Ack. in Bristol Nov. 4, 1731, witnesses, Joseph Phillips and Edward Bosworth. (Edward was a brother and Joseph Phillips a cousin of Benjamin.) (Ashford Deeds, A-284)

July 30, 1736, Benjamin and Jemima Bosworth of Ashford acknowledged the receipt of £100 from David Allen of Rehoboth, "for which they resign all their right in the estate of our Hon^d father Benjamin Allen of Rehoboth." (Signed) Benjamin Bosworth
Jemima Bosworth

Joseph Haward } Witnesses (Ashford Deeds, 36-422)
Philip Eastman }

Sept. 14, 1743, Ephraim and Mary Dean of Taunton, Mass., for £100 deed to Benjamin Bosworth of Ashford, all their right in the land of their Hon^d father Benjamin Allen late of Rehoboth deceased, their share of 300 acres of land in Ashford. (The above Mary was probably a sister of Jemima and appears to complete the family—David, Ann, Mary and Jemima Allen—for each seems to have owned one fourth of the father's estate.) (Ashford Deeds, D-23)

On the same date Benjamin and Jemima, for £100, deed to Ephraim Dean and Mary his wife of Taunton, Mass., 107 acres of land in Ashford with bridle path leading to the Country road by Mr. Pitts "the fourth part of the land and estate which was Benjamin Allen's Late of Rehoboth dec^d.—sd. Land falls to ye Daughters of sd Benjamin Allen and we ye said wife of Benjamin Bosworth she being a Daughter of ye said Benjamin Allen." (Ashford Deeds, D-22)

About this time Benjamin Bosworth, Jr., Benjamin's eldest son, attained his majority and in 1747, when he was aged 23, his father and step-mother deed him land as follows:

Nov. 12, 1747, Benjamin Bosworth and Jemima wife of said Benjamin, for "the love & Goodwill that we have and do bare unto our beloved son Benjamin Bosworth Junr of sd Ashford," deed 79 acres 144 rods land in Ashford. (Ashford Deeds, D-252)

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It looks very much as if young Benjamin contemplated marriage, but no record of any has been found. Six years later, on Aug. 8, 1753, Benjamin Bosworth, Jr. died aged nearly 29 years. An inventory of his estate was made Aug. 1, 1756, but this having been destroyed by fire another was made Nov. 3, 1756. The inventory included "household stuff, farming tools and land. Whole amount in lawful money £188:13:7—." The naming of *household goods* in the inventory would seem to confirm the supposition that he had married, but he could not have left children as after events show that his property was inherited by his brother and sisters.

Sometime before Benjamin Bosworth, Jr.'s death he with his father and twenty-two others signed a petition to the Assembly, asking to be set off from the old church and be allowed to form a new one with more liberal beliefs, and closed with asking exemption "from all ministerial taxes raised by the town." This petition was not presented until Sept. 22, 1753 (over a month after young Benjamin's death.) The Assembly refused both articles of the petition. Affairs were in great confusion for several years, but finally in 1758 a minister of more liberal views was obtained and peace again reigned.

In October 1756 Benjamin Bosworth presented a memorial to the Assembly for permission to sell so much of the real estate of Benjamin Bosworth Jun^r late of Ashford as shall be necessary to pay debts amounting to £20, 16s, 9d. Liberty given, "taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Pomfret in said sale" etc.

(Col. Rec. of Conn., Vol. 10, p. 588)

April 28, 1757, William Watkins for £30 lawful money quitclaims to Benjamin Bosworth 14 a. of land in Ashford lying at the S.E. corner "of ye farm that Benjamin Bosworth Jun^r Dec^d Late of Ashford Died seized of . . . it being ye Land I the sdWilkins bought at Vendue of ye sd Benjamin Bosworth on ye 20th of this Instant April . . . which land was sold by order of the General Assembly out of the Estate of Benjamin Bosworth Jun^r Late of Ashford dec^d to Pay Just Debts." (Ashford Deeds, J-144)

March 29, 1759, Benjamin and Jemima Bosworth for £34 deed to Ebenezer Bosworth 34 a. of land in Ashford lying next" to land now belonging to the sd Ebenezer as Lately settled on him by ye Court of Probate he being an heir to ye Estate of Benjamin Bosworth late of Ashford deceased."

(Ashford Deeds, K-48)

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Aug. 1, 1770, Sarah and Elizabeth Bosworth of Ashford for twenty shillings quitclaim to Ebenezer Bosworth all their right in the land which Benjamin Bosworth, Junr died seized. (Ashford Deeds, 11-134)

As is often the case in families where a man has two wives and two sets of children, a jealousy existed in this family; so when the property of this Benjamin had been divided and the half brother and sisters had received portions of his estate, Hannah, the only living child of his deceased sister Judith (an *own* sister of Benjamin, Jr.), felt aggrieved and brought suit in the Probate Court April 16, 1770. This was surely stirring up old matters for the division had been made when Hannah Smith was only *nine* years old and now she was the wife of William Walker who joined with her in the action and "moved for an Appeal to be granted to them in her Right as she is an Heir of the whole Blood to the Real Estate of M^r. Benjamin Bosworth Jun^r. late of sd Ashford Deceased on & from the Judgment order & Determination of this Court on the Ninth Day of May AD 1757 in the particular Distribution of said Deceased Real Estate to & among the half as well as whole Blood in Degree or Relation to said Deceased as per the Record of this Court may fully appear."

This case was carried to the Supreme Court and a bond of £100 was put up "to effect & answer all Damages in Case they make not their plea good." Nothing was found on the records to show how this case ended, it may have been dismissed. (Pomfret Probate, 4-140).

NOTE: One thing the compiler cannot understand is that one of the lawyers employed by the Walkers was Ebenezer Bosworth, a half-uncle to Hannah and one who had profited by the division. The other lawyer was Ephraim Peabody, perhaps a cousin of Hannah's, a son of her Aunt Abigail, an own sister of her mother.

Benjamin⁴ Bosworth probably died in Ashford, in January 1774, for the signatures to the witnesses to his will were sworn to Jan. 27, 1774 and the inventory of his estate was made Feb. 21, 1774, which included household furniture and "an old great Bible 12/ . . . 7 Bound Books & pamphlets 6/ . . . 8 Barrels Cyder 40/ . . . 9 old Cyder Barrels 13/6 . . . a Black white faced Cow 80/ . . . a Brindle Cow & Calf 80/ . . . a Horse 100/ . . . To Hay 65/ . . . 43 lb old iron

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5/4 . . . two Piggs 9/ . . . a piece of a Chain 2/8 . . . wheat
2/ . . .

To 53³/₄ lb. of Cheese 13/6 . . . 5 lb. old Iron 0/7 . . .

To a Farm containing 100 acres £190—Total £227 . . . 6 . . . 2

The above was exhibited in Court March 15, 1774.

(Pomfret Probate, 4-393)

The will of Benjamin Bosworth dated Ashford, Aug. 30, 1773 bequeathed as follows:

- First —I will to my Wife Jemima the Improvement of all my Estate
I Dye Seized of as long as she Remains my Widow.
- Secondly —I will to my son Ebenezer Bosworth one fifth part of the Estate
I Dye Seized to come into Possession at my Wifes Marriage or
Decease.
- Thirdly —I will to my Daughter *Hopestill* one fifth part of the Estate I
Dye Seized of to come into Possession at the Same Time with
her Brother.
- Fourthly —I will to my Daughter *Bridget* one fifth part of the Estate I Die
Seized of to come into possession at the Same Time.
- Fifthly —I will to my Daughter *Sarah* one fifth part of the Estate I Die
Seized of to come into possession as the above said.
- Sixthly —I will to my Daughter *Elizabeth* one fifth part of the Estate I
Die Seized of to come into possession as the Others.
- Seventhly—I Will to my Grand Daughter Hannah Walker Ten Shillings
to be paid by my Executor out of my Estate.
- Eighthly —I will to my Grand Daughter Abigail Peabody twenty shillings
to be paid in like Manner. And I ordain my son Ebenezer Bos-
worth to be my Sole Executor to this my last Will.

his
Benjamin X Bosworth
mark

(Pomfret Probate, 3-413)

“Ashford, April 28, 1777, this is to Certify that we have Received of
Ebenezer Bosworth ten Shillings Lawful Money which was willed to us by
Benj^a Bosworth Late of Ashford Deceased.

William Walker
Hannah Walker.”

NOTE: Hannah was a daughter of Ezra and Judith Smith, now wife of
William Walker. Judith, now deceased, was Benjamin's eldest child.

“Ashford, May 5, 1777, then we Received of Mr Ebenezer Bosworth of sd
Ashford Executor of the Last Will & Testament of our Hon^d Grandfather

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Benj^a Bosworth Late of Ashford Dec^d as a Legacy given by his will to his Grand Daughter *Abigail Peabody* Twenty Shillings Lawful Money in full of sd Legacy.

Samuel Sumner
Abigail Sumner.”

(The above receipts may be found in Pomfret Probate Rec., 3-337)

NOTE: It is evident that Abigail Peabody, before receiving the legacy from her grandfather's estate, had married Samuel Sumner, so his name as well as hers was signed to the receipt for in those days a husband had control of his wife's property.

“At a Court of Probate holden Feb. 10, 1779, Ebr. Bozworth presented his account as Exr. to y^e will of Benj^a. Bosworth Late of Ashford Dec^d.” and exhibited receipts from his sisters Sarah and Hopedill. His account was allowed. (Pomfret Probate, 4-431)

The three daughters of Benjamin, Hopedill, Sarah and Elizabeth, seem never to have married, but lived single to old age*.

Dec. 26, 1787, Hopedill Bosworth of Ashford, having recovered judgment against David Allen of Ashford for £18..16 and costs, the sheriff sold enough of his land to pay the same with costs viz. £24..12..10 and gave possession to Benjamin Bosworth, Atty. to the creditor Hopedill Bosworth.

On the same date Sarah Bosworth and Elizabeth Bosworth, both of Ashford, having also recovered judgment against David Allen, Sarah for £28..7 and costs; Elizabeth for £17..2 and costs, the sheriff sold land of his and gave into the hands of Benjamin Bosworth, Atty. to the creditors, £34..4 for Sarah and a similar amount for Elizabeth.

(Ashford Deeds, 11-685, 686, 687)

Dec. 5, 1808, the names of Sarah and Elizabeth Bosworth were mentioned in the boundaries given in land deeds.

March 11, 1809, Sarah and Elizabeth Bosworth deeded for \$700. to Benjamin Bosworth (probably their nephew, son of their brother Ebenezer), the 62 a. of land on which they lived, also another piece of 52 a. which included all the land set off to the said Sarah and Elizabeth, and to Hopedill Bosworth, now deceased, on an execution in favor of each of them against David Allen.

On the same date Benjamin Bosworth for \$700. gives to Sarah and Elizabeth a life lease of the 62 a. on which they lived, “all the land which they so deeded that was formerly their Honour^d. Father Benjamin Bosworth deceased.” Ack. by Benjamin Bosworth, Esq.

(Ashford Deeds, 15-491)

*Cannot my readers just picture in their minds these three, apparently wealthy maiden sisters, so much like stories of New England that we have read—living by themselves in a “mansion house” and on Sundays, tall, thin and stately, dressed in their stiff silks or satins, getting into their “chaise” and driving to church?

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The daughter Elizabeth lived to be eighty-two and Sarah lived to the age of eighty.

NOTE: Of the fourteen children of Benjamin named below, only five are mentioned in his will, and although two others were represented by children, one of these—Judith—had died. This leaves seven to be accounted for; Jonathan and two Hannahs had died young; Benjamin, Jr. had died in 1753, thus leaving three—Jemima, Mary and Allen, of whom there have no further records been found. The compiler is uncertain as to Allen, for although there are no records it is possible he may have married and had children.

CHILDREN

of Benjamin⁴ Bosworth
by 1st wife, Judith Torrey
born in Bristol, Mass. (now R. I.)

- 278 + i—JUDETH⁵, b. Nov. 25, 1718, bap. Dec. 1721; d. in Ashford, Conn., July 12, 1754; m. Ezra Smith as his 2nd wife.
ii—JONATHAN⁵, b. Aug. 16, 1720; d. Oct. 1720.
279 iii—HANNAH⁵, b. Aug. 16, 1720, bap. Dec. 1721; d. before 1728.
280 + iv—ABIGAIL⁵, b. April 14, 1722; d. ———, 1807, aged 86; m. Ephraim Peabody.
281 v—BENJAMIN⁵, b. Oct. 8, 1724; d. in Ashford, Aug. 8, 1753.

By 2nd wife, Jemima Allen
first two born in Bristol, the others in Ashford.

- 282 vi—HANNAH⁵, b. March 26, 1728; d. Dec. 21, 1729.
283 vii—HOPESTILL⁵, b. Sept. 7, 1729, bap. Dec. 1, 1729; d. unm. before March 1809; was living in December 1787.
284 viii—JEMIMA⁵, b. Dec. 25, 1730; d. ——— ———.
285 ix—MARY⁵, b. March 3, 1731/2; d. ——— ———.
286 + x—BRIDGET⁵, b. Sept. 18, 1733; d. June 9, 1777; m. Thomas Knowlton.
287 xi—ALLEN⁵, b. July 29, 1735.
288 + xii—EBENEZER⁵, b. Aug. 23, 1736; d. previous to Oct. 5, 1813; m. Elizabeth Fletcher.
289 xiii—SARAH⁵, b. ——— 1742; d. unm. at Ashford, Sept. 13, 1822, ae. 80.*
290 xiv—ELIZABETH⁵, b. 1751; d. unm., Dec. 8, 1833, ae. 82 yrs. Grave-stone at Storrs (No. Mansfield), Conn.

*Death notice from R. I. American. See Vit. Rec. R. I. vol. 20.

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EDWARD⁴ BOSWORTH, third son of John³ (*Nathaniel², Edward¹*) and Sarah (———), born in Hull, Mass., perhaps about 1691; died in Mansfield, Conn., previous to Feb. 21, 1788. His wife's name was MEHITABLE, but her maiden name or the date of their marriage has not been discovered; however they were probably married soon after March 30, 1714, when Edward bought land. His Bible, in which was written the births of their children, has been preserved and the record leaf photographed by a descendant—Mr. George R. Bosworth, Barre, Vt., now deceased. It was given to the compiler by another descendant and presented by her to Mr. G. R. Bosworth, by whose family it is now preserved. (See accompanying reproduction.)

Edward came with his father to Bristol about 1709. Here he was known as "Edward Bosworth, Junr.", as his father's brother Edward³ Bosworth (No. 27), lived in the same town.

On *July 29, 1722*, Edward Bosworth, Junr. and Mehitable his wife were taken into full communion with the Bristol Congregational Church, the same one of which his grandfather Nathaniel had been a deacon. His older brother John and wife Anna joined at the same time. (From records of the "Church of Christ," Bristol, kept by Rev. Nathaniel Cotton.)

On March 6, 1729, according to the records, but which should no doubt be double-dated and be March 6, 1729/30, after he had moved to Barrington, Edward, with Nathaniel Peck and others, donated ten shillings each to furnish the cost of obtaining a legacy for the church.

(Bicknell's Hist. of Barr., p. 209)

At a Barrington Town Meeting held March 26, 1731, Edward was chosen Surveyor of Highways; also Edward Bosworth and John Toogood chosen Tythingmen.

(Barr. Town Meeting Rec., p. 54)

According to the records of the Congregational Church of Barrington, Mass. (Now. R. I.), Edward Bosworth and wife

Sum of Bosworths

Mehitable Bosworth Born May the 23rd 1716
Edward Bosworth Born August the 28th 1717
Elizabeth Bosworth Born September the 6th 1719
Geminah Bosworth Born March the 1st 1722
Susannah Bosworth Born October the 1st 1724
Jonathan Bosworth Born September the 1st 1727
Peter Bosworth Born August the 1st 1730
Joseph Bosworth Born & died March the 1st 1731
Mary Bosworth Born January the 20th 1731
Samuel Bosworth Born June the 1st 1731
about a quarter of an hour after 3 o'clock
in the morning

LEAF FROM THEIR BIBLE GIVING THE FAMILY RECORD OF EDWARD AND MEHITABLE BOSWORTH. (See note in index)

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Mehitable were received by letter from the church in Little Compton, R. I., dated Jan. 7, 1732; also his brother Jacob.

NOTE: As the above seemed hardly reasonable, Little Compton being a long way from Bristol, the compiler wrote to the pastor of the Congregational church in Little Compton, who replied that an examination of the church records showed that no person named Bosworth had ever belonged to that church, and that the mistake must be at Barrington.

At a Town Meeting held March 17, 1731/2, Edward was chosen one of a Committee of three "to examine the treasurers account for the two years past to see where the money is that is behind of Mr. Heaths salary." (Mr. Heath was the pastor of the Barrington church.)

(Barr. Town Meeting Rec., p. 56)

Feb. 6, 1737/8 it was voted at the Town Meeting that Rev. Peleg Heath shall preach in the dwelling of Edward Bosworth, and at the meeting held March 2, 1737/8, Edward Bosworth, James Adams and James Smith were chosen a committee to confer with the Rev. Peleg Heath and inform him of their offer as to where he might preach.

(Barr. Town Meeting Rec., p. 74)

On May 18, 1739 it was voted "that the town accept of an open highway through the land of Edward Bosworth and [his brother] Jacob Bosworth to a convenient place for keeping the ferry over to Mr. Samuel Millers."

(Barr. Town Meeting Rec., p. 82)

(Edward was about leaving Barrington for Mansfield, Conn.)

LAND RECORDS

Nov. 6, 1713, "Edward Bosworth Junr. of Bristol husbandman," bought of his aunt and cousin, Hannah and Nathaniel Jacob, for £40, 13½ a. of land in Bristol, "bounded southerly by land of Edward Bosworth Senr. west by the land of George Mooney northerly and easterly by highways. . . . this Sixth day of November in the Twelfth year of her Majesties Reign Anne Queen of Great Brittain &c Annoqr Domini seventeen hundred and thirteen."

Daniel Smith }
Ephraim Emerson } Witnesses.

"Bristol Ss. March 11th 1713/4 Mr Natha^l Jacob & Mrs. Hannah Jacob his mother personally appeared" etc. (Taunton Deeds, 8-233)

March 30, 1714, Nathaniel Richards and wife for £50 "well and truly paid by Edward Bosworth Jun (son of John Bosworth) of Bristol, yeoman",

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deeded him "All our Full Quarter Part of Three Ten Acre Lotts" in Bristol, also "our full one Quarter Part of Two Commonages in Bristol," land inherited from her father, Eliashib Adams.

Benjamin Bosworth (his brother) and {
William Adams, two of the witnesses. } (Taunton Deeds, 11-421)

Feb. 21, 1714/15, Edward bought of William Adams, tanner of Bristol, the $\frac{1}{2}$ part of a "Commonage" in Bristol for £8.

"Hanary" Chamberlain {
Mehetabel Bosworth } Witnesses. (Taunton Deeds, 11-423)

Jan. 7, 1716, "3rd year of George)" Edward buys of William Adams "one fourth Part or Share of a Certain Ten acre Lot of Land" adjoining land of David Cary. (Taunton Deeds, 11-425)

Feb. 13, 1717, "(the 4th year of King George) Edward Bosworth Jun. of Bristol yeoman and Mehittabel his wife" for £8 mortgages to Commisioners before mentioned, the $\frac{3}{4}$ part of 20 a. of land in Bristol, bounded on the east partly by "land of Benjamin Bosworth the son of Bellamy," etc.; to be paid on every year. Mortgage discharged, Feb. 23, 1731.

(Taunton Deeds, 12-108)

April 17, 1717, James and Dorothy Pennio, for £210, deed to Edward Bosworth, Jr. of Bristol, husbandman, "All that my messuage Tennement Tract or percell of land which I lately Purchased of Mr Robert Jolls as appeareth by his deed on record bearing date the second day of April 1713," bounded "east by the country roade from John Throopes north east corner, John Troop }
Robert Troop } Witnesses. (Taunton Deeds, 10-522)

July 24, 1717, Edward mortgaged to Joseph Belcher of Dedham, Mass., for £50, "All that my Messuage or Tenement with the Appurtenances and the Upland and Salt Meadow thereunto belonging and Adjoining" 30 a. which he "lately purchased of James Pineo then of Bristol In mine own present Tenure and occupation" etc.

(Signed) { Edward Bosworth Junr
Natha^l Jacob } Witnesses.
John Lynsee } { Mehittabel Bosworth

Mortgage discharged by Joseph Belcher, Jan. 4, 1719 "In the sixth year of King Georges Reign." (Taunton Deeds, 11-137)

April 21, 1718, Edward Bosworth and his brothers John and Benjamin bought land of their cousin Benjamin Bosworth, son of Bellamy. (See histories No. 114, 118 and 119, on this date.)

April 21, 1718, William Adams of Bristol, for £120. deeds to Edward, 5 a. of land in Bristol, "one fourth part of a 20 acre lot." Benjamin Bosworth a witness. (Taunton Deed, 12-104)

May 9, 1718, Eliazer Cary of Bristol, for £245 deeds to Edward Bosworth Junr., his house lot in Bristol, "containing two acres . . . (which I purchased of Mr^{rs} Mary Bosworth of said Bristol School Mistress Daughter of Deacon Bosworth sumetime of said Bristol Deceased)", bounded "west-

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ward fronting on Hope Street northward on a lot late in the Possession of Mr Benjamin Jones Deceased easterly bounded by High Street and southerly partly on land of Col. Paine Esq^r and partly on the land of Daniel Cary.”
(Taunton Deeds, 12-106)

May 17, 1718, David Cary of Bristol deeds to Edward Bosworth for £50, five acres of land in Bristol “one quarter part of a 20 acre lot,” adjoining land of Benjamin Bosworth (son of Bellamy). His brother Benjamin one of the witnesses.
(Taunton Deeds, 12-105)

May 19, 1718, John Bosworth, Jr. and his brothers Benjamin and Edward, all “Husbandmen” of Bristol, for £70, deed to Nathaniel Paine, land in Bristol “the one Hundred & fiftieth part of Six hundred acres of land lately layed out into lots or Shares”, containing 4 a., the 134 and 136 lots in number, “and Judith the wife of the above named Benjamin Bosworth and Mehetable the wife of the said Edward Bosworth agree thereto” etc. Signed by John, Benjamin, Edward, Judith and Mehitable Bosworth. Judith made her mark, but “Mehatable,” as she spelled it, wrote her name.
(Taunton Deeds, 12-96)

NOTE: This was the land the brothers had bought the month previous—April 21, 1718—of their cousin Benjamin Bosworth, son of Bellamy.

Oct. 16, 1718, Eliashib Adams of Preston, New London Co., Conn. sold to Edward Bosworth, Jr. of Bristol, “yeoman”, for £116, “One full quarter part of 20 acres”, also one quarter of a ten acre lot; “All his share or proportion in the land that was the estate of his Honr. father Eliashib Adams formerly of Bristol and was given to his four children by his last will” etc. In the boundaries the names of Benjamin Bosworth, William Munroe and Capt. Benjamin Ellere are mentioned; also the second portion was bounded “on the south by land late in the possession of my Uncle David Cary Deceased and west by the road that leads to Swansea.” Also “two common lots lately laid out the 73rd and 47th.”
(Taunton Deeds, 12-281)

Jan. 27, 1719 “(6th year of George)” Edward Bosworth, Jr. husbandman and Mehitable for £225, deeded to Robert Jolls the 30 a. of land they had bought of James Pennio, April 17, 1717.
(Taunton Deeds, 13-79)

May 2, 1720, Edward sold to Jabez Howland, blacksmith of Bristol, for £40, a “certain commonage or lot of land . . . being the One Hundred and fiftieth part of Six Hundred Acres . . . lately laid out into lots . . . being the forty seventh lott in number.”
(Taunton Deeds, 13-350)

NOTE: As this deed is also dated “(6th year of George)”, which is correct as George the First arrived in England in August 1714, it shows that the deed above, as well as the discharge of mortgage dated Jan. 4, 1719, should be double dated.

Aug. 9, 1720, Edward sold the house and 2 a. of land that he had bought of Eleazer Cary on May 9, 1718, to Samuel Norris of Dighton for £250.

Nathaniel Jacob one of the witnesses.	(Signed)	<table style="border: none;"> <tr> <td style="font-size: 2em; vertical-align: middle;">}</td> <td style="padding-left: 5px;">Edward Bosworth Junr.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="font-size: 2em; vertical-align: middle;">}</td> <td style="padding-left: 5px;">Mehittabel Bosworth.</td> </tr> </table>	}	Edward Bosworth Junr.	}	Mehittabel Bosworth.
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		(Taunton Deeds, 13-319)				

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Dec. 22, 1722, Edward bought of Elizabeth Cary, widow of David and David, their son, for £560, one half of an acre of land with the house "in which the said Elizabeth now dwells." It was bounded "north by land of the heirs of Tristram Bowerman decd.; also 27½ acres, that is "Two Ten acre Lotts and three quarters of one Ten acre Lott of land", bounded W. by the country road, E. by a highway and S. by land "lately belonging to Dea. John Cary now his son Benjamin Cary." The Cary house lot was bounded E. on Hope street and W. on Thames street. (Taunton Deeds, 14-486)

Also on *Dec. 22, 1722* Edward sold to his brother John for £218, 14 a. and other pieces of land in Bristol. (See history of John, No. 118 on this date.)

Also on *Dec. 22, 1722*, Edward Bosworth, Jr. of Bristol for £150, deeds to "my honoured father John Bosworth of Bristol" a ten acre lot of land he had lately bought of Elizabeth Adams "late of Bristol deceased", bounded S. by another 10 a. lot which he had bought from Elizabeth and David Cary and W. by the country road leading from Bristol to Swansea.

(Signed) Edward Bosworth Junr.

"His wife Mehitable consenting thereto." (Taunton Deeds, 15-431)

Dec. 24, 1722, Edward for £40 deeded to Nicholas Peck, of Bristol, Cooper, one fourth acre of land, bounded east by Hope St. 50 ft., west by Thames St. 50 ft. and north by the land of the heirs of Tristram Bowerman, south by land "of me the vendor being the remainder of ye house Lott of David Cary late of Bristol deceased Together with an equal Breadth of Beach and flatts Below Thames street with a priviledge in the well at the Southeast corner of ye Land hereby sold (always Reserving to my self Liberty and free use of the well altho fifty foot from Bowermans Land aforesd should extend to any or all the well)."

Jonathan Peck one of the witnesses.	(Signed)	<table style="border: none;"> <tr> <td style="font-size: 2em; vertical-align: middle;">}</td> <td style="padding-left: 5px;">Edward Bosworth Junr</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="font-size: 2em; vertical-align: middle;">}</td> <td style="padding-left: 5px;">Mehetable Bosworth</td> </tr> </table>	}	Edward Bosworth Junr	}	Mehetable Bosworth
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(Taunton Deeds, 14-420)						

Jan. 31, 1722/3, Dan Throope of Bristol for £280 deeds to Edward Bosworth, Jr., yeoman, 20 a. of land, a part of his farm, bounded west by a 2 rod highway, north "by the north part of sd farm by me sold to John Bosworth Junr. by deed bearing even date with this," east by a highway, south by the south side of sd farm "by me sold to Benjamin Bosworth of Bristol aforesd" by deed bearing even date with this. Benjamin Bosworth, Jr. one of the witnesses. (See history of John, No. 118, and Benjamin No. 119 on same date. Benjamin, Jr. was probably a nephew of Edward, son of his brother Benjamin, the Benjamin, Jr. who later died in Ashford, Conn.)

(Taunton Deeds, 14-559)

Feb. 9, 1722/3, Edward and Mehitable mortgage the property bought of Elizabeth and David Cary, Dec. 22, 1722, to Thomas Palmer, Exr. and Elizabeth Hutchinson, widow, of William Hutchinson late of Boston, for £150, the land on which the house stands now occupied by Elizabeth Cary, being bounded N. "by the land lately sold by ye said Edward Bosworth and now belonging to Nicholas Peck," etc. (Taunton Deeds, 14-489)

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Mar. 13, 1723/4 “(10th year of George)” Edward and Mehetable sell to Jeremiah Phinney, for £200, one dwelling house and about $\frac{1}{2}$ an acre of land that lately belonged to David Cary, bounded E. by Hope St., S. by $\frac{1}{4}$ acre which Jeremiah Phinney bought of Daniel Smith, W. by Thames St. and N. by land that sd Bosworth lately sold to Nicholas Peck, “the land hereby sold being about half y^e house Lott of the aforesd David Cary dec^d that is to say all that is not already sold to Nicholas Peck by sd Bosworth and to sd Jeremiah Phinney by Daniel Smith.”

(Taunton Deeds, 16-57)

Dec. 10, 1724, Edward bought of Peter Cary, for £270, his half part of a 30 a. lot and a commonage of 4 a. given to him by his late father David Cary, the commonage being the lot No. 80 and adjoining the farm.

(Taunton Deeds, 17-568)

Dec. 12, 1724, Edward sold to his brother John Bosworth, Jr., for £340, the 20 a. of land he bought of Dan Throope on Jan. 31, 1722/3. This land lay S. of the land Throope sold to John on the same date. His brother Nathaniel one of the witnesses.

(Taunton Deeds, 15-539)

Jan. 13, 1726/7, Edward bought land of his brother Jeremiah. (See history No. 122 on this date.)

Sept. 5, 1727, Edward, “yeoman” of Bristol, for £200, deeds to John Dyer, 14 a. of land in Bristol, the N.W. corner of the farm “lately belonging to Mr. John Bosworth of Bristol dec^d.”, bounded N. by land of Capt. Peter Reynolds, W. by the sea, S. and E. by the remainder of the farm and is to extend from Capt. Reynolds land S. in width 30 rod and from the sea or salt water to extend E. to two heaps of stones laid by Constable Charles Church, etc. (See diagram in history No. 119).

Jacob Bosworth }
John Partridge } Witnesses.

(Taunton Deeds, 17-497)

No doubt Jacob Bosworth was Edward’s youngest brother.

March 5, 1728/9, the farm of 101 acres left by John Bosworth was divided among three of his sons, Benjamin, Edward and Jacob. (See same diagram as above.)

It seems that Edward had previously had a claim on the part now assigned to Benjamin, for on this same date, for £250, “money to me in hand well and truly paid by my brother benjamin bosworth of bristol aforesd yeoman”, he sold “two-fifth parts of the Dwelling house and barn did lately belong to our hon^d father John bosworth late of bristol aforesd dec^d, also two fifth parts of the 20 a. Lott in Bristol aforesd which did also belong to our said father and lies opposite to the farm whereon the said Dwelling house & barn stands.”

(Taunton Deeds, 17-553)

June 5, 1729, Edward Bosworth, Jr. of Bristol, yeoman, for £1422 buys land in Barrington on, “febez neck”, of Josiah, Sarah and John Torrey, their home lot of $73\frac{1}{2}$ acres and 30 sq. rds., including houses and barns; also $44\frac{3}{4}$ acres; the first bounded on the W. and N. by highways, E. partly on the river and partly on land of Simeon Davis, etc.

(Taunton Deeds, 19-457)

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June 6, 1729, Edward Bosworth, Jr., of Bristol sold to Benjamin Cary for £1475, 47½ a. of land in Bristol (£200 for the buildings and £30 per acre for the land) 21¾ a. where the house stands bounded S. and W. by highways, N. by land of Capt. Ellery "now in the possession of Benjamin Bosworth", and E. by land of Wm. Monroe, 25¾ bounded W. by the country road and N. by land of Jeremiah Bosworth, E. by a highway and S. by land of said Benjamin Cary. Signed by Edward and Mehetabell.

(Taunton Deeds, 18-548)

July 18, 1729, Edward Bosworth, Jr., of Bristol, for £280, deeds to Nathaniel Woodbury, 11 a. in Bristol, being the remainder of a 30 a. lot that did belong to David Cary.

(Taunton Deeds, 19-590)

Oct. 3, 1729, Samuel Terry of Uxbridge, sells to Edward Bosworth, Junr. of Bristol, in county of Bristol, yeoman, for £584 his "Farm or Tenement containing one Dwelling House and Fifty Two acres of Land . . . Scituate & being in Barrington . . . being all the first and Second Lotts in number (excepting Two acres and eighteen Rods thereof sold by the sd Terry to Mr. James Adams of Barrington) Together with four acres and Thirty six Rods of Land lying on the west side of the first and second Lotts". The boundaries mention a tree "Standing by a Little Pond within four Rods of Samuel Lows Stone Ditch wall and from that running Southerly by stakes Four Rods from sd wall untill it comes to the South west Corner of sd Lowes homelott and bounded from that East by the great Highway," etc.

(Taunton Deeds, 27-205)

Oct. 17, 1729, Edward (still of Bristol), sold to Thomas Lawton of Bristol, 1¾ a. of land in Bristol, for £42. Deed signed by Edward and Mehetable.

(Taunton Deeds, 19-580)

About this time Edward Bosworth removed from Bristol to Barrington, probably from the farm sold to Benjamin Cary, to the one he bought of Josiah, Sarah and John Torrey on June 5, 1729. After this he is not called "Jr."

Feb. 14, 1729/30, Hezekiah Tiffany of Barrington, for £28, sells to Edward Bosworth "of Barrington, yeoman", 1½ a. "of Salt Meadow" in Barrington on a Neck called New Meadow Neck and is a part of a meadow called by the name of the Tongue, "with all the Thatch Beds or Creek Thatch so called within sd Boundaries."

(Taunton Deeds, 19-566)

March 1, 1730/1, Edward Bosworth of Barrington, for £280, deeds to John Adams of Barrington, 25 a. of land in Barrington, being part of a 40 a. lot he bought of Josiah and John Torrey.

(Taunton Deeds, 20-61)

On the same date Edward sold to Benjamin Cary 5 a. of land in Bristol, for £120. In the boundaries given, the name of Capt. Thomas Lawton appears.

(Taunton Deeds, 20-63)

NOTE: This Capt. Thomas Lawton may be an ancestor of a Thomas Lawton of Bristol who later married a granddaughter of John Bosworth, Jr. (No. 118).

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June 29, 1731, Edward Bosworth of Barrington, yeoman, for £4, deeds to Jabez Howland, blacksmith, one-twelfth part of a commonage in Bristol, No. 26. (Taunton Deeds, 25-300)

July 29, 1731, Edward was one of the witnesses to a deed of his brother Benjamin, given on this date. (See No. 119).

Oct. 14, 1731, Edward Bosworth of Barrington, Bristol county, Mass., yeoman, for £70, deeds to Seth Aldrich, "Seignr.", of Uxbridge, 37½ a. of land in Uxbridge, also 18 a. of land in the 8th Division to be laid out in the Townships of Mendon and Uxbridge in the common and undivided lands. (Worcester Deeds, 9-391)

"*May ye 23d 1732*, laid out for Seth aldrich 15 acers of Edward Bozerds 8th division of land and is laid Joyning to his other land on the west side of the great river," etc. (Mendon, Mass. Proprietor's Records, p. 636)

Aug. 26, 1732, Edward bought 17 a. of land in Barrington of Henry Cary. (Taunton Deeds, 22-1)

Feb. 1, 1732/3, Daniel Elliot mortgages to Edward Bosworth of Barrington, for £90, a lot of land in Uxbridge (lately Mendon) in the county of Worcester, the west side thereof, 84 a. Mention is made of land bought by said Bosworth from Malatia and Silence, "tow of the daughters of Angel Torrey decd." Also 14 a. described as having been sold to Daniel Elliot by said Bosworth. The above to secure the payment by Daniel Elliot to Edward Bosworth of £90 "Lawful Mony or Bills or Publick Credit" on or before "the first Day of february nex ensuing."

(Worcester Deeds, 4-113)

April 29, 1733, a deed was recorded whereby Edward sold to Benj. Cary the 17 a. of land he bought of Henry Cary, Aug. 26, 1732. Received £390. (Taunton Deeds, 22-3)

The following year Edward bought land in Mansfield, Tolland county, Conn., to which he afterward removed.

March 12, 1734, John Torrey of Mansfield, Conn., for £1300, deeds to Edward Bosworth of Barrington, 118¾ a. of land in Ashford, Conn. and 188 a. in Mansfield (one farm), at Mt. Hope on both sides the Mt. Hope river. (Ashford Deeds, G-36)

On the Mansfield records the 188 a. is described as being on the Town line between Mansfield and Ashford, on the east side of Mt. Hope river, also adjoins land of the late Col. John Chandler of Woodstock, and also the land "that Israel Fullsom late lived on." Sarah Torrey, wife of John, consented to the above sale and signed "her mark." (Mansfield Deeds, 3-677)

On same date, Edward, for £240, deeds to John Adams, 20 a. of land in Barrington. ("In the 8th year of His Majestys reign"). Signed by Edward and Mehetable. (Taunton Deeds, 22-258)

March 12, 1734/5, Edward Bosworth of Barrington, for £660, deeds to James Humphrey 27 a. of land in Barrington "with a Dwelling House and

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Corn Crib thereon", being part of the land said Bosworth bought of Josiah and John Torrey, late of Barrington, and extends from the river west. Signed by Edward and Mehitable. (Taunton Deeds, 22-276)

On the same date James Humphrey deeds to "Edward Bosworth of Barrington *Gentleman*", 27 a. of land in Barrington, "at or near a place called Rumstick", given to said Humphrey by the will of his father, Samuel Humphrey, bounded N. on land of Nathaniel Peck, E., S. and S. E. on a highway, W. on the bay or salt water. Also 5 a. of salt meadow lying near the said land. (As the price of these 33 a. is given as £660, the same as the above deed, it must have been an even exchange.)

(Taunton Deeds, 22-297)

"*October ye 2d 1735*, laid out for seth aldrich Eleven acers of Edward Bosworths ninth division of land laid Joyning to his other land on the west side of the great river and is bounded East of north on the land of woodland thompson", etc. (Mendon, Mass. Proprietor's Records, p. 309)

June 3, 1735, Nathaniel Peck of Barrington, for £200, deeds to Edward Bosworth, "*Gentleman*", 10 a. of land in Barrington. John Toogood one of the witnesses. (Taunton Deeds, 24-255)

Oct. 24, 1735, Thomas Dexter of Barrington, for £1200, deeds to Edward Bosworth, 70 a. of land and 2½ a. of meadow in Barrington, at a place called Nayat or Phebee's Neck, which was lately a part of the township of Swansey, "which land I purchased of Capt. John Brown of Swansey" by deed dated Sept. 16, 1713, adjoining on the E. to "a spring called Toms Spring, . . . Reserving convenient bridle ways for Jas. Brown as per deed." (Taunton Deeds, 24-193)

On the same date, Edward Bosworth of Barrington, "*Gentleman*", sold to Thomas Dexter of Barrington, for £1400, the land bought of John Torrey, described as being in the northern part of Mansfield at a place called Mt. Hope and being the same land John Torrey bought of Nathaniel Fuller by two deeds, one dated Sept. 17, the other Sept. 29, 1729, and sold to Edward Bosworth by deed dated March 12, 1734, "also all my Right Interest or property in a Certain Pew in the Meeting House in sd Ashford which I have by virtue of the said deed by the sd Torrey to me made being in partnership with Philip Eastman Esq." Also 14 a. in Mansfield, "land sold by Storrs to Torrey, included in the forementioned deed." Signed by Edward and Mehetable and ack. by them in Barrington. Charles Church a witness. (Mansfield Deeds, 3-680)

Feb. 10, 1735/6 Edward sold to Jonathan Bacon of Uxbridge, Worcester county, Mass., for £110, land lying in Uxbridge, lately Mendon, 84 a. "which was laid out to Angel Torrey, late of Bristol deceased, being part of ye Rights of Malatial and Silence two of the daughters of the said Angel Torrey, decd. and by them sold to sd Bosworth", also 14 a. laid out to Angel Torrey by a com. appointed by the Judge of Probate to divide said lands among the heirs of Angel Torrey, said 14 a. being near the Iron Works. (Worcester Deeds, 8-393)

March 9, 1735/6, Edward Bosworth of Barrington buys land in Barrington of Jonas Humphrey, land given to Jonas and his brother Samuel by their

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father Samuel Humphrey's will; the land lay by James Smith and Samuel Low, E. by the highway, W. by "the Bay or Salt water", 56 a. with a dwelling house. Also $2\frac{1}{2}$ a. of "Salt meadow" which "our sd father bought of Nathaniel Peck." (See No. 81, Part II). Also 3 a. of meadow "at Rumstick." Signed by Jonas Humphrey and Mary, his wife.

(Taunton Deeds, 25-30)

On the same date Samuel Humphrey gives deed of his share of the above land to Edward Bosworth for £630. He had paid Jonas £600 for his share (Taunton Deeds, 25-31)

On the same date Edward, for £630, deeds to Samuel Humphrey, $2\frac{1}{2}$ a. of meadow and the "half part of a certain Tract of Land and Salt Marsh or Meadow", 70 a. "situate . . . at a place called . . . Nayat or Pheebees Neck" in Barrington, "which I lately purchased of Thomas Dexter", Oct. 24, 1735, and which said Dexter bought "of Capt. John Brown of Swansea", Sept. 16, 1713. The land bordered on John Read's farm and on "a Spring called Toms Spring", and included "ye Buildings and Improvements." (Taunton Deeds, 25-32)

On same date Edward sold to Jonas Humphrey, for £600, a half part of the above described 70 a., and all the meadow bought of Thomas Dexter except the $2\frac{1}{2}$ a. just sold to Samuel Humphrey, in both cases reserving "a convenient Bridle way to pass to and from the Lands of James Brown" etc. Both deeds signed by Edward and Mehetable Bosworth. The record reads that they acknowledged their signatures, *March 13, 1735*, which without doubt should be double-dated, *1735/6*, for they could not ack. their signatures a year before they were made. (Taunton Deeds, 25-33)

March 11, 1736, Edward, "of Barrington yeoman", for £748, deeds to Samuel Low of Barrington, $46\frac{1}{2}$ a. and 30 rods of land in Barrington. Signed by Edward and Mehetable. Ack. March 25, 1737.

(Taunton Deeds, 26-49)

On same date Samuel Low, for £100, sells to Edward Bosworth, $6\frac{1}{2}$ a. and 30 rods of land in Barrington, bounded N. and E. on highways, S. on land of Edward's which he bought of Jonas and Samuel Humphrey, and W. on land of Samuel Low. Signed by Samuel and Isabel Low, Ack. March 25, 1737 by Samuel and April 18, 1737, by Isabel. (Taunton Deeds, 26-50)

NOTE: It will be observed that in neither of the last two deeds are double-dates given, although they should be. It is probable that the dates on which the deeds were signed is given Old Style and the date on which they were acknowledged is New Style, when it should have been 1736/7.

April 8, 1738, Edward Bosworth of Barrington, for £60, deeds to James Adams of Barrington, 5 a. of meadow at Nayat that he purchased of Samuel Humphrey. Signed by Edward alone. (Taunton Deeds, 26-183)

July 12, 1738, John Torrey of Mansfield, for £1100, deeds to Edward Bosworth of Barrington, land in the northeasterly part of Mansfield and is part of the farm that Capt. Daniels bought of Capt. Toge, on both sides of Mt. Hope river; 200 a. Ack. in Mansfield, July 12, 1738.

(Mansfield Deeds, 3-837)

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Sept. 6, 1738, Edward Bosworth of Barrington, yeoman, for £1100 deeds to "my son Edward Bosworth Junr. of Barrington aforesaid Husbandman", land in Barrington "Containing one Dwelling house wherein I now Dwell and the Land thereto belonging or adjoining", 26 a. bounded "Easterly upon a highway" etc.; also another piece "being part of the Ferry Farm so called", containing 34 a., "bounded westerly upon a Highway Northerly partly on Land of Sam^l Low . . . Easterly partly on the River . . . Southerly partly on a highway" etc.; also another piece, about 8 a. "being part of sd Ferry Farm . . . westerly on the Highway . . . Easterly on the River and Northerly on a highway"; also a piece of "Salt Meadow . . . at a place called Rumstick . . . Containing five acres . . . which I purchased of James Humphrey", March 12, 1734/5; also a piece of meadow "Containing one acre . . . which I purchased of Sam^l. Humphrey" March 9, 1735/6, "Lying at Rumstick"; also a piece of meadow, 2½ a. "which I bought y^e one half of it of sd Sam^l. Humphrey and the other half of it of Jonas Humphrey"; "Also another parcell of meadow in sd Barrington at Rumstick aforesd which I purchased Three acres of it of sd Jonas Humphrey and Three acres of it of Nath^l. Peck, Junr." etc. All the land was in Barrington. This deed was signed by Edward alone. The son Edward was 21 years and nine days old at this time.

(Taunton Deeds, 27-340)

NOTE: When I first observed that Mehitable did not sign the above deed, I thought it must be that she was not living, especially as it was their homestead that was being sold, but found that she signed other deeds later, when living in Mansfield.

About this time—between *Sept. 6, 1738* and *June 26, 1739*, Edward Bosworth and family, with the exception of his eldest son Edward and his son Jonathan, removed to Mansfield, Conn. It seems somewhat strange that Jonathan should have been left behind as he was only 11 or 12 years old at this time. However there is a tradition in the family that in later years he was a sea captain, sailing between Providence and the West Indies, and that his son Jonathan, Jr. was cabin boy on his ship; so if this is correct, it may be that he himself was a cabin boy at this time and thus getting experience as a sailor.

June 26, 1739, Edward Bosworth of Mansfield, for £165, deeds to Thomas Swift, late of Barrington, Mass., now of Mansfield, land in the northerly part of Mansfield, on the easterly side of Mt. Hope river, "and is part of that farm I purchased of John Torrey", about 30 a., on road leading from Mansfield to Ashford. (Mansfield Deeds, 3-913)

Dec. 5, 1741, Edward Bosworth "of Mansfield, Windham county, Conn. Gentleman", for £200 deeds "to my brother Jeremiah Bosworth of Bristol", land he bought of Nathaniel Toogood, Oct. 18, 1736. Signed by

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Edward and Mehetable, Dec. 5, 1741. Ack. by both of them *personally in Bristol, May 18, 1742.* (Taunton Deeds, 31-18)

May 16, 1760, Edward Bosworth of Warren, R. I., for £25, deeds "to my Honored Father Edward Bosworth and Samuel Bosworth both of Mansfield", 15 a. of land in Mansfield on the east side of the Mt. Hope River adjoining Badcock's land, also land of Jonathan Bosworth, also land of Thomas Swift and land said Edward sold to John Slapp. Acknowledged in Ashford, Feb. 9, 1770.

David Curtice } Witnesses.
Mary Curtice } (Mansfield Deeds, 8-469)

NOTE: It may be observed that the son Edward is called in the above deed, "*of Warren, R. I.*", when previously he was "*of Barrington, Mass.*" This will be explained by referring to Part II, p. 132. He probably had not changed his residence, but the name of the territory where he lived had been changed. Ten years after making this deed he seems to have been visiting in Ashford and acknowledged his signature. It may also be observed that land of John Slapp is mentioned in the boundaries. He had married a daughter of the elder Edward; also the witnesses were another daughter and her husband.

March 4, 1779, Edward Bosworth of Mansfield "for the consideration of a certain Bond of even date with this deed for my support during Life received to my full satisfaction of my son Jonathan Bosworth of said Mansfield", deeds to said Jonathan, land in the northeasterly part of Mansfield, adjoins land of the Hon. Wm. Pitkin, Esq., on both sides of Mt. Hope river, also the "land of my son Samuel", 11¾ a., "and is the one half part of the lot of Land deeded to me and my son Samuel as a Several Inheritance By my son Edward Bosworth of Barrington, as may appear by said Edwards deed." (The section where he lived was again *Barrington* after 1770.) James Hall was one of the witnesses. (Mansfield Deeds, 9-98)

On the same date as above, Samuel Bosworth of Mansfield, for 20 shillings "Received of my Honored Father, Mr. Edward Bosworth of said Mansfield," quit-claims a piece of land in the North Easterly part of said town "near to my Dwelling House and is the one moiety or half part of that piece of land Deeded to us—my said Father Edward Bosworth and myself, by my Brother Edward Bosworth in the State of Rhode Island as may appear by his Deed to us as a Several Inheritance." The land adjoined Wm. Pitkin and John Swift's land, "Southerly on my own and Westerly on my Brother Jonathans Land." James Hall again a witness.

(Mansfield Deeds, 9-336)

On the same date and for the same amount, Edward quit-claimed to Samuel, the 11 a. on which "the said Samuels Dwelling House now stands", adjoined "my son Jonathans Land" on East side of Mt. Hope river, bounded "Easterly on John Swift, Northerly on my own land Westerly on my son Jonathans Land Southerly on said Samuels Land" and is the one half part of that land "deeded to me and the said Samuel by my son Edward Bosworth of Barrington, R. I."

(Mansfield Deeds, 9-337)

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At this time Edward was probably 88 years of age. He died previous to *Feb. 21, 1788*, for on that date Samuel in deeding to Thomas Swift the land on which he dwelt, mentions, "One piece deeded to me by my hon^d. Father Mr. Edward Bosworth deceased."

CHILDREN

of Edward⁴ and Mehitable (—) Bosworth,
the first six born in Bristol, the others
in Barrington, Mass. (now R. I.):

- 291 + i—MEHITABLE⁵, b. May 23, 1715, bap. in the Congregational Church of Bristol, Oct. 2, 1715; m. Jabez Richardson.
- 292 + ii—EDWARD⁵, b. Aug. 28, 1717, bap. Oct. 27, 1717; d. Dec. 10, 1800; m. (1) Mrs. Althea (Bullock) Kent, (2) Rebecca⁶ Bosworth, dau. of Oliver⁵, (No. 145).
- 293 + iii—ELIZABETH⁵, b. Sept. 1, 1719, bap. Oct. 22, 1721; m. Maj. John Slapp.
- 294 + iv—JEMIMA⁵, b. March 31, 1722, bap. Sept. 16, 1722; m. Benajah Conant.
- 295 + v—SUSANNAH⁵, b. Oct. 11, 1724; d. in Mansfield, Conn., Feb. 15, 1810; m. (1) Samuel Curtis, (2) Capt. Samuel Gurley. His third wife.
- 296 + vi—JONATHAN⁵, b. Sept. 1, 1727; d. in Lebanon, N. H., Aug. 26, 1815; m. Mary (Molly) Humphrey.
- 297 vii—PETER⁵, b. Aug. 9, 1730. No further records. He may have d. y., or he may have been the Peter Bosworth who m. in Newport, R. I., March 31, 1752, Amey Spencer. As he must have gone with his father to Mansfield about 1739, it seems doubtful. However as the name was not common and he would have been 22 years of age at the time, he may have been the one.
- viii—JOSEPH, b. and d. March 28, 1733.
- 298 + ix—MARY⁵, b. Jan. 22, 1735; m. David Curtice.
- 299 + x—SAMUEL⁵, b. June 7, 1737; d. (no record); m. Abigail Dimmock.

NOTE: There is at Woodstock, Conn., a record of the death of "Elizabeth, wife of Edward Bosworth who Died in this Town July 25, 1745." The compiler is at a loss to know where this record should go. Edward's wife Mehitable was living in May 1742, but may have died soon after and Edward married this Elizabeth whose home may have been in Woodstock, a nearby town to Mansfield, but she could not have lived long after the marriage. Then again it is possible Elizabeth may have been a first wife of the son Edward, for he could not have married Mrs. Josiah Kent until after 1747, when Edward was 30, as her husband died in that year. The compiler has often wondered if he did not have a wife before that time and if he did Elizabeth may have been the one. However it is a little strange that no other record of Elizabeth has been found.

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NATHANIEL⁴ BOSWORTH, fourth son of John³ (*Nathaniel*², *Edward*¹) and Sarah (———), born in Hull, Mass., Nov. 23, 1693; died in Bristol, R. I., Jan. 17, 1771, aged 78 years; married SARAH WARDWELL, born (if records are correct), in 1682 (parentage not discovered); died in Bristol, Oct. 11, 1771, aged 89 years.*

Nathaniel passed his boyhood in Hull, then when about 16 he removed with his parents to Bristol, where he was later known as a "Blockmaker."

Dec. 11, 1714, the next month after he was 21 years old, his father, for "love and affection," deeded him land in Bristol that he had bought of Capt. Simon Davis. (See Part II, p. 219). This land was on the W. side of Thames St. and had land of the Rev. Sparhawk on the N., land of Isaac Gorham on the S. and on the W. "ye sea or Salt water with ye benefitts of ye beach & flatts as other Lotts have."

(Taunton Deeds, 13-512)

June 4, 1724, John⁴ Bosworth, Jr., deeds to his brother Nathaniel "Block maker," 9 a. 20 rods of land he had bought of his father John³, Dec. 22, 1722, who had bought it of his sister Hannah Jacob, May 21, 1719. (For boundaries see same page as above.) Nathaniel paid £115. E. Brenton and Thomas Lawton, witnesses.

Dec. 10, 1724, Nathaniel witnessed a deed made by his brother Edward. (See history No. 120.)

Dec. 12, 1724, witnessed a deed given by his brother Edward to his brother John. (Taunton Deeds, 15-539)

Nathaniel Bosworth and wife Sarah became Communicants of St. Michael's Church (Episcopal) Bristol in 1732.

March 13, 1743/4, Nathaniel's name on the "List of Coroners" for Bristol. (Mass. Civil Lists, 1630 to 1774)

This Nathaniel seems to have been like some people that we all of us know, persons of fine character, but lacking ability to handle finances successfully. This was most un-

*In the opinion of the compiler there is a mistake of ten years in the age of Sarah. It is possible she was one year older than Nathaniel, but not at all probable that she was 11 years older. Presumably the town clerk intending to write 79 had it in mind that she was nearly 80 so made a slip and wrote 89; we all make similar slips sometimes.

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fortunate for Nathaniel, for in those days it was the custom to imprison for debt, hence we find from the records that—

Oct. 17, 1744, Richard Pearce, treasurer of a school in Bristol, having obtained a judgment against Nathaniel Bosworth of Bristol, "Gentleman," for £25. . 8s. . 9½d., "ye sheriff of our county of Bristol, his under sheriff or Deputy" was commanded to "take ye Body of ye sd Nathaniel Bosworth and him Commit unto our Gaol In Bristol . . . and Detain In your Custody within our sd Gaol Until he pay ye full Sum abovesd With your fees or that he be Discharged by ye sd Richard Pearce ye Creditor or Otherwise by order of Law hereof fail not and make Return of this writt with your doing therein Into our sd Inferior Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Bristol . . . upon ye Second tuesday of December next" etc.

NOTE: Pardon your compiler for digressing long enough to say: This has always seemed to me a very foolish procedure, for, how did they suppose a man was going to be able to pay his debts when he was in "Gaol?"

The above writ begins as follows: "Bristol Ss. George ye Second by the Grace of God of Great Brittain France and Ireland King Defender of ye faith" etc. "To ye Sheriff . . . Timothy Fales Assistant."

The entire amount, including cost was £29. . 9s. . 11d. and on *Nov. 23, 1744*, James Gibbs, treasurer, chosen in room of Richard Pearce deceased, Joseph Russell Esq', chosen by Nathaniel Bosworth and John Howland chosen by Charles Church, sheriff, were a com. to set off "so much of ye Real Estate as will satisfy ye within execution," and there was sold a portion of land with warehouse and wharf, bounded E. by Thames St., S. by King St., W. by the "Ship Canal," N. partly on "Henry Braggs land and partly on Timothy Fales Esq'." including "wharf beach & flatts." On the same date another execution for £17. . 18s. . 3d. was satisfied in the same manner. (Taunton Deeds, 33-106 to 109)

May 11, 1745, Another execution was brought against Nathaniel, for £49. . 16s. in lawful money or £51. . 9s. . 2d," in Bills of Credit emitted in ye year 1741."

Sept. 15, 1763, "Nathaniel Bosworth of Bristol Esq'." sells 9 a. of land in Bristol "which I purchased of my Brother John Bosworth as by his Deed to me bearing Date the 4th Day of June, 1724." Signed by Nathaniel and Sarah, his wife. Rebecca Papillion (their daughter) one of the witnesses. (Bristol Deeds, 3-126)

Jan. 3, 1770, Nathaniel and Sarah mortgaged land (Bristol Deeds, 3-247)

It is interesting to notice that even in the writ whereby Nathaniel was arrested for debt, he is termed a "gentleman," which certainly shows that he was respected. This is also

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corroborated by the fact that in the following year he was elected "Sheriff of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas" and re-elected in May 1746. In February 1748 he was elected a Justice of the Peace, but in the following year he was again elected sheriff, and continued in the office, with the exception of one year, until the year 1761. (Military and Civil Lists of R. I., vol. 1).

During the time that Nathaniel Bosworth was sheriff, at a meeting of the General Assembly held at South Kingston, R. I., *Feb. 14, 1758*, the following resolution was presented:

"Whereas, Nathaniel Bosworth, Esq. sheriff of the county of Bristol, exhibited unto this Assembly an account of his charged against the government, for boarding a number of the French king's subjects, who, by the fortunes of war, were taken prisoners and brought into this Colony; and the said account being duly examined,—

This Assembly do vote and resolve . . . that the same be, and hereby is allowed; and that £208, the amount thereof, be paid the said Nathaniel Bosworth, out of the general treasury." (R. I. Col. Rec., vol. 6, p. 121) *June 12, 1758*, At a meeting of the General Assembly held at Newport; Joseph Munro and associates being convicted of counterfeiting bills of credit of the Colony,—"Benjamin Miller and John Cole Esqrs, and Edward Bosworth, yeoman, all of Warren, in the county of Bristol," petitioned the Assembly that they might be reimbursed for eight £16 counterfeit bills received from the aforesaid Joseph Munro "for which they, the petitioners, rendered a valuable consideration," whereupon it was "voted and resolved, that Joseph Russell Esq., and Nathaniel Bosworth Esq. sheriff of the county of Bristol be . . . a committee to sell at vendue, all the estate of Joseph Munro "had in any lands within this Colony at the time of his conviction; and deposit the money arising from such sale in the general treasury, to be appropriated as by law it ought."

(R. I. Col. Rec., vol. 6, p. 153)

General Assembly held at Newport, first Wednesday of May, 1759; Officers declared elected and duly engaged:

Sheriff; Bristol County,—Mr. Nathaniel Bosworth.

(R. I. Col. Rec., vol. 6, p. 207)

General Assembly held at South Kingston, last Wednesday of October 1759, the Committee appointed to sell at public vendue the estate of Joseph Munro, reported; among other land sold,—"two small lots of improved land, and one piece of wood land, struck off to Edward Bosworth [No. 292] at £20 per annum; and have given leases of the same; the rents to be paid to the general treasurer, annually, during the life of the said Joseph Munro."

Signed by Joseph Russell and Nathaniel Bosworth.

(R. I. Col. Rec., vol. 6, p. 226)

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Nathaniel⁴ Bosworth died Jan. 17, 1771. Adm. was granted Jan. 6, 1772, to James Bosworth, his son, and Bennett Munro, a son-in-law. The inv. taken Jan. 15, 1772, included household furniture, totaled £18..5..9. The list of the "Claims of the Creditors of the Estate of Nathaniel Bosworth, deceased, an Insolvent Debtor," included:

	Old Tenor
"To Henry Bosworth	£11..16..
To Shearjashub Bourn Esqr.	51..12.. 2

£ s. d.
 Totaled 2447..10..3
 Adm. chgs. 128.. 0..0

The acct. of the Adm. included among the charges:

	£ s. d.
"To my horse and man to Dighton	9.. 0
To James Bosworths account for nursing	3.. 8.. 2
Pd. Dr. Bradford	81.. 2.. 9
"The Accomptant charges himself with the amount of the personal estate sold at vendue	25..16.. 6
Also with the amount of ye sale of the Real Estate at Vendue	138.. 0.. 0

	£163..16.. 6

Signed by Bennet Munro Admistr^r on the estate of Nathaniel Bosworth Esq. decd.^d. (Bristol Probate, Bk. 2, p. 122, 137)

Feb. 1, 1773, "James Bosworth appeared and exhibited an account against the Estate of his father which was ordered to be on file till next Council Day. (Same, p. 160)

Nothing further on record.

CHILDREN

of Nathaniel⁴ Boswoth and wife Sarah,
 born in Bristol, Mass., (now R. I.)

Baptised in St. Michael's Episcopal Church.

- 300+ i—SARAH⁵, b. Feb. 2, 1715/16, "on a Thursday about Eleven in the morn"; d. Aug. 12, 1754; m. Bennett Munro.
- 301+ ii—REBECCA⁵, b. Nov. 20, 1717, "on Wednesday about Eight at night"; d. Feb. 21, 1775; m. Samuel Papillion.
- 302+ iii—MARY⁵, b. Oct. 6, 1719, "on Tuesday about 2 o th Clock in the morning"; d. May 23, 1759; m. Edward Paine.
- 303+ iv—PRISCILLA⁵, b. Oct. 6, 1722, "on a Saturday about Eleven at night"; d. Sept. 12, 1775; m. John Hubbard.
- 304+ v—JAMES⁵, b. Oct. 17, 1725, "on a Sabbath about 8 in morn"; d. Dec. 31, 1795; m. Mary Hicks.

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JEREMIAH⁴ BOSWORTH, fifth son of John³ (*Nathaniel*², *Edward*¹) and Sarah (———), born in Hull, Mass., Sept. 20, 1697; died in Bristol, R. I., Sept. 26, 1777, aged 80; married at Dorchester, Mass., by Robert Spur, Esq., J. of P., April 5, 1727, SUSANNAH FIELD of Braintree, Mass., born, 1698; died at Bristol, Jan. 26, 1768, aged 70. The intention of their marriage was recorded at Bristol, Jan. 7, 1726. (Probably should be 1726/7).

On *Jan. 13, 1726/7*, Jeremiah, for £300, deeded to his brother Edward his one fifth part of his father's 100 a. farm, and also one-fifth of a 20 a. lot, all in Bristol.

Dec. 5, 1741, Jeremiah's brother Edward, then of Mansfield, for £200, deeds him land in Bristol.

Jeremiah was remembered in his father's will, and particularly in the codicil. (See Part II, p. 219).

No record of children found.

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JACOB⁴ BOSWORTH, sixth son of John³ (*Nathaniel*², *Edward*¹) and Sarah (———), born in Hull, Mass., Nov. 22, 1701; died in Mansfield, Conn., previous to July 2, 1782, when inventory on his estate was made; married (1) LYDIA JONES of Taunton, intention published in Bristol, Dec. 9, 1727; she died in Barrington, Mass., (now R. I.), soon after Oct. 16, 1742; married (2) in Ashford, Conn., Oct. 6, 1743, RUTH SQUIRE, daughter of Philip and Elizabeth (Fuller) Squire, born in Ashford, March 26, 1722*. Jacob is called a "cordwinder" (shoemaker) in deeds.

*The Conn. Magazine, Vol. 10, p. 382, gives the record of a Ruth Bosworth who joined the church at Ashford in 1794. This may have been the above Ruth, but she would have been 72 at that time, so it seems hardly probable that she had not been a member of the church before that time.

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When Jacob was a boy of about eight years his parents removed from Hull to Bristol, Mass. (now R. I.) and there he grew to manhood. He was married to Lydia Jones either late in December 1727, or in January 1728, and their first child, a son Jacob, was born, probably late in 1728, and a daughter Lydia in 1730, for on April 2, 1732, when Jacob and Lydia "owned the covenant" in the Congregational church of Barrington, these children were baptized (their birth not recorded, they may have been born in Raynham), and the third child was born in June 1732.

Sept. 5, 1727, Jacob's brother Edward and Mehitable his wife sold land and Jacob was a witness to the deed. (Taunton Deeds, 17-497)

March 5, 1728/9, Jacob and his brothers Benjamin and Edward, divide the farm left by their father. (See histories Nos. 119 & 120)

Dec. 31, 1729, the town of Barrington bought half an acre of land for £5 to be known as Prince's Hill Cemetery, bounded west on the highway and east on the river. Jacob Bosworth and Josiah Humphrey were witnesses to the deed.

Feb. 17, 1729/30, Jacob and his brothers Benjamin and Edward, divide a 20 a. lot which had formerly belonged to their father John. Jacob is now called "of Barrington." (Taunton Deeds, 19-201)

June 25, 1731, Jacob Bosworth chosen to serve on jury.

July 26, 1731, Ebenezer and Bathshua Mehurin of Raynham, for £190, deed land in Raynham to Jacob Bosworth of Barrington, "cordwinder," one piece of 22½ a. with a dwelling house "on the highway that leadeth from the old Iron Works to Bridgewater (mentions names of Jonathan Dean, Gabriel Crossman and Simon Dillis); the other a 7 a. lot. Edward Bosworth and James Williams, witnesses. (Taunton Deeds, 20-187)

March 26, 1735, Jacob Bosworth of Raynham, "Cordwinder," for £210, deed to Joshua Campbell of Raynham, two tracts of land in Raynham, the first containing 29½ a. "where my Dwelling House now stands," on road leading from "ye old Iron Works to Bridgewater bounded on the north . . . partly by Samuel Crossman's Titicut Swamp lot . . . reserving a way for Samuel Crossman and his children to come to their swamp lot on that part of the land he lately bought of Gabriel Crossman"; also 7 a. on the east side of the "Country Road to Stony Ware'."

Joseph Jones 2nd	} Witnesses.	(Signed)	Jacob Bosworth
Samuel Leonard Jr.		her	Lydia X Bosworth
			mark
			(Taunton Deeds, 24-41)

NOTE: It is possible the above Joseph Jones, 2nd was related to Lydia.

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Sept. 11, 1738, Edward Bosworth, Jr. of Barrington, husbandman, (Jacob's nephew), for £155, deeds to Jacob Bosworth of *Barrington*, 6½ a. of land in Barrington, "part of the ferry farm." (Taunton Deeds, 26-237)

May 18, 1739, it was voted that the town accept of an open highway through Jacob and Edward Bosworth's land to a convenient place for keeping the ferry over to Mr. Samuel Miller's.

Jacob's sixth child, the daughter Submit, was born Oct. 16, 1742 and as that is the last we find of his wife Lydia, and on Oct. 6, 1743 we find him in Ashford, Conn., marrying a second wife, Ruth Squire, it is feasible to suppose that Lydia died, as so many mothers did, at the birth of the child.

April 24, 1746, Jacob Bosworth of *Ashford*, buys 6½ a. of land in Mansfield, with the south part of a dwelling house, south chamber, and one half the cellar, "for 152 pounds." (These towns, although in different counties, join each other and were settled about the same time.) The grantors were Jacob's brother Edward and John Slapp, Edward's son-in-law. (See No. 120). (Mansfield Deeds, 4-443)

Feb. 27, 1746/7, Jacob sold 6½ a. of land in Mansfield to Jabez Richardson (who was also Edward's son-in-law), with the south half of a dwelling house, and all said house "excepting what said Richardson now owns for 162 pounds." (Mansfield Deeds, 4-485)

Mar. 31, 1753, Jacob bought 20 a. of land in the southerly part of Ashford, for £90 "old Tenor." (Ashford Deeds, H-170)

This completes Jacob's deeds as far as found.

In 1759, Jacob's eldest son, Jacob, Jr., then aged 31, but apparently unmarried, enlisted in the Colonial army to go against the French. He served in the 3rd Co., 1st Regt., under command of Major John Slapp. He was killed Sept. 23, 1759, in the attack on Ft. Ticonderoga.

About two years after the death of this Jacob, another son was born to Jacob and Ruth and true to custom, he was named Jacob. He was about 17 years old when on May 1, 1778, he enlisted from Mansfield as a soldier in the Revolutionary War, and served in the 2nd Regt., Connecticut Line. He seems to have had some musical ability for on July 12, 1780, he was made a "fifer" in Parker's company and held the position until April 12, 1781. On Jan. 13, 1781 he enlisted "During the War." His name as a private is on a "Roll and Muster of the 1st company, 3rd Regiment of Connecticut troops commanded by Colonel B. Webb for Dec. & Jan^y. 1782 & 3." (See Conn. in the Rev.)

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At the close of the war Jacob was regularly discharged and later received a warrant for "Land Bounty," which was No. 1625, and entitled him to 100 acres of land, but in some way this warrant was lost and in 1830 Jacob, then 69 years of age, testified that he had served "until the close of the war," and asked that a duplicate of his "Bounty Land Warrant" be issued to him. He evidently did not receive it at once as other letters were written concerning it in 1831 and 32. A letter written April 6, 1833, asked that the warrant be sent to his attorney, Ichabod Bulkley, Esq. of Ashford. When it finally came it was dated June 7, 1830. One of these letters, written Jan. 21, 1831, says that Jacob was then a citizen of Georgia. However the U. S. Census of 1840 gives him as a pensioner of Ashford, aged 79. No record of his death was found, but it probably occurred not long after this. Apparently he never married. (Above copied in the Pension Bureau, Washington, D. C.)

Jacob⁴ Bosworth probably died in the first part of the year 1782, when he was nearly 81 years of age, for on July 2nd of that year an inventory on his estate was made. The widow Ruth, who was 21 years younger than he, was appointed Admx. on his estate. She brought in her account Aug. 6, 1782 and "Mov^d for a Settlement." She charged herself with the inventory of the personal estate of the deceased £13 . . 7 . . 0 and prayed allowance for funeral charges, 13s., for Court chgs., Cost of Adm., and allowance to the widow for housekeeping, which took it all,

"So there remains nothing of the personal Estate in the Hand of the Admx. to be distributed & an order is this Day given for the Distribution of the Real Estate."

The following division of the Real Estate was made Nov. 5, 1782.

To the widow Ruth Bosworth, one third part of said deceased real estate, being 2 a. 121 rods. (Boundaries given.)

To Nathaniel Bosworth the eldest son of said deceased two shares of said deceased land being one acre.

To Daniel Bosworth 81 rods of said deceased land.

To Jacob Bosworth, third son of sd. deceased, 84 rods of land.

To Sarah Blach, eldest daughter, 84 rods, etc.

To Rebecca Lewis, 2nd daughter of sd. deceased, 117 rods, etc.

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- To Hannah Hall third daughter, 117 rods, etc.
To Submit Hall 4th daughter, 117 rods, etc.
To Ruth Richardson, 5th daughter, 117 rods, etc.
To Elizabeth Cunnell, 6th daughter of said deceased, 137 rods.
To Lydia Bosworth, youngest daughter, 117 rods of said deceased land.
(The boundaries of each one of the above are given.)

“All of which Division & Distribution as above Described is the Just proportion of the Widow and each of sd Heirs”, etc.

(Promfret. Conn. Probate, Bk. 5—111 & 138, Bk. 6-196)

CHILDREN

Of Jacob Bosworth

By 1st wife Lydia Jones

- 305 i—JACOB⁵, b. prob. in 1728; bapt. at Barrington, Mass. (now R. I.), April 2, 1732; was killed near Ft. Ticonderoga, N. Y., Sept. 23, 1759.
305 ii—LYDIA⁵, b. prob. in 1730; bapt. at Barrington at the same time as her brother Jacob; prob. d. y.
307 + iii—SARAH⁵, b. in Barrington, June 5, 1732; d. after 1810; m. Varen Balch.
308 + iv—REBECCA⁵, b. in Barrington, Feb. 27, 1736; d. ————; m. (———) Lewis.
309 + v—HANNAH⁵, b. in Barrington, Sept. 9, 1740; d. ————; m. Ephraim Hall.
310 + vi—SUBMIT⁵, b. in Mansfield, Conn., Oct. 16, 1742; d. in Mansfield, May 23, 1828 (or 29); m. Capt. James Hall.

By 2nd wife Ruth Squire, born in Ashford, Conn.

- 311 + vii—RUTH⁵, b. April 29, 1744; d. ————; m. Nathan Richardson.
312 + viii—ELIZABETH⁵, b. abt. 1746 or 47; d. Aug. 28, 1810; m. Jeremiah Coniall (Connel on tomstone).
313 ix—LYDIA⁵, b. in the year 1752; d. unm. in Mansfield, Conn., Dec. 8, 1834, aged 82 years.
314 + x—NATHANIEL⁵, b. abt. 1754; d. March 12, 1827; “in the 75th year of his age”; m. Molly Knowlton, his cousin’s dau.
315 + xi—DANIEL⁵, b. Feb. 13, 1756; d. ————; m. Rachel Hill.
316 xii—JACOB⁵, b. in the year 1761; d. unm. after 1840, prob. in Ashford, Conn. (See his history above.)

NOTE: In the U. S. Census of 1820, Lydia Bosworth is given as “a female of 45 and upwards” living alone. She was then 68. In 1828 she was still living and single; her land mentioned in the division of her brother Nathaniel’s estate.

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HANNAH⁴ BOSWORTH, eldest daughter of Edward³ (*Nathaniel*², *Edward*¹) and 2nd wife, Elizabeth (Estabrook), born in Bristol, Mass. (now R. I.) March 16 and baptized March 25, 1705; died ————; married in Bristol, March 18, 1730/31, JOSHUA CHASE (int. pub. Feb. 20, previous).

In a "Genealogy of the Desc. of William Chase who came to America in 1630," Joshua is given as the son of Jacob³, (*William*², ¹), and his 1st wife as being Sarah Joyce, his 2nd Hannah Bosworth. No record of children found, but a Joshua Chase was living in Rehoboth in 1790 who may have been a son, or grandson of the above Joshua. Also an Isaac Chase died in Bristol in 1760, who may have been a son. A Hannah Chase who married in Bristol, March 19, 1844, John Groton, was probably a descendant.

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SARAH⁴ BOSWORTH, daughter of Edward³ (*Nathaniel*², *Edward*¹) and Elizabeth (Estabrook), born in Bristol, Mass. (now R. I.), Dec. 4, 1710; died in Bristol, March 22, 1801; married (int. pub. in Bristol, May 18, 1728), THOMAS KINNECUT, son of Thomas and Hannah (Bowerman) Kinnecut, born May 1, 1707; died in 1763 aged 57 years.

There was a census taken in Rhode Island in 1774 and Sarah Kinnecut, a widow, was living in Bristol with another "female" over 16, and two slaves, one an Indian and one "Black." Another census taken in R. I. in 1782, gives Sarah Kinnecut, "above 50," and another "female" between 22 and 50; this was probably an unmarried daughter named Hannah,* born between 1732 and 1760. They had two slaves, one over 50, the other between 22 and 50. The U. S. census

*It is to be supposed she would have a daughter Hannah named from her sister, and from the husband's mother.

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of 1790 does not give Sarah or any other Kinnecut in Bristol, but there was a Hannah in Warren, R. I. (the next town), with one other woman in the family. This Hannah may have been the daughter given above and as her mother was then 80 years of age, Hannah had taken the position as head of the household.

At Taunton there are deeds of Thomas Kinnecut's recorded in Books 28, 31 and 34.

Sarah died of "old age," the record says; she was 91.

CHILDREN

Of Thomas and ~~Hannah~~^{Sarah} (Bosworth) KINNECUT
born in Bristol, Mass. (now R. I.).

- 317 i—ELIZABETH KINNECUT, b. March 27, 1731; m. Aug. 20, 1752, John COOMER of Newport, R. I., by Rev. John Burt. Two children are recorded, there may have been more.
1—JOHN COOMER, b. May 8, 1755; d. Feb. 27, 1834, ae. 79 y,
2—THOMAS KINNECUT COOMER, b. July 11, 1757; d. Oct. 22, 1837, ae. 81 y.
- 318 ii—SARAH KINNECUT, b. Feb. 27, 1732/3.
iii—A CHILD, b. 1734; d. Dec. 12, 1736, ae. 2 y.
iv—A CHILD, b. ———; d. March 26, 1739.
v—A CHILD, b. ———; d. Aug. 16, 1740.
vi—A CHILD, b. ———; d. Aug. 22, 1744.
- 319 vii—BOSWORTH KINNECUT, b. ———; d. Aug. 9, 1755.

NOTE: In the record of Elizabeth's marriage she is called "Mrs.," but Rev. John Burt recorded every woman he married in that way. (See Part I, p. 38.)

As the births of the four unnamed children are not given in the records, and their age at death only given in one case, it is probable that they died in infancy before being named.

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DAVID⁵ BOSWORTH, JR., son of David⁴ (*Jonathan, Jr.*³, *Jonathan*², *Edward*¹) and first wife, Mercy (Sturtevant), born in Plymouth, Mass., May 21, 1699; (date and place of death unknown); married in Plympton, Mass., Dec. 22, 1720, by Rev. Isaac Cushman, PRISCILLA SHAW, daughter of Jonathan³ (*Jonathan*², *John*¹) and first wife, Mehitable (Pratt) Shaw; born in Plymouth, Aug. 18, 1702; (place and date of death unknown.)

NOTE: John¹ Shaw came over before 1627, followed by wife Alice and children: John, who returned unm.; James; *Jonathan*; and Abigail who m. Stephen Bryant. Jonathan² Shaw m. Phebe, dau. of George and Phebe (Hicks) Watson, and had: Hannah, m. Thos. Paine of Eastham; *Jonathan*; Phebe; Mary, m. Eleazar Ring; George; Lydia, m. Nicholas Snow; Benjamin and Benoni, twins. Jonathan³ Shaw, Jr. of Plymouth, m. Mehitable Pratt in 1687, and had: Jonathan, m. Elizabeth Atwood; Phebe, m. Thos. Shurtleff; Persis, m. Joseph Lucas; Mehitable, m. Zachariah Weston; James; Hannah, m. James Harlow; Elizabeth, m. ——— Lucas; *Priscilla*, m. *David Bosworth*; Abigail, m. ——— Lucas; and Samuel. His wife Mehitable, d. Oct. 19, 1712. He m. (2) Mary Darling and had a dau. Rebecca. Jonathan³ Shaw (then called "Senr.") of Plympton, in his will, dated Dec. 14, 1728, bequeaths to "daughter Priscilla Bosworth," 26 pounds. In this connection the following extract in which the brother of Priscilla is mentioned may be of interest as a picture of bygone days. At a town meeting held in Plympton, "March 1, 1727/8, Samuel Bryant and Jonathan Shaw Jr were chosen to take care of the boyes a sabbath Dayes to preuent thare playing att meeting and also to suppress any disorders by any: Either in the time of publick worship or in the Intervailes of the same and to Complain of all such disorder to authority."

David, Jr. and wife Priscilla, resided first in Plympton, on land owned by his father and was living there on Sept. 30, 1729, for on that date the elder David sold land in Plympton and in the deed it is stated: "Being that land whereon David Bozworth Jun^r. now dwelleth." (Plymouth Deeds, 26-190). On Oct. 17, 1729, David, Jr., selling land in Middleborough to Ichabod Cushman, which he had bought Apr. 24, 1729 of Francis Curtis, was called "of Plympton" (Plym. Deeds 24-182), but very soon after this they must have removed to Killingly, Conn., for on Jan. 11, 1730 a child of theirs was baptized there.

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The first mention made of David, Jr. on the town records of Plympton, was on July 16, 1716, when a committee appointed to assign different members of the church to seats in the new meeting house, reported: "att ye North east Corner on the west end James Bears Jun^r Mosses Sturtevant John Holmes Junior and David Bosworth Junior." (Plympton Town Records, Bk. 1, p. 24)

March 29, 1724/5 Henry Rickard and David Bosworth, Jr. were chosen "Tythingmen" of the town of Plympton. (Plym. Rec., Bk. 1, p. 48) *March 16, 1725/6* Ignatius Loring, David Bosworth, Jr., Jabez Edye and five others were chosen "Surveyors of Highways." (Plym. Rec., Bk. 1, p. 61)

David Bosworth, Jr. was a miller and a millwright. This no doubt led to his frequent removals from one place to another. It seems to have been his habit to buy a mill site in some town where a mill was needed, build one, run it awhile, then sell it, buy a site in another town and move on. He first moved from Plympton to Killingly, Conn., this being shown by the fact that he and his wife were dismissed from the Plympton Church to that in Killingly and the Church records in Killingly show that they were received into that church May 8, 1730. Two children had been born to them in Plympton, a daughter Elizabeth and a son Amaziah. In Killingly two more were born, a son Isaac and a daughter Priscilla.

May 31, 1731, David bought 60 acres of land in Killingly on the Five Mile River of John Leavens. (Killingly Deeds, 3-115)

In this deed David is called "of Killingly."

Oct. 28, 1732, David sold this land to John Winter, Jr. (Killingly Deeds, 3-163)

The next move they made was to Lebanon, Conn., about 20 miles from Killingly, sometime between Oct. 28, 1732 and April 27, 1733, when "Joseph Loomisse of Lebanon in the County of Windham, Colony of Connecticut" for £220 deeded to "David Bozworth *now residing in Lebanon*," 23 acres of land "lying at the upper end of the Town Street." (Lebanon Deeds, 4-482)

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Jan. 18, 1734, "David Bozworth of Lebanon" sold the above land for £235, to John Loomis, a brother of Joseph, of whom he had bought it. The deed mentions: "with the appurtenances." (Lebanon Deeds, 5-126)

During David and Priscilla's stay in Lebanon three children were baptized in the church there: Lydia, Zadock and David, the latter on Jan. 8, 1738. Not long after this they removed to Norwich, Conn., a little over ten miles from Lebanon, and were living there on March 12, 1739/40 when their daughter Hannah was born.

Oct. 11, 1742, Samuel Badger of Norwich for £12 deeds to David Bosworth of Norwich, two acres of land in Norwich "lying upon a Brook that Runs out of Mr. John Gagers farm a Little Below the Saw mill." (Norwich Deeds, 9-502)

Nov. 4, 1742, David sold the same two acres for £250, "Together with a Grist Mill Standing on ye sd Brook . . . with all & Singular the appurtenances Privileges . . . to ye sd Mill Belonging with the Mill house, also a boulting Standing in sd Mill house toGether with a Dwelling house" etc (Norwich Deeds, 9-14)

During the time the family resided at Norwich, some of the older children formed attachments that afterward resulted in marriage. This same year (1742), Elizabeth, the eldest of the children, married in Norwich, Jonathan Weston; later, in 1746, Amaziah, the eldest son, married there Tabitha Hartshorn; and in 1750 Priscilla married Andrew Miner.

We next find David and wife in Brimfield, Hampshire county, Mass., but it looks as if the older children did not accompany them to their new home.

Aug. 11, 1743, David Bosworth of "Norage", New London county, Conn., "Housewright", for £32 "old Tenor," buys land of Robert Moulton; six acres in Brimfield, in the southerly part of the town "on both sides the Brook called the Saw Mill Brook or the brook that runs out of the South Pond & is ye Place called ye Mill Place, lying near too & a little up ye Brook from Jabez Warrins land", etc. (Springfield, Mass. Deeds, 10-74)

May 6, 1746, "David Bozworth of Brimfield in the County of Hampshire in the province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England. Millar alias House Right" for 250 pounds, deeds to Elnathan Munger of Brimfield, "HouseRight", the above six acres of land with the following change in the deed— "& is ye Place where the Grist Mill Stands being near to Jabez Warrins House . . . To Have and To Hold the said . . . premises *with the Grist Mill and Stream*", etc. (Springfield Deeds, 10-76)

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Also in March 1746 David sold seven acres of land in Killingly to Samuel Green, and in this deed David is called—"late of Lebanon, more lately of Norwich Now of Brimfield County of Hampshire & province of Massachusetts." (Killingly Deeds, Vol. 8)

This was the last trace of David found at Brimfield.

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of David⁵, Jr. and Priscilla (Shaw) Bosworth.

- 320 + i—ELIZABETH⁶, b. at Plympton, Mass., Apr. 11, 1722; m. Jonathan Weston; date of death not found.
- 321 + ii—AMAZIAH⁶, b. at Plympton, about 1726; d. Feb. 20, 1805, aged 79 years; m. Tabitha Hartshorn.
- 322 iii—ISAAC⁶, bapt. at Killingly, Conn., Jan. 11, 1730. No further records found.
- 323 + iv—PRISCILLA⁶, bapt. at Killingly, May 16, 1731; m. Andrew Miner; date of death not found.
- 324 v—LYDIA⁶, b. at Lebanon, Conn., Oct. 2, 1733. No further records found.
- 325 + vi—ZADOCK⁶, b. at Lebanon, Oct. 14, 1735, bapt. Nov. 9, 1735; d. July 5, 1810; m. Joanna Raymond.
- 326 vii—DAVID⁶, bapt. at Lebanon, Jan. 8, 1738. Nothing further.
- 327 viii—HANNAH⁶, b. at Norwich, Conn., Mar. 12, 1739/40.
- 328 ix—REBECKAH⁶, b. at Norwich, Mar. 24, 1743.

Nothing further was found about Hannah or Rebeckah.

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JONATHAN⁵ BOSWORTH, second son of David⁴ (*Jonathan, Jr.*³ *Jonathan*², *Edward*¹) and first wife Mercy (Sturtevant), born in Plymouth, Mass., Feb. 16, 1700/1; died in Halifax, Mass., Jan. 24, 1741/2; married (1) in Plympton, Mass., Dec. 19, 1723, by Rev. Isaac³ Cushman, ALICE CUSHMAN, daughter of Isaac⁴ (Issac³, Thomas², Robert¹)* and Sarah (Warner) (Gibbs) Cushman, born in Plymouth, June 26, 1705; died in Plympton, Aug. 13, 1724; married (2) in Plympton, Sept. 30, 1725, RUTH TILSON, daughter of Edmund³ (Ephraim², Edmund¹) and Elizabeth (Waterman) Tilson, born in Ply-

*The wife of Elder Thomas Cushman, great-grandfather of Alice, was Mary Allerton, daughter of Isaac Allerton, both passengers on the Mayflower. Mary (Allerton) Cushman was the last of the Mayflower Pilgrims to die, at the age of ninety-nine.

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mouth, Feb. 5, 1705; she married (2) "JOSEPH PACKARD the 2nd of Bridgewater"; died at Halifax, Feb. 3, 1789.

NOTE: It is quite likely that Jonathan was born, lived and died in the same place, but the part of Plymouth in which he was born, was set off as Plympton in 1707, and as Halifax in 1733/4.

Jonathan, at the age of twenty-two was married to Alice Cushman, a girl of eighteen, grand daughter of the minister of his church and of fine ancestry. But sorrow came to him the following year, when Alice died. This pathetic record is copied from the old chronicles: "Allice Bozworth the wife of Jonathan Bozworth Died in Childbed and was buried August the 13th 1724 with her Infant on her arm in one Coffin and one Grave." And on a tombstone in the Plympton burying ground is the following: "Alice wife of Jonathan Bozworth died 13 August 1724 in her 20th year. — child of Jonathan and Alice buried with its mother aged 3 days."

The first we find of Jonathan on the town records is: "The marks of Jonathan Bozworth Creture giving Aprill 29 1732 is two holes Puntch oute of the Left ear and the Top of the Right ear Cut of . . ."

April 29, 1732, Jonathan took the oath of surveyor before the selectmen of the town, one of whom was his father Deacon David Bosworth with two others.

In the history of David, Jonathan's father (Part III, p. 245) it may be seen that on *Sept. 23, 1731*, he deeded land to Jonathan.

Dec. 16, 1732, William Sturtevant* of Pembroke, for £8, deeded to "Jonathan Bozworth of Plympton", one half his share of "Cedar Swamp which is the fifth part of the 38th lot of Swamp called Kings Cedar Swamp in the Township of Plympton." (Plymouth Deeds, 28-106)

July 22, 1738, Jonathan Freeman, for £50 deeds to "Jonathan Bozworth of Halifax", land on "Monponsett Meadow Brook in Halifax." (Plymouth Deeds, 32-125)

*The William Sturtevant who sold land to Jonathan Bosworth in 1732 was prob. Wm. of Plympton son of the 2nd Samuel a brother of Mercy (Sturtevant) Bosworth, Jonathan's mother. If so, William was Jonathan's uncle.

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As previously stated, Jonathan's first wife, Alice, died in August 1724, and in September 1725 he married Ruth Tilson.

Oct. 16, 1734, Jonathan and Ruth signed the Church Covenant in Halifax.

Nov. 3, 1735, at a meeting of the church it was "voted y^t Jona. Bosworth should tune or set y^e psalm in y^e public worship in Case y^e Town agree thereto or object nothing against it."

March 13, 1736/7, "Baptized Noah y^e son of Jon^a. and Ruth Bosworth."

April 9, 1741, at a meeting of the church it was voted, "That Jonathan Bozworth and Robert Waterman Jun^r should serve as Deacons in this Church." At the same meeting Jonathan Bosworth was appointed one of a committee of five "to assist the Pastor in discoursing with y^e Children of the Church that have fallen into any Open Sin, or with other offenders as there shall be occasion in order to bring them to a sight & sense of Sin and to prevent as much as possible all difficulties that may arise in the Church relating to such offenses." (Copied from Halifax Church Records.)

NOTE: Rev. John Cotton, pastor at this time, was first pastor of the Halifax Church.

Jan. 24, 1741/2†, "Deacon Jonathan Bozworth Dyed."

March 3, 1741/2, "Ruth Bozworth of Halifax" appointed admx. on the estate of her husband, and on *May 17, 1742*, the following inventory on his estate was taken:

"To his homestead land buildings and fences	£659..10..00
To all his meadow on Monponsett Brook	190..00..00
To all his right in the Cedar Swamp	17..00..00
	866..10..00
Real	866..10..00

†The compiler has supplied the double-date to this and the following entry, as it is evident that Jonathan's death occurred later than the date on which he was made deacon.

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To manufactory money	2..11..00
To wareing apparell	39.. 7.. 6
To neat Cattle (?) Sheep and Swine	107.. 7.. 0
To team tackling	20 18 0
To tools for Husbandry	3 15 0
To pewter, tin earthen & glass	11.. 2.. 4
To horse tackling and other household stuff	29..10.. 6
To Iron ware	80..19.. 0
To 1 bed, bedstead Coverlids, Shets & Curtains	27..13.. 0
To 3 beds and bed Cloathes	33.. 8.. 0
To Eleven pair of Sheets & other linen	31.. 4.. 8
	387..16.. 0
Personal	387..16.. 0
To Debts due the estate 27..13..10	
To Debts due from estate 25..18.. 4	

a Just and True appraisem^t of the estate which Deacon Jonathan Bosworth late of Hallifax dyed Seiz^d of." (Plymouth Pro. Rec., 8-475)

July 15, 1742, a committee was appointed by the Court at Plymouth, in response to the petition of Nehemiah Bosworth (brother of Jonathan) and Ruth Bosworth "relict widow of Jonathan Bosworth decd. and Guardian to his children all minors", setting forth that Nehemiah and Jonathan were copartners and held in common several parcels of land and meadow on the Brook called Monponsett Meadow Brook; the Committee to divide the land. The committee that served were: Robert Waterman, Barnabas Thompson and Giles Leach.

(Early Court Files, Boston Court House; No. 108524)

April 1, 1745, "Robert Waterman Junr. of Hallifax . . . Nominated and Allowed to be Guardian unto Jonathan Bosworth a Minor son of Jona. Bosworth late of Hallifax in the County of Plym^o. yeoman Deceased." On the same date Samuel Waterman was appointed guardian to Zadock, Noah and Ichabod, minor sons of Jonathan. (Case 2342)

NOTE: Robert and Samuel Waterman were uncles of Ruth, brothers of her mother, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Waterman. Jonathan being over 14, chose his great uncle Robert as his guardian, and the Court appointed Samuel.

May 21, 1745, Ruth Bosworth, as administratrix on the estate of her husband, presented her account to court, as follows:

"The admx. charges herself with the Personal Estate as contained in the inventory amounting in old tenour to the sum of £389..11..0
the charges against the estate amounting to 11.. 4..0
Account allowed." (Plymouth Pro., 12-252)

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On *April 8, 1751*, Jonathan⁶, eldest son of Jonathan⁵ and Ruth, reached the age of twenty-one, and on *July 29, 1751* another apprisement of the real estate was made, this time in "Lawful silver money" which amounted to £204: 5: 4, and on *Aug. 5, 1751* the Judge of Probate ordered as follows:

"I do hereby order & assign unto Jonathan Bozworth of Bridgewater . . . eldest son of Deacon Jonathan Bozworth late of Halifax . . . yeoman deceased all those pieces and parcels of land with the buildings . . . in Halifax . . . set forth and described in the return of Commissioners by me appointed . . . provided the said Jonathan Bozworth of Bridgewater shall . . . pay unto the rest of the before named deceased children their Legal Representatives or Guardians the Several sums of money hereafter in this my Decree . . . ordered to be paid together with the Interest . . . to commence on and from the fifth day of August 1751 and both principal and interest to be paid if Demanded on or before the fifth day of August 1752."

NOTE: Previous to this time, the only daughter, Alice had married on Dec. 15, 1743, Eleazer Waterman; and the second son, Jabez had died.

The Judge also ordered that Jonathan was first to pay the charges relating to the settlement of the estate "amt'ing in the whole to 20 shillings lawful money then to pay unto Ellis Waterman wife of Eleazer Waterman eldest daughter of said deceased £19 . . 9 . . 1 in like money with ye Lawful Interest for the same to Zadock Bozworth Noah Bozworth Ichabod Bozworth and to the heirs of Jabez Bozworth deceased being ye Children of the said Jonathan deceased the like sum of £19 . . 9 . . 1 in like money . . . and the sum of £9 . . 14 . . 6½ in like money unto the said Ellis Zadock Noah Ichabod and to the heirs of Jabez deceased each within three months next after the Decease of their mother Ruth Bosworth widow of the said Jonathan deceased." (Plymouth Pro. 12-252)

Ruth remained a widow for seventeen years after the death of Jonathan, and then married Joseph Packard 2nd of Bridgewater, Sept. 27, 1759. (Bridgewater and Halifax Records). He died (no date could be found), leaving her again a widow.

After the death of her second husband, Ruth made her home with her son Zadock, who was a widower with two children, and in his will, made in 1775, Zadock provides that she shall have the right to live in his house, and have the use of the orchard and "her firewood cut and brought to her door."

June 12, 1786, Ruth Packard of Halifax made her will, which was probated May 4, 1789; in it she bequeathed as follows: "unto the Heirs of my son Jonathan Bozworth deceased one fifth part of all my Estate to be equally

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Divided Between them . . . unto my Daughter Else Waterman one Fifth Part of all my Estate . . . unto the heirs of my son Zadock Bozworth Deceased one Fifth Part of all my Estate that is one third Part of said Fifth to Waterman Bosworth and Two Thirds of said Fifth to Elezebeth Bozworth said Elezebeth to Take Her Two Thirds out First . . . unto my Son Noah Bozworth one Fifth Part of all my Estate . . . unto my son Ichabod Bozworth one Fifth Part of all my Estate: to them and their Heirs and assigns Forever and I Do by this my Last will and Testament Constitute and appoint my Son Ichabod Bozworth sole executor" etc.

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Will was probated May 4, 1789, Ruth called a widow and adm. committed unto Ichabod Bosworth, yeoman, who gave bonds for 140 pounds with Ebenezer Thompson, Esqr. and Andrew Bearce, yeomen, all of Halifax. Inventory £76. . 8. . 8.

Ruth died, Feb. 3, 1789, aged 84, and is buried beside her first husband in Monponsett Cemetery, Halifax, Mass.

CHILDREN

of Jonathan⁵ and 2nd wife Ruth (Tilson) Bosworth,
born in Halifax, Mass.*

- i—an unnamed infant, child of first wife.
- 329 + ii—ALICE⁶, b. Sept. 30, 1727; d. (——) m. Eleazer Waterman.
- 330 + iii—JONATHAN⁶, b. April 8, 1730; d. Feb. 4, 1767; m. (1) Mary Paine, (2) Mrs. Abigail (or Abiel) (Lothrop) Alger.
- 331 iv—JABEZ⁶, b. July 3, 1732; d. Dec. 3, 1747, aged 17 yrs.
- 332 + v—ZADOCK⁶, b. Dec. 2, 1734; d. Dec. 10, 1775; m. (1) Martha Waterman, (2) Elizabeth Smith.
- 333 + vi—NOAH⁶, b. March 4, 1736/7; d. in Sumner, Me., about 1811; m. Lydia Ripley.
- 334 + vii—ICHABOD⁶, b. July 9, 1739; d. Sept. 15, 1808; m. Lydia Standish.

*These births are recorded at Halifax, but the first four occurred while the town was still Plympton and had not been set off as Halifax.

NEHEMIAH⁵ BOSWORTH, third and youngest son of David⁴ (*Jonathan, Jr.*³, *Jonathan*², *Edward*¹) and Mercy (Sturtevant), born in Plymouth, Mass., March 15, 1702/3; died in Halifax, Mass., Dec. 22, 1762; married (1) in Plympton, Mass., Jan. 27, 1725/6, SUSANNAH RING, daughter of Eleazer² (Andrew¹) and Mary (Shaw) Ring, born in Plymouth, April 9, 1705; died in Plympton, Sept. 10, 1728; married (2) in Plympton, March 26, 1729, by Rev. Isaac Cushman, first minister of the Plympton church, SARAH THOMSON*, daughter of Peter² (John¹ and Mary (Cooke) and Sarah (——) Thompson. No record of birth or death found.

NOTE: Susannah Ring was first cousin of Priscilla Shaw, wife of David Bosworth, Jr. (See notes on Shaw in David history No. 133). The proof that Sarah was a daughter of Peter and Sarah Thomson, will be found under Land Records. Mary Cooke, wife of John¹ Thomson, was a daughter of Francis Cooke of the Mayflower, hence the descendants of Sarah (Thomson) Bosworth have another line of Mayflower ancestry, beside the one through Nehemiah from John Howland.

Nehemiah seems, like his brother Jonathan (See Note in his history, No. 134), to have been born, lived and died, in the same place. His wife, Sarah, was baptized and received into full communion with the Halifax Church, Nov. 12, 1738, by Rev. John Cotton, first minister of that church. Nehemiah was received into full communion, Dec. 3, 1738, and on Dec. 17 following, their six children, Deborah (child of the first wife), John, Peter, Nehemiah, David and Sarah were baptized. Susanna, a child born later, was baptized Nov. 11, 1739. The daughter Deborah was received into full communion, April 17, 1743, by Rev. John Cotton.

Nehemiah held several town offices for on the Town Records we find that he was appointed "Tythingman," March 31, 1735. Some time following this he was appointed "Pound Keeper" and constable, for on March 18, 1744/5, the record reads:

"Nehemiah Bozworth again chosen Pound Keeper and Constable"

March 26, 1746, chosen Surveyor of Highways, and again made Pound Keeper.

*This name was spelled Tomson in all the early records.

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LAND RECORDS

Nehemiah's land records begin on Aug. 5, 1726, when at the age of 23 he bought "a parcel of Meadow Ground" in Plympton on the S.E. side of Saturkett Brook, of Ichabod Standish of Middleborough.

Sept. 23, 1731, Nehemiah acquired land by his second wife, formerly Sarah Thomson; her father Peter Thomson having died, her mother Sarah, deeded to three sons, Peter, James and Joseph Tomson, and Sarah, wife of Nehemiah Bosworth, "Uplands meadows swamps and sawmill and all Buildings whatsoever which my late husband Peter Tomson late of Plympton . . . Deceased Dyed siezed of . . . to settle the same among themselves." The same day the settlement was made and Sarah received as follows:

"It is agreed that Sarah Bozworth the wife of Nehemiah Bozworth & her heirs & assigns forever shall have a lot of land Containing by estimation 156 acres lying . . . in ye . . . Sniptuett purchase . . . and also Eleven thirtieth parts of said Fathers share of Cedar Swamp lying in . . . Black Brook Cedar Swamp in ye aforesaid Sniptuett purchase The whole Share Containing about 36 acres . . . also in moveables which she hath already had 52 . . . 4 . . . 3* also she hath already paid to her by her Brother Peter Tomson 39 . . . 15 . . . 0* In full of her part." Nehemiah and Sarah each signed this agreement, Sarah making her mark S. Sarah Tomson, the mother also signed with her mark (a cross), and also executed another paper which reads: "For a valuable Consideration together with the love & good affection which I have and do bear unto my four children . . . all of the town of Plympton . . . do. Release & forever Quit Claim . . . all my Right of Dower or thirds which I have . . . in all ye Real Estate . . . which my late husband Peter Tomson . . . dyed siezed."

(Plymouth Probate records, 6-92,95)

On the same date Nehemiah's father, David, deeded him property as may be seen in Part III, p. 245.

Dec. 16, 1732, William Sturtevant, an uncle of Nehemiah, for £8, deeded him one-half his share of land in the Kings Cedar Swamp in Plympton; and at the same time his brother Jonathan bought the other half for the same price.

(Plym. Deeds, 28-106)

Feb. 3, 1736/7, Nehemiah bought land in Halifax, 35 $\frac{1}{8}$ a. for £22.

(Plym. Deeds, 31-45)

July 1, 1738, Nehemiah sold the land bought in 1726, lying on the "Saturkett Brook . . . on ye Town line between Hallifax and Bridgewater", to John Tomson who was probably his brother-in-law.

(Plym. Deeds, 32-113)

*Probably meaning pounds, shillings and pence.

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July 22, 1738, Nehemiah bought more land in Halifax on the "Monponsett Meadow Brook."
(Plym. Deeds, 32-86)

March 2, 1740, Nehemiah bought $5\frac{1}{2}$ a. of cedar swamp of Benj. Curtis, for £10.
(Plym. Deeds, 34-51)

July 22, 1740, He again bought meadow ground in Halifax, for £40, of Shubael Bierce.
(Plym. Deeds, 34-50)

July 31, 1740, Nehemiah and Sarah, his wife, "Quit Claim" unto brothers Peter and Joseph Tomson "all the Right title" which they had in the estate "which our Honoured Mother Sarah Tomson of Hallifax . . . Widow shall dy Siezed of." Signed by Nehemiah and Sarah. (Plym. Deeds, 33-168)

May 11, 1743, Amasa Tomson for £11 "in bills of Credit of the old Tenure" deeds to "Nehemiah Bozworth of Hallifax" $2\frac{3}{4}$ a. in Halifax, a part of Tomson's homestead land.
(Plym. Deeds, 37-131)

April 13, 1747, Nehemiah sold the land he bought of Shubael Bierce in 1740.
(Plym. Deeds, 38-190)

April 30, 1747, He sold the $3\frac{5}{8}$ a. bought on Feb. 3, 1736/7.
(Plym. Deeds, 43-245)

Aug. 10, 1749, John Tomson, Second and Barnabas Tomson, for £13, deed to Nehemiah $1\frac{1}{2}$ a. "land in Halifax lying on the S.W. side of the country road that leadeth from Bridgewater to Plympton and S.W. from the meeting house in Halifax."
(Plym. Deeds, 40-112)

Sept. 18, 1749, Nehemiah exchanged land in the town of Halifax with the authorities of the town, each giving deeds. Sarah's name was signed with Nehemiah's to his deed.
(Plym. Deeds, 40-139)

Dec. 12, 1751, Nehemiah Bosworth and Zachariah Standish, both of Halifax, make an agreement to straighten a boundary.
(Plym. Deeds, 41-157)

Feb. 24, 1755, Peter Tomson, for £18. .7s. .4d., deeds to Nehemiah, $34\frac{3}{4}$ a. in the township of Rochester, land which fell to him from his brother James Tomson deceased.
(Plym. Deeds, 43-117)

April 10, 1758, Nehemiah, "for and in consideration of ye love and good affection which I bear unto my son John Bozworth of the town of Halifax together with other good causes" etc. deeds "all that my Homestead Land whereon I now dwell lying and being in the town of Halifax . . . And also all my other Lands meadows or swamp lands . . . in Halifax . . . Always reserving unto myself the whole use and improvement of all ye above-said Premisses During my natural life Also reserving unto my loving wife Sarah ye use and improvement of one third part thereof During her Natural Life if she outlive me."
(Plym. Deeds, 45-111)

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On the same date Nehemiah and Sarah made three other deeds, conveying the balance of their property to their other children. The first: "For and in Consideration of the love goodwill and affection which we bear unto our son Nehemiah Bozworth of the town of Rochester, together with other good causes" etc. deeds 54½ a. in township of Rochester, adjoining "lot which did belong unto our brother Peter Tomson . . . and also one half of our Right and Interest in the fourth share of Cedar Swamp . . . said whole share containing about 36 acres and did formerly belong unto our Honoured Father Peter Tomson deceased."

The next, beginning with the same formula, continues: "which we bear unto our children Nehemiah and David Bozworth both of the town of Rochester and Sarah and Susanna Bozworth both of the town of Halifax . . . Together with other causes . . . a certain parcel of land containing by estimation about 156 acres in Snipetuet Purchase in Middleborough . . . to be divided—⅓ to Nehemiah—⅓ to David—⅓ to Sarah and Susanna. The third, in the same manner as to the others, conveys 72¾ a. in township of Rochester, to son David. (Plym. Deeds, 45-112, 113)

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There was a Nehemiah Bosworth who did Military service during the years 1759, 60 and 61, and it would seem, judging from this Nehemiah's age, that it must be the son Nehemiah, were it not for the fact that in one of the papers at Boston, his age is given as 57; also that he is called "of Halifax," while the son Nehemiah was "of Rochester." (See above deeds.) It may be possible that both the father and son were with the English forces in Canada, making war on the French. The compiler cannot decide, but will give copies of the papers on file in Boston and leave those interested to draw their own conclusions. They read as follows:

"Nehemiah Bosworth Appears on a Muster Roll sworn to in Boston Feb. 6, 1759 of a company of foot in His Majesty's service under Capt. Gamaliel Bradford in Col. Thomas Doty's Regt. raised by the province of Massachusetts Bay for the reduction of Canada. A Private of the town of Halifax. Entered service April 7, (year not given; probably 1758). Served until Sept. 4. Length of service 5 mos. 11 days. Day's travel 16. Reported discharged Aug. 19. Reported charged £3 for arms not returned."

(Mass. Archives, Vol. 98, p. 148)

"Nehemiah Bosworth Appears on a Muster Roll sworn to at Halifax, Nova Scotia, Feb. 28, 1760, of a company in His Majesty's service under the command of Capt. Lemuel Dunber, Col. John Thomas' Regt. a Private Residence Halifax, Plymouth Co. Enlisted and entered service April 2 Served until Nov. 1. Length of service 30 wks. 4 days. (Year not given.) Endorsed 1759 . . . at Halifax." (Mass. Archives, Vol. 97, p. 289)

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“Nehemiah Bosworth Appears on a Return of men enlisted for His Majesty’s service for the total reduction of Canada, 1760. Enlisted April 5.”
(Same, 98-97)

In the same volume, on page 100, the above is repeated, followed by—
“Enlisted by Daniel Reed Apr. 8. Age 57. Birthplace Halifax. Residence Halifax. Certificate on reverse dated Plymouth ss. April 8, 1760, signed by Gamaliel Bradford Commissary of Musters states that said Bosworth and others were mustered and attested and delivered to Daniel Reed.”

“Nehemiah Bosworth Appears on a Muster Roll dated Boston, March 5, 1761 of a company in His Majesty’s service under the command of Capt. Daniel Reed a Private Residence Halifax. Entered service March 16 Served until Nov. 17. (Year not given.) Length of service 35 weeks 2 days Reported 180 miles travel home Allowed. Company commanded by Capt. Jonathan Shores to Aug. 15. Endorsed 1760.”

(Mass. Archives, Vol. 98, p. 325)

Nehemiah Bosworth died in Halifax, Dec. 22, 1762, “in the 60th year of his age.”

CHILDREN

of Nehemiah⁵ Bosworth
by 1st wife Susannah Ring,
born in Plympton, Mass.

- 335 i—DEBORAH⁶, b. Nov. 19, 1726; d. in Halifax, Mass. in her 20th year, April 21, 1746.
336 ii—SUSANNAH⁶, b. Sept. 8, 1728; d. Dec. 8, 1729, aged 15 mos.

By 2nd wife, Sarah Tomson,
born in Plympton.

- 337 + iii—JOHN⁶, b. Dec. 29, 1729; d. in Halifax, previous to Feb. 1, 1802; m. Sarah Jackson.
338 + vi—NEHEMIAH⁶, b. April 3, 1731; d. in Rochester, Mass. previous to Dec. 24, 1802; m. Sarah Goodspeed.
339 v—PETER⁶, b. Jan. 2, 1732/3; d. in Halifax, Nov. 9, 1740.

Born in Halifax

- 340 vi—DAVID⁶, b. Nov. 28, 1735; d. previous to Dec. 16, 1766; m. Patience Bosworth, pub. at Rochester, Mass., Nov. 5, 1758.
341 + vii—SARAH⁶, b. Dec. 5, 1737; d. in Keene, N. H., Apr. 25, 1826; m. Cornelius Sturtevant.
342 + viii—SUSANNA⁶, b. Nov. 8, 1739; d. —————; m. Jesse Sturtevant.

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NOTE: Eleazer Ring of Kingston, Mass. in his will dated June 5, 1738, bequeathed to "Deborah Bosworth; my granddaughter, the daughter of my daughter, Susannah Bosworth." He willed to five daughters and this granddaughter.

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HANNAH⁵ BOSWORTH, only daughter and youngest child of David⁴ (*Jonathan, Jr.*³. *Jonathan*², *Edward*¹) and Mercy (Sturtevant), born in Plymouth, Mass., June 24, 1705; died in Plympton, Mass., Nov. 5, 1781; married, Feb. 24, 1725, by Jacob Tomson, J. of P., in Middleborough, Mass., WILLIAM RIPLEY, son of William and Mary (Corbison), born in West Bridgewater, Mass., March 10, 1702; died ————. Both were of Plympton at the time of their marriage, but they must have removed later to Kingston, Mass., for all their children except the first two, were born there. However they returned to Plympton, at least Hannah did, where she ended her days.

CHILDREN

of William and Hannah (Bosworth) RIPLEY
the first two born in Plympton, the others in Kingston.

- 343 i—WILLIAM RIPLEY, JR., b. July 3, 1726; d. in Plympton, Apr. 27, 1805, "aged 78 y. 9 m. 13 d. New Style"; m. Jan. 5, 1749, Lydia Ring of Plympton. Their children born in Kingston were—
- 1—David Ripley, b. Dec. 7, 1749.
 - 2—Eleazer Ripley, b. Oct. 22, 1751.
- Born in Plympton:
- 3—Grace Ripley, b. Oct. 26, 1753; m. Apr. 8, 1773, George Bisbee.
 - 4—Sarah Ripley, b. Sept. 23, 1757.
 - 5—Lydia Ripley, b. Oct. 1, 1759; m. June 29, 1780, Gideon Sampson, Jr.
 - 6—Marcy Ripley, b. Sept. 11, 1761.
 - 7—Francis Ripley, b. July 26, 1763; m. Apr. 11, 1790, Elizabeth Pratt, dau. of Nathaniel. Their dau. Sophia, m. John Tinkham of Middleboro.
 - 8—Daniel Ripley, b. July 10, 1767.
 - 9—Isaac Ripley, b. Dec. 11, 1769.
 - 10—Levy Ripley, b. Mar. 7, 1772.
 - 11—John Ripley, b. May 8, 1774.

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- 344 ii—SARAH RIPLEY, b. Jan. 22, 1728; d. ———; m. Dec. 3, 1746, Seth Chipman, eldest son of Seth of Kingston. b. there Nov. 1, 1724; d. at sea in charge of a vessel, in 1766. Their children were—
 1—Sarah Chipman, b. May 5, 1764; m. Oliver Bradford, a descendant of Gov. Bradford of the Mayflower.
 2—Mercy Chipman, b. June 29, 1766, m. Philemon Fuller of Plympton.
- 345 iii—MARY RIPLEY, b. May 3, 1732; d. Mar. 15, 1739, ae. 6y. 10 mo. 19 d.
- 346 iv—DAVID RIPLEY, b. Apr. 15, 1734; d. Mar. 21, 1739, ae. 4 y. 11 m. 11 d.
- 347 v—LYDIA RIPLEY, b. Dec. 5, 1739; prob. m. her cousin, Noah Bosworth, son of Jonathan, (No. 333).
- 348 vi—PATIENCE RIPLEY, b. Nov. 16, 1742.
- 349 vii—SUSANNAH RIPLEY, b. Oct. 20, 1745.
- 350 viii—SAMUEL RIPLEY, b. Sept. 11, 1747.
- 351 ix—MOLLY RIPLEY, b. Mar. 5, 1749/50.

Hannah (Bosworth) Ripley died in Plympton, Nov. 5, 1781, in her 77th year, and is buried in the old cemetery at Plympton Center.

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ELIZABETH⁵ BOSWORTH, eldest daughter of John⁴ (*Jonathan, Jr.*³, *Jonathan*², *Edward*¹), and Elizabeth (Toogood), born in Swansea, Mass., April 30, 1703; died at Barrington, Mass. (now R. I.), April 7, 1725; married about 1720, JOHN THOMAS, JR., son of John. They lived in the region that was called at various times, Swansea, Barrington, and Warren. After the death of Elizabeth, he married a second wife named Marcy (——) and had other children; Sarah who married Jonathan Viall; Mary who married John Stewart; two sons, Morris and Lewis Thomas; two other daughters who married, one a Mason, the other a Chaffee, and possibly a daughter Ruth who died Jan. 15, 1740.

NOTE: John Thomas, according to "The Thomas Book" (compiled by Lawrence Buckley Thomas, D. D.; pub. 1896), was son of John Thomas, an "Inn Holder", who married at Providence in 1696, Elizabeth Viall. He was a cooper by trade.

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CHILDREN

of John and Elizabeth (Bosworth) THOMAS
born in Barrington, R. I.

- 352 i—JOHN THOMAS, JR., b. Sept. 30, 1721; m. Elizabeth Peck and had dau. Elizabeth Thomas, b. June 29, 1745.
- 353 ii—ELIZABETH THOMAS, b. Aug. 11, 1723; m. (1) Mar. 15, 1745, Nathaniel Hunt, who died in Rehoboth, Sept. 10, 1744, five days before the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth Hunt; m. (2) Dec. 3, 1746, Israel Peck and had ch. b. in Rehoboth
- 1—Zerlinda Peck, b. Sept. 12, 1748.
 - 2—Cyrell Peck, b. Aug. 14, 1750.
 - 3—Israel Winchester Peck, b. Jan. 27, 1753.
 - 4—Hannah Peck, b. Nov. 21, 1756.
 - 5—Emma Peck, b. Oct. 2, 1760.

NOTE: On *July 3, 1747*, John Thomas, Jr. (the son) "of Rehoboth, cooper," for ten pounds, old tenor, quitclaimed to his uncle, Richard Thomas "all such Estate Right title Interest or Demand that I . . . have or ought to have to my Grandmother Elizabeth Thurbers third part of the Real Estate of her former husband John Bosworth deceased" etc.

(Warren Deeds, 1-24)

On *Feb. 26, 1746/7*, Israel Peck of Rehoboth, joiner, and Elizabeth his wife (sister of the above John Thomas, Jr.) sell land to Richard Thomas, shipwright, 4 a. of land in Barrington, the boundary line beginning "Between the land formerly Belonging to Nicholas Tanner and the land theretofore Belonging to John Bosworth Thence running SWly by the Road or highway that leads to Nockum Hill 26 rds. thence Ely by the land formerly Belonging to Benjamin Hunt" etc. Signed by Israel and Elizabeth Peck; Hannah Peck a witness.

(Warren Deeds, 1-23)

Sept. 5, 1747, Israel and Elizabeth Peck of Rehoboth, Innholder, "for Divers Good Causes & Considerations moving" quitclaims to Richard Thomas of Warren, "Shipwright . . . all such Rights . . . as they . . . had may or ought to have in or to the Real Estate of ye sd Elizabeths Grandfather John Bosworth of Barrington now Warren Deceasd which might to us have any wise accrued by virtue of the Thirds Devoulved to my Grandmother Elizabeth Thurber (of sd Barrington now called Warren) out of sd Estate."

William Bucklin }
Patience Saben } Witnesses

Signed

Israel Peck
Elizabeth Peck
(Warren Deeds, 1-100)

MARY⁶ BOSWORTH, second daughter of John⁴ (*Jonathan*, *Fr.*³, *Jonathan*², *Edward*¹) and Elizabeth Toogood, born in Swansea, Mass., April 4, 1705; (no record of death found); married at Swansea, March 27, 1727, RICHARD THOMAS, (probably a brother of John Thomas, son of John, who married Mary's sister, Elizabeth.)

On the death of her father, Samuel Goff was appointed guardian to Mary, her sister Anna and her brother Nathaniel, Mary being a minor at that time although 19 years old. (See Part III, p. 251). It is probable that John Thomas, "Cordwainer", whose land adjoined that of John Bosworth, and who gave bonds with Samuel Goff, was John, Sr., the father of John and Richard, husbands of Elizabeth and Mary Bosworth.

Richard Thomas, who is called in deeds, a "Shipwright of Barrington," seems to have been a man who was successful in acquiring property, for by reference to the histories of Mary's brothers, Nathaniel, David and Oliver Bosworth, the three that went to Connecticut, it will be seen that Richard Thomas, between January 1741 and May 1744, bought of these brothers-in-law of his, all the land that was assigned to them from their father's estate and also their claims to shares in their mother's "thirds."

Feb. 23, 1741/2, Richard Thomas, for £150, sells to "Benjamin Easterbrooke of Swanzey Sailor . . . Two certain Pieces of Land in Swanzey . . . one near to Mr. Samuel Miller with a house and Barn," also "Two Small Lotts of Land in sd Swanzey above sd Laid out in the Right of Mr. Jonathan Bosworth in Brookes pasture Second Division . . . Bounded as may appear by Swanzey Land Records reference thereto being had sd Lotts Being numbered :35:&:36:"

Perez Bradford } Witnesses
John Carpenter }

(Warren Deeds, 1-159)

July 3, 1747, John Thomas, Jr., of Rehoboth, "Carpenter", for £10 "old tenour", quit claims to Richard Thomas, of Warren, Shipwright, all his right "in or to my Grandmother Elizabeth Thurber's Third part in the Real Estate of her former husband John Bosworth deceased in what town soever the same may be."

George and Esther Brown, Witnesses.

(Warren Deeds, 1-24)

NOTE: The above John Thomas, Jr. was the son of John and Elizabeth (Bosworth) Thomas.

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Dec. 31, 1748, James Thomas "of Swanzey, yeoman", sells to Richard Thomas of Warren, Shipwright, 11 acres of land in Warren, bounded on the east by land "formerly John Bosworths now in possession of Richard Thomas", and on the south "Partly by Salt Meadow and Partly by the Bank." . . . "There is a two Rod way through sd Land by Record."

Elizabeth Luther } Witnesses
Edward Luther } (Warren Deeds, 1-87)

March 28, 1758, Richard Thomas sold to John Kelley of Warren, several pieces of land in Warren, which included "half an acre of Salt Meadow Lying partly in Warren and partly in Swansey by the Upland Called Burying Place Hill"; also one acre in possession "of the widow Elizabeth Thurber."

Edward Kelley } Witnesses Signed Richard Thomas
Edward Bosworth } Susanna Thomas
(Warren Deeds, 1-355)

NOTE: The above John Kelley was the husband of Mary's younger sister Lydia. It is evident from the above that some time between 1748 and 1758 Mary had died and Richard had married a second wife named Susanna.

CHILDREN

of Richard and Mary (Bosworth) THOMAS
born in Swansea, Mass., now Warren, R. I.

- 354 i—RACHEL THOMAS, b. Jan. 26, 1727-8.
- 355 ii—ASA THOMAS, b. Sept. 30, 1729.
- 356 iii—RUTH THOMAS, b. Dec. 19, 1731; m. 1768, William Barton; Ch. Amos Thomas Barton, Lillis Barton, William Barton and Patience Barton.
- 357 iv—SANFORD THOMAS, b. April 24, 1734.
- 358 v—MARY THOMAS, b. Sept. 9, 1736; m. Edward Kelley, 1769.
- 359 vi—ISAAC THOMAS, b. May 5, 1739.
- 360 vii—CALEB THOMAS, b. Mar. 28, 1741.
- 361 viii—ELIZABETH THOMAS, b. Sept. 9, 1743.
- 362 ix—SARAH THOMAS, b. Jan. 30, 1745-6; m. 1774, Isaac Gorham.
- 363 x—ANNE (of HANNAH) THOMAS, b. Dec. 3, 1748; m. 1780, Nathan Carpenter; Ch. Morris Thomas Carpenter, b. 1781.

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ANNA⁵ (or HANNAH) BOSWORTH, third daughter of John⁴ (*Jonathan, Jr.*³, *Jonathan*², *Edward*¹) and Elizabeth (Toogood), born in Swansea, Mass., 1706 (See footnote on p. 257 Part III); died after 1780; married Dec. 8, 1734, at Barrington, Mass. (now R. I.), by Elder Joseph Mason, SAMUEL⁴ BULLOCK, who was probably the eldest son of Ebenezer and

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Sarah (Moulton) Bullock, born in Rehoboth, Mass., Nov. 17, 1703; died previous to Oct. 23, 1780.

NOTE: Richard¹ Bullock from England, (freeman at Rehoboth, 1646), by first wife Elizabeth Ingraham, had son Samuel, (his eldest child) born in Rehoboth, Aug. 19, 1648. This son, Deacon Samuel², married Thankful Rouse (Renef), and their eldest son was Ebenezer³, born in Swansea, Feb. 22, 1676, who married Sarah Moulton, at Rehoboth, March 29, 1698. Their eldest son was Samuel⁴, who is sometimes referred to as "Samuel, Jr.," no doubt because his grandfather Samuel was still living in the same town. It is quite probable that this is the Samuel who married Anna Bosworth.

The family of John, father of Anna, were Baptists, therefore she was not baptized in infancy, but received that rite in the Baptist Church of Swansea, Oct. 17, 1734, at the age of 28, a few months before her marriage.*

This daughter of John⁴ is more often called Anna, but it is probable that she was named Hannah from her grandmother, Hannah (Howland) Bosworth, daughter of John Howland, the Mayflower Pilgrim.

Samuel⁴ Bullock made his will Nov. 30, 1764, but it was not probated until Oct. 23, 1780. In it he bequeaths to

"beloved wife Annah Bullock", gives her loom and tackling and all his "indoor moveable estate, one bed & furniture to the value of seven pounds fifteen shillings . . . I Likewise give to my said wife so long as she shall Remain my widow the east end of my Dwelling—Likewise one cow to be kept for her by my Executors both winter & summer and my will is if that cow shall die by any disease or accident that my Executors Give her another Likewise sufficient fire wood cut fit for her fire and Brought to the door by my Executors Likewise one hundred weight of pork fifty wt. of Beef ten Bushel of Indian Corn and three of Rie ten pound of wool and ten pound of flax and the value of Twenty Shillings in West India Goods such as my sd wife shall choose all which to be provided and delivered to my sd wife by my Executors yearly and every year during the time she remains my widow but if my sd wife shall see cause to marry then my will is that she acquit to my Executors those things Given her during the time she Remains my widow and in Lieu thereof my Executors to pay her three pounds a year yearly and every year during her Natural Life all of which I give to my said wife in Lieu of her Dowry and desire her to accept thereof."

*This was found in the old records of the Swansea Baptist Church that were begun in Swansea, Wales, now kept in a safe-deposit drawer at Fall River, Mass. For this and much other data, I am indebted to Mrs. Belle Eastman Knowiton of Providence, R. I., a Bosworth descendant.

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Besides the above, he willed to "Daughter Lidia the wife of John Brown"; "To Daughter Rachel Bullock"; and "To Daughter Patience Bullock." The balance to be divided equally between his two sons, Stephen and David, they to be executors.

CHILDREN

of Samuel, Jr. and Anna (Bosworth) BULLOCK,
born in Rehoboth, Mass.

- 364 i—STEPHEN BULLOCK, b. Oct. 10, 1735; m. Oct. 30, 1760, Mary Horton, both of Rehoboth. Their children were:
 1—Darius Bullock, b. Oct. 21, 1761; m. Chloe Pearce.
 2—Asa Bullock, b. May 3, 1763; m. Jerusha Allen.
 3—Lydia Bullock, b. Mar. 23, 1765.
 4—Mehitable Bullock, b. Aug. 3, 1767; m. Robert Goff of Dighton.
 5—Samuel Bullock, b. Jan. 10, 1769; d. July 31, 1860.
 6—Stephen Bullock, b. May 5, 1772.
 7—Hannah Bullock, b. July 4, 1776.
 8—Mary Bullock, b. Mar. 10, 1778.
 9—Candace Bullock, b. Apr. 30, 1780.
- 365 ii—LYDIA BULLOCK, b. Dec. 28, 1737; prob. m. July 1, 1762, John Brown, Jr., both of Rehoboth.
 (Stephen and Lydia were both married by Elder Richard Round, Jr.) Children of John, Jr. (or 2nd) and Lydia (Bullock) Brown, b. in Rehoboth.
 1—Vashti Brown, b. May 5, 1766.
 2—Lydia Brown, b. Nov. 28, 1770.
 3—Delight Brown, b. Feb. 9, 1774.
 4—Mary Brown, b. Sept. 22, 1777.
 5—Nancy Brown, b. Dec. 11, 1779.
- 366 iii—DAVID BULLOCK, b. May 25, 1740.
- 367 iv—RACHEL BULLOCK, b. June 23, 1742. On Sept. 25, 1762, there was an intention of marriage published, between John Anthony of Warren and Rachel Bullock, but she seems not to have married him, but probably became the second wife of Elder Jabez Wood of Swansea, being married by Elder John Hix, Jan. 1, 1776; however she probably died soon after, for on May 4, 1780, Elder Jabez Wood was married by the same Elder John Hix, to Mary Round.
- 368 v—PATIENCE BULLOCK, b. Apr. 16, 1747; m. at Rehoboth, Dec. 19, 1771, Peter Carpenter, 2nd, of Rehoboth. Children of Peter and Patience (Bullock) Carpenter, b. in Rehoboth:
 1—Rachel Carpenter, b. Mar. 23, 1774; d. Apr. 24, 1775.
 2—Zerlinda Carpenter, b. Jan. 27, 1776.
 3—Patience Carpenter, b. Mar. 28, 1778.
 4—Lemuel Carpenter, b. Nov. 18, 1779.
 5—Peter Carpenter, b. Sept. 5, 1782; d. July 3, 1785.
 6—Rachel Carpenter, b. Aug. 24, 1784.
 7—Peter Carpenter, b. May 25, 1787.

NATHANIEL⁵ BOSWORTH, known by the title of "Deacon"; fourth child and eldest son of John⁴ (*Jonathan, Jr.*³, *Jonathan*², *Edward*¹) and Elizabeth (Toogood), born in Swansea, Mass., Aug. 14, 1709; died in Sandisfield, Berkshire county, Mass., Oct. 25, 1807; married (1) in Lebanon, Conn., Nov. 22, 1733, BETHIA HINCKLEY, daughter of Gershom and Mary (Buell) Hinckley, born in Lebanon, Jan. 27, 1713; died in Middletown, Conn., Jan. 21, 1748/9; married (2) in Middletown, June 14, 1750, ELIZABETH EDDY, eldest daughter of John Eddy of the "Township of Chatham, Conn. Parish of East Hampton." She died in Sandisfield, Dec. 27, 1808, in the 79th year of her age.

NOTE: According to records furnished me by Charles Nutt, a genealogist, now deceased, for which the compiler does not vouch, Gershom Hinckley was the son of John and Bethia (Lothrop) Hinckley, and grandson of Samuel Hinckley, the immigrant and his wife Sarah; also grandson of Thomas Lothrop (or Lathrop), whose wife was Sarah (Larnard) Ewer, widow of Thomas Ewer. The father of Thomas Lathrop was Rev. John Lathrop, minister at Egerton, England, and Barnstable, Mass., said to be "one of the greatest men of the Puritan church in New England. Samuel Hinckley of Scituate, came from England with his wife Sarah in the ship 'Hercules' of Sandwich, from Tenterden, County Kent."

In the will of John Eddy, dated Apr. 8, 1782 and probated May 4, 1789, he bequeathed to three sons and three daughters, the eldest of the daughters being Elizabeth Bosworth. His wife's name at that time was Phebe, but the compiler has no way of knowing that she was the mother of Elizabeth; in fact it seems more probable that she was a second wife, one reason being that Elizabeth had three daughters and none of them named Phebe.

It appears that Nathaniel, and his brothers David and Oliver, went from their boyhood home in Swansea ("alias Barrington") in their young manhood, to Lebanon, Conn. (See Part III, p. 256). Nathaniel married there and remained until about the early part of 1741, when he removed to Middletown. Here he remained for several years during which time his first wife died and he married a second. Two children of the first wife had been born in Lebanon and three more were born in Middletown. Two children of the second wife were born in Middletown, then in the latter part of 1757 he



SANDISFIELD CHURCH AND GRAVESTONE OF NATHANIEL BOSWORTH
WHO WAS ONE OF ITS FIRST DEACONS.



OLD BLACKSMITH SHOP IN NEW PRESTON, CONN., SAID TO
BE THAT OF CAPT. NATHANIEL BOSWORTH.

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removed to Sandisfield, Mass., where he lived the remainder of his life. Here six more children were born making thirteen in all.

As Nathaniel's father, John, was a Baptist, it is apparent that he did not receive the rite of baptism as a child, so, according to the records of the Goshen church, in Lebanon, he was baptized and taken into that church, July 23, 1732, at the age of 23, before his marriage to Bethia Hinckley, his first wife. On his removal to Middletown he seems to have united with the church at Middle Haddam (a town about 5½ miles east of Middletown), for on his removal to Sandisfield (which was sometime between July and December, 1757), he united with the church there, Jan. 15, 1758, by letter from the Congregational church at Middle Haddam, and later became a Deacon.

NOTE: The first church in the town of Sandisfield was the Congregational, organized in February 1756. The first pastor of the church was Rev. Cornelius Jones. The first church building was erected in 1757. (See Hist. of Western Mass., by J. G. Holland, p. 572). The records of the first ten years of the church are lost. The church was reorganized in February 1766 and Nathaniel was one who signed the covenant at that time. As stated above, he had already presented his letter from the church in Middle Haddam. Nathaniel became one of its deacons and held the office during the remainder of his life. (See picture of the church at Sandisfield taken by the compiler in 1906.)

LAND RECORDS

On Nov. 30, 1733, eight days after the marriage of Nathaniel to Bethia Hinkley, Gershom Hinkley of Lebanon, for £117.10s., deeded to his "Son in Law Nath^l. Bozworth of Lebanon . . . House joiner . . . a Certain Tract . . . of Land in Lebanon Containing by Estimation" 30 acres which was bounded on the west by Gershom Hinkley's own land. This deed was witnessed by Stephen Strong and Ebenezer West. (Lebanon, Conn. Deeds, 5-43)

Nov. 15, 1734, Nathaniel Bosworth of Lebanon, Windham county, Conn., "Housewright", for £13, deeds to Daniel Perrin of Rehoboth, "one quarter part of a piece of Salt Marsh Situate . . . in Barrington at or near a place commonly known and called by the name of Nocom Hill . . . Bounded Northerly the upland westerly the Ditch between James Wheelers Meadow & this Meadow Bounded Easterly & Southerly by the Salt Water." Rehoboth, Nov. 15, 1734. "Personally appeared Mr. Nathaniel Bosworth . . . and acknowledged the same" etc. (Taunton, Mass. Deeds, 24-189)

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Nov. 16, 1739, Nathaniel sold the 30 acres he bought of his father-in-law, to John Alden of Lebanon, for £520, "Currant Money of New England." (This was probably in "Old Tenor" and was not the advance in price which it appears.) (Lebanon, Conn., 6-79)

As will be seen by the following deed, Nathaniel bought a home in Middletown in December 1739. It may have been occupied at the time, for he did not remove there until over a year later, for in January 1741, as may be seen below, he was still called "of Lebanon", but by August of that year he had removed to Middletown and had purchased another farm adjoining his own. Here he remained for sixteen years; however after six years he sold one of the houses and three quarters of an acre of land to his youngest brother Oliver. Then in 1757 he sold the balance of his property in Middletown and prepared to "go west" as far as Sandisfield, or "No. 3," as it was then called.

Dec. 5, 1739, Nathaniel Bosworth of "Lebanon, County of Windham", for £496, buys 75 a. of land and "a dwelling house standing thereon", in Middletown on the east of the Connecticut river; bought of Morris Tiletson, Joseph Phelps and Timothy Phelps, Jr. "of Hebron in County of Hartford." (Middletown Deeds, 6-419)

Jan. 13, 1740/1, "Nathaniel Bozworth of Lebanon . . . son of John Bozworth of Barrington", sells to his broth-in-law, "Richard Thomas of Swanzey, all his right in his honrd. Mother Elizabeth Thurbers thirds In ye Estate of my honrd. father John Bozworth of Barrington . . . Decd." (Taunton Deeds, 33-289)

Aug. 24, 1741, "Nathaniel Bozworth of Middletown", for £343, buys 75 acres of land and a dwelling house, on the east of the Conn. river, just north of the land previously purchased. (Middletown Deeds, 9-432)

Oct. 2, 1741, Nathaniel Bosworth of Middletown, Hartford Co., Conn., for £100 deeds to Richard Thomas of Barrington, "shipwright", 5 a. of land in Barrington, bounded east and south "on a way West on my Mothers third in my honored father John Bosworths Estate North by land belonging to James Thomas . . . with all my Right and Interest in the Dwelling house and Barn which together with ye aforesaid 5 acres were set off and divided to me as part of my share in my said fathers real estate also all ye Right . . . I have in Reversion to my said Mothers Thirds or Dower In my said fathers Real Estate" etc. Ack. in Swansea on the same date. (Taunton Deeds, 33-289)

NOTE: By reference to page 253, Part III, it will be seen that the above included the land that was set off to Nathaniel in the year 1725, when a division of his father's estate was made.

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Sept. 26, 1747, "Nathaniel Bozworth of Middletown *Joynior*", for £110, deeds to "Oliver Bozworth of the same town . . . a Certain Dwelling House and About three Quarters of one Acre of Land", situated in Middletown "on the East Side of The Great River and is a part of that Lot originally granted to Mr. Nath^l. White . . . Bounded West on the Highway east on Land of John Hubbard North on Land of Henry Akin South on the Highway."

(Signed) Nath^l. Bozworth.

(Middletown Deeds, 12-6)

Dec. 22, 1755, Nathaniel, for £27.16.3. deeds to Benj. Bowers, 11 acres of land in Middletown, on the east side of the Conn. river "in the Great Lots so Called on the South East Part of *my Home Lot where I Now Dwell*" etc. "Also Half a Quarter of an Acre of Land partly adjoining to said Eleven Acres . . . bounded East on a Highway and extending so far north on said Highway as to be even with said Eleven Acres."

(Middletown Deeds, 14-268)

Apr. 19, 1757, Nathaniel, for £280, sold 68 a. on the east side of the Conn. river "bounded North on Philip Goffs land South on the Rev. Mr. Bowers Land East on a Highway West on Connecticut river together with the Dwelling House and Barn Standing on Said Land."

(Middletown Deeds, 17-464)

July 14, 1757, Daniel Brown "of No. 3", for £30, deeds to "Nathaniel Bozworth of Middletown in the County of Hartford and Colony of Connecticut in New England", land in "No. 3", 80 a. the "16th Lot in number in the 3rd Division." (This section called "No. 3" became later the town of Sandisfield.)

(Pittsfield Deeds, 4-151)

July 31, 1757, Benj. Meeker of "No. 3", for £60, deeds to Nathaniel Bozworth "of Middletown", one "3rd Division 80 acre Lot No. 37" in "No. 3", also "one whole right or share in the yet common or undivided Land viz all the Land that may hereafter be drawn on the house Lot No. 36 both within the Township of No. 3 & in the 11000 acre grant that was made to the four Housatonnock Townships."

(Pittsfield Deeds, 4-116)

NOTE: At the time the above deed was made Nathaniel was "of Middletown", in the next one he is called "of No. 3", so he must have moved during this time.

Dec. 24, 1757, Nathaniel Bosworth "of No. 3" in the County of Hampshire, Mass., "Housewright", for £150, buys "one 1st Division 40 acre lot No. 40", also "24 acres being the West part of House Lot No. 61" excepting the Highway.

(Pittsfield Deeds, 4-149)

Sept. 25, 1759, "Nathaniel Bosworth of Number Three (now Sandisfield) in the County of Hampshire", for £40, deeds 80 acres in "Number Three . . . the Sixteenth lott in Number in the third Division of land in sd Number Three", etc.

(Springfield Deeds, 1-639)

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Oct. 23, 1759, "Nathaniel Bozworth of a place called No. 3 in the County of Hampshire in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England", for £30, deeds "a certain Ninety acre Lot or Right number Thirty six which 90 acre Lot lying in the new Township of Land called No. Three between Westfield & Sheffield." (Pittsfield Deeds, 12-349)

Nov. 10, 1760, Nathaniel, called a yeoman, sold "House Lot No. 36" for £4:10s. (Pittsfield Deeds, 4-106)

June 7, 1764, Nathaniel bought land in the northerly part of Sandisfield, for £36. (Pittsfield Deeds, 3-364)

Feb. 11, 1765, Nathaniel Bosworth of Sandisfield, for £36, "paid by my son Jabez Bozworth of sd Sandisfield", sold him one lot of land in the northern part of the town, "Second Division Lot No. 7", except 10 a. already sold to William Underwood. (Pittsfield Deeds, 4-147)

April 4, 1770, "Nathaniel Bozworth of Sandisfield Housewright" for £20, sold lots No. 6 & 8 in the south part of the town. (Pittsfield Deeds, 8-947)

Mar. 29, 1781, Nathaniel Bosworth of Sandisfield, "Cordwainer", for £130, deeds to Josiah Stillman, land in Sandisfield, a part of the 3rd Division, lot No. 38, bounded north on the County Road leading through Sandisfield and west on the New Marlborough line, "all the part of Lot No. 38 lying South of the County road." Jabez Bosworth one of the witnesses. (Pittsfield Deeds, 11-333)

July 30, 1782, "Nathaniel Bozworth Senr." of Sandisfield, "Husbandman", for £190, deeds to James Butler, "5th Division Lot of Land No. 43" in Sandisfield. (Pittsfield Deeds, 14-160)

Jan. 30, 1783, "Nathaniel Bozworth of Sandisfield, yeoman", for 30s., deeds to Drake Mills of Sandisfield, yeoman, "one Meadow Lot No. 2 in Sandy Brook Meadow in Sandisfield and was drawn on House Lot No. 36." (Pittsfield Deeds, 19-370)

Sept. 25, 1789, "Nathaniel Bozworth Senr. of Sandisfield carpenter", for £400, "paid by my son Frederick Bozworth of said Sandisfield yeoman", deeds him "one house lot Numbered forty lying about Two hundred rods Westerly of the Meeting House in said Sandisfield. . . Also Twenty four acres being the West part of House lot Number 61"; one corner of this lot joined the corners of house lots No. 41, 46 and 51. Allowance made for highways. (Pittsfield Deeds, 28-285)

This is the last land record we find of Deacon Nathaniel Bosworth until his death; he was then eighty years of age. The place sold to his son Frederick at this time, was probably his homestead, the land having been purchased on Dec. 24, 1757, soon after his removal to Sandisfield. He and his wife Elizabeth may have lived in the family of this son during the

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remainder of their lives, he living for eighteen years and she surviving him only a little over one year. He was 21 years older than she.

The following was copied from a paper given me more than forty years ago, the original having been written in March, 1854, by Roswell Bosworth, Sr., a grandson of Deacon Nathaniel Bosworth:

“I have heard that there were three brothers by the name of Bosworth came over from England, but in what year I do not know.

“My grandfather, Nathaniel Bosworth, removed to the town of Sandisfield, Mass., about 1755, soon after the settlement of the town. My father, whose name was Jabez, being then 14 years old. The family, I believe, were formerly from Rhode Island.

“My grandfather was a carpenter by trade, a very industrious and temperate man. He lived to the advanced age of 98. He and most of his children are members of the Congregational Church. He had a family of twelve children, by two wives; sons: Constant, Nathaniel, Jabez, John, Frederick, Roderick and Morris. Some of my aunts I never saw; one married a Wolcott, one an Adams, one a Dewey, one an Allen, and one a Sears.

“My father was a captain in the militia. My mother’s name was Rebecca Moody. They were nearly of an age, and both of them died in the same year, aged 85. They had ten children, seven sons and three daughters: Ichabod, Bethia, Osman, Heber, Miriam, Rebecca, Amos, Jabez, Stephen and Roswell. Ichabod died at 70; Bethia (Mrs. Manly) died of consumption at 34, leaving five children. Osman is still living in the old homestead, aged 84. Heber died at 17 of consumption. Rebecca married her cousin, Joseph Wolcott, had no children and died at 29. Jabez died of disease of the heart at 54.”

NOTE: Roswell makes two errors in the above paper: He says that his grandfather removed to Sandisfield in 1755, while the deeds given above show conclusively that he did not remove there until the latter part of 1757. Then he gives the number of Nathaniel’s children as twelve, but does not mention the son Amos, the first one born in Sandisfield. He probably did not know of him as he evidently died when quite young.

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In the 1790 U. S. Census, Nathaniel's name appears as a resident of Sandisfield, with "two males over 16" and "two females" in his family. He was 81 years old at this time. The other male was probably the son Roderick who never married; he was 34 years of age at this time. The "two females" were undoubtedly Nathaniel's second wife, Elizabeth, and the youngest daughter, Edy, who was probably not married until 1791. The name "Edy" was evidently a feminine form of the mother's family name.

CHILDREN

of Deacon Nathaniel⁶ Bosworth
by 1st wife, Bethia Hinckley, born in Lebanon, Conn.

- 369 + i—CONSTANT⁶, b. Aug. 19, 1736; d. June 21, 1826; m. (1) Mary Mather; (2) Mercy West; (3) Thankful (———).
370 + ii—BETHIA⁶, b. July 20, 1739; d. ——— ———; m. Amos Dewey.

Born in Middletown, Conn.:

- 371 + iii—JABEZ⁶, b. March 12, 1741-2; d. Aug. 2, 1827; m. Rebecca Moody.
372 + iv—NATHANIEL⁶, b. Apr. 13, 1744; d. Feb. 9, 1814; m. Mary Smith.
373 + v—ELIZABETH⁶, b. Aug. 28, 1746; d. March 14, 1812; m. Joseph Wolcott.

Children by 2nd wife, Elizabeth Eddy:

- 374 + vi—JOHN⁶, b. Sept. 23, 1751; d. Feb. 8, 1832; m. Hannah Smith.
375 + vii—ELIZA⁶, b. Sept. 13, 1755; d. ——— ———; m. Jacob Allen.
376 + viii—AMOS⁶, bapt. in Sandisfield, Mass., Oct. 22, 1758; d.y. Born in Sandisfield, Mass.
377 + ix—AMY⁶, bapt. in Sandisfield, July 25, 1761; d. ——— ———; m. Samuel Adams.
378 + x—FREDERICK⁶, b. ———, 1765; d. Dec. 25, 1798, in his 33rd year; m. Hannah Couch.
379 + xi—RODERICK⁶, b. June 18, 1766; supposed to have d. unm.
380 + xii—EDY⁶, b. April 6, 1769; d. Aug. 18, 1851; m. Capt. Daniel Sears.
381 + xiii—MORRIS⁶, b. March 8 (or 15), 1772 (or 3); d. March 2, 1838; m. Mrs. Mary (Corbin) Saily, wid. Chas. L.

NOTE: Regarding Roderick⁶ Bosworth, a letter from Wm. G. Bosworth, dated June 27, 1908, says: "Roderick Bosworth was probably in the Revolution, as I remember seeing an old uniform that he is said to have worn. According to the recollection of an old aunt of mine, he never married, and late in life went South and died without issue."

JOHN⁵ BOSWORTH, son of John⁴ (*Jonathan, Jr.³, Jonathan², Edward¹*) and Elizabeth (Toogood), born in Swansea, Mass., Sept. 9, 1711; died before June 13, 1745; married in Swansea, Jan. 3, 1732, ELIZABETH WHEATON, daughter of Samuel, Jr.⁴ (son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Wood) Wheaton) and Experience (Pierce) Wheaton, born in Swansea, Oct. 30, 1710; date of death not known.

NOTE: An extract from the Wheaton Genealogy says, "All the church records of Swansea, between the years 1663 and 1718, having been stolen and the town records in such condition as to be almost worthless in this connection, but very little has been gleaned concerning Samuel³ Wheaton. No record has been seen of any children excepting one and his name was Levi who was his heir and probably his only son." With this last conclusion this compiler cannot agree, as there is filed at Taunton an inventory on the estate of Samuel, taken in 1683, and Elizabeth was not born until 1710, so her father must have been a later Samuel, probably a son of Samuel³. This conclusion has been verified by a book recently issued by Marion Pearce Carter of Attleboro, Mass. viz. "A Copy of the Index of Swansea, Mass. Vital Records", 1702 to 1800. In which we find that Samuel, son of Samuel and Elizabeth was born July 21, 1683. As the date of the inventory was Feb. 14, he was not born until after his fathers death and was the youngest of three sons. (The parents of Samuel the father have not been discovered, but he was *not* a son of John², Robert¹. He could have been a brother, but is not among the children of Robert¹ Wheaton given in Rehoboth Vital Records.) Elizabeth was the eldest child of Samuel and Experience (Pearce) Wheaton and had two younger sisters, Susannah b. 1714 and Sarah b. 1716, also two brothers Samuel b. 1718 and Levi, b. June 25, 1722. The latter m. July 23, 1750, Sibel Cole. This brother known as Lieut. Levi Wheaton, after the death of John took the son Hezekiah and brought him up. Although no public records of the births of children of John and Elizabeth have been found, the descendants of Hezekiah have preserved his Family Bible, in which the date and place of his birth is recorded. As for the daughter Experience, we find the record of her marriage, and as Elizabeth's mother was named Experience, and as Hezekiah named a daughter Experience, her place in this family cannot be questioned. It is quite probable that there were others as there were twelve years between the date of their marriage and John's death, but the two given below are all we can be sure of. There are some evidences of a daughter Lydia, but not enough to warrant our recording her.

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Of Experience Pierce it is said, that she was a daughter of Ephriam² (Capt. Michael¹) and Hannah (Holbrook) Pierce, born in 1682, married Samuel Wheaton, Oct. 24, 1709.

Nov. 30, 1734, John Bosworth of Barrington, "Cordwinder", for £18, 17s., deeds to John Toogood of Barrington, one tenement of 4 a. in Barrington," bounded S. on sd. Bosworths Mothers thirds W. on a highway, N. on land of Ledah (Lydia) Bosworth, E. on land of James Thomas." Nicholas Thomas, Thomas Kinnecut, Witnesses. (Taunton Deeds, 21-512)

April 11, 1740, John Bosworth of Rehoboth "Cordwainer", for £22, deeds to Richard Thomas of Swansea, "Shipwright . . . all my Right Interest and Claim In my Mothers third of Land which was ye estate of my father John Bosworth Decd ye sd Estate Lying In Barrington." Edward Luther and Joseph Clark, Witnesses.

"Bristol Ss. at his Majesties Inferior Court of Common Pleas held at Bristol for sd County on ye second tuesday of June A.D. 1745 appeared Edward Luther and made Solemn oath that he was present and saw John Bosworth (who Is since Decd) sign seal & Deliver ye above Written Instrument as his act & deed and that this Deponent with Joseph Clark signed thereto as Witnesses" etc.

CHILDREN

of John and Elizabeth (Wheaton) Bosworth born in Swansea

- 382+ i—HEZEKIAH, b. Jan. 30, 1741; d. May 4, 1820; m. Mary Giddings.
- 383 ii—EXPERIENCE, b. ————; m. Sept. 8, 1760, Caleb Nichols, a second cousin; he being a son of Richard and Elizabeth (Pearce) Nichols—and Elizabeth a daughter of Azraiakim Pearce, a brother of Experience wife of Samuel Wheaton, grandparents of Experience Bosworth.

The only Caleb Nichols deed that could be found was the following:

Feb. 8, 1771 "Richard Nichols yeoman late of the Town of Rehoboth . . . but now a Resident of Ye Town of West Greenwich" Kent Co. R.I. and Elizabeth, his wife, *Caleb Nichols*, Israel Nichols, Jonathan Smith of the Town of Cumberland, R. I. and Rebecca his wife, and Jonathan Nichols of Rehoboth—"Cordwainer"—sell to Constant Goff of Rehoboth 50 acres of land in Rehoboth. "Said Tract of Land was given us the above named persons in and by the deeds of our Honored father and grandfather Azraiakim Peirce late of Rehoboth Deceased." Signed by the seven. The witnesses were: Louis Whitford, Gideon Tripp, Elisha Waterman, John Willmarth, fuller, Nathaniel Peirce and Chloe Goff. (Taunton Deeds 55-63)

Richard Nichols and Caleb Nichols ack. in West Greenwich, Feb. 13, 1771.

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The deed of Azraiakim Peirce is dated *Nov. 10, 1736* and says "for the love & good will I bear my beloved daughter Elizabeth ye wife of Richard Nichols of Warwick Prov. Co. R. I." He deeds to them "for their Natural Lives and after that to ye heirs of ye sd. Elizabeth" etc.

(Taunton Deeds 53-387)

(It looks as if those named in other deed must be children of Richard and Elizabeth (Peirce) Nichols.)

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LYDIA⁵ BOSWORTH, fourth daughter of John⁴ (*Jonathan, Jr.*³, *Jonathan*², *Edward*¹) and Elizabeth (Toogood), born in Swansea, Mass. (in the part that was taken to form Barrington and later Warren, R. I.), Sept. 17, 1713; died in Warren, March 11, 1791; married in Warren, Oct. 18, 1747, as his second wife, JOHN KELLEY, son of Duncan and Patience Kelley*, born in 1700 and died 1777.

NOTE: Although in the original Warren records as well as in Arnold's Vital Records of R. I., the name of Lydia is given "Mrs. Lydia Bosworth", it no doubt comes from the fact that in those days single women were often called "Mrs." (See Part I, p. 38).

On Nov. 15, 1764, Lydia Kelley joined the Baptist Church of Barrington, by letter, probably from the Swansea Church of which her father and grandfather were members.

From Bicknell's History of Barrington, we learn that in 1736 the Selectmen of Barrington gave permission to John Kelley, "marraner" to keep the ferry, his father Duncan Kelley had kept it before him, Duncan having succeeded John Toogood. "In 1777 the ferry was still run by John Kelley, son of Duncan, as the General Assembly allowed him 'for the ferriages of a number of soldiers and their baggage £15, 9s.4d.' On the death of Mr. Kelley in 1777, his son Duncan succeeded him in charge of the ferry." In February 1794, the General Assembly of R. I. granted to Duncan Kelley license to erect a bridge and charge toll. (This Duncan was the son of Lydia.) We also learn that the Kelleys lived at the south end of New Meadow Neck. In this same history may be seen the autograph of John Kelley.

In the settlement of her father's property Lydia had been given a share in his real estate (Part III, p. 254), and in a deed given by her brother John Bosworth to John Toogood, this land is mentioned.

*Duncan Kelley, father of John d. May 13, 1742, aged 78. Patience, his wife d. Nov. 1750, aged 96.

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John Kelley had a first wife named Elizabeth by whom he had five children and by Lydia he had five more. He died in 1777, leaving Lydia a widow (she being thirteen years younger than he). The U. S. Census of 1790 shows Lydia Kelley living in Barrington with two other "females". These were probably the two youngest, Patience and Molly. She died the next year, aged 78. The same census shows Duncan Kelley, Lydia's youngest son, living in Barrington, with one male besides himself "over 16"; five "females" (his wife and four daughters) and one slave. There is also a John Kelley in the census records of Barrington that year; this may have been the eldest son of Joseph and Molly Kelley. A later John Kelley was Town Treasurer from 1831 to 1837.

Mar. 28, 1758, Richard Thomas sold land to John Kelley of Warren including $\frac{1}{2}$ an acre of "Salt Meadow" "Lying partly in Warren and partly in Swansey . . . by the Upland Called the Burying Place Hill," also one acre "in the possession of the widow Elizabeth Thurber".

(Warren Deeds 1-355)

NOTE: Elizabeth Thurber mentioned above was Elizabeth (Toogood) (Bosworth) Thurber, mother of Lydia, who was now a widow for the second time at 76 years of age. This deed evidently includes the burying ground at Nockum Hill where John Bosworth is buried. Richard Thomas, brother-in-law of Lydia, had purchased it of John's heirs.

John Kelley, "yeoman" of Barrington, made his will April 26, 1773, four years before his death. It begins as usual:

"principally & first of all I commend my Soul into the hands of God who gave it & my body I commit unto the Earth to be buried in a Christian manner" etc. He bequeaths first to "well Beloved Wife Lydia" the entire use of his estate for one year; the $\frac{1}{3}$ part of his "Stock of Creatures"; also $\frac{1}{3}$ part of his other personal estate; and to have the use of $\frac{1}{3}$ part of his Real Estate as long as she remained his widow, but if "She Shall Se Cause to marry She Shall have Fifty dollars paid to her by my Executors, and upon the payment of which fifty dollars my said Wife Shall Acquit the Whole Real Estate."

Bequeaths "to my four Beloved Sons. Namely" Joseph, Daniel, Oliver and Duncan Kelley, the whole of his real estate to be equally divided among them.

Bequeaths to "Beloved Daughter Lidia the wife of Thomas Grant", \$100. to be paid by his son *Joseph* in one year after his decease. To "Beloved daughter Patience," \$100. to be paid by son *Daniel* when she arrived at the age of 21 years. To "Beloved daughter Molley", \$100. to be paid her by son *Oliver* when she arrived at the age of 21 years.

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Bequeaths to "two Grandsons, Namely Duncan & James Sons of Edward Kelley Fifty Dollars apiece", to be paid by his son *Duncan* when they arrived at the age of 21 years.

Ordered that after his wife's $\frac{1}{3}$ of his personal estate was taken out, the balance was to be equally divided between his three daughters and his two grandsons, etc.

Moses Tyler; James Bowen and John Kinnicut; Witnesses.

After the death of John the following exchanges were made between his sons and daughters:

March 16, 1778, Oliver Kelley of Barrington, "Shipwright", sells land to Daniel Kelley of Warren, also "Shipwright, all my Right and Title to and in my Hond Father John Kelleys Estate . . . both Real and Personal Particularly a vessel now on the Stocks near the Dwelling House of my Late Hon^d Father with whatsoever belonged to said Estate in any place it may be found."

Samuel Allen; Ruth Allen; Witnesses. (Barrington Deeds, 1-143)

Dec. 30, 1780, Joseph Kelley sells to his sister Lydia Grant, 11 a. of land in Barrington, "Lying at Nockum Point so called bounded as followeth (viz) beginning at Joseph Allens South Westerly Corner by a Two Rod Way then Running Westerly on Allens line about thirty one Rods thence Running Southernly and bounding Westerly on the Salt Meadows untill it comes to High water mark thence Easterly Round upon the top of the Hill thence straight Easterly to the Meadow fence then turning & Running Northerly on a Straight line to the South Westerly Corner of a Ditch then Crossing a two Rod Way Straight to the first Corner it is to be understood that there is a Reserve of a two Rods way through the Same Down to the Salt Water . . ." etc.

James Martin } Witnesses. Signed Joseph Kelley
Nathaniel Munro } (Barrington Deeds, 1-188)

Dec. 30, 1780, Molley Kelley and Patience Kelley, single women of Barrington, and Lydia Grant of Barrington, "Daughters of John Kelley late of Barrington dec.^d," for £10, quit claim to their brother Joseph Kelley, their right to a certain "Mesuage or Tennement our Hond Father Mr John Kelley purchased of the widow Martha Gernsey" etc. And Lydia Kelley "Widdow and Rellict of the above said John Kelley deceased," signed as relinquishing her right of dower; ten acres with house, barn and crib; it bounded on the county road, south on the river, west and north on land of John Kelley deceased. (Barrington Deeds, 1-186)

Jan. 1, 1781, Patience Kelley of Barrington, for £30, buys of Daniel Kelley of Warren, 11 a. of land "at a place called Nockum", bounded southerly on land of her sister's Lydia Grant, easterly on Salt Meadow, northerly on land of Joseph Kelley and westerly on a 2 rod highway.

(Barrington Deeds, 1-187)

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April 18, 1781, Joseph and Daniel Kelley, "yeomen of Warren", and Oliver and Duncan Kelley, "yeomen of Barrington", divide the "Real Estate of their father John Kelley." In the division Joseph is called "Eldest Son now living of the said John Kelley Deceased." A good portion of the land, especially that set off to Joseph, Daniel and Oliver, was on New Meadow Neck at Nockum Hill. (Barrington Deeds, 1-180)

Mar. 15, 1784, Daniel Kelley of Warren quit claims to Duncan Kelley all his right in a certain farm in Barrington, "lying at a Place Called Nocom . . . late the Estate of Our Hon^d Father John Kelley Dec^d. And which fell to Oliver Kelley who Died Possed of the Same." Joseph Kelley a witness. Signed by Daniel and Elizabeth Kelley. (Barrington Deeds, 1-292)

On the same day, Joseph Kelley of Warren quit claimed to Duncan Kelley of Barrington, all his right in the above farm. Daniel Kelley a witness. Signed by Joseph and Molley Kelley. (Barrington Deeds, 1-293)

Nov. 19, 1784, Duncan Kelley of Barrington, "yeoman" (and Mary his wife as relinquishing dower), sell land to Daniel Kelley of Warren. This land was bounded on the "West on a bridleway leading to Nockum Hill (so called) thence Northerly on an old Ditch Joining Job Luthers Land, East on Salt Meadows", $7\frac{1}{2}$ acres.

Samuel Allen } Witnesses. Signed "Dunkin Kelley".
Rachel Allen } (Barrington Deeds, 1-313)

NOTE: The compiler has thought it best to take the room to record the above deeds as they refer largely to land that belonged originally to John⁴ and probably Jonathan³ Bosworth. After John's death his real estate was divided among his children, but later a large share of it was bought up by his son-in-law, Richard Thomas. On *March 28, 1758*, Richard Thomas sold land to John Kelley which included a half acre of "Salt Meadow Lying partly in Warren and partly in Swansey . . . by the Upland Called the *Burying Place Hill* . . . also one acre in the possession of the widow Elizabeth Thurber." (Warren Deeds, 1-355). This is the burying ground where John Bosworth is buried, shown in the frontispiece to Part III. The compiler visited it on two occasions and remembers well reaching the place by the "two rod way" on the side of a farm and the "Ditch" mentioned in these deeds. As the line between the states of Massachusetts and Rhode Island seemed to cross this point of land (and evidently did so at the time the above mentioned deed was made), it was a question in which state the grave of John was located. This question was settled for me by the Town Clerk of Barrington who assured me it was now in Barrington, R. I.

Duncan Kelley, Lydia's youngest son, made his will, July 2, 1812, in which he bequeathed to wife Robe; to daus. Lydia Rogers; Elizabeth Holden; Sally Kelley and the children of Polly Winslow, wife of Ebenezer Winslow, Jr., giving them his dwelling house in Warren. To son John (the

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son of his second wife) he gave his "Homestead with the buildings and the Toll Bridge annexed leading from Barrington to Warren." To dau. Sally Kelley all his household utensils "after the extinction of my sister Patience & my servant Jack." (He evidently means, after their death). After the sale of his moveable estate and debts paid, anything left was to be divided between Lydia Rogers, Eliza Holden, the children of Polly Winslow, Sally Kelley and John Kelley. He provides that his sister Patience Kelley, his son John and his servant Jack, are to be supported out of "the rents and profits of the Homestead and Toll Bridge.

John T. Childs, Esq. was appointed executor of his will, and guardian to his "little son John." (John was about thirteen years old at this time.) This John Kelley, grandson of Lydia (Bosworth) Kelley, son of Duncan and his second wife, Abigail, was a miller and toll keeper. Bicknell, in his Hist. of Barrington, says of him: "He was of a family of ferry keepers and managed the affairs of the ferry and the mill, well, and left the reputation of a kind husband, a good neighbor, and an honest man."

CHILDREN

of John Kelley by 1st wife Elizabeth (———)
born in Barrington, Mass. (now R. I.)

- i—JOHN KELLEY, b. Jan. 27, 1733-4; d. before Apr. 1773.
- ii—JOSEPH KELLEY, b. Apr. 10, 1737; m. (1) Molly (———); m. (2) in Warren, R. I., May 9, 1785, Elizabeth Eddy. Ch. by 1st wife; 1—John; 2—Joseph; 3—Ebenezer; 4—Molly; 5—Lawton; 6—Abigail; 7—Church; 8—Samuel.
- iii—EDWARD KELLEY, b. ———; d. before Apr. 1773; m. (1) Elizabeth (———); m. (2) in Warren, Dec. 2, 1769, Mary Thomas. Child by 1st wife, Duncan, b. Oct. 11, 1764; by 2nd wife, James; both sons mentioned in their grandfather's will.
- iv—ELIZABETH KELLEY, b. Sept. 16, 1742; d. before 1773.
- v—DANIEL KELLEY, b. Feb. 11, 1744-5; m. (1) Elizabeth (———); (2) in Warren, Apr. 26, 1795, Lois Grant. Ch. by 1st wife, 1—Sally; 2—Hannah; 3—Priscilla; 4—Bears; 5—Rebecca; 6—Nixon; 7—William.

Children of John and 2nd wife, Lydia (Bosworth) KELLEY

- 384 vi—OLIVER KELLEY, b. Sept. 20, 1748; d. previous to March 1784. Probably never married as his property after his death was inherited by his brothers and sisters.
- 385 vii—LYDIA KELLEY, b. Oct. 21, 1750; m. Thomas Grant.
- 386 viii—DUNCAN KELLEY, b. Apr. 19, 1753; d. ———; m. (1) in Barrington, Nov. 15, 1779, Mary Short, who d. July 24, 1794; m. (2) in Barrington, Nov. 24, 1797, Abigail Brown; m. (3) Robe (———).
Ch. of Duncan and Mary (Short) Kelley:
1—Lydia, b. Dec. 16, 1780; m. Peleg Rogers. Ch. Rebecca Almy Rogers, b. in Warren, June 18, 1817; Sarah Ann Rogers, b. in Warren, Mar. 28, 1818.

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- 2—Betsey, b. Mar. 24, 1782; d.y. sometime after 1790.
 3—Polly, b. Oct. 14, 1783; m. in Warren, Aug. 21, 1800, Ebenezer Winslow, Jr. Ch. Sally Haile Winslow, b. 1813; Benjamin Winslow, b. Dec. 7, 1814; James Winslow, b. Oct. 17, 1816. All born in Barrington.
 4—Joanna, b. Feb. 10, 1785; d. Dec. 10, 1785.
 5—Peggy, b. May 10, 1787; d. July 4, 1787.
 6—Sally, b. Apr. 1, 1789; m. in Warren, May 23, 1821, Samuel J. Mathewson. Ch. Mary Stanley Mathewson; b. Oct. 23, 1819; James Mathewson, b. Mar. 17, 1822; Sarah Kelley Mathewson, b. Dec. 18, 1823. All born in Warren.
 7—Elizabeth (Betsey), b. in Warren, June 10, 1791; m. ——— Holden.
 The first six were born in Barrington.
 Ch. of Duncan and 2nd wife Abigail (Brown) Kelley:
 8—John, b. in Barrington, Dec. 1, 1798; d. Nov. 22, 1860; m. (1) May 20, 1821, Louisa Martin. m. (2) Sarah Jones. Ch. by 1st wife; 1—John Edward; 2—George Henry; 3—Esek Bowen; 4—Anna C.; 5—Charles D.; Ch. by 2nd wife; 6—Sarah; 7—William Winslow.
 387 ix—PATIENCE KELLEY, b. July 14, 1755; still living in July, 1812.
 388 x—MOLLY KELLEY, b. Jan. 15, 1757; had prob. d. previous to 1812
- NOTE: Duncan Kelley, son of Lydia, and his brother-in-law Thomas Grant, were both soldiers of the Revolution.

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DAVID⁵ BOSWORTH, third son of John⁴ (*Jonathan, Jr.*³, *Jonathan*², *Edward*¹) and Elizabeth (Toogood), born in Swansea, Mass., Feb. 14, 1717/18; died after 1798, probably in Lennox, Mass.; married in Lebanon, Conn., by Jacob Eliot, pastor of the Goshen church* in Lebanon, June 27, 1743, MARY STRONG, daughter of Stephen⁴ (Jedediah³,², Elder John¹) and Abigail (Buell) Strong, born in Lebanon, Dec. 7, 1722; died (———). †

*The town of Lebanon Ct. was incorporated Oct. 1700. The 1st Cong. church was organized 1700. The 2nd Cong. church of Lebanon was organized Nov. 26, 1729, and located in the district of Goshen, now at Bozrahville.

†There is at the Town Clerk's office at Lebanon, Conn., besides the regular Town Records, a record called the "Kingsley Record." On this record, the date of death of "Mrs. David Bosworth" is given as *Dec. 14, 1786* and has always been so accepted. However I found on the Town Records this same date given as the date of death of the eldest daughter Lydia, then wife of Joseph Loomis. While it could be possible for both to have died on the same date it is not probable that it so occurred, but the question to be decided was to which did the date belong. From the fact that David the husband had removed to Spencer Town, Col. Co., N. Y., previous to April 1786, it is altogether likely that his wife Mary if living went with him, therefore would not have been in Lebanon in Dec. 1786. However the matter was definitely decided when the record book kept by the son Ichabod came to light (a photograph of which is here given), for he says—"Lydia Loomis Died Dec. 14, 1786 in the 43 year of her age my Eldest Sister."

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NOTE: Elder John Strong, b. in Taunton, Somersetshire, England, about 1605; came to America in ship *Mary and John*, sailing from Plymouth, Eng.; arriving at Nantasket in the fall of 1635 and settled first in Dorchester, but removed soon to Hingham. His first wife—Margerie Deane, dau. of Wm. Deane of Somerset, Eng.,—died on the passage (or immediately after landing). He m. (2) Abigail Ford, at Dorchester, Mass., prob. in 1636. He removed to Taunton, then to Windsor, Conn. He lived at Windsor several years then went to Northampton, Mass., where he d. Apr. 14, 1699, aged about 94 years. He was the first Ruling Elder of the Northampton church. His wife d. July 6, 1688. He had two ch. by his first wife, one of whom d. soon after the mother. He had 15 more by his 2nd wife, one son being Jedediah. Abigail Ford was the dau. of Thos. Ford by his first wife, bap. Oct. 8, 1619 and was m. to John Strong at the age of 17. The son Jedediah², b. May 7, 1637 in Taunton, but bap. in Dorchester, Apr. 14, 1639; d. May 22, 1733; m. (1) Nov. 18, 1662, Freedom Woodward, dau. of Henry and Elizabeth, bap. at Dorchester, 1642; d. May 17, 1681. Their son Jedediah³ b. Aug. 7, 1667; m. Abiah Ingersoll, Nov. 8, 1688; was killed by the Indians at Wood's Creek, N. Y., Oct. 12, 1709, aged 42. Jedediah³ Strong was a farmer at Northampton, Mass. until Aug. 24, 1696, when he removed to Lebanon, Conn. when there were but four white families in it. "No ones name appears oftener on the early records of Lebanon as committeeman on matters of public interest." Abiah Ingersoll was the dau. of John and Abigail (Bascom) Ingersoll, b. Aug. 24, 1663; d. Nov. 20, 1732, aged 69. Abigail was the dau. of Thomas¹ Bascom, who came from Boscombe parish, Wiltshire, Eng., in the *Mary and John* to Dorchester in 1634, later removing to Windsor where Abigail was b. and bap. June 7, 1640. He removed to Northampton in 1661 and there d. May 9, 1682. Abigail m. John Ingersoll Dec. 2, 1656. Stephen⁴ Strong, son of Jedediah³ and Abiah (Ingersoll) Strong, was b. Oct. 24, 1690. He was a farmer of Lebanon, Conn., where he d. Feb. 2, 1785, aged 94. He m. Jan. 16, 1718, Abigail Buell, dau. of Dr. John and Mary (Loomis) Buell, b. Mar. 26, 1702 and d. at Lebanon, Oct. 24, 1788, aged 86. They were a married pair 67 years! (As a side light it is interesting to note that Abigail Buell's elder sister Mary, m. Gershom Hinkley and they were the parents of Bethia Hinkley first wife of Dea. Nathaniel Bosworth (140) David's brother; so their wives were first cousins.)

Deacon John³ BUELL was son of Samuel² (*William*¹), b. in Killingworth, Conn., Feb. 17, 1671; m. at Windsor, Nov. 20, 1695, Mary, dau. of Dea. John Loomis and his first wife, whose name is unknown. Samuel² Buell was son of William and Mary Buell, b. in Windsor, Sept. 2, 1641; m. Nov. 13, 1661, Deborah Griswold, dau. of Edward of Windsor. William¹ Buell, the emigrant, was born in Chesterton, Huntingdonshire, England, in 1610. Being a Puritan the "persecution raged so fiercely" that in 1630, at the age of 20, he, with others, were obliged to flee from the country, so joined a company emigrating to America under the leadership of Rev. John Wareham, and on arriving here, settled in Dorchester, but five years later he became a pioneer and proprietor in the new settlement at Windsor, Conn., where he m. Mary (prob.) Post in 1640. Here they lived and died. History

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says of him: "He was a man of property and of good position in society." It also says: "In the year 1270 is found the first recorded history of our ancient and honorable family." The name was then spelled Bewell. William Buell d. at Windsor, Nov. 23, 1681, and is buried there.

Mary, wife of Deacon John³ Buell, was dau. of Deacon John² (*John², Joseph¹*) Loomis, b. at Windsor, Mar. 20, 1672/3. Deacon John³ Loomis was the eldest son of Dea. John² and Elizabeth (Scott), b. at Windsor, Nov. 9, 1649; d. at Lebanon, Conn. Aug. 31, 1715. The name of his 1st wife, mother of Mary, is unknown. He m. (2) Dec. 30, 1696, Sarah, widow of Isaac Warner, who outlived him and d. July 14, 1726. Dea. John² Loomis was the son of Joseph¹ and Mary (White), b. in England abt. 1622 and came to America with his parents in 1638; he joined the Windsor church, Oct. 11, 1640; m. there in Feb. 1648/9, Elizabeth Scott, dau. of Thomas Scott, who came from Ipswich, England in 1634 with wife Elizabeth and three ch., (one of whom was Elizabeth, b. in England abt. 1625), and settled at Hartford, where he was an original proprietor. Deacon John² Loomis d. at Windsor, Sept. 2, 1688 aged 66. His widow, Elizabeth, d. May 7, 1696. Joseph¹ Loomis (Lomys), prob. b. about 1590 was a woolen draper in Braintree, Co. Essex, England; came to America in 1638 arriving in Boston July 17. He settled in Windsor, uniting with the church there at the same time as his son John². He m. at Messing, Co. Essex, England, June 30, 1614, Mary White, daughter of Robert and Bridget (Allgar) White; the latter being the daughter of William Allgar of Shalford, Co. Essex, Eng., bapt. March 11, 1562.

David took part as a private in the French and Indian War, as follows:

Enlisted May 10, 1756; discharged Oct. 16, 1756; 6th company 3rd Regiment under Captain Caleb "Hide" of Lebanon.

Enlisted Feb. 28, 1757; discharged Nov. 30, 1757; 7th company, Gen. Lyman's regt., under Capt. Adonijah Fitch.

Enlisted Apr. 10, 1758; discharged Nov. 1, 1758; in 12th company in 1st Regiment, Capt. Samuel Chapman commanding.

Enlisted Apr. 2, 1759 in Capt. Azel Fitch's company "but was taken ill and did not go out with the company." (A note says "David Bosworth who inlisted in Capt. Azel Fitch's company in 1759, had served in 1756, 1757 and 1758.") Capt. Fitch of the 9th company, 7th regt. was from Lebanon. David Bosworth's name was on his Muster Roll dated Lebanon, May 1, 1759. David and 18 others were from Goshen, Lebanon township.

Enlisted Mar. 28, 1760; discharged Nov. 19, 1760; 9th co. 2nd regt. Capt. Azel Fitch, Col. Nathan Whiting.

Enlisted Apr. 11, 1761; discharged Dec. 8, 1761; 2nd regt. 8th co. under Capt. Azel Fitch (Lebanon) Col. Whiting.

(The above from Conn. Hist. Society Coll., French and Indian War Rolls—Vol's 9 & 10.)

Lebanon Feb 17th 1785
Ichabod Bosworth & Abigail Bosworth
The date of our own Births & our Childrens

Ichabod Bosworth Born March 12 1748
Abigail Bosworth Born Feb. 17 1747
We were Married April 5th
Childrens Births -1770-

Charisa Born Saturday Feb. 18th 1771
Delinda Born Sunday Jan 12th 1773
Joshua Chappel Born Monday June 25th 1775
Molly Born Friday July 31st 1778
Abigail Channon Born Sunday Sept 8th 1780
Hezekiah Channon Monday Apr 29th 1783
And he Died at Eleven days old
Octara Born Wednesday Apr 21st 1784

Father Chappel Died November 22 1786
in the Eighty Ninth year of his age
from Sep^r 15th to Nov 22nd
My Wife Died Apr 4th 1788
In the 47th year of her age from Feb 17th
to April 4th

Mother Chappel Died Wednesday
November 11 1788 in the Eighty Third
year of her age from Jan. 18th to
Nov 11th

Brother Joshua Chappel Died at Roxbury
July 20 1775 In the 42 year of his
age

Brother Hezekiah Died with the Small
Mar 22nd 1777 in the 20th year of
his age

Hezekiah Channon Bosworth Died
May 9th 1783

Lydia Loomis Died Dec 14th 1786
in the 43 year of her age my Eldest
Sister

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Jan. 10, 1741 David Bosworth of Lebanon, Windham Co. Conn. for £20 deeds to Richard Thomas of Barrington "Shipwright" $4\frac{3}{4}$ acres of land at Barrington. Bounded N. on the high-way, E. on land of Oliver Bosworth, S. on Salt Meadow, W. on land now in possession of *Elizabeth Thurber* which is a part of her thirds.

(Signed) "David Bozworth"

Jan. 12, 1742 "Mr. David Bozworth" personally appeared in Rehoboth and ack. the above. (Taunton Deeds 33-288)

Jan. 13, 1740-41 "David Bozworth" of Lebanon, Windham Co. Conn. "son of John Bosworth of Barrington decd" gives "quit claim to my Brother In Law Richard Thomas of Swansey "Shipwright" . . . all ye Right yt I have to my honr mother Elizabeth Thurber third In ye estate of my honr father John Bosworth of Barrington, aforesaid decd.

(Signed) David Bosworth

Ack. in Rehoboth *Jan. 12, 1742.*

(Taunton Deeds 33-289)

Jan. 8, 1742-3 David Bosworth of Lebanon, Conn. housewright for £16 deeds to Richard Thomas $1\frac{1}{4}$ acres of Salt Meadow in Barr. Bounded W. by a great Ditch, S. by Timothy Hydes meadow, E. by small Ditch, yt goes across sd meadow, and N. by meadow formerly belonging to Dr. Richard Bowen decd. (Taunton Deeds 33-291)

June 24, 1743, Gershom Clark for £55 "Lawful Money" deeds to David Bosworth of Lebanon land in Lebanon about thirty acres. In presence of Simon Huntington and Nathan Fitch. (Lebanon Deeds 6-356)

Apr. 8, 1745 Eliphalet Clark of Lebanon, blacksmith, for £130 "Money or Bills of Publick Credit of the old Tenor" deeds to David Bosworth of Lebanon "one acre of land, it being that acre of land I bought of Jonathan Trumble on which Thomas Kellogg later lived with a dwelling house thereon. Lying and being in Lebanon aforesd in that part of the Town Called Goshen adjoining to the Land of Edmund Bridges SWwardly & on Sam^l Gay Jun^r NWwardly & Ewardly on the H.W." In presence of Joseph Foot and Gershom Clark. (Lebanon Deeds 6-474)

May 18, 1747 David Bosworth of Lebanon for £130 "in bills of publick Credit old Tenour" deeds to Stephen Strong of Lebanon the one acre of land and house purchased of Eliphalet Clark. (Lebanon Deeds 7-105)

Apr. 8, 1786 Ichabod Bosworth of Lebanon for £100 mortgages to "David Bozworth of Spencertown in the State of New York" land in Parish of Goshen—20 acres "it being a part of the land on which Joshua Chappel now lives" on high-way which leads from Lebanon to Colchester adjoining Isaiah Loomises land, etc. To be paid at or before Apr. 8, 1789. Ack. by Lieut. Ichabod Bosworth. This mortgage was discharged Aug. 12, 1788. (Lebanon Deeds 14-500 & 15-43)

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Aug. 16, 1789 James Richards of Lennox for £20 deeds to "David Bozworth of Spencertown Columbia county New York, Carpenter," land in Lennox a part of Lot No. 27 in the first Division on the high-way leading from Lenox to Richmond, 5 acres. (Pittsfield Deeds 33-496)

Aug. 26, 1794 "David Bozworth Junior of Lennox, yeoman" for £300 deeds to "David Bozworth of Lennox" 90 acres of land in Lennox that he had bought of Caleb Hyde and subject to a mortgage held by sd Hyde of Lenox dated Feb. 28, 1791. (Signed) David Bozworth Junr.
Mindwell Bozworth
(Pittsfield Deeds 33-497)

Feb. 12, 1798 "David Bozworth of Lenox" deeds to "David Bozworth Jr." for \$1,000. 90 acres in Lennox. (Pittsfield Deeds 37-69)

NOTE: This was the last record found of David^s although the burying ground at Lennox was searched for possible grave stone.

CHILDREN

of David^s and Mary (Strong) Bosworth
born in Lebanon, Conn.

- 389 + i—LYDIA^s, b. Jan. 28, 1743/4; d. Dec. 14, 1786*; m. Joseph Loomis.
390 ii—DAVID^s, b. June 8, 1746; d. Jan. 31, 1750.
391 + iii—ICHABOD^s, b. Mar. 1 (or 12)† 1748; d. Dec. 8, 1818; m. (1) Abigail Chappel, who d. in Lebanon Apr. 4, 1788. He m. (2) after removal to Mooers, N. Y. (Name of 2nd wife not known.)
392 + iv—DAVID^s, Jr. b. Apr. 25, 1750; d. Aug. 12, 1809; m. Mindwell Fitch.
393 + v—JABIN^s, b. Apr. 8, 1752; d. abt. 1792; m. Luna West.
394 + vi—MOLLY^s, b. June 6, 1754; d. (——); m. Jabez Fitch.
395 vii—HEZEKIAH^s, b. Nov. 14, 1757; d. of small pox, Mar. 22, 1777 while a soldier of the Revolution.

NOTE: In Conn. in the Rev. there is the following: On Lexington Alarm List (p. 5), of men who marched from the Connecticut towns "for the Relief of Boston in the Lexington Alarm," April 1775 (p. 15) From the town of Lebanon. "Zechariah Bosworth, Serjeant—16 days in Service." As there is no record of any "Zechariah" in Lebanon, it is the opinion of the compiler that the person referred to was *Hezekiah*, the writer being somewhat mixed.

*See footnote on page 414.

†The Town Records say March 1; his own records March 12.

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OLIVER⁵ BOSWORTH, son of John⁴ (*Jonathan, Jr.*³, *Jonathan*², *Edward*¹) and Elizabeth (Toogood), born in Barrington (or Swansea) about 1719; died probably at Portland, Conn.; married at Chatham, Conn. Sept. 26, 1745, SUSANNA COLLINS, birth and parentage not discovered.

NOTE: Oliver was born after the death of his father John, who died in Sept. 1719.

In April 1737 Oliver was living in Barrington and was a member of the "Anabaptists." In 1738 his name does not appear. Oliver was called a "Housewright."

On reaching manhood Oliver seems to have left his mother, sisters and brother John in Barrington and gone to join his elder brothers in Connecticut. He probably made his home at first with his brother Nathaniel for in March 1742 he is called "of Middletown, Hartford County, Conn.," but later with his brother David, for in 1744 he is called "of Lebanon, Conn." The next year he was married.

Jan. 10, 1741, Oliver's land in Barrington is mentioned in the boundaries of a deed given by his brother David to Richard Thomas:

On Jan. 1742 Oliver went to Swansea and while there sold to his brother-in-law, Richard Thomas, $4\frac{3}{4}$ acres, 4 rds. of land in Barrington, which was no doubt the land assigned to him from his father's estate in 1725. The deed was acknowledged in Swansea, Feb. 23, 1741/2.

(Taunton Deeds 33-290)

In 1744 Oliver was again in R.I. for on March 7, 1743/4 he sold to Richard Thomas a half acre of salt meadow in Barrington, in the boundaries of which are mentioned—"Beginning by a ditch thence Running by ye upland called ye Burying Place Hill," etc. This was probably his rights in his mother's "thirds," as the other brothers had sold theirs to Richard Thomas. In this deed he is called of Lebanon. The deed was acknowledged in Barrington on March 8th, 1744.

(Taunton Deeds 33-292)

Sept. 26, 1747, Oliver's brother Nathaniel for £110 deeded to him "one Certain Dwelling House and about three fourths of an Acre of Land . . . situated in The Bounds of the Township of Middletown on the East side of the Great River," etc. This was on a corner as there was a highway on the west and south.

(Middletown Land Records, 12-6)

Oliver sold the above for £150 Apr. 21, 1748. (Middletown Deeds, 12-107)

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CHILDREN

of Oliver⁵ and Susanna (Collins) Bosworth
first four born in Middletown, Conn.

- 396 i—REBEKAH⁶, b. June 27, 1747; d. after 1820; m. as his 2nd wife, Edward Bosworth, Esq. (No. 292) of Barrington, R. I. Aug. 5, 1787, in Lebanon, Conn. On Oct. 28, 1820 Rebecca, widow of Edward, was a resident of Buckland, Mass.
- 397 + ii—RACHEL⁶, b. May 1, 1749; d. ———; m. Samuel Pelton.
- 398 + iii—LOIS⁶, b. Oct. 7, 1751; d. at Bath, Me. Oct. 3, 1840; m. as his 2nd wife Zina Hyde of Lebanon.
- 399 iv—ELIZABETH⁶, b. Sept. 7, 1753; d. in Portland, Conn., Apr. 28, 1775 aged 22, Gravestone in Portland Cemetery. (Portland Church Records.)
- 400 + v—ANNA⁶, b. abt. 1755-57; d. (———); m. Joseph Shepard of Portland.
- 401 + vi—OLIVER⁶, b. ———, 1760; d. June 23, 1830 aged 71; m. Hannah Pelton.

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ZACHARIAH⁵ BOSWORTH, son of Capt. Jabez⁴ (*Fonathan, Jr.*,³ *Fonathan*², *Edward*¹) and Susanna (———), born in Rehoboth, Mass. July 11, 1701 died in Rehoboth, Feb. 19, 1726-7; married at Providence, R. I. by Richard Waterman, Justice, Mar. 14, 1725, MARY CALLENDER, who, after the death of Zachariah married Obadiah NOBLE, son of Matthew, born in Westfield, Mass., Oct. 19, 1705 and died in Sheffield, Mass. in 1786 aged 81. (No record of her birth or death, but she died before her husband, according to the Noble Genealogy.)

Apr. 20, 1725, Zachariah Bosworth, for £20, buys land in Providence "Colony of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations."

(Providence Deeds 6-301)

CHILD

of Zachariah⁵ and Mary (Callender) Bosworth

- 402 i—SUSANNAH⁶, b. in Rehoboth, May 8, 1726; d. (———); m. Dec. 2, 1745, Moses FAIRCHILD. Children's births recorded in Sheffield, Mass.
- 1—Sarah Fairchild, b. May 8, 1746; 2—Zachariah Fairchild, b. Nov. 4, 1748; 3—Mary Fairchild, b. Apr. 1, 1751, prob. m. Aug. 26, 1772, Daniel Lewis; 4—Ellis Fairchild (daughter),

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b. Oct. 20, 1753; 5—Moses Fairchild, b. Dec. 1, 1756; 6—Aaron Fairchild, b. Aug. 11, 1759; 7—Daniel Fairchild, b. May 9, 1762; 8—John Fairchild, b. Mar. 4, 1765; 9—David Fairchild, b. Dec. 20, 1767.

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HANNAH⁵ BOSWORTH, eldest daughter of Capt. Jabez⁴ (*Jonathan, Jr.*³, *Jonathan*², *Edward*¹) and Susanna (———), born in Rehoboth, Mass., Jan. 31, 1707; died Feb. 13, 1748 aged 41 years; married in Rehoboth, Oct. 28, 1731, by Rev. David Turner, CHARLES⁴ CARPENTER, son of Lieut. Samuel³ (Samuel² William¹) and Patience (Ide) Carpenter, born in Rehoboth, April 15, 1702; died Jan. 17, 1744.

NOTE: William Carpenter, father of Samuel and progenitor of the Rehoboth branch of the Carpenter family in America, was born in England in 1605 and died in Rehoboth, Mass., Feb. 7, 1659. He came to this country in the ship *Bevis*, landing at Weymouth in 1638. (See "A Gen. Hist. of the Rehoboth Branch of the Carpenter Family in America.")

The will of Charles Carpenter of Rehoboth made Dec. 24, 1743, Prob. Mar. 20, 1743-4, gives to three sons—Jedediah, Charles and Samuel and to a daughter Susannah—and to wife Hannah whom he makes executor. Gives her the improvement of the whole est. to bring up the children so long as she remain his widow,—“In case she marry or Dye that then my father Jabez Bosworth take care of the children and estate in her Roome”. If she remained his widow after the three sons came of age they were to share equally in maintaining her and “find her a horse to Ride when and where she shall have occasion During her Natural Life.”

(Taunton Probate 10-409)

His brother Jedediah Carpenter was adm. on his estate and in the equal division of his estate to his three sons, land is mentioned “laid out to Samuel Carpenter Father to the said Charles Carpenter.” Jedediah was eldest son—the land and the house was divided between the three.

(Taunton Probate 16-22)

Mar. 20, 1743(-4) Hannah Carpenter, as admx. on her husband estate, gave bonds.

May 5, 1747 The son Jedediah being above the age of fourteen chose his mother Hannah Carpenter to be his guardian and on same date Hannah gave bonds with Daniel Carpenter and John Bowen Jun. for £200.

“The Humble Petition of Joseph Bozworth of Rehoboth—Humbly Sheweth that Charles Carpenter Late of Rehoboth Deceased made his last will and Testament in which he gave his wife Hannah Carpenter all

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his moveable estate within Dore & without (except his Shooptools which he gave To his Son Samuel Carpenter.) And She Being also Deceased and your Petitioner Being the only Brother to the said Hannah and by Law hath as he Aprehends the only Right of Administration to her Estate therefor Prays your Honour Would Grant him Administration on her Estate and So In Duly Bound Shall Ever Pray

Joseph Bozworth

Rehoboth March ye 17th 1747"(-8)

Mar. 17, 1747(-8) Joseph Bosworth as guardian to Charles and Samuel Carpenter, both under the age of fourteen gave bonds for £300, each with Ezekiel Read and Philip Wheeler. On same date Joseph Bosworth apt. guardian of Susanah Bosworth daughter of Charles Carpenter deceased under the age of 14—gave bonds with Ezekiel Read and Eleazar Tiffany.

Nov. 12, 1753 Charles Carpenter having arrived to the age of 14 petitioned that his "unkell Joseph Bozworth my Garden" might still continue.

Signed by Charles and Jedediah.

Nov. 27, 1753 Daniel Carpenter, Ezekiel Read, Dan^l Barney and John Lindley were apt. a committee by the Judge of Probate to divide the Real Est. This was done Apr. 9, 1754 and Jedediah the eldest son, Charles the second son and Samuel youngest son each received property valued at £80—Entire amt. being £240.

"Charles Carpenter son of Charles Carpenter late of Rehoboth deceased—being a minor above the age of fourteen years and my former Guardian Joseph Bosworth being deceased Do Make choice of Thomas Read of Rehoboth to be my Guardian" etc.

Apr. 2, 1754 Thomas Read gave bonds as guardian for Charles and also for Samuel "under the age of fourteen"—for £2000 each with Noah Sabin and Jedediah Carpenter.

Feb. 28, 1757 Jedediah Carpenter having been apt. Adm. on the Est. of his brother Charles, deceased gave bonds for £2000. with Thomas Read and Nathaniel Cobb.

CHILDREN

of Charles and Hannah (Bosworth) CARPENTER
born in Rehoboth, Mass.

- 403 i—JEDEDIAH CARPENTER, b. Oct. 8, 1732, m. (1) Hannah, who d. May 26, 1759, aged 24, m. (2) Mary daughter of Dea. Thomas Peck of Swansea, Mass., b. Oct. 20, 1738. He moved from Rehoboth to Surry, N. H. He was a farmer. He d. about 1816.
1—Hannah Carpenter, b. Jan. 26, 1756.
2—Olive Carpenter, b. Dec. 24, 1758.
3—Charles Carpenter, b. Feb. 25, 1761.
4—Chloe Carpenter, b. Mar. 24, 1763.

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- 404 ii—SUSANNA CARPENTER, b. July 5, 1735; d. Grafton, N. H.; m. at Rehoboth, Dec. 13, 1753, Aaron², son of John⁴ (Jacob³, Jacob², ¹) and Hannah (Clark) Barney, b. in Rehoboth, Apr. 12, 1734; d. Grafton, N. H., 1817. Aaron Barney was a soldier of the Revolution, was 1st Lieut. in Capt. Sylvanus Martin's 3rd co., Col. Thos. Carpenter's 1st Bristol co. regt. In 1774 Aaron purchased 3000 acres of land in Grafton, N. H. where his desc. still live. Ch. b. in Rehoboth:
- 1—Jabez Bosworth Barney, b. Jan. 18, 1755; m. in Rehoboth Chloe Barney dau. of Jacob and Ruth (Burr), b. Mar. 2, 1754 at Swansea; both d. at Grafton, N. H. Ch.:
 - 1—Jacob Barney, b. 1776; m. Lois Walker.
 - 2—Charles Barney, m. Susan Hanson, settled in Maine.
 - 3—Bela Barney, soldier in war of 1812; settled in N. Y. state.
 - 4—Aaron Barney.
 - 5—Jabez Barney, m. Elizabeth Saunders.
 - 6—Jedediah Barney, b. Mar. 5, 1783; d. Apr. 23, 1793.
 - 7—Chloe Barney, b. Sept. 21, 1785; m. Levi Martin.
 - 8—William Ira Barney, b. June 9, 1788; m. Betsey Walker.
 - 9—John Barney, b. Mar. 5, 1791; m. Nancy Martin.
 - 2—Hannah Barney, b. Mar. 21, 1757; m. Jan. 22, 1775, Joseph, son of Charles Mason, b. June 28, 1753; d. July 20, 1833. (For ch. see Mason Gen.)
 - 3—Keziah Barney, b. Mar. 13, 1759; m. Oct. 13, 1776, Israel Winchester Peck, b. Jan. 27, 1753. (For ch. see Peck Gen.)
 - 4—Aaron Barney, b. Aug. 17, 1761, d. in Grafton, N. H.; m. (———). Ch.:
 - 1—Cyril Barney, m. 1820 Sarah Martin.
 - 2—Aaron Barney.
 - 3—Jarvis Barney, m. 1821, Fanny Williams.
 - 4—Jemima Barney.
 - 5—Susanna Barney.
 - 6—Hannah Barney, m. Nov. 5, 1808, Stephen Kimball.
 - 7—Bathsheba Barney, m. May 3, 1812, William Person.
 - 5—Susanna ("Susee") Barney, b. June 19, 1764.
 - 6—John Barney, b. Mar. 4, 1769; d. Oct. 3, 1840; m. Anne Smith. He was a farmer of Grafton, N. H.; Ch.:
 - 1—John Barney, b. 1796; d. Mar. 3, 1861; m. Hannah Flagg.
 - 2—Jedediah Barney, b. Jan. 17, 1798; d. Nov. 4, 1869; m. (1) Melaney Williams, (2) Eunice Blackman.
 - 3—Amanda Barney, d. unm.
 - 4—Cyrus Barney, m. Keziah Norris.
 - 5—Anne Barney, d. Nov. 10, 1887, unm. aged 82 yrs.
 - 6—Orad Barney, b. Aug. 17, 1806; d. May 3, 1889; m. Hannah D. Prescott.

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7—Amy Barney, m. Benjamin Fowler.

8—Nelson Barney, m. Adeline Kinsman.

7—Otis Barney, b. July 13, 1773. He lived near Grafton, N. H. and had ch.—Nancy, Horace, Otis Jr., Lovica, Lucinda, Polly. No further detail.

(Barney records furnished by the late Eugene D. Preston, Colorado Springs, Colo.)

405 iii—CHARLES CARPENTER, b. Sept. 12, 1738.

406 iv—SAMUEL CARPENTER, b. Mar. 27, 1741; m. Sarah Hix, Sept. 23 1761. He moved from Rehoboth to Richmond, N. H. thence to Osceola, Pa. A farmer. Samuel was a soldier of the Rev. from Richmond, N. H., serving as a private in Capt. Oliver Capron's co., Col. Doolittle's regt. in 1775 and 6; also other services.

NOTE: Several of these children and grandchildren are mentioned in the will of Capt. Jabez and Susanna Bosworth. (See Part III page 259 and 262.)

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MARY⁵ BOSWORTH, second daughter of Capt. Jabez⁴ (*Jonathan, Jr.*³, *Jonathan*², *Edward*¹) and Susanna (———), born in Rehoboth, Mass., April 11, 1710; died in Rehoboth, July 16, 1739; married at Swansea, Mass. April 6, 1734, by Elder Samuel Maxwell, EBENEZER⁴ COLE, son of Benjamin³ (Hugh² James¹) and Hannah (Eddy) Cole, born in Swansea, March 29, 1712; died at Shaftsbury, Vt., March 22, 1794. (Hannah Eddy was daughter of Caleb and Elizabeth (Bullock) Eddy.) After the death of Mary, Ebenezer married (2) at Rehoboth, June 10, 1740 by Rev. David Turner, Mary Willson, probably the daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth, born in Rehoboth, Oct. 17, 1714. Ebenezer had removed from Swansea to Rehoboth in 1737 or 8. "Soon after his second marriage he removed to Portsmouth, R. I. In 1745 he removed to Oblong, Dutchess County, N. Y. . . . In 1762 he removed to Bennington, Vt. Of his seven children, two were of his 1st wife—Mary Bosworth." (Desc. of James Cole of Plymouth.)

Feb. 10, 1740-1, Benjamin Cole of Swansey yeoman—"for Love & affection" deeds to my "well beloved son Ebenezer Cole of Newport, R. I. 28 a. of land in Swansea. (Taunton Deeds 28-438)

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Jan. 18, 1742, Ebenezer Cole of Portsmouth, R. I. sells to Andrew Cole of Swansea 40 a. of land in Swansea "Wherein is contained a Certain Right of 6 acres of Land . . . now Belonging to my hon^d father Benjam^m Cole of Swansea which he Lately Bought of Thomas Whaley of Reho. . . & of Charity his Wife Which was a Right accruing to ye sd Charity of ye Estate of her father Thomas Thurber . . . and not to be Included within ye sale" etc.

Ebenezer Cole
Mary Cole, his wife.
(Taunton Deeds 32-394)

NOTE: This was his second wife Mary as Mary Bosworth his first wife died in 1739. Andrew was his younger brother, sixth son of Benjamin and Hannah.

CHILDREN

of Ebenezer and Mary (Bosworth) COLE
born in Rehoboth, Mass.

- 407 i—SUSANNA, b. Feb. 22, 1735-6.
ii—MARY, b. Nov. 23, 1738; d. July 19, 1739 three days after her mother.

NOTE: The daughter, Susanna Cole, was mentioned in her grandfather's will. (See Part III, p. 259.)

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JOSEPH⁵ BOSWORTH, youngest son of Capt. Jabez⁴ (*Jonathan, Jr.*³, *Jonathan*², *Edward*¹) and Susanna (———), born in Rehoboth, Mass., May 8, 1714; died in Rehoboth, Jan. 5, 1754; married (1) in Rehoboth Mar. 4, 1735, by Rev. John Greenwood, PATIENCE TOOGOOD, probably daughter of John and Hannah, born in Swansea, Mass., Feb. 27, 1714, died Feb. 10, 1739, buried at "Hundred Acre Cove" burial ground, at Nockum Hill. Her husband is buried beside her and their grave stones are still standing. (See Part III p. 249). (2) in Rehoboth, by Rev. David Turner, Aug. 14, 1740, PATIENCE WHEATON, daughter of Robert and Susanna (Salisbury) Wheaton, born in Rehoboth, May 15, 1717; died July 4, 1780, buried in Rehoboth. After the death of Joseph, Patience married (2), as his second wife Capt. DANIEL HUNT, in Rehoboth, Nov. 25, 1756, by whom she had one daughter, Rebecca Hunt, born Sept. 3, 1760. Capt. Daniel Hunt's first

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wife was Mary Wheaton, daughter of Joseph and Tabitha, born Sept. 14, 1714; died July 10, 1756 in Rehoboth; by whom he had nine children: Molley, Bettey, William, Lucy, Daniel, Oliver, William, Joseph Wheaton and Benjamin Hunt. Capt. Daniel⁴ Hunt was son of Daniel³(Ephraim², Lieut. Peter¹) and Dorothea (Ballard), born in Rehoboth Apr. 6, 1712; died Apr. 1, 1781. (See Hunt Gen.)

Feb. 28, 1753 Joseph was a witness to a deed given by his cousin Jonathan Bosworth, son of Jonathan⁴ and Sarah (Rounds.) (Taunton Deeds 41-261)

Dec. 24, 1753 Joseph made his will. After the usual introduction he bequeaths:

1st To "my eldest and well Beloved Daughter Hannah Bosworth which I had by my first wife Patience: all the household goods and Personal Est. that was her mothers" etc.

2nd Gives to "my beloved wife Patience all the rest of my Estate" for her use as long as she remained his widow, if she shall marry all the moveable Est. to be hers and the remainder divided among his five daus. If she shall not marry at her death all the Est. both real and personal to be equally div. among his five daus. "Namely: Hannah: Patience: Mary: Susannah and Annah Bozworth." Makes beloved wife Patience Exx.

Joseph died Jan. 5, 1754, and three months later on Mar. 19 the eldest daughter Hannah died being a little over seventeen years old. There was a settlement of her estate and the following inventory was made:

"A true Inventory of all ye Personal Estate of Hannah Borsworth Daughter of Joseph Borsworth late of Rehoboth deceased taken in sd Rehoboth ye Eighth day of August 1754 by us ye Subscribers.

	£	s.	d.
To her wearing Apparel. One Silk Crape Gound 10 ^s	}	1	.. ..
One Homespun Gound 10 ^s			
To One Cotten Gound 18 ^s One quilted petty coat £1-0-0	}	2	13 ..
An old Riding-Hood 15 ^s			
To Three old Aprins 6 ^s Five Caps 1 ^s	}	..	.8 ..
One pair of Gloves & Ribins 1 ^s			
To Baby Clothing 4 Bibs 1 ^s One frock 1 ^s -6 ^d			.2 06
To One Shert & 2 pair Sleafs 1 ^s			.1 ..
To One Bible & three small Book 4 ^s 6 ^d			.4 .6
To One Bed Bolster 2 Pillers & Cases			.4 10 ..
To Curtains & Vallins			.2 .5 ..
To Two Linnen Sheets 9 ^s 2 Blankets 12 ^s			.1 .1 ..
To A bed-quilt 18 ^s Bedstead & Coard 9 ^s			.1 .7 ..
To One large Pewter Platter 10 ^s 1 Ditto 2 ^s - 9 ^d			.. 12 .9

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To One Ditto 2 ^s -9 ^d A large Bason 6 ^s	} ..	11	.9
To two Ditto 3 ^s	} ..	16	..
To 6 Plates 6 ^s Warming Pan 8 ^s Tin Ware 2 ^s	} ..	19	.4
To 2 Becker Glasses 1 ^s -4 ^d One Chust 11 ^s	} ..	.6	..
A Table 7 ^s	} ..	.1	.. .6
To A mortar & Cann-pail 2 ^s An Iron	} ..	14	.3
Pott & Tramel 4 ^s	} ..	.7	.4
To A Coverlid 7 ^s Six Chairs 12 ^s & A looking glass 1 ^s -6 ^d	} ..	18	..
To 5 Table Cloths 5 ^s -6 ^d One Sheet 6 ^s	} ..	14	10
Six Napkins 2 ^s -9 ^d	} ..	.2	.9
To 2 Pillar Cases 1 ^s -4 ^d One Chust & Clock	} ..	20	15 .6
Reel 6 ^s	} ..	.2	.9
To Six Chairs 4 ^s Four Sheep 14 ^s	} ..	14	10
To One gold-ring & Jewels 7 ^s -6 ^d Silver 1oz.-2pw-4gr 7 ^s -4 ^d	} ..	.2	.9
To Delf Wear	} ..	.2	.9
		20	15 .6

Dan^{ll} Bonney: Daniel Hunt: Samuel Mason.

After the death of Joseph, and the marriage of Patience, the widow, to Daniel Hunt, they made their report to court as follows: "Daniel Hunt of Rehoboth and Patience his wife, which Patience is Extx. to the Last Will and Testament of Joseph Bozworth deceased." They reported "all the Debts and Legacies paid" and claimed that by the will "the sd. Patience is sole Legatee of the Remainder of the Estate and that therefore they are not bound to account further."

Signed by Daniel and Patience Hunt.

On Aug. 6, 1754 Patience Bosworth had been appointed admx. on the est. of Hannah Bosworth of Rehoboth deceased dau. of Joseph Bosworth and gave bonds for £2,000, and the division of the est. was made Apr. 6, 1763. In the division the following persons were mentioned: "Patience Bozworth sister to ye sd deceased, Mary Bozworth sister to ye sd deceased and wife of Shuble Willmarth, Susannah Bozworth and Anna Bozworth, sisters." Each received goods to the amount of £2 4s. 1d. as per the inventory. (In the paper dated Aug. 6, 1754 Patience is called a widow, and she signed—Patience Bozworth. The name of Daniel Hunt whom she married in Nov. 25, 1756 was signed to the bond.)

On Dec. 7, 1756 "Patience Bozworth a minor and dau. of Joseph Bozworth of Rehoboth Late decesed being now above fourteen years of age do make choice of my Honored father in Law Daniell Hunt to be my Gardin and Pray that he may be allowed." The above is addressed "To George Leonard Esq.. Judg of Probate of wills fer ye county of Bristol."

Aug. 3, 1762 Patience made the following complaint to the same judge: "Humbly Shews That During her minority Capt. Daniel Hunt of Rehoboth aforesd was appointed her Guardian and that now she has arrived to ye age of Twenty one years and that sd Hunt Neglects to settle the

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account of his sd Guardianship she Therefore prays that he may be cited to settle ye same and as in Duty Bound shall pray.

William Bullock attorney to sd Patience.

Bristol Ss to ye above sd Daniel Hunt Greeting Agreeable to ye above Desire of Patience Bozworth you are hereby Cited to appear before the sd Judge on the sixteenth day of August Instant at One of oClock in sd Day at ye sd Judges dwelling house in Norton then and there to Render an account of your sd Guardianship hereof fail not by order of sd Judge George Leonard. To Coll Philip Wheeler to serve this Citation and make Return hereof.

To the same judge, William Bullock made the following complaint:

“In Behalf of Patience Bozworth Daughter of Joseph Bozworth Late of Rehoboth Decast . . . Where as your Honor: Cited Capt. Daniel Hunt and his wife to appear this Day at Coll^o Phillip Wheelers in order to make up their account of their Executorship of ye Estate of ye above sd Joseph Bozworth: but sd Hunt hath not appear^d These are therefore to Pray your Honor to Cite sd Hunt and his wife to appear at your house on Munday ye Ninth Day of this Instant at ten of the Clock in ye forenoon in order to Settle their account as above sd Sir your Compliance herein will much oblige your Humble Sevat. William Bullock, in behalf of Patience Bozworth.”

August 3, 1762.

“Bristol Ss To Daniel Hunt and wife above sd you are hereby Cited to appear befor sd Judge at his dwelling house in Norton on monday ye (blank) day of August instant at (blank) of ye Clock in ye after noon then and there to settle sd Account, etc.”

“Bristol Ss August 7, 1762 By vertue of ye within written Citation I have Notified ye within named Daniel Hunt to appear at time & place within mentioned.”

Pr me Philip Wheeler Detuy Shereff

On a little folded paper 1½ by 3½ inches is Susannah's prayer for Guardianship as follows: “The Prayer of Susannah Bosworth a minor above the age of fourteen years Daughter of Joseph Bosworth Late of Rehoboth Deceased Humbly Sheweth That I have made Choice of Capt. William Bullock of Rehoboth in sd. County Gentleman to be my Guardian and Pray that your Honnour would Impowr him as such.

Rehoboth August ye 30th 1762
Susanna Bozworth”

Ack. by Susannah Bozworth before Aaron Kingsley, Jus. of the Peace.

NOTE: After the experience of her sister Patience, Susannah evidently thought it wiser to choose a different guardian.

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On Dec. 8, 1762 Daniel Hunt finally presented to Court the following report: "The accompt of Dan^l Hunt of Rehoboth in the County of Bristol Gent. Guardian to Patience Bozworth Daughter of Joseph Bozworth Late of Said Rehoboth yeoman Deceased the Said Guardian Charges himself with all and Singular The Profits of the Said Josephs Real Estate which came to his hand as Guardian amounting in Lawfull money in the whole as by Particulars will appear to—

for her Part of the Ballance on the account settled of the said miners father Joseph Bozworth deceased	15	4	11½
for the miners Part of the Income of ye Real Estate one year Susannah Bozworth then Improveing one half of ye Real Estate which was formerly Capt. Joseph Bozworths for one forth Part of the Income of ye farme 4 year	7	4	0
for the Income of one Quarter of ye Reall Estate this Present year	9	18	0
for one quarter of 40 Lodes of Iron ore I sold of from sd Land	2	09	6
to a Legacy Given by Susannah Bozworth	3	00	0
to one Quarter part of the Cornhouse Carried of	0	02	0
to one Quarter part of ye Ballance of ye admr. act on her sister Hannah Bozworths Estate	1	10	0
to Intrest of the mony being ye Rent of ye farme her Part	1	17	6
	43		11 11½

The Said Guardian Prays allowance For the Several Disbustments paid out of Said minors Estate and his Expences in Taking Care of Said minor & providing things Nessessery For her viz.—

To Cash paid to the probate office of Taking out Leater of Guardianship for Said Patience	0	5	4
To the Guardians Cost & Expences in Taking out Said Leter of Guardianship	0	1	6
To making 63 Rods of Ditch fence on the Place at 12 ^d pr Rod her Part	0	15	9
Sundrys about Settlement of above acct. . . . .	..	7	3
	7		3

Deer 8th 1762

Daniel Hunt 1 9 10

NOTE: Included in the above account originally was the following charges which have a line drawn through them probably by the Judge who would not allow them. The above charges have also been changed having been originally for larger amounts. "To my Taking Care of the Said Patience Estate that came into my hand from April 57 to March 62 being about five years at 8^s pr year Comes to 2 00 0
 To the Guardian Taking care of the Said Patience and providing Convenes for her when she was sick with the measels 1 10 0

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November 1759 to the Guardains Taking Care of sd Patience and providing nesessereys for her when she had the plurise	2 0 0
To the Guardains Keeping and paying for the Said Patience Schooling two winters	2 10 0
time and trouble filling this accompt	1 2 7
These with the larger amounts above mentioned brought the entire charges up to	20 19 6½
and would have left very little for Patience.	

Bristol Ss Rehoboth December ye 8, 1762 then before the Hon^{ble} George Leonard Esqr Judge of ye probate of wills etc. for ye County of Bristol came Daniel Hunt Guardian to Patience Bosworth within mentioned and made Oath that the within written is a Just and true accompt of his Guardianship which I do allow of and order to be of Record.

George Leonard

Oct. 7, 1765 Daniel Hunt gave his report as Guardian for Annah.

“The sd. Guardain Prays allowance for the Several Payments & Disbursements out of sd. Annah Estate.

(viz.) For cash paid the probate office for taking out Letters of Guardianship for sd Annah	0 2 6
For the guardain time & expence in taking out sd letters	0 2 0
to the guardian making on the sd Annah Land better than fifteen Rods of Ditch fence at 12 ^d pr Rod	0 15 0
To the guardain Keeping & Schooling the sd Annah from the 25th of November AD 1756 till the 7th of December 1762 being Six years (viz) for ye first two year & half at 12 ^s pr month	18 0 0
for the other three year & half at 6 ^s pr month	12 12 0
For the Guardain taking care of sd Annah Estate six years at 8 ^s pr year	2 8 0
January ye 7th to one Jorney to Norton to settle with ye Judge of probate	0 3 0
March 24th 1763 to Cash paid the Dividers for Dividing ye Estate of ye sd Annah part comes to	0 12 0
to the Guardain one Day with ye Dividers	0 3 0
The Guardain Prays allowance for Taking Care of the Said Annah and schooling her from the 7th of December A:D: 1762 till ye 20th of March following being a Eleven weeks at 2 ^s per week	1 2 0
For the Guardain for Takeing care of sd Annah from the 20th of March A:D: 1763 untill the Sixteenth of April A:D: 1763 being 4 weeks at 4 ^s pr. week she being sick	0 16 0
The sd Guardain Prays allowance for taking care & providing for the said Annah from the 16th of April A:D: 1763 untill the tenth Day of July following Being 12 weeks. She having 2 nurses—the whole of sd 12 weeks in her fitts and things Provided for her	12 0 0

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For the Guardain for Taking care & providing one nurse for the sd Annah From sd tenth Day of July A:D: 1763 untill the first of January 1764 being 25 weeks at 15 pr week she being Some Better	18 15 0
For the Guardain for the Taking care & providing nesseserys for sd Annah from sd first of January A:D: 1764 untill ye 2d Day of April 1764 Being 12 weeks & one Day She Still remaining bedriden at 12 ^s pr week	7 4 0
To the Guardain for Taking Care & providing for the sd Annah her Fitts haveing again Returned upon her from sd 2d Day of April A:D: 1764 untill ye 7th of January: A:D: 1765 being 40 weeks at 18 ^s pr week	36 0 0
To the Guardain for takeing Care & providing for sd Annah from the 7th Day of January 1765 untill ye 30th of June 1765 being 25 weeks at 12 pr week her fitts having left her	15 0 0
To the Guardain for taking care & providing for ye Annah from sd 30th of June 1765 untill ye fifteenth of September 1765 being a Eleven weeks at 4 ^s pr week She being much Better	2 4 0
the Guardain prays allowance for Cash paid to Doct ^s Green for sd Annah	0 9 0
To Cash paid to Col ^l Thos. Bowen for taking Care of sd Annah as pr Recpt	5 7 6
To Cash paid to Doct ^r Hinkombotom for s ^d Annah as pr his Recpt	4 0 8
To Cash paid to Doctr. Thos. Munro for taking Care of sd Annah as pr Recpt	2 14 4
To Cash paid to Doctr. Joseph Staford for taking Care of s ^d Annah as pr Recpt	2 16 4
To Cash paid to Doctr Joseph Bridgham for taking Care of sd Annah as pr Recpt . . . . .	. . . . .
her total Debt	143 6 4
To my time in fitting this out	0 6 0
Allowing & Registering	0 7 6
	144 1 10
Oct. 7th 1765	Daniel Hunt"

Apr. 10, 1766 Daniel Hunt of Rehoboth Gent. Guardian to Anna Bozworth minor, deeds land that was sold at auction to pay Anna's debts "that was set off to sd Anna Bozworth in the division of her fathers est., Mr. Joseph Bozworth." (Taunton Deeds 49-227)

Capt. Daniel Hunt died April 1, 1781 and on May 28, 1781 the widow presented the following petition to Court:

"To the Honourable Benjamin Williams Esqr. Judge of Probate of Wills & Granting of Administration etc. within & for ye County of Bristol. The

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petition & Representation of Patience Hunt widow of Daniel Hunt late of Rehoboth in ye afforsd County (Gentleman) Deseast: Humbly Sheweth That said Deceased Estate is Deeply in Debt: & out of Repair, & the Household Goods & utensels much wasted & worn out: Ocasioned by Long Continued Indisposition & Languishing Sickness & constant Charge & tendance of Said deseased—and your petitioner his affor sd widow: being far advanced in years: & much Impared by Long & continued watching & tendance of him the said deseased.

Therefore pray your Hon^r so far to Commiserate & Consider my Circumstance, as to allow, and order, me, a sum to be Drawn & Discounted, out of the Total Sum of the Inventory of said Deseased, Personal Estate (Before the payment of Debts) as your Hon^r—in your Great wisdom shall think proper & agreeable to Law: for and toward my Future Support: (to be by me Drawn out of the Sd Deseasts Goods & utensels for ye upholding of Life)

And your Humble petitioner as in Duty Bound Ever pray

Patience Hunt^r

Daniel Hunt of Rehoboth d. intestate and on "April ye 5th AD 1781. Patience Hunt widow, William Hunt, Joseph Wheaton Hunt widow Molly Rowland children of sd Deseased, (Gideon Jenks in behalf of Lucy his wife); Rebecca Hunt" made petition that Phanuel Bishop be apt. Adm.—which was granted. (William, Joseph W., Molley & Lucy were no doubt ch. by 1st wife Mary Wheaton. Rebecca was the child of 2nd wife Patience (Wheaton) formerly widow of Joseph Bosworth.) The Inv. showed the Real & Personal Est. to be worth £1340-14-2 to which was afterward added Real est. valued at £102-0-0. Daniel Hunt is called "gentleman". His son who gave bonds with Phanuel Bishop is called "yeoman." The entire Real Est. £1077-03-0 was divided and one third given to Patience the widow for her use during her life—and among the rest "The Great Room at ye Easterly End of the Dwelling House & the Chamber over the same also the Closet Rooms the Back Side of Each as they are partitioned off; also the Privilege of all ye New Seller under the same & also the privilege to Bake in the Oven: & Door and Entry & Stairway privilege to and from any of ye Premises & also to ye well for water." She was also to receive a part of the barn and "Horse Shead & Dooryard Room for Laying her wood & ye Privilege of ye Easterly part of ye Garden yard at the Back Door of ye House" the division to be "a North & South Line over the Senter of ye well." Entire amt of her $\frac{1}{3}$ —£359-1-00 Patience signed her name to the above on June 2, 1781 as being fully satisfied with the division. Patience was also paid as her allowance from the Personal Estate £40-0-0. The rest of the estate was divided between William Hunt; Joseph Wheaton Hunt; Lucy Jencks wife of Gideon Jencks dau. of deceased; Molly Rowland, dau. of the deceased; Rebecca Hunt, dau. of the deceased. William the eldest son received a double portion—viz—£160 value—the other four—£80.

FIFTH GENERATION

Patience made her will Feb. 11, 1782 in which she called herself a "spinster," showing that this did not, as some say, mean "a single woman." After the usual preamble she proceeds to "give and Bequeath in manner following. Viz."

"Imprimis: My Will is that my Just Debts and Funeral Charges be duly and Seasonably paid by my said Executrix hereafter named.

Item I give and Bequeath unto my beloved Daughter Patience Peck the Sum of five Shillings in currant money.

Item I give and Bequeath to my beloved Daughter Mary Willmarth the sum of five Shillings currant money.

Item I give and Bequeath to my beloved Daughter Susannah Cole the Sum of five Shillings currant money.

Item I give and Bequeath to my beloved Daughter Anna Brown the Sum of five Shillings currant money.

Each to be paid by Exx. in one month after her decease.

Item I give and Bequeath Daughter Rebecca Hunt all the Residue and Remainder of my Estate of every Kind or wherever to be found to her and her Heirs and Assigns forever.

Item and I do Constitute and appoint my said Daughter Rebecca Hunt my true and Sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament."

Patience died at the age of 63 and is buried in an old cemetery in Rehoboth near the front. Her tombstone reads: "In Memory of Mrs. Patience Hunt Relict of Cap^a. Daniel Hunt who died July 4, 1780 in the 64th year of her Age.

"Remember me as you pass by As you are now so once was I
As I am now so must you be Prepare for death and follow me."

CHILDREN

of Joseph⁵ and 1st wife Patience (Toogood) Bosworth
born in Rehoboth.

408 i—HANNAH⁶, b. Jan. 2, 1736-7; died Mar. 19, 1754 in her 18th year, buried in "Hundred Acre Cove" burial ground beside her mother.

Of Joseph⁵, and 2nd wife Patience (Wheaton)
born in Rehoboth.

409+ ii—PATIENCE⁶, b. Mar. 2, 1740-1; m. Josiah Peck.

410 iii—MARY⁶, b. May 8, 1743; m. Feb. 10, 1763 Shubael Willmarth, son of John, Jr. and Dorothy (Ormsbee), b. in Rehoboth, June 5, 1739. (No further records found; they seem to have left Rehoboth.)

411+ iv—SUSANNA⁶, b. Feb. 12, 1744-5; d. after Feb. 11, 1782; m. Zephaniah Cole.

412+ v—ANNA⁶, b. Dec. 15, 1746; d. after 1790; m. Jesse Brown.

PATIENCE⁵ BOSWORTH, youngest daughter of Capt. Jabez⁴ (*Jonathan, Jr.³, Jonathan², Edward¹*) and Susanna (———), born in Rehoboth, Mass., Dec. 8, 1717; died Apr. 7, 1747 buried in Little Neck Cemetery, Rehoboth; married at Swansea, Nov. 6, 1740, (intention published in Barrington, Sept. 6, 1740), JOHN BULLOCK of Barrington, son of Daniel and Mary (Salisbury) born in Swansea, Mar. 19, 1711. After, the death of Patience, John married second at Warren, Mar. 16, 1748-9, Mrs. Jerusha Smith, by whom he had two children born in Rehoboth, John, born May 21, 1751 and Jerusha, born Aug. 1, 1769.

CHILDREN

of John and Patience (Bosworth) BULLOCK
born in Barrington, Mass. (Now R. I.)

- 413 i—JABEZ BULLOCK, b. Apr. 19, 1741; died (———); m. (1) in Rehoboth, June 16, 1763, Mary Richmond.
Children, born in Rehoboth.
1—William Bullock, b. Nov. 24, 1763.
2—Patience Bullock, b. Mar. 9, 1767; m. Nov. 27, 1793, Royal Gladding.
3—Mary Bullock, b. Nov. 13, 1768.
4—Jabez Bullock, Jr., b. June 17, 1770; m. Apr. 7, 1793, Parmella Allen.
m. (2) int. Aug. 12, 1776, Sarah Read.
m. (3) May 4, 1780, Mary Round, b. July 17, 1775; d. a widow in Rehoboth, July 20, 1849.
- 414 ii—ELIZABETH BULLOCK, b. abt. 1744. No record of her birth, but she is mentioned in both the wills of her grandfather Jabez and grandmother Susannah Bosworth (See Part III ps. 259 and 262) and the settlement of John Bullock's estate in 1789, mentions daughter Elizabeth; d. Aug. 2, 1781, aged 37, buried in Little Neck Cemetery; m. in Rehoboth, Apr. 16, 1767, Josiah Kent of Warren. Children b. in Rehoboth.
1—Patience Kent, b. Jan. 26, 1768.
2—Jabez Edward Bosworth Kent, b. Dec. 17, 1769.
3—Charles Kent, b. Mar. 11, 1780.

NOTE: These three are all that are given on the Rehoboth records, but it is evident there was at least two children, if not more, born during the years between 1769 and 1780. These two were sons Josiah and Simon Kent; Josiah being the ancestor of Alfred J. Kent of East Providence who, I am

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informed, in recent years repaired the grave of his ancestor Capt. Jabez Bosworth, at "Hundred Acre Cove" burying ground at Nockum Hill. Simon Kent who d. Oct. 18, 1828 in his 51st year (b. 1777) m. Betsey Wilmarth, was the ancestor of Miss Alice S. Dexter of Providence who furnished these records.

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ICHABOD⁵ BOSWORTH, son of Ichabod⁴ (*Jonathan, Jr.*³, *Jonathan*², *Edward*¹) and 1st wife Sarah (Stacy) born in Rehoboth, Mass., Sept. 4, 1708; died in Cumberland, R. I. Dec. 31, 1753; married in Middleboro, Mass. before Mar. 14, 1731-2 JOANNA CUSHMAN, daughter of Ichabod⁴ (Isaac³, Thomas², Robert¹) and 2nd wife Patience (Holmes) Cushman, born in Plympton, Mass., Dec. 17, 1713. After the death of Ichabod, his widow, Joanna, married at Cumberland, Aug. 1, 1754, by Elder Nathaniel Cook, Sylvanus Scott of Bellingham, Mass. as his second wife. Intention published in Bellingham, July 10, 1754.

Mar. 14, 1731-2, Ichabod Cushman of Middleborough, for "ye Love and good affection which I bear unto my daughter Joanna Bozworth of ye town of Middleborough" deeds her $37\frac{3}{4}$ acres of land in the "Six and twenty mens Purchase" and adds, "if it should happen that ye sd Joanna Bozworth should dy before her Husband Ichabod Bozworth ye sd Ichabod and his heirs" should inherit same. (Plymouth Deeds, 27-56)

Aug. 28, 1733, Patience Cushman, widow of Middleboro for £9 deeds to her son-in-law, "Ichabod Bozworth of Middleboro Housewright," $3\frac{3}{4}$ acres of meadow, "being part of my Portion of my Fathers Estate set out unto me by ye Judge of Probate." (Her father was John Holmes.) (Plymouth Deeds, 28-66)

Dec. 27, 1736, A warrant was given to divide the estate of Ichabod Cushman of Middleboro deceased, in which it was stated: "To the widow Patience, now the wife of Elnathan Wood" her thirds, etc. In the division land is mentioned "given by the sd Ichabod Cushman deceased to his daughter Joanna Bozworth." (Plymouth Probate)

Sept. 29, 1740, "Ichabod Bozworth and Joanna his wife," then of the town of Bellingham, for £100 deeds both the above pieces of land to William Cushman. (Plymouth Deeds, 34-139)

May 28, 1754, Joanna Bozworth of Cumberland, R. I. widow, for £10 gives a "Quit Claim deed to William Cushman "The one tenth part of the Thirds laid out . . . to our honored Mother widow Patience Wood out of the estate of our honored Father Ichabod Cushman late of Middleboro." (Plymouth Deeds, 44-72)

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CHILDREN

of Ichabod⁵ and Joanna (Cushman) Bosworth
born in Cumberland, R. I.

- 415 + i—STACY⁶, b. May 30, 1744; d. in Wrentham, Mass. Apr. 10, 1801;
m. Priscilla Lane.
416 + ii—SARAH⁶, b. Apr. 17, 1747; d. after 1785; m. Benjamin Thayer.
417 + iii—ICHABOD⁶, b. Feb. 17, 1748-9; d. in Bellingham, Nov. 16, 1820;
m. (1) Chloe Cook and (2) a widow Ruth (Cole) Braley.

NOTE: Ichabod⁵ and Joanna were married previous to Mar. 14, 1732, as shown by deed, but we have no record of any children's birth until twelve years later when they had removed to Cumberland. This seems hardly probable and as the Middleboro records are very unsatisfactory it may be there were children born there. Mr. Fred L. Bosworth of Taunton told the compiler that there was a Mr. Bosworth living in Boston whom his father—Ira Bosworth—used to call "Uncle Nat." He was unable to tell just what relation he was. If this Ichabod had a son Nathaniel he would have been cousin to Ira's father, Isaac Bosworth, and as a parent's cousin is often called an uncle or aunt by the children, he may possibly have been a son of Ichabod and Joanna. He was probably the Nathaniel who married in Boston, Mar. 21, 1772, Mary Carns. There was also an Elizabeth Bosworth whose intention of marriage to a Thos. Barrows, was pub. in Middleboro in 1817 and Lydia R. Bosworth whose intention of marriage to George Allen was pub. in Middleboro in 1836, these may have been descendants. This could only be settled by private records as there seems to be no public records to show it.

All descendants of this family have two lines of Mayflower ancestry; one through Ichabod⁵, grandson of Hannah Howland, and also through Ichabod's wife Joanna Cushman whose father Ichabod⁴ was a grandson of Thomas² Cushman who married Mary Allerton of the Mayflower.

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HENRY⁵ BOSWORTH, son of Ichabod⁴ (*Jonathan, Jr.*³, *Jonathan*² *Edward*¹) and 1st wife Sarah (Stacy), born probably in Rehoboth about 1710, or very early in 1711;* place and date of death unknown; married at Smithfield, R. I., Apr. 25, 1732, DEBORAH DARLING, youngest daughter of Capt. John² (Dennis¹) and 3rd wife Elizabeth (Morse) Darling, born in Mendon, Mass. (later set off as Bellingham) Jan. 8, 1713-14; died before Mar. 17, 1750, on which date she is mentioned in her father's will, as "daughter Deborah Bosworth deceased."

*See Part III p. 266

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NOTE: Capt. John Darling was son of Dennis, born in Braintree, Sept. 2, 1664 and died at Bellingham May 29, 1753 in his 90th year. He was a great business man and landed proprietor. He headed the petition for setting off the town of Bellingham which was incorporated in 1719. He had land in Mendon as early as 1691. He had three wives (1) Elizabeth Thompson (2) Anne Rockwood and (3) Elizabeth Morse. By the latter he had eleven children, the youngest of whom was Deborah, wife of Henry Bosworth.

Henry Bosworth, like his father Ichabod and his grandfather Jonathan Bosworth, Jr., was an "Anabaptist." (See Part II p. 156). So also was Capt. John Darling and family. They all attended the Anabaptist meeting in Mendon (Bellingham) and Dec. 20, 1741 were excused from paying "Ministerial rates" on this account. (See "Annals of Mendon.") Sylvanus Scott, who married the widow of Ichabod Bosworth—Henry's brother—was also an "Anabaptist." He was a witness to Capt. Darling's will.

July 16, 1733, John Darling of Bellingham, yeoman for £30 deeds to Henry Bosworth of Mendon, Cooper, 32 acres of land in Mendon; also 10 acres more of common land to be laid out. (Worcester Deeds 13-232)

Nov. 26, 1733, Henry Bosworth of Mendon, cooper, for £30, buys 21¾ acres of land in Mendon and 10 acres in Uxbridge.
(Worcester Deeds 34-75)

July 26, 1738, John Darling of Mendon "in ye county of Worcester" for £100 deeds 20 acres of land to Henry Bosworth of Mendon, cooper.
(Worcester Deeds 13-229)

Feb. 29, 1739-40, Henry Bosworth was one of the partners in the Land Bank.

July 15, 1740, land was laid out for "Henry Borsworth" 2 a. 10 rds. "in the tenth division of land laid Joyning to his other land on the East side in the great river near Philip Amedowns . . . a three cornerd peace"; and on the same day 2 a. in the ninth division, joining the same, "laid out by Thomas White, surveyor; benjamin darling, henry borsworth, chainmen."
(Proprietors Records, Mendon, p. 669)

Sept. 23, 1740, Henry Bosworth of Mendon, husbandman, for £110, buys of William Phillips 20 a. of land with a dwelling house, adjoining land of John Darling.
(Worcester Deeds 13-230)

Jan. 1, 1741, Henry's name in the Worcester Registry returns for Land Bank.
(N. E. Hist. Reg. 50-192)

Nov. 28, 1741, Henry and Deborah for £360 sold 70 a. of land in Mendon and 14 a. in Mendon and Uxbridge, to John Darling.
(Worcester Deeds 19-23)

Nov. 15, 1744, and *Jan. 2, 1745-6*, Henry Bosworth's name in the News Letter of the Land Bank.

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Mar. 15, 1754, After Capt. Darling's death, his son, Samuel Darling was apt. Guardian to the three younger children of Henry Bosworth "now or late of the province of New Jersey;" Mary, 17; Rachel, 15; and Eunice, 10; their mother, Deborah being dead and their grandfather, Capt. John Darling, having left them property in his will. All were living "out of the province."
(Boston Probate 49-137)

June 17, 1763, Theophilus Sweet and Elizabeth his wife both of Nine Partners, "Dukes County" (Dutchess), New York, sell to Timothy Darling of Bellingham, county of Suffolk Mass. Bay, "*one share in five* in a small tract of land that was set off to our mother Deborah Bosworth deceased out of our grandfather John Darlings real estate as her portion in said estate . . . situated in Bellingham aforesaid containing about Thirty acres."

Signed sealed and delivered in presence of Samuel Very, Aaron Buxton, Eunice Bosworth.
(Boston Deeds 122-157)

NOTE: The above deed plainly shows that there were *five* children, the three youngest are named above and this shows the elder was named Elizabeth, from Deborah's mother. The name of the second has not been discovered, but the compiler wonders if her name was not Sarah, from Henry's mother.

Feb. 20, 1765, John Stafford and wife Eunice, for £8, give a quit-claim deed to "our cousin Timothy Darling of Bellingham," to all the real estate that came to them from their "hon^d grandfather Capt. John Darling deced . . . and was set off . . . to the heirs of our mother Deborah Bosworth deceased, the youngest daughter of said Capt. John Darling," etc.
(Boston Deeds 122-185)

Timothy Darling was a son of Ebenezer, Deborah's brother.

NOTE: As the foregoing shows that Henry Bosworth was connected with the financial experiment of 1740, called "The Land Bank," and as he with others were subjected to what might be termed persecution on account of it, which probably accounts for his disappearance from the time he was said to be living in New Jersey (unless he was the Henry Bosworth who came into Boston on the "Schooner Lawrence" from Newfoundland, Oct. 14, 1765) it seems appropriate to give a brief account of the circumstances.

From a book entitled "Currency and Banking in the province of the Massachusetts Bay," by Andrew McF. Davis, pub. 1901, the following is gleaned. The Land Bank was "an experiment in the way of furnishing a currency secured by real estate, redeemable in the future in commodities." This action was the result of a resolution passed by the House of Representatives at Boston, June 28, 1739, the preamble of which stated that there was not sufficient currency "for carrying on the trade and business of this province." This led to a vote "that a committee be appointed to receive . . . any scheme or proposal from any persons whomsoever for

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the furnishing a further medium of trade," etc. The whole wound up with an order for publication in the newspapers of Boston.

As a result of this vote a man named John Colman, who as early as 1714 had headed a similar project, brought in to the session of the General Court begun Dec. 5, 1739, a scheme signed by himself and 395 others "for emitting bills secured by real estate, which were to serve as a medium of trade."

A majority of the representatives to the General Court for 1740 "were subscribers to or favorers of the scheme."

"On the 10th of March 1739-40, a broadside was issued in which it was stated that in order to redress the distressing circumstances under which the province labored for want of a circulating medium, it was proposed to set up a bank on land security, no person to be admitted but such as dwelt in the province and had real estate herein."

"The activity which Coleman displayed, the number of persons whom he had interested in his scheme, and the certainty that he would attempt to put his bills on the market aroused a powerful opposition." In the General Court the governor and council opposed the Land Bank, while the house favored it.

The controversy stirred up the whole country and even extended to England, until on "Saturday, Apr. 25, 1741, his Majesty went to the House of Peers and gave royal assent to an act for restraining and preventing several unwarrantable schemes in the American Plantations." The opposition on the part of the governor and the council was so great that officers who were appointed by the governor, also the military were notified if they took any of this money their office would be taken away.

(One justice of the peace, Henry Lee of Worcester in replying to the letter of the governor said, "I am determined to do what I can to encourage it, and think that the privilege of an Englishman is my sufficient warrant therefor As I act to my conscience, I regard being punished any way for differing in my opinion from the Council, to be civil persecution, and to be deprived of my office until I be proved unfaithful in it, or have violated the laws of the land, I look on as an invasion of my native rights.")

Instead of refraining a large number of justices of the peace, officers in the army, etc. resigned, and many merchants openly advertised that they would accept Land Bank bills in trade. As the governor and his council were powerless to do anything against the scheme by law as there was none on the English statute books to apply to the case, the opposition "presented a petition to his Majesty in Council for redress."

The battle grew so intense that on the part of the opposition the governor went so far as to prohibit all attorneys from pleading before the Board "who shall pass, receive, or give encouragement to the bills called Land Bank," . . . while "the popular voice had distinctly expressed itself in favor of the Land Bank," and in some of the towns "it had been voted to receive these bills in payment of the town rates." And on May 2, 1741, the governor received warning that there was, "a confederacy in the country of about five thousand men, whose design it was to come to Boston to know the reason why there was not a currency for the Land Bank money."

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Investigation revealed the fact that there was a plan for an uprising in several of the Mass. towns on May 19th, but the governor by being warned was able to suppress it. "The only significance of the conspiracy lies in its testimony to the widespread influence of the Land Bank." Finally on Mar. 27, 1741 word reached America that the House of Commons had voted to extend what was called "the Bubble act of 1720, to the plantations in America," and later the act was passed by the House of Lords, to go into effect Sept. 29, 1741. By it anyone could bring suit for damages not only against the company but "*against any person who within six years had been or who might thereafter be connected with the undertaking*" "The passage of this act sounded the knell of the Land Bank," but the book, speaking of the preamble to the act, says: "It was perfidious on the part of those who drafted that preamble to so describe the Land Bank as to cause members of parliament to believe that it came within the terms of the Bubble Act. Not only was there no reason why the projectors of the Land Bank should, at the time when they organized, have suspected that they were violating any of the statutes of the realm, but there was then on record a report of the Board of Trade made to a committee of the Privy Council in which the opinion of the Board was given that schemes of this sort were permissible in the colonies. More than that, the attorney-general himself had filed an opinion which might have been quoted to show that what was then being done had been pronounced to be legal by the highest counsel in the realm."

"Thus through the extension to the colonies of an act which by its original terms could not have been there enforced, and which it was admitted did not apply to the Land Bank, a body of law-abiding citizens, who had engaged in a scheme which they believed would alleviate a great public need, were by legislation made subject to the statue of Provision and Pre-munire, the penalties of which were *forfeiture of estate and imprisonment*."

As an example of the suffering brought upon innocent people by these proceeding, the case of a man named Samuel Stevens is used as an illustration. Stevens being one of the partners in the Land Bank, was sued by Nathaniel Martyn, a holder of bills, and the suit had not been settled when his son was an old man, a case "pathetic in the extreme."

CHILDREN

of Henry⁵ and Deborah (Darling) Bosworth
born in Mendon, Mass.

- 418 + i—ELIZABETH⁶, b. about 1733; d. (——); m. Theophilus Sweet.
 - 419 ii—(A dau., see father's history above.) b. abt. 1735.
 - 420 iii—MARY⁶, b. —— 1737; m. Caleb Buxton.
 - 421 iv—RACHEL⁶, b. —— 1739; m. Aaron Buxton.
 - 422 v—EUNICE⁶, b. —— 1744; m. John Stafford.
- The last three lived in Smithfield, R. I.

JONATHAN⁵ BOSWORTH, son of Ichabod⁴ (*Jonathan, Jr.*³, *Jonathan*², *Edward*¹) and 2nd wife Mary (———), born probably in Bellingham (then Mendon), Mass., Jan. 2, 1714; died in Royalston, Worcester County, Mass., Dec. 27, 1801, aged 87 years, 11 months, 25 days; married in Wrentham, Mass., May 9, 1744, SUSANNA CHILSON, daughter of Walsingham and Susanna (Edmunds), born at Bellingham. (No dates found of her birth or death.)

NOTE: Walsingham³ Chilson was the son of John², whose wife was Sarah Jenckes. She was the sister of Joseph Jenckes who was the father of Nathaniel who married Hannah⁴ Bosworth sister of Ichabod⁴, father of the above Jonathan. The father of John² was Walsingham, whose wife was Mary. It is stated in Mass. Gen. Vol. 3 p. 1668, that Chilson seems to be "another spelling of the ancient English Chilton."

Jan. 31, 1744, Jonathan Bosworth and Susanna his wife "of Bellingham, Taylors"; Joseph Chilson, "Blacksmith"; Elizabeth Chilson, weaver, and Sarah Chilson, "Spinster", all of Bellingham, divide 135 acres of land "lying S.E. from the dwelling house of Walsingham Chilson," which had belonged to their deceased brother John Chilson. (Boston Deeds, 69-194)

Sept. 22, 1744, Jonathan Bosworth and Joseph Chilson (Susanna's brother) witnessed a deed given by David Darling of Wrentham.

(Worcester Deeds, 74-280)

Apr. 4, 1752, Jonathan and Susanna his wife "both of Wrentham in the county of Suffolk, Taylors," for £47 deeds 30 a. of land in Bellingham to Isaac Shepard. Deed ack. in Worcester, Mar. 22, 1754. Rec. in Boston Dec. 7, 1761.

(Boston Deeds, 97-65)

Nov. 19, 1753, James Whipple, 3rd, for £10, deeds to Jonathan Bosworth "of Grafton, Taylor," a house and lot of 2 a. in township of Grafton.

(Worcester Deeds, 34-75)

Feb. 12, 1754-5, Jonathan Bosworth "of Grafton, Taylor" for £6 deeds to Joseph Whipple, 2 a. of land in Grafton.

(Worcester Deeds, 34-214)

Jonathan and Susanna lived in Bellingham, Norfolk Co., Mass. from 1745 to 1748 where their first three ch. were born. In 1750 to 52 they were in Wrentham where four of their ch. were baptised. In 1753 they were living in Mendon, at the house of Elisha Thompson. It was the custom of those days if any outside persons came to live in a town without consent of the authorities, that the town would give them "warning" to leave. On May 8, 1753 Jonathan, wife and four children; Jonathan, Mary, Susanna

The date of the above deed is prob. O. S. and should be Jan. 31, 1744-5.

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and Jemima received a "Warning." (Ichabod the eldest is not mentioned, so he probably was living somewhere else than with his parents.)

In 1754 they were living in Grafton, where, as shown above, they had bought a house and lot, *Nov. 19, 1753*, but on *May 14*, they were "warned" to leave. Either they did not go at once, or they returned temporarily, for on *Nov. 17, 1754*, their daughter and 6th child, Hepzibah was baptised there. (Both Mendon and Grafton were in Worcester County, Mass.)

They next removed to Uxbridge, also in Worcester Co. and on *Nov. 1, 1757*, Jonathan, with wife and six children were warned to move. As Ichabod had evidently not returned home, the seventh and youngest child, Beulah, was probably born there sometime in 1756. Their next move was to Upton, Wor. Co. where on *May 2, 1760*, Jonathan, wife Susanna and ch. Ichabod, Jonathan, Susanna, Jemimah, Hepzibah and Beulah were "warned" to move. As the dau. Mary is not mentioned, she had perhaps died previous to this time. From here they went to Shrewsbury, also in Wor. Co., and on *Aug. 16, 1763*, Jonathan and Susanna, with ch. Jonathan, Susanna, Jemima, Hepzibah and Beulah, were again warned to remove. As Ichabod is not mentioned he may have been the Ichabod Bosworth that was warned to leave Hopkinton, *July 5, 1761* and from Southborough, *May 11, 1762*, although he would have been only $16\frac{1}{3}$ years old in the first instance and only a little over 17 in the last. On *Apr. 19, 1775* this Ichabod, then 30 yrs. of age, responded to the first call to arms in the Revolution and marched from Shrewsbury, enlisting on *Apr. 28* following. From Shrewsbury Jonathan and Susanna seems to have removed to Royalston, Wor. Co. and permanently settled, for in the U. S. Census of 1790, his name appears as a resident of Royalston with "one female," who may have been either his wife or one of his daughters. Here he died in 1801, as given above.

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of Jonathan⁵ and Susanna (Chilson) Bosworth

- 423 + i—ICHABOD⁶, b. in Bellingham, Mass., *Mar. 21, 1745*, bapt. at Uxbridge, First Congregational Church (Unitarian), *June 4, 1745*; d. ———; m. in Royalston, Mass., *Apr. 9, 1787*, Olive Miller.
- 424 ii—MARY⁶, b. in Bellingham, *Nov. 2, 1746*; d. after *May 8, 1753*, when she was "warned" with the others.
- 425 + iii—JONATHAN⁶, b. in Bellingham, *Sept. 1, 1748*, bapt. in Wrentham at the same time as Mary; d. in Royalston, Mass., *Dec. 1, 1818*; m. Mary Holt.
- 426 iv—SUSANNAH⁶, bapt. in Wrentham, *July 1, 1750*.
- 427 v—JEMIMA⁶, bapt. in Wrentham, *Mar. 15, 1752*; m. in First Cong. Ch. Shrewsbury, *July 10, 1770*, Joseph Jeseoph of Worcester.
- 428 vi—HEPZIBAH⁶, bapt. in Grafton, Mass., *Nov. 17, 1754*.
- 429 + vii—BEULAH⁶, b. before *Jan. 1757*; m. in Royalston, *Mar. 14, 1782*, Ebenezer Bullock.

BENJAMIN⁵ BOSWORTH, son of Ichabod⁴ (*Jonathan Jr.*³, *Jonathan*², *Edward*¹) and second wife Mary (——) born probably in Bellingham, Mass. (then Mendon)* about 1716; died in Scituate, R. I., Nov. 16, 1790; married in Providence, R. I., by William Barton, Asst. J. of P., Oct. 23, 1743, ANNE COLLINS of Scituate.

Apr. 15, 1771, Jeremiah Fuller of Scituate, yeoman for 18 shillings sells to "Benjamin Bozworth of the same town county and colony aforesaid Husbandman," 180 rds. of land adj. that of Francis Fuller.

(So. Scituate Deeds, 7-251)

Feb. 24, 1781, Francis Fuller of Scituate sells to "Benjamin Bozworth of Scituate Husbandman," 3 a. of land for £2, 14 s.

(So. Scituate Deeds, 6-528)

Nov. 28, 1791, "Whereas Benjamin Bozworth of Scituate . . . Departed this Life on the 16th Day of November, A.D. 1790 & died Intestate, and Benajah Bozworth, son of Said Benjamin, & Peleg Fuller both of said Scituate yeomen—this day appearing in Council Requested that they might have Letters of Admr. of the Personal Estate of the said Benjamin Granted to them and gave bond agreeably to Law whereupon letters were Granted." (So. Scituate Probate, 3-145)

On the same day an inventory was taken and "Anna Bozworth Widow of the said Benjamin Bozworth Decd. personally appeared & made Solemn Oath that she had set forth all the Personal Estate of her late Husband that had come to her knowledge," etc.

NOTE: As Anne the widow of Benjamin went to live with her dau. Phebe and her husband Peleg Fuller on Nov. 1, 1798 eight years after the death of her husband, I conclude her son Benajah must have removed from Scituate about that time. She d. Nov. 1, 1800 and Peleg Fuller was allowed \$52. for her board for two yrs. and \$2. for two pairs of shoes.

CHILDREN

of Benjamin⁵ and Anne (Collins) Bosworth
born in Scituate, R. I.

- 430+ i—BENAJAH⁶, b. abt. 1744; No records of death found; m. ——
431 ii—PHEBE⁶, b. abt. 1746; m. in Scituate, May 28, 1769 Peleg Fuller.
432 iii—ELIZABETH⁶, b. abt. 1748; m. in Scituate, Nov. 28, 1771, Ezekiel Burlingame, son of Jeremiah.

*Bellingham was taken from Mendon, Wrentham and Dedham, and incorporated Nov. 27 1719.

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- 433 iv—JOSEPH, b. abt. 1750 or later. The So. Scituate R. I. Probate records (3-159) has the following: "Whereas Joseph Bozworth late of Scituate Departed this Life on the 17th Day of May A.D. 1777 as by accounts appear, he then being a Soldier in the United States Service and Died Intestate, & Benajah Bozworth Brother of the said Joseph this Day appearing in Council Prays. that Letters of Administration of the Personal Estate of the sd Joseph might be Granted unto him, and procured Joshua Battey & Caleb Westcott both of sd Scituate yeoman to be his Sureties who were accepted & bond given, whereupon Letters of Adm^r. was Granted." Mar. 12, 1792.

NOTE: The compiler believes there was another daughter as there was a census taken in R. I. in 1774 and at that time there was one son and one daughter. The son was no doubt Joseph as it is probable that Benajah was married by this time, but as both Phebe and Elizabeth were married it appears that there was another younger daughter, but no records could be found, nor any further trace of the family, although the compiler visited Scituate and searched diligently.

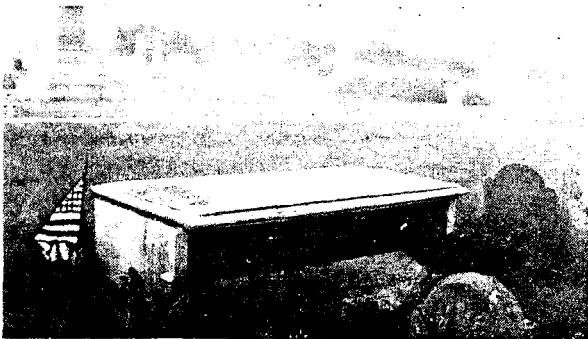
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DEACON JOSEPH⁵ BOSWORTH, son of Ichabod⁴ (*Jonathan, Jr.³, Jonathan², Edward¹*) and second wife, Mary —, born probably in Bellingham, Mass., in 1719; died in Halifax, Mass., Aug. 1, 1769; married (1) in Halifax, by Rev. John Cotton, Nov. 6, 1741, RUTH FULLER, daughter of Ebenezer and Elizabeth (Short) Fuller, born in Middleboro, Mass. Apr. 18, 1719, died in Halifax, Jan. 24, 1743, eight days after the birth of her child; married (2) at Bridgewater, Mass., Sept. 20, 1744, SARAH COBB, daughter of Dea. John and Sarah Cobb, born in Abington, Mass. Apr. 16, 1720; died in Halifax, June 27, 1804.

When Joseph was about the age of 21 he removed to Halifax, Mass., perhaps invited to come there by his uncle David who was deacon of the church at that place, and on Nov. 29, 1741, Joseph, at the age of 22, was baptized in the Halifax Church and "owned the covenant." On June 10, 1742 he was received "into full communion," by Rev. John Cotton. On Apr. 9, 1741 Jonathan Bosworth, son of David, a cousin of Joseph, had been made a deacon of the church. Deacon Jonathan Bosworth died Jan. 24, 1762 and on Oct. 28, following



TOMBSTONES OF DEACON JOSEPH BOSWORTH AND WIFE SARAH, (SEE BULLETIN NO. 8)



MAJOR BENJAMIN BOSWORTH'S TOMBSTONE BEFORE AND AFTER REPAIRS. (See Bulletin No. 8.)



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Joseph was made deacon of the Halifax church, presumably in the place of his cousin. From that time he was known as "Deacon Joseph Bosworth." As explained on page 268 of Part III, the fact of his being baptized when an adult shows that he had not been baptized as an infant, which indicates that his parents were Baptists, or "Anabaptists" as they were then called, for, as we know, they do not baptize infants. This agrees with the statement that Joseph was a son of Ichabod and that Ichabod was a Baptist like his father, Jonathan Bosworth, Jr. (See Part III p. 266).

Sept. 25, 1747 "The church chose two to tune the Psalm in public by Turns for a while viz Noah Cushing & Joseph Bosworth."

May 23, 1751, The above again chosen.

May 2, 1757, "Joseph Bosworth Requested ye Chh to excuse him Tuning ye Psalm to which Duty they had some time since chosen him and the Chh voted to Desire the sd Mr. Bosworth to continue to Tune the Psalm."

Oct. 28, 1762, "The Chh being met . . . voted that it is agreeable to them to make choice of two Persons to officiate as Deacons. Chose Lieut. Barnabas Tomson & Mr Joseph Bosworth to officiate in sd Office where upon the Pastor signifying his approbation of the Church's Election they Desired some time to consider of it which the Chh consented to and after some time of Consideration they manifested their acceptance & took the seat."

(Halifax Church Records)*

The pastor at this time was Rev. William Patten.

Dec. 29, 1764, John Tomson Jr. for £11, 6 s., deeds 7 a. of land in Halifax "to Joseph Bozworth of Halifax, is Part of the land whereon I dwell."

(Plymouth Deeds, 50-250)

June 13, 1768, John Tomson Jr., for £6, 12 s. deeds 3½ a. of land in Halifax to Joseph Bosworth. (It was a part of J. Tomson's homestead.)

(Plymouth Deeds 55-47)

Deacon Joseph Bosworth died on Aug. 1, 1769 and two weeks later, on Aug. 14, the son John died. On Oct. 6, 1769 Josiah Surtevant, Jr. was apt. adm. on the estates of Joseph Bosworth of Halifax, "housewright" and John Bosworth of Halifax, cooper, and on Nov. 1 of that year inventories were made. John's was as follows:

*These statements were copied personally by the compiler from the old Halifax Church records.

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Inventory of John Bozworth, Cooper, of Halifax—Nov. 13, 1769.

Coopers stuff & tools	£5.	12.	9.	2.
Wearing Apparel	5.	12.	5.	
Two Sheep	0.	12.	0.	
	£11. 17. 2. 2.			

(Plym. Pro., 20-288)

Inventory of Joseph, the father.

Real Estate	£66.	13.	4.	
Live Stock	4.	0.	0.	
Lumber	6.	19.	2.	
Joinery ware	1.	10.	1½	
Carpenter & joyners tools	6.	15.	5.	
Household furniture	25.	10.	2½	
Wearing apparel	4.	1.	11	
	£115. 10. 2.			

“Josiah Sturtevant Jr. . . . adm. on estates of Joseph Bosworth & John Bosworth late of Halifax deced, humbly shews that sd estates are greatly in debt wherefore he represents the same insolvent and prays that Com. may be apt. to examine the claims thereon.”

May 15, 1770, Moses Inglee and Eli Bosworth apt. Com. to notify and examine claims against the estates of Joseph and John Bosworth presented their reports.

There were 62 persons who brought in claims against Joseph's estate, among them:

Zadock Bosworth (his cousin's son)	0..	5..	8
Wid: Ruth Packard (widow of his cousin Dea. Jonathan, who had m. (2) Joseph Packard)	0..	3..	0
James Bosworth (his eldest son)	2..	13..	6
Deborah Bosworth (his dau.)	1..	4..	0
Eli Bosworth (his eldest son by his 2nd wife, one of the commissioners)	12..	19..	1

The entire claims totaled £129. 19. 9¾.

There were 14 persons who presented claims against John's estate, one being his sister Ruth for 0, 4, 1½. The total of the claims was £14, 18, 6.

May 18, 1770, “A com. of three were apt. to set off one third of the real estate of Dea. Joseph to Sarah Bosworth the deceds widow and in a settlement of the estate she was given a portion of the land and a part of the house unto the south door reserving to the widow one half the kitchen fire . . . excepting that whoever shall own the other part of the dwelling house shall have the privilege of baking in the oven and passing in and out of the fore door. We also set off to the sd. widow the one half the porch and

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well and the privilege of passing through the kitchen to the same and also 8 ft. in length of the south end of the cellar and the privilege of passing through the kitchen and cellar to her part of the cellar", etc.

May 18, 1770, The Superior Court empowered Josiah Sturtevant, Esq. Adm. on the estate of Joseph Bosworth to sell all the estate to pay his just debts. (Plym. Deeds, 55-145)

The acct. of the Adm. on the estate of Joseph Bosworth showed cash received from 9 persons which added to the amt. of the inventory brought the sum to £106, 9, 3. Disbursements:

To necessaries set off to the widow	£30.	00.	00
To what the real estate fell short in vendueing	26.	13.	4
Adm. time and expense	14.	8.	4
Adm. prays allowance for further trouble collecting	2.	0.	0
Allowance for 500 ft. boards lost	13.	0.	0
Total	£73.	14.	8
Remains to be proportioned	£62.	5.	7

Jan. 10, 1771, It was ordered that "nine shilling and seven pence upon a pound" be paid upon the debts.

The acct. of Josiah Sturtevant the adm. on the est. of John Bosworth showed cash received from 16 persons which added to the inv. made the entire amt. £17, 4, 7. Disbursements:

To cash paid in probate office	1.	0.	0
To cash to William Perry for coffin	0.	3.	0
To cash to doctr Allen for attendance in last sickness	1.	11.	11
To Sarah Bosworth for attending & finding all necessaries in last sickness & funeral charges	3.	3.	0
To the apprizers 6/ commissioners 17/	1.	3.	0
To adm. trouble & expense	2.	14.	6
Sd adm. prays allowance for further necessary trouble	0.	16.	0
also for the loss of 1,000 barrel hoops	0.	16.	0
also for a mistake in the inventory of — nails	1.	5.	4
	12.	13.	9
Remainder	£ 4.	10.	10

Jan. 10, 1771, It was ordered that "six shillings upon a pound" be paid to the creditors.

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of Joseph⁵ Bosworth
by 1st wife, Ruth (Fuller), born in Halifax

434 + i—JAMES⁶, b. Jan. 16, 1743; d. May 16, 1831; m. Mehitable Shaw.

by 2nd wife Sarah (Cobb), born in Halifax

- 435 + ii—ELI⁶, b. Aug. 10, 1745; d. June 16, 1816; m. Hannah Cox.
436 iii—JOHN⁶, "2nd," b. Dec. 28, 1746, bapt. Mar. 29, 1747; d. unm.
Aug. 14, 1769.
437 iv—RUTH⁶, b. Sept. 10, 1748, bapt. Sept. 11, 1748; d. unm. Dec.
31, 1835, aged 87.
438 + v—RICHARD⁶, b. July 16, 1750; d. Nov. 7, 1830; m. Hannah
Chipman.
439 vi—DEBORAH⁶, b. Jan. 16, 1753, bapt. Feb. 25, 1753 "N.S.";
d. unm. Feb. 7, 1840, aged 87.
440 + vii—JOSEPH⁶, b. Nov. 15, 1756; d. May 6, 1830; m. Mary Win-
slow.
441 + viii—MARY⁶, b. Dec. 5, 1758; m. Ezekiel Tomson.
442 + ix—ISAAC⁶, b. Aug. 3, 1760; d. Oct. 2, 1839; m. Joanna Cushman.
443 x—ZENAS⁶, b. Apr. 15, 1762; bapt. Apr. 18, 1762; d. Feb. 11,
1765.
444 + xi—SALAH⁶, b. Mar. 11, 1764; d. Oct. 12, 1823; m. Rebecca
Perkins.

NOTE: In 1790 there was a Sarah Bosworth living alone in Halifax, but it seems hardly possible that this was the widow of Joseph, although she was still alive, but it would seem strange that the two unmarried daughters, Ruth and Deborah were not living with her. However as Ruth was a "Dame Schoolteacher" and Deborah a "tailoress," it may be that they were living by themselves, and Sarah in the part of the home that was given her in the settlement of her husband's estate. This impression is strengthened by the fact that on Oct. 26, 1801, William Barrows, for £110 deeded to Ruth and Deborah Bosworth both of Halifax $\frac{1}{4}$ a. of land and $\frac{1}{2}$ of a dwelling house thereon, "Excepting and reserving to Holmes Sears a small part of the kitchen that I sold to said Sears as will appear by a deed which I gave to said Sears of part of the kitchen." In the U. S. Census of 1810 in the household of "Ruth Bosworth," of Halifax were "2 females of 45 and upwards;" these must have been, Ruth then 62, and Deborah 57. In 1820 again in household of Ruth were "2 females of 45 and upwards"—Ruth, 72, Deborah, 67. In 1830, in the household of "Deborah Bosworth" were three people, "1 female of 80 and under 90" was Ruth then 82; "1 female of 70 and under 80," was Deborah then 77, and one between 60 and 70, who was probably a companion or assistant. On Feb. 17, 1832, Joseph Bosworth, (probably a son of James⁶) called "a nepew and friend of Ruth Bosworth," reported that she was in a "distracted condition" and unable

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to care for herself, and the Judge apt. Jabez P. Thomson as guardian Apr. 3, 1832. The inv. of her est. showed $\frac{3}{8}$ a. of land and part of a house valued at \$30. and "Personal estate" valued at \$28. (but sold for \$32.66), which was all sold and used in caring for her until her death in 1835. It appears that Joseph cared for her in his home, and was allowed for her board as far as estate permitted.

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AMOS⁵ BOSWORTH, son of Jonathan⁴, (*Jonathan Jr.*³, *Jonathan*², *Edward*¹) and Sarah (Rounds), born in Rehoboth, Mass. about 1704; died after 1775 (no record found) married (1) at Rehoboth, by Rev. David Turner, Nov. 28, 1734 EUNICE INGALLS, daughter of Edmund³ (John², Edmund¹) and Eunice (Luddin) Ingalls, born in Rehoboth, Oct. 1, 1713; died and was buried in Rehoboth, May 9, 1749; married (2) at Rehoboth, Nov. 10, 1749, by Elder Richard Rounds, (intention published, Oct. 21, 1749), Mrs. DEBORAH EASTERBROOK) INGALLS, prob. the daughter of John² (Thomas¹) and Mehitable Easterbrook, born May 22, 1716; widow of Edmund Ingalls, the twin brother of Eunice, first wife of Amos. Deborah died in Rehoboth, Sept. 28, 1768, and Amos seems to have married (3) HANNAH SMITH of Providence, intention published Jan. 18, 1771 at Rehoboth.

July 13, 1730, "Amos Bozworth of Rehoboth, Husbandman" bought 25 a. of land on Rockey River in Rehoboth, adj. land of his father, Jonathan, for £182, 2 s. (Taunton Deeds, 41-185)

Jan. 29, 1730/31, Amos, called a "weaver", sold 3 a. at Rockey River (the line of the land crossing the river), for £30. (Taunton Deeds, 23-365)

Sept. 13, 1734, Amos bought of his father 10 a. "on the east side of Palmer River and on the west side of Rockey River," for £50. (Taunton Deeds, 41-186)

Feb. 21, 1739/40, Benjamin, Ebenezer, Edmund, Joseph, Samuel and Lewis Ingalls and Amos Bosworth and Eunice his wife, sell 50 pounds right of commonage "that was our father Edmund Ingalls which he died siezed of" containing $1\frac{1}{2}$ a. in Watchamocket Neck. (Taunton Deeds, 28-130)

July 13, 1740, Amos buys $9\frac{1}{2}$ a. "on ye Easterly side of ye Oak Swamp" of Joseph Ingalls, for £94. (Taunton Deeds, 41-187)

Mar. 28, 1744, Amos buys land of Ephraim and Elizabeth Martin, also on the "Easterly side of ye Oak Swamp," $3\frac{1}{4}$ a. for £30. (Taunton Deeds, 41-188)

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Dec. 31, 1750, Amos Bosworth, "yeoman" and Deborah, his wife, "as she is Admx. on the estate of her late husband Edmond Ingles late of Rehoboth deceased" and having received power from the court, sell land in Rehoboth formerly owned by said Ingalls. Signed

"Amos Bozworth
her
Deborah X Bozworth"
mark
(Taunton Deeds, 39-21)

Oct. 1, 1751, Amos Bosworth, "Husbandman" buys of his father Jonathan, 22 a. of land "Lying by Rock River on both sides of ye Road that leads from John Hixes to ye Meeting House."

Signed "Jonathan Bozworth
her
Sarah X Bozworth"
mark

Feb. 1, 1759, Amos at his mother's request was apt. Adm. on his father's estate. (See Part III, p. 271).

Eunice, first wife of Amos was the mother of three sons, Amos who died young, Joseph and David. On Dec. 31, 1750, after the death of Eunice, Amos asked to be apt. Guardian to Joseph, the eldest son. As nothing is said of David, he had probably died.

The children of Deborah, the second wife, by her first husband, Edmund Ingalls, were: Sarah, Edmund, Deborah, Benjamin (d. y.) and John Ingalls. (For dates of birth see Vit. Rec. Rehoboth p. 652). Edmund Ingalls died Apr. 3, 1749, and the following November, Deborah married Amos Bosworth—her first husband's brother-in-law.

We know that Amos did not die until after Aug. 10, 1775 for on that date he and Hannah witnessed his brother Ichabod Bosworth's will.

CHILDREN

of Amos⁵ Bosworth, born in Rehoboth
by 1st wife Eunice (Ingalls.)

- 445 i—JOSEPH⁶, b. Oct. 21, 1735. No further records.
446 ii—DAVID⁶, b. July 1, 1741; prob. d. y.
447 iii—AMOS⁶, no record of birth; d. Jan. 7, 1748/9.

by 2nd wife Deborah (Easterbrook) (Ingalls)

- 448+ iv—AMOS⁶, b. Feb. 22, 1753; d. after 1830; m. (1) Ruth Smith, (2) Anna ———, (3) Chloe Wheeler.
449+ v—BENJAMIN⁶, b. Feb. 23, 1757; d. in Royalton, Vt., Feb. 17, 1830; m. Barbara Lindley.

ICHABOD⁵ BOSWORTH, son of Jonathan⁴ (*Jonathan Jr.*³, *Jonathan*², *Edward*¹) and Sarah (Rounds) born in Rehoboth, Mass., May 31, 1706; died before Sept. 6, 1775 when will was probated; married (1) at Rehoboth, Jan. 12, 1726/7, by Rev. David Turner, MARY BOWEN, daughter of Joseph³ (Obadiah² Richard¹) and Elizabeth (Rounds), born July 1, 1706; (no record of death); a cousin of Ichabod, Elizabeth being a sister of Ichabod's mother; married (2) in Warren, R. I. Nov. 19, 1748, (intention published in Rehoboth, Sept. 10, 1748), BETHIA WOOD, daughter of John Jr. and Charity (Millard) Wood, born at Swansea, Mass., Nov. 17, 1718; died and was buried at Rehoboth, Dec. 20, 1760; married (3) at Rehoboth, by Elder Nathan Pearce, Apr. 23, 1761, WAITSTILL HIGGINS, "a resident of Rehoboth."

Mar. 22, 1727/8, Elisha, Obadiah and Jabez Bowen, Ichabod Bosworth and Mary his wife, all of Rehoboth, and Jacob Chase, Jr. and Elsie his wife, and Ephraim Chase and Elizabeth his wife of Swansea gave a quit claim deed to "our Brother Joseph Bowen" of land inherited from "our honrd father Joseph Bowen Late of Rehoboth yeoman deceased." Signed by all the above. (Taunton Deeds, 65-351)

Apr. 5, 1760, Ichabod was witness to a deed given by Joseph Bowen to Nathan Pierce. (Taunton Deeds, 65-390)

Ichabod made a will dated, Aug. 10, 1775, probated Sept. 6, 1775, in it he is called a "yeoman." After the usual preliminaries: "Calling to mind y^e mortality of my body & Knowing it is Appointed for man once to die do make & ordain this my Last will & Testament that is to say- princply & first of all Give & Recomend my Sole into y^e hands of God who Gave it hooping through y^e merites Deth & percion of my Savier Jesus Christ to have full & free perdon & for giveness of all my sins & to Enharit Eternel Life & my body i commit to y^e earth to be deasently buried att y^e Descree- tion of my Executor hear after named nothing doubting but att y^e Generall Recktion I shall Receive ye same again by ye mighty power of God. And as touching such worldly estate wheir with it hath pleased God to Bless me with in this Life I Give demise & Dispose of ye same in ye folowing manner: Impris: I Give & bequeeth unto Waitstill my wife one third part of the Incom of my estate so long as she shall Remain my Widdow.

Item: I give & bequeeth unto my son peleck Bozworth whom I Likewise Constitute make & ordain my Sole Executor of this my Last will & Testament all my Lands messuages & tenaments to him to be possessed & enjoyed for ever after my disceas & to his heirs & asigns for ever.

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Item: I Give & bequeth unto my son Ichabod Bozworth Thirteen pounds & Sixteen Shillings

Item: I Give & bequeeth unto my son Joseph Bozworth nine pounds

Item: I Give unto my son John Bozworth fifteen pounds. . . .

Item: I Give & bequeeth unto my Daughter bethiah Hail fifteen Shillings.
. . . .

Item: I Give to my Daughter Elizabeth Bowen one Cow my Loms & slays & my warming pan. . . .

Item: I Give & bequeeth unto my Daughter Charity one Cow with all ye moveble Goods that belonged to her mother. . . .

Item: I Give to mary mason daughter of John Hail five Shillings." . . .

All the above were to be paid or delivered by the executor.

(Signed) Ichabod Bozworth

Nathan pearce	}	Witnesses
Hannah Bozworth		
Amos Bozworth		

CHILDREN

of Ichabod⁵ Bosworth, born in Rehoboth
by 1st wife Mary (Bowen)

450+ i—BETHIA⁶, b. Nov. 6, 1727; d. Sept. 7, 1813; m. John Haile.

451 ii—MARTHA⁶, no record of birth; d. Feb. 10, 1759.

452 iii—MARY⁶, b. Oct. 22, 1735; prob. d. before Aug. 10, 1775.

453+ iv—ICHABOD⁶, b. Oct. 14, 1739; d. May 15, 1820; m. Hannah Horton.

454+ v—ELIZABETH⁶, b. Dec. 17, 1742; d. prob. in Gloucester, R. I.; m. Obadiah Bowen.

by 2nd wife Bethia (Wood)

455+ vi—PELEG⁶, b. May 6, 1754; m. Mary Smith.

456+ vii—JOSEPH⁶, b. Apr. 10, 1756; d. _____; m. _____.

457+ viii—CHARITY⁶, b. Apr. 21, 1758; d. Jan. 26, 1838; m. Eddy Luther.

458+ ix—JOHN⁶, b. June 14, 1760; d. in Strongville, Ohio, Dec. 25, 1845; m. (1) Rosanna Blackman, (2) Hannah Luther.

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CHRISTIAN⁵ BOSWORTH, daughter of Jonathan⁴ (*Jonathan, Jr.*³, *Jonathan*², *Edward*¹) and Sarah (Rounds), born in Rehoboth, Mass. May 16, 1708; married in Rehoboth, Feb. 29, 1745/6, JONATHAN SOUL (Soal, Sole, Soule) of Tiverton, R. I.

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Jonathan⁴ Soule, son of Capt. Nathaniel³ (*Nathaniel*², George¹, the Mayflower passenger) and Hannah Soule born in Dartmouth, Mass. Mar. 3, 1711. He lived variously in Dartmouth, in Tiverton and Newport, R. I., and in Swansea and Rehoboth, Mass. It seems that he was thrice married (1) Dec. 3, 1731, Elizabeth Gifford, and (2) to Christian Bosworth as above; and (3) at Rehoboth Dec. 31, 1745, Elizabeth Rounds; both were of Rehoboth. Elizabeth was daughter of John Rounds—possibly a cousin of Christian, the second wife.

Jonathan Soule seems to have lived on the dividing line between Swansea and Rehoboth. On *Aug. 4, 1738*, Jonathan Soule of Swansea bought 11 a. of land next to Jonathan Bosworth's land. His wife Christian (Bosworth) evidently died just previous to *Apr. 8, 1745* for on that date he sold the above 11 a. He married Elizabeth Rounds on Dec. 31, 1745 and on Apr. 11, 1746, bought land in Rehoboth—apparently a new home for a new bride.

There seems to be no reliable records of the birth of any children of Christian (Bosworth) Soule. Jonathan had a son Joseph Soule, who in 1773 married Content Wood, but which wife was his mother it is impossible to say. In his intentions is described as "son of Jonathan Soule of Tiverton." He probably went to Danby, Vt.

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JONATHAN⁵ BOSWORTH, son of Jonathan⁴ (*Jonathan Jr.*³, *Jonathan*², *Edward*¹) and Sarah (Rounds), born in Rehoboth, Mass., Feb. 26, 1711; died in Foster, R. I. late in December 1797, married (1) in Rehoboth by Rev. David Turner Dec. 25, 1735, JUDITH MARTIN, daughter of Ephraim and Thankful (Bullock) Martin born in Rehoboth, Mar. 28, 1714; died in Rehoboth, Oct. 13, 1736, in her 23rd year, six days after the birth of her son; married (2) intention published in Rehoboth, June 25, 1737, THANKFUL MARTIN, daughter of Ephraim and Thankful (Bullock) Martin, older sister of Judith, born in Rehoboth, May 18, 1702; (3) MARY ———; no record of marriage, but named in deeds as Jonathan's wife. (No death-records of Thankful or Mary.)

NOTE: Thankful³ Bullock, mother of Thankful, Judith and Elizabeth Martin—the latter the wife of Elisha Bosworth (No. 166), was dau. of Dea. Samuel² (Richard¹) and Thankful (Reneff) Bullock, b. in Rehoboth June 26, 1681; m. Ephraim Martin Dec. 6, 1699 in Rehoboth.

Ephraim Martin was son of John and Joan (Esten) Martin, b. in Swansea, Feb. 7, 1676. John Martin and Joan Esten were m. in Swansea Apr. 26, 1671. (Name spelled Enstance in records.)

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It appears from the Mass. Archives, copied at Boston, that Jonathan was a soldier in the French and Indian war. His name first "Appearson a return of the men enlisted and impressed for the expedition against Crown Point agreeable to the order of His Excellency William Shirley Esq. of April 15, 1756." His name on "a return of men enlisted or impressed *Apr. 22, 1756.*" (Mass. Arch., 94-156)

His name next appears on "A Billeting Roll dated Apr. 30, 1759, of Capt. Job Williams' co. Brig. Gen. Ruggles' Regt., 2nd Battalion." Enlisted *Mar. 21, 1759.* "Day of first receiving the King's provisions Apr. 30. Number of days 41. Amt. 6 s. 10d." (Mass. Arch., 97-188)

Jonathan's name again "Appears on a Billeting Roll" in the same co. "1st battalion, Col. Ruggles' regt. . . . Billeting commenced May 1, (1759) Date of receiving King's provisions May 10, 9 days billeting allowed." (Mass. Arch., 97-405a)

Chronological events in the life of Jonathan follow:

<i>Aug. 5, 1736,</i>	Jonathan of Rehoboth,	"husbandman",	buys land in Rehoboth.
<i>Jan. 16, 1750,</i>	"	" Warren,	"yeoman", and wife Thankful sell land.
<i>Feb. 13, 1750,</i>	"	"	" "husbandman", buys land in Rehoboth and Swansea.
<i>Dec. 3, 1750,</i>	"	"	" "yeoman", and wife Thankful sell land.
<i>May 18, 1751,</i>	"	"	" "brasier", buys land in Swansea.
<i>Jan. 24, 1752,</i>	"	"	" "Brazier" sells land in Rehoboth.
<i>Feb. 17, 1752,</i>	"	"	" "Brasier" sells to Thankful Martin—prob. his wife's mother. On same date sells her all his "moveables."
<i>Feb. 28, 1753,</i>	"	"	" "Brasier" and "Thankfull" his wife, sell land.
<i>Sept. 24, 1760,</i>	"	"	" "Brazer", sells land in "Swanzey", on highway leading from Kelly's Ferry to Rehoboth. John and Shubael Kinne-cut witnesses.
<i>Sept. 24, 1760,</i>	"	"	" "Brasier" sells his house and lot in Warren.
<i>Mar. 23, 1761,</i>	"	"	" Barrington, "Brasier" buys land in "Swanzey."
<i>Dec. 11, 1761,</i>	"	"	" Providence, "Brazier," buys land in Gloucester, R. I.
<i>Jan. 28, 1763,</i>	"	"	" Gloucester, "Brazier" buys house and 12 a. land in Gloucester.
<i>Jan. 28, 1763,</i>	"	"	" "Brazier" sells land in Swansea, deed signed by Jonathan and "Mary Bosworth."

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- Apr. 21, 1766*, Jonathan of Providence, "yeoman," sells land in Gloucester.
Jan. 8, 1771, " " Cumberland, R. I., "Brazier," buys a farm in Gloucester.
Mar. 11, 1777, " " Gloucester, "Brazier", sells his farm in Gloucester, and "Mary *the wife* of the said Jonathan" signed the deed. Mary made "her mark."
Mar. 25, 1777, " " " "Brazier", buys a house and lot in Gloucester.
Feb. 13, 1778, " " Scituate, "Brazier", buys 30 a. land in Scituate.
Aug. 9, 1783, "Jonathan Bosworth of Foster, Brazier, for Love Goodwill and Natural affection which I . . . bear towards my son-in-law Joseph Boyce . . . Shipwright and my Daughter Thankful Boyce wife to said Joseph Boyce," deeds him 30 a. of land in Foster.

The following shows where the above deeds may be found.

Taunton Deeds—30-170; 38-384; 38-285(2); 38-286; 44-485; 45-53; 45-441; 49-514; 50-257.

Warren, R. I. Deeds—1-423.

Fall River Deeds—4-306; 8-52; 8-563; 10-157.

Gloucester, R. I. Deeds—7-155; 7-352; 7-513; 9-13; 9-379.

South Scituate, R. I. Deeds—6-421; 7-41.

Foster, R. I. Deeds—1-57; 1-199; 2-206.

NOTE: Among those who witnessed Jonathan deeds was Martin Bosworth, who signed Jan. 24, 1752. The son Martin was only 15 yrs. and 3 mos. old at that time and that was rather young, but he may have done so. The compiler knows of no other Martin Bosworth living at that time. The deeds signed on Feb. 17, 1752, were both witnessed by Nathaniel Jenks. He was a first cousin of Jonathan. (See Part III, p. 237). On the deeds dated May 18, 1751 and Feb. 28, 1753, Joseph Bosworth's name is written as witness. He was another first cousin of Jonathan (See No. 150). Accompanying Joseph's signature on the latter deed was that of William Bullock; he was a first cousin of Thankful, her mother and his father being sister and brother. The deed given Dec. 3, 1750 was witnessed by Elisha Bosworth (No. 166), a brother of Jonathan, and by Ruth Horton.

In the year 1774 there was a census taken in the "Colony of Rhode Island." At that time Jonathan was living in Cumberland with "one female" who was probably his wife Mary.

In the first U. S. Census taken in 1790, Jonathan was living in Foster and his daughter Thankful Boyce who was then a widow with a family of 10, was living with him.

In 1797 Jonathan died and the Providence Gazette of Dec. 30, had the following notice: "Jonathan Bosworth died at Foster, aged 86 yrs. 9 mo. He never had a day's illness until his 85th year. The ages of his bearers united made 282 years."

On the inventory of the estate Jonathan Bosworth made Apr. 5, 1799—

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besides clothing household goods and tools there was a note signed, John Hix, principal and interest, \$23.06.

On May 10, 1799 the foregoing inv. was presented, and read, and "the Appraisers declared they had appraised all the personal estate of the said Jonathan Bosworth that had been set forth to them and that said personal estate was *Set forth by Thankful Boyce* and the said Thankful declared that she had set forth all the personal estate of the said Bosworth," etc.

The compiler found the grave of the first wife at the rear part of an old burying ground in Rehoboth, near the roots of an old pine tree. The inscription on the head stone reads: Here lies the body of Judith Bozworth ye wife of Jonathan Bozworth Decs Oct. 13, 1736 in ye 23rd year of her age.

CHILDREN

of Jonathan⁵ Bosworth
by 1st wife Judith (Martin)

459 i—MARTIN⁶, b. in Rehoboth, Oct. 7, 1736; no record of d. or m. found.

by 2nd wife Thankful (Martin)

460+ ii—THANKFUL⁶, b. abt. 1738; d. prob. in Brome county, Prov. of Quebec, Canada; m. Joseph Boyce (Du Bois), of Huguenot ancestry.

NOTE: Included in this family by some students of genealogy is a son William Bosworth, who, in the U. S. Census taken in 1790 was living in Foster with a wife and six children. However as nothing further could be found about him after diligent search—either dates of birth, marriage or death, names of children, deeds or wills, the compiler does not feel justified in placing him here as a son.

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ELISHA⁵ BOSWORTH, youngest son of Jonathan⁴ (*Jonathan Jr.*³, *Jonathan*², *Edward*¹) and Sarah (Rounds) born in Rehoboth, Mass., July 8, 1713; disappeared in Aug. 1757 at the capture of Ft. McHenry by the French and Indians; married at Rehoboth, Nov. 11, 1741, by Rev. David Turner, ELIZABETH MARTIN, daughter of Ephraim and Thankful (Bullock) Martin; (birth not recorded, born either 1712 or 1720). After the death of Elisha, his widow Elizabeth, married at Rehoboth, by Elder Nathan Pearce, Mar. 31, 1760, WHEELER PEARCE*, as his 2nd wife; he had married Elizabeth Allen in

*The proper pronunciation of this name is as if spelled *purse*. The family is descended from the Percy family of England.

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Swansea, Apr. 8, 1737, where he is called "of Rehoboth." He was son of Dea. Miel and Judith* Pearce born in Swansea July 11, 1714.

Nov. 23, 1745, Elisha called a "yeoman", sold 18 a. of land in Rehoboth on highway leading to the meeting house, with the land of Jonathan Bosworth on the north and that of Amos (his brother) on the south.
(Taunton Deeds, 43-118)

Mar. 14, 1746, Elisha sold 10 a. of land in Rehoboth, with land of Amos (his brother) on the east and that of his brother Jonathan on the west. Amos one of the witnesses.
(Taunton Deeds, 49-487)

Jan. 24, 1748, Elisha sold 25 a. of land in Rehoboth on the corner of two highways, with a cedar swamp on the north, "with my Dwelling house thereon standing and is my homestead farm on which I now Dwell." Signed by Elisha Bosworth and Elizabeth his wife.
(Taunton Deeds, 35-357)

Nov. 15, 1751, Elisha, of Rehoboth, yeoman, sold $8\frac{1}{4}$ a. of land in Rehoboth. Signed by Elisha and Elizabeth.
(Taunton Deeds, 40-444)

Elisha Bosworth enlisted or was "impressed" into the service of the English in the French and Indian War, as was his brother Jonathan, for in Mass. Archives, copied in Boston, his name appears on "A Muster Roll, sworn to in Boston Apr. 4, 1758 of a company in His Maj's service under the command of Capt. William Arbuthnott. Private—Resident Taunton—Entered service Mar. 21 (1757)—Served until Oct. 26—Length of service 31 wks. 3 days. Roll made up for part of the co. in the capitulation at Ft. William Henry, Aug. 9, 1757. Reported 22 days travel allowed."
(Mass. Arch., 95-507)

In Mass. Archives, Vol. 77, p. 751 may be found the following: "Sir Whereas I find by the Publick Print that all persons who have Friends or Relations in Captivity in Canada or among the Indians & are Directed to Send their names to the Secretary's office, etc. These are therefore to Inform your Hon^b. that my Husband Elisha Bozworth of Rehoboth was Taken Prisoner at Fort William Henry (When that Fort was Taken) by the French or Indians and I have since heard he was in Canada. †

Sepr. ye 23^d 1758
Your Humble Servt.
Elizabeth Bozworth

*Although this name is given as *Judith* on the Swansea records where the birth of Wheeler and an older brother Ephraim is given, on the same records the marriage is given of Miel Pearce and *Joanna* Round, on Nov. 26, 1711. She must have died after the birth of these two sons for the wife named in his will who was the mother of the rest of his large family was named Mary.

†Historians differ greatly as to the terrible tragedy following the capture of Ft. William Henry by the French. One says the French General Montcalm, after the English had surrendered, turned "2,000 of his Indian allies upon the captives, 1,500 of them were butchered or

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Elisha Bosworth's capture also reported among that of others including Nathaniel Goff of Dighton—by Samuel Goff of Rehoboth Oct. 2, 1758. All captured at the taking of Fort William Henry. (Mass. Arch., 77-698)

It is evident that in some way the information came to Elizabeth that Elisha was not a captive in Canada, but was among those who lost their lives in the massacre, for she put in the following petition to the Probate Court: "Elizabeth Bosworth of Rehoboth widow humbly shews That her Late Husband Elisha Bosworth of sd Rehoboth Left a small Estate which now is unadministered on therefore I Desire your hon^r. to appoint Mr. Benjamin Martin administrator thereon I being Incapable thereof Decline it. And as in duty Bound Shall ever pray."

Signed by Elizabeth with "her mark."

On Aug. 22, 1758 an inventory on "the Estate of Elisha Bosworth Late of Rehoboth Deseast" was made, as follows:

	To Cash	£13	5s	2d
Imp ^s His wareing Apparel: one full ^d Cloath Bue Coat				
17 s old Leather Britches 3 s		1	0	0
Item His Books: one Bible 2 ^s Testament and other old Books 1 ^s : Amonition 1 ^s .		0	4	0
His Bedding: one Rugg Civerlid 6 ^s Two wolen Blankets 24 ^s Two Pillow Cases 3 ^s		4	4	6
Item Two linen Sheets 10 ^s Bed Cord 2 ^s feathers 12 ^s underbed 2 ^s Flock Bed 10 ^s Three Seets 6 ^s Rugg 6 ^s Bed Stead and Cord 3 ^s 6 ^d				
Item Pewter ware		0	1	0
Item Brass ware one Kittle 12 ^s spurn 3 ^d		0	12	3
Item Iron Ware one Kittle 2 ^s -6 ^d one Skilet 1 ^s Knives 3 ^d . Fire Shovel 1 ^s -6 ^d Tongs 4 ^s Tramel 3 ^s -6 ^d Frying Pan 6 ^d		0	3	9
Item Husbandry Tackling three old Syths and Tackling 3 ^s hoe 1 ^s Ax 1 ^s Hors-Shews 3 ^d Sickle 1 ^s two wedges 1 ^s -6 ^d Shod Shovel 1 ^s Cops pin 6 ^d		0	9	3
Item Glass ware 1 ^s -6 ^d Earthen ware 8 ^d Stone Jugg 4 ^d . Wood ware: three old Dishes four Trenchers 1 ^s -3 ^d one Peck measure 1 ^s		0	2	6
Item old can 3 ^d Ladle 3 ^d Lignum-Vite mortar 2 ^s -6 ^d Bread Trough 1 ^s Two old Pails 6 ^d Cradle 1 ^s Distub 2 ^s -6 ^d		0	10	3

taken into hopeless captivity." Another account says the English surrendered "on condition that they be permitted to retreat unmolested to Ft. Edward" (15 miles away) but the Indians "attacked the helpless English and a terrible massacre followed. Montcalm fearlessly risked his own life in an effort to stop his savage allies in their work of butchery but was unsuccessful." The Int. Encyclopedia says that Montcalm promised that the English garrison should be "escorted to Ft. Edward by a detachment of French regulars . . . but they were soon set upon by the Indians and a general massacre ensued." This account adds that although "the attack was not instigated by the French, contemporary evidence shows that no earnest effort was made to force the Indians to observe the treaty stipulations."

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In the U. S. Census of 1790, Wheeler Pearce was still living in Rehoboth with "1 female", evidently the wife Elizabeth, but she must have died soon after for on June 11, 1795, Wheeler sold to Constant Pearce $4\frac{1}{2}$ a. of land in Rehoboth "with a Dwelling House thereon standing", a part of the homestead farm" of Dea. Miel Pearce of Rehoboth decs."; and whereas Elizabeth had signed all his other deeds, this one was signed by Wheeler alone. This land joined land of his step-son, Elisha Bosworth.

CHILDREN

of Elisha⁵ and Elizabeth (Martin) Bosworth
born in Rehoboth, Mass.

- 461 + i—ELIZABETH⁶, b. Aug. 19, 1744; d. ———; m. Benjamin Martin.
462 ii—JUDITH⁶, b. Nov. 7, 1746; d. ———; m. Feb. 5, 1768 Joseph Martin of Swansea. No further records.
463 iii—SARAH⁶, b. abt. 1748; d. ———; m. Sept. 4, 1771 William Pierce. On Nov. 28, 1774 Sarah Pierce of Rehoboth widow apt. Adm. on the est. of William Pierce "lately died Intestate." It may be that Sarah m. again, for on the Swansea records there is a marriage of Sarah Pierce to Samuel Lewis, May 16, 1779.
464 + iv—ELISHA⁶, b. Dec. 5, 1754; d. ———; m. Lydia Capron.

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ELIZABETH⁵ BOSWORTH, second daughter of Joseph⁴ (*Joseph³, Jonathan², Edward¹*) and Lydia (Kent), born in Rehoboth, Mass., Jan. 22, 1717/18; died previous to Dec. 1775; married at Rehoboth, April 3, 1746, (int. pub. at Barrington, R. I., Jan. 11, 1745/6), EBENEZER ALLEN, JR., son of Ebenezer Allen of Swansea, born in 1720 or 21, prob. in Barrington, as Barrington was set off from Swansea in 1717.

NOTE: Ebenezer Allen, the father of Ebenezer, Jr., was son of Daniel and Mary (Dexter) Allen, born in Swansea, Aug. 31, 1682. He is mentioned in the division of Daniel's estate as "Ebenezer Allen (second son of sd Daniel Allen)" (See Taunton Probate, 27-110). It was prob. an unrecorded sister of Ebenezer, Jr., named Christian Allen who m. Nathaniel, son of Nathaniel and Deliverance (Bosworth) Peck and had three children. (See Part II, p. 169). It has been stated that the mother of Ebenezer, Jr. was named Abigail, if so she was a second wife, for his sister Hannah, who married Samuel Peck, his brother John and sisters Sarah and Mary, born respectively in 1708, 10, 12 and 14, were children of wife Hannah, while

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Ebenezer, Jr. was b. prob. about 1721, as he was 15 years old when he united with the church in Barrington, June 13, 1736. According to the church records there was also a dau. Rachel who with Hannah united with the church, March 5, 1730-1 and are called "daughters of Ebenezer Allen," but her birth is not given on the Swansea records with the others; she may have been the eldest and unrecorded. The dau. Mary was "admitted to full communion" July 1, 1733, and the dau. Sarah at the same time as Ebenezer, Jr.—June 13, 1736.*

After the death of Elizabeth, Ebenezer Allen, Jr. married at Bristol, R. I., Dec. 7, 1775, Mrs. Mary Paine, daughter of Thomas Bailey of Little Compton, R. I., who outlived him.

July 19, 1742, Ebenezer Allen witnessed a deed given to Matthew Allen by Edward Bosworth of Mansfield, formerly of Barrington.

(Mansfield Deeds, A-106)

March 18, 1747/8, Ebenezer Allen "Junr." of Warren, sells land in Rehoboth lately purchased of Abiezer Peck. Deed signed by Ebenezer and Elizabeth.

(Taunton Deeds, 41-263)

March 13, 1749/50, Ebenezer Allen, Jr. of Warren, "Cordwainer", and Elizabeth his wife, sold to Thos. Carpenter, 12½ a. of land in Rehoboth, her "shear in y^e Real Estate set off to y^e said Elizabeth in ye homestead lands of her father Joseph Bozworth Late of Rehoboth Deceased . . . Likewise our Right shear or part in y^e houses Land or Real Estate of our sd father Joseph Bozworth Deceased That was in y^e sd Division of y^e sd Estate set off to our mother Lydia Bozworth as her Dower or Thirds in y^e sd Estate and That after our said Mother's Decease the said Thos. Carpenter or his heirs to Come into y^e full and Entire posession of y^e sd Eighth part" etc. Signed by Ebenezer Allen Junr. and Elizabeth Allen.

(Taunton Deeds, 40-217)

Sometime previous to April 3, 1804, Ebenezer Allen, Jr. died, for on that date a committee appointed by the Court to divide his property, made report; (at that time he is called "of Rehoboth"); the widow Mary is mentioned, and the children: To George Allen; To heirs of William Allen—land to each and a house divided between them; To Elizabeth Allen; To John Allen (he was of Hartford, Conn.); Mary, the wife, was to give up her right of dower and be paid a certain sum semi-annually.

(Taunton Deeds, 40-372)

*To construct this Allen line at all satisfactorily has been a task and I am not sure it is now correct, but I have done the best I can. One thing that complicates the study is the fact that the region in which they lived had at different times the names—Rehoboth, Swansea, Warren and Barrington. All these town records have been thoroughly searched, also land and probate records as far as possible from which I have drawn my conclusions.

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CHILDREN

of Ebenezer, Jr. and Elizabeth (Bosworth) ALLEN
born in Warren, R. I.

- 465 i—WILLIAM ALLEN, b. July 27, 1746.
466 ii—GEORGE ALLEN, b. April 6, 1748.
467 iii—ELIZABETH ALLEN, b. Nov. 14, 1749.
468 iv—JOHN ALLEN, b. (birth not recorded, but mentioned above).
469 v—SUSANNAH ALLEN, b. ———; m. Anthony Martin, son of
Nathaniel and Susannah (Kent), b. in Warren, April 21, 1760.
Ch. b. in Barrington, R. I.
1—Lydia Martin, b. Sept. 13, 1781.
2—Kent Martin, b. Dec. 4, 1783.
3—Bosworth Martin, b. March 10, 1785.
4—Susannah Martin, b. Dec. 20, 1786.

NOTE: I fail to find the record of Susannah's birth, so I cannot be sure that she belongs here, but it has been stated that she was a daughter of Ebenezer, Jr. and Elizabeth (Bosworth) Allen, and the fact that she named a son "Bosworth" would seem to indicate that she had a Bosworth parent. To be sure she is not mentioned in the division of her father's property, but she may have died previously, or the Martins may have moved away to other parts, which might explain it. I do not find the marriage of the other children in the surroundings towns.

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ESTHER⁵ BOSWORTH, third daughter of Joseph⁴ (*Joseph³, Jonathan², Edward¹*) and Lydia (Kent), born in Rehoboth, Mass. Jan. 22, 1719(20); died, after June 11, 1763; married at Rehoboth, Nov. 17, 1743, TIMOTHY⁴ IDE, Jr., son of Lieut. Timothy³ (Timothy², Nicholas¹) and Mary (Daggett) Ide born at Rehoboth, March 31, 1719. Timothy Ide Jr. was married first on June 18, 1741, to Dorothy Paine, who died on July 4, 1742 after the birth of one child, a son, Nathaniel Ide. The first child of Esther was named from the first wife, Dorothy; but called "Dollie."

In 1710, Ensign Timothy Ide, father of Timothy Ide, Jr. was a Representative to the General Court of Massachusetts. He died in his 81st year, Dec. 26, 1768; Mary, his widow, died Feb. 5, 1775. Lieut. Timothy³ was son of Capt. Timothy² and Elizabeth (Cooper) Ide.

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The will of Timothy Ide, Jr. of Rehoboth made June 11, 1763, leaves one shilling each to eldest son, Nathaniel, and the same amount to each of the other sons, Squire, Timothy and Nathan Ide; and the same to each of the daughters: Dorothy, Esther, Leaffe and Olive Ide; to be paid within three months after each of them should "arrive to twenty-one years of age." All the remainder of the estate was given to "my True & well Beloved wife Ester Ide."

NOTE: For deeds see history of Mary, seventh daughter, who m. John Walker.

CHILDREN

of Timothy Ide and 1st wife Dorothy Paine
born in Rehoboth, Mass.

- 470 i—NATHANIEL IDE, b. Mar. 23, 1741/2; m. Dec. 22, 1768, Lydia Newman. Ch. 1—Dolle, b. Sept. 26, 1769; 2—Timothy, b. Nov. 14, 1771; 3—Nathaniel, b. Aug. 28, 1774; 4—Nancy, b. Oct. 18, 1777; 5—David, b. July 18, 1780; 6—Newman^c b. July 14, 1783; 7—Ephraim, b. Mar. 15, 1786.

of Timothy and 2nd wife Esther (Bosworth) IDE

- 471 ii—DOROTHY IDE, b. Nov. 2, 1744.
472 iii—OLIVE IDE, b. Feb. 19, 1745/6; d. Jan. 14, 1754.
473 iv—ESTHER IDE, b. Jan. 17, 1747/8; m. Oct. 8, 1767, Uriel Bowen. Ch. 1—Ephraim, b. Jan. 7, 1769; 2—Uriel, b. Mar. 28, 1771; 3—Benjamin, b. Dec. 20, 1772; 4—Esther, b. Jan. 30, 1775; 5—Leaffee, b. Apr. 2, 1777; 6—Caleb, b. Aug. 2, 1779.
474 v—LEAFFE IDE, b. Dec. 8, 1749; m. Dec. 26, 1771, Ephraim Walker. Ch. 1—Charlotte, b. Oct. 18, 1772, m. Jesse Drowne (and had a son Simeon Walker Drowne, b. Dec. 31, 1806 m. Lydia Bliss.) 2—Ephraim, b. Jan. 24, 1774; 3—Orindia, b. Sept. 24, 1775; 4—Simeon, b. Feb. 13, 1777; 5—Joel, b. Nov. 14, 1778; 6—Stephen, b. Sept. 28, 1781; 7—Hannah, b. April 15, 1783; 8—Ebenezer, b. March 30, 1786; 9—Leaffee, b. Jan. 17, 1789; 10—Peter, b. Jan. 15, 1795.
475 vi—SQUIRE IDE, b. July 30, 1751; m. June 3, 1773, Mary Bowen.
476 vii—TIMOTHY IDE, b. July 31, 1753; m. Aug. 4, 1774, Elizabeth Bates.
477 viii—NATHAN IDE (twin) b. April 26, 1759; d. July 31, 1784.
478 ix—OLIVE IDE, (twin) b. April 26, 1759; m. March 17, 1783, Daniel Carpenter.

(Rehoboth, Mass., Vit. Records)

JOSEPH⁵ BOSWORTH, JR. (also called "2nd"), eldest son of Joseph⁴ (*Joseph³, Jonathan², Edward¹*) and Lydia (Kent), born in Rehoboth, Mass. Dec. 8, 1721; died Nov. 4, 1747 at Rehoboth; married Dec. 10, 1743, (int. pub. Aug. 3, 1743) ANN LOW, daughter of Samuel⁴ Jr. and Elizabeth (Wilson) Low, of Barrington (Swansea); born in Barrington, Jan. 31, 1723; died in Rehoboth, Jan. 6, 1747/8, two months after the death of her husband, leaving three small sons, one an infant, to the care of Joseph's mother who was then a widow. (See Part III pages 277 and 279).

NOTE: Ann Brown, the mother of Samuel⁵ Low, Jr., was daughter of John³ and Anne (Mason) Brown of Swansea.* (See note on page 143, Part II). Ann Low was the daughter of Samuel Low, Jr. by his first wife Elizabeth Wilson. In some of the histories and genealogies a mistake has been made in giving Isabel Greene, his wife, as mother of all the children, and as descendants of Roger William. But, as Ann Low was born in 1723 and Capt. Samuel Low, Jr. did not marry Isabel Greene until 1736, the error is evident. Another fact that would corroborate this statement is that Ann Low had younger brothers, one named Hooker, married May 31, 1750, Elizabeth Kinnecutt; and John Wilson Low who died Dec. 7, 1728, aged 2 yrs., buried in Prince's Hill Cemetery, Barrington, R. I., and on his tomb stone it is stated that he was a "son of Samuel Low and Elizabeth his wife." Another son named John Wilson Low, was bapt. Feb. 23, 1729. He m. Lydia Bosworth (No. 176), sister of Joseph. Probably Samuel, whom his father calls "My youngest son" (See will, p. 466) was son of Isabel Greene, 2nd wife of Capt. Samuel Low, and born about 1738 or 9, as he was not to have his part of the estate until he came to the age of 21, which was probably about 1760, as the quit-claim deed to his father's property was given to his brother Hooker Low, May 1, 1761, by himself and wife Amy. (See Bk. 2, p. 212, Warren, R. I.) He was married to Amy Stafford, Nov. 13, 1760 (See Coventry, R. I. Vit. Rec. p. 34), was called "a cooper of Coventry, R. I.", and was living there in 1768.

Elizabeth Wilson, wife of Samuel⁴ Low, was descended from a long line of clergymen and noted men, on both sides, and her brother, Rev. John Wilson, born May 31, 1686—graduated from Harvard in 1705 in the class of Prest. Holyoke—was pastor elect of the First Congregational Church of Barrington (then Swanzy) about 1711, but was never ordained, as he died in 1713 and was buried in Rehoboth; his widow married Rev. Samuel Torrey.

NOTE: The finding of the above facts is very important as very little was known of the first church in Barrington as the records were lost and the

*See Fall River Land Record Book Vol. 15 page 135 & 136.



ELIZABETH (WILSON) LOW

THE PHOTOGRAPH FROM WHICH THIS ILLUSTRATION WAS MADE, WAS TAKEN FROM A PAINTING OF MRS. SAMUEL LOW WHICH WAS HANDED DOWN IN THE FAMILY OF ANN LOW BOSWORTH AND DESCENDANTS. (SEE PAGE 464)

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first pastor's name had been handed down as Rev. *James* instead of Rev. *John* Wilson. The error was discovered when "Extracts from the Itineraries of Ezra Stiles, D.D., 1755-1794", was published by Dexter in 1916. The pastor-elect at Barrington, Rev. John Wilson, built the elegant seat where the families of Low and Judge Mumford afterwards lived. Mr. Samuel⁴ Low bought the seat of the Wilson heirs, as it had formerly been his Father Low's (who died in 1718). The farm and brick Mansion House was at the corner at the right leading from County Road to Warren, where until recently there were two magnificent elm trees. The first Congregational Church was a little north of where later the residence of Mr. George Gladding was built.

Elizabeth Wilson was the daughter of Dr. John Wilson, Esq. of Braintree, who was son of Rev. John Wilson of Medfield; the son of Rev. John Wilson pastor of the First Church of Boston, and Sarah Hooker his wife, daughter of Rev. Thomas Hooker, first pastor of Hartford, Conn. Rev. John Wilson was son of Rev. John of England, and wife Elizabeth Mansfield, whose father was Sir John of Exeter, a knight and one of Queen Elizabeth's Surveyors and Masters of Minories; and grandson of Dr. William Wilson, probentary of Rochester, Canon of Windsor and Rector of Cliffe, and Isabel Woodhall, niece of Edmund Grindal, Archbishop of Canterbury. It was Margaret, daughter of Dr. William and Isabel (Woodhall) Wilson, who was grandmother of Rev. Grindal Rawson pastor of the church in Mendon, Mass., of whom the records in Mendon say—"Our Reverend Pastor Mr. Grindall Rawson Dyed the Sixt day of February 1714/15." He married Susannah Wilson, youngest daughter of Rev. John and Sarah (Hooker) Wilson, born 1664; died 1748. Elizabeth, third child of Dr. John Wilson and wife Sarah, born in Medfield, Oct. 31, 1689; married about 1722, Samuel⁴, (Samuel³, Anthony², John¹) Low, a wealthy young farmer of Barrington and had three sons and the daughter Ann. The same book mentioned above says of Elizabeth Wilson: "She was a woman of great Beauty a fine Genius, elegant and animate composition, Purity of language, eminent Piety and of every Excellency, She corresponded with all the ministers, of a poetic nature, she would have made a Bishop a better wife than a farmer." (See reproduction of painting of Elizabeth Wilson Low, owned by Mrs. Carrie Bosworth Reed of Worcester, Mass.)

Alice, sister of the above Elizabeth Wilson, born in Braintree, June 9, 1698, married Jan. 3, 1726/7, Moses Belcher of Braintree. She died without issue leaving a will dated May 8, 1754, in which she mentions "children of cousin [*i.e.* niece] Ann Bozard [Bosworth] deceased."

(N. E. Hist. Reg., Vol. 61, p. 129 & 130)

LAST WILL OF SAMUEL LOW

- 1 I give to my loving and well-beloved wife, whom I make my sole executrix of this my last will and testament. One third part of my movable Estate and one third part of the income of my Real Estate, to her own use and disposal; and the other two thirds of my movable

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estate to my three sons, Hooker Low, John Wilson Low, and Samuel Low, or their Legal Representatives.

- 2 I give and bequeath to my said wife, the improvement, use and benefit of the two south rooms in the house where I now dwell, together with the privilege in the kitchen for brewing, washing, baking, etc., and also privilege of the yard room for her comfort during her natural life. By the two south rooms, I mean the lower South Rooms.
- 3 I give and bequeath to my three beloved sons, viz., Hooker Low, John Wilson Low, and Samuel Low, or their heirs, all my real estate:—that is to say to each of them one third part to be divided equally between them, and in case either of them should die without issue, then my will is that it should be equally divided between the survivors, as also the privilege in the house, and the income of one third part of my real estate as mentioned.
- 4 At and after my said wife's decease and not before:—It is my wish that my two eldest sons, viz, Hooker and John, should have the improvement of my youngest son, viz, Samuel's part, till the said *Samuel comes to the age of twenty-one*, and no longer.
- 5 I give and bequeath to my beloved grand-children, Samuel Bosworth, Lewis Bosworth, and Joseph Bosworth, the children of my daughter, *Ann Bosworth*, late deceased, five hundred pounds, old tenor, to be paid by my three sons equally in the following manner; That is to say one hundred and forty six pounds, thirteen shillings and four pence, when Samuel Bosworth shall come to the age of twenty-one years, the same to Lewis Bosworth, and the same to Joseph Bosworth when he shall come to the age of twenty-one, and this shall complete the five hundred pounds, which with what I have already done for my said daughter, I value at one thousand pounds old tenor.
- 6 And furthermore, I the said Samuel Low, do order and my will is that these surviving heirs of my daughter shall give to my said sons, or to the survivor or survivors of them, in case any of them shall be dead a full acquittance and discharge of all her right and title claim and interest of in or to that estate which I sold to Benjamin Beals, which came by *her mother, my first wife*, and in case they refuse so to do, then they are to have no Benefit by any bequest in this my last Will. But the whole of my personal estate given to my sons to remain with them without paying anything to the children of my said daughter. I revoke all former Wills. June 25/1748 Samuel Low.

WITNESSES:—Ebenezer Allen/ Timothy Allen/ Solomon Townsend; Oct. 2/1749 these witnesses declare the above to be the last will of Samuel Low of Warren, lately deceased. John Kinnecutt.

(Warren, R. I. Wills, Bk. 1, p. 63, 64)

Apr. 20, 1746, Joseph was a witness to a deed given by Jabez Bosworth (his father's cousin). He signed, "Joseph Bozworth ye 2nd."

(Part III, p. 258)

This Indenture witnesseth that Joseph Bosworth an
 Infant within the age of twenty one years hath put himself, and with the
 Consent of Lydia Bosworth of Rehoboth Widow his Grandmother and Guardian
 both voluntarily put and bind himself Apprentice to Philip Potter of Providence
 Shop-joiner and Lucretia his wife to learn his Art Trade or mystery and
 with them after the manner of an Apprentice to serve from the Day of the
 Date hereof for and during the Term of four Years and five months next
~~beginning the first day of May until the twenty first day of December~~
 during all which Term the said Apprentice his said Master and Mistress
 faithfully shall serve their debts keep their lawful Commands gladly obey He
 shall do no Damage to his said Master and Mistress nor recit done by others
 without letting or giving Notice thereof to his said Master or Mistress He shall not
 waste their Goods nor lend them unlawfully to any He shall not commit
 Fornication or contract matrimony within said Term at Cards Dice or any
 other unlawful Game he shall not play He shall not absent himself by Day
 or by Night from his said Masters and Mistresses Service without their leave
 nor haunt Taverns or Play Houses but in all things behave himself as a
 good and faithful Apprentice due to his said Master and all his
 during said Term And Philip Potter the said Master doth hereby covenant and
 promise to teach the said Apprentice or cause him to be taught and instructed
 in the Art Trade or Calling of a Shoemaker by the best ways and means he can
 finding and providing for the said Apprentice good and sufficient Meat
 Drink washing and Lodging during said Term And the amount of
 thirty dollars in Clothing of such kinds and at such time or times as
 shall be required of him and shall learn said Apprentice to read write
 and cypher so as to keep a Tradesman's Book. In Witness whereof the
 Parties to these Presents have hereunto interchangedly set their Hands
 and Seals the twenty first Day of May in the thousand seven hundred and
 Sixty four 1764.

Witnesses —

Samuel Godfrey
 Susanna Tucker

Philip Potter

FIFTH GENERATION

As already stated Joseph⁵ died at Rehoboth Nov. 4, 1747 and his father Joseph⁴ died Dec. 25 following. On Mar. 17, 1747/8, his mother Lydia asked administration on his estate, which was granted. The inventory on his estate follows:

“The Inventory of the personal Estate of Joseph Bozworth Son
of Ensign Joseph Bozworth Late of Rehoboth Deceased—
Taken by us the Subscribers Aprill ye 16th 1748.

	£	s.	d.
Imprimis his wearing Apparell att	84.	13.	00
Item his armes & Amunition at	026.	16.	00
Item To worsted & Wool & pinions at	006.	13.	00
Item To the Remainder of a Note of hand at	020.	18.	00
Item To a bond at	050.	00.	00
Item To a Note of hand at	003.	00.	00
Item To a Note of hand	006.	00.	00
Item To money Reserved for part of a Sloop at	071.	01.	00
Item to Goold Buttons at	006.	00.	00
Item To Silver Knee Buckels at	004.	00.	00
Item To Plate Buttons at	004.	00.	00
Item To one Dollar at	002.	12.	00
Item To 3 Silver Buttons at	000.	06.	00
Item To Brass Shoe Buckels	000.	15.	00
Item To a Lace for a hatt at	002.	00.	00
Item To 2 pound & halfe of worsted yarn & 6 pound of woolen yarn at	007.	07.	00
Item To a Sadle & Bridle at	011.	00.	00
Item To part of a Barrel of Poark at	012.	00.	00
Item To Seyder at	004.	10.	00
Item To 7 Barrels of Seyder	010.	00.	00
Item To wooden ware at	002.	05.	00
Item To 1 Candlestick at	001.	00.	00
Item To 1 adds 2 axes 1 hoe at	004.	10.	00
Item To one 2 year old Heffer at	014.	00.	00
Item To one year old heffer at	005.	00.	00
Item To one Colt at	030.	00.	00
Item To 29 Bushels of Indian Corn at	026.	10.	00
Item To 3 bushels of Rye at	003.	00.	00
Item To 7 Bushels of Barley at	005.	05.	00
Item To 20 Bushells of oats at	010.	00.	00
Item To Salt hay & Thatch at	002.	17.	06
Item to English hay about 6 hundred at	003.	12.	00
Item To about a Load of Mixt Hay at	005.	10.	00
Item To 146 pounds of Tobacca at	009.	02.	06
Item To womans wearing Apparell at	121.	05.	00
Item To books at	003.	00.	00
Item To a Silver Spoon 2 Gold Rings & Silver Snuff Box & Silver hooks at	013.	00.	00

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	£	s.	d.
Item To the Best Bead & Beadstead at	060.	.00.	.00
Item To Curtains & valance at	015.	.00.	.00
Item To one Sheet £3: and Diaper Table Cloath £6 & 2 Table Cloaths £3 all at	012.	.00.	.00
Item To 13 Napkins at	008.	.00.	.00
Item To 4 pillow bears & 7 Towels at	007.	.00.	.00
Item To one Great Chair & 6 other Chairs at	008.	.00.	.00
Item To bead & beadstead at	035.	.00.	.00
Item To 6 chairs at 14s apeice at	004.	.04.	.00
Item To a Case of Drawers at	020.	.00.	.00
Item To one ovel Table & one Smaller Table & a Stand at	012.	.00.	.00
Item To a Brass Kettle & warming pan & Looking Glass at	027.	.00.	.00
Item To puter at	042.	.00.	.00
Item To a pot & Kettell & Skilett at	004.	.10.	.00
Item To a Tea Kittle & Tea pot at	003.	.10.	.00
Item To Earthen plates Earthen Boles Tea Cups & Dishes at	003.	.00.	.00
Item To Knives & forks & flesh fork & Candlestick at	002.	.10.	.00
Item To Box Iron & heaters at	003.	.00.	.00
Item To a Pillion at	003.	.00.	.00
Total	£869.	.02.	.00

This Inventory above in old Tennor:

Ezekiel Reed	}	Aprisers
Samuel Mason		
Nathaniel Peck		

Sworn to in Bristol June 7, 1748 by Lidia Bosworth widdow Administratrix to the Estate of her son Joseph Bosworth Late of Rehoboth.

CHILDREN

of Joseph⁵ and Ann (Low) Bosworth
born in Rehoboth, Mass.

- 479+ i—SAMUEL⁶, b. May 19, 1744; d. at Barrington, R. I., May 14, 1824; m. Elizabeth Joy.
- 480+ ii—LEWIS⁶, b. Dec. 26, 1745; d. in Providence, R. I., Sept. 23, 1809; m. (1) Mehitable Richmond, (2) Freelove Sullivan, (3) Ruth Jackson.
- 481 iii—JOSEPH⁶, b. Dec. 10, 1747; d. ———. This Joseph when 17 years of age went to Providence and with the consent of his grandmother, and guardian, Lydia Bosworth, bound himself out to Philip Potter, a ship-joiner, for four years and five months, until he was 21.*

*See accompanying reproduction of this paper, which is now in the possession of Mrs. Carrie Bosworth Reed of Worcester, Mass.; she also furnished the material for the Low and Wilson histories, the cut for the picture of Elizabeth Wilson Low, and the will of Samuel Low; they were her great-great-grand parents.

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In "Crowell Spirit of '76" there is given the following records of a Joseph Bosworth who took part in the Revolutionary War.

In 1775 a private in Capt. Kimballs co. Col. Hitchcock's regt.

In 1776 a private in Capt. Olney's co., new establishment.

In Sept. 1776 a private in Capt. Bailey's co., Col. Lippitt's regt. on company pay roll, afterward deserted.

Later was a private in Col. Angell's regt; died or was honorably discharged.

It probably was the latter as we find the name of Joseph Bosworth on the Tax List of Barrington, R. I. in 1793. No further records found.

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JUDITH⁵ BOSWORTH, fourth daughter of Joseph⁴, (*Joseph³, Jonathan², Edward¹*) and Lydia (Kent), born in Rehoboth, Mass., Jan. 9, 1723/4; (no record of death found); married (1) at Rehoboth, Feb. 2, 1744, CHARLES GLADDING, and (2) JOHN WILSON LOW, (as his 2nd wife, his first wife being her sister Lydia) at Warren, R. I. Sept. 28, 1762 (int. at Rehoboth Sept. 14, 1761). John Wilson Low married (3) Mary (Pearce) Joy.

NOTE: The parentage of Charles Gladding is unknown to the compiler unless he was the son of John and Martha Gladding, born in Bristol, R. I., June 10, 1719. He died sometime between 1756 and 1762.

CHILDREN

of Charles and Judith (Bosworth) GLADDING
born in Rehoboth, Mass.

- 482 i—LYDIA GLADDING, b. Oct. 2, 1745; d. May 21, 1760.
- 483 ii—SARAH GLADDING, b. June 30, 1747.
- 484 iii—CHARLES GLADDING, b. Dec. 4, 1748.
- 485 iv—GEORGE GLADDING, b. Sept. 10, 1750.
- 486 v—JOSEPH GLADDING, b. Nov. 8, 1752.
- 487 vi—JUDETH GLADDING, b. July 26, 1756; m. Dec. 19, 1776, Stephen Allen, Jr. of Rehoboth.

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LYDIA⁵ BOSWORTH, fifth daughter of Joseph⁴ (*Joseph³, Jonathan², Edward¹*) and Lydia (Kent) born in Rehoboth, Mass. Dec. 18, 1725; died between Oct. 1757 and Sept. 1762; married, int. Apr. 21, 1751, JOHN WILSON LOW, son of

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Samuel and Elizabeth (Wilson) Low bapt. Feb. 23, 1729, a brother of Ann, wife of Lydia's brother Joseph (No. 174), as his first wife.*

CHILDREN

of John Wilson and Lydia (Bosworth) Low

- 488 i—ANNE LOW, b. in Rehoboth, Mass. Dec. 22, 1752; (Possibly the Anna who m. in Barrington Jan. 15, 1771, Joshua Kent.)
489 ii—LYDIA LOW, b. in Warren, R. I. Aug. 10, 1754.
490 iii—RACHEL LOW, b. in Warren, R. I. Feb. 26, 1756.
491 iv—JOHN WILSON LOW, Jr., b. in Warren, Oct. 25, 1757.

At the time of the U. S. Census in 1790, John Wilson Low, Jr. was living in Barrington, R. I. with a wife and one daughter.

NOTE: For history of John Wilson Low's parents, see history of Joseph, No. 174. He married second Lydia's older sister Judith (Bosworth) Gladding (No. 175).

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DOROTHY⁵ BOSWORTH, sixth daughter of Joseph⁴ (*Joseph³, Jonathan², Edward¹*) and Lydia (Kent) bapt. in Rehoboth, Mass. in Newman Cong. Church, Dec. 26, 1728; died in Rehoboth, Sept. 14, 1812; married in Rehoboth, Jan. 5, 1750, THOMAS CARPENTER, JR. †, son of David and Joannah (Walker), born in Rehoboth July 15, 1725, died in Rehoboth, Jan. 22, 1809.

NOTE: The Carpenter line from which Thomas came was of Rehoboth for at least four generations. David Carpenter, father of Thomas, was son of David and Rebekah (Hunt) Carpenter, b. June 1, 1701. The latter David was son of Samuel and Sarah (Redaway) Carpenter born April 17, 1675. Why Thomas was called "Jr." is hard to say, but probably because some other Thomas Carpenter older than he was living in Rehoboth at the same time as himself.

Feb. 14, 1755, Thomas Carpenter Junr. Husbandman and Dorothy his wife of Rehoboth—for £100 sells to John Wilson Low—36 a. of land in Rehoboth, "part of ye home stead Land that was our Hon^d. father Joseph

*The compiler fears that Lydia was rather fickle, for on Dec. 31, 1748, when she was 23, her intention to marry John Walker was published. A little over a year later on Jan. 20, 1749/50 she thought of marrying Benjamin Brown Jr. of Tiverton R. I. and the int. was published, but again she seems to have changed her mind, and on Apr. 21, 1751 the int. of marriage to John Wilson Low of Warren was pub. and this one she married. John Walker afterwards m. her younger sister Mary.

†Dorothy, like her sister Lydia, seems to have been somewhat changeable, for on July 1, 1749, the intention of marriage between Benjamin Dunham of Newport, R. I. and Dorothy Bosworth was published in Rehoboth, but six months later she married Thomas Carpenter.

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Bozworths Late of sd Rehoboth Deceased" 12 a. of the 36 a. purchased by "sd Thomas Carpenter of Ebenezer Allen and Elizabeth his wife which sd Elizabeth was daughter of ye sd Joseph Bozworth Deceased and ye sd Twelve acres was set off to her as her Shear in her sd fathers Real Estate" etc.

	Signed—	"Thomas Carpenter Junr. Dorotha Carpenter."
Daniel Carpenter Daniel Carpenter, Junr. }	} Witnesses	(Taunton Deeds, 52-136)

Jan. 25, 1759, Thomas Carpenter of Rehoboth, yeoman, deeds land in Rehoboth 50½ a. to John Adams. It adj. land now belonging to the heirs of Abiah Carpenter deceased.

	Signed by	"Thomas Carpenter Junr. her Dolley X Carpenter." mark
Daniel Hunt Ebenezer Allen }	} Witnesses	(Taunton Deeds, 49-203)

July 4, 1777, Thomas Carpenter 2nd of Rehoboth deeds to Samuel Allen of Barrington land in Barr. on Crab Island. "In witness whereof I together with Dorothy my wife", etc.

	} Witnesses	
Solomon Townsend Josiah Viall }	} Witnesses	(Barrington Deeds 1-134)

May 29, 1781, Jabez Carpenter of Rehoboth sells land in Barrington—bounded by Eliphalet Carpenter's marsh—"the marsh that was the Heirs of Joseph Bosworth".

Signed: Jabez and Molly Carpenter
(Barrington Deeds, 1-195)

Dec. 3, 1784, Thomas Carpenter the 2nd of Rehoboth sells to Caleb Carpenter 2nd.
(Barrington Deeds, 2-62)

June 19, 1794, Thomas Carpenter of Rehoboth sells to Dan Wilmarth land at the "Tongue."
(Barrington Deeds 2-171)

CHILDREN

of Thomas and Dorothy (Bosworth) CARPENTER
born in Rehoboth, Mass.

- 492 i—DAVID CARPENTER, b. Sept. 11, 1753.
- 493 ii—ELIZABETH CARPENTER, b. Apr. 17, 1755; m. May 9, 1776, Kent Bullock. Ch. 1—Elizabeth Bullock, b. Sept. 15, 1778; 2—Hannah Bullock, b. Dec. 6, 1783.
- 494 iii—DOROTHY CARPENTER, b. Apr. 1757; prob. m. Jonathan Alger.
- 495 iv—THOMAS CARPENTER, 3rd, b. Mar. 6, 1758; m. (1) Olive Wheaton, Mar. 26, 1783, (2) Chloe Bliss, Dec. 7, 1786. Thomas was a soldier of the Revolution; he was also Town Clerk for many years. Ch. by 2nd wife: 1—Olive, b. Dec. 13,

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1787; 2—Polly, b. Mar. 13, 1790; 3—Chloe, b. Sept. 28, 1792; 4—Thomas, b. Aug. 24, 1794; 5—Nancy, b. July 27, 1795; 6—Juliana, b. Feb. 17, 1798; 7—Jonathan Bliss, b. July 18, 1800; 8—Zenas Bliss, b. Dec. 18, 1802; 9—Asaph, b. May 31 1805; 10—Thomas Kent, b. June 21, 1807; 11—Chloe, d. Jan. 25, 1813.

The son Jonathan Bliss Carpenter was named from the wife's father, and Zenas Bliss Carpenter from her brother.

- 496 v—CROMWELL CARPENTER, b. 1758 or 9; d. July 22, 1810.
 497 vi—JOSEPH CARPENTER, b. Jan. 6, 1761; d. Jan. 14, 1783.
 498 vii—LYDIA CARPENTER, b. Dec. 23, 1762; m. James Bliss, Dec. 11, 1783, intentions Nov. 1, 1783. Ch. 1—Lydia Bliss, b. Jan. 10, 1785; 2—James Bliss, b. Nov. 7, 1787; 3—Elijah Bliss, b. July 21, 1789; 4—Keziah Bliss, b. July 7, 1791; 5—Danforth Bliss, b. Dec. 29, 1793; 6—Lucy Bliss, b. Apr. 8, 1796; 7—Mary Bliss, b. Sept. 1798; 8—Patty Bliss, b. May 28, 1802.
 499 viii—EBENEZER CARPENTER, b. May 17, 1764; m. (1) Lydia Brown, Nov. 17, 1791, dau. of John 2nd and Lydia (Bullock) Brown, (2) Hannah Fisher, Jan. 25, 1798; child by 1st wife 1—Joseph, b. Sept. 21, 1792; by 2nd wife, 2—Pashal, b. Dec. 9, 1798; 3—Lydia, b. Dec. 27, 1800; 4—Gilbert, b. Aug. 11, 1802; 5—Ebenezer, b. June 6, 1804; 6—Polly Rice, b. Mar. 21, 1806.

Ebenezer was a soldier of the Revolutionary War, and a farmer.

- 500 ix—ASAPH CARPENTER, b. July 1763; m. (1) Henrietta Sabin, m. (2) Martha Daggett, d. Nov. 10, 1802. A farmer.
 501 x—LEAPHE CARPENTER, b. Oct. 15, 1771; m. May 6, 1792, Jonathan Chaffee, Jr.; Ch. 1—Polly Chaffee, b. Aug. 15, 1792; 2—Caleb Chaffee, b. Apr. 3, 1794; 3—Lydia Chaffee, b. Feb. 18, 1796; 4—Willard Chaffee, b. June 13, 1798; 5—Jonathan Chaffee, b. Aug. 10, 1800; 6—Asaph Carpenter Chaffee, b. Aug. 22, 1804.

NOTE: Of the above records of children the names and birth dates of David, Elizabeth, Joseph, Lydia and Ebenzer were taken from Rehoboth Records, by Arnold. The other five were taken from the Carpenter Memorial and some of the dates seem improbable and others not in right order, but your compiler cannot be responsible.

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MARY⁵ BOSWORTH, seventh and youngest daughter of Joseph⁴ (*Josph³, Jonathan², Edward¹*) and Lydia (Kent), born in Rehoboth, Mass., Oct. 9, 1732; died after Aug. 1774, and probably not until after 1790; married JOHN WALKER, intention published in Rehoboth, Oct. 19, 1751. John was

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probably the son of Peter and Mary (Child) Walker, born in Rehoboth, Oct. 3, 1721.

April 13, 1751, Timothy Ide, Jr., yeoman, and Esther his wife, John Walker, Glazier, all of Rehoboth, sell to Thomas Carpenter, a lot of land "which belonged to our Hon^d father Mr. Joseph Bosworth, deceased, a part of ye homestead farm." This land lay alongside land Thomas Carpenter had purchased of "Lydia Bozworth, Jun^r." The land was on the highway leading from Rehoboth to Warren.

Elisha Carpenter	} Wit.	Signed by	Timothy Ide, Jr.
Thomas Bowen		John Walker*	Esther Ide

March 25, 1754, "John Walker and Mary Walker his wife of Rehoboth . . . yeoman", deeds to Daniel Hunt, Gentleman, of the same town, "a Certain Tract . . . of Land Scituate in Rehoboth." 9½ acres "Reference being had to ye Division of ye Real Estate of our Hon^d. father Mr. Joseph Bozworth Late of Rehoboth Deceased as may appear at ye Probate Record."

James Clay	} Wit.	Signed	John Walker
Thomas Bowen		Mary Walker	

Dec. 30, 1754, John Walker, Glazier, Timorhy Ide, Jr., Gentlemen, and Esther his wife, sell to John Thurber Jr., a certain tract of salt marsh and upland "on easterly side of ye River Down Stream from Bowens Bridge" about 4 a. "part of the homestead Lands of our father Joseph Bosworth Late of Rehoboth Deceased and is part of ye Shear set of to ye s^d Esther in ye Real Estate of her said father." The land was bounded on the north by "ye shear set of to Lydia now the wife of John Low" a part of said estate. "½ ye above devised Tract of Meadow was some years since purchased by John Walker of ye said Timothy Ide and wife."

Caleb Walker	} Wit.	Signed by	John Walker
Nathaniel Brown		Timothy Ide Jr.	Esther Ide

(Taunton Deeds, 41-483)

April 7, 1760, John and Moses Walker, yeoman, sons of Peter Walker late of Rehoboth deceased, [Peter Walker died March 24, 1760], sell to their brother Aaron Walker. (Taunton Deeds, 44-413)

May 3, 1765, John Walker, yeoman sold 13½ a. land in Rehoboth, the first corner in the bounds being "at James Masons Corner by ye highway near Nathaniel Bozworths." Signed by John and "Molly" Walker. (Taunton Deeds, 53-290)

Oct. 21, 1766, John Walker of Rehoboth sold a part of his homestead farm. Signed by John and Mary Walker. (Taunton Deeds, 50-540)

*As this deed is dated April 13, 1751, and John Walker did not marry Mary Bosworth until after Oct. 19, 1751 the compiler is at a loss to understand how John Walker was included with those who were selling property formerly belonging to Joseph Bosworth, unless a mistake was made in copying date of deed.

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Feb. 12, 1773, John Walker again sold land to Thomas Wilmarth "mariner." Deed signed by John and "Molly" Walker.

Ack. Aug. 24, 1774. (Taunton Deeds, 56-250)

May 26, 1773, John Walker again sold land; deed signed by John and "Molly." (Taunton Deeds, 55-522)

CHILDREN

of John and Mary (Bosworth) WALKER
born in Rehoboth, Mass.

- 502 i—JOHN WALKER, b. Nov. 1, 1752.
503 ii—CALVIN WALKER, b. Jan. 5, 1754; m. Phebe Cole, Dec. 7, 1780;
had a daughter Jemima b. May 20, 1781.
504 iii—MOLLY WALKER, b. Dec. 6, 1756; m. Caleb Ormsbee, Sept. 22,
1774.
505 iv—PETER WALKER, b. Mar. 29, 1759; d. Mar. 24, 1760.
506 v—JOSEPH WALKER, b. Feb. 24, 1761; m. Sarah Lane, Dec. 10,
1789.
507 vi—LUTHER WALKER, b. Jan. 7, 1766.
508 vii—LYDIA WALKER, b. Feb. 10, 1768; m. Nathaniel Cread, Aug.
30, 1796.
509 viii—GEORGE WHITFIELD WALKER, b. Feb. 7, 1770; m. Mehitabel
Bucklin, Apr. 14, 1796. Ch.: 1—John Bucklin Walker, b.
Mar. 26, 1797; 2—Alford Walker, b. Feb. 8, 1799; 3—Lydia
Walker, b. Dec. 22, 1800; 4—Russell D. Walker, b. Jan. 5,
1804.
510 ix—BOZWORTH WALKER, b. Mar. 3, 1773.

Sept. 29, 1810, Bosworth Walker obtained license from the town of North Providence to keep a "Tavern or House of publick Entertainment," for which he pd. \$8.00 for one year. (Pawtucket Probate Records)

In 1790 there was a John Walker living in Rehoboth with "two males over 16; one male under 16; three females, and one other free person," but whether this was John the father or John the son, it is hard to say.

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BATHSHEBA⁵ BOSWORTH, eldest daughter of Nathaniel⁴ (*Joseph*³, *Jonathan*², *Edward*¹) and Margaret (Willmarth), born in Rehoboth, Mass. April 3, 1714; d. ———; married in Providence, R. I., by Rev. Joseph Cotton, Presbyterian minister, June 10, 1739, THOMAS READE, JR. son of Thomas and Martha (Barstow) Reade, b. in Rehoboth, March 10, 1712/13.

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CHILDREN

of Thomas and Bathsheba (Bosworth) READE
born in Rehoboth, Mass.

- 511 i—LOIS READE, b. May 27, 1741; prob. m. Abel Walker, April 14, 1763.
- 512 ii—SARAH READE, b. May 30, 1743.
- 513 iii—BATHSHEBA READE, b. Sept. 7, 1745.
- 514 iv—ORINDA READE, b. May 15, 1748.
- 515 v—HULDAH READE, b. Aug. 11, 1752; prob. m. Moses Brown of Attleboro, Sept. 6, 1781 at Rehoboth.
- 516 vi—ANNA READE, b. Aug. 28, 1754.

NOTE: In Part II, page 173, and Part III, page 286, in giving the name of the wife of Nathaniel Bosworth of Rehoboth, Mass., the compiler followed the "Vital Records of Rehoboth" published by J. N. Arnold—and gave her name as Margaret "*Williams*"—and having been studying for years to find her parents without success, (though having the help of some genealogists of good repute), the Williams who seemed most likely to be her parents were given as a possibility. Hardly had the book been published when letters were received—entirely overthrowing the proposition. Finally it was suggested by one of Margaret's descendants—N. Grier Parke of Forty Fort, Pa.—that possibly the name was not "*Williams*," but *Willmarth*. An appeal to the Town Clerk to investigate the original records brought to light the fact that the name in the original was plainly *Willmarth* as shown by the accompanying tracing. Margaret, wife of Nathaniel Bosworth, was the daughter of Jonathan and Esther (Peck) Willmarth born in Rehoboth, Mass. Aug. 31, 1692. She had a brother, next younger than herself, whose name was Stephen; this name she gave to her youngest son; this is how the name Stephen came into the Bosworth family. Esther (spelled Ester in the records) Peck, was the daughter of John², son of Joseph¹ Peck, born Jan. 7, 1658. (For Joseph Peck and son John, see Part II, p. 161, 162.)

Tracing of the name Willmarth from old Rehoboth records.

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CAPT. NATHANIEL⁵ BOSWORTH JR., eldest son of Nathaniel⁴ (*Joseph³, Jonathan², Edward¹*) and Margaret (*Willmarth*) born in Rehoboth, Mass., April 29, 1716, died in Litchfield, Conn. Sept. 18, 1801; married (1) in Barrington July 6, 1738, JANE BROWN, daughter of Jabez³ (*James², John¹*) and Jane Brown, born 1714, married (2) probably, REBECCA BARNUM*.

*The compiler does not state this as a fact, but as very probable; for his second wife was surely named Rebecca and just before the marriage a Rebecca Barnum signed Nathaniel's deed.

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As told in Part III, p. 288, when Nathaniel and his brothers grew to manhood, they were sent by their father to settle on land he had bought in western Connecticut (Litchfield Co.) Nathaniel had married, so was accompanied by his wife, but William and Stephen were married later. Here Nathaniel and William acted as their father's representative in all business transactions, as told of in the father's history. The brothers must have gone to Conn. about 1744 or the early part of 1745, for the father bought the land Nov. 7, 1743, and the son William was married in New Milford, Aug. 6, 1745.

In May 1753, Nathaniel was appointed by the Colonial Assembly "to be Lieutenant of the first company or trainband in Kent and part of New Milford," etc.

In May 1754 "This Assembly do establish and confirm Mr. Nathaniel Bosworth to be Captain* of the company or trainband in the parish of New Preston."

(Col. Rec. of Conn., Vol. X, p. 190, 254)

Nathaniel was a blacksmith by trade and in the History of New Milford, Conn. it is stated that on *Dec. 13, 1762* it was "voted that the inhabitants of New Preston may have liberty to build a school house on the highway near Capt. Nathaniel Bozworths shop in the most convenient place as they shall judge so as not to incommode the public road . . . Capt. Bozworths blacksmith shop stood probably on the north side of the highway a little way west from the present school house in New Preston village." †

Stephen Bosworth, the youngest of the three brothers, also a blacksmith, died in New Milford previous to March 4, 1760, for on that date the eldest brother Capt. Nathaniel "appeared in Court" and asked adm. on his brother's estate which was granted. In the settlement, among the debts was one to Nathaniel for £1.10 s. which with five others was ordered paid in full. The estate was insolvent.

As far as it has been possible to ascertain after diligent search, Capt. Nathaniel had no children. He made his will July 31, 1798, probated Oct. 3, 1801, in which he bequeathed to his wife Rebecca, £300 and all his household furniture.

2nd, To the Episcopal Society £100 to purchase "a good bell for the new church . . . Lately erected in the west part of Litchfield."

3rd, "I give and bequeath to Chloe Beckwith, wife of John Beckwith of Poughkeepsie, the sum of £20."

Lastly—"I appoint my wife Rebecca Bosworth and my friend David Kilbourn, executors."

It is the opinion of the compiler and of others interested, that Chloe

*A writer in the Boston Transcript speaking of Capt. Titus Hinman, who was also of New Milford, says: "Captain of the Train Band, was a military rank of honor few could reach in that day."

†See cut of blacksmith shop.

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named above was youngest daughter of Stephen* and when the father died insolvent leaving his widow with a family of children to care for, Chloe was taken into the home of this childless uncle and cared for until her marriage and was finally remembered in his will.

NOTE: The compiler found at the Yale Library, New Haven, Conn., a book of sermons, one of them being "An Exhortation to Early Piety, a sermon delivered at the funeral of Mr. Nathaniel Bosworth who departed this life Sept. 18, 1801, by Truman Marsh, Rector," (probably of the church to which Nathaniel willed a bell). We have only room for a few extracts. The rector stated it was being published at the earnest solicitation of the widow. His text was "Remember now thy Creator", etc. Ecc. XII, 1. He said that Nathaniel had asked him to preach from that text, and had "also enjoined this duty on me not to discuss his character, nor bestow those funeral eulogies which are common on such occasions . . . as it respects him . . . his character is already established and will rest on its own basis. His operative faith, strict integrity, and sincere zeal for the religion of Christ, were known to all his acquaintances . . . It is common, I am sensible, for the aged to condemn, with a kind of acrimony, the gay amusements and innovating customs of youth. This never appeared to be the design or wish of that character whose death we are now assembled to lament. He always expressed the most tender regard for the rising generation, and was truly anxious for their spiritual welfare," etc. . . . "he had laboured under the infirmities of age, and is now gathered unto his Fathers like a shock of corn that was fully ripe."

Capt. Nathaniel Bosworth was 85 yrs. 4 mo. 19 da. at the time of his death. In the 1790 U. S. Census there was "1 male over 16, 2 females and 1 slave" in Nathaniel's family. He was then of Washington, Litchfield co. Conn. In 1800 he was of Litchfield and his family consisted of "1 male over 45, 1 female over 45" and "1 female between 10 and 16".

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WILLIAM⁵ BOSWORTH, second son of Nathaniel⁴ (*Joseph³, Jonathan², Edward¹*) and Margaret (Willmarth), † born in Rehoboth, Mass. Aug. 31, 1718; died in Chemung, N. Y. in 1790, aged 72 years; married in New Milford, Conn., Aug. 6, 1745, SARAH FARRAND, daughter of Joseph and first wife Mary (—) Farrand of New Milford, bapt. at Milford, Conn. Sept. 5, 1725. Sarah had an older brother born in Milford, April 6, 1719, the Rev. Daniel Farrand who was pastor for over 50 years, of the Congregational Church at Canaan, Conn., a town in the northern part of Litchfield

*We know from papers preserved in the family that Chloe was a sister of Jabez Bosworth who was a son of Stephen.

†See Note to history 202.

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county. She also had a brother Samuel who after the father's death bought out all the heirs except a brother Joseph. The widow at this time was named Patience, but she was not mother of the above children. This Farrand line comes from Dr. Richard Farrand of London through Nathaniel.¹

At a session of the Assembly of the Colony of Connecticut held at New Haven from Oct. 11 to Nov. 1, 1750, in the case of Edward Cogswell vs. William Bosworth, both of New Milford, the former petitioned the Assembly "complaining of a judgement rendered against him in favour of the said Bosworth at the Superior Court held in New Haven on the last Tuesday of August in a case demanding the surrender of about six acres of land lying in New Milford North Purchase, so called . . . praying for a new trial in said case" etc. A new trial was granted for the following February. (Col. Rec. of Conn. Vol. 9, p. 567)

During the time between Aug. 1745 and July 1781 over twenty deeds are recorded in New Milford and Washington* given or received by William, but it will be sufficient to mention only a few. It is probable that William and his two brothers, Nathaniel and Stephen, went from Rehoboth to New Milford about 1744, the year previous to William's marriage and in 1746, he and his brother Nathaniel were appointed by the father, Nathaniel Bosworth of Rehoboth, to represent him in all his business affairs in Conn. William was called in deeds a "Clothworker", and on *Sept. 6, 1751* he purchased a piece of land of Edward Cogswell for £5, "with the privilege of erecting a fulling mill and other necessary conveniences for the carrying on of the trade of a clothier" etc., on the East Aspetuck river which ran through the land north and south. On *Sept. 20, 1751* his father deeded him 50 acres of land in the "New Milford North Purchase" (See Part III, p. 289.)

Jan. 9, 1754, William bought 8½ a. of land and sold it again, *Apr. 13, 1758*; this land was bounded on one side by Capt. Nathaniel's land, on another by land of Stephen Bosworth and James Wood Bosworth's land (a son of Stephen) and on another by land belonging to his father Nathaniel Bosworth of Rehoboth.

When Capt. Nathaniel settled Stephen's estate in 1760 there was a debt of £2, 2s. 3d. owed by Stephen to William and this debt was placed in the class with twenty-four others who were to be paid a proportionate part, as Stephen's estate was insolvent, and debts could not be paid in full, so William received only £1. 0s. 1d. (Woodbury Probate 4-149)

Apr. 8, 1766, William Bosworth admitted Freeman at New Milford.

*William no doubt lived in that portion of New Milford that was set off to help form the new town of Washington.

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May 3, 1773, "William and Sarah Bozworth for 15 pounds Lawful money . . . do give grant bargain sell and forever Quit claim" unto Samuel Farrand, "all our Right title, share & interest in and unto the real and personal estate of our Hon^d. Father Mr. Joseph Farrand late of New Milford Deceased." (New Milford Deeds, 18-444)

Aug. 9, 1773, the estate of Joseph Farrand distributed to the heirs; son Samuel, adm. (Woodbury Probate, 6-156)

July 5, 1781, William seems to have sold all his property in New Milford for this is his last deed. He sold for £400, land that was bounded on the west by land of Capt. Nathaniel Bosworth on the south by land of Nathaniel Bosworth Jr. (Stephen's son) north on Nathaniel Brown. (The latter seems to have been a brother of Jane Brown, Capt. Nathaniel's first wife, who came with them from Rehoboth and had many land transactions with the Captain.)

Some time during the following nine years William seems to have gone with his two sons David and Benajah, to Chemung, N. Y. The history of Chemung county says "soon after Sullivan's march through the valley in 1779," but it was probably not before 1783. The history says he built the first cabin in the town and that he died in 1790 being the first white man to die in the town.

NOTE: And now we come to the hardest part of this history—a matter that has caused the compiler more hard work than any other problem she has had to meet—the problem of *who were the children* of William and Sarah. (For a fuller explanation than there is room for here, the reader, if interested, should refer to Bosworth Bulletin No. 2, pub. Apr. 1924, to be found in most large libraries.) At the close of what is given in the Bulletin, it is mentioned that the families of William and Stephen attended different churches, the former the Congregational Church located in New Preston, (later in Washington) while Stephen's family were Episcopaleans. This proved a most helpful guide in separating the two families, for when a young woman was married in the Cong. Ch. of Washington, or in Canaan by the Rev. Daniel Farrand, mentioned above, I could be quite sure they belonged to the family of William. As for Stephen's family the first three were recorded (all the Bosworth births that were recorded, as far as any records that could be found are concerned.) These three were James (later known as James Wood Bosworth); Nathaniel (called later Nathaniel Jr. to distinguish him from his uncle Nathaniel), and Daniel. So when in the year 1784 Nathaniel Bosworth, Jr., Jabez, Joseph and James Bosworth's names were found in the "List of Incorporators of St. Andrews Church (Episcopal) in Marbledale", from township of Washington, I knew they must all be Stephen's sons. In fact Stephen's children seem to have been all sons with the exception of Chloe, and William's large family mostly daughters. From information gleaned from different descendants of this family I learned that certain of the daughters were sisters, and in some cases dates of birth given, and with this information and the clues given

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above I was able to reconstruct the two families, and as the years have gone by and more knowledge has accumulated, nothing has come to upset my conclusions which I feel is pretty good proof that I am correct.

CHILDREN

of William⁵ and Sarah (Farrand) Bosworth
born in New Milford, Conn.

- 517 + i—**DAVID FARRAND**^{6*}, b. abt. 1746; d. 1808, buried at Athens, Pa.; m. at New Milford, July 1, 1774, Elizabeth Curtis.
- 518 ii—**MARY**⁶, b. abt. 1748; d. ———; m. Nov. 5, 1772, at Cong. Ch. Washington, Conn., Elijah Couch of Redding, Conn., b. 1747. No record of any children has been found. Mary seems to have died previous to 1777, as Elijah Couch of Redding, was m. to Eunice Coplee of Judea, Conn., July 20, 1777.
- 519 + iii—**LUCRETIA**⁶, b. latter part of 1750; d. at New Marlborough, Mass., Apr. 24, 1817 aged 66; m. Jonathan Harmon, b. Suffield, Conn. July 1744.
- 520 + iv—**JANE**⁶, b. May 3, 1752; d. at Holly, N. Y. July 2, 1836; m. at Canaan, Conn. Jan. 5, 1769, Joseph Beckley, b. at Canaan, May 3, 1749.
- 521 v—**BATHSHEBA**⁶, b. abt. 1755; d. ———; m. at the Cong. Ch. of Washington, Conn., Nov. 9, 1777, Stiles Beardsley of Stratford, Conn., bapt. Jan. 26, 1755. No record of any children has been found, but in the U. S. Census of 1800, Stiles Beardsley was living in Washington, Conn. with wife and three children.
- 522 + vi—**BETSEY**⁶, b. June 4, 1757; d. at Plymouth, Chenango Co., N. Y., May 11, 1846; m. Feb. 15, 1777, Abraham Holcombe, b. at Canaan, Conn. June 20, 1753.
- 523 + vii—**LOIS**⁶, b. June 7, 1760; d. Dec. 6, 1841, buried at Falls Village, Litchfield Co., Conn.; m. at Canaan, Conn. Dec. 17, 1782, Charles Belden, Jr. b. at So. Canaan, Sept. 7, 1754.
- 524 + viii—**ABIGAIL**⁶, b. 1761; d. Dec. 15, 1857 aged 96, buried at Falls Village, Conn.; m. (1) Josiah Cady, (2) Isaac Holcomb.
- 525 + ix—**BENAJAH**⁶, b. 1764; d. at Lexington, Ky. Nov. 16, 1849; m. in 1784, Sarah Holcombe, b. May 3, 1766, at Canaan, Conn.
- 526 + x—**ORINDA**⁶, b. 1768; d. at Hector, Tompkins Co., N. Y., Aug. 1860 aged 92; m. Theodore Andrews, b. Newington, Conn. June 1765.

*There may be some objection to Farrand being added to David's name, as there is no record, to my knowledge, of the name ever being written that way, but descendants in Elmira told me that this was his name, and two facts favor it: one that Sarah's brother nearest her own age was named David Farrand; the other that the eldest son of David was named David Farrand Bosworth, Jr.

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NOTE: Attention is called to the fact that none of the above births can be found on the public records. Several of the Bosworth Association members are descended from the above daughters. Dudley P. Holcomb from Betsey; William T. Barnum from Abigail and first husband Josiah Cady; Charles T. Andrews and Mrs. Alba Love Phillips from Orinda. And of course, many from the two sons David and Benajah.

The above Charles T. Andrews, a grandson of Orinda (Bosworth) Andrews, and an experienced genealogist, after carefully examining the above arrangement wrote the compiler, "I am convinced *that you are correct* . . . I am particularly interested in the position given my grandmother Orinda Bosworth Andrews, and in this I am happy to find that you have thoroughly established her place in the Bosworth Line."

The compiler wishes to draw attention to the fact that the names Lois and Orinda occur in the family of William's sister Bathsheba Reade.

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SARAH⁵ BOSWORTH, second daughter of Nathaniel (*Joseph*³, *Jonathan*², *Edward*¹) and Margaret (Willmarth)*, born in Rehoboth, Mass., Aug. 16, 1720; (no record of death); married JOSEPH ALLEN, JR., intention recorded in Barrington, R. I. Oct. 2, 1740. Joseph Allen, Jr. was the son of Joseph (son of Daniel and Mary (Dexter) born in Swansea, May 21, 1690) and Hannah, born in Barrington, June 30, 1719.

CHILDREN

of Joseph, Jr. and Sarah (Bosworth) ALLEN

first four born in Barrington, R. I.

last four in Rehoboth, Mass.

- 527 i—SARAH ALLEN, b. Feb. 7, 1742/3; d. Dec. 13, 1743.
- 528 ii—JOHN ALLEN, b. Dec. 3, 1743; m. (1) Huldah Wheaton, Dec. 17, 1767; Ch. 1—Wheaton, b. Mar. 17, 1772; 2—Job, b. Mar. 9, 1774; 3—John, b. Apr. 14, 1776. Huldah d. Sept. 29, 1779; John prob. m. (2) Dec. 6, 1781, Fear Reed; Ch. 4—Huldah, b. Apr. 22, 1782; 5—Sarah, b. Mar. 31, 1784.
- 529 iii—JOSEPH ALLEN, 3rd, b. Oct. 2, 1745; m. Nov. 12, 1767, Mary Willmarth. Ch. 1—Nehemiah, b. Feb. 7, 1768; 2—Ephraim, b. Oct. 15, 1769; 3—Joseph, b. Aug. 21, 1771; 4—Molly, b. Oct. 4, 1775; 5—Hannah, b. Jan. 23, 1778.
- 530 iv—NOAH ALLEN, b. Oct. 8, 1747; m. Sarah Haskins of Taunton, int. July 1, 1787; Ch. of Capt. Noah and Sarah, 1—Fanny, b. Nov. 29, 1788; 2—Noah, b. Apr. 25, 1790; 3—Otis, b. Mar. 21, 1792; 4—Nancy, b. June 5, 1795; 5—Almon, b. May 6, 1797.

*See Note to history of eldest in this family—Bathsheba, No. 202.

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- 531 v—SARAH ALLEN, b. Sept. 5, 1749; m. Oct. 23, 1774, John Willson of Barrington. No record of children found.
- 532 vi—JERUSHA ALLEN, b. Nov. 9, 1753; m. Nov. 20, 1777, Calvin Bullock; Ch. 1—Lovell, b. 1778, prob. d.y.; 2—Polly, b. 1780, prob. d.y.; 3—Calvin, b. 1781; 4—Jerusha, b. 1784; 5—Sarah, b. 1787; 6—Joseph, twin to Sarah; 7—Polly, b. 1790; 8—Orange, b. 1792; 9—Lovell, b. 1794.
- 533 vii—BICKNELL ALLEN, b. Oct. 11, 1757; m. Sally Bowen, ———, 1790.
- 534 viii—LEWIS ALLEN, b. Oct. 16, 1761; m. Elizabeth Dexter, May 1, 1781. Only child recorded, William, b. June 3, 1784.

NOTE: "Thomas of Joseph Jr." who d. Nov. 8, 1759; and "Ichabod of Joseph Jr." who d. May 12, 1762, were probably children in this family who died young.

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STEPHEN⁵ BOSWORTH, youngest son of Nathaniel⁴ (*Joseph*³, *Jonathan*², *Edward*¹) and Margaret (Willmarth)*, born at Rehoboth, Mass., Sept. 27, 1722; died at New Milford, Conn., before March 4, 1760; married at the First Church of Huntington, Long Island, N. Y., Feb. 22, 1745/6, ABIGAIL WOOD baptised in the same church Dec. 22, 1731, (names of parents not given.)

NOTE: Abigail's mother's name was Hannah and I judge her father was James, for Abigail named her first child James Wood Bosworth, baptised at the same church in Huntington, May 17, 1747. This son probably died young for at New Milford, the birth of a son James is recorded Dec. 25, 1747. Jan. 1, 1751/2, when this son was four years old, he was deeded 1½ acres of land in New Milford by *his grandmother* Hannah Wood. On the same day this deed was made, a "Hannah Woods of New Milford and Nathan Dean of Salisbury, Conn." were married. (See Hist. Coll. of the Town of Salisbury, Vol. I) It looks as if this were the same Hannah and that she "made sure of a gift to little James before her second marriage." He was afterwards known as *James Wood Bosworth*.

Feb. 11, 1750/1, Zephaniah Branch for 135, "old Tenor" deeds to "Stephen Bozworth of New Milford," 9 acres of land in "New Milford North Purchase." (This is said to be the section later set off as the township of Washington.)

"Nathaniel Bozworth" one of the witnesses. (New Milford Deeds, 7-132)

*See Note to history of eldest in this family—Bathsheba, No. 202.

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On the same date Stephen was a witness with Roger Sherman to a deed given by Z. Branch to Nathaniel Bosworth.

Sept. 24, 1751, "Nathaniel Bozworth" of Rehoboth, Mass., for "Love and Goodwill" etc. deeds to Stephen, 20 a. of land in N. M. North Purchase. (See Part III, p. 289) (N. M. Deeds, 8-106)

Jan. 1, 1751/2, Hannah Wood deeded to her grandson James Wood Bosworth, Stephen's eldest son then just past four, 1½ a. of land, as stated above. The land on the east and south joined land of Stephen, the father. (N. M. Deeds, 6-626)

Apr. 6, 1752, Stephen sold land to Daniel Averill of Kent, that joined the land of his son James Wood also that of his brother Nathaniel. His brothers Nathaniel and William were witnesses. (N. M. Deeds, 6-706)

In May 1752 thirty-nine persons signed their names to a petition to the General Assembly for permission to establish a new Ecclesiastical Society in New Preston, one of them being Stephen Bosworth. The petition was granted the following October.

In 1755 Stephen took part in the French and Indian War—enlisting Sept. 6, in the Fourth Regt., Sixth company, Col. Chauncey's Regt.;

Samuel Pettibone (of Goshen) Captain
Abraham Daton (of New Milford) 1st Lieut.
Jehiel Barnum (of Kent) 2nd Lieut.

"Stephen Borsworth served from Sept. 6, to Nov. 22, 1755. (French and Indian War Rolls. Conn. Hist. Soc. Coll. Vol. IX, p. 58.)

Feb. 14, 1758, Stephen bought 8½ a. of land in New Milford for "25 pounds Lawful money." (N. M. Deeds, 8-320)

Apr. 13, 1758, William Bosworth sold 8½ a. of land that joined land of "James Woods Bozworth & Stephen Bozworths Land & partly on Land of Nathaniel Bozworth of Rehoboth." (N. M. Deeds, 9-367)

May 12, 1759, Stephen sold the 8½ a. he bought on Feb. 14, 1758. (N. M. Deeds, 8-429)

Nov. 8, 1759,—"Stephen Bozworth" mortgages the land given him by his father to secure to

William Lampson	£7.. 2.. 6
Roger Sherman	9.. 11.. 5
Joseph Hartwell	4.. 12.. 6

the sums set opposite their names,—“being the Same Land Described in a Deed of Gift Given to me by my Hon^d Father Nath^l Bozworth”, excepting such privileges as are there excepted. (N. M. Deeds, 848-2)

Mar. 4, 1760,—"Capt. Nathaniel Bozworth of New Milford appeared in Court and Enformed that his Brother Stephen Bozworth Late of sd New Milford Died intestate and ofered to take Letters of Administration on sd Intestate Estate Whereupon the Court Instantly on the Date above Granted to him s^d Nathaniel Bozworth Letters of Administration sufficient Bond being Given."

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Aug. 5, 1760,—Capt. Nathaniel Bosworth appeared and made representation that the estate of Stephen Bosworth "was Insolvent and Commissioners to examine accounts were appointed."

Oct. 6, 1760,—"Allowed to y^e widow Abigail Bosworth in things Nesesary to keep house (Viz.) one Iron Pot 3/ one Skillet 3/ two Knives and forks 1/2 five Trenchers 6/ one Bed one Bolster & Pillows 3 Sheets 16/10 one Covered 15/ Do 10/ Do 2/6 two Chairs 2/ one bedstead 3/ one Tramel 4/6 one Barel 1/3 one Sive 1/3 one Chest 1/ one Bible 2/6 Pewter 13/"

Total amount of the Inventory £60. . 19. . 7

Jan. 6, 1762,—"Capt. Nathaniel Bosworth Administrator on the estate of Stephen Bosworth late of New Milford deceased" was ordered to pay debts in full to six persons, one being "Nathaniel Bosworth £1. . 10. . 0" and to twenty-five others their Proportionable Part", among these were

William Bosworth £2. . 2. . 3—	.. ..	£1. . 00. . 1
Roger Sherman 0. . 3. . 0	.. ..	0. . 1. . 4-2

Stephen's Inventory included Blacksmith's Tools—"One Vice 14/3 one Beckhorn 14/ one Pair of Bellows £1 One Sledge three hammers five Pair of Tongs with Sundry other small Tools £1. . 14. . 0 one Parewigg 2/ one accompt Book 6/6".

CHILDREN

of Stephen and Abigail (Wood) Bosworth
born in New Milford, Conn.

- 535 + i—JAMES WOOD⁶, bapt. May 1747; prob. d. y.
- ii—JAMES WOOD⁶, b. Dec. 25, 1747; d. at Bridport, Vt., Dec. 14, 1834; m. (1) Martha ———, (2) Margaret Mason.
- 536 + iii—NATHANIEL⁶ Jr., b. Feb. 7, 1749; d. "soon after" 1798; m. at Birch Plain (Davies Hollow) in township of New Milford, Apr. 2, 1770, Catherine Davies.
- 537 + iv—DANIEL⁶, b. Nov. 13, 1750; d. prob. in Pike township, Bradford co., Pa., date not known; m. before leaving New Milford, Polly ———.
- 538 + v—JABEZ⁶, b. Apr. 25, 1753*; d. in Pike, Bradford co., Pa. Mar. 29, (or 30) 1826; m. June 15, 1786, Prudence Metcalf.
- 539 + vi—JOSEPH⁶, b. Feb. 28, 1753*; d. at Pike, Pa., Sept. 7, 1840, aged 87 yrs. 6 mo. 9 days; m. Apr. 17, 1775, Medima Mallory.

*It is plainly to be seen that these two dates of birth are impossible, and it has been a puzzle for years how to account for them, for they are given as above in their own Bibles, preserved, in LeRaysville, Pa., by the descendants of Joseph, but there must be a mistake in one of them, and after due deliberation I have concluded the mistake is with Jabez for the reason that the age of Jabez given on his tombstone (the compiler visited the Stevensville Cemetery, Bradford Co., Pa. where Jabez is buried and personally copied the inscription on his tombstone) is 74, and the date of death March 30, 1826. His Bible says "Died March 29, 1825." If he really was 74, he was born according to his tombstone in 1752 and according to date of death given in his Bible, in 1751. The latter cannot be right for Daniel the next older was born in Nov. 1750, according to Town Records. So we conclude Jabez was born in 1752.

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- 540+ vii—STEPHEN⁶, b. abt. 1757; d. prob. at Easton, Washington co., N. Y. after 1811; m. (1) Mrs. Sarah Bennet, widow of Caleb, of New Milford, (2) at Bridport, Vt., Feb. 5, 1804, Sally Hamblin.
- 541+ viii—CHLOE⁶, b. Nov. 5, 1759; d. at Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Oct. 9, 1834; m. Jan. 27, 1780, John Beckwith.

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HULDAH⁵ BOSWORTH, third daughter of Nathaniel⁴ (*Joseph³, Jonathan², Edward¹*) and Margaret (Wilmarth), born in Rehoboth, Mass., Jan. 23, 1725; no death record found; married in Providence, R. I., Nov. 24, 1748 BENJAMIN⁴ JACOB, son of Nathaniel³ (*Joseph² and Hannah Bosworth^{*}, Nicholas¹ Jacob*) and Mercy (Whitman) Jacob. As Benjamin was married to Dorothy Arnold in 1750, Huldah could not have lived long after her marriage and there seems to be no record of any children by her.

NOTE: Nicholas Jacob, the ancestor of the family in America came to Hingham, Mass. prior to the arrival of Rev. Peter Hobart in 1636. According to the Cushing manuscript he settled in Hingham in 1633.

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DEBORAH⁵ BOSWORTH, probably an unrecorded daughter of Nathaniel⁴ (*Joseph³, Jonathan², Edward¹*) and Margaret (Willmarth)[†] born in Rehoboth, Mass., about 1726, (see Part III p. 290); died at Chemung, N. Y. (or Buckville as it was then called) Aug. 23, 1785; married at New Milford, Conn., WILLIAM BUCK, son of Enoch and Mary (Beebee) Buck born Mar. 23, 1723. Orcutt's History of New Milford says "Enoch Buck, son of Ezekiel Buck of Wethersfield, Conn., came to New Milford a single man and married here, Mary, daughter of Samuel Beebee. Their fifth child and second son was

*On page 206 of Part III, it will be seen that the generation number is not the same as above, the ones used there are the Bosworth generation and should not have been given, as they are not the same as the Jacob.

†See Note to history of eldest in this family—Bathsheba, No. 202.

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William." Deborah probably came to Conn. with her brothers, Nathaniel, William and Stephen, which was probably soon after their father bought the land, in 1743, when Deborah was about 17 or 18 years of age. Not long after her arrival there she must have married William Buck for her first child was born July 12, 1745. (Birth recorded in New Milford.) After Deborah's death William married second Rebecca ——— who died May 30, 1798.

The Hist. of the Valley and county of Chemung, N. Y., says "William Buck a native of New Milford, Litchfield county, Conn. came to Chemung from the Wyoming Valley. His sons, who came with him, were Aholiab, Asahel and Elijah William Buck died in March 1799 aged 77 years Elijah Buck died at the age of 81 on May 26, 1830." The same History says: "Elijah Buck was the son of William Buck, who with his family came from New Milford, Conn. and settled in Wyoming. Elijah Buck had two brothers Aholiab and Asahel, and they were all in the Continental army. Aholiab and his son William were in the fort at Wyoming at the time of the massacre," (July 4, 1778). The Hist. of New Milford also says that William "removed to Wyoming, Pa. about 1768 where he was appointed Captain of the Militia* . . . His family fled on foot to Connecticut, but returned to their farm at the close of the Rev. War." The above mentioned Hist. of Chemung says: "Elijah Buck, a sergeant in the army was serving during this time (1779) in New Jersey. At the conclusion of the war he came into the Chemung country. He gave his name to the post-office, which is now known as Chemung, and was the first post-master there." It was then called Buckville. The History continues: "The first church society formed was the Baptist in 1789. The first death was that of *William Bosworth who was an uncle of Elijah Buck.* † He was a native of Connecticut."

Feb. 29, 1792, William Buck, Matthias Hollenbeck, Obadiah and Avery Gore, were granted 850 acres of land by the commissioners of the State of New York "in the late Town of Chemung now Town of Newtown, Tioga county." *Jan. 12, 1796*, they made deeds to each other, "to settle forever the claim of each to the original grant of land." William Buck Jr., Elijah Buck, Asahel Buck were witnesses.

(Chemung co. N. Y. Deeds, 1-185, 205, 238)

*This history says he was killed at the fort, but it is a mistake, it was his grandson, William.

†The reason that William Bosworth was spoken of in this history as "the uncle of Elijah Buck," instead of the father of David and Benajah, is probably because, before this history was written, David had removed to Athens, Pa., and Benajah to Lexington, Ky.; and besides Elijah Buck was for many years a well-known resident of Chemung and territory thereabouts.

When the U. S. Census of 1790 was taken in Chemung (then in Montgomery county) N. Y., the name of Elijah Buck is directly between those of David and Benajah Bosworth, showing that they lived very near each other. David and Benajah were brothers, and cousins of Elijah Buck. Elijah Buck's family consisted of "3 males over 16, 4 males under 16, 3 females."

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Jan. 14, 1796, William Buck of the town of Chemung "from an affectionate regard and for divers good causes" etc. deeds to Elijah Buck a portion of the above land.

William Buck Jr. } Wit. (Chemung co. Deeds, 1-187)
Aholiab Buck }

The signatures to the above deeds were sworn to before "Elijah Buck Esqr. one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas."

Aug. 23, 1822, Elijah Buck and Margaret, his wife, Asahel Buck and Phebe his wife and Abner Buck of the town of Chemung; and William Buck and Uranice his wife of the town of "Big Flats", [early name of Elmira] Tioga co. N. Y. sell 219 acres land. Signed by the seven.

(Chemung co. Deeds, 5-360)

NOTE: Chemung county, N. Y. was a part of Tioga county until 1836.

CHILDREN

of William and Deborah (Bosworth) BUCK
born in New Milford, Conn.

- 542 i—ABEL BUCK, b. July 12, 1745.
543 ii—MARY BUCK, b. Nov. 2, 1746.
544 iii—ELIJAH BUCK, b. 1749; d. in Elmira, N. Y. May 26, 1830 aged 81.
545 iv—AHOLIAB BUCK,—Killed at the Wyoming Massacre, July 1778.
546 v—ASAHEL BUCK,—Killed by the Indians, Feb. 1779.
and possibly other daughters.

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BENJAMIN⁵ BOSWORTH, presumably the son of Benjamin⁴ (*Benjamin*^{3,2}, *Edward*¹) and Joanna ——— probably born in Plymouth, Mass.

NOTE: When compiling Part III of the Genealogy, no plus was put after Benjamin's number as I knew so little about him, and did not expect to learn more. However, I know there was in the Revolution a Benjamin Bosworth who after the war settled in Pennsylvania and in later years when obtaining a pension, stated that he enlisted from Lancaster, Mass. As this was the old home of Benjamin², what more natural than that some descendant of his should be living there, and have a son named Benjamin. As has been stated (in Part III, p. 294), there was in 1754, a Benjamin and Nathaniel Bosworth living at Point Shirley in the vicinity of Boston; this is proved by public records. I have assumed that they were sons of Benjamin and Joanna of Plymouth. I am quite convinced that they left Pt. Shirley and I believe Nathaniel went to Duxbury, the home of his wife's parents, and it looks as if Benjamin went to Lancaster and was the father of the Benjamin who was a soldier of the Revolution. This Benjamin is described

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in Mass. Soldiers & Sailors of the Rev., also in the "Military Annals of Lancaster" (p. 162) as being "age 25; stature 5 ft. 5 in.; complexion Dark." This was in 1777, so according to this record he was born in 1752. There was also a Nathaniel Bosworth who enlisted from Lancaster in 1778 among the "Re-inforcements for the Continental Army," in Capt. Ephraim Stearn's co., Col. Ezra Wood's Regt. He was a corporal. This too must have been a son of Benjamin named from his brother. He may have been killed in the war as I find nothing further about him. Perhaps they were born in Pt. Shirley before the family removed to Lancaster. Of course that is a surmise, but we do know there was such a Benjamin and such a Nathaniel. So we can do no less than record them here. Probably there were other children.

CHILDREN

of Benjamin⁵ Bosworth (tentative)

- 547 + BENJAMIN⁶, b. either in Point Shirley, or Lancaster, Mass. in 1752 or 1754; m. Mary ———; d. Dec. 27, 1847, in Pa.
548 NATHANIEL⁶, no further reliable records. He may have been the Nathaniel who m. in Boston, March 24, 1772 Mary Carns.

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NATHANIEL⁵ BOSWORTH, son of Benjamin⁴ (*Benjamin*³, ², *Edward*¹) and Joanna ———, born at Plymouth, Mass., Sept. 1, 1809; (no record of death found); married at Plymouth, May 28, 1735, LYDIA SAMPSON, daughter of David³ (*Caleb*², *Henry*¹) and Mary (*Chaffin*) Sampson, baptised in the First Church, Marshfield, Mass., Sept. 24, 1713.

NOTE: David's father Caleb married Mercy Standish, dau. of Alexander² (*Myles*¹); and Caleb's father. Henry Sampson was a Mayflower passenger, which gives two Mayflower lines to all descendants. Several different histories say that probably David³ Sampson received his name "from the affection his mother had for her brother David Standish." According to the Sampson Genealogy, David Sampson "resided just within the bounds of Duxbury adjacent to Marshfield," and the family worshipped at the First Church at Marshfield. His dwelling house was still standing in 1862, when this book was published.

Mar. 14, 1742, "Nathaniel Bozworth of Plymouth" buys of Isaac Doten, for £37, 10s. his "dwelling house and garden spot" in Plymouth. On the same date he gives a mortgage on the place to Robert Brown, to secure him for giving bonds (three bonds of £12, 10s. each) to Isaac Doten, of Plymouth. Mort. disc. Feb. 3, 1747. (Plym. Deeds 35-209 & 37-190)

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Jan. 30, 1747/8, "Nathaniel Bozworth of Plymouth, Gentleman," mort. "his house and garden spot in Plymouth" to Benj. Barnes to secure the payment of £225 with interest; to be paid by Aug. 1, 1749.
(Plym. Deeds, 39-72)

May 3, 1749, "Nathaniel Bozworth, Fisherman of Plymouth and Lydia his wife," for £380 "old Tenour" deeded to Josiah Rider of Plymouth, fisherman, their dwelling house and garden spot in Plymouth. Ack. same date.
(Plym. Deeds, 40-27)

On March 26, 1767 "David Samson of Duxborough" made his will and among the bequests to his daughters was one to "Lidia Bosworth the wife of Nathaniel Bosworth." As he does not say of what place, it has always seemed likely that they were of Duxbury, however, by referring to Part III, p. 294, it will be seen that Nathaniel and his brother Benjamin were probably living in Point Shirley, in the vicinity of Boston, in October 1754. What became of the family after that time, one cannot say positively, but they may have returned to Duxbury and been living there in 1767. A circumstance that seems to corroborate this surmise is the fact that the daughter Mary was married there in Jan. 1767. The compiler visited Duxbury and examined all the old records that remain, which are very few, but with small results. An extract from "The Giles Memorial" well expresses the situation. "The destruction of the early records of Duxbury (prior to 1666) by fire, and the unsatisfactory manner in which, for the most part, they have since been kept, renders the task of him who would construct a full and clear Genealogy of any ancient family of that most respectable town, exceedingly arduous."

When I visited William T. Davis in Plymouth in 1905, (visit referred to in Part III, p. 294), he said he thought I would find that Nathaniel and Lydia (Sampson) Bosworth went to Boston; he said to look in the records of Hollis St. Church. I did so, but found nothing. However, references to Hollis St. Boston, and Hollis St. Church are often met with in the histories of the children. The sons Nathaniel Jr., Benjamin and Hezekiah seem to vibrate between Boston and Duxbury; each one of them were called of Boston when they were married. Nathaniel married Elizabeth Pope. When he died leaving her with a family of children she went to Duxbury to live and there married again. Benjamin married Abigail Sever and was called "formerly of Duxbury" their two children were born in Duxbury, but were baptised in the Hollis St. Church, Boston. After Benjamin's death Abigail went to Duxbury and there married again. Hezekiah called "of Boston", married Sarah Eells of Hanover—a town 15 miles from Duxbury—at Scituate 15 miles from Duxbury in another direction. In the settlement of Nathaniel's estate, the name of Mrs. Mary Eells and Robert L. Eells appears. The second child of Hezekiah and Sarah was named Joseph Pope Bosworth and his son was Joseph Pope Bosworth, Jr. Elizabeth Pope had come to Boston from Falmouth, Maine, and after the death of her second husband she left Duxbury and returned to her old home in Maine with her children. Hezekiah and his family also went to Maine. The name of Lydia

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was given to daughters in the families of Nathaniel and Hezekiah, presumably from their mother Lydia (Sampson) Bosworth, and their sister Lydia. Where Nathaniel and Lydia died we have no means of knowing, but probably in Duxbury.

CHILDREN

of Nathaniel⁵ and Lydia (Sampson) Bosworth

- 549 i—LYDIA⁶, bapt. in 1st Church Plymouth June 17, 1739.
550+ ii—NATHANIEL⁶ Jr., b. prob. in Plymouth, about 1741; d. in Boston or at sea, btw. Aug. 11, 1788 and June 8, 1789; m. at Boston, June 13, 1771, Elizabeth Pope, dau. of Robert Pope of Falmouth, Me.
551+ iii—BENJAMIN⁶, b. prob. in Plymouth, in Jan. 1743; d. in Boston or at sea, Nov. 15, 1769; m. in Boston Aug. 17, 1766 Abigail Sever, dau. of Joshua.
552+ iv—MARY⁶, b. prob. in Plymouth, abt. 1745 or 6; m. in Duxbury, Jan. 25, 1767, Warren Weston.
553+ v—HEZEKIAH⁶, b. abt. 1750; d. at sea; m. at Scituate Nov. 18, 1782, Sarah Eells, dau. of William Wetherell and Sarah (Pillsbury) Eells.

NOTE: This is the Hezekiah referred in Bulletin No.3, p. 10.

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JOANNA⁶ BOSWORTH, daughter of Benjamin⁴ (*Benjamin*^{3,2}, *Edward*¹) and Joanna (———), born in Plymouth, Mass., May 19, 1714; married in Plymouth, April 3, 1733, intention entered Sept. 9, 1732, SAMUEL DOTY, Jr., son of Elisha and Hannah Doty, (or Doten), (called Jr. to distinguish him from his uncle Samuel Doty) born in Plymouth, June 16, 1712.—They lived in Plymouth.

CHILDREN

of Samuel Jr. and Joannah (Bosworth) DOTY born in Plymouth, Mass.

- 554 i—HANNAH DOTY, b. Feb. 15, 1733-4; m. Joshua Holmes, had 3 ch.
555 ii—JOANNAH DOTY, b. June 15, 1736; m. Lemuel Fish, had 11 ch.
556 iii—SAMUEL DOTY, b. April 1739.
557 iv—NATHANIEL DOTY, b. Oct. 10, 1740; m. Mercy Ryder, had 2 ch.
v—ELIZABETH DOTY, b. June 6, 1744.

NOTE: The Doty Gen. by Ethan Allen Doty says: that the son Samuel "was a privateersman. He was not married; d. in New York, 1763, leaving a will on record there. He bequeathed to his brother Nathaniel Doubtety and sisters Hannah, Johannah and Elizabeth Doubtety, all his share in the

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prizes or prize money taken by the ship General Johnson whereof Samuel Little was commander in which I went on cruise against his Maj^{ties} enemies." Signed Samuel Dottey. When the receipts were given two of the sisters had married, and signed, Hannah Holmes and Johanna Fish.

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ELIZABETH⁵ BOSWORTH, daughter of Lemuel⁴ (*Nathaniel*^{3,2}, *Edward*¹) and Mary (Jones), born in Hull, Mass., Feb. 27, 1716; no record of death; married DANIEL BARKER, intention published June 23 (or 24) 1736. (Boston records say June 23, Hull records June 24.)

Oct. 28, 1750, Thos. Loring of Hingham, deeds to Daniel Barker of Boston, blacksmith, land on "Petix Island" bounded "on the Southwest on the Land of Lemuel Bosworth, deceased." (Boston Deeds, 78-260)

Nov. 10, 1758, Daniel Barker of Boston sells to Amos Binney of Hull, 41 acres of land in Hull on "Petex Island, being all the Westernmost head and all the Meadow or Marsh and Beach between the West head and middle hill, . . . always excepting ten acres of Land within them bounds which belongs to the heirs of Mary Bosworth, deceased." (Boston Deeds, 92-141)

CHILDREN

of Daniel and Elizabeth (Bosworth) BARKER
born in Boston, Mass.

- 558 i—DANIEL BARKER, b. Aug. 4, 1737.
559 ii—HANNAH BARKER, b. Aug. 31, 1738.
560 iii—ELIZABETH BARKER, b. Feb. 8, 1741.

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ROBERT⁵ BOSWORTH, son of Joseph⁴ (*Nathaniel*^{3,2}, *Edward*¹) and Mary (Evans), born probably in Boston, but recorded in Hull, Mass., Sept. 15, 1722, baptised in Second Church, Boston, Sept. 16, 1722; date of death not found; married ———*.

NOTE: When Part III was published the compiler had no information as to what because of Joseph⁴ and Mary Bosworth, but there has since

*As the records of Hull for this period were destroyed or lost, we are left in the dark as to dates and some names, so all we can do is take what little we can gather and piece it together as best we can.

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come to light in a "North Carolina Historical and Genealogical Register" (Vol. 1, No. 2, April 1900, p. 181) the account of the settlement of the estate of Joseph Bosworth of Carteret co.* N. C. with wife Mary and sons Joseph, Ephraim and Robert, June 3, 1735. After the death of Joseph Mary probably returned to Boston with her sons, Joseph†, Ephraim and Robert, the latter aged 13. Ephraim lost his life in the army as stated in Part III, p. 310. I assume that Robert went to Hull—the old home of his father, for what could be more natural—perhaps to the home of his uncle Ephraim Bosworth, who was a man of wealth with no children. Or he may have lived with his Uncle Lemuel. The latter supposition is favored for the reason that he seems to have had a son named Lemuel. Anyway, Robert was living in Hull later, for on

June 5, 1746, Robert Bosworth of Hull, laborer, mort. all his estate wherever it may be found to Timothy Burbank "taylor" of Plymouth to secure him for giving bonds "as Sureties for and with me to Jas. Warren Esq. Sheriff of co. of Plym. in the sum of £26 conditioned for the said Robt. his appearance at the Infer^r. Court next to be holden at Plym. aforesaid on the 3rd Tues. of Sept. next to consider the Suit of Elijah Macomber against him, and abide the Judgement the sd Court shall give."

June 14, 1748, Timothy Burbank for 10s. assigned the above to Moses Parish.

On the third Tuesday of *May 1749*, Jas. Hovey and Nehemiah Ripley made oath before the court that they were witnesses to the signing and delivering of the above by Robert Bozworth. Rec. July 27, 1749.

(Plym. Deeds, 40-91)

From the fact that witnesses were called on to testify, shows that Robert was either dead or had disappeared.

CHILDREN

of Robert⁵ Bosworth (tentative)
probably born in Hull

561 i—MARY⁶‡, b. abt. 1744; prob. m. Joseph Collins of Boston, int. pub. in Boston, Jan. 1761. (Mary called "of Hull"). There was a Joseph Collins, Jr. of Truro, Barnstable co., Mass. who had children bapt. in Truro, btw. Apr. 1767 and Nov. 1783, named

*Carteret co., N. C. is on the coast near Cape Lookout; it was settled early.

†In Part III p. 310, the compiler stated that no further record had been found of the son Joseph, eldest son of Joseph and Mary (Evans) Bosworth, but it has since been discovered that a Joseph Bosworth was witness to a deed on March 24, 1796, in Boston, whereby, a house and lot on Hollis St. was sold, and as that is the street on which his parents lived it is very probable it was this Joseph.

‡As Robert⁵ Bosworth was the only Bosworth living at Hull at the time Mary was born I think she must have been his daughter, but as the records of Hull for this period are lost I cannot give proof.

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Rebecca, Elisha, Mary, Joseph, Jonathan, Deborah and Jemima. As these are all Bosworth names it is permissible to suppose that this is the Joseph who m. Mary Bosworth. This Joseph was in the 1790 census.

- 562 ii—LEMUEL⁶, b. abt. 1746. On Feb. 25, 1773 Lemuel Bosworth of Hull for £31 deeds to Electius Reynolds of Middleborough, 31½ a. of land in Middleborough. Ack. Dec. 14, 1773.
(Plym. Deeds, 58-204)

This proves that there was a Lemuel Bosworth living in Hull in 1773, and as Robert's grandmother Mary Morton was of Middleboro, this land may have been inherited by Robert and so descended to Lemuel after Robert's death.

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RUTH⁵ BOSWORTH, only daughter of Benjamin⁴ (*Bellamy*³, *Nathaniel*², *Edward*¹) and Ruth (Lowder) born in Bristol, Mass. (now R. I.) Sept. 7, 1721; died in Bristol, Oct. 31, 1796; married (1) at Bristol, May 21, 1740, NATHANIEL CHURCH, son of Charles³, (Benjamin², Richard¹) and Hannah (Paine) Church, born 1716, died in Bristol, Aug.* 26, 1744; married (2) at Bristol Apr. 19, 1747, SHEARJASHUB⁴ BOURNE, "the first of the name in Bristol, he came from Sandwich, son of Ezra³ and Martha (Prince), of Shearjashub² and Bathua (Skiff), of Richard¹ and Ruth (Winslow) Bourne who came from England and settled in Sandwich, Plymouth colony, Mass., about 1650, he was a partner to Elliot in preaching to the Indians." Shearjashub Bourne died in Bristol, Jan. 28, 1793. (I.r.f. Rev. Calbraith B. Perry, a descendant.)

CHILDREN

of Nathaniel and Ruth (Bosworth) CHURCH
born in Bristol, Mass. (now R. I.)

- i—A child d. April 7, 1742.
563 ii—HANNAH CHURCH, b. July 31, 1743. bapt. Sept. 18, 1743.
iii—NATHANIEL CHURCH, b. Feb. 3, 1744/5; d. Feb. 27, 1745.

*Arnold's Vit. Rec. R. I. gives August, the Church Gen., "Desc. of Richard Church of Plymouth," gives April; also the marriage is given in the latter book 1740, and Arnolds Vit. Rec. give 1740, however the compiler herself copied it from the original records in two places, 1741.

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Of Shearjashub and Ruth [Bosworth] [Church] BOURNE born in Bristol

- 564 i—MARTHA BOURNE, b. Aug. 15, 1748, m. ——— Thompson.
- 565 ii—SHEARJASHUB BOURNE, Jr., b. Dec. 4, 1751; d. Nov. 24, 1821; m. Mar. 4, 1773, Ruth Waldron, dau. of John and Elizabeth, b. Nov. 21, 1751, d. Jan. 28, 1793. Children, born in Bristol.
- 1—Elizabeth Bourne, b. July 14, 1774.
 - 2—Ruth Bourne, b. Jan. 24, 1776; m. May 19, 1799, Nathaniel Waldron.
 - 3—Hannah Bourne, b. Jan. 24, 1776, prob. d. y.
 - 4—Shearjashub Bourne, b. Oct. 1, 1777; d. at Guadaloupe, W. I., Oct. 21, 1793, aged 17 yrs.
 - 5—John Waldron Bourne, b. Oct. 1, 1777; d. Aug. 8, 1823; m. Oct. 3, 1799, Nancy Wardwell, dau. of Col. Samuel and Lydia Wardwell. Ch. 1—Ann Bourne, b. Feb. 6, 1800, m. (1) Samuel Bosworth, Jr., Mar. 27, 1821; (2) April 16, 1828, Otis Storr; 2—Benjamin Smith Bourne, b. Nov. 2, 1801; Ann and Benjamin both bapt. May 13, 1804.
 - 6—Allen Bourne, b. June 25, 1779; d. Dec. 8, 1814; m. June 7, 1805, Elizabeth Smith. Ch. 1—George Smith Bourne, b. Feb. 26, 1806. 2—Ruth Waldron Bourne, b. Nov. 20, 1807; d. Aug. 3, 1829, ae. 22; 3—Rebecca Smith Bourne, b. Dec. 28, 1809; 4—Betsey Allen Bourne, b. March 1, 1812.
 - 7—Hannah Bourne, b. Aug. 10, 1781.
 - 8—Martha Bourne, b. Aug. 10, 1781.
 - 9—Benjamin Bourne, b. Aug. 10, 1781.*
- 566 iii—BENJAMIN BOURNE, b. Dec. 9, 1755; d. Sept. 17, 1808; m. in Warren, R. I., Hope Child, dau. of Cromwell and Roby (Eddy) Child, and widow of Benjamin Diman, b. in Warren, May 14, 1756. Hope, widow of Judge Benjamin Bourne, Esq., died in Bristol, ——— 1811. Cromwell Child is supposed to be a descendant of Oliver Cromwell. The children of Benjamin and Hope (Child) Bourne were: 1—Benjamin F. Bourne, b. Nov. 30, 1783; d. unm., a Lieut. in the U. S. N.; 2—Sophia Bourne, b. July 15, 1788, d. 1805; 3—Julia Bourne, b. July 5, 1790; 4—Eliza Turner Bourne b. May 26, 1797. Julia Bourne m. (1) June 20, 1811, Abel Jones, (2) Albert C. Greene; d. Jan. 9, 1842.

Julia Sophia Jones, daughter of Abel and Julia [Bourne] Jones, b. March 22, 1816, m. James de Wolfe Perry, d. June 23, 1898. Their children were—Raymond, Rev. James de Wolfe, Rev. Calbraith B., Charles Farnum and William Wallace Perry. The Right Reverend James de Wolfe Perry,

*The compiler is inclined to think that these are dates of baptisms instead of births, for although possible, it is not probable that there would be two sets of twins followed by triplets. (Dates from Arnold's Vit. Rec. of R. I.)

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Bishop of Rhode Island is the son of the above Rev. James de Wolfe and Elizabeth [Tyson] Perry. The Rev. Calbraith B. Perry was the author of "The Perrys of Rhode Island," and before his death furnished the compiler with records of this family. William Wallace Perry lives in Bristol in the old Deacon Nathaniel Bosworth house.

NOTE: See Bosworth Bulletin, No. 3, October 1924, for an article about this house, written by Miss Isabella Essex Bosworth, daughter of Judge Orrin L. Bosworth of Bristol.

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SAMUEL⁵ BOSWORTH, son of Benjamin⁴ (*Bellamy*³, *Nathaniel*², *Edward*¹) and Ruth (Lowder), born in Bristol, Mass. (now R. I.) Jan. 6, 1722/3, baptised Jan. 20, 1722/3; died in Bristol, Aug. 8, 1761; married in Bristol Oct. 8, 1752, ELIZABETH PECK, daughter of Capt. Jonathan⁴ (Jonathan³, Nicholas², Joseph¹) and second wife Hannah (Lain) Peck, born in Bristol 1734; died in Bristol, March 31, 1806, aged 72 years.*

Jan. 26, 1746, Samuel Bosworth of Bristol, yeoman, sells land in Bristol to Jonathan Peck for £17. Shearjashub Bourn et al wit.

(Bristol Deeds, 1-26)

Samuel and Elizabeth Bosworth "signed the Covenant" in Cong. Ch. Bristol, Oct. 7, 1753.

Feb. 18, 1747, Samuel for £300 sells to William Bosworth of Bristol, yeoman (Samuel's brother) 10 a. of land in Bristol, bounded southerly on Jos. Russell, easterly on Nath. Munro, northerly on William Bosworth, westerly on the highway. Shearjashub and Ruth Bourn, Wit.

(Bristol Deeds, 1-167)

Feb. 9, 1756, Samuel for £300 sells to Shearjashub Bourn his interest in "the Easterly half of the Dwelling house with the land thereto belonging to witt the Land on which the sd part stands together with the garden and half the well containing about $\frac{1}{4}$ of an acre . . . as it lies adjoining to sd house inclosed with a fence now in the possession of the said Shearjashub Bourn . . . on the north joins on sd garden and on the west joins to that part of sd house which Obadiah Papillion now improves," also one acre bounded on the highway, etc.

(Bristol Deeds, 1-344)

June 6, 1761, Samuel Bosworth of Bristol, yeoman, and Elizabeth his wife, "one of the Daughters of Jonathan Peck Esqr. Deceased" sell land to Nathaniel Fales and Jonathan Peck, $\frac{1}{8}$ part of 53 a. of land in Bristol "Given unto the said Elizabeth by her Honor^d. Father Jonathan Peck Esqr. late Deceas^d. in his last will." Signed by Samuel and Elizabeth his wife.

(Bristol Deeds, 3-184)

*The birth of Elizabeth is not on the public records, but is computed from her age at death recorded in Bristol. Lain, the name of her mother, and her father's line, is taken from the Peck Genealogy.

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Nov. 1, 1760, Samuel Bosworth of Bristol, yeoman, made his will in which he orders all his Real Estate "to be sold by my Brother Shearjashub Bourn Esqr. and Elizabeth my wife or the Survivor of them and with the money arising by such Sale together with what of my personal Estate they Shall think proper to Sell I would have them pay my Just Debts and I also appoint and Constitute them Executors of this my Last Will & Testament. I Give my Beloved wife Elizabeth all that she brought to me at our marriage or Since that was properly her Fathers Estate now in my possession and also one fifth part of all the Residue & Remainder of my Estate in lieu of her Right of Dower & power of thirds in my Estate . . . all the Residue and Remainder of my Estate I Give to my four Children namely Elizabeth, Samuel, Jonathan and Ruth Bosworth to be equally divided amongst them Share and Share alike or the Survivors of them . . . I constitute and appoint my sd Brother Shearjashub Bourn Esqr. and Elizabeth my wife or the Survivors of them to be Guardian of my Children till they arrive to Lawfull age and would have them use and expend So much of my Estate Lodged in their hands for the use of my sd Children as they Shall think fit & necessary for their maintenance Support and Education during their minority and account with them for the Residue as they Respectively arrive to Lawful age."

Elisha May Sion Martindale William Gladding	}	Witnesses	(Signed) Sam ^l . Bosworth (Bristol, R. I. Wills, 2-20)
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Samuel died at Bristol Aug. 8, 1761 aged 39 years. The inventory of his personal estate amounting to £2051 . 15 . 0, included, "Negro man named Nero, £1000." The account of Shearjashub Bourne as "Executor Trustee & Guardian Together with Elizabeth Bosworth the Testators widow" showed "money for the Sale of the Testators Homestead message Sold to Mr. Joseph Finney about 5½ acres with the buildings £3000" . . . "for the sale of the Farm . . in Bristol being about 70 acres sold to Do for £10382, 15s." and other items making the entire amt. £15646 . 2 . 0. The disbursements 14023 . 11 . 7.

Oct. 20, 1761, Shearjashub Bourn and Elizabeth Bosworth, widow, "Executors and Trustees of the Last Will and Testament of Samuel Bosworth, ate of Bristol," sell land. (Bristol Deeds, 2-208)

A census of Rhode Island taken in 1782, showed "Widow Bosworth" as head of a household with "1 female between 22 and 50, 1 male between 22 and 50," and "2 females between 16 and 22." I judge these were Elizabeth aged 48, Samuel aged 27, Ruth aged 22, and as Samuel was married that same year, the other "female" was probably his wife. The eldest daughter Elizabeth, was married, and Jonathan had died.

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CHILDREN

of Samuel⁵ and Elizabeth (Peck) Bosworth
born in Bristol, R. I.

- 567 + i—ELIZABETH⁶, b. May 25, 1753, bapt. July 8, 1753; d. Feb. 11, 1833 aged 80; m. Thomas Swan, Apr. 17, 1774.
568 + ii—SAMUEL⁶, b. Sept. 9, 1755, bapt. July 13, 1755; d. Sept. 6, 1826; m. Tabitha Wardwell, 1782.
569 iii—JONATHAN⁶, b. Sept. 3, 1757, bapt. June 25, 1758; d. unm. Nov. 10, 1774, aged 18 years.
570 + iv—RUTH⁶, b. July 28, 1760, bapt. Aug. 30, 1761; d. Mar. 25, 1823, aged 63 years; m. Dec. 1, 1785, Stephen Smith.

The children were baptised in the Congregational Church, Bristol.

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WILLIAM⁵ BOSWORTH, son of Benjamin⁴, (*Bellamy*³, *Nathaniel*², *Edward*¹) and Ruth (Lowder), born in Bristol, Mass., (now R. I.) Sept. 5, 1724; died in Bristol Nov. 15, 1808; married in Portsmouth, R. I., April 22, 1745, (int. pub. Feb. 72, 1744/5 in Bristol), MARY FALES, daughter of Capt. Timothy³ (James²,¹) and Alethia (Paine) Fales, born in Bristol, Sept. 12 1724; died in Bristol, July 30, 1793.

NOTE: According to the Fales Genealogy, and Austin's Gen. Dict. of R. I., Timothy Fales, father of Mary, then of Taunton, Mass., made his will Jan. 30, 1762 in which two of his sons were required to pay to "Elizabeth his wife" (probably a second wife) £6 apiece yearly . . . and also forty shillings Like money to be paid in the same manner by my daughter Marys Husband William Bosworth of Bristol." He wills to "Daughter Mary now the wife of William Bosworth (besides what she has already had) The lot of Land I bought of Allen Cary Deceased with all the Building hereon Standing Reference being had to the Deed thereof for the bounds, and also Twenty Seven acres of Land part of the forty seven acres bought of Dorothy Williams. Provided William Bosworth of said Bristol the Husband of my said Daughter Mary or the said Mary pay my said wife Elizabeth Fales the sum of forty shillings per annum During her life . . . and I give my said Daughter one half of my Pew in Bristol Meeting House and one half of the household Goods That I brought from Bristol Remaining and not given away afterwards by this will." One of the witnesses to this will was Robert Treat Paine of Taunton, probably a relative of Timothy's first wife, Alethia Paine. She was daughter of Hon. Nathaniel and Dorothy (Rainsford) Paine of Bristol.

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Oct. 10, 1750, William Bosworth, yeoman, and Mary his wife sell his portion of the Real Estate set off to him in the division of his father's estate, to Shearjashub Bourn Esq. bounded "west on the Highway or Country easterly on the Creek northerly on Land belonging to the Said Shearjashub Bourn (in the Right of Ruth his wife) and southerly on the Land of Samuel Bosworth," etc. for £260. Wit. Nathaniel Fales, Samuel Bosworth.

(Bristol Deeds, 1-130)

March 23, 1758, William sells land which was lately the Estate of John Bosworth Deceased.

(Bristol Deeds, 3-28)

April 16, 1758, William bought 10 a. of land "part pasture, part arable & part wood land" of Thos. Peck, land given him in the will of his "Honrd. Father Jonathan Peck Esqr."

Shearja. Bourn }
Ruth Bourn } Wit. (Bristol Deeds, 2-156)

Nov. 1, 1759, William Bosworth (Mary his wife yielding right of dower) sells land to John "Peckcom." Same witnesses as above.

(Bristol Deeds, 2-158)

Nov. 25, 1761, William mort. land. Paid Dec. 16, 1762.

(Bristol Deeds, 2-257)

July 7, 1762, William Bosworth of Bristol, yeoman, mort. land to Jonathan Peck "that was Divided off to me out of the Estate of my Honor^d. Father Benjamin Bosworth late of Bristol Deceas^d." The land was bounded Nly. on "land belonging to Shearjashub Bourn Esqr. late the Estate of my Brother Sam^l Bosworth of Bristol Dec^d." etc. (Bristol Deeds, 2-266)

Dec. 13, 1762, William sold the above land (40 a.) to Shear. Bourn. Deed signed by William and Mary Bosworth.

(Bristol Deeds, 3-2)

June 13, 1763, William again sold land.

(Bristol Deeds, 3-25)

Aug. 10, 1763, William again mort. land. Signed by both William and Mary.

(Bristol Deeds, 3-30)

Aug. 3, 1764, William sold 10 a. land to Thos. Finney.

(Bristol Deeds, 3-85)

July 5, 1771, William and Mary quit claim to John Adams of Barrington land in Bristol.

(Bristol Deeds, 3-305)

When the R. I. Census of 1774 was taken William Bosworth's family consisted of "2 males over 16 (William the father, age 50 and Timothy the son, 16) "1 male under 16" (Samuel the son aged 9), "1 female over 16" (Mary the mother aged 50), "2 females under 16" (Deborah and Elizabeth, daughters, one 14 the other 11) total 6. In 1782 the R. I. Census showed—1 male and 1 female above 50 (William and Mary) "2 females btw. 16 and 22" (Deborah, 22, Elizabeth 19) total 4. The first U. S. Census

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in 1790 "1 male" (William) and "2 females, (the mother Mary, and Elizabeth, who did not marry until 1795. In 1800 Mary the mother was dead and William apparently living with son Timothy.

William⁵ Bosworth died at Bristol, Nov. 15, 1808, aged 86 years.

CHILDREN

of William⁵ and Mary (Fales) Bosworth
born in Bristol, R. I.

- 571 + i—MARY⁶, b. April 22, 1746, bapt. May 11, 1746; d. May 24, 1812; m. Thomas Wilson, May 2, 1774.
- 572 + ii—BENJAMIN⁶, b. Jan. 24, 1747/8, bapt. Feb. 28, 1748; d. Nov. 3, 1825; m. Sarah Wilson.
- 573 iii—RUTH⁶, bapt. Nov. 5, 1749; d. Dec. 29, 1749.
- 574 + iv—WILLIAM⁶, b. June 26, 1751, bapt. June 30, 1751; d. Jan. 9 (or 19), 1830; m. Elizabeth Roffey (or Roffey) Dec. 19, 1771.
- 575 + v—ALETHIA⁶, b. Oct. 2, 1754, bapt. Jan. 27, 1754*; d. May 15, 1788; m. William Wilson, Jan. 16, 1774.
- 576 vi—RUTH⁶, b. Feb. 14, 1756, bapt. June 13, 1756. (No further records found.)
- 577 + vii—TIMOTHY⁶, b. Feb. 22, 1758, bapt. Sept. 3, 1758; d. in Pharsalia, N. Y. Aug. 17, 1838; m. Nancy Munro, June 6, 1784.
- 578 viii—DEBORAH⁶, b. Sept. 11, 1760. (Nothing further found.)
- 579 + ix—ELIZABETH⁶, b. April 4, 1763; d. June 12, 1834, m. Amos Thurber, April 12, 1795.
- 580 + x—SAMUEL⁶, b. abt. 1766 (Birth not recorded.); d. in the army in 1814; m. Ruth Cole, Sept. 25, 1794.

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BRIDGET⁵ BOSWORTH, daughter of Capt. Nathaniel⁴ (*Bellamy*³, *Nathaniel*², *Edward*¹) and first wife Lydia (Cornish), born in Bristol, Mass. (now R. I.), July 6, 1715, baptised Oct. 10, 1721; died July 2, 1750; married at Bristol Oct. 30, 1736 MICHAEL PHILLIPS †, son of Joseph and Bridget (Bosworth) Phillips, born in Bristol, Feb. 8 1712/13; no record of death found. Michael married (2) Sept. 11, 1750, Elizabeth Dufall.

*This without doubt should be double dated—1754/5. A mistake of the clerk.

†A second cousin of Bridget⁵ Bosworth. See Part II p. 224.

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CHILDREN

of Michael and Bridget (Bosworth) PHILLIPS
born at Bristol, R. I.

- i—An infant child, d. Sept. 13, 1741.
- ii—A child d. July 2, 1743.
- 581 iii—BRIDGET⁶ PHILLIPS, b. May 25, 1745.
- 582 iv—MICHAEL⁶ PHILLIPS, Junr. b. Oct. 16, 1746.
- v—BENJAMIN⁶ PHILLIPS, bapt. March 21, 1750-51; d. July 11, 1751.

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REV. BELLAMY⁵ BOSWORTH, son of Capt. Nathaniel⁴ (*Bellamy*³, *Nathaniel*², *Edward*¹) and first wife Lydia (Cornish) born in Bristol, Mass. (now R. I.) Nov. 26, 1716, twin to Nathaniel; died Dec. 12, 1786, at Bristol; married (1) at Chilmark, Mass., Aug. 15, 1745, ELIZABETH MAYHEW, of Chilmark, int. pub. in Bristol Feb. 23, 1744/5, died in Chilmark, Dukes Co., Mass., June 9, 1747 in her 30th year; married (2) at Bristol, May 17, 1750, ESTHER MAXFIELD, by Rev. John Burt; she died at Bristol, July 7, 1758, aged 42, (born 1716).

Bellamy Bosworth was a student at Harvard University graduating from there in 1736, (see Catalogue) at the age of 20. He also studied for the ministry and at one time (1746) supplied the pulpit of the Cong. Church at Chilmark during the last illness of Rev. William Holmes, the pastor.

Sept. 18, 1745, Bellamy Bosworth "gentleman" gave bonds as adm. on the estate of his sister Anne. (See Part III, p. 325.)

July 2, 1750, Bellamy granted adm. on est. of his twin brother Nathaniel who had died in Hispaniola. (See Part III, p. 326.)

Apr. 16, 1763, "Belomy Bosworth of Bristol, Gentleman, sells to Benjamin Bosworth of Newport, Housewright . . . one small lot of land with part of a Dwelling House thereon Standing" in Bristol "Bounded Wly. on Hope Street Nly. on land of Thomas Church Ely. on land of the sd Benjamin Bosworth Sly. on the yard on the South Side of said House and Contains the north Great Room foreyard & Entryway the Chamber & Garret over sd. Room to the Roof, the Milk Room with the Chamber and Garret over it, the kitchen also all the North Cellar . . . to the south part of the arch (.the arch excepted) half the well with the paved yard about it So far

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as the South East corner of the house and also Liberty of passing and repassing to the South Lane or five feet of yard next the board fence on the East Side thereof and also half the Chimney Reserving Liberty to those that own the South part of said house Liberty of passing & repassing to and from the well in the East paved yard the Premises hereby conveyed being the whole of what was Set off to me in Division of the Real Estate of my Hon^d. Father Capt. Nath^l. Bosworth Dec^d. as by said Division may appear" etc. (Bristol Deeds, 3-35)

Rev. Bellomy Bosworth "died aged 70 of consumption at Bristol", Dec. 12, 1786. The Providence Gazette of Dec. 23, 1786, contained a notice of his death, "in 71st year."

CHILDREN

of Rev. Bellamy⁵ and (2nd wife) Esther Maxfield

- 583 i—NATHANIEL⁶, bapt. in Bristol, R. I., Feb. 16, 1752; d. at Bristol, Dec. 15, 1763, in his 12th year.
584 + ii—EBENEZER⁶, b. in Bristol, Oct. 6, 1754, bapt. Oct. 20, 1754; d. at New York, July 26, 1781; m. Patience Easterbrook.

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ELIZABETH⁵ BOSWORTH, daughter of Capt. Nathaniel⁴ (*Bellamy*³, *Nathaniel*², *Edward*¹) and 2nd wife Elizabeth (Layton) (Lindsey), born in Bristol, Mass. (now R. I.), Oct. 10, 1728; died Jan. 27, 1770; married July 1, 1746, (int. pub. May 12) THOMAS CHURCH, son of Caleb⁴ (Joseph³,², Richard¹) and Deborah (Woodworth) Church, born Sept. 10, 1722, (baptised Oct. 16); died April 22, 1794.

In the U. S. Census of 1790 Thomas was living all alone, Elizabeth, his wife, was dead and he died four years later, aged 72.

CHILDREN

of Col. Thomas and Elizabeth (Bosworth) CHURCH
born in Bristol, R. I.

- i—A child d. Apr. 26, 1747.
ii—A child d. May 16, 1748.
iii—A child d. March 7, 1749.
585 iv—NATHANIEL⁶ CHURCH, b. June 11, 1750, bapt. June 17, 1750; d. Jan. 23, 1823 aged 72 yrs.; m. Sarah (——). Ch. 1—Thomas, b. June 2, 1776; 2—Nathaniel, b. Sept. 10, 1779; d. Oct. 25, 1785 aged 6; 3—a second Nathaniel called "Jr."

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- was pub. at Portsmouth, Sept. 11, 1831 to a Miss Talman of
Portsmouth, R. I. These are all that are recorded, there may
have been others.
- 586 v—DEBORAH⁶ CHURCH, b. Mar. 6, 1753; bapt. Mar. 11, 1753; prob.
m. Joseph Lindsey, Aug. 9, 1772.
- 587 vi—ELIZABETH⁶ CHURCH, b. Nov. 29, 1756, bapt. Jan. 9, 1757.
vii—A child d. ——— 1762.

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CAPT. DANIEL⁵ BOSWORTH, son of Capt. Nathaniel⁴ (*Bel-
lamy*³, *Nathaniel*², *Edward*¹) and 2nd wife Elizabeth (Layton)
(Lindsey), born in Bristol, Mass. (now R. I.), Sept. 26, 1731,
twin to Obadiah; died at Bristol, Sept. 25, 1790; married at
2nd Cong. Church, Newport, R. I., Oct. 12, 1752, ELIZABETH
PECKHAM, born 1734; died at Bristol, March 31, 1806, aged
72 years.

July 6, 1753, Daniel Bosworth "of Newport, Hatter" and Elizabeth his
wife for £675 sell to Gamaliel Clark of Bristol, "one certain piece of Land
with the Beach and flats together with the building and wharff thereon
Standing Bounded Southerly and Easterly on highways . . . and West-
erly on the Salt water or Ship Channel and also one other small Lott . . .
containing about 20 or 25 rods . . . Scituate in Bristol . . . and was
Late the Estate of Nath^{ll} Bosworth Decd." (Bristol Deeds, 1-232)

Oct. 19, 1753, Same as above for £370, sell 2 a. of land in Bristol, bounded
on the South by a street or lane and "Westerly by Land of Benjamin Bos-
worth as it was set off to the said Benjamin as he is one of the heirs of
Capt. Nath^{ll} Bosworth and ye above sd two acres of land is part of that
two acre Lott which Did formerly belong to Capt. Nath^{ll} Bosworth Decs.
and was set off to me the said Daniel as I am one of the Heirs of the said
Decd. as by Return of the Jurors may be seen" etc. Signed by Daniel and
Elizabeth Bosworth.

John Howland }
Obadiah Bosworth Wit. } (Bristol Deeds, 1-243)

May 1755, Daniel Bosworth was appointed *Ensign* in the Newport 2nd Co.,
Newport co. Regt. (Civil and Military Lists of R. I., Vol. 1, p. 173).

Sept. 8, 1755, "At a meeting of the Assembly held at Newport, R. I., the
following officers were chosen to command the four companies who were
to go as reinforcements to the army now gone against Crown Point. Daniel
Bosworth, Captain . . . of the first (which will be the eighth) company
in the service of this colony for the expedition aforesaid.

(R. I. Colonial Rec. Vol. 5, p. 454)

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Aug. 1755, Daniel Bosworth, Captain of the 8th company, Kent co., regt.
(Civil and Military Lists, p. 176)

Feb. 27, 1756/7, At a meeting of the Assembly held at South Kingston, R. I., a list of officers were chosen "to command the regiment of this Colony going against Crown Point." Daniel Bosworth made Captain of the 5th company.
(R. I. Col. Rec. Vol. 5, p. 484)

If Daniel and Elizabeth Peckham Bosworth had children they are not recorded either at Bristol or at Newport.

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OBADIAH⁵ BOSWORTH, son of Capt. Nathaniel⁴ (*Bellamy*³, *Nathaniel*², *Edward*¹) and 2nd wife Elizabeth (Layton) (Lindsey), born in Bristol, Mass., (now R. I.) Sept. 26, 1731, twin to Daniel; probably died previous to Dec. 1767; married at Bristol, Feb. -, 1753, MARY LAWTON, daughter of Thomas and Margaret (—) Lawton, born in Bristol, June 26, 1730, baptised in St. Michael's Church, Bristol, Aug. 13, 1736; died at Bristol, "a widow," Feb. 24, 1807 aged 76 years.

NOTE: Margaret, mother of Mary, was a resident of Prudence Island, R. I.

Oct. 19, 1753, Obadiah Bosworth witnessed a deed of his twin brother Daniel.
(Bristol Deeds, 1-243)

Dec. 7, 1767, Benjamin Bosworth, a minor, son of Obadiah late of Bristol *mariner* deceased chose his mother Mary Bosworth of Bristol, widow, his guardian.
(Bristol Probate, 2-82)

In the U. S. Census for 1800, Mary Bosworth of Bristol was living alone "1 female of 45 and upwards." Mary was 70 at this time.

CHILD

of Obadiah⁵ and Mary (Lawton) Bosworth

588 + i—BENJAMIN⁶, b. in Bristol, abt. 1753, bapt. in St. Michael's Ch. April 26, 1761; d. in Bristol, July 1, 1825; m. Hannah Martin.

NOTE: In the U. S. Census of 1790 there was an Obediah Bosworth living alone in Edenton, Chowan co., N. C., and in the 1810 census an Obediah Bosworth "upwards of 45," and "1 female of 16 and under 26" were living in Perquimans co., N. C. As these counties join each other, just north of Albermarle Sd., very probably these were the same Obediah, and it is possible he was an unrecorded son of the above. The son Benjamin is unrecorded, but the record of his choice of his mother as guardian, and the fact that he had a son named Obadiah, fixes his place here.

MAJ. BENJAMIN⁵ BOSWORTH, son of Capt. Nathaniel⁴ (*Belamy*³, *Nathaniel*², *Edward*¹) and 2nd wife Elizabeth (Layton) (Lindsey), born in Bristol, Mass., (now R. I.), Jan. 9, 1732/3; died in Warren, R. I., Oct. 18, 1810, buried at Bristol; married (1) in First Cong. Church, Newport, R. I., Feb. 14, 1757, by Rev. William Vinal, MRS. FRANCES (BENNET) NICHOLS of Newport, daughter of Job Bennet, Esqr., and widow of Benjamin Nichols, born Feb. 14, 1728; died at Newport, Feb. 5, 1763. Major Benjamin married (2) at Bristol, July 19, 1764, by Rev. John Burt, MARY CHURCH, daughter of Constant and Mary (Reynolds) Church, born in Bristol April 2, bapt. July 26, 1741; died in Bristol April 21, 1781, aged 41 years; married (3) in 1783, ABIGAIL MUNRO, daughter of Col. William Munro; she died at Warren, Aug. 20, 1830 in the 79th year of her age.

NOTE: The Mayflower line of Mary Church, second wife of Major Benjamin Bosworth was as follows: Alice, daughter of Alexander Carpenter of England m. (1) Edward Southworth and (2) Gov. Bradford; her son Constant Southworth m. Elizabeth Collins, their daughter, Alice Southworth, m. Col. Benjamin Church, of King Philip's War fame; their son was Charles Church who m. Hannah Paine; and their son Capt. Constant Church and wife Mary Reynolds were the parents of Mary Church who married Major Benjamin Bosworth.*

Col. William Munro, the father of Abigail, the third wife, was an officer in the expedition against Crown Point.

On Sept. 13, 1767 Benjamin Bosworth and wife Mary signed the Covenant in Elder Wright's Church, and the same day their eldest child, Nathaniel⁶, was baptised.

Nov. 19, 1770, "Elizabeth Green, widow, Peter Church Husbandman, Benjamin Bosworth yeoman and Mary his wife and Hannah Church Semster all of Bristol" deed land. (Taunton Deeds, 54-454)

(The above land was in Rehoboth; it was land laid out to Col. Charles Church, recorded in 3rd Book of Proprietors Rec. p. 99; 12 a., a wood lot, adj. land of Richard May and Ephraim Bowen.)

————— 1774, Benjamin Bosworth of Warren, sold to Daniel Le-favour, a lot of land on the east side of Hope St. Deed signed by Benjamin and Mary. (Bristol Deeds, 3-351)

*This line sent me by Mrs. Annie H. Bosworth Wetherell, a descendant.

By the Honorable the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the English Colony
of Rhode-Island; and Providence Plantations, in New-England, in America.

TO *Benjamin Bosworth* Esq; GREETING.

YOU *Benjamin Bosworth* being, by the General Assembly aforesaid, appointed *Major* of the _____ Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence* in the Colony aforesaid; are hereby, in the Name of His Majesty *GEORGE* the *Third* by the Grace of God, King of *Great-Britain*, and so forth, authorized, empowered and commissioned, to exercise the Office of *Major* of and over the Regiment aforesaid; and to command, guide and conduct the same, or any Part thereof. And in Case of an Invasion, or Assault of a common Enemy, to molest or disturb this His Majesty's Plantation, you are to alarm and gather together the Regiment under your Command, or such Part thereof as you shall deem sufficient, and therewith, to the utmost of your Skill and Ability, you are to resist, expel, kill, and destroy them, in order to preserve the Interest of His Majesty and His good Subjects in these Parts. You are also to follow such Instructions, Directions and Orders, as shall, from Time to Time, be further given forth, either by the General Assembly, the Governor and General Council, or other your superior Officers. And for your so doing, this Commission shall be your sufficient Warrant and Discharge.

By Virtue of an Act of the said GENERAL ASSEMBLY, I *Henry Ward* Secretary of the said Colony, have hereunto set my Hand, and the Public Seal of the said Colony, this *fourteenth* Day of *June* A. D. 1775. and in the Fifteenth Year of His said Majesty's Reign.

Henry Ward

BENJAMIN BOSWORTH'S COMMISSION AS MAJOR, BY GEORGE III IN JUNE 1775.

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April 25, 1804, "Benjamin Bosworth of Warren" sells to "Benjamin Bosworth of Swanzey laborer" land "partly in Warren, and partly in Swanzey," 24½ acres. Deed signed by Benjamin and Abigail; Jabez Luther, John Brown, wit. (Fall River Deeds, 19-96)

On the same date "Benjamin Bosworth, Esqr. of Warren . . . for divers good causes and in Consideration of the love and affection I have and do bear to my beloved son Benjamin Bosworth Jr. of Swanzey laborer" deeds 12½ a. of land partly in Warren and partly in Swansea. Signed by Benjamin and Abigail. (Fall River Deeds, 19-97)

Nathaniel⁶ Bosworth, eldest son of Major Benjamin, writing of his father, says: "He first settled in Newport, a mechanic. He was a worthy and enterprising man, a man of integrity, justice, and serious religion. He was exemplary in observing the Sabbath and in attending the worship and order of God. He lived regularly and left an example worthy of the imitation of his posterity. He was a friend to the civil and religious liberties of his country and greatly rejoiced in the Revolution. He was Major of the militia in the county of Bristol; he was frequently a representative from the county of Bristol, in the General Assembly. The several offices of civil and military trust, with which he was intrusted from time to time through a long life, he discharged with fidelity and usefulness.

"His wife died February 5, 1763 in the thirty-fifth year of her age. My father was married to his second wife Mary Church, my mother. My father removed from Newport to Bristol in 1766 and went to farming. My mother died April 21, 1781 aged 41 years."

Nathaniel⁶, writing of his grandfather, Capt. Nathaniel⁴ Bosworth, said: "He was an enterprising man. He carried on a large business in commerce and navigation and employed many laborers, and sustained through life a fair and honorable character. He was married at his father's house Oct. 26, 1714 to Lydia Cornish, daughter of James," etc.*

At a meeting of the Assembly held the first Wednesday of May 1758 Benjamin Bosworth of Newport, R. I. was admitted freeman. (R. I. Colonial Rec. Vol. 6 p. 140)

*This last extract should have gone into the history of Capt. Nathaniel in Part II p. 319, but it has been laid away for years and has only just come to light.

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CIVIL AND MILITARY RECORDS

In Feb. 1755, Benjamin, at the age of 22, was appointed 2nd Lieut. in a regiment going against Crown Point, in the French and Indian War.

In Aug. 1755 Benjamin's name among the Field officers of a Kent co. regt., in Warwick 5th co.; appointed Ensign in place of Caleb Hacker who refused to serve.
(Civil & Military Lists of R. I., Vol. 1)

At a meeting of the Assembly held at South Kingstown Feb. 27, 1756, a list of officers were chosen "to command the regiment of this Colony going against Crown Point." Benjamin Bosworth made 2nd Lieut. of Lieut. Col. Champlin's company; William Richmond, Jr. 1st Lieut.

(R. I. Colonial Rec., 5-484)

Jan. 6, 1772, Benjamin Bosworth made a member of the Town Council of Bristol.

"At a meeting of the Town Council on Saterdag the 22 day of April 1775 at the request of Colo. Potter to consider of and advise to some proper method to Dispose of the powder lately brot from Providence for the use of the Town Together with the lead flints and c: whereupon the Council orders that Mr. Benjamin Bosworth take into his Custody the sd powder balls flints and etc. and that it be deposited in the Court house in the Closet under the stairs which was ordered to be fitted up for that purpose and that said Bosworth be desired to make a number of Cartrages not exceeding forty rounds to be kept in the Same place with the powder." Benjamin Bosworth was still a member of the Town Council.

(Rec. of the Town of Bristol, p. 186)

At a General Assembly "held at Providence the first Wednesday of May 1775 officers declared elected and duly engaged. Field officers of the several counties:

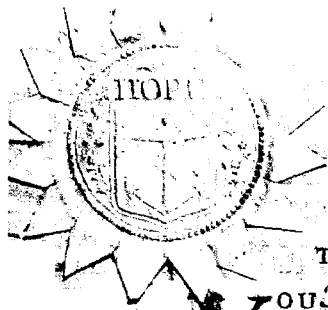
Bristol county; Mr. Benjamin Bosworth, Major."

(R. I. Col. Rec., 7-315)

General Assembly held at Providence, Wednesday June 28, 1775, Benjamin Bosworth apt. one of a com. "to take an account of the powder, arms and ammunition in the several towns of this colony . . . including private as well as a public stock." At the same meeting Benjamin Bosworth appointed Enlisting officer for the town of Bristol.

(R. I. Col. Rec. 7-356)

At a General Assembly held at Providence on the third Monday of August 1775, Benjamin Bosworth apt. one of a com. "to cause all the cattle and sheep that are fit to be killed to be forthwith removed and carried off all the islands in this colony, Rhode Island excepted; and Block Island for which provision has already been made . . . That the stock on Prudence and Hog Islands be removed to Bristol by Richard Smith and Benjamin Bosworth."



By the Honorable *Nicholas Cooke* Esquire,
Governor, Captain-General, and Commander in Chief, of
and over the *English* Colony of *Rhode-Island*, and *Provi-*
dence Plantations, in *New-England*, in *America*,

TO *Benjamin Bosworth* Esq; GREETING.

YOU *Benjamin Bosworth* being, by the General Assembly, of this Colony, appointed
Major of the _____ Regiment of Militia in the County of *Bristol* _____ in the
Colony aforesaid, are hereby, in the Name of the Governor and COMPANY of the said Colony,
authorized, empowered, and commissioned, to have, take and exercise the Office of *Major* _____
of and over the Regiment aforesaid, and to command, guide and conduct the same, or any
Part thereof: And in Case of an Invasion, or Assault of a Common Enemy, to assist or disturb this Planta-
tion, you are to alarm and gather together the Regiment under your Command, or such Part thereof as
you shall deem sufficient, and therewith, to the utmost of your Skill and Ability, you are to resist, expel,
kill, and destroy the same, in order to preserve the Interest of the good People in these Parts. You are
also to follow such Instructions, Directions and Orders, as shall, from Time to Time, be further given
forth, either by the General Assembly, the Governor and General Council, or other your superior Offi-
cers. And for your so doing, this Commission shall be your sufficient Warrant and Discharge.

G I V E N under my Hand, and the Seal of the said Colony, the *Sixth* _____ Day of
May _____ in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-sev-

By His Honor's Command,

Henry Ward

Nicholas Cooke

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Oct. 31, 1775, "Mr. Benjamin Bosworth reported on the above that the stock removed from Prudence Island had been appraised at £530.6s.10d."
(R. I. Col. Rec. Vol. 7, ps. 373 & 387)

"At a General Assembly held in Newport first Wednesday of May 1776, officers were chosen for the Colony's Brigade: Benjamin Bosworth, Esq., Major of the regiment of militia in the county of Bristol."
(R. I. Col. Rec. 7-515)

General Assembly held at Newport second Monday of June 1776, Benjamin Bosworth appointed for Bristol county one of a committee "to inquire into the damages done within the Colony, by the troops in the service of the Colony," and report to the Assembly at the next session. .
(R. I. Col. Rec. 7-566)

General Assembly held in South Kingstown, R. I., last Monday of October 1776 "for the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations." Officers of the 1st Regiment.

Bristol county, Benjamin Bosworth Esq. Major. (R. I. Col. Rec., 8-6)
In June 1777 Benjamin was appointed Justice of the Peace at Bristol.
(Civil and Military Lists of R. I.)

In May 1796—was appointed Justice of the Peace for Warren.

In May, 1801—Justice of the Court of Common Pleas at Bristol county.*

In March 1781, among bills that the Assembly ordered paid was one of Benjamin Bosworth for his expenses in estimating damages done by the troops upon Rhode Island and Jamestown in the year 1776. £16,00,02.
(R. I. Col. Rec. 9-377)

The Hist. of Bristol says of Benjamin: "In October 1776 he was chosen Major of Col. Nathaniel Martin's Regiment State Brigade."

The Sons of the American Revolution—giving ancestry of Thomas William Richmond, has this to say of Major Benjamin Bosworth: "Appointed by the town to draw up resolutions sympathizing with the town of Boston for its active patriotism shown in the destruction of the tea; he and other leading men contributed to the distressed inhabitants of Boston when that port was closed in 1774; Oct. 7, 1775, he paid one-half of the indemnity demanded of the town of Bristol by the British, to save it from bombardment; had charge of the purchasing of arms and construction of fortifications; Representative to the General Assembly, 1775; Sergeant, Captain Carr's Company; Lieutenant, Captain Allen's Company; Major, Colonel Martin's Regiment, 1775.

(R. I. Colonial Records; History of Bristol, R. I.)

In the R. I. Census of 1774 Benjamin Bosworth of Bristol had six in his family: "1 male over 16", Benjamin aged 41, "1 female over 16", Mary his wife, "2 males under 16", son Nathaniel aged 7 and Alfred aged 1, "2 females under 16", daughters Frances, 5 and Mary Bradford, 4.

*Called here Benjamin Bosworth "1st." Benjamin Bosworth "2nd" I take to be his nephew, Benjamin⁶, son of Obadiah⁵, Major Benjamin's brother.

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In the R. I. Census of 1782, Benjamin of Bristol had 9 in his family: "1 male over 22 under 50", Benjamin, the father 49, "1 female over 22 and under 50" Mary, the mother, "3 males under 16," Nathaniel 15, Alfred 11, Benjamin M. 7, "4 females under 16", Frances 13, Mary 12, Elizabeth 5 and Ann 1.

In the first U. S. Census, taken in 1790, Major Benjamin was living in Warren, R. I. There was in his family "4 males over 16", Benjamin, the father, 57, sons Nathaniel 23, Alfred 17, and some other "male" unknown; "4 males under 16", Benjamin M., 15, Hezekiah 6, Daniel 4, Peleg 3; "5 females", Abigail the 3rd wife, daughters Frances, Mary B, Elizabeth and Ann (or Nancy), the first Ann had died.

In the 1800 Census in Warren there was "1 male of 45 and upwards", Maj. Benjamin aged 67; "1 male of 16 and under 26", son Hezekiah 16, (Nathaniel and Benjamin M. were married); "2 males of 10 and under 16", Daniel 14, Peleg 13; "2 males under 10", Burrill 9 and Ebenezer 7; "1 female of 45 and upwards", wife Abigail; "2 females of 16 and under 26", daughters Elizabeth 23 and one other (this was perhaps Mary B., as she was unmarried, but she was 30, not "under 26"; "1 female of 10 and under 16", Ann (or Nancy) 10; and "1 female under 10", Lydia Munro, the youngest daughter, aged 5.

In 1810 Benjamin Bosworth of Warren had a family of eight; "1 male of 45 and upwards", Benjamin 77; "1 male of 26 and under 45", son Hezekiah 26; 2 males of 16 and under 26", Ebenezer 17 and one other unknown; "1 female of 45 and upwards", Abigail, the 3rd wife; "1 female of 26 and under 45", daughter Mary B, 40; "1 female of 16 and under 26", Nancy 20; "1 female of 10 and under 16", Lydia M. 15.

Major Benjamin^s Bosworth died in Warren, R. I. Oct. 23, 1810 in his 78th year. the notice in the Providence Gazette of Oct. 27th under—Deaths—reads "Benjamin Bosworth Esq. at Warren died in his 78th year."

Nov. 5, 1810, Court of Probate apt. Abigail Bosworth widow of Benjamin, Benjamin M. and Hezekiah, (two of their sons,) adms. "on the estate of Benjamin Bosworth Esq. late of Warren deceased." (The son Benjamin M. lived in Swansea.) The Adms. gave bonds for \$18,000.00 After bills and debts were all paid there was left \$9566.26 to divide. After the widow was given her thirds the balance was divided between Nathaniel Bosworth the eldest son, Frances Waldron, Mary B., Alfred, Benjamin M., Elizabeth Usher's heirs, Hezekiah, Daniel, Peleg, Ann, Burrell, Ebenezer and Lydia M. Each received \$585.57, deducting from the share of each the sum they had received from the father during his life.

On the same date Hezekiah was apt. guard. to Ebenezer and Lydia Monroe Bosworth, and gave bonds for \$2,000.

March 11, 1812, "Abigail Bosworth of Warren, widow of the late Benjamin Bosworth, for \$1100., quit claims to Benjamin Bosworth of Swansea; Hezekiah and Daniel Bosworth of Warren; Mary, Nancy and Lydia Bosworth, single women, Alfred Bosworth of Greenfield, N. Y.; Nathaniel Bosworth of Pittstown, N. Y., yeoman; Newton Waldron of Bristol, Gentle-

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man; Aaron Usher of Bristol, merchant; Peleg Bosworth of Bristol, Cordwainer; Burrell and Ebenezer Bosworth of Warren, minors, all her Dower in the Estate of her deceased husband."

On Dec. 28, 1812, Hezekiah Bosworth, for himself and as guardian of Ebenezer and Lydia M. Bosworth, gave a receipt for their shares of the estate of Benjamin Bosworth Esq. late of Warren, their honored father. On the same date the son Benjamin gave his receipt. The others gave receipts as follows: March 18, 1812, Nathaniel for himself and as attorney for Alfred Bosworth; Oct. 20, 1812, Alfred, Daniel and Newton Waldron acting for his wife Frances; Dec. 28, 1812, Burrill, Peleg and Ann. Jan. 14, 1813, Abigail Bosworth gave receipt for her share of her husband Benjamin's estate; and on same date Aaron Usher gave receipt for his wife Elizabeth deceased, and for his and Mary B. Usher's share of the estate.

(Warren Probate, 2-30)

Jan. 4, 1813, Ann Bosworth of Warren, "Spinster", for \$633. sells to Hezekiah Bosworth, the share that was set off to her "as one of the Heirs of my late honored Father Benjamin Bosworth Esq. deceased" described as Lot No. 13. Ichabod Cole, Burrell Bosworth, witnesses. (A plat of Benjamin Bosworth's estate and a record of the Division may be found in Warren Registry of Deeds, Bk. 4, 348 to 356.)

Abigail Munro, widow of Major Benjamin Bosworth, died at Warren,

Aug. 20, 1830, and on *Sept. 6, 1830*, notice was given that an Adm. would be appointed on her estate, on Oct. 4, 1830. On that date Daniel Bosworth was apt. and gave bonds for \$4,000. His sureties were Burrell Bosworth and Peter Church.

March 7, 1831, On the petition of Hezekiah Bosworth, Daniel and Burrill Bosworth of Warren, Anna Church, wife of Peter Church and Lydia Fales, wife of Charles Fales of Bristol, Ruth B. Bosworth, Guard. of Abigail M. Bosworth, dau. of Ebenezer late of Bristol, deceased, Bernard Smith guard. of Benjamin M., Peleg and Betsey Bosworth, minors and children of the late Peleg, and Abigail M. Bosworth of Warren dau. of sd. Peleg, represent that they are heirs of Abigail Bosworth late of Warren deceased and ask that the property be divided and that they are entitled to the estate in the following proportions: To Hezekiah, Daniel, Burrill, Anna Church and Lydia Fales, each 1/7, and 1/7 part to Abigail M., dau. of Ebenezer Bosworth and 1/7 part to Abigail M., Benjamin M., Peleg and Betsey Bosworth. Court granted the petition. (Warren Probate, 9-114)

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The following statement written by the son Alfred will no doubt be of interest to descendants.

“The Real Estate of my Fathers	Died 1810
the house and lot in Bristol prised at	\$3032.75
the marsh in Bristol prised at	248.
the ——— on lot in Bristol	1100.
the marsh in Warren prised	45.
the farm in Warren prised at	3800.
the Remainder part of the farm in Swansea prised	3300.
the lands on twosit neck prised at	1036.
Seder swamp	53.
	\$12614.75

Divided into 13 shares.

the shares in R. I.	\$632.75	}	Mother bought my right in Swansea.
the shares in Mass.	337.66		Frances Waldron my right in Bristol.
whole shair real Estait	\$970.41		Mary Usher mine on Bristol neck.
			Sold to mother for \$337.66
			Sold to Frances for 300.00
			Sold to Polly for 332.75
			\$970.41

Personal property prised Decr. 12th 1810 by 3 Coles at \$9522.30.

1812 March 16 a share of the personal property was called	
\$538.	\$538.00
My Father’s Accompt against me taken out	256.98
	\$281.02

My Father’s Accompt against Nathaniel was \$300.

Major Benjamin’s Estate \$23959.78 total.”

CHILDREN

of Major Benjamin⁵ Bosworth
born in Bristol, R. I.
By second wife Mary Church

- 589+ i—NATHANIEL⁶, b. June 16, 1767; d. April 6, 1853; m. Suviah Mason.
- 590+ ii—FRANCES⁶, b. April 14, 1679; -d. Jan. 27, 1851; m. Newton Waldron.
- 591 iii—MARY BRADFORD⁶, b. Dec. 11, 1770; m. Capt. Aaron Usher, his 2nd wife. (See No. 594).
- 592+ iv—ALFRED⁶, b. Feb. 25, 1773; d. July 10, 1861; m. Olive Child.
- 593+ v—BENJAMIN⁶, b. June 13, 1775; d. Dec. 16, 1833; m. Anne Haile.

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- 594 + vi—ELIZABETH⁶, b. April 23, 1777; d. Sept. 17, 1811; m. Capt. Aaron Usher, his 1st wife.
 595 vii—ANN⁶, b. Feb. 3, 1781; d. April 1, 1783.

By third wife Abigail Monroe
 the first two born in Bristol the rest in Warren

- 596 viii—HEZEKIAH⁶, b. May 17, 1784; d. March 17, 1855, in his 77th yr. He never m.; he left a will in which he bequeathed to sister Lydia Fales; his sister-in-law Ruth, widow of his brother Ebenezer; to niece Abby Burgess, dau. of Ebenezer; to sister-in-law Betsey widow of his bro. Peleg; to nephew Peleg, son of Peleg; to nephew Alfred, son of Benjamin; to Nephew Bradford Church, son of his sister Ann (or Nancy) Church; to bro. Burrell; to William Usher, son of his sister Elizabeth; to Susan, widow of his bro. Daniel; to nieces Susan C. Westcott and Olive M. Bosworth, daus. of Daniel; to brother Benjamin M.; to sister Mary Usher, and to Sally Barrus. Makes nephew Alfred, son of his brother Daniel, chief heir and executor. Will dated Feb. 23, 1855 and proved May 5, 1855.
 (Warren Probate, 8-39)

Hezekiah took part in war of 1812. [See frontispiece.]

- 597 + ix—DANIEL⁶, b. July 22, 1786; d. May 30, 1840; m. Susan Mason.
 598 + x—PELEG⁶, b. Dec. 20, 1787; d. Dec. 21, 1814; m. Elizabeth (Betsey) Barrus.
 599 + xi—ANN⁶ (Nancy), b. April 5, 1790; d. Jan. 20, 1842; m. Peter Church Jr.
 600 xii—BURRILL⁶, b. Dec. 20, 1791, d. in Warren, R. I. May 19, 1874, aged 82; m. at Warren, Nov. 10, 1811, Ruby Cole, dau. of Ichabod. They had no children. Burrill made his will April 13, 1869, proved July 6, 1874, leaving his property to Nephew Peleg, son of Peleg, and to niece, Abby M. Burgess, dau. of Ebenezer. Ruby, wife of Burrill made her will Oct. 9, 1863, leaving to her husband the income of her property during his life, and at his death what remained to go to her nephew and niece, Benjamin and Betsey P. Cole. Ruby d. Dec. 18, 1868. Will proved Feb. 6, 1869. She willed to her nephew and niece, each four silver teaspoons marked—R.C.
 601 + xiii—EBENEZER⁶, b. Sept. 25, 1793; d. Oct. 9, 1822; m. Ruth Bourne Townsend.
 602 + xiv—LYDIA MONROE⁶, b. Oct. 17, 1795; d. Jan. 24, 1874; m. Charles Fales.

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The first five of these children were baptised in the Cong. Church of Bristol by the Rev. John Burt.

Major Benjamin Bosworth died in Warren, R. I., but is buried in Bristol. For an account of the restoration of his tombstone, see *Bosworth Bulletin* No. 8 published in April 1927, page 31; also see cut in this book.

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JOHN⁵ BOSWORTH, son of John⁴ Jr. (*John³, Nathaniel², Edward¹*) and Elizabeth (Chamberlain), born at Hull, Mass., May 9, 1703; died at Ashford, Conn.*; married at Bristol, Mass. (now R. I.), by Nathaniel Hubbard, J. of P., Oct. 2, 1740 (int. Aug. 8), MARY HAYWARD, born April 25, 1719; died at Ashford, June 7, 1778.

NOTE: In the old records the name was sometimes spelled *Haward* and as the a was often made to look like an o the name was frequently copied Howard, so that it was hard to decide what the name really was, until the compiler was fortunate enough to find here in Oakland, California, a descendant of John and Mary—Emma A. (Morse) Waterman, in whose possession was a little old book that her mother Cynthia (Bosworth) Morse had brought from New England when she came to California “around the Horn” in the early days; which little book contained records kept by Mary (Hayward) Bosworth herself, and from it learned what I had before surmised, that the name was *Hayward* and not Howard.†

This John, like his father John⁴ Jr. must have had slaves for on the Bristol records may be found the following:

May 25, 1755, John Bosworth's Indian boy died.

As is shown by the following deeds, John sold his farm and home in Bristol, R. I. and removed to Ashford, Conn. some time between April 1756 when he was called “of Bristol” and Aug. 25, 1757 when he was called “of Ashford.”

*John was buried at Eastford and a stone set up at his grave but it is so broken that the dates are undecipherable.

†On Bristol records, where the intention is recorded, the name is spelled *Howard*, but in the marriage record it is spelled *Hayward*.

Since writing the above I find the following from the Hist. of Milford, Mass., by Adin Ballou: that the two names are interchangeable, that they come from two words: “the French word *haie*, hedge, and the Saxon word *ward*, a watchman, guard or keeper,” an officer whose duty it was to keep in repair the hedges on a feudal estate; and that “the office of *haieward* was undoubtedly one of great honor in feudal times.” He says also that in early times it was spelled “as are many other names, according to each old scribe's fancy,” and whenever the head of a family took a notion to change the spelling from Hayward to Howard he did so and his posterity followed suit, hence we have both Haywards and Howards.

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April 8, 1756, John Bosworth of Bristol, yeoman, for £4500 sold to William Martindale, mariner, 30 a. "bounded westerly on Country Road, Ely. on Land of Henry Bosworth and Sly on Land of Sher. Bourn. Together with that part of the Buildings thereon standing which of Right appertain to me excepting & reserving unto Henry Bosworth and Daniel, Anna & Elizabeth Lefavour and their Heirs and assigns forever all those building land and Privileges . . . assigned and set off to them," etc. . . .

May 29, 1756, Mary Bosworth, wife of John, signed as giving up her right of Dower.

Shearjashub Bourne) . .
Henry Bosworth . . . Wit. (Bristol Deeds, 1-347)

April 13, 1756, Stephen Burgess for £2700 "old Tenor" deeds to John Bosworth of Bristol, R. I., 110 a. of land in Ashford, Conn. "with a Mansion house and Barn." (Ashford Deeds, J-84)

Aug. 25, 1757, Moses Holmes for £12 deeds to John Bosworth of Ashford, Conn. 15 a. off the east end of his land. (Ashford Deeds, J-168)

Dec. 20, 1771, John Bosworth of Ashford, deeds to John Bosworth of Woodstock (his eldest son) 12 a. of land in Ashford on the east side of the road leading from Timothy Eastman's mill to Abel Symmons, adjoining land of "ye above named Bosworth." Sarah Bosworth and Nath. Eaton, Witnesses. (Ashford Deeds, 11-331)

July 3, 1776, John bought 75 a. of land in the "Parish of Westford" for £150. (Ashford Deeds, 11-205)

Oct. 14, 1778, John deeded to his son Caleb, for £200, "2/3 of my Farm in ye Town of Ashford", bounded on the west by Aaron Bosworth's land (Caleb's brother). Caleb was to have "possession of ye Mansion House, Barn and all other houses belonging to sd. farm." It was to be divided from the part John lived on by a straight line across the farm. (Ashford Deeds, 11-299)

Oct. 29, 1778, "John Bozworth of Ashford" for £100 deeds to "Aaron Bozworth, 1/3 part of my farm lying in ye Town of Ashford adjoining land of John Bozworth Junr." (Now in Eastford.) (Ashford Deeds, 11-303)

Feb. 22, 1779, "Know all men by these presents that I Aaron Bosworth of Ashford in Windham co. and state of Conn. in New England am holden and firmly bound unto my hon^d Father John Bosworth of Ashford afores^d in ye sum of 3000 pounds Lawful money to be paid to ye s^d John Bosworth . . . to ye which payment well and truly to be made I bind my self . . . firmly by these presents. Sealed with my Seal this 22nd day of Feb. 1779.

The Condition of this Obligation is such that if ye above bounden Aaron Bozworth his heirs Exe^{tor} or Admit^{ors} or Assigns shall well and truly maintain his hon^d Father John Bozworth with every needful and Necessary article of Clothing and victuling and all needful attendance both in Sicknes and

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in health during his Natural Life then this Obligation to be Void and of none effect or else to be Held in full force and Virtue.

Aaron Bozworth" (Ashford Deeds, 11-315)

As to the death of John⁵, I have no means of knowing the date, for Ashford records do not give it, neither does Mary (Hayward) Bosworth's little book, which was added to by others in the years following her death, but I imagine he did not live long after the above agreement with his son Aaron was made. The death of his wife Mary is recorded as follows:

"Ashford June 7, 1778, on Sunday morning at 7 of the Clock Departed this trasitory Life with a fit of the aperplx our honored mother Mary Bosworth in the 60th year of her age. Her Burial was attended on Monday following with a sermon Being Preached By the Reverend Mr. Jutson from these words which you may find writen in 23 Chptr of Joshua at 14 verse and Behold this day I am a going the way of all the Earth."

Just before this entry is the following:

"Our Honoured mother Mary Bosworth was born April ye 25, 1719."

After the death of Mary one of her children must have continued the record for we find:

"Ashford, March 4, 1779, on Thursday half after ten of clock at Night Departed this trasitory Life with the Consumtion our Sister Sarah Bosworth in the thirty Second year of her age. Her Burial was attended on Saturday following with a Prayer being made By the Revd Mr. Jutson. Put on her tombstone—Behold and See as you pass by
As you are Now so once was I
As I am Now so must you be
Prepare for Death and follow me."

and following this:

"September ye 6, 1779 Died at Andover, Esther Bosworth on Monday at four of Clock in after Noon. The Next Day the Remains was Caried to Ashford."

Although I do not know the names of Mary Hayward's parents they either lived with or near her for she records their deaths as follows: "May 28, 1779, departed this life my aged father in the 95 year of his age." (b. 1684) "Oct. 6th my honoured mother Departed this Life In the 84 year of her age in the year 1772." (b. 1688)*

Mary also recorded the death of a brother:

"Septmbr 14th my brother John Hayward Departed this Life in the 60 year of his age in the year 1773." (b. 1713)

*The compiler believes the father was Samuel, son of William and Sarah Hayward b. in Swansea, May 19, 1683; and Mary named a son after him.

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Mary is buried in the Eastford Cemetery and the stone over her grave reads—

Here lies interred
ye Body of Mary
Bosworth wife to Mr.
John Bosworth. She
died June 7th 1778
in ye 60th year
of her Age.

CHILDREN

of John⁵ and Mary (Hayward) Bosworth
the first eight born in Bristol, R. I.
the balance at Ashford, Conn.

- 603 + i—JOHN⁶, b. July 7, 1741; d. ————; m. Eunice Woodward.*
604 ii—MARY⁶, b. Feb. 28, 1742-3; d. Jan. 29, 1767; m. John Cheedle.
605 + iii—AARON⁶, b. Jan. 15, 1744-5; d. (will probated July 5, 1814); m. Sarah Ames.
606 iv—SARAH⁶, b. May 2, 1747; d. unm. March 4, 1779. She was received into the church at Ashford, April 2, 1775.
607 + v—HANNAH⁶, b. March 10, 1749; d. after 1790; m. John Brown.
608 + vi—CALEB⁶, b. Feb. 2, 1751; d. July 2, 1842; m. Mrs. Hannah (Moseley) King.
vii—TIMOTHY⁶, b. Oct. 27, 1754; d. Jan. 16, 1755.
609 + viii—SAMUEL⁶, b. Dec. 7, 1755; d. Aug. 21, 1807; m. Anne Sacket.
610 + ix—ALLEN⁶, b. Nov. 7, 1758 (twin); d. March 18, 1830; m. (1) Mary Peabody, (2) Sarah Harwood.
611 + x—ABIGAIL⁶, b. Nov. 7, 1758 (twin); d. after 1790; m. Ezra Knowlton.
612 xi—ESTHER⁶, b. May 30, 1761; d. unm. Sept. 6, 1779. She was bapt. in church at Ashford, June 4, 1769.

NOTE: When Esther died at the age of 18, her brother Aaron Bosworth was made adm. and an inventory was made filling two long columns, consisting of wearing apparel, household goods, etc., appraised at £760:10:4. Several notes were paid by the adm. one held by Allen Bosworth of £40:0:0, and one by Abigail of £11:10:0. The total amount of indebtedness being £243:5:0; leaving a balance of £517:4:8. This was divided equally among her brothers and sisters, and on May 11, 1780 the following gave receipts to Aaron, adm., as being satisfied with the division: John, Caleb and Samuel Bosworth, Hannah Brown, Abigail and Allen Bosworth.

(Pomfret, Conn. Probate Rec. 5-22)

*This was her family name according to John's niece, Mrs. Sarah Bosworth Bradway, who died recently aged 108y.

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SARAH⁵ BOSWORTH, daughter of John⁴ (*John³, Nathaniel², Edward¹*) and Elizabeth (Chamberlain), baptized in Bristol, Mass., (now R. I.) Sept. 16, 1716;* married in Bristol Nov. 7, 1734, JOSEPH RICE.

NOTE: Who Joseph's parents were, or where he came from, or where Joseph and Sarah lived, the compiler has been unable to discover. It looks as if both died early leaving one son, for in John's will, he bequeathed "to my Grandson Phinehas Rice, one good cow." (See Part III p. 335)

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of Joseph and Sarah (Bosworth) RICE

613 i—PHINEHAS RICE (Place or date of birth unknown.)

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ELIZABETH⁵ BOSWORTH, youngest daughter of John⁴ (*John³, Nathaniel², Edward¹*) and first wife Elizabeth (Chamberlain), born in Bristol, Mass. (now R. I.) May 6, 1711; died in Bristol, March 3, 1748; married TIMOTHY LEFAVOUR†, the son of Mrs. Hannah LeFavour by her first husband, Timothy LeFavour, she had married second John Bosworth, and Elizabeth, the daughter of John's first wife, and Timothy Jr. had been brought up together. No record of their marriage could be found, but John in his will bequeathed to his grandchildren, Daniel, Anna and Elizabeth LeFavour. Timothy, the father died in September, 1741 and the mother seven years later. The three living children were brought up in the home of their grandparents. (See John Bosworth's Will, Part III p. 335). Timothy LeFavour left a will of which his father-John, was executor.

*See note about Sarah, on page 336, Part III.

†This name was originally LeFavre.

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CHILDREN

of Timothy and Elizabeth (Bosworth) LEFAVOUR
born in Bristol, Mass. (now R. I.)

- i—TIMOTHY LEFAVOUR, b. Feb. 11, 1731-2; d. June 27, 1732.
- 614 ii—DANIEL LEFAVOUR, b. Aug. 30, 1733; d. (drowned at East Greenwich) July 1, 1797, aged 64 y.; m. (1) at Bristol, by Rev. John Burt, Jan. 2, 1758, Jemima Wardwell*, who d. Dec. 25, 1759, at 21 y.; Daniel m. (2) Martha (——) who d. May 6, 1796, at 53 y. No children on record.
- 615 iii—ANNA LEFAVOUR, b. Feb. 1, 1735-6; d. Jan. 4, 1798; m. March 30, 1758, JAMES DIMAN, son of Jeremiah and Sarah, b. in Bristol, Oct. 19, 1735; d. May 30, 1809. (See note below.)
- 616 iv—SARAH LEFAVOUR, b. June 27, 1738; d. April 1746.†
- 617 v—ELIZABETH LEFAVOUR, b. May 28, 1741; m. Oct. 25, 1759 JOHN HOWLAND, Jr., son of John and Martha (Wardwell) Howland, b. March 9, 1738-9; d. Dec. 6, 1792, at 54 y. Children of John Jr. and Elizabeth Howland, b. in Bristol.
1—Samuel b. June 13, 1760; 2—John, b. Sept. 20, 1761; 3—Elizabeth, b. Sept. 8, 1763; 4—Daniel, b. Feb. 11, 1765; 5—Martha, b. Nov. 7, 1766; 6—Abigail, b. Feb. 5, 1768; 7—Peleg, b. Aug. 26, 1769, d. Oct. 1790; 8—Nathaniel, b. Sept. 9, 1772; 9—Sarah, b. Aug. 1, 1774, d. Dec. 31, 1775; 10—Sarah, b. Dec. 17, 1775; m. Sept. 13, 1798, Samuel Pitman and had eight children b. in Bristol, Josiah Howland Pitman, 1799; Samuel, 1801, d. at Brooklyn, N. Y. 1830; Sarah, 1804; George, 1805; Abigail 1808, and Ann Pitman, 1811; and twins, John Howland and Elizabeth LeFavour Pitman, b. Apr. 30, 1814. 11—LeFavour, b. June 6, 1778, m. Phebe Gladding, 1799, had son Daniel LeFavour Howland b. June 16, 1803; 12—Josiah b. Mar. 6, 1780; 13—William Martin Howland, b. June 25, 1788. (Vit. Rec. R. I., Vol. 6)

NOTE: There are no children of James and Anna (LeFavour) Diman given under Births in Bristol Records, but under Diman Deaths are the following: a child of James, 18 m., d. Feb. 15, 1773; son of James (drowned) 7y. Aug. 24, 1775; child of James, June 1778; James 2nd (at sea) Dec. 28, 1807. Also—child of LeFavour, Oct. 11, 1812, and James of LeFavour 30 y. Feb. 2, 1845. All this seems to indicate that they had unrecorded children; there may have been others.

*This name is prefaced "Mrs." in the records. See Part I p. 39, top of page.

†The Bristol record reads—"Mrs. LeFavour's infant child," but her husband died in 1741 so she couldn't have had an "infant child" in 1746; besides we know that Sarah d.y., so this is evidently the date of her death. It may be a child of seven was called "an infant" at that time.

HENRY⁵ BOSWORTH, son of John⁴ Jr. (*John³, Nathaniel², Edward¹*) and first wife, Elizabeth (Chamberlain,) born in Bristol, Mass. (now R. I.) Oct. 12, 1713; d. prob. in Petersham, Mass. after 1790; married at Bristol, March 3, 1746 (int. Feb. 15, 1745-6) PHEBE EDDY, daughter of Oliver and Sarah (Munro) Eddy, born in Bristol Nov. 10, 1725, baptized in St. Michaels church, Dec. 26, 1725.

In the will of John⁴ Jr. Henry was left one third of his father's estate, and special direction was given that his part should always include certain portions of the land on which he had made improvements.

(See Part III, p. 335)

Henry with his elder brother John were exrs. of their father's will and on *March 3, 1756* joined with his brother in selling land which had been owned by their father.

May 1757. At a meeting held at Newport "for the Colony of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations", among the "Freemen admitted" was Henry Bosworth of Bristol. The record says: "May therefore lawfully give their vote to choose officers, not only for their respective towns, but also in the choice of general officers." (R. I. Colonial Rec. vol. 6, p. 46)

May 29, 1772, Henry "a yeoman", bought land in Petersham, Mass. of James Gleason and removed there with his family, not long after.

June 16, 1788, Henry Bosworth of Petersham, yeoman, for £225, deeds to the Town of Petersham, two tracts of land, the first containing 81 a. with buildings thereon, situated on a County road, the other containing 3 a. (Worcester Deeds, 105-592)

When the U. S. Census was taken in 1790, Henry was living in Petersham, his family composed of "1 male over 16, one male under 16," and "2 females". Who the "male under 16" was is hard to say, as George the unmarried son was 21 at this time. The "2 females" were probably the mother and the daughter Phebe, 27 years old and unmarried.

CHILDREN

of Henry⁵ and Phebe (Eddy) Bosworth
born in Bristol, R. I.

- 618+ i—MARY⁶ (Molly in records), b. May 8, 1746; m. Thomas Lawton.
619 ii—ELIZABETH⁶, b. July 2, 1748. Mary, Elizabeth and Nathaniel, bapt. in Cong. Ch. Bristol, Oct. 14, 1759.
620 iii—NATHANIEL⁶, b. Sept. 2, 1750; a soldier of the Revolution.

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- 621 iv—WILLIAM⁶, b. Dec. 5, 1752*; also a soldier of the Revolution.
 622 + v—BENJAMIN⁶, b. April 22, 1755*; m. Persis Amsden.
 623 vi—MARTHA⁶, b. March 1757; prob. d. July 24, 1758.
 624 + vii—DANIEL⁶, b. July 14, 1760, bapt. in Bristol Sept. 26, 1762;
 d. in Dennysville, Me., after 1840, a pensioner of the Rev.
 War, m. Huldah Gardner.
 625 viii—PHEBE⁶, b. April 27, 1763. Probably died unm.
 626 + ix—SARAH⁶, b. Dec. 9, 1766; m. in Petersham, Samuel Hildreth.
 627 + x—GEORGE⁶, b. July 23, 1769; m. Hannah Gibbs.

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JUDITH⁵ BOSWORTH, eldest daughter of Benjamin⁴ (*John*³, *Nathaniel*², *Edward*¹) and Judith (Torrey), born in Bristol, Mass. (now R. I.) Nov. 25, 1718, baptized in Cong. church Bristol, Dec. 1721; died July 12, 1754 at Ashford, Conn.; married at Ashford, May 23, 1745, as his second wife, EZRA SMITH, son of Ezra. After the death of Judith, Ezra married third, Catharine Spring and had daughter Elizabeth, born in Ashford, Aug. 10, 1756. Ezra Smith, son of Ezra, died in Ashford, Nov. 19, 1758.

Oct. 5, 1764, and Nov. 23, 1765 Ezra on church committees.

June 9, 1766 Ezra Smith on a committee to fix a place for the meetinghouse.

CHILDREN

of Ezra and Judith (Bosworth) SMITH
born in Ashford, Conn.

- 628 i—ZURVIAH SMITH, b. March 30, 1746; d. June 12, 1748, ae. 2y.
 629 ii—HANNAH SMITH, b. Feb. 28, 1748; m. Sept. 15, 1767, William Walker, had children;
 1—Judah Walker, b. May 17, 1769.
 2—Elizabeth Walker, b. June 11, 1771.
 3—Caleb Walker, b. March 16, 1773; d. Feb. 19, 1775.
 4—Calvin Walker, b. Jan. 15, 1775, (twin).
 5—Luther Walker, b. Jan. 15, 1775 (twin); d. Feb. 18, 1775.
 6—William Walker, b. July 22, 1781.
 630 iii—BENJAMIN SMITH, b. Oct. 29, 1749; d. Aug. 30, 1754, ae. 4y. 10mo.
 631 iv—DANIEL SMITH, b. March 19, 1751; d. Sept. 21, 1754, ae. 3y. 6 mo.
 v—ELIZABETH SMITH, b. April 6, 1754; d. Sept. 16, 1754, ae. 5 mo.

NOTE: For further history of Hannah (Smith) Walker see Part III, p. 344.

*In the records of the Cong. Ch. of Bristol may be found the following: "May 11, 1759, Benjamin and William sons of Henry and Phebe Bosworth, baptised previously on ye account of sickness, ye parents owning ye covenant."

ABIGAIL⁵ BOSWORTH, second daughter of Benjamin⁴ (*John³, Nathaniel², Edward¹*) and first wife Judith (Torry), born in Bristol, Mass. (now R. I.) April 14, 1722; died in 1807, aged 86 years; married EPHRAIM PEABODY, son of Ephraim and Hannah (Reddington) Peabody, born Feb. 16, 1720; died 1775. "Lived in Ashford, Conn. to which place he removed from Boxford, Mass. in April 1748."

(From Peabody Genealogy.)

CHILDREN

of Ephraim and Abigail (Bosworth) PEABODY
born in Ashford, Conn.

- 632 i—MARY PEABODY, b. May 18, 1753; m. Allen Bosworth, Apr. 4, 1782
(See No. 610).
633 ii—ABIGAIL PEABODY, b. June 10, 1755; m. Samuel Sumner, April
10, 1777; d. March 3, 1778.
634 iii—HANNAH PEABODY, b. Aug. 31, 1758; m. Richard Spaulding of
Pomfret, Conn.

NOTE: The daughter Abigail Peabody soon after her marriage, received a legacy of "Twenty Shillings" from her Grandfather Bosworth's estate and her husband's name, as well as her own was signed to the receipt given the Exr. It is probable that she was remembered in Benjamin's will, and not the other daughters, because she bore her mother's name.

(See Part III, p. 344)

BRIDGET⁵ BOSWORTH, fifth daughter of Benjamin⁴ (*John³, Nathaniel², Edward¹*) and 2nd wife—Jemima (Allen), born in Ashford, Conn., Sept. 18, 1733; died in Ashford, June 9, 1777; married at Ashford, Dec. 8, 1756, THOMAS KNOWLTON, son of Robert⁵ (Thomas⁴ and Margery Goodhue, William³ and Susanna, William² and Elizabeth, Capt. William¹ and Ann Elizabeth Smith) and Hannah (Robinson) Knowlton, born April 26, 1733.

"Robert Knowlton, the father of Thomas, was born in Ipswich, removed to Sutton, N. H. and from there to Ashford, Conn. in 1725 . . . He bought a large farm and engaged also in the manufacture of salt. He was a Representative in the Colonial Assembly of Conn. from 1739 to 1755."

(Knowlton, Gen.)

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Nov. 4, 1770, Bridget Knowlton was received into the Ashford church.

May 12, 1777—Thomas Knowlton of Ashford “with Bridget my Beloved Wife” for £40, give a quit-claim deed to Ebenezer Bosworth, her brother, Exr. to their father’s estate, to their right to land in the easterly part of the town of Ashford; “the farm that Benjamin Bosworth formerly lived on, now deceased.”

	Signed	Thomas Knowlton her Bridget X Knowlton mark
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(Ashford Deeds, 11-248)

After the death of Bridget in 1777, Thomas married second, Hepzibah Peak of Ashford, Sept. 24, 1778.

CHILDREN

of Thomas and Bridget (Bosworth) KNOWLTON
born in Ashford, Conn.

- 635 i—MARY KNOWLTON, b. June 15, 1758; m. Nathaniel Bosworth of Mansfield, Conn. (No. 314).
- 636 ii—JEMIMA KNOWLTON, b. April 22, 1759; prob. m. at Ashford, Sept. 15, 1776, Isaac⁵ Abbey, son of Jonathan⁴ (Jonathan³, Samuel², John¹) and Alice (Johnson) Abbey, b. in Willington, Conn. June 18, 1754 (See Fam. of Abbe-Abbey, by C. Abbe and J. G. Nichols.)
- 637 iii—EZRA KNOWLTON, b. Dec. 21, 1760; m. Abigail Bosworth (No. 611).
- 638 iv—JOHN KNOWLTON, b. April 17, 1762; m. Jemima Barrow.
- 639 v—HANNAH KNOWLTON, b. Feb. 13, 1764; m. James Perkins.
vi—DANIEL KNOWLTON, b. Feb. 8, 1766; d.y.
- 640 vii—KEZIAH KNOWLTON, b. Aug. 21, 1768; d. Sept. 6, 1777.

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EBENEZER⁵ BOSWORTH, son of Benjamin⁴ (*John³, Nathaniel², Edward¹*) and second wife, Jemima (Allen), born in Ashford, Conn., Aug. 23, 1736; died at Ashford, June 6, 1813; married in Ashford, May 17, 1759, ELIZABETH FLETCHER (ancestry not traced.)

Ebenezer was a soldier in the French and Indian war and in the campaign of 1757 served two weeks—from Aug. 10 to Aug. 24, in Capt. Abner Barker’s Co., Col. Shubel Connant’s regt. “at the time of the Alarem for ye Relief of fort William Henery and Parts adjacent.” Fifteen of the company rode horses from Ashford. (Conn. Hist. Coll. 9-198)

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Nov. 26, 1769, Elizabeth Bosworth, wife of Ebenezer received into the church of Ashford.

(Conn. Mag. 10-382, and Ashford Ch. Rec., Conn. State Lib.)

Ebenezer was also a soldier of the Revolution.

(Biog. Rec. of Toll. and Wind. Co. Conn.—Beers.)

A church society having been formed in Eastford, Conn. in 1780 it was voted, "To sell the pew ground at vendue and the money used in finishing the meeting house". Among those who purchased the pew spots, was Ebenezer Bosworth. (Hist. of Windham Co., Conn., 2-35)

Among a list of constables and collectors for the town of Ashford in 1783 is found the name of Ebenezer Bosworth. (Same Histoy, 2-293)

March 29, 1759, Ebenezer bought land of his father and mother.

(See Part III, p. 341)

April 18, 1769, William Walker, for £40, deeds 70 a. of land "lying Wly. and N.Wly. of sd. Bosworth's house." (Ashford Deeds, L-466)

Aug. 1, 1770, Ebenezer bought of his sisters, Sarah and Elizabeth, their share in their brother Benjamin Jr.'s estate. (Ashford Deeds, 11-59)

May 12, 1777, Thomas and Bridget (Bosworth) Knowlton quit-claim to her brother Ebenezer—(See No. 286).

In Feb. July and Sept. 1785, and again in Sept. 1786—Ebenezer as "Collector of the State Tax in Ashford" sold land.

March 18, 1786, Ebenezer bought 12 a. 100 rds. land of Josiah Spaulding. (prob. the father of the Josiah who afterward m. Ebenezer's daughter Jemima.) (Ashford Deeds, 11-659)

Sept. 27, 1785, "Ebenr. Bosworth of Ashford" as Collector of Taxes deeded to Ebenr. Sumner, 6 a. 107 rds. of land in Mansfield, formerly owned by Jedidiah Dana Jr. of Ashford, sold for taxes to highest bidder for £6.. 13.. 6. (Mansfield, Conn. Deeds, 11-475)

On the same date Ebnezer bought land of Ebenezer Sumner, 17 a. 107 rds., for £17..13..6, on W. side of the road leading from Ashford to Mansfield, etc. (Mansfield Deeds, 10-476)

Sept. 11, 1787, Ebenezer Sumner for £10.. 10, deeds to Ebenr. Bosworth of Ashford, 6a.107 rds. of land in Mansfield on west side of road leading from Ashford to Mansfield, adj. land sold by E. Sumner to E. Bosworth June 16, 1787. (Mansfield Deeds, 11-61)

Benjamin Bosworth } Witnesses.
Allen Bosworth 2nd. }

April 24, 1788, Ebenezer Bosworth sold the two pieces of land above mentioned, each containing 6 a. 107 rds. for £20 to Hezekiah Allen.

(Mansfield Deeds, 11-173)

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On the same date Jedediah Dana, Jr. of Ashford, for £7. . 4 . . 4 . . deeds to Ebenezer, 4 a. 130 rds. of land in Mansfield. (Mansfield Deeds, 11-316)
Also on the same date Jedediah Dana, for £82 deeds to Ebenezer, 25 a. of land in Ashford. (Ashford Deeds, 11-695)

July 28, 1788, Ebenezer Sumner for £12 deeds to Ebenr. Bosworth 9 a. of land in Ashford. Benjamin Bosworth and Allen Bosworth 2nd., witnesses. (Ashford Deeds, 11-703)

March 13, 1792, Ebenezer Bosworth of Ashford for £5 deeds to Timothy Badcock, 5 a. 130 rds. in Mansfield lying on the north line of the town. Benjamin and Allen Bosworth, witnesses. (Mansfield Deeds, 14-43)

On Nov. 19, 1780, Ebenezer and Elizabeth Bosworth, joined with Elizabeth's brothers and sisters in making a deed to land in the north of Mansfield,—John and Richard Fletcher, John and Hannah Eaton, Ebenezer and Mary Eastman, James and Anna Fletcher, Seth and Ruth Hodges and Nathan Fletcher.

In the 1790 U. S. Census, there was in Ebenezer's family "5 males over 16" and "5 females". This can only be explained by the presumption that some relatives were living with the family at this time. In the Census of 1800 there were "1 male over 45", this was Ebenezer the father; "1 male between 26 and 45", perhaps the son Benjamin who was a bachelor, then 30 years of age; "1 female over 45", Elizabeth, the mother; "2 females between 26 and 45", Rachel, 36 and Jemima, 34. In the Census of 1810—"1 male over 45", Ebenezer then 74; "1 male of 26 and under 45", one of the sons; "1 female over 45", probably the mother; "1 female between 26 and 45", probably the daughter Rachel, although she was really 46 at this time.

On April 2, 1845, adm. on the estate of "*Miss Rebecca Bosworth, of Ashford,*" was granted to Benjamin Bosworth, Esq. This name is no doubt an error and should be *Rachel* instead of *Rebecca*, a mistake easily understood. This conclusion is sustained by the fact that Benjamin and Ebenezer Bosworth had "privileged claims", (the former for \$274.68, the latter for \$6.00); also that Joseph Dorset, Jr., the husband of Rachel's niece, made a charge for "shroud and funeral expenses". Rachel would have been a little over 81 at this time.

CHILDREN

of Ebenezer⁵ and Elizabeth (Fletcher) Bosworth
born in Ashford, Conn.

- 641 + i—MARY⁶, b. June 1, 1760; m. Ebenezer Eastman.
642 ii—BENJAMIN⁶, b. Jan. 16, 1762; d. unm. July 2, 1850 aged 88.*
643 iii—RACHEL⁶, b. Feb. 15, 1764; d. single about 1845.

*An old man whom I met in Conn. in 1906, who was related by marriage to this family, told me that Benjamin was a bachelor, "a sort of hermit-miser," that he lived alone in the basement of his brother Allen's house, and boasted that he feared "neither God, man, nor the devil."

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- 644 + iv—JEMIMA⁶, b. Feb. 6, 1766; m. Josiah Spaulding.
645 + v—ALLEN⁶, 2nd, b. March 27, 1768; m. Sally Hall.
Mary, Benjamin, Rachel, Jemima and Allen were bapt. in
the Congregational Church of Ashford, March 14, 1770.
646 + vi—EBENEZER⁶, b. May 5, 1770, bapt. July 5, 1770; m. Sally
Converse.
647 vii—SETH FLETCHER⁶, b. May 5, 1773, bapt. July 4, 1773; d. Aug.
10, 1776, ae. 3y. 3 mo.

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MEHITABLE⁵ BOSWORTH, eldest daughter of Edward⁴ (*John*³, *Nathaniel*², *Edward*¹) and Mehitable (———), born in Bristol, Mass. (now R. I.), May 24*, 1715; (date of death not known); married at Mansfield, Dec. 1, 1743, JABEZ RICHARDSON.

NOTE: As no census records, probate records, or records of death of any of this family could be found in Conn., it is probable they removed from there some time after 1751.

Dec. 16, 1742, Edward Bosworth, father of Mehitable, sold land in Mansfield to Jabez Richardson. (Mansfield Deeds, A-128)

Feb. 27, 1746-7, Jacob Bosworth, Mehitable's uncle, sold land in Mansfield to Jabez Richardson. (Mansfield Deeds, A-485)

CHILDREN

of Jabez and Mehitable (Bosworth) RICHARDSON
born in Mansfield, Conn.

- 648 i—ROLAND RICHARDSON, b. March 7, 1745.
649 ii—JABEZ RICHARDSON, b. March 20, 1747.
650 iii—PIERSON RICHARDSON, b. May 31, 1749.
651 iv—MARY RICHARDSON, b. Sept. 19, 1751.

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EDWARD⁵ BOSWORTH, eldest son of Edward⁴ (*John*³, *Nathaniel*², *Edward*¹) and Mehitable (———), born in Bristol, Mass. (now R. I.), Aug. 28, 1717; died in Barrington, R. I., Dec. 10, 1800; married (1) Mrs. ALETHEA, widow of Josiah KENT, daughter of Samuel, Jr. and Anna (Salsbury)

*By an error this date was given May 23, instead of 24, in Part III.

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BULLOCK, born in Rehoboth, Mass., April 14, 1712, married Josiah Kent of Barrington, Sept. 4, 1730—who died in 1748; she died at Barrington, June 28, 1783; Edward married (2) at Lebanon, Conn., Aug. 5, 1787, REBEKAH BOSWORTH, of Chatham, Conn. daughter of Oliver-(No. 145). Edward died leaving Rebekah a widow.

NOTE: Alethia, the first wife of Edward was married to her first husband at the age of 18. By him she had eight children. The birth of six are recorded in Barrington, four daughters, and two sons and one son born in Warren; one daughter was unrecorded, for Josiah Kent left a will in which eight children are mentioned—three sons and five daughters—the sons were named but not the daughters. The sons were Samuel, Josiah and Joshua, and the daughters, as far as recorded, were Susannah, Hannah, Anise and Anna. The sons married and Samuel, the eldest, by wife Ruth had five children recorded in Warren; Josiah, married Elizabeth Bullock (No. 414) and had three children, one of whom was named—Jabez Edward Bosworth Kent; Joshua married Anna Low, Jan. 15, 1771, and had twelve children born in Barrington between 1772 and 1798. The will of Josiah Kent “of Warren Malster”, was dated May 9, 1748 and probated Aug. 1, 1748, gave his wife the use of all his property until the son Samuel came of age then the use of the remainder until the other sons came of age, then she to have her thirds. The five daughters were to have £200 each in “old tenour”, and “beloved wife Alatheah Kent” was made sole Exr. (Warren Probate 1-37, 38, 39 and 40, including inventory.) On March 29, 1769 Samuel, Josiah and Joshua, sons of Josiah and Alethea Kent bought their mother’s thirds of her second husband, Edward Bosworth, and herself, mainly land in Warren. (Warren Deeds, 2-234)

Edward Bosworth was a public spirited man and took a prominent part in the affairs of the town of Barrington all during his life. He began holding office before the age of 30, when on Feb. 10, 1746-7 at the first Town Meeting held in Warren (Barrington*) his name was recorded on a list of the freemen of the town and he was chosen constable. In 1748 he was a Grand juror, and in 1763, 1764, and 1779 to 1785 inclusive, he was a Justice of the Peace. † He was a Representative at the General Assembly of the Colony, for Barrington for 1776, 77, 78, 79, 80, and 81, and during those stirring times was able to take a real part in the struggle for freedom. His name and those of Jonathan Bosworth Jr. and Samuel Bosworth with others, are on the Roll of Honor of those who

*See Part II p. 132.

†Civil and Military Lists of R. I., Vol. 1.

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served in the American Revolution from Barrington. Perhaps there is nothing that will add more interest to this history and give the thrill that comes to loyal hearts when hearing of deeds of sacrifice for one's country, than to quote from the "Proceedings of the People of Barrington in Town Meeting" as told in R. I. Colonial Records, Vol. 7, p. 279.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PEOPLE OF BARRINGTON, IN TOWN MEETING

At a meeting of the freemen of the town of Barrington, in the Col. of R. I., held the *21st day of March, 1774*, by adjournment. James Brown, Esq., Moderator.

The inhabitants of the town being justly alarmed at the several acts of Parliament, made and passed for raising a revenue in America, and more especially the act empowering the East India Company to export their tea into America, subject to a duty, payable here, for the purpose of raising a revenue in America, with many other unconstitutional acts (which, having been duly considered by a number of our sister towns in this colony, we think it needless to enumerate), and being sensible of the dangerous situation of the colonies, occasioned by wicked and designing men, do enter into the following resolves:

1. That the inhabitants of this town ever have been, and now are, loyal and dutiful subjects to the King of Great Britain.
2. That we highly approve of the resolutions of our sister colonies, and the noble stand they have made in defence [sic] of the liberties and privileges of the colonies. We likewise thank the worthy author of *The Rights of Colonies Examined*, for his spirited performance, in support of the liberties of America.
3. That the act empowering the East India Company to export their tea to America, subject to a duty, payable here, is designed as a precedent for establishing taxes, duties and monopolies, in America, that our property may be taken from us at pleasure, and we be thereby reduced to a state of abject slavery.
4. That we will neither buy, sell, nor receive as a gift, any dutied tea, nor have any dealings with any person or persons that shall buy, sell, give, receive, or trade in said tea, directly or indirectly, knowing or suspecting it to be such; but will consider all persons concerned in introducing dutied tea into this town, or any town in America, as enemies to their country, and unworthy the society of freemen.
5. That it is the duty of every man in America to oppose, by all proper measures, to the utmost of his power and abilities, every attempt upon the liberties of his country; especially, those men-

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tioned in the foregoing resolves; and to exert himself to the utmost of his power, in obtaining a redress of the grievances the colonies now groan under.

We do, therefore, solemnly resolve,—

6. That we will heartily unite with the town of Newport, and the other towns in this, and all the other sister colonies, and exert our whole force in support of the just rights and privileges of the American Colonies.
7. That James Brown, Samuel Allen, Josiah Humphrey, *Edward Bosworth*, Nathaniel Martin, Moses Tyler, and Thomas Allen, or a major part of them, be a committee, to correspond with all the other committees, appointed by any town in this and the neighboring governments; and the Committee is desired to give their attention to everything that concerns the liberties of America; and if any of the obnoxious tea should be brought into this town, or any attempt made on the liberties of the inhabitants thereof, the committee is directed and empowered to call a town meeting, forthwith, that such measures may be taken as the public safety may require.
8. That we heartily unite in, and resolve, to support the foregoing resolves, *with our lives and fortunes*.

Voted that the above resolves be published in the Providence Gazette. A true copy. Witness:

Solomon Townsend, Jr.
Town Clerk.

Bicknell in his Hist. of Barrington says of the inhabitants of the town, "All were honest, hard working, God fearing farmers of small means, all sober intelligent people . . . and they were not found wanting in the crucial test of heroic manhood". He also calls attention to the fact that the above occurred 28 months before the Declaration of Independence was signed at Philadelphia.

At a meeting of the General Assembly held at Newport on the first Wednesday of May 1776, Edward Bosworth was chosen as Deputy from Barrington. At the same meeting there was passed—"An Act for granting . . . a bounty of three shillings on every bushel of salt manufactured in the Colony from the rising of this Assembly to the first of November next." Edward Bosworth appointed one of a Committee to inspect the salt so made. (R. I. Col. Rec., 7-541)

NOTE: For an account of a counterfeiting scheme in which Edward Bosworth was one of the victims, see Part III, p. 361.

At a General Assembly held at Newport third Monday of Aug. 1772 a petition was presented by the inhabitants of the town of Barrington asking that the Assembly grant them a lottery to raise £165 lawful money; £110

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to repair "the Congregational Meeting house in said town", and the remainder to lay out new highways leading to the meeting house. Petition granted with restrictions, and a committee of five appointed "mangers of said lottery". One member of the com. Edward Bosworth, Esq.

(R. I. Col. Rec., 7-50)

As may be seen in the history of Edward's father—Edward⁴—(Part III, p. 356), Sept. 6, 1738 when about to leave Barrington for Mansfield, Conn., sold his homestead and other real estate to this Edward, his eldest son, then just past 21. As Edward⁵ did not marry Mrs. Alethia Kent until after 1748, ten years later, it causes us to wonder if there was a wife before Alethia of whom we have no record.*

Another matter that is very perplexing is to decide who was the mother of Edward's daughter Amey, who married Simeon Holmes. No record of her birth or death can be found so it is impossible to discover when she was born. We know there was such a daughter as Edward mentions her in his will, although in such a way as to suggest some unpleasantness between them. We also know that they lived in Barrington, as a son William Holmes was born in Barrington, July 20, 1784.

Sept. 11, 1738, Edward⁵ Bosworth, then called "Junr." sold to Wm. Turner, a physician of Newark, N. J. for £50, 4 a. of land in Barrington "Bounded Westerly on said Bosworths Land (which John Adams sold to Edward Bosworth father of the vender) . . . Easterly on the River or Salt water . . . being part of the Ferry Farm so called in Barrington which Edward Bosworth the father of the vender purchased of Ebenezer Adams, of Barrington with other Land of said farm by Deed Dated April 8, 1738." (Taunton Deeds, 26-236)

Sept. 21, 1738, Edward Bosworth "Junr." of Barrington, yeoman, for £50 sold to John Adams of Barrington, 2½ a. of "Salt Meadow" in Barr., bounded "Easterly on a Creek", and also another piece containing one acre, also in Barrington. (Taunton Deeds, 26-236)

Both these deeds were for land Edward⁵ had purchased of his father⁴ Edward⁴, they were signed by Edward alone.

Nov. 10, 1742, Edward Bosworth Jr. "of Barrington, Mass." was in Mansfield, Conn. and witnessed a deed of his father Edward. (Mansfield Deeds, A-127)

Nov. 3, 1746, Edward bought land in Mansfield of John Slapp, his brother-in-law. (Mansfield Deeds, A-451)

March 16, 1746-7, Edward, as Adm. on the estate of James Humphrey presented the inventory. (Warren Probate Records, Bk. 1, p. 1)

June 22, 1747, Edward Bosworth of Barrington, R. I. bought land in Mansfield. (Mansfield Deeds, A-522)

*The compiler has puzzled over this matter before, as will be seen by a note on page 358 of Part III.

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Sept. 6, 1748-9, Edward as Adm. on the estate of Jas. Humphrey rendered his acct. to Court. (Warren Probate, 1-60)

June 20, 1753, Edward Bosworth of Warren, R. I. for £100 deeds to Jonathan Bosworth of Warren, land in northerly part of Mansfield, and is the westerly part of the farm that formerly was Edward Bosworths, bounded easterly on land of the abovesaid Edward. Signed Edward Bosworth Jr. Ack. in Mansfield Nov. 20, 1753. (Mansfield Deeds, 5-540)

May 16, 1760, Edward Bosworth of Warren, for £50 deeds to John Slapp of Mansfield, 25 a. of land in Mansfield on both sides of Mt. Hope river and "near the ford way." Ack. in Warren Feb. 11, 1761. (Mansfield Deeds, 6-385)

On the same date Edward Jr. deeded land to his father and his brother Samuel, as may be seen in Part III, p. 357.

March 15, 1769, "Edward Bosworth, Esq. and Allithea his wife, late the wife of Josiah Kent of said Warren, Deceas^d., for £200 quit claim to Samuel, Josiah and Joshua Kent, all of Warren, yeomen (Sons of the said Josiah Kent Decs^d. and the said Allitheah) all the Dower or thirds of the said Allithea, being all her interest for life in and unto the estate of the said Josiah Kent" etc. Signed by Edward and Aletheah Bosworth. (Warren Deeds, 2-234)

March 9, 1771, Edward Bosworth of Barrington sold to Joshua Kent, 1¾ a. of "Salt Meadow on Rumstick so called." (Barrington Deeds, 1-41)

On March 4, 1779 certain business arrangements were made between Edward⁴ Bosworth and his sons Edward, Jonathan and Samuel which is told of in Part III, p. 357. This ended Edward's real estate transactions as far as found.

In 1782 "Pursuant to an Act of the General Assembly for Raising the Sum of Twelve Thousand Pounds in Silver or Gold the Proportion to Barrington being One hundred Twenty three pounds Seven shillings we have levied the said sum on the Estates and Polls of the inhabitants of said Barrington this 13th of March, 1782."

James Bowen	} Assessors.	The within is a True Copy Witness, Samuel Allen, Town Clerke."
Peleg Heath		
Viall Allen		

Edward Bosworth was assessed in this State Tax, £1 . . 8s . . 0d.

This was no doubt to help pay the expenses of the Revolutionary War.

SLAVES

Edward Bosworth, in common with wealthy men of that time was an owner of slaves. As these slaves had no family name of their own they took the name of their owner, and on a list of 65 slaves in the town of Barrington about the year

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1774 are found the names of Jack and Jenny Bosworth. In the Providence Gazette of Jan. 8, 1763 is found the following item: "Dec. 30, 1762, ——— Bosworth, a negro servant of Edward Bosworth of Warren, fell backward over a stone near his master's door fractured his skull so severely that he died in a few minutes."

As an example of the high regard some of the owners had for these slaves consider the following: Carved on a Stone over the grave of a Slave—Caesar Smith—in Barrington cemetery.

"Here lies the best of slaves
Now turning into dust
Caesar the Ethiopian craves
A place among the just
His faithful soul is fled.
To realms of Heavenly light
And by the blood of Jesus shed
Is changed from black to white
Jan. 15, he quit the stage
In the 77th year of his age. 1780."

(History of Barrington, p. 410)

In the R. I. Census of 1774, Edward's family consisted of "1 male over 16" and "2 females over 16". The "one male", was Edward of course, and one of the "2 females", his wife Allethea, but it is not possible to tell who the other was; if it was the daughter Amey she was born *previous* to 1758, but that doesn't help to tell who her mother was. Besides these there were "2 blacks", who were probably the Jack and Jenny mentioned above. They were counted in numbering the family as the record says: "5 in the family."

In the 1790 U. S. Census there was "1 male over 16", Edward, and "1 female", his 2nd wife Rebekah and "2 slaves", probably the same Jack and Jenny. In 1800, there was in the family of Edward, "1 male over 45" which was Edward then 83 years of age; "1 female over 45", Rebekah his wife, 53. Besides these, there were "1 female over 26 and under 45" and "1 female under 10". It is quite impossible to tell who these two were. It may have been the daughter, Amey, who may have been a widow with a little daughter, but this is only supposition. In December of that year Edward died, leaving the following will:

WILL OF EDWARD BOSWORTH BARRINGTON—1788

In the Name of the most high God Amen. This third day of March Domini 1788 I Edward Bosworth of Barrington in the County of Bristol Esqr being in Health of Body and of a Sound disposing mind and memory Blessed be the Benificent God. Reflecting on the uncertainty of Life and impress^d duly with my own Mortality do make and Ordain this my last Will & Testament. Principally & first of all I Recommend my Soul to its Creator and my Body to the Earth in a Decent Interment.

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Item To my Daughter Amey Holmes wife of Simeon Holmes I give & Bequeath the Beds Bedding & furniture which she now holds of mine in Possession together with all other Household Furniture which she now holds of mine in Possession and Six Shillings Lawfull Silver money to be paid & deliver^d her or her Heirs in Six months after my Decease by my Executrix, which Legacy & Bequest from the most forceable reasons I Judge her full Proportion of my Estate.

Item—To my Beloved brother Samuel Bosworth I give all my wearing Apparel the Same to be Delivered him in Six months after my Decease by my Executrix.

Item—To my Loveing & well Beloved Wife Rebecca Bosworth I give and Bequeath all my Estate Real and Personal not above Dispos^d of with my Negro Servants Jack and Jane the which Real Personal & Chattles Real Estate above Bequeath I give to Said Rebecca to be holden by her Her Heirs & Assigns forever excepting my s^d wife Should have Issue Lawfully Born of her Body by me Begotten Then my Will is that Such Issue their Heirs and Assigns Should Inherit the above Bequest after the death of my said Wife."

Appoines wife Rebecca Adm. and "also Recommending to her that she so emprove my Gifts to her that the Blessing of them who are Ready to perish may Rest on her & her Heirs forever—

Ruth Allen	}	Witnesses	Signed
Benj. Horton			
Solomon Townsend			

Edward Bosworth

L. S.

After Edward's death, Rebecca Bosworth as Exx. to his will made her acct. to Court May 21, 1804, and reported to having paid debts am'ting to \$128.83 and "delivered to Samuel Bosworth (brother of Edward) his Legacy" (the clothing) "as per his receipt".

Oct. 9, 1815, Rebecca Bosworth of Barrington mort. land to Watson Ingraham and Geo. Gladding for \$1200. One of the witnesses to this mort. was Oliver Bosworth, Rebecca's brother (No. 401), then 56 yrs. old. He must have been visiting his sister, as his home was in Portland, Conn.

Oct. 7, 1816, Watson Ingraham sold land to Rebecca Bosworth on Warren and Barrington rivers. (Barrington Deeds, 4-286)

Oct. 28, 1820, Rebecca Bosworth, widow of Edward, was a resident of Buckland, Franklin Co., Mass. and quit-claimed land in Barrington to Watson Ingraham and George Gladding for \$1200, about 40 a. which adj. land of Jabez Heath, etc.

Edward was buried in Prince's Hill Cemetery, Barrington, R. I. and the inscription on his tombstone reads: "Edward Bosworth, Esq. departed this life Dec. 10, 1800, aged 84 yrs.

So sleeps the Saints till Jesus comes

And claims the treasures from the tombs."

Edward's grave is marked by the Barrington Rural Improvement Association.

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CHILD

of Edward Bosworth

(name of mother not known, though it may have been Allethia)

652 i—AMEY; date of birth or death not known, and no date of marriage, but we know from the will that she was the wife of Simeon Holmes. Simeon and Amy Holmes had a son William Holmes b. at Barrington, July 20, 1784.*

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Edward

ELIZABETH⁵ BOSWORTH, second daughter of ~~John~~⁴ (*John*³, *Nathaniel*², *Edward*¹) and Mehitabel (——) born in Bristol, R. I., Sept. 1, 1719, married Nov. 8, 1739, probably in Mansfield, Conn., Major JOHN SLAPP, son of Lieut John, born Oct. 27, 1715.

NOTE: Willimatic, Conn. Probate Records (Vol. 2, p. 428). contains the will of John Slapp of Mansfield, dated July 13, 1740, admitted to probate June 23, 1742; wills to Elizabeth his wife and to Elizabeth and John, children. This was probably the father of the above Major John Slapp.

In 1759, John Slapp was a Major in the 1st Regt. of Mass. soldiers: Jacob Bosworth, Jr. served under him in the 3rd. company.

June 15, 1744, Edward Bosworth of Mansfield sold land to John Slapp, his son-in-law. (Mansfield Deeds, A-284)

April 24, 1746, John Slapp with Edward Bosworth sold land to Jacob Bosworth. (Mansfield Deeds, A-443)

Nov. 3, 1746, John Slapp sold land in Mansfield to Edw. Bosworth Jr. of Barrington, Mass., his brother-in-law. (Mansfield Deeds, A-451)

May 16, 1760, Edward Bosworth Jr. of Warren, R. I. deeded land to Major John Slapp, 25 a. for £50.

In a deed dated Sept. 15, 1780—Major John Slapp "*late of Mansfield*" is mentioned. This may mean that he had died previous to that time, or simply that he had removed to some other place. He had removed to Lebanon, N. H. previous to Sept. 1777, according to the Conant Genealogy.

CHILDREN

of John and Elizabeth (Bosworth) SLAPP
born in Mansfield, Conn.

i—MARY SLAPP, b. Oct. 22, 1740; d. Nov. 22, 1741.

ii—An unnamed son b. and d. Jan. 23, 1742.

*This was all that I could gather about Simeon, Amey, or William Holmes, though I hunted diligently in the vital records, land and probate records of Barrington and near-by towns, and the census records of R. I., Mass. and Conn. for 1790.

FIFTH GENERATION

- 653 iii—JOHN SLAPP, b. Oct. 17, 1744.
 654 iv—MARY SLAPP,* b. July 23, 1746; m. Jan. 22, 1772, Cornelius Storrs; Ch. 1—John, b. July 14, 1774; 2—Experience, b. Sept. 15, 1776; 3—Roderic, b. Sept. 30, 1778; 4—Bela, b. Oct. 19, 1780.
 655 v—HANNAH SLAPP, b. Oct. 27, 1748.
 656 vi—SIMON AND PÉTER SLAPP, (twins), b. June 13, 1750.
 657 vii—MEHITABLE SLAPP, b. April 14, 1752.
 668 viii—ELIZABETH SLAPP, b. Jan. 14, 1754.
 659 ix—FREEGRACE SLAPP, (son) bapt. Oct. 18, 1756.
 660 x—EDWARD SLAPP, bapt. Nov. 26, 1758.

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JEMIMA⁵ BOSWORTH, third daughter of Edward⁴ (*John³, Nathaniel², Edward¹*) and Mehitable (——) born in Bristol, Mass. (now R. I.) March 31, 1722; married at Mansfield, Conn., Jan. 8, 1741, BENAJAH CONANT, son of Caleb and Hannah (Crane) Conant, born in Windham, Conn., Feb. 13, 1716-17.

On Dec. 16, 1742, Edward Bosworth, the father of Jemima, sold land and B. Conant was a witness. (Mansfield Deeds, A-128)

In 1790 U. S. Census, the family consisted of "1 male over 16" which was of course Benajah, and "3 females"—perhaps the wife and the daughters Hannah and Mehitable.

CHILDREN

of Benajah and Jemima (Bosworth) CONANT
born in Mansfield, Conn.

- 661 i—CALEB CONANT, b. Oct. 12, 1741.
 662 ii—SARAH CONANT, b. Sept. 7, 1743; d. July 7, 1810; m. (——) Smith of Ashford, Conn.
 663 iii—MEHITABLE CONANT, b. Oct. 3, 1745; d. Jan. 31, 1754.
 iv—EDWARD CONANT, b. Jan. 16, 1746-7; d. March 1, 1746-7.
 664 v—BATHSHEBA CONANT, b. Feb. 19, 1747-8; d. unm. at Lebanon, N. H., April 16, 1814, ae. 66.
 665 vi—MIRIAM CONANT, b. Dec. 17, 1749; d. about 1839.
 666 vij—EDWARD CONANT, b. Sept. 30, 1752; d. Oct. 21, 1754.
 667 viii—SAMUEL CONANT, b. June 14, 1754; had property at Barrington, R. I.; d. at Hospital at Valley Forge, 1777.
 668 ix—HANNAH CONANT, b. June 2, 1756.

*It was the custom in those days when a child died, to name the next child of the same sex, the same name.

BOSWORTH GENEALOGY

- 669 x—MEHITABLE CONANT, b. Oct. 16, 1758; d. 1850, aged 91 yrs.
6 mo.
670 xi—JONATHAN CONANT, b. April 16, 1761.
671 xii—PETER CONANT, b. July 9, 1763; d. Sept. 25, 1764.

(Copied from Conant Gen. and sent to me by a member of the Bosworth Association.)

NOTE: The Conant Genealogy, by Frederick Odell Conant, M.A., has this to say about the above son, Jonathan Conant: "When he was about 10 years old he went to live with Benj. Hutchings, of Mansfield, with whom he remained until the breaking out of the Revolution, when he returned to his father's. Fearing that he would enlist, his father apprenticed him to a cousin, John Slapp, of Lebanon, N. H. with whom he remained only a short time, and enlisted Sept. 3, 1777, for 3 yrs. in Capt. House's company, of Col. Cilley's regiment, in the Rev. army." He is described as "aged 17, light complexion, 5 ft. 5 in. tall".

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SUSANNAH⁵ BOSWORTH, fourth daughter of Edward⁴ (*John*³ *Nathaniel*², *Edward*¹) and Mehitable (——) born in Bristol, Mass., (now R. I.) Oct. 11, 1724; died in Mansfield, Conn., Feb. 15, 1810, aged 87; married 1st, in Mansfield, Dec. 14 (or 18) 1749, SAMUEL CURTIS; married 2nd, SAMUEL GURLEY, JR., She was his third wife. He had eight children by his first wife, four by his second, none by Susannah, and there seems to be no record of any children by the first husband of Susannah. Samuel Gurley, Jr., died in Mansfield, between Sept. 1794 and Dec. 1796.

Willimantic, Conn. Probate Records show that the distribution of the property of Samuel Curtis was made March 30, 1786: to Mrs. Susannah, widow, one third, the rest to brothers and sisters; apparently no children. (Vol. 14, p. 42)

NOTE: Samuel Gurley Jr. was married to his first wife, whose name was Hannah, June 16, 1742. Hannah died April 19, 1756. He m. second Aug. 31, 1757, Hannah Walker. Their first child was a daughter Hannah b. Aug. 6, 1758.

Samuel Gurley's will, dated Sept. 9, 1794, adm. to probate Dec. 2, 1796, mentions wife Susannah; sons Zebulon, John, Phinehas, Zonas and children of son Israel, deceased; daughters Mary, Hannah Dexter, Lois Oakes and Margaret White.

In the 1790 U. S. Census, the family of Samuel Gurley of Mansfield, consisted of "3 males over 16", "1 male over 16" and "5 females".

FIFTH GENERATION

Feb. 18, 1822, Jonathan Bosworth of Enfield, N. H., "gentleman" and Mehitable, his wife, for \$30 rec'd from Nath. Bennet of Mansfield, quit claimed to him "all right title and Interest which we have to the right of Dower or thirds of W^d Susannah Gurley in the estate of her late husband Samuel Curtis decs^d, which estate lies in the Ely part of sd. Mansfield and is part of the farm on which the sd. Curtis lived containing one right or share in said third". Signed Jonathan Bosworth

Arial Bosworth. Mehetable Bosworth
George Fox . . . Witnesses

Ack. in Grafton Co., N. H. on same date. (Mansfield Deeds, 19-499)

NOTE: This was Jonathan⁶ Jr., a nephew of Susannah Bosworth Gurley, and Arial Bosworth was their son. Mehitable, the wife of Jonathan⁶ Bosworth, Jr. was the daughter of David Curtis (or Curtice) and it certainly looks as if in some way she was related to Samuel Curtis, husband of Susannah, else why should Jonathan and she have any claim on his property? It may be that David was a brother of Samuel and as such had a share in his estate, for according to the Probate records given above, his property went to his brothers and sisters.

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JONATHAN⁵ BOSWORTH, second son of Edward⁴, (*John*³; *Nathaniel*², *Edward*¹) and Mehitable (——) born in Bristol, Mass. (now R. I.), Sept. 1, 1727; died in Lebanon, N. H., Aug. 26, 1815; married in Warren, R. I., March 19, 1749, MARY (MOLLY) HUMPHREY, daughter of Josiah and Hannah, born July 18, 1729; died May 1, 1814.

NOTE: The will of Josiah Humphrey, dated June 19, 1751, bequeaths to wife Hannah, daughters—Ruth and Sarah; Hannah, wife of Daniel Allen, and Mary, wife of Jonathan Bosworth; and to sons Samuel and Nathaniel Humphrey.

Jonathan's descendants say he lived in Warren, R. I. and was Captain on a merchant ship sailing from Providence to the West Indies, and that Jonathan, Jr., his son, was cabin boy on board his ship.

On Oct. 2, 1749, at a Town Meeting in Warren, Jonathan Bosworth's name was drawn as Petit Juror, and was drawn again for the office on Dec. 18, 1752, April 5, 1754 and Sept. 8, 1755.

In the records of the birth of his children in Warren, the father is called "Jonathan Bosworth, 2nd". This is probably because Jonathan⁶ Bosworth (No. 165), son of Jonathan⁴ and Sarah (Rounds), was living in Warren at this time and although not a very near relative was older than this Jonathan.

BOSWORTH GENEALOGY

June 20, 1753, Jonathan Bosworth of Warren, bought land in Mansfield, Conn. for £100 of his brother Edward Bosworth of Warren, "situated in the northerly part of Mansfield and is the westerly part of the farm that formerly was Edward Bosworths . . . bounded easterly on land of the abovesaid Edw. Bosworth, Jr." (Mansfield Deeds, 5-540)

Sometime previous to May 27, 1770, Jonathan bought land in Mansfield, Conn., for on that date his younger brother Samuel bought land in Mansfield, and in the boundaries "lands belonging to Samuel Bosworth and Jonathan Bosworth" are mentioned. (Mansfield Deeds, 8-3). However, he did not move there until later for in the R. I. Census of 1774—Jonathan Bosworth of Barrington (formerly Warren, See Part II, p. 132), had a family of ten—"2 males over 16"—Jonathan and Jonathan Jr., then 17; "1 male under 16"—son Edward, aged 7; "4 females over 16"—Mary, the mother, daughters, Molly, 23 and Betty, 21, and one other unknown, may have been the mother of wife Mary; and "3 females under 16"—daughters Mehitable, 15, Hannah, 10, and Susanna, 4.

Jonathan's name is on the Barrington Roll of Honor of those who did service in the Revolution. The service must have been rendered previous to March 1779, for at that time he was a resident of Mansfield, as is shown in the history of his father Edward (Part III, p. 357), where his "son Jonathan Bosworth of *Mansfield*" gave a bond for his father's support.

Sept. 15, 1780, Jonathan Bosworth of Mansfield for £129..5, deeds to Thos. Barrows, 3rd, of Mansfield, land in the N.E.ly part of M. and adj. "land sd. Bosworth had of his Father", 51 acres 97 rds. on east side of Mt. Hope river, "reserving only about 8 rds. of land with an Old House thereon which was conveyed to Wm. Pitkin Esq: by Major John Slapp late of Mansfield." Constant Southworth, Constant Southworth, Jr. witnesses.— (Mansfield Deeds, 9-169))

Some time between 1774 and 1779 Jonathan had removed from Barrington, R. I. to Mansfield, Conn., where his father had gone several years before. Some time between Sept. 1780 and Feb. 1781 Jonathan removed from Mansfield, Conn. to Lebanon, N. H., where he lived for the remainder of his life. On Feb. 16, 1781, Jonathan Bosworth of Lebanon, N. H. yeoman, for £100 sells to Joseph Gladding of Barrington, $\frac{1}{4}$ a. land in Barrington "bounded east on the River or Salt Water, south on land of Coll. Nath. Martin, west and north on Land of my Brother Edward Bosworth" etc. Edward a witness, and sworn to before Edward Bosworth, J. of P.—Jonathan gave the following receipt: "Barrington February 27th Received of Joseph Gladding one hundred pounds in full for my House and garding belonging thereto." Signed, Jonathan Bosworth.

In the U. S. Census for 1790, Jonathan was living in Lebanon, N. H., his family consisting of "2 males over 16"—Jonathan^s and the son Edward, then 23; "3 females" which were probably Molly, the mother, Molly, the daughter, 39, Susannah, the youngest daughter, 20. The other children, Nathaniel, Betty, Jonathan Jr., Mehitable and Hannah were probably all married by this time, or had died. Molly never married and the first Susannah had died.

FIFTH GENERATION

Jonathan and wife Mary both died in Lebanon, N. H.; she on May 1, 1814, aged 85 years; and he on Aug. 26, 1815, aged 88 years. Both are buried in School St. Cemetery, Lebanon, where their graves may be found. Both were members of the Congregational Church.

CHILDREN

of Jonathan⁵ and Mary (Humphrey) Bosworth
born in Barrington (Warren) Mass. or R. I.*

- 672 i—MOLLY⁶, b. Jan. 29, 1751; d. unm. in Lebanon, N. H. June 24, 1801, aged 50. Grave in School St. Cemetery. †
- 673 + ii—NATHANIEL⁶, b. April 12, 1753; d. March 12, 1844; m. Mary Ranney.
- 674 + iii—BETTY⁶, b. May 27, 1755; m. (1) Nathan Hodges, (2) Silas Downer.
- 675 + iv—JONATHAN⁶, b. May 20, 1757; d. Dec. 26, 1834; m. Mehitable Curtis (or Curtice).
- 676 v—MEHITABLE⁶, b. Nov. 4, 1759.
- 677 vi—SUSANNAH⁶, b. March 10, 1762; d. July 11, 1766.
- 678 + vii—HANNAH⁶, b. June 12, 1764; m. Silas Downer as his first wife. He m. 2nd her sister Betty.
- 679 + viii—EDWARD⁶, b. April 4, 1767; m. (1) Hannah Quimby, (2) Hannah Rowell, (3) Mrs. Hannah Williams.
- 680 + ix—SUSANNAH⁶, b. Feb. 28, 1770; d. Aug. 14, 1832; m. Solomon Annis.

NOTE: In all these birth records the mother is called "Molly".

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MARY⁵ BOSWORTH, daughter of Edward⁴ (*John³, Nathaniel², Edward¹*) and Mehitable (—), born at Barrington, Mass. (now R. I.) Jan. 22, 1735; died in 1831 aged 98; ‡ married at Mansfield, Conn., Nov. 29, 1754, DAVID CURTICE, b. in November 1727, died Jan. 23, 1808 (or 1818).

On May 16, 1780 David and Mary Curtice witnessed a deed for her father.

*It was the same place but sometimes it was Barrington, Mass., sometimes Barrington or Warren, R. I.

†Mrs. Nellie S. Townsend a descendant of Jonathan writes that Mary (eldest daughter of Jonathan) never married. When she was twenty she had a sailor lover who made her a "stomacher" and sent her. Mrs. Townsend adds: "I have the stomacher made for Mary Bosworth in 1771. While showing it to a friend she broke it in two and in a few days came news of his death. It is very fine hand work."

‡She would have been only 96, but so the records reads.

BOSWORTH GENEALOGY

CHILD

of David and Mary (Bosworth) CURTICE
born in Mansfield

681 i—MEHITABLE CURTICE, b. Dec. 12, 1755, bapt. June 12, 1757; m.
Jonathan Bosworth Jr. of Lebanon, N. H., a cousin (No. 675).

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SAMUEL⁵ BOSWORTH, youngest son of Edward⁴ (*John³, Nathaniel², Edward¹*) and Mehitable (———), born in Barrington, Mass. (now R. I.), June 7, 1737; no record of death; married at Mansfield, Conn., May 17, 1761, ABIGAIL DIMOCK daughter of Timothy and Marriam (Fuller) Dimock, born in Ashford, Conn., Jan. 21, 1729.

May 16, 1760, Edward Bosworth of Barrington, R. I., Samuel's brother deeded land to Samuel and to his "Honored Father Edward Bosworth both of Mansfield", 15 a. in Mansfield. (See Part III, p. 357)

May 22, 1770, Samuel bought 12 a. 31 rds. of land in the N.E. part of Mansfield of Joseph Badcock, for £26. . 10s., lying west of the highway, leading from M. to Ashford. (Mansfield Deeds, 8-3)

March 4, 1779, Samuel quit claimed to Jonathan his share of the above land which he stated was "near to my Dwelling House". And on the same date Edward, the father for 20s. paid by Samuel quit claimed to Samuel his right in Samuel's half—11 a. on which Samuel's "Dwelling House" stood. (See Part III, p. 357)

Sept. 24, 1781, Samuel Bosworth of Mansfield for 15s. deeds to Minor Grant of M. a certain strip of land in M. "for the use of a passway leading from the highway that passes my Dwelling House into a Lot of Land which sd. Grant has lately purchased of David Curtis, reserving to myself my heirs and assigns Liberty to pass and repass on sd., strip of Land to & from the Brook as occasion may require." (Mansfield Deeds, 9-205)

May 18, 1784, Samuel deeded to Thos. Swift of M. 2 a. 139 rds. of "Intervale Meadows" in M. "opposite nearly to my now Dwelling House adj. to sd Swifts Intervale on East Bank of Mt. Hope River". (Mansfield Deeds, 10-90)

On the same date Thos. Swift deeded to Samuel 102 rds. of land "or Intervale Meadows adj. on sd Bosworths Meadow opposite his now D.H. on East Side of the H.W." (Mansfield Deeds, 10-91)

FIFTH GENERATION

Feb. 21, 1788, Samuel Bosworth of Mansfield for £90 deeds to Thos. Swift land in Easterly part of M. "on which I now dwell" and "is the same Land conveyed to me by the following persons, viz. by Joseph Badcock by his Deed dated May 22, 1770 in wh. piece I make a reprieve for a bridle road of the length of about 16 rds. crossing the S.E. cor. of sd Land by the brook; One piece deeded to me by my hon^d Father Mr. Edward Bosworth deceased dated March 4, 1779, also one piece of Land deeded to me by the sd Swift dated May 18, 1784"—bounded Sly. on Snows land, Wly. on Peter Aspenwall, Nly. partly on Widow Upham and partly on sd. Swift, Ely. on sd. Swift and partly on the highway leading through the same containing about 30 acres. (Mansfield Deeds, 11-376)

As we learn from above deed, at this time Samuel disposed of all his property and probably left Mansfield, but to what place we do not know. As shown in the history of his older brother Edward (No. 292), he was willed Edward's clothes and his widow, Rebecca, reported on May 21, 1804, having "delivered to Samuel Bosworth his legacy as per his Receipt." but where Samuel was living at the time is not stated. There is no record in Mansfield as far as could be found of any children of Samuel and Abigail, but that is no proof that they had none. It may be at some future time Samuel descendants may be found.

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SARAH⁵ BOSWORTH, eldest daughter of Nathaniel⁴ (*John*³, *Nathaniel*², *Edward*¹) and Sarah (Wardwell), born in Bristol, Mass. (now R. I.), Feb. 2, 1715-16; died in Bristol Aug. 12, 1754; married at Bristol, Nov. 11, 1733*, BENNET MUNRO†, son of William and Mary (————) Munro, born in Bristol, Oct. 1, 1708. After the death of his first wife, Sarah Bosworth, Bennett Munro married 2nd. Sarah Wardwell, Nov. 27, 1755. Capt. Bennet Munro died Sept. 25, 1775, aged 67 years. On Dec. 4, 1775, his widow Sarah, asked for administration on his estate and that son James be joined with her, which request was granted. The second wife, the widow Sarah Munro, died at Bristol, Sept. 25, 1811, aged 93. The *Hampshire Federalist* of Oct. 17, 1811, (a paper published at Springfield, Mass.) said "Her death was in consequence of a severe burn from her clothes accidentally taking fire." Bennet Munro's children by his second wife were—Jemimia, b. 1757; Samuel who d. at sea in 1779 aged 21; and Royal who d. in New York in 1779 aged 17; also two little girls who died young.

*In the Bristol Record this date is given "gbr. 11," which by comparison is shown to be Nov. 11.

†This name is variously spelled Munro, Munroe, Monroe, etc.

BOSWORTH GENEALOGY

CHILDREN

of Bennet and Sarah (Bosworth) MUNRO
born in Bristol, R. I., baptized in St. Michael's Episcopal
Church

- 682 i—NATHAN MUNRO, b. Oct. 3, 1734, bap. Oct. 6, 1734; d. Dec. 20, 1761.
- 683 ii—NATHANIEL MUNRO, b. Oct. 20, 1736, bap. Oct. 24, 1736; d. Sept. 7, 1793; m. (1) Nov. 13, 1766, Abigail Gallup, b. 1741, d. Jan. 1, 1779 ae. 38 y.; m. (2) Abigail (———), b. 1745, d. a widow July 30, 1826, ae. 81 y. Ch. by 1st wife—1—Samuel, b. Oct. 23, 1767; 2—Lydia, b. Aug. 20, 1769; 3—Abigail, b. July 30, 1771, m. Feb. 3, 1793, Daniel Ingraham; 4—Nathaniel, b. Oct. 11, 1773. Ch. of 2nd wife, 5—William Wardwell b. Oct. 9, 1781, m. Apr. 29, 1804, Hannah Fales; Capt. William Wardwell Munro, d. at Gambia River, Africa, Jan. 30, 1807 ae. 25; 6—Matthias, b. Apr. 24, 1785, m. Dian Nelson, ch. Dian Nelson Munro and Grace Wood Munro.
- 684 iii—WILLIAM MUNRO, b. Apr. 7, 1738, bap. Apr. 9, 1738; d. Jan. 28, 1797, aged 59 y.; m. June 9, 1768, Hannah Carey. A dau. Sarah bap. July 1779 and a son Royal bap. July 31, 1782.
- 685 iv—GEORGE MUNRO, b. Aug. 26, 1740, bap. Aug. 31, 1740, m. May 21, 1769, Abigail Lindsay; ch. bap. at St. Michael's Ch. 1—Sylvester, b. June 4, 1770, m. (1) Jan. 6, 1793, Sarah Munro, she d. June 30, 1797; m. (2) Apr. 23, 1798, Elizabeth Lindsey, she d. Feb. 9, 1809; m. (3) Sarah (———) who d. Nov. 6, 1825 ae. 50 y.—a child of the 1st wife b. 1797 d. at 4 mos.; the first child of the second wife b. 1799, d. at 2 mos., 2—Elizabeth b. 1801, d. 1808 ae. 7 y., 3—Sylvester, b. 1805 d. Feb. 8, 1821 ae. 16 y. accidentally shot himself; 2—Abigail b. Feb. 17, 1772; 3—Phebe b. Sept. 22, 1773; 4—Sarah b. Aug. 12, 1776, m. her cousin Bennet Munro.
- 686 v—SARAH MUNRO, b. Nov. 25, 1742, bap. Dec. 5, 1742, m. May 18, 1769, Timothy Ingraham.
- 687 vi—JAMES MUNRO, b. Mar. 10, 1745, bap. June 9, 1745; d. Apr. 28, 1826 ae. 81; m. Feb. 2, 1775; Patience Munro, dau. of Wm. and Elizabeth, b. Dec. 1, 1750, d. Feb. 2, 1812, ae. 61 y. Ch. 1—Bennet, b. Dec. 30, 1775, m. (1) Nov. 17, 1796, Althea Ingraham, she d. Nov. 23, 1798, ae. 21 y. He m. (2) his cousin Sarah Munro, dau. of George and Abigail, Jan. 20, 1800. Ch. 1—Susannah b. and d. 1809; 2—Edward b. Apr. 28, 1810; 3—Phebe Howland b. Aug. 19, 1812; 4—Eleanor b. Oct. 6, 1814. George a "4th son" of James and Patience b. Dec. 4, 1794. (No record of 2nd or 3rd.)

BOSWORTH GENEALOGY

- 688 vii—EDWARD MUNRO, b. Apr. 14, 1747, bapt. June 21, 1747, m. Aug. 27, 1769, Sarah Hoar, b. Feb. 4, 1745; ch. bapt. in St. Michael's Church, 1—Abigail bapt. May 20, 1770; m. June 10, 1794, Jere Diman; 2—Henry, b. May 28, 1771, m. Aug. 2, 1795, Phebe Munro, she d. Jan. 17, 1819, ae. 44 y.; 3—Benjamin, bapt. July 24, 1773; 4—Sarah b. Apr. 3, 1777; 5—Edward Jr. bapt. July 1779, m. (1) in 1804, Mary Oxx, who d. Nov. 7, 1811, ae. 28 y.; m. (2) Sept. 26, 1812 Elizabeth Oxx. he d. Dec. 6, 1826 ae. 48 y.; 6—Lydia, bapt. July 31, 1782, m. Christopher Pearse; 7—Bennett 2nd, b. Dec. 19, 1785, m. May 16, 1808, Sally Gladding. Sarah Hoar, wife of Edward d. Aug. 24, 1827. Edward d. March 13, 1835 ae. 88 y.
- 689 viii—BENNETT MUNRO JR., b. July 28, 1749; bapt. Aug. 13, 1749. Prob. m. (1) Nov. 12, 1772, Abiah Clark.
- 690 ix—HENRY MUNRO, b. July 30, 1752, bapt. Nov. 26, 1752. (No record of marriage found.)
- 691 x—BENONI MUNRO, b. Aug. 11, 1754, bapt. Aug. 25, 1754. Sarah, the mother, died the next day after the birth of this child, who prob. d. y. as nothing further is found on the records about him. Her age is given as 40, but the fact is she was only 38 y. 6 mo. Perhaps out of respect for what she had accomplished in life!

NOTE: There was a Bosworth Thomas Munro who was "published" to Nancy Bourne in Bristol, Sept. 22, 1816, but nothing further could be found about him.

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REBECCA⁵ BOSWORTH, second daughter of Nathaniel⁴ (*John³, Nathaniel², Edward¹*) and Sarah (Wardwell), born in Bristol, Mass., (now R. I.) Nov. 20, 1717; died Feb. 21, 1775; married at Bristol, by Rev. John Usher, July 3, 1743, SAMUEL PAPILLION, son of Obadiah and Esther (Bosworth) Papillion, born at Bristol, Nov. 25, 1721, died at Jamaica, West Indies, Feb. 24, 1745. Before her marriage to Samuel, the intention of marriage between Rebecca and Samuel's elder broth John, had been published, but John had died. (See Part III, p. 319). John and Samuel were second cousins of Rebecca—as Rebecca's grandfather was John³ Bosworth, and the grandfather of John and Samuel was Bellamy³ Bosworth, brother of John³, making Rebecca's father Nathaniel⁴ and Samuel's mother Esther⁴, first cousins.

FIFTH GENERATION

Samuel died two years after their marriage, and Rebecca remained a widow for thirty years, dying at the age of 58. At her death her brother James was appointed Amd. of her estate, and presented the following inventory in April 1775

INVENTORY OF REBECCA PAPILLION—

1 Silk gown 40s/ 1 Callico D ^o 14/	02 14 00
1 black crepe D ^o 10/ 1 Russel D ^o 10/	01..00..00
3 Sheets 9/ 1 tablecloth 5/ 1 Towel 8 d/	00..14..08
1 Sute of Curtains 15/ 1 Trunk 6/	01..01..00
½ Doz. ⁿ plates 10/ 2 Porringers 2/ 2 basons 2s/6d	00..14..06
1 small platter 1s/6d 1 pint pot 9d/	00..02..03
1 Chest 4s/6d 1 grater 4d/	00..04..10
1 Bed bolster & pillows wd 60 lb. @ 1s/5d pr. lb.	04..12..01
3 blankets 9/ Bedstead and Bed Cord 12/ under bed 4d/	01..01..04
1 Coverlid 9/ 1 small Table 3s/ 1 looking glass 4s/6d	00..16..06
1 chest of Drawers 60s/ 1 oval Table 22/	04..02..00
1 chamber Table 20/ 1 looking glass 5/4	03..14..00
7 chairs 20/ 1 pair hand Irons 9/	01..09..00
1 gold necklace	01..13..00
1 pr. Shoe buckles ½ Doz. ⁿ teaSpoons & 2 small gold rings	01..13..00
	£25..12..02

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MARY⁵ BOSWORTH, third daughter of Nathaniel⁴ (*John*³, *Nathaniel*², *Edward*¹) and Sarah (Wardwell), born in Bristol, Mass. (now R. I.), Oct. 6, 1719; died May 23, 1759; married at St. Michael's Church, Bristol, March 6, 1739-40 (Int. Feb. 2), EDWARD PAINE, son of Nathaniel Jr. and Sarah Paine, born in Boston, April 18, 1714, died in Worcester, in November 1778. (Vit. Rec. R. I. vol. 6 p. 154 says "aged 65," but he could only have been 63 if his birth is given correctly.)

CHILDREN

of Edward and Mary (Bosworth) Paine
born in Bristol.

692 i—SARAH PAINE, bapt. in St. Michael's Church Bristol, Nov. 22, 1741; prob. d. y.*

FIFTH GENERATION

- 693 ii—SARAH PAINE, b. June 22, 1743; prob. m. William Christopher, Sept. 1, 1765.
694 iii—MARY PAINE, bapt. in St. Michael's Church Sept. 10, 1758 (Vit. Rec. R. I. vol. 8, p. 173)

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PRISCILLA⁵ BOSWORTH, fourth daughter of Nathaniel⁴ (*John*³, *Nathaniel*², *Edward*¹) and Sarah (Wardwell), born in Bristol, Mass., (now R. I.) Oct. 6, 1722; baptized in St. Michaels Church, Bristol; died in Bristol, Sept. 12, 1775, aged 53; married JOHN HUBBARD, born 1710; died Oct. 1, 1775 aged 65.

CHILDREN

of John and Priscilla (Bosworth) Hubbard
born in Bristol, R. I.

- i—NATHANIEL HUBBARD, bapt. in St. Michaels Church (Episcopal) April 3, 1748; died July 9, 1749.
ii—ELIZA HUBBARD, bapt. in same church April 29, 1750; d. June 22, 1750.

NOTE: From the fact that James Bosworth, brother of Priscilla, was a witness to the following deed, I gather that John Hubbard was a mariner, and son of Nathaniel and Elizabeth (Nelson) Hubbard, and that he had the following brothers and sisters: Nathaniel, William, Elizabeth, Ann, Leverett and Margaret.

Sept. 27, 1742, James Bosworth witness to a deed of sale of 1/7 of Long Island in township of Boston by Dr. Nathaniel Hubbard, of Stamford, Ct., John Hubbard of Bristol, mariner, William Hubbard of Bristol, mariner, Elizabeth Munday, widow, of Newport, R. I., Ann Hubbard of Bristol, spinster, children of Nathaniel Hubbard of Bristol, Esqr. and Elizabeth his late wife deceased, one of the daughters of John Nelson, of Boston, Esqr. deceased by Elizabeth his late wife also deceased, and Leverett and Margaret Hubbard children also, of Nathaniel and Elizabeth minors,—to Robert Temple of Boston. (Boston Deeds, 73-42)

*As the mother of Edward and the mother of Mary were both named Sarah it may be possible they had two daughters named Sarah, both living. The birth of the second Sarah is given in the Vit. Rec. R. I. vol. 6, p. 96.

JAMES⁵ BOSWORTH, only son of Nathaniel⁴ (*John³, Nathaniel², Edward¹*) and Sarah (Wardwell), born in Bristol, Mass., (now R. I.) Oct. 17, 1725; died in Bristol, Dec. 31, 1795; buried Jan. 2, 1796; married in St. Michaels Church, Bristol Nov. 22, 1747, MARY HICKS, who died a widow at Bristol, Sept. 6, 1804, aged 77 years. She was baptized in St. Michaels Church, April 20, 1753.

Sept. 27, 1742, James witnessed a deed given in Boston, his brother-in-law John Hubbard being one of the grantors. (See note above).

Nov. 4, 1793: Minutes of the Town Council of Bristol "Resolved that James Bosworth receive £ 1 . 16 . 0 out of the Town Treasury"; and again on *Feb. 4, 1794*, "By order of the Council James Bosworth to receive 12 shillings to buy wood."

Oct. 6, 1794, "Resolved that Richard Smith Esqr. supply James Bosworth to the amount of £1 . 4 . 0 and receive same out of the Treasury." At this time James was nearly 70 years old and probably not able to work.

In the R. I. Census of 1782 and in the U. S. Census of 1790—James and wife were living alone in Bristol—"1 male and 1 female upwards of 50 years old."

CHILDREN

of James and Mary (Hicks) Bosworth
born in Bristol, baptized at St. Michaels Church

- i—A daughter, d. Sept. 26, 1749.
- ii—NATHANIEL, bapt. Sept. 16, 1749; buried Oct. 6, 1749.
- 695 + iii—JAMES, bapt. Nov. 24, 1751; d. Dec. 31, 1795.
- 696 + iv—SARAH, bapt. Nov. 24, 1751; d. Jan. 26, 1836, m. Solomon Drowne.
- 697 + v—NATHANIEL, bapt. Oct. 17, 1756; d. in Dighton, Mass. ——— 1789; m. (1) in Dighton, Lydia Whitmarsh, (2) in Dighton, Sarah Reed.

SARAH⁵ BOSWORTH, eldest daughter of Jacob⁴ (*John³, Nathaniel², Edward¹*) and 1st wife, Lydia (Jones), born in Barrington, Mass., (now R. I.) June 5, 1732; married at Mansfield, Conn. June 26, 1781, VAREN^{5*} BALCH, son of Israel⁴ and Ruth (Dodge) Balch, born May 22, 1724. Sarah was a second

*This name is variously spelled Varin, Varen, Verrin, etc.

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wife, the first being Sarah Taylor, whom he married Sept. 26, 1750. Their children being Israel, Henry, Sarah, Mary, Joseph, Hannah and Lydia Balch, born between 1750 and 1768.* (See Balch Genealogy.)

NOTE: Israel Balch the father of Varen was a son of Lieut. John³ (Benjamin², John¹) and Hannah (Varin) Balch—showing why Sarah's husband was named Varin. John, the American ancestor of the Balch family came from a very ancient family of Somersetshire, England, who had a seat at St. Andries. He came to New England in 1623 and settled at Salem, and was a member of the First Church of Salem, the first fully organized church in America.

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NOTE: Nothing further concerning Rebecca (Bosworth) Lewis has been learned since Part III was published, although search has been made.

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HANNAH⁵ BOSWORTH, third daughter of Jacob⁴ (*John³, Nathaniel², Edward¹*) and 1st wife Lydia (Jones), born in Barrington, Mass. (now R. I.) Sept. 9, 1740; married at Mansfield, Conn., Jan. 23, 1766, as his second wife, EPHRAIM⁴ HALL, son of James³, (William², John¹; Charlestown, Mass. 1630) and Mehitabel, born in Mansfield, Sept. 21, 1732. Ephraim married first, March 11, 1756, Miriam, daughter of Joseph Wolcott, of Windham, Conn. It is supposed that he removed to Nova Scotia, returning again to Mansfield, for Miriam died in Nova Scotia, March 17, 1762. The children by this first wife were: 1—Miriam, 2—Jemima, 3—Ephraim.

CHILDREN

of Ephraim and Hannah (Bosworth) HALL

- 698 iv—LYDIA HALL, b. Feb. 15, 1767.
699 v—SARAH HALL, b. May 24, 1769.
700 vi—LEVI HALL, b. Aug. 24, 1771.
701 vii—JUDAH HALL, b. Oct. 9, 1773.

*In the 1810 Census for Mansfield there is a record of the family of the "Widow Balch," which I had supposed was our Sarah, but as the children were "under 26" and one "under 10," I conclude it was the widow of some younger Balch, especially as there is in the death records of Mansfield, a "Widow Balch" who died March 18, 1814, ae. 48, and another "Widow Balch" who died Oct. 7, 1824, ae. 63, both of whom were younger than Sarah—if the ages are given correctly.

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NOTE: The first two of these children were probably born at Mansfield, but the Hall Genealogy, "Halls of Yarmouth," from which the above names were taken says: "this family probably removed to R. I. about 1770," but to what town it does not state, hence no dates of death are available.

When the history of Hannah's father was published in Part III, I did not know the parentage of her mother, *Lydia Jones*, but have since learned that she was the dau. of Joseph and Lydia (Neal) Jones, her mother being the dau. of Henry and Hannah (Pray) Neal, Hannah being a dau. of Quentin Pray. Joseph Jones was a descendant of Thomas Jones of Hull, 1638. (Perhaps the Thomas Jones mentioned in a note on page 307 of Part III, father of Mary wife of Lemuel Bosworth).

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SUBMIT⁵ BOSWORTH, fourth daughter of Jacob⁴ (*John*³, *Nathaniel*², *Edward*¹) and first wife Lydia Jones, born in Mansfield, Conn., Oct. 16, 1742; died in Mansfield, May 23, 1829; married as his second wife, Jan. 27, 1777, Capt. JAMES⁵ HALL, son of James⁴ (James³, William², John¹) and Mary (Linnel) Hall, born Oct. 19, 1746; died in Mansfield, Feb. 2, 1807. Capt. James Hall married first, about 1768, Mary (———). She was the mother of three children: 1—Pethuel, 2—Jemima and 3—Eunice. Mary died Nov. 24, 1776. Capt. James was a soldier of the Revolution and a number of his descendants have become members of the D. A. R. through his service.

CHILDREN

of Capt. James and Submit (Bosworth) HALL
born in Mansfield

- 702 iv—REBECCA HALL, b. April 19, 1779; d. at Amherst, Mass., Aug., 11 1822; m. Oct. 24, 1802, Dea. Elijah Eastman, (Ebenezer⁵, Joseph^{4,3,2}, Roger¹) of Amherst, Mass.*
- 703 v—SUBMIT HALL, b. Oct. 17, 1780; d. in Belchertown, Mass., Aug. 10, 1873; m. Arthur Crosier of Belchertown. They had one daughter, Caroline E. Crosier, b. Nov. 12, 1822; m. Wiley Aldrich.
- 704 vi—SETH HALL, b. May 19, 1782; d. May 22, 1842; m. Hannah Robinson, and had 9 ch.

*These are the ancestors of Mrs. Belle Eastman Knowlton, one of our Association members.

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NOTE: There may have been two unrecorded sons younger than Seth, for in 1790 when the first U. S. Census was taken, James was living in Mansfield and his family consisted of "2 males over 16, 3 males under 16" and "5 females." The "2 males over 16" were probably Capt. James and Pethuel, the son by the first wife then just 21; the "5 females" were presumably, Submit, the second wife, her two daughters and the two daughters of the first wife, but the "3 males under 16" is not easy to understand unless there were two sons younger than Seth.

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RUTH⁵ BOSWORTH, fifth daughter of Jacob⁴ (*John³, Nathaniel², Edward¹*), by second wife Ruth Squires, born in Ashford, Conn., April 29, 1744; m. NATHAN RICHARDSON. They lived in Stafford, Tolland County, Conn. When the first U. S. Census was taken in 1790, there was living in Stafford a Nathan Richardson with "1 male" and "4 females" in the family, so they probably had three daughters, but no other records of any kind have been found. The "History of Windham County, Conn." tells of a Thomas Richardson who was one of a company who bought land at Chestnut Hills, Killingly, in 1711; he may have been the father of Nathan.

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ELIZABETH⁵ BOSWORTH, sixth daughter of Jacob⁴ (*John³, Nathaniel², Edward¹*), by second wife Ruth (Squires), born in Ashford, Conn. about 1746; married at Ashford, June 26, 1769, JEREMIAH CONNEL (also spelled Coniall). In 1790 when the first U. S. Census was taken Jeremiah Connel's family besides himself consisted of "1 male under 16" and "6 females"—which looks as if they had a family of girls, but the only birth on the records is the son given below and he would have been twenty at that time, and was probably not at home. There is in the Warrentown Cemetery, Ashford, a gravestone with the following inscription: "In memory of Mrs. Elizabeth, wife of Mr. Jeremiah Connel who died Aug. 28, 1810 in the 64th year of her age."

CHILD

of Jeremiah and Elizabeth (Bosworth) Connel

705 i—DAVID CONIAL, b. April 5, 1770.

NATHANIEL⁵ BOSWORTH, son of Jacob⁴ (*John*³, *Nathaniel*², *Edward*¹) and Ruth (Squires), born in Ashford, Conn. about 1754; died March 12, 1827 in the 75th year of his age; married at Ashford, Oct. 27, 1778; MARY⁶ ("MOLLY") KNOWLTON, (No. 635) daughter of Thomas and Bridget⁵ (Bosworth) Knowlton, (the latter a cousin of Nathaniel), born in Ashford, June 15, 1758; died at Mansfield, in September 1826, in the 69th year of her age.

NOTE: Bridget⁵ Bosworth (No. 286) was the daughter of Benjamin⁴, a brother of Jacob⁴, father of Nathaniel⁵, hence his first cousin.

Oct. 7, 1774 Nathaniel Bosworth of Ashford, bought 5a. 4 rds. of land in the Sly. part of Ashford of Joab Enos, for £5. This land was on the Mansfield line "at the S. W. corner of land belonging to the heirs of Jacob Bosworth deceased." (Ashford Deeds, 11-134)

NOTE: On page 366 of Part III, the death of Jacob was given as probably occurring in the year 1782, as the inventory of his estate was taken that year, but if the above date is correct, his death occurred more than eight years before that time.

March 31, 1778, Nathaniel Bosworth of Mansfield, buys 15 acres of land of Thos. Barrows Jr. situated in the Nly. part of Mansfield, "a little to the southward of said Bosworth's old house," etc. (Mansfield Deeds, 12-43)

Nov. 7, 1795 "The Children and heirs at Law of Mr. Jacob Bosworth, late of Ashford in the county of Windham, deceased. For the consideration of Three Pounds Lawful Money to each right and share received to our full satisfaction of our Brother Nathaniel Bosworth of Mansfield . . . do remise, release and forever Quit claim . . . the whole of our right, title and interests . . . in the real Estate or Land . . . in Ashford . . . which the sd Jacob died siezed as the same has been set out to us in the distribution of the Estate or land of said deceased, . . . including our shares and right in the Dower set out to the widow of said deceased," etc. The names signed to this document, were: Varen and Sarah Balch (the latter making "her mark"); Ephriam and Hannah Hall; James and Submit Hall, Nathan and Ruth Richardson; Elizabeth Connel; Lydia Bosworth; Daniel Bosworth.

NOTE: By each of the above names there is a seal and at the end, three places where there are seals but no names. The following names were signed as witnesses to the above signatures: Uriah Smith, Eleazer Southworth, John Hall, Hannah Hall, Cons. Southworth, Molley Bosworth, Molley Richardson, John Bosworth, Elisha Johnson, Abigence Chafie.* The signa-

*Some of these seem to be grandchildren of Jacob.

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tures of Ephraim and Hannah Hall were acknowledged in So. Brimfield, Hamp. Co., Mass. April 5, 1796; Capt. James and Submit Hall in Mansfield, April 16, 1796; Nathaniel and Ruth Richardson, Elizabeth Connel and Lydia Bosworth in Willington, Tolland Co., Conn., Oct. 17, 1798; and Daniel Bosworth in Willington, Dec. 28, 1807. (Mansfield Deeds, 21-380)

Jan. 12, 1796, Nathaniel Bosworth bought land in Mansfield.
(Mansfield Deeds, 21-9)

April 1816, Nathaniel rented land from his eldest daughter, who was then the "Widow Molley Leonard."
(Ashford Deeds, 17-288)

March 14, 1826, Nathaniel Bosworth of Mansfield, for \$100, mort. 35 a. of land in N.E. part of Mansfield, with the buildings for three years.
(Mansfield Deeds, 20-277)

Nathaniel seems to have lived on the border line between Ashford and Mansfield, with part of his land in each town. Nathaniel and wife are buried in Warrenville Cemetery, Ashford, Conn., where their gravestones still stand.

CHILDREN

of Nathaniel⁵ and Molly (Knowlton) Bosworth
born in Mansfield, Conn.

- 706+ i—MOLLY⁶, b. March 7, 1780; m. (1) Benjamin Leonard, (2) ———
Edmunds.
707+ ii—NATHANIEL, b. May 17, 1781; d. March 3, 1856; m. Hepzibeth
Solace.
708+ iii—JOHN⁶, b. March 27, 1783, d. after 1828; m. Theodosia Webster.
709 iv—ANNA⁶, b. May 14, 1786, unm. in 1828.
710+ v—BRIDGET⁶, b. Feb. 22, 1788; m. Thomas Green, (and possibly,
Abial McFarling).
711 vi—RUTH⁶, b. Dec. 21, 1790; m. ——— Felch.

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DANIEL⁵ BOSWORTH, son of Jacob⁴ (*John³, Nathaniel², Edward¹*) and Ruth (Squires), born in Mansfield, Conn., Feb. 13, 1756; died in Essex County, New Jersey, Sept. 26, 1825; married in Rahway, Essex County, New Jersey, March 20, 1780; RACHEL HILL, born Jan. 11, 1757; died Oct. 20, 1839 aged 82 years.

Daniel, on May 6, 1775, at Mansfield, Windham co., Conn., at the age of 19, enlisted for seven months as a private in the 5th company, 3rd Con-

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tinental Regiment, Gen. Israel Putnam commanding; the captain of the company being Thomas Knowlton, Daniel's uncle. The company was engaged in the battle of Bunker Hill and Daniel was wounded, being shot through the left leg, and was lame for the remainder of his life. However he so far recovered that he completed his service and was discharged on Dec. 10, 1775, and re-enlisted in the company of Capt. John Keyes, in a regiment commanded by Colonel John Durkee, called the 20th Regiment. In 1777, on May 19, he enlisted again for 3 years under Capt. John Shumway of Mansfield, in the First regiment of the Connecticut Line, commanded by Col. Jedidiah Huntington of Norwich and served his time, was finally discharged May 19, 1780. He was also in the battles of Long Island; Trenton; and Germantown. The romantic story of his courtship and marriage was learned from his pension papers, and those of his widow, on file in the Pension Bureau at Washington. It seems that the winter before his discharge, his company was quartered in Union township, Essex county, New Jersey. Daniel as it happened was billeted in the house of a John Miller of Rahway, who had an orphan granddaughter, Rachel Hill, living in his home. The acquaintance between these young people ripened into love and they were married at the home of Deacon Joseph Corey by the Rev. Aaron Richards, who was quartered there. One of the affidavits was made by Abner Miller, then a man of 80, a grandson of John, who at the time of the marriage, lived with his parents across the way and he was able to say on oath that he remembered seeing Daniel Bosworth and Rachel Hill going to the home of Deacon Corey to be married, "which was sometime in March and there was snow on the ground."

Two months after they were married, Daniel was honorably discharged from service. He then, with his wife, returned to his old home in Connecticut where they remained for seven years, and four children were born to them. In 1787 they returned to New Jersey where they lived for the remainder of their lives. In the later years of Daniel's life his mind seems to have wandered and while in that state he disappeared. His eldest son Capt. Lewis Bosworth wrote a letter on Feb. 22, 1838 in which he says that his father "while temporarily out of his mind went to a friend's house in Franklin county, Ohio, in 1817" and while there the act of March 18, 1818 was passed regarding pensions and his father first made application for a pension on July 13, 1818, when he was in the 63rd year of his age. One of the affidavits that accompanied Daniel's papers was made by George Townley, dated July 4, 1836, when he was 83, who says he was acquainted with Rachel Hill from the time she was 12 years old, when she lived with her adopted father in the township of Elizabeth, Essex county, N. J. where he was born and brought up; that he knew her when she was married to Daniel Bosworth who afterward worked for him. Daniel was granted a pension and was paid until his death in 1825. On Feb. 20, 1837 Rachel, his widow, applied for a pension which was granted and paid until the time of her death in 1839.

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CHILDREN

of Dnaiel⁵ and Rachel (Hill) Bosworth
the first four born in Mansfield, Conn.,
the others in Essex County, N. J.

- i—An unnamed child b. and d. Jan. 20, 1781.
- 712+ ii—LEWIS⁶, b. March 1, 1782.
- 713 iii—RACHEL⁶, b. July 17, 1784; d. Nov. 9, 1810.
- 714+ iv—DANIEL⁶, Jr. b. June 12, 1786; d. Nov. 7, 1859; m. Luzetta
Freeman.
- 715 v—ISAAC CRANE, b. July 13, 1788; d. June 3, 1858, prob. unm.*
- 716 vi—MARTHA TOWNLEY, b. Aug. 8, 1791; d. Nov. 11, 1833; m'
——— Conover.
- 717 vii—ELIZABETH BAKER, b. July 1, 1794.
- 718+ viii—JACOB BAKER, b. June 29, 1799; d. Aug. 10, 1872; m. Chloe
Leonard.
- 719 ix—MARY BAKER, b. July 19, 1801.

*No record of marriage, only of his death in his father's Bible.

END OF FIFTH GENERATION

